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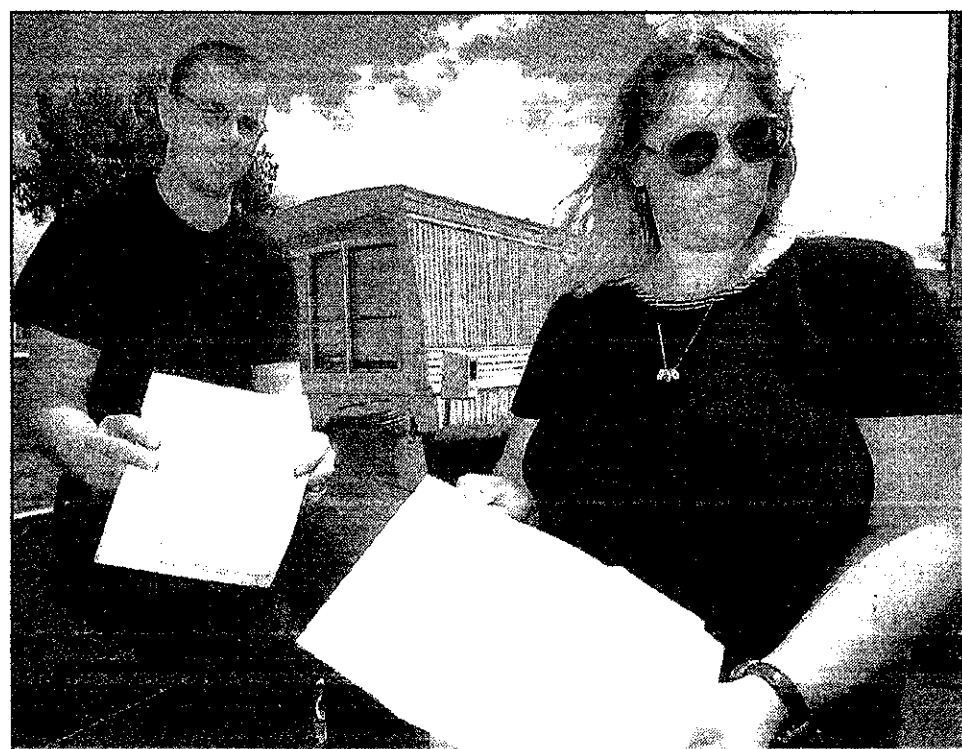
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Promises: William Long (left) and his wife Richelle hold a letter and notices received from the park's management at Sherwood Village Thursday.

Sherwood still waterlogged

Residents at Sherwood Village say standing water that has plagued the mobile home park since spring is still causing problems. Management says attempts are being made to correct the situation.

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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Residents of a Michigan Avenue mobile home park are still plagued with standing water problems.

More than a month after owners of Sherwood Village promised to correct poor drainage along M Street, water is

keeping lawns soaked and mold growing along nearby curbs.

"They haven't done anything," resident William Long said. "We want them to live up to their promise. We were told in May it would be fixed."

Compounding matters, according to residents, is harassing behavior from management since newspaper and television news reports came out in early July. They say they're getting numerous citations designed to drive them out of Sherwood.

"We're definitely being harassed," said Joe Baker. "It's not fair."

Attempts by the Observer to contact Sherwood management for comment on this story were unsuccessful.

Please see SHERWOOD, A4

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

Local government: The Canton Planning Commission holds a regular meeting 7 p.m. in the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Veterans meet: The Vietnam Veterans of America will hold its general meeting at 7:30 p.m. at 9318 Newburgh Road (between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail). All veterans on active duty Feb. 28, 1961-May 7, 1975, are eligible. For information, call Don Dignan at (313) 845-3752.

SATURDAY

To market: The Belleville Farmer's Market, sponsored by the city of Belleville, takes place Saturdays at 7 a.m. for the rest of the growing season in the parking lot behind the museum at 405 Main Street, downtown

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Students won't get Discovery preview

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The 831 Plymouth-Canton students scheduled to attend the newly constructed Discovery Middle School in Canton Township won't get to view their new classrooms until the first day of school.

District officials had hoped Discovery would be completed a week before classes begin Aug. 29 to let students tour the building and get acquainted with their new surroundings.

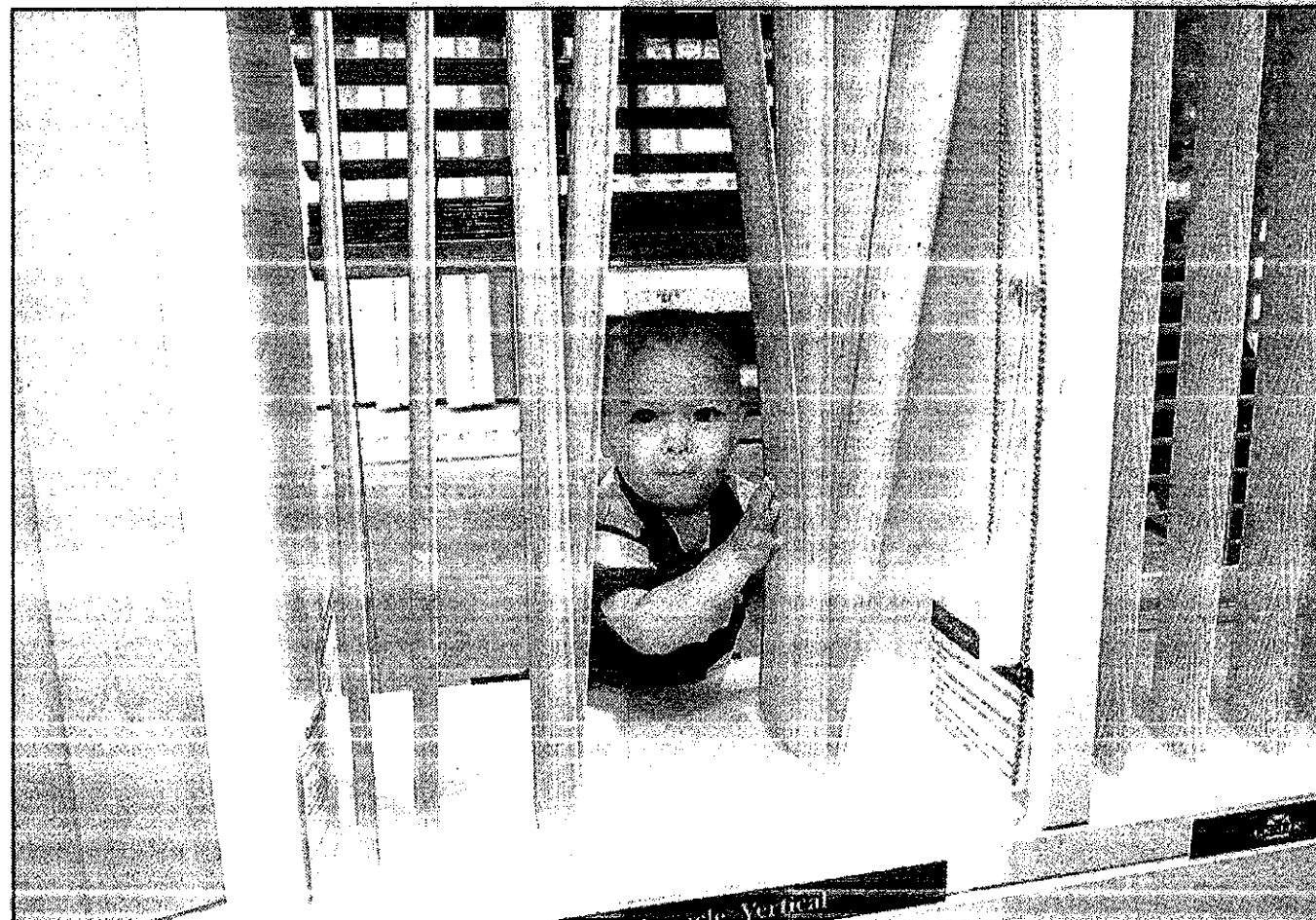
However, the very tight construction schedule won't allow that to happen.

"The contractor couldn't guarantee we could get in the building at a specific date before school opens, so we decided to plan for the first day of classes," said Principal Roche LaVictor. "This isn't exactly the way we wanted to handle the situation, but we'll do the best we can."

LaVictor said the building will open Aug. 29 at 7:30 a.m., with students being directed to the gymnasium. Stu-

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Look mom, I'm over here



Hide and seek: Nathan Kelly of Canton, 17 months, plays Peek-A-Boo with the vertical blinds on display at the new Home Depot during a grand opening Wednesday at the home improvement store on Michigan Avenue west of Canton Center. For a story on the township's second Home Depot, please turn to Page A3 in today's Observer.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Safety first Incidents heighten awareness of gas leaks

HOME EXPLOSION

BY ALICE ASHMORE
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Natural gas explosions in Redford and Canton last week leveled two homes and claimed two lives. The blasts have neighbors questioning the safety of their own gas appliances.

"It's frightening. It could have happened to any of us," said a shaken woman in the Redford neighborhood.

A cracked flexible line behind a gas stove is blamed for the Tuesday morning explosion that killed Regina Jacobi and Norbert "Jake" Jacobi of Redford. The escaped gas ignited when Mrs. Jacobi turned on a burner on the stove.

The Canton explosion appears to have been caused by a broken natural gas line in the basement leading to the furnace.

"It failed. It was completely broken," said Canton Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher. Homeowner Richard Carell, 60, was released Thursday from University of Michigan Hospi-

tal. Homeowner Lorraine Carell, 63, remained hospitalized in serious condition.

"Natural gas is still a very safe fuel, but like anything, it needs to be handled properly," said Amy Messano, Media Relations with Mich-Con.

Messano said that natural gas has no odor but that all utilities add a chemical called mercaptan that gives the fuel a "pungent, rotten egg odor."

"In a normal situation, you should never smell natural gas," said Messano. "If you smell natural gas — leave the house. Open a door or windows. Do not use the light switches, the telephone or even a cell phone. Get to a safe place, then call."

"Gas leaks are treated as our number one priority," said George Valrance, chief investigator of Mich-Con's claims division. "If people smell gas there is something wrong and they should take action immediately. If you walk into a room and

Please see GAS LEAKS, A2

Police beef up patrols at local condominiums

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Canton's Police Department is beefing up patrols of condominium complexes in light of recent break-ins.

Nearly two dozen homes at Bedford Villas and Carriage Park have been robbed since late July. Similar break-ins have been reported in Westland, Livonia, Farmington and Farmington Hills over the past few months.

"We're doing what we can to be proactive," Canton Police Capt. Laura

Golles said. "We've stepped up motorcycle and bike patrols."

Bedford Villas, which is on Haggerty Road south of Ford, was the latest to be hit. Six condominiums were broken into on Aug. 2.

Jewelry and cash were among items stolen from the homes.

"They're stealing things that can be easily transported," Golles said.

Carriage Park Condominiums, which sit just east of Canton Center Road and south of Ford, were hit on July 27.

Please see PATROLS, A4

Pedestrian killed while crossing Michigan Ave.

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A 53-year-old Canton man was killed early Wednesday morning on Michigan Avenue.

Robert Gautherat was hit as he tried to cross the eastbound lanes of Michigan east of Lotz Road. The incident occurred shortly before 5 a.m.

"There is no indication of fault on the part of the driver," Canton Police Capt. Laura Golles said.

Gautherat was hit by a 50-year-old

Brighton man. He was driving between 40-50 mph in a 2000 Chevy Blazer.

Ironically, both men worked at a nearby GM plant, Golles said.

Gautherat was pronounced dead at the scene. He died of multiple injuries, according to the Wayne County Medical Examiner's office. His body had not been claimed by any family member as of press time Friday.

Gautherat was the second person to die on Canton roads in four days.

Kimberly A. Reith, 28, of Belleville,

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smell gas, get away from the structure or area."

He said the rotten egg odor is generally enough to alert people to the presence of natural gas.

"It's very unusual that something would happen like the Summer Street (Redford) explosion without someone noticing the smell of gas. I can't explain it."

Valrance said flexible lines behind gas stoves are designed with movement in mind. "They are made where they can be moved to clean behind them or retrieve dropped items."

"When you move the range you've got to be careful," Valrance said. "Move it out and back slowly and don't crimp or pinch the line."

For people who are concerned about the safety of their gas appliances, Valrance recommends calling a licensed contractor or plumber.

"Do-it-yourselfers can check their gas lines with soapy water and a brush," Valrance said. "Gas will bubble or foam from any cracks or open joints."

When asked if the summer time gas explosions were common, Valrance said. "In the old days it probably was unusual. People had their windows open in the summer."

He said the advent of energy efficient housing and air condi-

tioning greatly reduced the amount of ventilation in today's homes.

Valrance said in actuality gas company's responsibility ends at the meter and it is the responsibility home owners to maintain natural gas lines in their home and on their property. However, the company is always willing to assist consumers with questions, concerns or gas leaks.

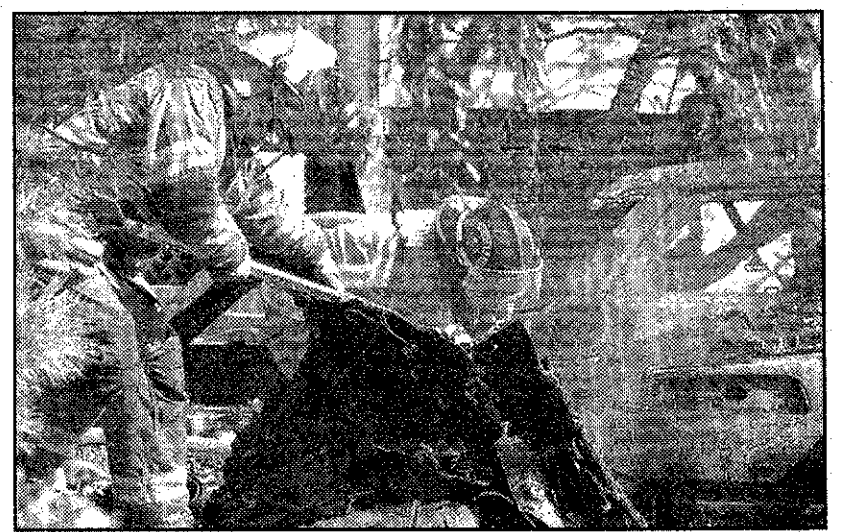
MichCon urges consumers to "consider having your furnace inspected annually. Ideally, before the heating season begins."

Consumers should call your local contractor or gas company to schedule an inspection. A service charge is typically required for this type of inspection.

Valrance had one other warning to the public. "If you are storing your lawn mower or snow blower in your garage or basement you are living with danger."

He said the devices could only be stored safely inside a structure if their fuel tanks were completely dry.

MichCon recommends:
 ■ Follow manufacturers instructions on the care and use of gas appliances.
 ■ Use qualified contractors for gas appliance repairs and installations.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Hot spots: Canton firefighters Monday look through some of the remains where the Carells' garage once stood.

■ Use appliance only for their intended purposes.

■ Keep papers, curtains, solvents and all combustible materials away from open flames, water heaters, hot stoves and pilot lights so they do not ignite.

■ Keep burners and surrounding surfaces clean.
 ■ Teach children to never touch or turn the controls on gas appliances.

■ Make sure the flues of gas appliances are free from corrosion and securely attached and

correctly vented.

■ If a vent pipe is cracked or broken, call a licensed heating contractor to have it replaced.

■ Keep the area around your heating equipment clean. Be sure the flow of air to gas appliances is not blocked, especially if you have enclosed your heating system or water heater in a small room. Gas appliances need air to burn properly. A yellowish flame can mean the appliance is not burning correctly.

Construction equipment stolen

More than \$3,000 worth of equipment was stolen from a local construction company Tuesday, according to Canton Police reports.

A generator, saw and ladders were among the items taken from a construction site in the 7000 block of Commerce. Reports said the items were stolen from a steel box. A bolt cutter may have been used to open the box.

Police have no suspects.

Retail Fraud

A 49-year-old Westland man was arrested by Canton Police Thursday for retail fraud,

reports said.

The arrest stemmed from an incident at Super Kmart on Ford Road.

Reports said the man entered the store at about 1 p.m. with a second man.

Each picked out a digital audio system and placed them in separate shopping carts. The second man paid cash for his, reports said.

The Westland man put his audio system in the second man's basket after it was paid

COP CALLS

for and attempted to leave the store, reports said. Loss prevention officers stopped him. A scuffle ensued, but loss prevention officers were able to get him under control.

Reports said Canton officers arrived moments later and arrested the man for retail fraud. The audio system he attempted to steal was valued at \$179.99.

Lawn job

A 37-year-old Canton man's

Sandalwood Street home suffered about \$500 worth of damage Monday.

Reports said someone ran over his lawn knocked down a Maple tree.

Police have no suspects.

Stolen car

A 53-year-old Ypsilanti man's 1997 Sundance was stolen from the parking lot of Arctic Cold Storage on Haggerty Road recently.

Reports said the keys to the vehicle were left in its front seat. Police believe the car was stolen between noon and 6 p.m.

Symphony announces ticket winners

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra has announced the nine families who have won tickets to attend the 55th season kick-off event, Music for Young People of All Ages, a Sunday

afternoon family concert scheduled at 2 p.m. Sept. 24 at the Plymouth Canton high school cafeteria.

The PSO awarded these tickets packages as prizes for two

drawings held in Kellogg Park in July.

An affiliate of the PSO, the Liberty Brass Quintet, played at the Wednesday, July 5 Plymouth Community Arts Council's Music in the Park noon concert. At this event, the orchestra gave away five pairs of children's tickets: Whitney Hendrix of Ypsilanti, Andrea Hug of Plymouth, Janel O'Connell of Livonia, Sunita Punjabi of Plymouth and Maxwell Vereb-Hathey of Plymouth.

As part of Art in the Park festivities, the PSO held two concerts to determine four lucky winners. Dylan and Harry Kert of Plymouth received a family concert package (two adult tickets, two children tickets, and a PSO compact disc) as the first prize winners of the "What Instrument Am I? Contest" for

children.

The second prize was a set of two children tickets, given to Riley Kennysmith of Plymouth. The Woodworth family of Livonia, the first prize winner of the "Name that Tune Contest" for 18 and over crowd, also received a family concert package. The second prize was a set of two adult tickets, awarded to Gordon McElearney of Plymouth.

The family concert on Sept. 24 is the first special event of the symphony's new season.

The 55th Season Subscription Series officially commences with the Opening Night Orchestral Showcase at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 at Plymouth Salem High School.

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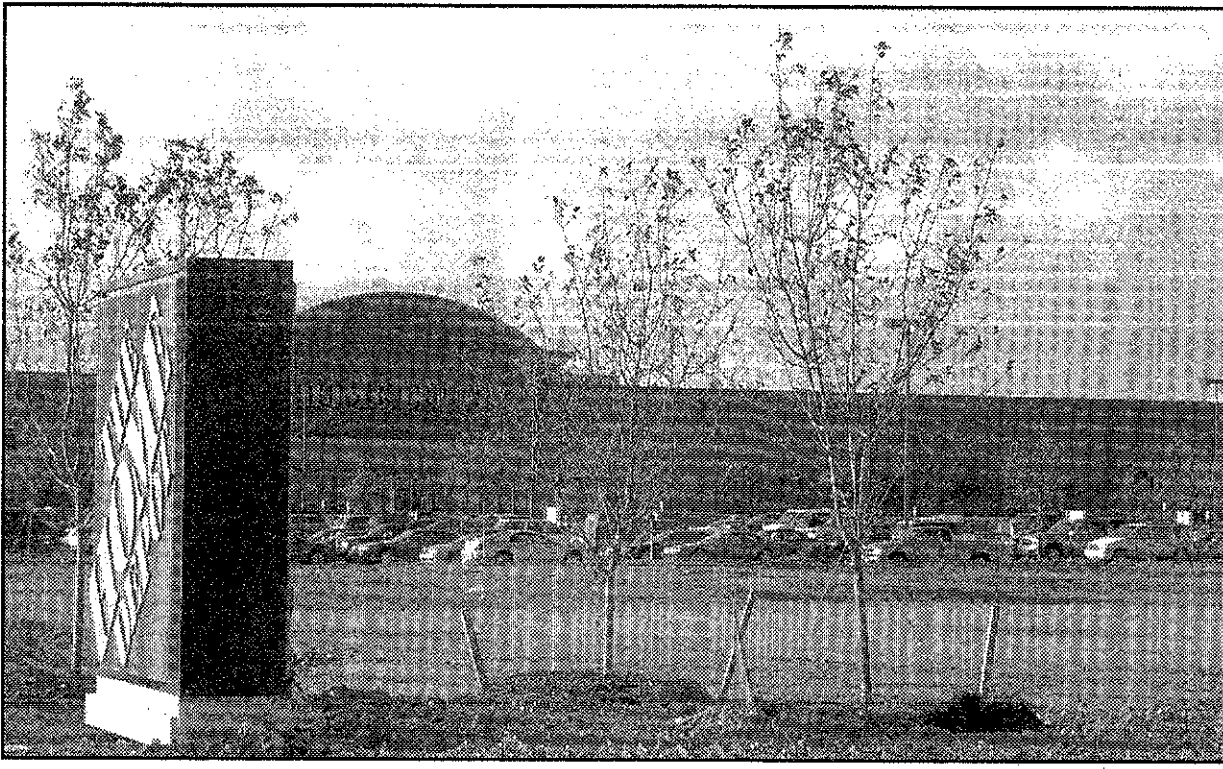
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Grand opening: The Home Depot store on Michigan Avenue will draw from a different geographic area than the one on Ford Road, according to manager Rob Purtell.

Home Depot store has residents seeing double

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER
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The Canton retail climate is growing so rapidly that the township will soon boast two of everything.

Well, not really. But Home Depot has opened a second location, its "South Canton" store on Michigan Avenue west of Canton Center Road.

The store, which opened to the public on Thursday, joins the Ford Road store as Canton locations for the nation's largest home improvement chain.

"We're all one company, so I don't really look at it as a competitive thing," said Robert Purtell, manager of the new store. "This is still an expanding market and there's room for both."

The new store is designed to draw customers from neighborhoods adjacent to Canton and as far away as Ann Arbor. There are no plans to close the Ford Road store, Purtell said.

It adds 150 jobs to Canton's economy, which includes about 90 employees from outside the company. Purtell said the store is still looking to fill another 15 or so positions.

The Michigan Avenue store, at 121,000 square feet with an adjacent 10,000 square-foot outdoor garden center, is slightly larger than its Ford Road counterpart.

It can accommodate larger merchandise and there is some difference in the products and product line the store will carry, Purtell said. For example, the Michigan Avenue location has a full line of appliances, including the Maytag brand.

Appliances have been added to compete with Lowe's, which is new to the Detroit area and second nationally to Home Depot in the so-called "big box" home improvement category. Lowe's has a store in Westland.

Purtell said the Michigan Avenue store will carry an unusually large selection of water heaters to meet the demand of new home construction in the area.

Store hours are 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday and Saturday; 6 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday; and 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday.

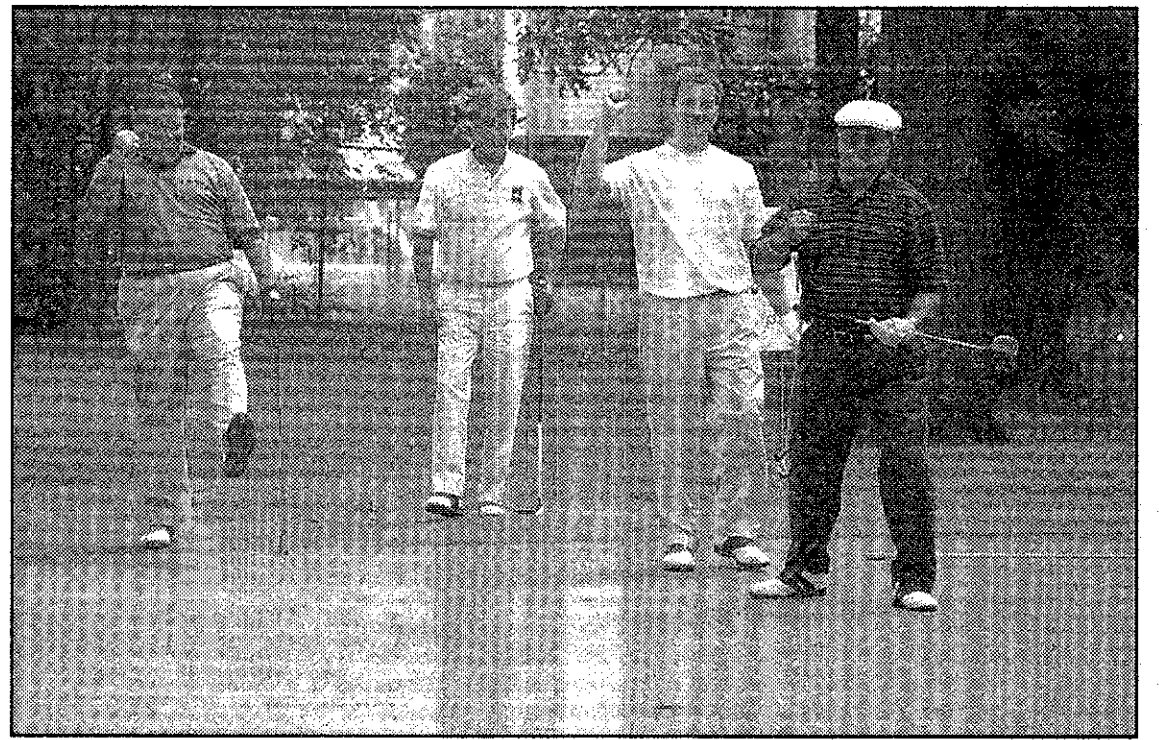
Home Depot will continue its involvement in the Canton community, Purtell said. At a preview party on Wednesday, the store presented donations of \$1,500 each to the Canton Pub-

lic Library and the Canton Community Foundation.

The manager said such efforts fall under the Atlanta-based company's "Team Depot" program and have included cooperative efforts with Habitat for Humanity, playground construction, clean-up projects in Detroit and links with area non-profit organizations.

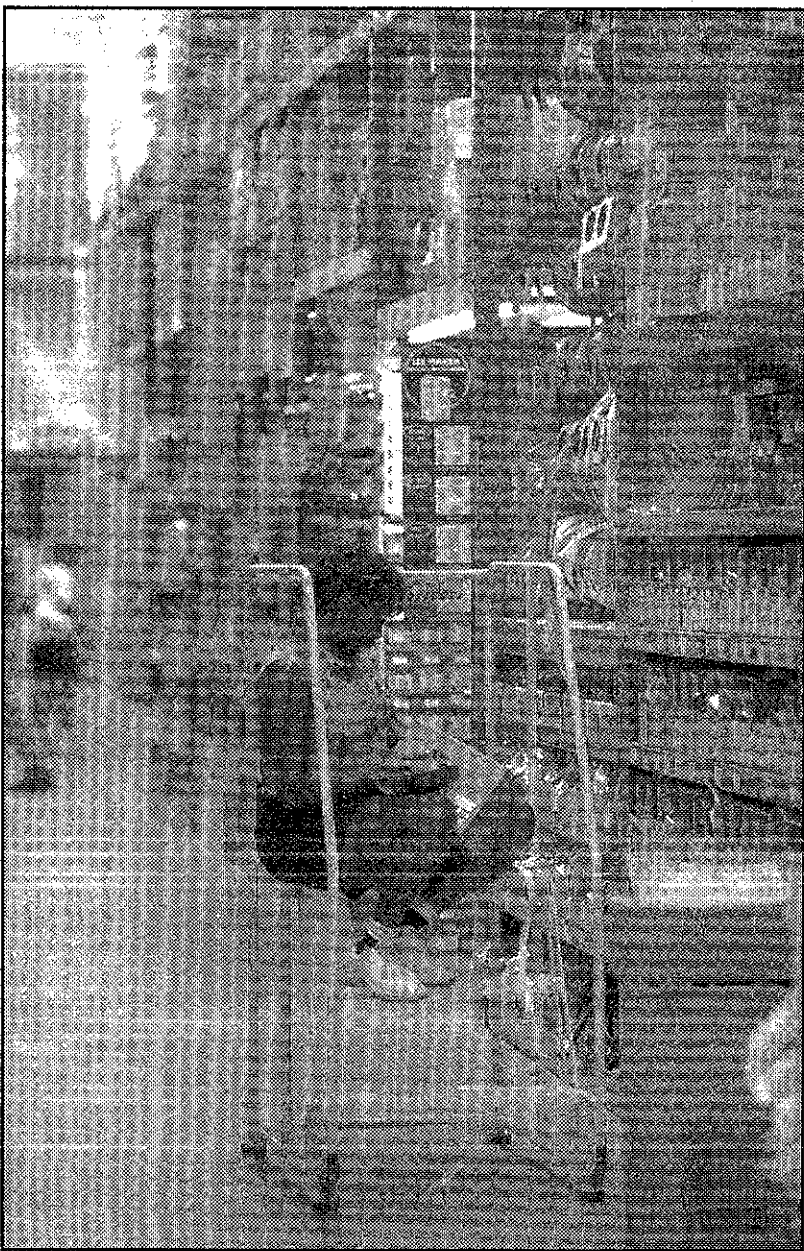
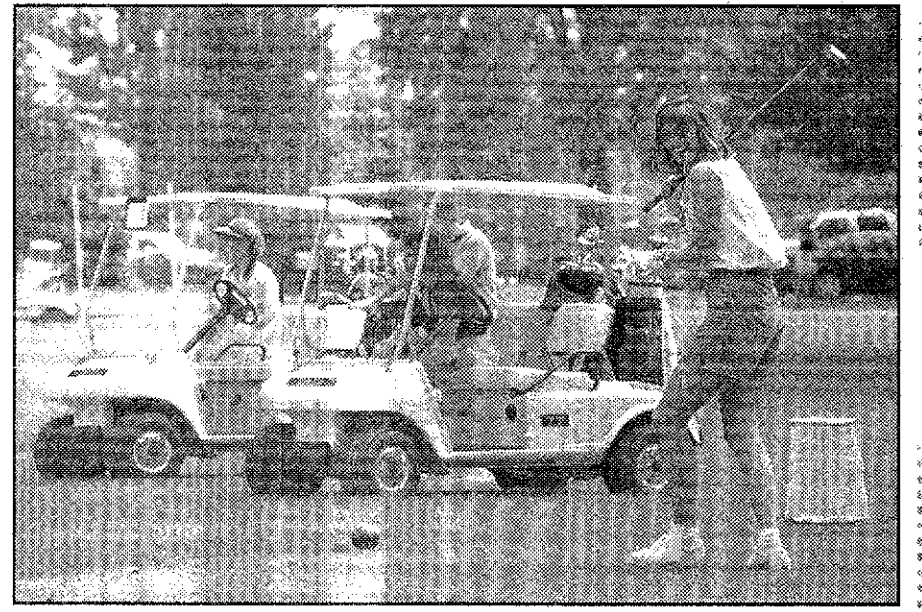
The new store is the 39th in Michigan and one of more than 1,000 nationwide operated by the retailer. The publicly-owned company reported net sales of \$38.4 billion in 1999.

Golfers go for the green at Chamber fund-raiser



Just like Tiger: Bob Zulker (from left) Ted Lindsay, Dave Lavigne, and Gil Ruicci of Gil-Mar Manufacturing react to Ruicci's putt during the Canton Chamber of Commerce golf outing Thursday at Fellowes Creek.

Oops: Dianne Kenny of Community Federal Credit Union laughs after shanking her tee shot. She was playing with Marian Bunch, Jeff Smith and Margie Wdowiak, all from the credit union.



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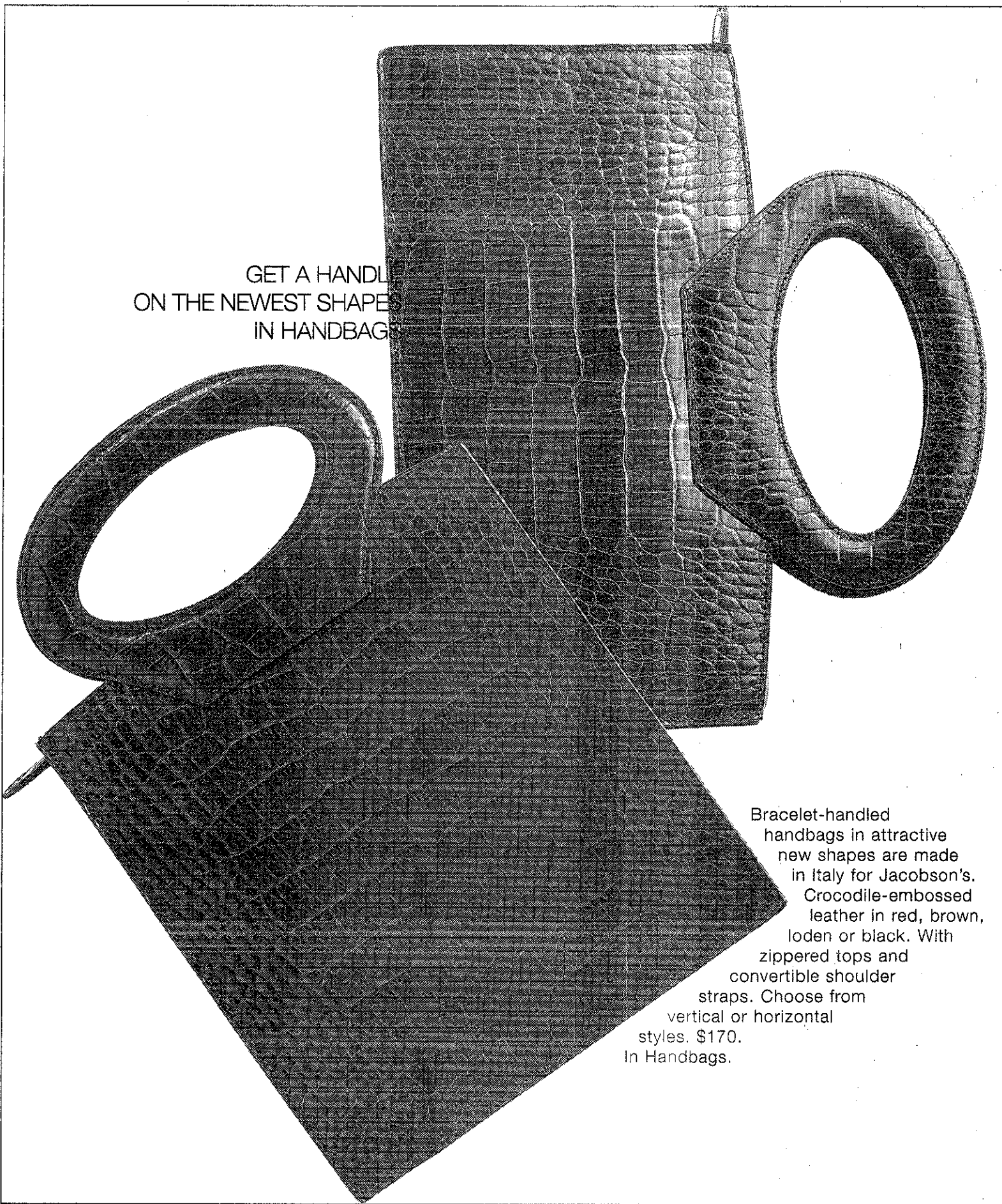
On the job: Employee Tamara Wilkins of Inkster prices plumbing supplies during the grand opening party for professional business customers and local leaders.

CLARIFICATION

A story in Thursday's Observer about new restaurants in downtown Plymouth contained incorrect information about opening dates. In addition,

Bangkok Cuisines, at 545 Forest, previously offered a free luncheon buffet on Aug. 7 and won't be having one on Monday.

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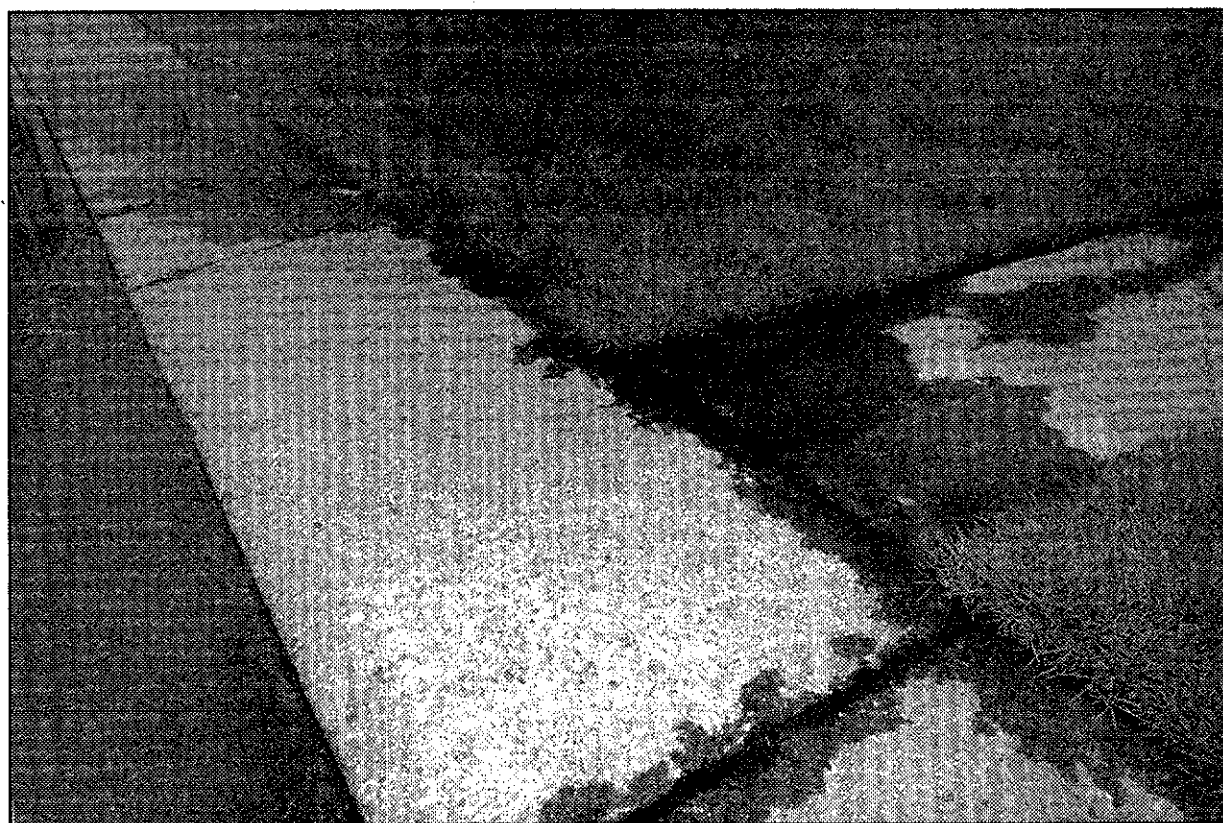
A maintenance worker at the park, "Al," said the drainage problem was "being corrected." He declined to elaborate on what steps had or would be taken. Standing water problems at the park, which sits just east of Haggerty Road, began in early spring. Long said placement of new homes at Glenn Ridge, a mobile home development adjacent to Sherwood, triggered the problem. When the homes were sodded and watered, runoff pooled in the yards and street at Sherwood. With the constantly wet conditions, mold began growing in the street, mosquitoes thrived and homes began sinking into the soft soil, residents said. "My kitchen ceiling is cracking," said Richelle Long. "Most of our door frames are going to have to be replaced. It's ridiculous. They don't want to do anything to fix the problems." Sherwood Property Manager Jim Willis sent a letter to M

'My kitchen ceiling is cracking. Most of our door frames are going to have to be replaced. It's ridiculous. They don't want to do anything to fix the problems.'

-Richelle Long

Street residents dated July 6. "We have investigated your concerns regarding Sherwood Village," it stated. "We are currently working to help improve the water drainage situation." Richelle Long said it hasn't happened. Glenn Ridge, which is owned by some of the same owners as Sherwood, gets more of Willis' attention, she added. "We're totally getting blown off for the other park," Long said. Amy Baker said park management has a history of promising

to fix problems then not delivering. Large holes have remained in her yard and graffiti stayed on her home for a year, she said. "We pay our rent every month," said Baker. "If it's late, we get charged a fee. What are they going to pay us for being late?" Meanwhile, William Long says management is writing violations for things that were previously okay. He said he has placed his garbage cans near the front of his home since moving into Sherwood a few years ago. Long said he was recently written up for it for the first time. "The more violations we get," he added, "the easier it is to evict us. We're in a no-win situation." Long has also been cited for not cutting his grass. He says he refuses to cut when his lawn is soaking wet. "I'm not ruining my \$200 lawn mower to cut a wet lawn," Long commented. "If you want my grass cut, you cut it."



Slow to dry: More than a week since the last rain, water still drains from a lawn in the Sherwood Village park.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Patrols from page A1

More than \$50,000 worth of jewelry, cash and other items were stolen from 13 units. Authorities are looking for a suspect described as a black male between the ages of 25 and 35, 6 feet tall, approximately 180 pounds and a medium complexion.

Police believe the most recent related set of break-ins occurred in Livonia and Farmington Hills on Monday. Six condominiums at a complex on Laurel Park Drive, north of Laurel Park Place in Livonia, were broken into on Monday some time before 1:30 p.m.,

according to Livonia Police Department reports. Each was entered through a sliding door-wall that had been pried open, police said. Five of the six condominiums were burglarized, while one had an alarm that apparently scared off the intruder, reports said.

The doorwall at a seventh condominium in the same complex showed signs of a break-in attempt, police said. Livonia Police believe the suspect is working with a partner. While officers were investigating the Livonia break-ins, a detective in Farmington Hills

informed them of a series of similar break-ins there that began about 2:30 p.m. Monday, police said. Two men who said they were meter readers were reported to be in the neighborhood at the time, police said. Livonia Police believe the men target a neighborhood in which doorwalls - backing up to a berm or a wooded area, in some cases - are concealed from public view. Livonia Police Lt. Ben McDermott said they knock on the front door to see if anyone is home, and say they are meter readers if the door is answered. Homes in which the door is answered are not broken into. "They're very cool, they're very slick and they're trying to put

anyone who answers the door at ease," McDermott said. A suspect passed himself off as a meter reader in Carriage Park break-ins in Canton. Police said he made contact with a Carriage Park resident telling them not to worry about him being in the area. "The cases are getting closer together," Canton's Golles said. "The suspects are getting bolder. It gives us more of an opportunity to catch them." She's asking township residents to call police immediately if a suspect matching the description is seen. Canton Police can be reached at (734) 397-3000. Staff writer Matt Jackman contributed to this report

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for a **Bus Wash System** for the PCCS Transportation Department. Specifications and bid forms will be available at the MANDATORY "walk-through", scheduled for 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 23rd, 2000 at the Plymouth-Canton Community School Bus Garage, 1024 South Mill Street, Plymouth, Michigan. For further information, please phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. Sealed bids are due on or before 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 30th, 2000. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
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died early Sunday morning after being hit by a car on Ford Road near Lotz. Police reports said her Dodge Spirit was parked in the westbound lane of Ford Road facing eastbound. For unknown reasons, she got

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ORDINANCE #2000-4

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING THE CITY COMMISSION TO APPROVE CITY EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS AND PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS

THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

WHEREAS, That the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth, Michigan, Article IV, is hereby amended by adding Division 5, Sections 2.168, 2.169 and 2.170, which said sections read as follows:

DIVISION 5. CITY EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS AND PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACT

Sec. 2.168 Definitions

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Full-time: Any employee working 1,950 hours per year or more.

New employment position means the creation of any position which does not currently exist in the City of Plymouth, which would require the staffing of any person to become an employee of the City of Plymouth.

Offer of employment means any offer made to any person to become an employee of the City of Plymouth.

Position required by a collective bargaining agreement means any position which, by way of a collective bargaining agreement, requires the City of Plymouth to fill a position pursuant to that agreement.

Personal Service Contract means and includes any and all employment contracts between the City of Plymouth and a person whereby the person is contractually obligated to perform any service on behalf of or for the City of Plymouth. The term shall not include contracts which relate to purchasing wherein personal service in an incidental term of the purchase contract.

Sec. 2.169 City Commission Approval of Employment and Personal Service Contracts

The City Manager shall obtain from the City commission advance and express approval prior to creating any new full time employment position, filling any full time position, whether or not required by a collective bargaining agreement of entering into any personal service contract where the contract for services is exceed \$5,000 in any fiscal year.

Sec. 2.170 Hiring, Timing, and Selection of City Employees

The determination of hiring needs, the timing of hiring decisions, and the actual selection of City employees is and shall remain within the discretion of the City Manager, unless otherwise provided for in the City Charter or Code of Ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, This Ordinance shall become effective twenty-one (21) days after final adoption.

Passed by the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, this 7th day of August, 2000.

Introduced: 7/17/2000
Adopted: 8/7/2000
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dents should be in the gym by 8:05 a.m. when the final bell will ring.

"We'll have the students arranged by grade and introduce them to the staff," said LaVictor. "While the staff from Lowell has transferred to Discovery, only about 30 percent of the students will be the same because of redistricting. A lot of kids won't know any of the adults in the building."

LaVictor said each grade will go with homeroom teachers to get schedules and a tour of the building. About 9:15 a.m., students will go to their homerooms and then have a modified schedule for the half-day of classes.

"We'll have teachers in the hallways to help guide students, and each child will get a map of the building," said LaVictor. "The grades are divided into wings, and they will be clearly marked. The only problems we may have will be for students who need to find the elective

areas where music, industrial technology, art and physical education are held. This will definitely be a learning experience for all of us."

LaVictor said teachers will be allowed in the building Aug. 21 to begin putting together their classrooms. Educators are required to start work Aug. 28, one day before students arrive.

The custodial staff has been in Discovery for several weeks, learning the layout, cleaning the building and waxing the floors.

"Not everything will be ready the first day of school," admitted LaVictor. "Some of the technology won't be ready, some of the flooring will still need to be done, we'll have some late arriving furniture. But, for the most part, everything else is ready for students."

"We'll still have contractors working on the building after hours, putting the finishing touches," but classes won't be disrupted."

Brian MacAskill, project manager for Mc/SEV Consultants and Construction Managers of Redford Township, said the building is about 95 percent complete.

"We've had what is termed a 50-percent inspection by the state fire marshal's office, and it went well," said MacAskill. "We'll have another inspection Aug. 22, at which time we hope to have our occupancy permit."

Wayne County health inspectors are due in this coming week to look over the kitchen, which is already completed. A final electrical inspection is also on the horizon.

"We've always said this project was going to be down to the wire, and it is," said MacAskill. "However, barring anything major, there's no reason this building won't open on time."

Discovery is on Hanford at Canton Center Road.

Senator's wife campaigns to raise First Step profile

BY SUE BUCK
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The wife of U. S. Senator Spencer Abraham came to the area looking for help Thursday, and hopes she found a sympathetic ear with the folks at First Step.

Abraham is seeking his second term in the U.S. Senate. Mrs. Abraham spoke to the First Step leadership staff.

The First Step organization was formed in Western Wayne County more than two decades ago and works with the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Among other things, they operate a shelter for battered women.

Jane Abraham was in Plymouth trying to raise awareness of the tragic effect of date rape drugs like GHB. Ten regional task forces will be set up in Michigan, she said.

"We would like to have this organization represented," Abraham said. "It's critical that we deal with this now before it gets out of hand."

GHB received widespread publicity as the drug that killed Samantha Reed, a 15-year-old Michigan girl who died after someone slipped GHB into her drink.

"There is no such thing as a

drug-free, all-night party," Abraham said.

Slang names for GHB include Scoop, Water, Everclear, Fantasy, Liquid E, G, Gamma-OH, Georgia Home Boy, and Grievous Bodily Harm. GHB's scientific name is gamma hydroxybutyric acid.

"With all the different names for it, a lot of kids don't know what they are taking," said Ilene Hogan of First Step's non-residential program. "They don't realize that this is a deadly drug. It is a clear liquid that is colorless, odorless, and practically tasteless. They go to parties and see people drinking bottles of water and, with body image issues, there are people taking it who say that you feel drunk without the calories."

Adults don't know how to educate and protect kids because a campaign to "just say no," doesn't work, Abraham said. Kids who have this drug slipped into their drink don't get to say yes.

After Abraham advocated better recognition of GHB, First Step workers emphasized their job challenges. They assist in about 6,000 cases annually.

"In the affluent communities, they think that it (abuse) is not happening," said Judith Barr, First Step associate director. "They think that it is not hap-

pening to poor people, minority people, uneducated people."

Wealthy people can hide the problem better, she said. They don't come into the system because they may go to a private psychologist or they might have a high-powered attorney, she said.

The effect of abuse in the home on children is life-altering and changes their views of family, Barr told the mother of three.

"We have babies in the shelter who you can tell something is wrong with them," Barr said. "They have a startle reflex."

Mary Jane Hood, who coordinates First Step's violence intervention program and links people to substance abuse programs, spoke about a 2-year-old in the shelter who thought he protected his mother by hitting his dad.

Part of the tactic of a batterer is to pull her away from her family, people who could help her. "We try to get people back to their support systems," Barr said. "If you are isolated, if you have no one else, you are more dependent on him."

OBITUARIES

HAROLD R. BROWN

Services for Harold R. Brown, 87, of Milan were held Aug. 13 at Ochalek-Stark Funeral Home, Milan, with the Rev. Frank Dunbar officiating. Burial was in Kinyon Cemetery, Canton Township.

Mr. Brown was born Aug. 12, 1912, in Plymouth and died Aug. 10 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. He owned and operated Brown's General Store in Mooreville from 1959 until his retirement in 1977. He was a member of the Tri-County Sportsman Club, the VFW Mayflower Post, Plymouth, and was an avid conservationist, bird hunter, dog trainer, competitive shooter and a rifle range instructor.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Jennie (Eldred) Brown; one brother, Claude; and one sister, Irene Smith. Survivors include a son, Richard (Diana) Brown of Canton Township; a daughter, Lorena (Chuck) Tellas of Milan; a brother, Kenneth (Florence) Brown of Gaylord; nine grandchildren, Dr. Tammy (Brent) Gephart, Candy (Dr. Clive) Brown-Proctor, Kimberly (Phillip) Sullivan, Richard Brown II, Jessica Brown, Christopher, David, Sarah, and Matthew Tellas.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

DOROTHY M. LOESCH

Services for Dorothy M.

Loesch, 80, of Ypsilanti (formerly of Plymouth) were held Aug. 11 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with Pastor Jeff Noble officiating.

She was born May 23, 1920, in Cleveland, Ohio, died Aug. 8 in Ypsilanti. She was a homemaker and a resident of Plymouth from 1956 to 1972. She was a member of the Plymouth Historical Society and the P.E.O. Sisterhood. She enjoyed crafts and gardening and bird watching. She was a loving mother and grandmother who especially enjoyed being

with her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands, F. Richard Merriam and William Loesch. Survivors include her two daughters, Beverly (Gregory) North of Traverse City and Nancy (Greg) Medley of Ypsilanti; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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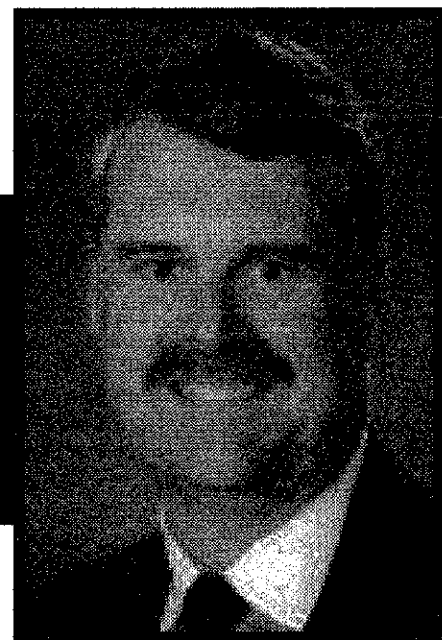
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Metro project reaches a milestone

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Michigan's largest passenger airport marked milestones in both construction and passenger counts in the past 10 days.

On Wednesday, a topping-out ceremony at Wayne County's Detroit Metropolitan Airport celebrated completion of the steel mainframe for the new Midfield Terminal. The facility is to be finished by December 2001.

On Aug. 4, just five days earlier, Metro officials announced that the airport continues to set all-time passenger records - the major reason for the \$1.2-billion Midfield project.

Officials said first-half statistics for 2000 showed that, in the first six months, some 17,661,329 passengers had utilized the airport, a 6.4 percent increase over last year.

They also noted that June 2000 bested June 1999 by 2.8 percent, making it the 78th month in the past 83 in which Metro has broken all-time passenger records.

International passengers led the way, with a first-half increase of 14.2 percent.

"These numbers dramatically underscore the importance of Wayne County's capital improvement program," said Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara.

The new entrance from Interstate 275, a sixth jet runway and the new 99-gate midfield terminal "will alleviate congestion and allow the carriers plenty of room for future growth," he said.

On Wednesday, during the topping-out, McNamara tied it all together by noting that last year, Metro "served more than 34 million passengers - that's more than three times the population of the State of Michigan."

Noting the midfield project also is "the largest public works project" in the state's history, McNamara added it "is, by far, one of the most important projects our community and state will ever see, and its completion is just 17 months away."

In the topping-out, held just 364 days after workers erected the first piece of the 14,500 tons of structural steel used in the new terminal, project work crews put into place the final,

■ 'This community and our customers can now see this remarkable facility taking shape and understand the tremendous benefits it will bring to air travel in Michigan.'

*Jim Greenwald
Northwest Airlines*

80-foot-long, white-painted 9.5-ton steel beam.

'Very excited'

A western Wayne County businessman whose company did the steel construction said he was "very excited" to have reached the topping-out ceremony.

Bob Dunn, president and chief executive officer of National Riggers & Erectors of Plymouth, which also did the steelwork for Comerica Park, said he also was "very, very proud" of the company's safety record. An evergreen tree on the final steel beam cele-

brated the fact there were no fatalities on the job-site during that phase of construction.

"It's been an exciting couple of years for us," said Dunn, noting his company recently was awarded the contract to re-build the Ford Rouge assembly plant and is also building the new Minneapolis Convention Center, plus facilities for Honda and General Motors.

McNamara called the topping-out "an exciting day for the people of Wayne County and Michigan. The steel and concrete that is now in place serves as more than just a symbol of hope for a better tomorrow, but stands as real proof that the best is yet to come."

"This is a significant milestone for this project," said Jim Greenwald, vice president for facilities and airport affairs at Northwest Airlines, who is responsible for design and construction of the new terminal. The project is a public-private partnership between Northwest and the county.

"This community and our customers can now see this remarkable facility taking shape and

understand the tremendous benefits it will bring to air travel in Michigan," Greenwald said.

"Northwest has done a magnificent job keeping this project on-time and on-budget," said McNamara.

The "topping-out" ceremony provided workers the chance to sign the final, white-painted steel beam.

The new Midfield Terminal will feature 99 gates, 18 luggage carousels, an 11,500-space parking garage and an automated express tram system, all in an open and spacious environment.

Most airlines at Metro posted first-half passenger increases, including Sun Country, which was up 45.3 percent; America West, up 36 percent; Spirit, 26 percent; Comair, 14.3 percent, and Mesaba, Northwest's commuter line, up 12.1 percent.

Northwest posted an increase of 11.3 percent, followed by Continental, up 5.8; United, 5.5; American 3.7; Delta 1.3 and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, up 6 percent.



Big day: Jim Greenwald, Northwest Airlines vice president of facilities and airport affairs, called the topping ceremony at Metro a "milestone" for a project he calls a "tremendous benefit to the community." County Executive Edward McNamara (left) and Airports Director Lester Robinson (right) also made remarks.

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Circuit Court warned to correct large budget deficit

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Wayne County's administration is calling for the 3rd Circuit Court to take "immediate corrective action" to eliminate what it says is a \$9-million deficit in the current budget year.

In an Aug. 8 letter to Chief Judge Michael F. Sapala, county Budget Director Thomas J. Naughton cites "the latest quarterly projection" and states, "Due to the gravity of this

■ The new deficit could increase the county's estimated \$11-million deficit to at least \$20 million.

situation...it is imperative that the court takes immediate corrective action to eliminate this deficit."

Suggested actions include ceasing "all-non-essential Court services and purchases, a reduction of workdays or hours, employee furloughs or layoffs

(and) the identification of new or additional revenues or any other methods the Court decides to use.

"It is critical however that the Court manages its operations so that it completes this fiscal year within its authorized budget and complies with the requirements of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act," Naughton concludes.

Sapala and Court Administrator Alexander J. Luvall said in a joint statement they are "reviewing Mr. Naughton's numbers and we are confident that any budget issues will be favorably resolved

in the very near future.

"However, we are concerned that Mr. Naughton's suggestions recommending employee layoffs and other drastic measures without first verifying these projected figures or discussing them with the Court is premature and could be dangerously misconstrued," they said.

They reassured the public and employees that "we neither anticipate reduction of services nor do we plan any employee layoffs." They vowed to "thoroughly check and validate these numbers."

If action is required, "we will proceed" in a manner that "fulfills court obligations, "protects all employees and provides the citizens of Wayne County with the service they deserve."

Luvall plans to have further discussions with Naughton next week, according to spokeswoman Llena Jackson-Leslie.

Naughton is out of town and could not be reached for comment.

The new deficit could increase the county's estimated \$11-million deficit to at least \$20 million, according to an observer

close to the situation.

Naughton's letter estimates that the court "will exceed its 1999-2000 authorized budget and deplete its operating appropriations by the beginning of September, nearly thirty (30) days before the end of the county's fiscal year," unless the court acts immediately.

He adds that the estimated court deficit could reach \$12 million, if \$3.1 million in savings attributable to county administrative chargebacks are reallocated.

Margin narrows in court race

BY RICHARD PEARL
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New vote totals issued by the Wayne County elections office on Friday changed the margins between the top four finishers in the 3rd Circuit Court primary election, but left the top four list intact.

The change in totals came from the tallies from at least two dozen Detroit precincts whose tallies had not been received by that city's elections office and therefore had not been transmitted to the county office.

The top four finishers face each other in the Nov. 7 general election for two open seats.

The new totals from the county's more than 2,000 precincts — which become official after the county Board of Canvassers meets Aug. 22 — showed Kathleen McCarthy of Dearborn still the top vote-getter with 40,333, up from 39,365 reported on Wednesday.

Retaining second place is Annette Jurkiewicz Berry of Plymouth Township, with 30,344, up from 29,884.

Third place is still held by Jane E. Gillis of Grosse Pointe Farms with 23,099 (22,724 previously), while fourth is retained by Ronald Giles of Detroit with 23,043.

Giles' total represented the most significant change: It widened his margin over fifth-place finisher Robert L. McClinton, also Detroit, from only one vote to 30.

On Wednesday, Giles had 22,420 votes to 22,419 for McClinton. By Friday, the margin was 23,043 to 23,013.

Any candidate seeking a recount will have to pay a fee of \$10 per precinct, according to Carol Larkin of the county elections office.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Hole-in-one

Craig Fleming of Plymouth got a hole-in-one at the Woodlands Golf Course in Van Buren Township, acing the 126-yard fifth hole on Aug. 3.

The 55-year-old Fleming used an eight-iron to get his ace.

Award-winner

Nick Cabauatan, who will be entering his junior year at Plymouth Canton HS, earned the Nu-Station Award at the Five Star Basketball Camp in Pittsburgh.

Cabauatan, who will be entering his third year on Canton's varsity basketball team, was also runner-up for the Top Guard in Camp Award. A total of 375 players from all over the country participated in the camp.

Fall Dekhockey

Fall League registration is currently on-going at the Michigan Dekhockey Center, located on Michigan 2.2 miles west of I-275. Players of all ages are invited to play.

Each player gets 10 games, two practices and a youth jersey. Every player also makes the playoffs. Players seven-years-old and over may register in the house league for in-line hockey. For those 12-and-over, a select program is also offered.

Select program players can pre-register a team with a minimum of nine and a maximum of 15 players.

House league players will be rated, evaluated and put into a draft. Coaches will select players for each team.

Registration for Dekhockey, also known as street hockey and played in running shoes, is also underway. House leagues are offered for players four-years-old and over.

Senior Dek divisions offer registration for teams and/or individuals. Teams must have a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 18 players. Players in Senior Divisions in both Dek and Inline Hockey will be placed in leagues or on teams that match the players skills and abilities.

For further information, call the Michigan Dekhockey Center at (734) 397-8900.

Fastpitch softball

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association will have tryouts for girls fastpitch softball for its 2001 season from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday at McClumpha Park.

Girls wishing to play 10-and-under and 12-and-under should come at 3:30 p.m.; those wishing to play 14-and-under and 16-and-under should come at 4:30 p.m.; and those wishing to play 18-and-under should come at 5:30 p.m.

Also: Coaches are needed at all levels, in particular 10-and-under. For more information, call Harry Hill at (734) 453-3769.

Baseball tryouts

•The Michigan Indians 14-year-old baseball team, a USSSA World Series participant, will have tryouts for its 2001 squad at 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 26-27, at Plymouth's Massey Field, located at Plymouth and Haggerty roads.

There are no residency requirements. Players must have a birth date on or after Aug. 1, 1986. For more information, call Bruce Price at (734) 453-9180.

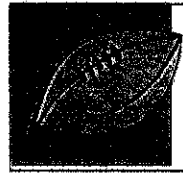
•The Ann Arbor Mustangs travel baseball teams will have tryouts for its spring 2001 squads on Sunday, Aug. 20. For 13-and-unders, call Bob Cleary at (734) 930-6966; for 14-and-unders, call Mike Nadeau at (734) 429-8493.

•The Downriver Braves 14-and-under team will have tryouts for its 2001 season in September. The Braves finished the 2000 season with a 77-7 record and qualified for six different World Series, placing ninth in the AAU World Series.

Players can't turn 15 before Aug. 1, 2001. For more information, call Chris Hansen at (313) 292-4798.

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

Observer stars stick with it at U-M



It's not easy making it in big-time football. For guys like Joe Sgroi and Kirk Moundros, getting a chance to play for the University of Michigan is the chance of a lifetime — one that is worth grabbing.

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
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Walk-ons in college football are usually the equivalent of tackling dummies.

They are cheap, expendable and their basic job is to help the other players to get better without getting them hurt.

But every once in a while, things go the right way — the hard work and effort get noticed and rewarded.

That's what happened with North Farmington grad Kirk Moundros, and could happen to Catholic Central's Joe

Sgroi. Both walked on at the University of Michigan. Both paid their dues during the course of the 1998 season.

The payoff for both came during 1999, seeing a lot of special teams play, with Moundros also seeing time as full-back.

And both hope to have their role with the Wolverines continue to grow.

"I like to contribute as much as possible," said Sgroi, a Plymouth native who graduated from CC in 1998. "I just want to be on the field. Whether it is the punt (team), extra points or anything else, whatever I can do to help the team, I'll do."

Sgroi played in 10 games last season

— missing just the Notre Dame and Rice contests. He's listed as a linebacker, but at 5-11, 204 pounds, he's a little undersized to play that spot in the Big Ten. However, he's perfectly suited for his specialty — long snapper.

"Maybe I am a little undersized for center," said Sgroi with a smile during Friday's media day at Michigan Stadium. "But my job is to get down field rather than protect the punter. I'm better down field than the bigger guys."

Sgroi stated that case last year as he had one solo tackle, two assists and forced a fumble against Northwestern. This year, he enters the season as No. 1 on the depth chart.

"There's still a lot of competition for the spot," said Sgroi. "It's good so far, but as long as it helps the team, that's what matters."

Moundros spent most of his time on



Joe Sgroi
Plymouth resident



Kirk Moundros
North Farmington grad

special teams in 1999 as well, but unlike Sgroi, saw some time at fullback and was awarded a scholarship by head coach Lloyd Carr just before last season.

"My attitude is a lot like Joe's," said

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Watch out!

Crusaders have championship stuff

BY C.J. RISAK
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Like any coach in any sport, when Madonna University volleyball coach Jerry Abraham says, "I'm very excited about this group here," you're immediate reaction is that it must be taken for what it is: a slight overdose of pre-season optimism.

Then you start examining what he's got coming back. Yeah, there are losses.

But those additions — and suddenly you realize that even when Abraham says, "I think we're a better team than last year. We're more seasoned, more confident" — well, he may indeed be snowballing you, but not with an overabundance of optimism.

He may be downplaying the situation.

Make no mistake. The Crusaders are loaded.

As for the reliability of sources, with Abraham — the only volleyball coach in Madonna's history — 40-win seasons are almost expected. He called 1999 "one of my worst seasons."

Well record-wise, maybe it was. After all, the Lady Crusaders were "only" 29-14 overall. And they did have to share the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference crown with Cornerstone College, both posting 11-1 records.

If you believe that's a bad season, then you'd also think George Bush would make a good president.

Anyway, as Abraham did add, "There were a lot of highlights, too." One that can't be overstated was his coaching. What Madonna didn't have last season was a lot of depth (just 11 players), and when injuries struck — setter Jennie Wind, now a junior, and senior outside hitter Erin Cunningham both missed matches — he had to scramble to find replacements.

Then late in the season freshman setter Jen Wing left the team, wreaking more havoc. Still, the Crusaders played on, and played well.

Those kinds of problems shouldn't recur this season. The strong recruiting class Abraham has delivered should see to that.

But first the leaders: Three seniors who have a total of eight starting seasons between them.

At the top of the list is 5-foot-11 middle hitter All-American Brandy Malewski, a Redford Thurston graduate. The two-time all-conference player led Madonna in kills (603, with a .496 kill percentage) and blocking (158 solos, 575 total) and was third in digs (566).

Then there's 6-1 outside hitter Kelly Artymovich, who was third on the team in kills (287, .260 percentage), second in digs (598) and fourth in blocks (211). Cunningham, who played less than half the season, totaled 155 kills (.303 percentage). All three will share the team captaincy.

"They're real leaders on the floor," said Abraham. "They lead by example. They have a great work ethic. All three despise losing."

An impressive group to build around, but by no means is that all. Indeed, the recruits Abraham has coming in mean "competition is fierce" for playing time.

Also back from last season is 6-0 junior setter Jennie Wind, a Birmingham Groves graduate who paced Madonna with an 8.94 assists-to-kills per game average. She also had 132 blocks.

Other key returnees are 5-10 junior outside hitter Marylu Hemme, a Plymouth native and Livonia Ladywood graduate who led Madonna in service aces (77) and digs (620); 6-1 junior



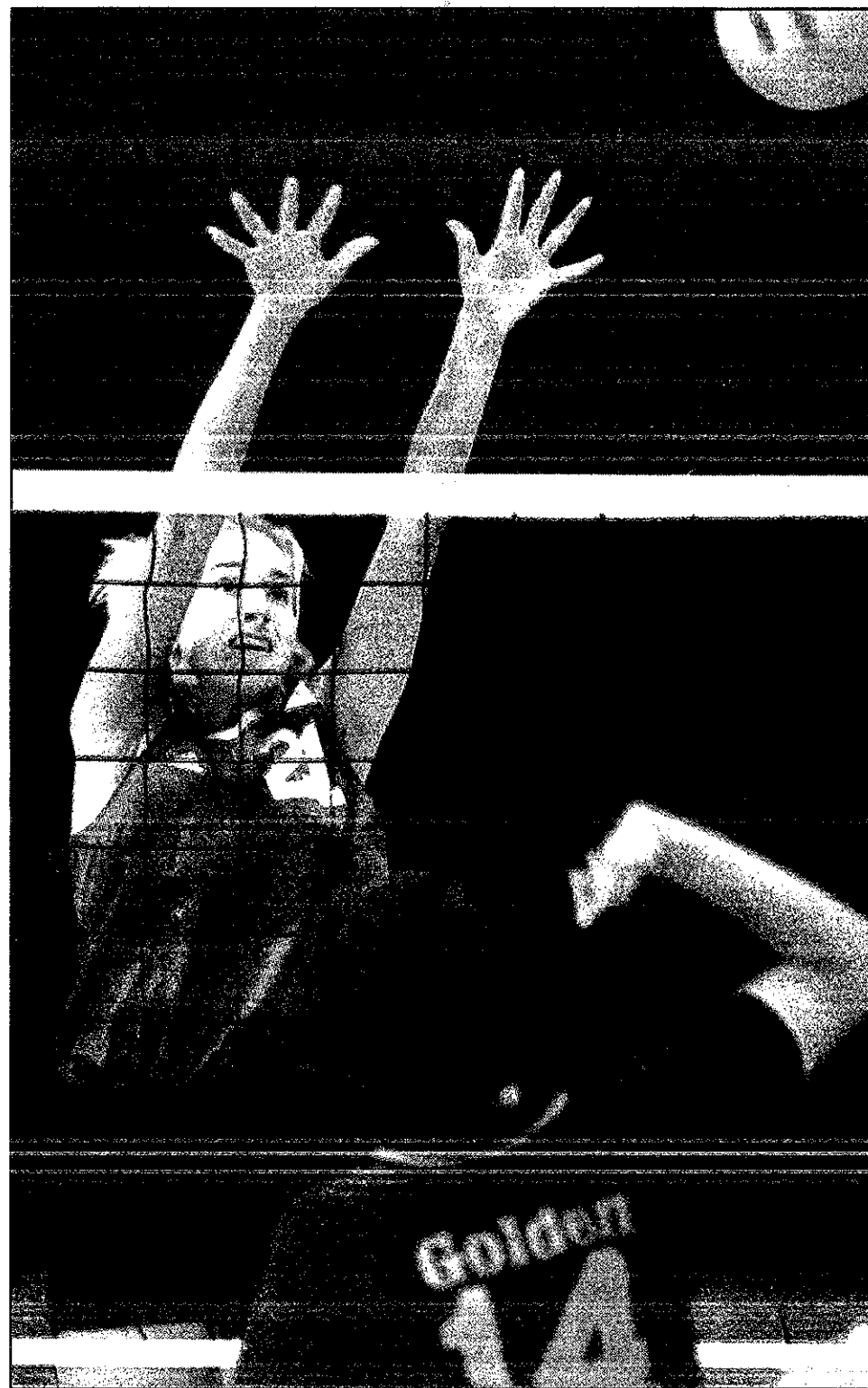
Kate LeBlanc
Stevenson middle hitter



Amanda Suder
Salem defensive ace



Tera Morrill
former Franklin star



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

Top hitter: Brandy Malewski has been a top-notch player at the net for Madonna throughout her career, earning NAIA All-American honors last season.

middle hitter Donna Birkenhiever, who was third in blocks (309) and fourth in kills (209, a .285 percentage); and 6-foot sophomore middle hitter Hayley Myers, who filled in well as a freshman and has shown marked improvement this year.

Now for the recruits. If there was a concern last season, it was the team's overall passing ability. It won't be a problem this year, Abraham said. "It's improved 100 percent," he said. "Four of the players we brought in are all good passers."

Three junior college transfers figure to help the Crusaders immediately: 5-10 junior outside hitter Jennifer Frost,

from Mott CC and Saginaw; 5-8 junior setter Natalie Sayre, from Grand Rapids CC; and 5-7 sophomore outside hitter Elizabeth Frecko, from Laredo (Texas) CC.

According to Abraham, Sayre was "one of the top players in her region." She will challenge Wind for playing time at setter. "She's still developing, but she's quick," said Abraham. "She just has to learn our players and get comfortable with our plays."

Frost is left-handed and should help fill the vacancy created by Uballe's graduation. An all-conference and all-

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BASEBALL

It's all over: D.C. knocks out DCI, 2-0

Decision Consultants, Inc. was eliminated by three-time defending champion Washington, D.C., 2-0, in the All-American Amateur Baseball Association (20-and-under) Tournament Thursday afternoon at Roxbury Field in Johnstown, Pa.

DCI, champions of the Livonia Collegiate Division of the Adray Metro Baseball Association, finished the summer 23-11 overall and 2-2 in the AAABA nationals.

Right-hander Grant Smith pitched seven scoreless innings to keep DCI off the scoreboard. He scattered four hits and five walks before giving way to left-hander Dustin Atkins, who pitched a scoreless eighth, followed by right-hander Mike McGirr, who earned the save in the ninth.

The three pitchers, however, combined for just four strikeouts. "We hit balls right at guys," DCI manager Mike George said. "We had bases loaded in the second and came up empty, and had two on the eighth. We just didn't get the timely hit."

Catcher Matt Deuchler's solo homer off DCI starter Shawn Morrison (Western Michigan University) in the top of the eighth inning broke the scoreless deadlock.

Washington added an insurance run in the ninth.

Morrison went 8½ innings, giving up seven hits and three walks. Jason Popham finished up: Chris Kimball, Mike Sokol, Roger Wechter, Tim Andrezjak and Spencer Hynes had the lone hits for DCI.

Marc Tutwell and Matt Hagen each collected two hits for Washington.

"Had we won this game we would have gone back to the top of our rotation — Popham and David Wampler — and we would have been in pretty good shape," George said. "We made a good run in this tournament. We got down to the final five."

As of Thursday, New Orleans was the only undefeated team left in the 16-team, double-elimination field.

Washington, Baltimore, Buffalo and host Johnstown each had one loss.

"This is the third year in a row we've been here and we've been able to make a name for ourselves," George said. "We know sometimes the umpiring and fields leave something to be desired, but we know that going in. It was a good week and we met a lot of quality people."

A Livonia victory would have meant a game Friday night at Point Stadium against host Johnstown.

"There would have been 4,000-plus out there, but we're going home," George said.

On Wednesday, the University of Michigan's Brad McCloskey pitched four scoreless innings of relief to earn the victory to propel DCI past Maryland State, 9-6.

DCI starter Bobby Lindsay, fighting and inner ear infection, lasted just 1½ innings, allowed

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This lure landed 2 novice fishermen — who'll be back

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



BILL PARKER

"I went fishing with my dad once when I was a kid," said my friend and colleague Marty Budner, as we motored out onto Lake St. Clair's Anchor Bay recently for some small-mouth bass

action. "But we really didn't catch anything."

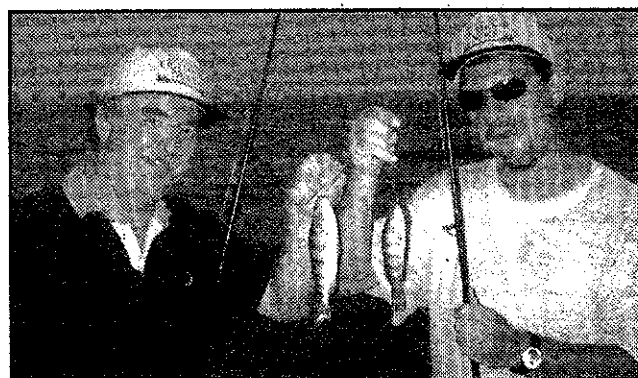
Such is the case with many one-time anglers. They give it a try, don't have any luck and file the trip in their memory banks as something that was sort of fun, but really more boring than anything.

In an effort to substantiate a claim I've been making for years to my colleagues at the Observer & Eccentric about the thrill and

excitement of fishing, I chartered a fishing trip on Lake St. Clair with Neptune Charters and Capt. Roger Doyle aboard the 27-foot Little Dutch II.

Marty, the sports editor for the Birmingham and Southfield editions of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, and Jim Toth, sports editor for the Rochester and Troy editions, joined my brother-in-law Don Wrathell, our good friend Jeff Essenberg and myself on a recent afternoon smallmouth charter on the bass-infested waters of Lake St. Clair. I'm a firm believer that to really understand a sport you have to be a participant. Heck, I went golfing once, shot a 70-something if I remember correctly. Had a pretty good time too, until I lost my last ball on the ninth and final hole.

As veteran sports editors I'd decided long ago that Marty and Jim, a couple experienced golf



The prize: Sports editors Marty Budner (left) and Jim Toth proudly display their catches.

and softball aficionados, were overdue to experience the thrill of doing battle with a feisty, bodacious bass.

We met at the lake, and after waiting out a passing thunderstorm motored out onto Anchor Bay in anticipation of some of the hottest smallmouth bass fishing in the world.

Drifting over weedy clumps in seven to 10 feet of water, it didn't take long for the action to

begin. Jim took "first-fish" honors (and a couple bucks from the rest of the crew, I might add) when a plump 16-inch smallie inhaled the golden shiner he was offering as bait.

During the next four hours the action bounced back and forth between good and great. Using eight-pound test monofilament our lines were rigged with a three-way swivel, a drop sinker

on a 12-inch leader, and a No. 8 hook on an 18-inch leader. With such a presentation, it's was easy to catch a smorgasbord of fish. Several mombro rockbass came to the boat as well as a half-dozen yellow perch. But the smallmouth are what made the trip.

"Holy cow, this thing is really pulling hard," exclaimed Marty, seconds before a feisty 18-incher exploded out of the water like a bronze missile.

We managed to land over 20 fish including a huge, 21 1/2-inch smallie, which qualified Jeff for a Master Angler patch — Master Angler, 21-inch smallmouth.

The trip came to an end as the sun began to fade. As we motored back into the harbor the smiles on the faces of all the anglers told the story.

"This is great," Jim said. "I'll definitely do it again."

I think they're hooked!

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The Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearing on the following:

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The hearing will be held:

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Caught something: Quite an experience!



JIM TOTH

I may not be the most daring person, but shy or afraid have rarely been a part of my vocabulary.

I've been fortunate to experience quite a bit in my 40-plus years, but one that had eluded me until very recently was an activity that nearly everyone has tried at least once in their lifetime.

Fishing!

Now the closest I ever got to fishing, before this unforgettable experience, was ordering the fisherman's platter at my favorite seafood restaurant or purchasing some salmon or orange roughly at the neighborhood grocery store.

Well, I finally wound up on one end of the pole as myself, co-worker Marty Budner, O&E outdoors writer Bill Parker and his friends Jeff Essenberg and Don Wrathell journeyed out on a four-hour excursion on the waters of Lake St. Clair. Now, it wasn't exactly the S.S. Minnow and there were no movie stars or millionaires aboard, but I did get the feeling that any one of us could handle the role of Gilligan.

The adventure began mid-afternoon with Marty and I needing a fishing license. Heading out to a friendly Meijer, the two of us dug deep into our wallets to come up with the

necessary funds to purchase a whopping one-day license. The person behind the register asked if we wanted one for the entire year, but I figured if I hadn't done this in 40 years, the chances of doing it again anytime soon were pretty remote.

Well, off we went to Anchor Bay to climb aboard commander, or cruise director, better make that Neptune Charters skipper Roger Doyle's Little Dutch II.

The trip was delayed for about an hour — if only the Skipper and Gilligan would have done the same — while intense thunderstorms moved out of the area. Once we ventured out, the seven-mile cruise was refreshing.

With Roger closing in on the site where the "fish were really biting" earlier in the day on a previous charter, he promptly cut the engines and it was time for us to "fish on."

"Grab a pole" were the initial instructions, followed closely by "bait the hooks."

"Bait the what? And with what?" were a couple responses.

Little minnows was the eventual answer. After struggling with the little guy and sending him off to catch me a — er, marlin — a little wager was initiated on who would catch the first fish.

Now we're talking, a little initiative to catch a fish. My biggest concern was when

would I know I even had a catch?

"The bend at the end of the pole," other voices chimed in. "When you see that, give it a little tug."

"Aye, aye," I said.

Five, 10, 20, 30 minutes, maybe an eternity, passed by before any of us felt that "tug."

But when we did, it was yours truly reeling in a line.

Wow! How exciting! My first fish! What could be on the other end?

"Smallmouth bass," someone quipped.

"Hey, way to go. Good job," the rest of the crew chimed in.

Well, as quickly as I thought I was king, I turned back to feeling like a pauper when that prize catch, at least for me, was thrown back into the water.

"Too small and, by the way, the eating isn't so good," were the words I remembered as the little guy was swimming away.

All of a sudden, this wasn't too much fun.

But our enjoyment and fortunes did turn around as we combined to snare some perch and larger smallmouth bass. Time raced by, and I'm sure so did the fish, as darkness was descending on the open waters. What was once weeks of anticipation was about to become a memory.

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Repeat champions: The Canton Devil Rays collected their second-straight title, winning the Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association's 12-year old championship. The Devil Rays beat the A's 8-7 in the championship game, thanks to a six-run rally in the sixth, highlighted by Andy Larson's three-run homer. The Devil Rays finished with a 14-3 record. Team members are: (front row, from left) Jeff Jendrusik, Brian Phillips, Matt Kenison, Joe Maltese, Pat Goulet; (second row, from left) coach Tony Jablonski, Andy Larson, Andy Barylski, manager Joe Malten, David Jablonski, Ryan Brown, coach Alan Porter. Not pictured: Torik Khasawneh, Brett Porter.

World Series champs



The division winners: The Athletics won their division in the CCJBSA. Team members are: (seated) Kristi Durkin; (first row, from left) Lauren Mooradian, Caitlyn Brunett, Brianna Jenkins, Sondra Plante, Amy Bondy; (middle row, from left) Brooke Byars, Lauren Stanley, Kristin Warnick, Stephanie Sadek, Dana Storey, Madison Wilburn, Megan Quintan, Chelsea Osburn; (back row, from left) coach Dave Durkin, coach Paul Storey, manager Russ Warnick.

Tournament champs



Diamondbacks win division: The Diamondbacks were CCJBSA Tournament champs. Team members are: (first row, from left) Jordan Puskas, Elizabeth McLoud, Jaclyn Nagel, Rachel Katz, Jill Brennan, Nicole Rago; (second row, from left) manager Lori Brennan, Abby Paintz, Sammy Schaeffler, Jessica Feldscher, Erin Bodine, Michelle Burke, Chelsea Bitter, Hannah Dillon, coach Annette Schaeffler.

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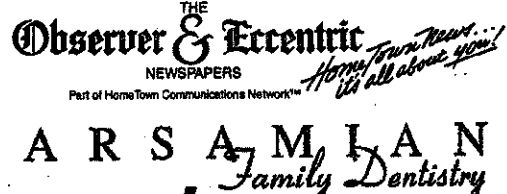
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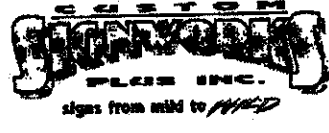
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NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

Admire large adult insects before they die

Most people are familiar with large insects like mantids, grasshoppers, crickets and walking sticks, but we only become aware of their presence in late summer and fall.

These insects are too small most of the summer to be recognized. Finally, about now, they are big enough for us to notice them.

Mantids are very recognizable insects. Those large forelegs are modified for catching other insects. Their large size, up to about 4 inches, allows them to catch a wide variety of insects.

This is when female mantids lay their egg masses on any kind of convenient object. Adults will only live until it gets cold. Their egg mass survive the winter.

In spring, tiny mantids emerge with voracious appetites and start growing.

By late summer, those that survived the summer are big enough to spot in your garden. I've enjoyed some in our raspberry bushes, in fields and even on my screen door.

Michigan sports two species of mantids, both introduced from Europe. Some individuals are green, while others are brown.

Color doesn't designate species or sex. It's just a variation. One study discovered that green individuals were seen twice as often as brown individuals.

Not too distantly related to the mantids are the walking sticks.

Probably as recognizable as the praying mantis, walking sticks look like their name. Their long, narrow legs and body resemble twigs. North American walking sticks are small compared to tropical species that reach lengths of 10-12 inches.

Only four species are found in the Great Lakes region. They reach lengths of 4-5 inches.

Unlike the praying mantis, walking sticks are strictly plant eaters. In late summer they are often at the tops of trees eating leaves.

Young walking sticks emerge from eggs laid by adults, which were allowed to drop to the ground the previous summer.

Some eggs may not hatch until the second summer after being laid. Depending on when the eggs hatch, weather conditions and food availability, it may take up to two years for the adults to mature.

Now is the time when walking sticks are large enough for us to notice. Periodically these masters of camouflage get dislodged from their treetop hideout and come down where we can see.

In spring, the spring field cricket can be seen as an adult size black cricket, but in fall, the fall field cricket is the large black cricket chirping in the backyard.

The fall field cricket has been developing from eggs that hatched in spring. Tiny fall field crickets are too small to notice until they mature and start to sing. They have always been around, just not showy enough to be detected.

A similar development occurs in the short-horned grasshoppers. They, too, hatch from eggs in spring that were buried last fall.

Unless you get down into the field grasses and look carefully, or sweep the grasses with an insect net, these developing grasshoppers go unnoticed.

In late summer however, walk the trail in a field and you will likely flush colorful winged grasshoppers in front of you several times.

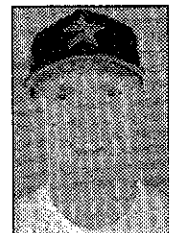
At first glance they resemble a butterfly, but closer examination reveals they are grasshoppers.

The short life of these insects through the warm months culminates in mating and insuring the species will survive another year. Enjoy the large adults before they die.

Tom Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence Oaks park in Oakland County.

Wiffle Ball is a hit with backyard enthusiasts

GUEST COLUMNIST



CHAD LOCKWOOD

What started as an amusing recreational activity played in my back yard during my son's first birthday party, has become a serious athletic event.

After playing just a few innings, we all discovered what a blast the game of Wiffle Ball truly is, even though most of us are in our mid-20s. The sound and feel of a plastic bat smashing the ball is oh so sweet.

Shortly after our first exhibition game, rules were established and a league was formed. We call it the Hartland Wiffle Ball League. Currently there are 10 members who each have their own "team." Each member of the league chose a Major League franchise to represent and were then encouraged to purchase a ball cap of their team.

One against another

Each scheduled game pits one team against another. The team scheduled to play is led by an "owner" who serves as the captain and pitcher of that game. To fill out the rosters, all other players become free agents for the day, and are picked alternately to make the teams complete. Each squad is composed of three to five players.

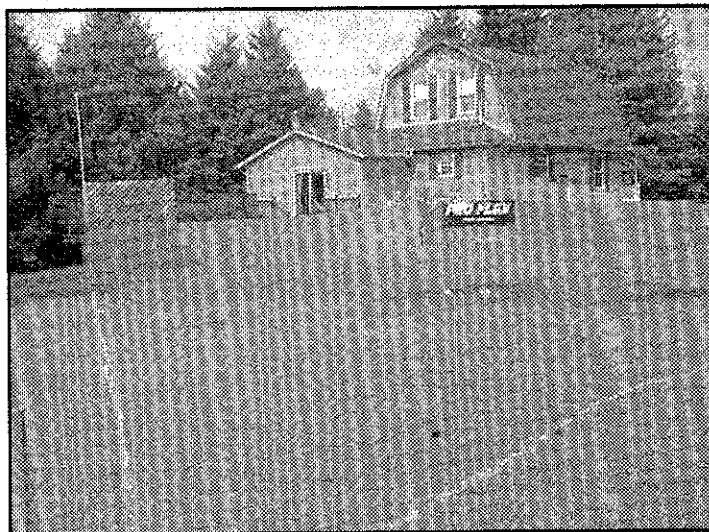
Wiffle Ball is played just like baseball except for a few minor differences. Throwing the ball at runners in an attempt to get them out is legal. A target three feet behind home plate is the strike zone, which makes it easy to judge balls and strikes. It is a 3-foot by 4-foot piece of plywood with a hole cut out 12 inches from the bottom. The hole is 22 inches wide and 30 inches tall. Any ball that goes through the hole is a strike. The pitcher can pitch as fast or as slow as he chooses and can deliver it anyway he desires. Because of the eight slotted holes on one side of the ball, anyone can throw wicked sliders or sick curveballs. Other pitches used are the sinker and the feared riser.

Pass the shovel handle

We use several different bats in our league. Most models are derived from the original skinny, yellow Wiffle Ball bat. To juice up our bats we have added water, foam insulation, and duct tape. Also, longer bats have been constructed by cutting the handles off the original bats and inserting old shovel handles or broomsticks. We then tape the whole bat back up, which gives the batter a better chance of blasting a home run.

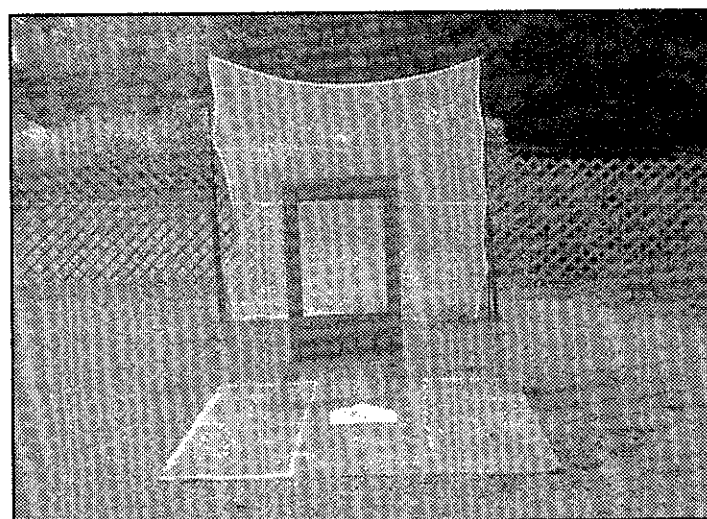
After a few weeks of playing, I decided the field in my back yard needed further development. To give my field a

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PHOTOS BY CHAD LOCKWOOD

Field of dreams: Chad Lockwood has turned his back yard into a Wiffle Ball "stadium" complete with green plywood outfield fences. Below is Lockwood's backstop. If a pitched ball goes through the hole in the plywood it's a strike.



more realistic feel, an eight-foot section in left field known as the "Green Monster" was built out of lattice skirting. Shortly after that, I replaced the orange snow fence that originally stood as the outfield wall, with nine sheets of green-painted plywood to create a replica of Boston's Fenway Park. I also constructed a scoreboard, complete with each team's logo.

Falling in love

Everyone in our league has fallen in love with the game of Wiffle Ball. The guys love the competition and try to see who can rack up the highest stats, which are compiled and calculated on an Excel spreadsheet. The girls like it because it gives them a chance to get together and share some laughs. I never would have guessed that a former childhood pastime would be so much fun.

Chad Lockwood is a resident of Hartland but works at E & E Manufacturing Co. in Plymouth. He can be e-mailed at lockwood@michigan.connect.com

Bowling centers exchanging wooden lanes for synthetics

TEN PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

Diamonds are forever. Everything else has to be replaced at some time.

That is certainly the case for our good old bowling lanes. Wood wears out with time and use. Then every two years or so, the wooden lanes require resurfacing, an arduous process that involves much sanding, and more loss of surface. Some of the wood lanes we are still bowling on have been in service for 40 or more years.

There comes a time when they are no longer serviceable, and here comes Brunswick or AMF with their new high-tech permanent lanes. As Jim Hamlin, the proprietor of Country Lanes in Farmington noted, his resurfacing man told him maybe five more years. Hamlin would then be faced with the choice of wood lane replacements or synthetics, such as Brunswick's Anvilanes. "My resurfacing man is retiring," says Hamlin. "There are very few left who can do the job well."

The logical choice is synthetic lanes, for they require little if any maintenance. The downside of synthetic lanes is the greater cost. Once in, however, the yearly maintenance is almost nil. Ken Lauterbach, the Brunswick sales representative, said there are 30 houses in this area that have already installed the new Anvi-

Some of the bowling centers in and around Observerland with Anvilanes are: Wayne Bowl, Mayflower Lanes (Redford), Cherry Hill Lanes (Dearborn Heights), 300 Bowl (Waterford), Plum Hollow Lanes (Southfield), Westland Bowl, Hartfield lanes (Berkley), Cherry Hill North (Clarkston) and the 74 lanes at Thunderbowl in Allen Park.

lanes, with another four having had the earlier version set in place. There are several more scheduled for this year. And, of course, AMF also has its version in some spots including Town and Country Lanes in Westland.

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As an added feature, Anvilanes can be installed with a "glow" feature, to be used in conjunction with Cosmic Bowling, so the lanes will glow in a variety of incandescent colors during these special events.

According to Lauterbach, "The lane markings in these lanes make targeting easier, and overall, the ball reaction is a lot more consistent than with ordinary wood. The approaches are also much smoother and less likely to cause any sticking at the line."

The legendary Johnny Petraglia says, "Downlane markings provide

better tracking points for bowlers of all skill levels. High-performance players can measure break and adjust to changing oil conditions. Intermediate bowlers can find a better road map to the strike zone and a better path to spare conversions. And beginners can aim at bowling zones created by the distinct board lines (a great training tool)."

The bowling industry adopted the aiming system of arrows and dots in 1937. Now in this new century, it is starting to provide a better system for aiming and tracking the shots.

If you are in a house with wooden lanes, the lanes are probably still in good condition and they may still go several years before replacement is necessary. When that time comes, you can be fairly certain that the new surfaces will be the synthetic lanes, regardless of which manufacturer supplies and installs them.

If you are a proprietor, the bottom line is all-important to consider, and when all is said and done, over the long term, you should look into synthetic lanes. With the minimal cost of upkeep, you will be come out ahead of the game - and so will your bowlers.

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ACTIVITIES

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BASS TOURNAMENT

The 2000 Top Bass Tournament will be held at various sites throughout the summer months. The schedule is as follows: Lake St. Helen, Aug. 19; and Wixom Lake, Aug. 26-27. Guaranteed payoffs will be awarded with amounts determined by the number of entries. For more information, call (734) 729-1762 or (734) 422-5813.

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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.

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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.

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.

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The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843.

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The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863.

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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 Avenue, east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410.

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four earned runs on six hits. Ted Fletcher came on to pitch the next 3 1/2 innings, allowing just one run on four hits before giving way to McCloskey.

The right-hander, a pickup from the Lake Michigan Area Rams, gave up just two hits, walked three and fanned three.

Maryland State led 5-2 after two innings and 6-4 after five before Livonia rallied with four in the seventh and one in the eighth.

"It came down to our bullpen and those guys did a great job,"

George said. "Our guys kept scrapping and scrapping. They played hard."

Right fielder Spencer Hynes (Oakland University) had three of Livonia's 10 hits. Don Watchowski and Roger Wechter each contributed two hits.

Andrezjak came through with a two-run homer on a 2-0 pitch in the seventh, his first hit of the tourney.

Reliever Doug Sherry was the losing pitcher, allowing four runs (two earned) on seven hits.

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DeBoy, David Harris, and Thomas Bednarcuyk each had two hits for Maryland State.

For the tournament, Wechter, the left fielder, led the way with a .545 batting average (6-for-11 with six walks). Hynes hit .500 (7-for-14), while Watchowski had two homers and five RBI.

On Friday, George, the former Madonna University men's baseball coach, said "eight to 10 players" are eligible to come back next summer.

"I'd say right now it's 60-40 I'm coming back," George said.

Madonna from page B1

region player at Mott, "she gives us another offensive option," Abraham said. And Frecko is a "good all-around player" with strong athletic abilities who could develop into a major contributor.

Among the freshmen recruits, two that should be instant contributors are Amanda Suder, a 5-6 outside hitter from Plymouth Salem, and 5-10 middle hitter Kate LeBlanc, from Livonia Stevenson. Suder was easily the best player on a Salem squad that advanced to the Division I quarterfinals.

"She was one of the area's best players," said Abraham. "She'll contribute immediately on defense. She fits right in our style."

As for LeBlanc, Abraham said, "I knew she'd be a good player,

but she's progressing faster than I thought. She's versatile; she can play outside hitter or middle hitter. She gives us depth. She just needs to get adjusted to the college game."

A third all-Observer player recruited by Abraham, 5-11 outside hitter Tera Morrill, from Livonia Franklin, injured her knee last spring and is going through rehabilitation. That has progressed faster than anticipated, however, and she could conceivably play this season.

The one freshmen recruit coming from outside Observerland is 5-6 outside hitter Denise Gallagher, from Honolulu. Abraham said she's "very experienced" and, like her freshmen counterparts, she could be a vital factor before season's end.

So what's it all mean? Will Madonna again be the team to beat in the WHAC?

When a coach is questioned about possible weaknesses and his reply is "We don't have a lot of experienced depth at the outside hitter spots. And there's not a lot of size. It's not a weakness, it's just an area that needs to be addressed" — well, that hardly rates as a problem.

Yes, Cornerstone is still a concern, but unless something weird happens, it seems that come November, Madonna is a better bet to be atop the WHAC than Bush is to be atop the polls.

The Crusaders have their annual alumni match at 7 p.m. Thursday at Madonna. They open their season Aug. 25-26 at the Fort Lewis Skyhawk Invitational in Durango, Colo.

Football from page B1

Moundros. "I want to get better and I want to contribute — at least push the other two guys in front of me and make them work harder."

"When they know someone is working behind them, they'll work harder. It doesn't matter if it's the scout team or a starter." Moundros — a 6-2, 227-pound

junior — saw most of his time on the kickoff team, missing just three games (Michigan State, Illinois and Indiana) because of a neck injury.

However, he did play fullback in two games — Rice and Northwestern — and even caught a pass for nine yards against the Wildcats. And heading into the

season, Moundros is listed as the No. 3 fullback on the depth chart behind B.J. Askew and David Armstrong.

"B.J.'s the starter... he blocks well and runs well," said Moundros. "Dave's strictly a blocking back. If something happens to B.J. — God forbid — we'll see what happens."

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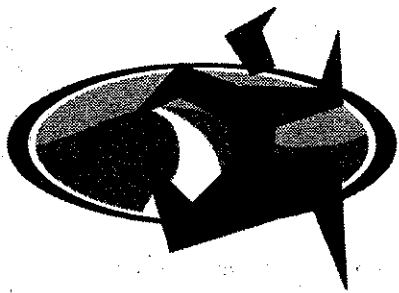
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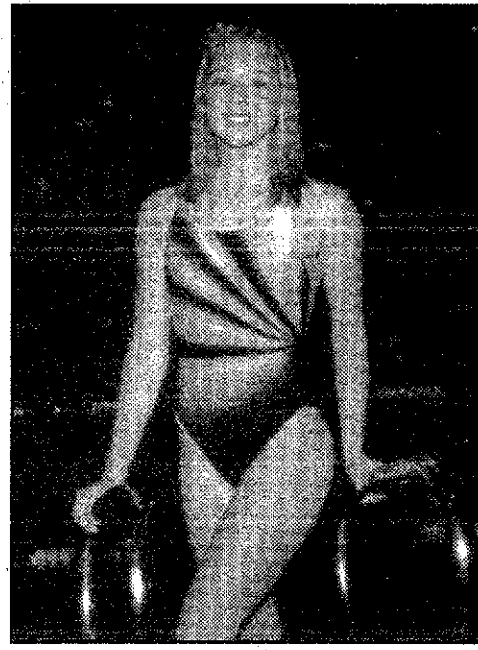
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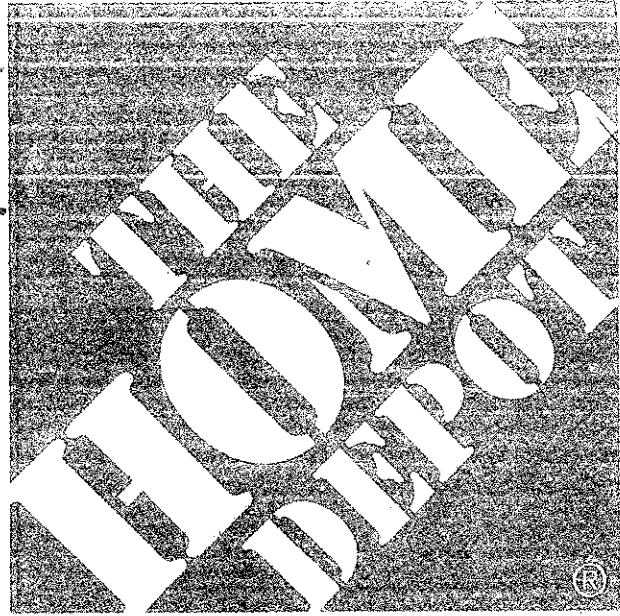
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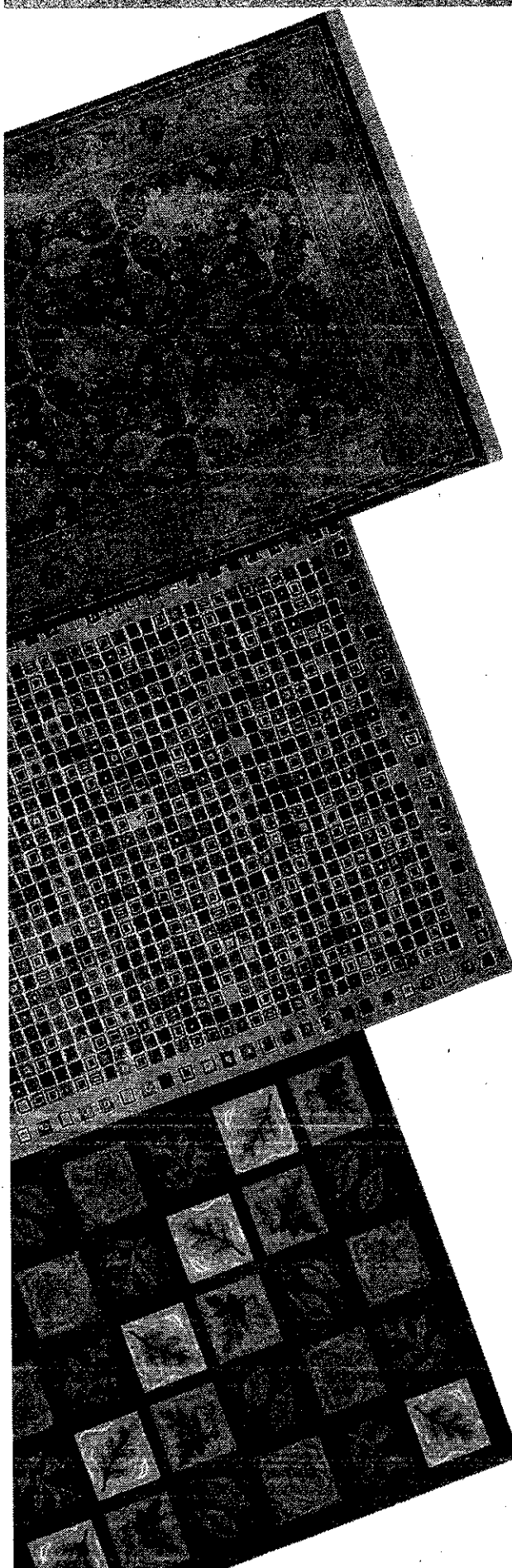
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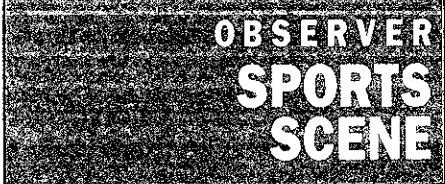
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Observer stars stick with it at U-M



Hole-in-one

Craig Fleming of Plymouth got a hole-in-one at the Woodlands Golf Course in Van Buren Township, acing the 126-yard fifth hole on Aug. 3. The 55-year-old Fleming used an eight-iron to get his ace.

Award-winner

Nick Cabauatan, who will be entering his junior year at Plymouth Canton HS, earned the Nu-Station Award at the Five Star Basketball Camp in Pittsburgh.

Cabauatan, who will be entering his third year on Canton's varsity basketball team, was also runner-up for the Top Guard in Camp Award. A total of 375 players from all over the country participated in the camp.

Fail Dekhockey

Fall League registration is currently on-going at the Michigan Dekhockey Center, located on Michigan 2.2 miles west of I-275. Players of all ages are invited to play.

Each player gets 10 games, two practices and a youth jersey. Every player also makes the playoffs. Players seven-years-old and over may register in the house league for in-line hockey. For those 12-and-over, a select program is also offered.

Select program players can pre-register a team with a minimum of nine and a maximum of 15 players.

House league players will be rated, evaluated and put into a draft. Coaches will select players for each team.

Registration for Dekhockey, also known as street hockey and played in running shoes, is also underway. House leagues are offered for players four-years-old and over.

Senior Dek divisions offer registration for teams and/or individuals. Teams must have a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 18 players. Players in Senior Divisions in both Dek and In-line Hockey will be placed in leagues or on teams that match the players skills and abilities.

For further information, call the Michigan Dekhockey Center at (734) 397-8900.

Fastpitch softball

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association will have tryouts for girls fastpitch softball for its 2001 season from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday at McClumpha Park.

Girls wishing to play 10-and-under and 12-and-under should come at 3:30 p.m.; those wishing to play 14-and-under and 16-and-under should come at 4:30 p.m.; and those wishing to play 18-and-under should come at 5:30 p.m.

Also: Coaches are needed at all levels, in particular 10-and-under. For more information, call Harry Hill at (734) 453-3769.

Baseball tryouts

The Michigan Indians 14-year-old baseball team, a USSSA World Series participant, will have tryouts for its 2001 squad at 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 26-27, at Plymouth's Massey Field, located at Plymouth and Haggerty roads.

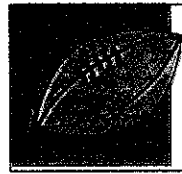
There are no residency requirements. Players must have a birth date on or after Aug. 1, 1986. For more information, call Bruce Price at (734) 453-9180.

The Ann Arbor Mustangs travel baseball teams will have tryouts for its spring 2001 squads on Sunday, Aug. 20. For 13-and-unders, call Bob Cleary at (734) 930-6966; for 14-and-unders, call Mike Nadeau at (734) 429-8493.

The Downriver Braves 14-and-under team will have tryouts for its 2001 season in September. The Braves finished the 2000 season with a 77-7 record and qualified for six different World Series, placing ninth in the AAU World Series.

Players can't turn 15 before Aug. 1, 2001. For more information, call Cris Hansen at (313) 292-4798.

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



It's not easy making it in big-time football. For guys like Joe Sgroi and Kirk Moundros, getting a chance to play for the University of Michigan is the chance of a lifetime — one that is worth grabbing.

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
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Walk-ons in college football are usually the equivalent of tackling dummies.

They are cheap, expendable and their basic job is to help the other players to get better without getting them hurt.

But every once in a while, things go the right way — the hard work and effort get noticed and rewarded.

That's what happened with North Farmington grad Kirk Moundros, and could happen to Catholic Central's Joe

Sgroi. Both walked on at the University of Michigan. Both paid their dues during the course of the 1998 season.

The payoff for both came during 1999, seeing a lot of special teams play, with Moundros also seeing time as fullback.

And both hope to have their role with the Wolverines continue to grow.

"I like to contribute as much as possible," said Sgroi, a Plymouth native who graduated from CC in 1998. "I just want to be on the field. Whether it is the punt (team), extra points or anything else, whatever I can do to help the team, I'll do."

Sgroi played in 10 games last season

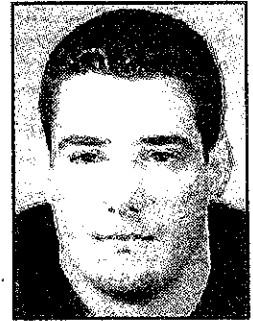
— missing just the Notre Dame and Rice contests. He's listed as a linebacker, but at 5-11, 204 pounds, he's a little undersized to play that spot in the Big Ten. However, he's perfectly suited for his specialty — long snapper.

"Maybe I am a little undersized for center," said Sgroi with a smile during Friday's media day at Michigan Stadium. "But my job is to get down field rather than protect the punter. I'm better down field than the bigger guys."

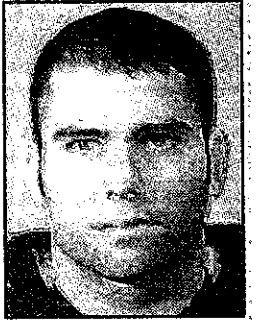
Sgroi stated that case last year as he had one solo tackle, two assists and forced a fumble against Northwestern. This year, he enters the season as No. 1 on the depth chart.

"There's still a lot of competition for the spot," said Sgroi. "It's good so far, but as long as it helps the team, that's what matters."

Moundros spent most of his time on



Joe Sgroi
Plymouth resident



Kirk Moundros
North Farmington grad

special teams in 1999 as well, but unlike Sgroi, saw some time at fullback and was awarded a scholarship by head coach Lloyd Carr just before last season.

"My attitude is a lot like Joe's," said

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Watch out!

Crusaders have championship stuff

BY C.J. RISAK
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Like any coach in any sport, when Madonna University volleyball coach Jerry Abraham says, "I'm very excited about this group here," you're immediately reaction is that it must be taken for what it is: a slight overdose of pre-season optimism.

Then you start examining what he's got coming back. Yeah, there are losses.

But those additions — and suddenly you realize that even when Abraham says, "I think we're a better team than last year. We're more seasoned, more confident" — well, he may indeed be snowballing you, but not with an overabundance of optimism.

He may be downplaying the situation.

Make no mistake. The Crusaders are loaded.

As for the reliability of sources, with Abraham — the only volleyball coach in Madonna's history — 40-win seasons are almost expected. He called 1999 "one of my worst seasons."

Well record-wise, maybe it was. After all, the Lady Crusaders were "only" 29-14 overall. And they did have to share the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference crown with Cornerstone College, both posting 11-1 records.

If you believe that's a bad season, then you'd also think George Bush would make a good president.

Anyway, as Abraham did add, "There were a lot of highlights, too." One that can't be overstated was his coaching. What Madonna didn't have last season was a lot of depth (just 11 players), and when injuries struck — setter Jennie Wind, now a junior, and senior outside hitter Erin Cunningham both missed matches — he had to scramble to find replacements.

Then late in the season freshman setter Jen Wing left the team, wreaking more havoc. Still, the Crusaders played on, and played well.

Those kinds of problems shouldn't reoccur this season. The strong recruiting class Abraham has delivered should see to that.

But first the leaders: Three seniors who have a total of eight starting seasons between them.

At the top of the list is 5-foot-11 middle hitter All-American Brandy Malewski, a Redford Thurston graduate. The two-time all-conference player led Madonna in kills (603, with a .496 kill percentage) and blocking (158 solos, 575 total) and was third in digs (566).

Then there's 6-1 outside hitter Kelly Artymovich, who was third on the team in kills (287, .260 percentage), second in digs (598) and fourth in blocks (211). Cunningham, who played less than half the season, totaled 155 kills (.303 percentage). All three will share the team captaincy.

"They're real leaders on the floor," said Abraham. "They lead by example. They have a great work ethic. All three despise losing."

An impressive group to build around, but by no means is that all. Indeed, the recruits Abraham has coming in mean "competition is fierce" for playing time.

Also back from last season is 6-0 junior setter Jennie Wind, a Birmingham Groves graduate who paced Madonna with an 8.94 assists-to-kills per game average. She also had 132 blocks.

Other key returnees are 5-10 junior outside hitter Marylu Hemme, a Plymouth native and Livonia Ladywood graduate who led Madonna in service aces (77) and digs (620); 6-1 junior



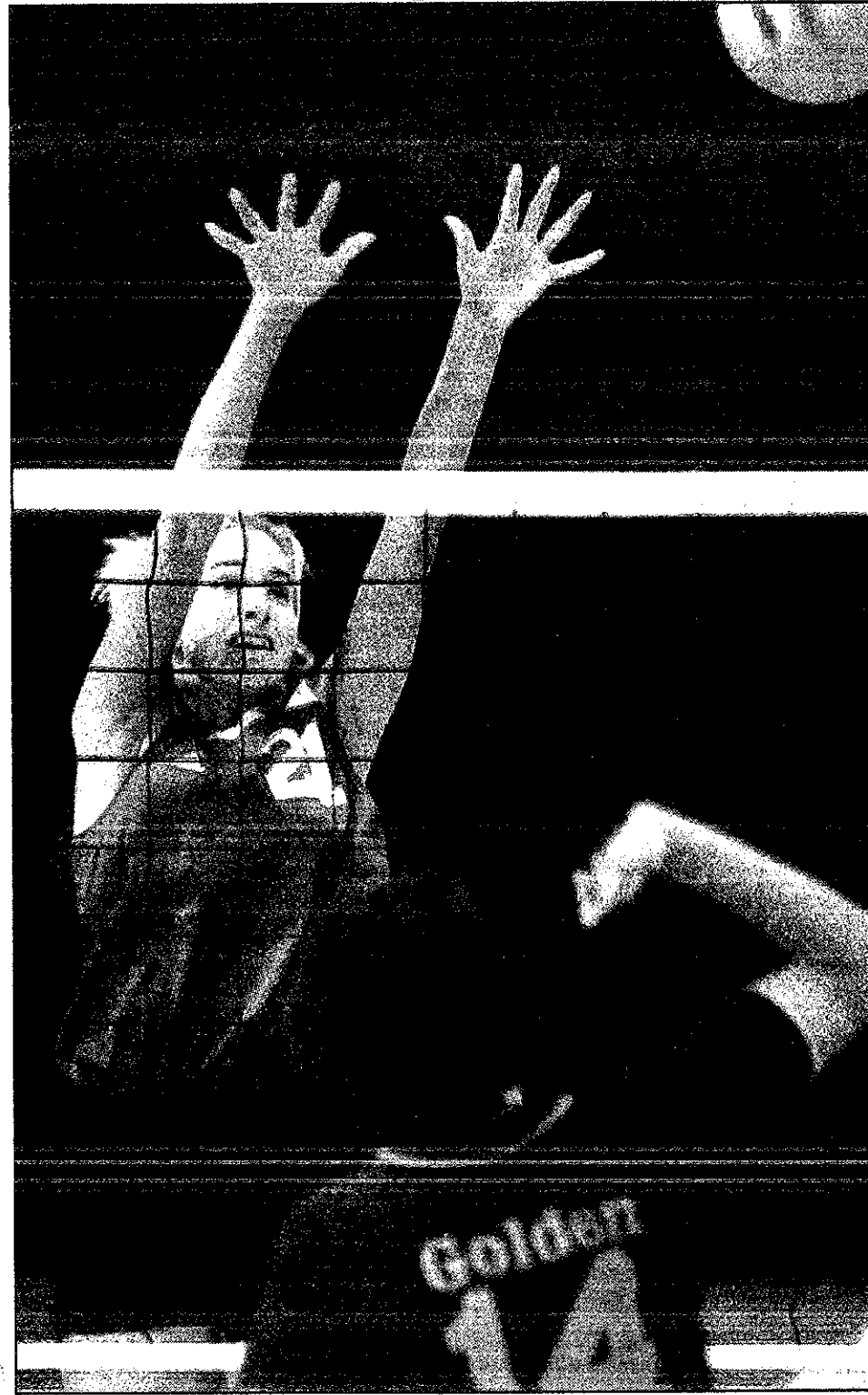
Kate LeBlanc
Stevenson middle hitter



Amanda Suder
Salem defensive ace



Tera Morrill
former Franklin star



Top hitter: Brandy Malewski has been a top-notch player at the net for Madonna throughout her career, earning NAIA All-American honors last season.

middle hitter Donna Birkenhiever, who was third in blocks (309) and fourth in kills (209, .285 percentage); and 6-foot sophomore middle hitter Hayley Myers, who filled in well as a freshman and has shown marked improvement this year.

Now for the recruits. If there was a concern last season, it was the team's overall passing ability. It won't be a problem this year, Abraham said. "It's improved 100 percent," he said. "Four of the players we brought in are all good passers."

Three junior college transfers figure to help the Crusaders immediately: 5-10 junior outside hitter Jennifer Frost,

from Mott CC and Saginaw; 5-8 junior setter Natalie Sayre, from Grand Rapids CC; and 5-7 sophomore outside hitter Elizabeth Freesco, from Laredo (Texas) CC.

According to Abraham, Sayre was "one of the top players in her region." She will challenge Wind for playing time at setter. "She's still developing, but she's quick," said Abraham. "She just has to learn our players and get comfortable with our plays."

Frost is left-handed and should help fill the vacancy created by Uballo's graduation. An all-conference and all-

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BASEBALL

It's all over: D.C. knocks out DCI, 2-0

Decision Consultants, Inc. was eliminated by three-time defending champion Washington, D.C., 2-0, in the All-American Amateur Baseball Association (20-and-under) Tournament Thursday afternoon at Roxbury Field in Johnstown, Pa.

DCI, champions of the Livonia Collegiate Division of the Adray Metro Baseball Association, finished the summer 23-11 overall and 2-2 in the AAABA nationals.

Right-hander Grant Smith pitched seven scoreless innings to keep DCI off the scoreboard. He scattered four hits and five walks before giving way to left-hander Dustin Atkins, who pitched a scoreless eighth, followed by right-hander Mike McGirr, who earned the save in the ninth.

The three pitchers, however, combined for just four strikeouts.

"We hit balls right at guys," DCI manager Mike George said. "We had bases loaded in the second and came up empty, and had two on the eighth. We just didn't get the timely hit."

Catcher Matt Deuchler's solo homer off DCI starter Shawn Morrison (Western Michigan University) in the top of the eighth inning broke the scoreless deadlock.

Washington added an insurance run in the ninth.

Morrison went 8½ innings, giving up seven hits and three walks. Jason Popham finished up.

Chris Kimball, Mike Sokol, Roger Wechter, Tim Andrezejak and Spencer Hynes had the lone hits for DCI.

Marc Tugwell and Matt Hagen each collected two hits for Washington.

"Had we won this game we would have gone back to the top of our rotation — Popham and David Wampler — and we would have been in pretty good shape," George said. "We made a good run in this tournament. We got down to the final five."

As of Thursday, New Orleans was the only undefeated team left in the 16-team, double-elimination field.

Washington, Baltimore, Buffalo and host Johnstown each had one loss.

"This is the third year in a row we've been here and we've been able to make a name for ourselves," George said. "We know sometimes the umpiring and fields leave something to be desired, but we know that going in. It was a good week and we met a lot of quality people."

A Livonia victory would have meant a game Friday night at Point Stadium against host Johnstown.

"There would have been 4,000-plus out there, but we're going home," George said.

On Wednesday, the University of Michigan's Brad McCloskey pitched four scoreless innings of relief to earn the victory to propel DCI past Maryland State, 9-6.

DCI starter Bobby Lindsay, fighting and inner ear infection, lasted just 1½ innings, allowed

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This lure landed 2 novice fishermen — who'll be back

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



BILL PARKER

"I went fishing with my dad once when I was a kid," said my friend and colleague Marty Budner, as we motored out onto Lake St. Clair's Anchor Bay recently for some small-mouth bass

action. "But we really didn't catch anything." Such is the case with many one-time anglers. They give it a try, don't have any luck and file the trip in their memory banks as something that was sort of fun, but really more boring than anything. In an effort to substantiate a claim I've been making for years to my colleagues at the Observer & Eccentric about the thrill and

excitement of fishing, I chartered a fishing trip on Lake St. Clair with Neptune Charters and Capt. Roger Doyle aboard the 27-foot Little Dutch II.

Marty, the sports editor for the Birmingham and Southfield editions of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, and Jim Toth, sports editor for the Rochester and Troy editions, joined my brother-in-law Don Wrathell, our good friend Jeff Essenberg and myself on a recent afternoon smallmouth charter on the bass-infested waters of Lake St. Clair. I'm a firm believer that to really understand a sport you have to be a participant. Heck, I went golfing once, shot a 70-something if I remember correctly. Had a pretty good time too, until I lost my last ball on the ninth and final hole.

As veteran sports editors I'd decided long ago that Marty and Jim, a couple experienced golf



The prize: Sports editors Marty Budner (left) and Jim Toth proudly display their catches.

and softball aficionados, were overdue to experience the thrill of doing battle with a feisty, bodacious bass.

We met at the lake, and after waiting out a passing thunderstorm motored out onto Anchor Bay in anticipation of some of the hottest smallmouth bass fishing in the world.

Drifting over weedy clumps in seven to 10 feet of water, it didn't take long for the action to

begin. Jim took "first-fish" honors (and a couple bucks from the rest of the crew, I might add) when a plump 16-inch smallie inhaled the golden shiner he was offering as bait.

During the next four hours the action bounced back and forth between good and great. Using eight-pound test monofilament our lines were rigged with a three-way swivel, a drop sinker

on a 12-inch leader, and a No. 8 hook on an 18-inch leader. With such a presentation, it's was easy to catch a smorgasbord of fish. Several mombro rockbass came to the boat as well as a half-dozen yellow perch. But the smallmouth are what made the trip.

"Holy cow, this thing is really pulling hard," exclaimed Marty, seconds before a feisty 18-incher exploded out of the water like a bronze missile.

We managed to land over 20 fish including a huge, 21 1/2-inch smallie, which qualified Jeff for a Master Angler patch — Master Angler, 21-inch smallmouth.

The trip came to an end as the sun began to fade. As we motored back into the harbor the smiles on the faces of all the anglers told the story.

"This is great," Jim said. "I'll definitely do it again."

I think they're hooked!

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JIM TOTH

I may not be the most daring person, but shy or afraid have rarely been a part of my vocabulary.

I've been fortunate to experience quite a bit in my 40-plus years, but one that had eluded me until very recently was an activity that nearly everyone has tried at least once in their lifetime.

Fishing!

Now the closest I ever got to fishing, before this unforgettable experience, was ordering the fisherman's platter at my favorite seafood restaurant or purchasing some salmon or orange roughly at the neighborhood grocery store.

Well, I finally wound up on one end of the pole as myself, co-worker Marty Budner, O&E outdoors writer Bill Parker and his friends Jeff Essenberg and Don Wrathell journeyed out on a four-hour excursion on the waters of Lake St. Clair. Now, it wasn't exactly the S.S. Minnow and there were no movie stars or millionaires aboard, but I did get the feeling that any one of us could handle the role of Gilligan.

The adventure began mid-afternoon with Marty and I needing a fishing license. Heading out to a friendly Meijer, the two of us dug deep into our wallets to come up with the

necessary funds to purchase a whopping one-day license. The person behind the register asked if we wanted one for the entire year, but I figured if I hadn't done this in 40 years, the chances of doing it again anytime soon were pretty remote.

Well, off we went to Anchor Bay to climb aboard commander, er cruise director, better make that Neptune Charters skipper Roger Doyle's Little Dutch II.

The trip was delayed for about an hour — if only the Skipper and Gilligan would have done the same — while intense thunderstorms moved out of the area. Once we ventured out, the seven-mile cruise was refreshing.

With Roger closing in on the site where the "fish were really biting" earlier in the day on a previous charter, he promptly cut the engines and it was time for us to "fish on."

"Grab a pole" were the initial instructions, followed closely by "bait the hooks."

"Bait the what? And with what?" were a couple responses.

Little minnows was the eventual answer. After struggling with the little guy and sending him off to catch me a — er, marlin — a little wager was initiated on who would catch the first fish.

Now we're talking, a little initiative to catch a fish. My biggest concern was when

would I know I even had a catch?

"The bend at the end of the pole," other voices chimed in. "When you see that, give it a little tug."

"Aye, aye," I said.

Five, 10, 20, 30 minutes, maybe an eternity, passed by before any of us felt that "tug."

But when we did, it was yours truly reeling in a line.

Wow! How exciting! My first fish! What could be on the other end?

"Smallmouth bass," someone quipped.

"Hey, way to go. Good job," the rest of the crew chimed in.

Well, as quickly as I thought I was king, I turned back to feeling like a pauper when that prize catch, at least for me, was thrown back into the water.

"Too small and, by the way, the eating isn't so good," were the words I remembered as the little guy was swimming away.

All of a sudden, this wasn't too much fun.

But our enjoyment and fortunes did turn around as we combined to snare some perch and larger smallmouth bass. Time raced by, and I'm sure so did the fish, as darkness was descending on the open waters. What was once weeks of anticipation was about to become a memory.

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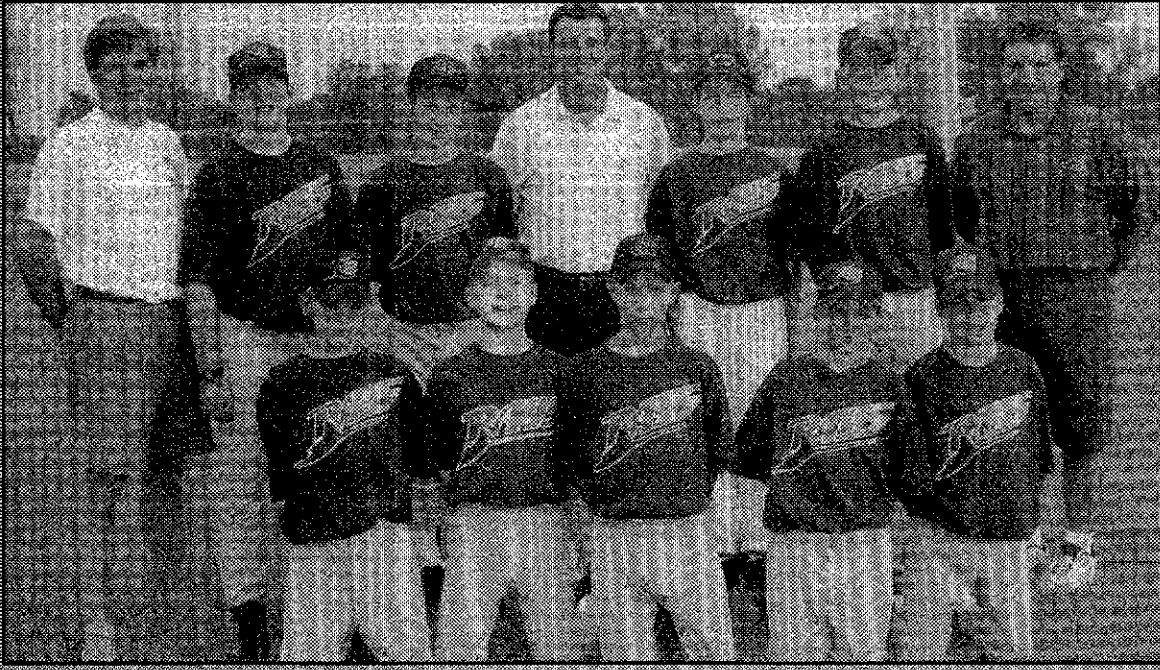
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Repeat champions: The Canton Devil Rays collected their second-straight title, winning the Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association's 12-year old championship. The Devil Rays beat the A's 8-7 in the championship game, thanks to a six-run rally in the sixth, highlighted by Andy Larson's three-run homer. The Devil Rays finished with a 14-3 record. Team members are: (front row, from left) Jeff Jendrusik, Brian Phillips, Matt Kenison, Joe Maltese, Pat Goulet; (second row, from left) coach Tony Jablonski, Andy Larson, Andy Barylski, manager Joe Malten, David Jablonski, Ryan Brown, coach Alan Porter. Not pictured: Tarik Khasawneh, Brett Porter.

World Series champs



The division winners: The Athletics won their division in the CCJBSA. Team members are: (seated) Kristi Durkin; (first row, from left) Lauren Mooradian, Caitlyn Brunett, Brianna Jenkins, Sandra Plante, Amy Bondy; (middle row, from left) Brooke Byars, Lauren Stanley, Kristin Warnick, Stephanie Sadek, Dana Storey, Madison Wilburn, Megan Quinlan, Chelsea Osburn; (back row, from left) coach Dave Durkin, coach Paul Storey, manager Russ Warnick.

Tournament champs



Diamondbacks win division: The Diamondbacks were CCJBSA Tournament champs. Team members are: (first row, from left) Jordan Puskar, Elizabeth McCloud, Jaclyn Nagel, Rachel Kain, Jill Brennan, Nicole Rago; (second row, from left) manager Lori Brennan, Abby Paritz, Sammy Schaeffler, Jessica Feldecher, Erin Bodine, Michelle Burke, Chelsea Bitter, Hannah Dillon, coach Annette Schaeffler.

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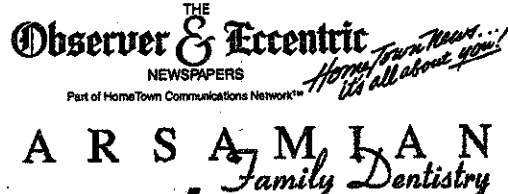
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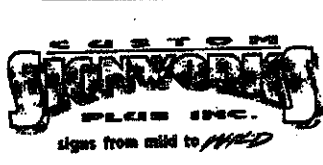
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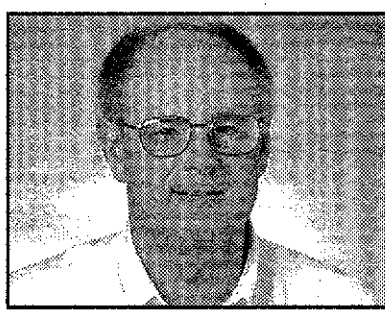
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NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

Admire large adult insects before they die

Most people are familiar with large insects like mantids, grasshoppers, crickets and walking sticks, but we only become aware of their presence in late summer and fall.

These insects are too small most of the summer to be recognized. Finally, about now, they are big enough for us to notice them.

Mantids are very recognizable insects. Those large forelegs are modified for catching other insects. Their large size, up to about 4 inches, allows them to catch a wide variety of insects.

This is when female mantids lay their egg masses on any kind of convenient object. Adults will only live until it gets cold. Their egg mass survive the winter.

In spring, tiny mantids emerge with voracious appetites and start growing.

By late summer, those that survived the summer are big enough to spot in your garden. I've enjoyed some in our raspberry bushes, in fields and even on my screen door.

Michigan sports two species of mantids, both introduced from Europe. Some individuals are green, while others are brown.

Color doesn't designate species or sex. It's just a variation. One study discovered that green individuals were seen twice as often as brown individuals.

Not too distantly related to the mantids are the walking sticks.

Probably as recognizable as the praying mantis, walking sticks look like their name. Their long, narrow legs and body resemble twigs. North American walking sticks are small compared to tropical species that reach lengths of 10-12 inches.

Only four species are found in the Great Lakes region. They reach lengths of 4-5 inches.

Unlike the praying mantis, walking sticks are strictly plant eaters. In late summer they are often at the tops of trees eating leaves.

Young walking sticks emerge from eggs laid by adults, which were allowed to drop to the ground the previous summer.

Some eggs may not hatch until the second summer after being laid. Depending on when the eggs hatch, weather conditions and food availability, it may take up to two years for the adults to mature.

Now is the time when walking sticks are large enough for us to notice. Periodically these masters of camouflage get dislodged from their treetop hideout and come down where we can see.

In spring, the spring field cricket can be seen as an adult size black cricket, but in fall, the fall field cricket is the large black cricket chirping in the backyard.

The fall field cricket has been developing from eggs that hatched in spring. Tiny fall field crickets are too small to notice until they mature and start to sing. They have always been around, just not showy enough to be detected.

A similar development occurs in the short-horned grasshoppers. They, too, hatch from eggs in spring that were buried last fall.

Unless you get down into the field grasses and look carefully, or sweep the grasses with an insect net, these developing grasshoppers go unnoticed.

In late summer however, walk the trail in a field and you will likely flush colorful winged grasshoppers in front of you several times.

At first glance they resemble a butterfly, but closer examination reveals they are grasshoppers.

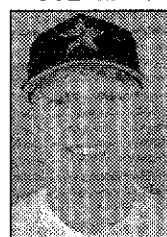
The short life of these insects through the warm months culminates in mating and insuring the species will survive another year.

Enjoy the large adults before they die.

Tom Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence Oaks park in Oakland County.

Wiffle Ball is a hit with backyard enthusiasts

GUEST COLUMNIST



CHAD LOCKWOOD

What started as an amusing recreational activity played in my back yard during my son's first birthday party, has become a serious athletic event.

After playing just a few innings, we all discovered what a blast the game of Wiffle Ball truly is, even though most of us are in our mid-20s. The sound and feel of a plastic bat smashing the ball is oh so sweet.

Shortly after our first exhibition game, rules were established and a league was formed. We call it the Hartland Wiffle Ball League. Currently there are 10 members who each have their own "team." Each member of the league chose a Major League franchise to represent and were then encouraged to purchase a ball cap of their team.

One against another

Each scheduled game pits one team against another. The team scheduled to play is led by an "owner" who serves as the captain and pitcher of that game. To fill out the rosters, all other players become free agents for the day, and are picked alternately to make the teams complete. Each squad is composed of three to five players.

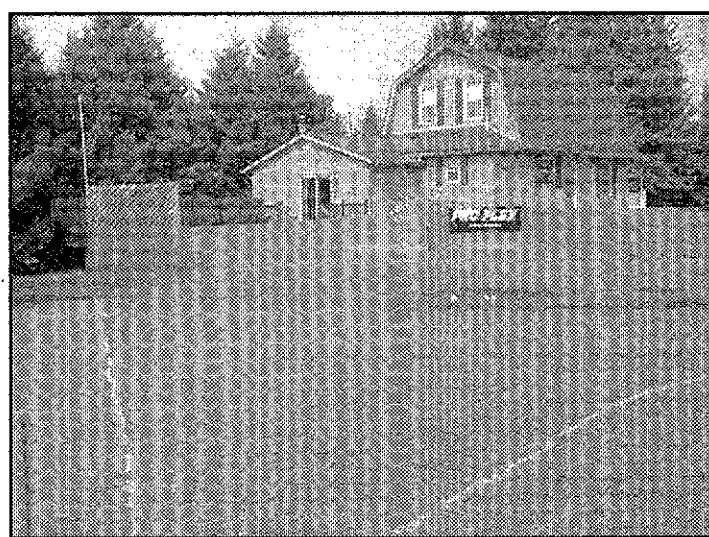
Wiffle Ball is played just like baseball except for a few minor differences. Throwing the ball at runners in an attempt to get them out is legal. A target three feet behind home plate is the strike zone, which makes it easy to judge balls and strikes. It is a 3-foot by 4-foot piece of plywood with a hole cut out 12 inches from the bottom. The hole is 22 inches wide and 30 inches tall. Any ball that goes through the hole is a strike. The pitcher can pitch as fast or as slow as he chooses and can deliver it anyway he desires. Because of the eight slotted holes on one side of the ball, anyone can throw wicked sliders or sick curveballs. Other pitches used are the sinker and the feared riser.

Pass the shovel handle

We use several different bats in our league. Most models are derived from the original skinny, yellow Wiffle Ball bat. To juice up our bats we have added water, foam insulation, and duct tape. Also, longer bats have been constructed by cutting the handles off the original bats and inserting old shovel handles or broomsticks. We then tape the whole bat back up, which gives the batter a better chance of blasting a home run.

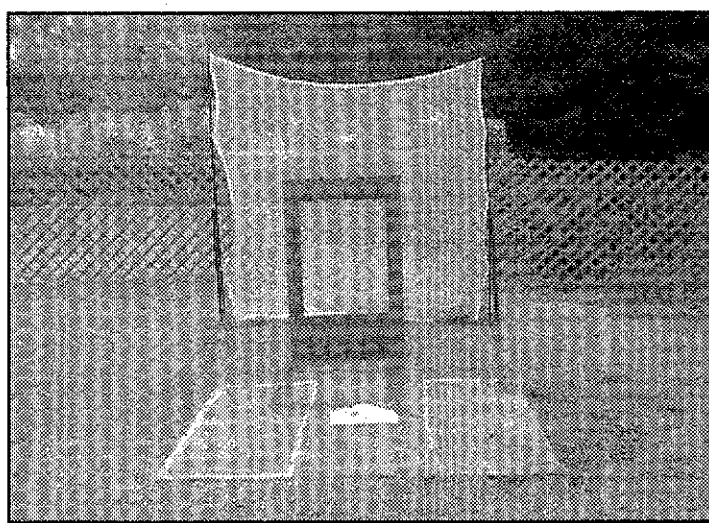
After a few weeks of playing, I decided the field in my back yard needed further development. To give my field a

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PHOTOS BY CHAD LOCKWOOD

Field of dreams: Chad Lockwood has turned his back yard into a Wiffle Ball "stadium" complete with green plywood outfield fences. Below is Lockwood's backstop. If a pitched ball goes through the hole in the plywood it's a strike.



more realistic feel, an eight-foot section in left field known as the "Green Monster" was built out of lattice skirting. Shortly after that, I replaced the orange snow fence that originally stood as the outfield wall, with nine sheets of green-painted plywood to create a replica of Boston's Fenway Park. I also constructed a scoreboard, complete with each team's logo.

Falling in love

Everyone in our league has fallen in love with the game of Wiffle Ball. The guys love the competition and try to see who can rack up the highest stats, which are compiled and calculated on an Excel spreadsheet. The girls like it because it gives them a chance to get together and share some laughs. I never would have guessed that a former childhood pastime would be so much fun.

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Bowling centers exchanging wooden lanes for synthetics

TEN PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

Diamonds are forever. Everything else has to be replaced at some time.

That is certainly the case for our good old bowling lanes. Wood wears out with time and use. Then every two years or so, the wooden lanes require resurfacing,

an arduous process that involves much sanding, and more loss of surface. Some of the wood lanes we are still bowling on have been in service for 40 or more years.

There comes a time when they are no longer serviceable, and here comes Brunswick or AMF with their new high-tech permanent lanes. As Jim Hamlin, the proprietor of Country Lanes in Farmington noted, his resurfacing man told him maybe five more years. Hamlin would then be faced with the choice of wood lane replacements or synthetics, such as Brunswick's Anvilanes. "My resurfacing man is retiring," says Hamlin. "There are very few left who can do the job well."

The logical choice is synthetic lanes, for they require little if any maintenance. The downside of synthetic lanes is the greater cost. Once in, however, the yearly maintenance is almost nil. Ken Lauterbach, the Brunswick sales representative, said there are 30 houses in this area that have already installed the new Anvi-

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lanes, with another four having had the earlier version set in place. There are several more scheduled for this year. And, of course, AMF also has its version in some spots including Town and Country Lanes in Westland.

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As an added feature, Anvilanes can be installed with a "glow" feature, to be used in conjunction with Cosmic Bowling, so the lanes will glow in a variety of incandescent colors during these special events.

According to Lauterbach, "The lane markings in these lanes make targeting easier, and overall, the ball reaction is a lot more consistent than with ordinary wood. The approaches are also much smoother and less likely to cause any sticking at the line."

The legendary Johnny Petraglia says, "Downlane markings provide

better tracking points for bowlers of all skill levels. High-performance players can measure break and adjust to changing oil conditions. Intermediate bowlers can find a better road map to the strike zone and a better path to spare conversions. And beginners can aim at bowling zones created by the distinct board lines (a great training tool)."

The bowling industry adopted the aiming system of arrows and dots in 1937. Now in this new century, it is starting to provide a better system for aiming and tracking the shots.

If you are in a house with wooden lanes, the lanes are probably still in good condition and they may still go several years before replacement is necessary. When that time comes, you can be fairly certain that the new surfaces will be the synthetic lanes, regardless of which manufacturer supplies and installs them.

If you are a proprietor, the bottom line is all-important to consider, and when all is said and done, over the long term, you should look into synthetic lanes. With the minimal cost of upkeep, you will be come out ahead of the game - and so will your bowlers.

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

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ACTIVITIES

SLITHERING SNAKES

Indian Springs Metropark near White Lake will hold 'Slithering Snakes,' a visit with native Michigan snakes and exotic species from other countries at the park's Nature Center Saturday, Aug. 19 at 1 p.m. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call (800) 477-3192.

BASS TOURNAMENT

The 2000 Top Bass Tournament will be held at various sites throughout the summer months. The schedule is as follows: Lake St. Helen, Aug. 19; and Wixom Lake, Aug. 26-27. Guaranteed payoffs will be awarded with amounts determined by the number of entries. For more information, call (734) 729-1762 or (734) 422-5818.

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.

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.

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.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843.

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The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863.

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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 Avenue, east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410.

PARKS

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 at the following numbers: Stony Creek, (800) 477-7756; Indian Springs, (800) 477-3192; Kensington, (800) 477-3178; Hudson Mills, (800) 477-3191.

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four earned runs on six hits. Ted Fletcher came on to pitch the next 3½ innings, allowing just one run on four hits before giving way to McCloskey.

The right-hander, a pickup from the Lake Michigan Area Rams, gave up just two hits, walked three and fanned three.

Maryland State led 5-2 after two innings and 6-4 after five before Livonia rallied with four in the seventh and one in the eighth.

"It came down to our bullpen and those guys did a great job,"

George said. "Our guys kept scrapping and scrapping. They played hard."

Right fielder Spencer Hynes (Oakland University) had three of Livonia's 10 hits. Don Watchowski and Roger Wechter each contributed two hits.

Andrejak came through with a two-run homer on a 2-0 pitch in the seventh, his first hit of the tourney.

Reliever Doug Sherry was the losing pitcher, allowing four runs (two earned) on seven hits.

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DeBoy, David Harris, and Thomas Bednarcuyk each had two hits for Maryland State.

For the tournament, Wechter, the left fielder, led the way with a .545 batting average (6-for-11 with six walks). Hynes hit .500 (7-for-14), while Watchowski had two homers and five RBI.

On Friday, George, the former Madonna University men's baseball coach, said "eight to 10 players" are eligible to come back next summer.

"I'd say right now it's 60-40 I'm coming back," George said.

Madonna from page B1

region player at Mott, "she gives us another offensive option," Abraham said. And Fresco is a "good all-around player" with strong athletic abilities who could develop into a major contributor.

Among the freshmen recruits, two that should be instant contributors are Amanda Suder, a 5-6 outside hitter from Plymouth Salem, and 5-10 middle hitter Kate LeBlanc, from Livonia Stevenson. Suder was easily the best player on a Salem squad that advanced to the Division I quarterfinals.

"She was one of the area's best players," said Abraham. "She'll contribute immediately on defense. She fits right in our style."

As for LeBlanc, Abraham said, "I knew she'd be a good player,

but she's progressing faster than I thought. She's versatile; she can play outside hitter or middle hitter. She gives us depth. She just needs to get adjusted to the college game."

A third all-Observer player recruited by Abraham, 5-11 outside hitter Tera Morrill, from Livonia Franklin, injured her knee last spring and is going through rehabilitation. That has progressed faster than anticipated, however, and she could conceivably play this season.

The one freshman recruit coming from outside Observerland is 5-6 outside hitter Denise Gallagher, from Honolulu. Abraham said she's "very experienced" and, like her freshmen counterparts, she could be a vital factor before season's end.

So what's it all mean? Will Madonna again be the team to beat in the WHAC?

When a coach is questioned about possible weaknesses and his reply is "We don't have a lot of experienced depth at the outside hitter spots. And there's not a lot of size. It's not a weakness, it's just an area that needs to be addressed" — well, that hardly rates as a problem.

Yes, Cornerstone is still a concern, but unless something weird happens, it seems that come November, Madonna is a better bet to be atop the WHAC than Bush is to be atop the polls.

The Crusaders have their annual alumni match at 7 p.m. Thursday at Madonna. They open their season Aug. 25-26 at the Fort Lewis Skyhawk Invitational in Durango, Colo.

Football from page B1

Moundros. "I want to get better and I want to contribute — at least push the other two guys in front of me and make them work harder."

"When they know someone is working behind them, they'll work harder. It doesn't matter if it's the scout team or a starter."

Moundros — a 6-2, 227-pound

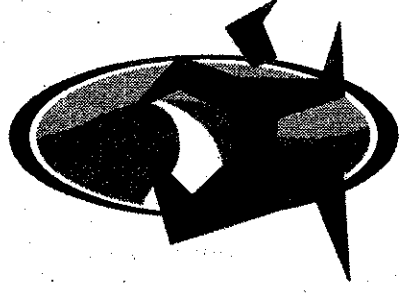
junior — saw most of his time on the kickoff team, missing just three games (Michigan State, Illinois and Indiana) because of a neck injury.

However, he did play fullback in two games — Rice and North-western — and even caught a pass for nine yards against the Wildcats. And heading into the

season, Moundros is listed as the No. 3 fullback on the depth chart behind B.J. Askew and David Armstrong.

"B.J.'s the starter... he blocks well and runs well," said Moundros. "Dave's strictly a blocking back. If something happens to B.J. — God forbid — we'll see what happens."

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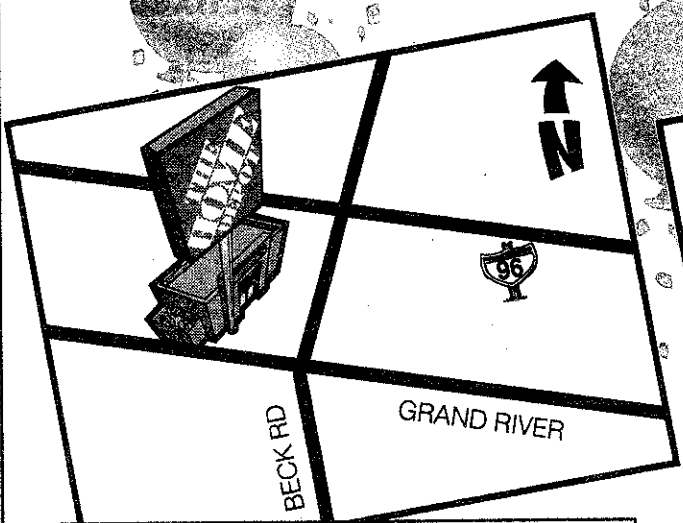
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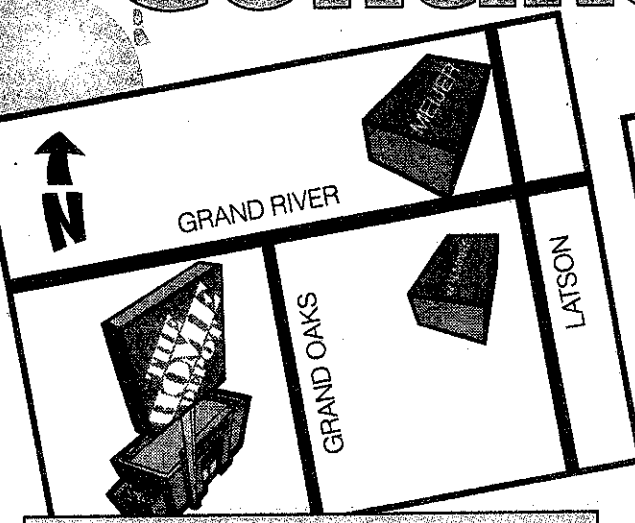


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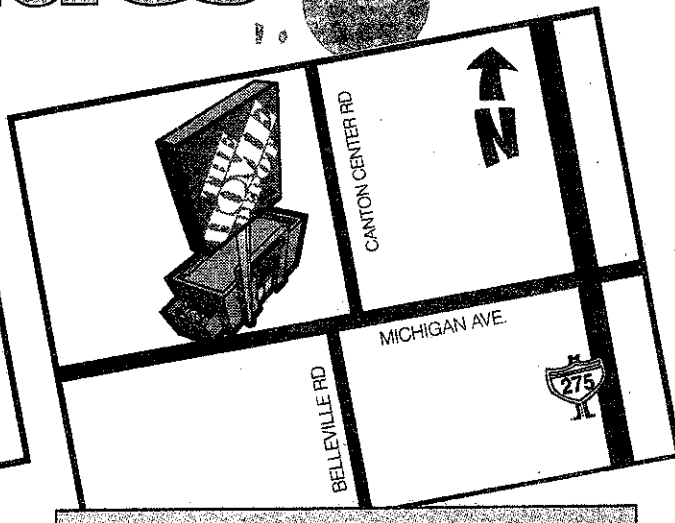
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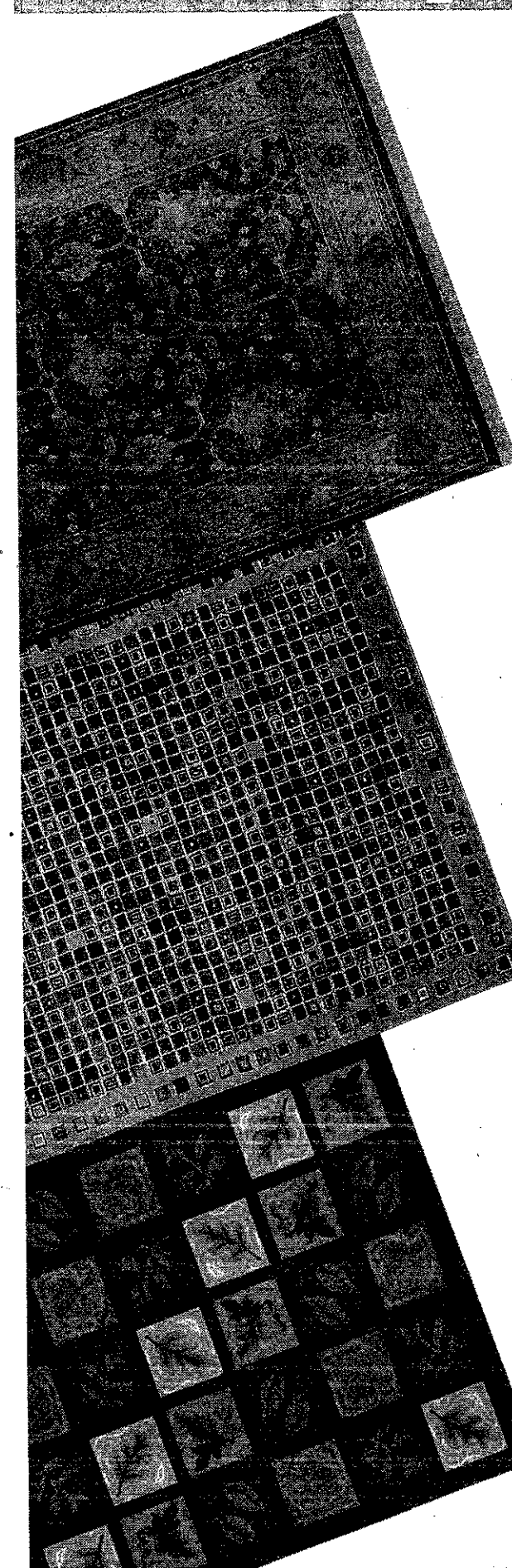


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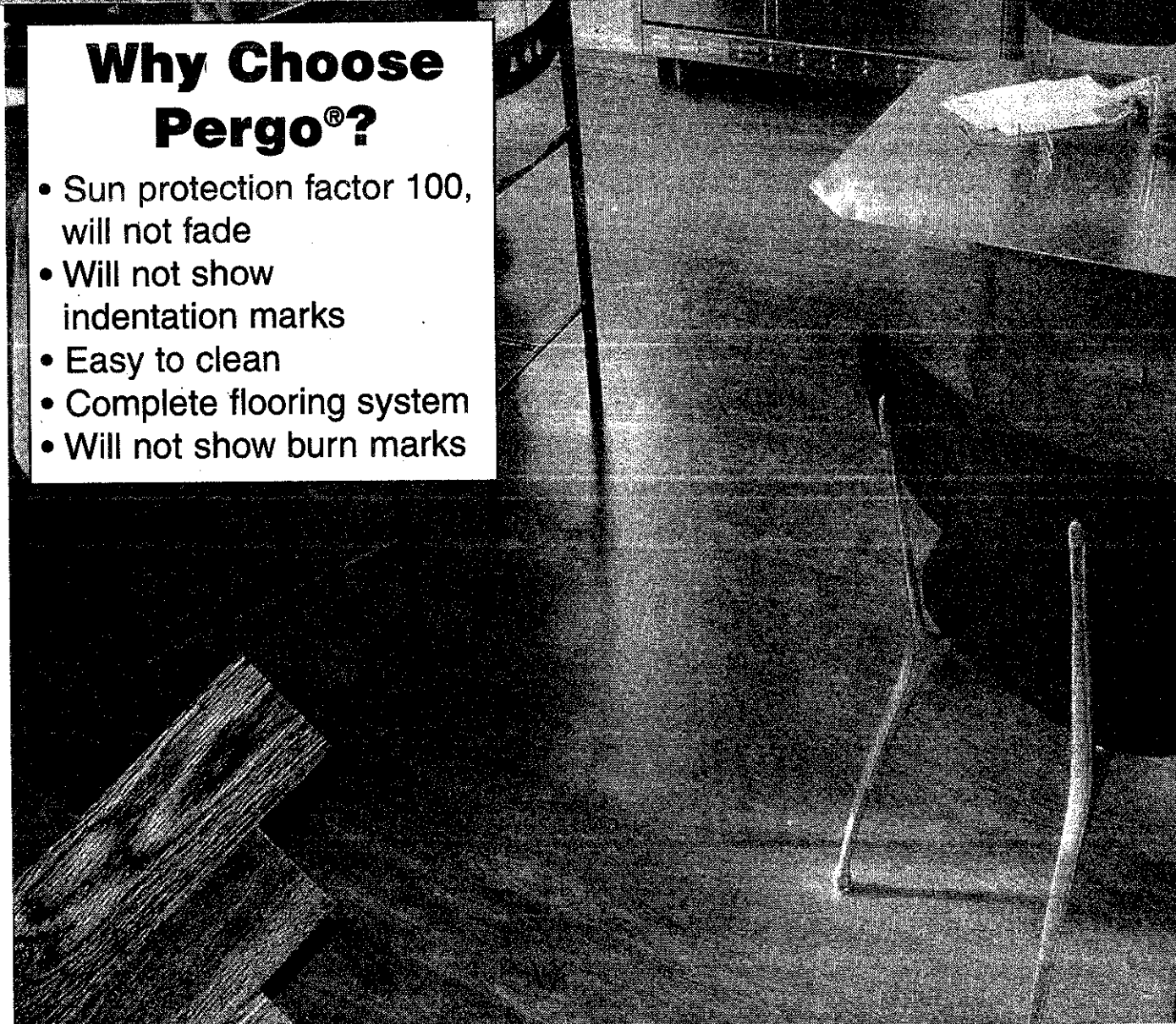
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CREATIVE PURSUITS



KEELY WYGONIK

Call me an amateur, it's a compliment

Amateur - it's not something most of us aspire to be. We want to be professionals, part of the major leagues, not the minors. But David Wagner, associate professor of music at Madonna University in Livonia, and director of the Madonna University Chorale, recalls a time when calling someone an "amateur" was a compliment.

"In the 18th century amateurs were regarded with respect," said Wagner. "To be an amateur meant that you did something because you loved it, not to get paid."

When he put it like that, I wasn't afraid to admit that I was an amateur clarinet-player who used to belong to a community band and sometimes sang in my church choir.

Friends

While Wagner, his wife Penny, and Madonna University Chorale members Karen Buddenberg and Evelyn Wojtkowiak, talked with me about their recent trip to Ireland, and the thrill of singing in cathedrals, I listened longingly. Brought together by their love of music, they've become friends and are looking forward to beginning rehearsals 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5.

They made me realize just how much I miss playing my clarinet and singing with a choir. I'm not a diva, nor am I ready for the concert stage, but I do love music and miss being part of a community band or choir.

Buddenberg has been a member of the Livonia Civic and Schoolcraft choirs. She joined the Madonna University Chorale two years ago because she wanted to sing sacred and classical works.

Learning

"I'm learning the music of great, famous composers," she said. "David Wagner has a keen sense of music. He stops during rehearsal and explains the music."

The opportunity to learn new things, meet people who share your interests and exercise your talents, are all reasons people like Buddenberg and Wojtkowiak participate in local performing arts groups. They're professionals who honor their commitment to attend weekly rehearsals and participate in concerts and other special events. They're busy people who don't make excuses for not having time to participate in a group, they just do it.

"The great thing about music-making is that no one sits on the bench," said Wagner. "You get to play all the time."

You'll have to audition to get into the Madonna University Chorale, but Wagner assures "it's no big deal." For more information, call (734) 432-5708.

Join the band

Playing in a community band is another way to exercise your creative side. The Farmington Community Band's first rehearsal for its 35th season is 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, at Farmington High School.

Membership is open to any adult, and by audition to qualified high school students. The current membership represents a wide variety of occupations from many different communities. For more information call (734) 261-2202 or (248) 489-3412. Visit their Web site at www.mystery.com/fcb

You can also make a point of checking the Observer Newspapers' Eight Days a Week calendar in the Entertainment section on Thursday to learn when local community bands, chorale and theater groups are rehearsing. They're always looking for new members.

If you're not very musical, and the thought of being on stage makes your knees knock but you love music and theater, call anyway. Local groups always need help behind the scenes.

As for me, I'm going to stop making excuses and start making time to make music. How about you?

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Above: For the birds: This brightly-colored collage is by Patrick Freer.

Above right: Nature photographer: Patricia Nouhan took this family portrait at Kensington Metropark.

Bottom right: Moment in time: Brother Vincent Reyes photographed this child at a church in Honduras.

What: SnapOne presents its first Fine Arts Festival featuring only fine art, no crafts.
When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Aug. 18-20
Where: Novi Expo Center, I-96 west to south Novi Road.
Tickets: \$6 adults, children under age 12 free. \$1 of each ticket goes to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. For more information, call (810) 227-5183 or (734) 347-1963



So Fine... Festival showcases artists, helps soup kitchen

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Patricia Nouhan hopes visitors to her first-ever fine arts festival will feel like they're stepping into a gallery where artists, not intimidation, greet them. Nouhan, a Brighton photographer and former Redford resident, came up with the idea for the SnapOne Fine Arts Festival after participating in area art fairs.

"When I talked to several artists they did not want crafts and country next to fine arts," said Nouhan. "This is higher end art work. The 50 exhibitors fit that fine art category."

Among those exhibiting in the fine arts festival in Novi this weekend are Art Leaders Gallery in West Bloomfield, Canton wildlife photographer Ted Nelson, Observer & Eccentric photography columnist Monte Nagler of Farmington Hills, Livonia artist Patrick Freer, and Brother Vincent Reyes, a photographer and pastoral director of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

Nouhan will offer her wildlife and nature photographs shot on jaunts to Kensington Metropark and Alaska. There will also be a mixture of fine crafts including glass, sculptured handbags, jewelry, metal art and hand dyed silk scarves.

Freer creates abstract paintings by dripping acrylics and enamels from a stick. "Sun Chic" is a kind of a psychedelic flashback to the late 60s and early 70s with its scorching yellow and red sun hovering above the blue waves of the ocean.

"I love making things pleasing to the eye and try to be innovative by using different techniques like drip painting," said Freer who listens to classical and jazz music while painting.

Music

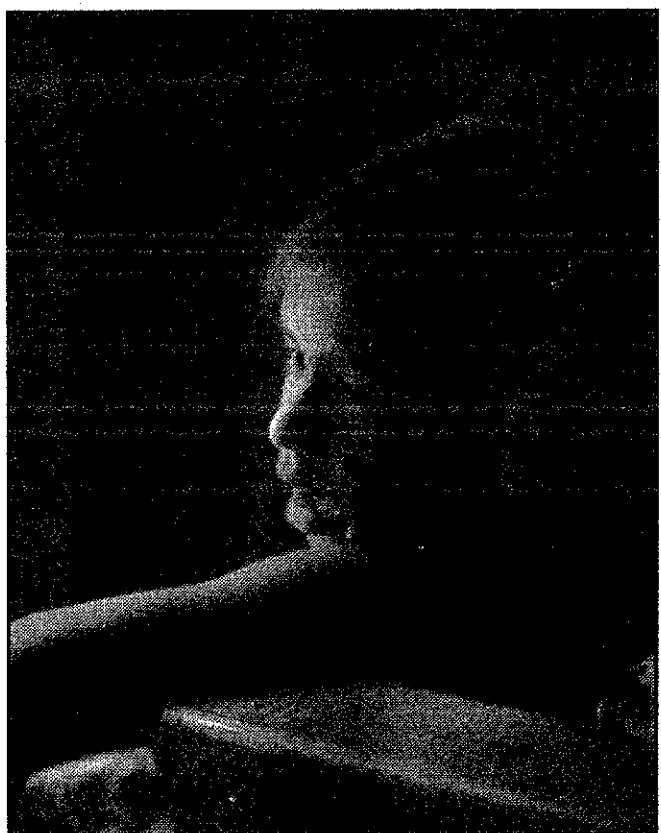
Music has always played a large part in Freer's life. Even though he studied drawing with Detroit artist Charles McGee at Oakland University in the late 70s, Freer graduated from the Rochester school

with a music degree. A full-time musician, Freer plays Thursday-Saturday evenings at Farwell and Friends Restaurant & Lounge in Westland.

Nouhan invited Freer to show his work at the SnapOne Fine Arts Festival after seeing it at the Livonia Arts Festival at Greenmead Historical Village in June. In 1999 the Livonia Arts Commission sponsored a one-man show of his work at Livonia City Hall. Freer will bring about 40 paintings and collages, matted and framed, to the show.

Arts provide a helping hand

Please see **SHOWCASE, C2**



MUSIC

Symphony hits high note with new season

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It's hard to believe, but there are only two concerts left in the Livonia Arts Commission's Music Under the Stars series. In just a few weeks, the Livonia Symphony, and other local symphonies, will begin holding fund-raisers and opening their new seasons.

On Thursday, you can hear the Livonia Symphony Orchestra perform for free at their annual Music Under the Stars program. After hearing them, you might decide to purchase season tickets.

Conductor Volodymyr Schesiuk and Carl Karoub will share the podium to lead what Schesiuk refers to as "park music." The program is similar to the music he conducted in Ukrainian parks and concert halls before immigrating to the U.S. in 1991.

All American program

"It's pop American and light classical music from Duke Ellington's *Sophisticated Lady* and Bizet's *Carmen Suite to Fiddler on the Roof*," said Schesiuk. "The *Gypsy Baron Overture* by Strauss is little known here but popular with European audiences. We close with *Stars and Stripes Forever*. Last year so many people were there. It's a very nice feeling when so many people come."



Outdoor concert: Conductor Volodymyr Schesiuk leads the Livonia Symphony Orchestra in a concert of pops and light classical music at Music Under the Stars.

Karoub couldn't agree more. He'll conduct a variety of selections ranging from a French military march by Saint-Saens to songs from *Oklahoma*.

"It's a mixture of patriotic and popular

music and a march, the *Entrance of the Gladiators*, which is usually played at circuses," said Karoub. "People usually bring their lawn chairs and there's usually a large crowd. We have a great time."

The free concert is a prelude to the orchestra's new season, which opens Saturday, Nov. 4 with an all-American concert. Besides featuring the concertos and symphonies of Scandinavian and French composers, the orchestra will add a second chamber concert to its new season due to a sellout of a similar program held last year.

Season highlight

A highlight of the 2000-2001 season is sure to be the return of the young Livonia pianist Joshua Cullen to the intimate auditorium at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

"We've got a great season planned," said Livonia Symphony President Robert Bennett. "The diversity of the music is very broad-ranging but very appealing. We're going to break precedence and put on *The Nutcracker* two years in a row. And we've invited pianist Joshua Cullen back again at another stage in his career. He first performed with the orchestra when he was eight years old. He's now 16 and a student at the University of Michigan School of Music."

Please see **SYMPHONY, C2**

Note these events
 ■ Livonia Symphony Orchestra performs at Music Under the Stars 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, Civic Center Park, 33000 Civic Center Drive, east of Farmington Road, Livonia; no charge for admission, (734) 466-2540.
 ■ Sunday, Songs & Symphony fund-raiser 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, Wonderland Mall, Plymouth Road at Middlebelt, Livonia. Tickets \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, (734) 421-1111 or (734) 427-4113.
 ■ LSO concert season opens with an all-American program 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, Livonia. Tickets \$15, (734) 421-1111.

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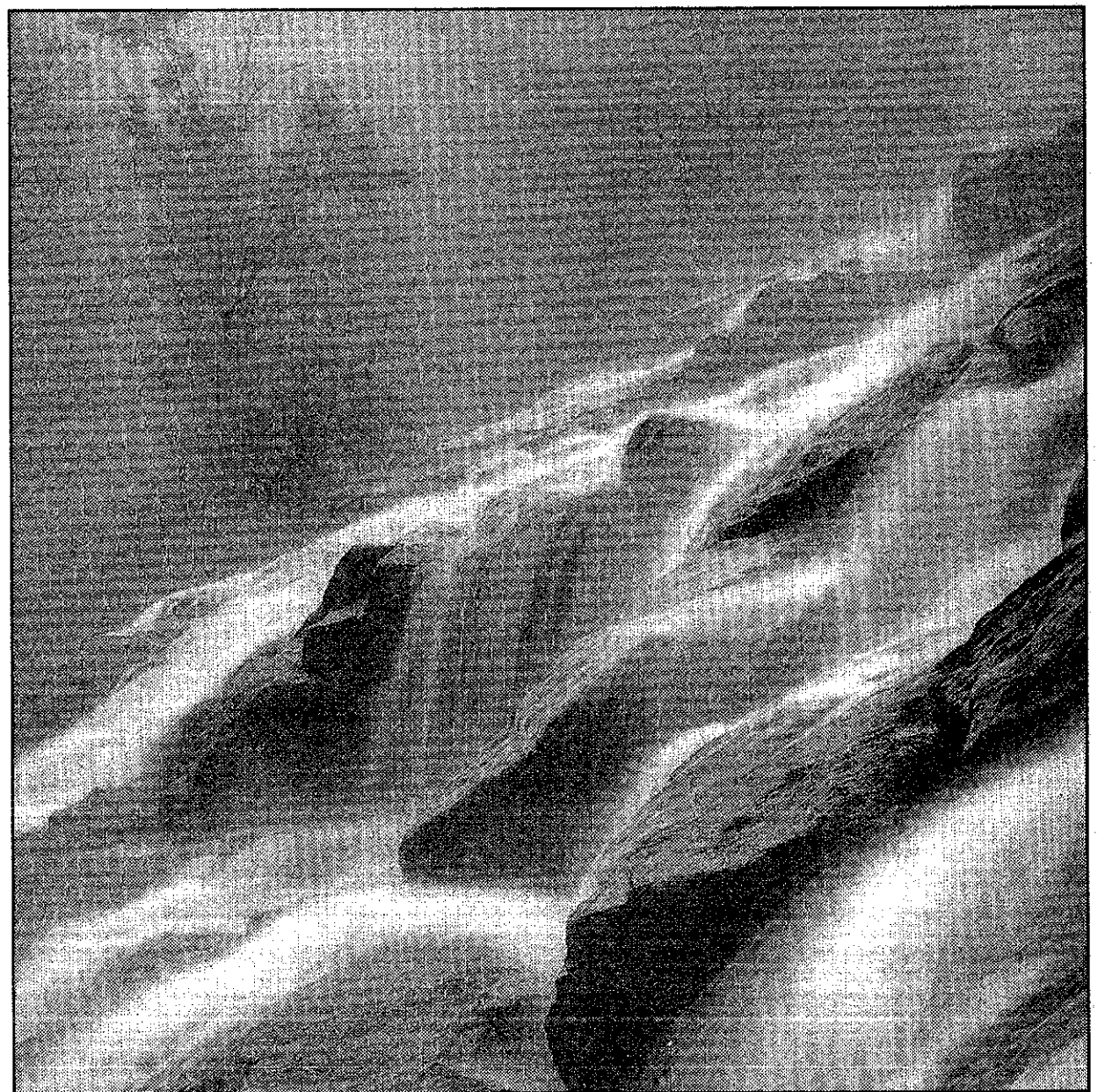
Nouhan is offering visitors something more than a wide-ranging selection of fine art though, she's giving them the opportunity to do something for the less fortunate. Not content to do something for herself and other artists simply by holding the festival, Nouhan's giving \$1 from every admission ticket sold to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

"Everybody needs to give back to the community by helping needy organizations that help people," said Nouhan. "My philosophy is that if I've helped other people I want them to turn around and help someone else if they want to thank me."

Brother Vincent Reyes couldn't be happier about Nouhan's giving spirit. It's a sacredness in people and places that he looks for when composing photographs. As pastoral director of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Brother Reyes spends most of his day "with people who struggle to survive." He came from a poor family in Indiana but never realized it until he took a sociology class in college. As long as he "had a roof over his head, his father, mother and siblings," he was rich. He brings this philosophy to both his position at the soup kitchen and his photography.

"What constitutes the sacred?" asked Brother Reyes, a photographer for nearly 40 years. "I've been everywhere from Stonehenge to photographing a child in a church in Honduras and Mother Theresa. They're all sacred. It's a way of looking at the world. It's not fashionable to see the world as sacred but I'm a Franciscan and follow the teachings of the founder, St. Francis of Assisi, who fell in love with the Creator. I see things that touch me. Sometimes I walk through the woods and see beautiful things and other times all I see are ticks. That's why I like focusing on the interaction between people."

Brother Reyes' path as a Capuchin Friar has brought him into contact with people in all areas of life. During his years as



Fine art: Monte Nagler snapped this photograph of Bond Falls Cascades in Bruce Crossing, Mich. Nagler is one of the exhibitors in SnapOne's Fine Arts Festival at the Novi Expo Center.

a chaplain in the trauma room of a Chicago hospital, he would seek out the darkroom as a refuge after a day of watching children die. On assignment in Central America to document Capuchin missions, he looked for the serenity and light playing on the face of a Third World child.

Telling stories

"I see photography as a way of talking, telling stories and

touching people," said Brother Reyes, who never lost his sense of humor along the way. "And who better to tell the story of what the world is experiencing than an artist."

And what better way to have fun at an arts festival than by helping someone else. Brother Reyes is delighted that Nouhan is donating one dollar from the sale of every Fine Arts Festival ticket to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. At the soup kitchen, that dollar nearly covers the cost of a single meal.

"We feed 55,000 to 60,000

meals a month and 1/3 to 1/4 of all meals are served to children," said Brother Reyes. "That's why fund-raising is important. On Oct. 23 we'll have our annual SOCK (Support Our Capuchin Kitchen) benefit at the Marriott in Detroit and are looking for donations for the silent auction: articles of art, restaurant gift certificates."

If you have items to donate to the Capuchin SOCK benefit, call Brother Reyes at (313) 579-2100, ext. 203. For tickets, call Cathy Maher at the same phone number.



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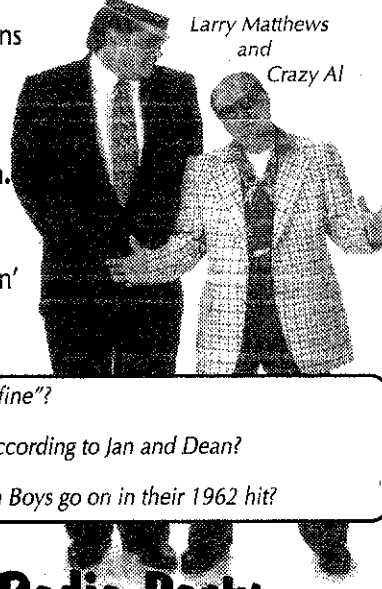
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Schesiuk is especially looking forward to the first concert with guest pianist Pauline Martin.

"We'll play everything from Duke Ellington to Star Trek, Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*, and a new work by Christopher Yew - the *1815 Overture*. Yew (a former Livonia Symphony member) plays off of Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture*."

The delightful programming for the new season is tarnished by the fact that not all of the \$130,000 necessary to meet the budget has been raised. Back in Ukraine, Schesiuk never had to worry about finding funding for concerts or postponing them. An impressive presentation of Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana* with full orchestra, a 65-voice chorale, soloists, and an expanded percussion section had to be canceled because it would have cost \$5,000 above the \$13,000-15,000 for a regular concert.

Benefit

In Ukraine, performances were sponsored by the government, and even though Schesiuk had to stay within a budget, money was no problem. That's why "Sunday, Songs & Symphony," the Sunday, Oct. 8, fundraiser at Wonderland Mall is so

important. Last year's event added nearly \$16,000 to the coffers. The goal for this year is \$25,000.

"It's one of our major fund-raisers but it's also a way of bringing a fun night to the community with the orchestra," said Bennett. "We're going to incorporate the mall's merry-go-round into the night's festivities. What I say is, support your orchestra and have a great time doing it."

Chairperson Pat Sari promises supporters will not only have fun but please their palates while sampling food from more than 25 restaurants, bakeries and markets from around the area. A silent auction and raffle will introduce a little suspense to the evening.

"This is the kickoff for our season," said Sari. "It's the second year in the new location and it's the best location we've ever had. The mall was very supportive and we received donations of items from them and the businesses, and some of the restaurants participated. In the past, seating has been a problem, but in the mall's new food court, there's more than enough. And there's monitors and speakers all around the dining room. It's going to be fun."

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ART & CRAFT SHOWS

FINE ARTS FESTIVAL
The Capuchin Soup Kitchen will be the beneficiary of the festival being held at the Novi Expo Center from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Aug. 18-20.

FRESH ART FESTIVAL
The Maniscalco Gallery presents an exhibit of plein air artists (artists who paint in the open air) at Blossom Heath Park, 24800 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday Aug. 13. (313) 886-2993.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

AUTUMNFEST ARTISTS
The Southfield Parks & Recreation Department is seeking artists to display and demonstrate their talents at the annual rural festival on Sunday, Sept. 10 at the Mary Thompson House and Farm, 25630 Evergreen. For more

Southerland, 428 Minot, Romeo. (313) 832-8540.
SPOTLIGHT SHOW
Artisans wanted for juried 10th annual Spotlights Show Sept. 29-30 sponsored by Meadow Brook Theatre Guild at the Rochester Elks Lodge, Rochester. (248) 641-7608.

VOCAL ARTS ENSEMBLE
Auditions for the a capella vocal group that performs at Renaissance feasts, concerts, weddings, workshops and fund-raisers are now taking place. For details, contact Cindy Keleman, business manager, at (313) 299-0451 or (734) 941-5955.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Art & Apples festival seeks volunteers to help at the 35th annual festival sponsored by the Paint Creek Center for the Arts. Call (248) 651-4110 or register at 407 Pine Street, Rochester.

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4719 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 832-8540.
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Features guitarist Gary Deteifs 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, 24, 31 at Village Park, Pinckney. (810) 231-2661.

JAZZSTAGE
The Teddy Harris, Jr. Quintet featuring Larry Smith is featured at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall at 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Aug. 11-12. (313) 576-5111.

MUSIC UNDER THE STARS
The Livonia Symphony Orchestra performs from 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17 at Civic Center Park, Five Mile Road, east of Farmington, Livonia. (734) 466-2540.

SOUTHFIELD SUMMER CONCERTS
An evening with the Jo Serrapere & the Hot Tail Section is 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16 at Burgh Historical Park, northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield.

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EVENTS

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The event takes place 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20 at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lake Shore, Grosse Pointe Shores. (313) 884-4222.

FOR KIDS

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Fun 2,3,4: all about a number of things exhibit is open now through Oct. 17. 220 E. Ann, Ann Arbor. (734) 995-5439.

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Register for summer classes in Kindermusik (birth to 7 years old), piano (ages 6-12), percussion (ages 6-12), guitar (6-12) and violin (ages 7-14) at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty, Canton. (734) 455-4677.

GALLERY NIKKO
Through Aug. 31 — Functional works by various artists. Closed Aug. 18-19 for the Dream Cruise. 470 North Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 647-0680.

KINDERMUSIK
Enroll anytime for classes for newborns to age 7. Parents participate in classes for children under 3. Classes are held at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Call Lori at (734) 354-9109.

VILLAGE MUSIC
Registration is being taken for Kindermusik for children, birth to 8. Classes Fall classes begin the week of Sept. 11. Village Music is located in Plymouth's Old Village, 130 E. Liberty, Plymouth. (734) 354-9825.

WEST BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY EDUCATION
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GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENINGS)

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY
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PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
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Opens Tuesday, Aug. 15 — *Hot Bed* through Sept. 3. 202 East Third, Royal Oak. (248) 544-3388.

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ANN ARBOR ART CENTER
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West Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-8004.
THE ART CORRIDOR
Through Sept. 15 — Photographs by Wallace Palazzolo presented by the Farmington Area Arts Commission at two locations: Farmington Hills City Hall, 11 Mile at Orchard Lake, and Farmington City Hall, Liberty at Grand River. (248) 473-1856.

ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY
Through Sept. 1 — Selections from the permanent collection. University of Michigan-Dearborn campus, 4901 Evergreen. (313) 593-5400.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER
Through Aug. 25 — *Out of the Blue*, an exhibit of GM Designers. Through Sept. 1 — Exhibition of the 19th annual Alma College Statewide Competition. Workshop is 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12. 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

BOOKBEAT
Through Aug. 31 — *Wormhole #1 International*, drawing and manga exhibition. 26010 Greenfield, Oak Park. (248) 968-1190.

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Through Sept. 2 — Prints by Dorothea Krieg. 226 Walnut, Rochester. (248) 651-3656.

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DAVID KLEIN GALLERY
Paintings and works on paper by Al Gurly, Kathleen Marshall, Rafael Perez and Loreen Rowley through Sept. 23. 163 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 433-3700.

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LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION
Through Aug. 31 — Hand woven baskets from the Plymouth Reed and Cane Supply and fabric art and watercolor from Sandra Weed in the Fine Arts Gallery of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia.
Through Aug. 31 — Photography of Lawrence Diggs in the Livonia City Hall Lobby. 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. (734) 466-2540.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA
Through Aug. 22 — *Hidden Talents*, an Oakland County employee exhibit. 1200 N. Telegraph,

LITERARY

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY
The summer humanities program features *A Woman's Lot: Three Heroines of the 19th Century*, a program consisting of meetings from 1-3 p.m. to discuss *Eminent Victorians*, by Lytton Strachey, on Aug. 24.

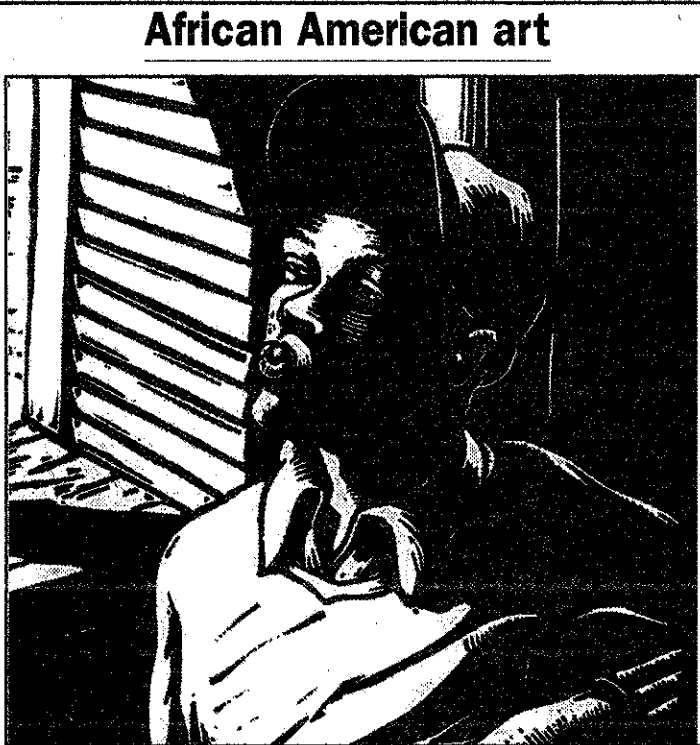
LECTURE

ART DECO BUILDINGS WITH STYLE
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MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
Through Aug. 20 — *Matilda Dodge Wilson Discovers French Art Deco*. Through Oct. 1 — *The Cost of Power in China: The Three Gorges Dam and the Yangtze River Valley*, recent photographs by Steven Benson. 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANbrook.

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Through Sept. 4 — *Whodunit? The Science of Solving Crime*. Toddler Time is 10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m. on Thursdays through Aug. 17. Through Sept. 4 — *Young Stargazers Sky Journey* is 11:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANbrook.



African American art

Art culture: *A Brush With The Past*, a historical review of African American art between 1870 and 1970, is showing at Birmingham's G.R. N'Nandi Gallery through Sept. 8.

information call (248) 354-9603.
BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER
The Art Center is seeking artists to submit works for the Holiday Shop 2000. Interested artists may submit works Aug. 21, 22, 23 from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. to be juried on Friday, Aug. 25. (248) 644-0866 x. 101.

CHURCHILL CRAFT SHOW
Churchill High School PTSA is accepting applications for the fall craft show to be held on Saturday, Oct. 21. The school is located at 8900 Newburgh, Livonia. (734) 523-0022.

EXPRESSIONS ARTS AND CRAFTS
Seeking applicants for two fall craft shows in November at Baker's of Milford and Northville Recreation Center. For information contact (248) 348-5448.

HANNAN FOUNDATION
Nonprofessional mature artists, 62 and older, are encouraged to submit their works to the Ellen Kayrod Gallery for inclusion in the 75 Works of Art show. Works submitted for jury can be dropped off at the Hannan House on Friday, Sept. 15 from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. 4750 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-1300, ext. 18.

NORTH FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
The Holiday Arts & Crafts Show at North Farmington High School on Saturday, Nov. 8 is seeking artists and crafters. Juried show, no manufactured goods. Especially interested in edibles, calligraphy, silk flowers, dried flowers, baskets, candles, photography (other than Detroit), wood shelves or anything unusual. Other items wait-listed at this point, but contact Dianne for further information at (248) 553-0913.

PICTURE.COM
The International Open Amateur Photography Contest is accepting applications through Oct. 28. To enter, send one photograph with name, address and title of the photo on the back. Entry is free. Send to the International Library of Photography, Suite 101-9008, 3600 Crowsland Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117.

ROMEO GUILD OF ART
Local artists are invited to participate in the 40th annual Thumb Area Artist's Exhibition to be held Sept. 1-24, at the Starkweather Society Art & Cultural Center, 219 North Main, Romeo. Entry forms may be picked up from Wyn

Classes by Lin Baum are available at 29948 Ford, Garden City. (734) 261-0379.

CENTER FOR CREATIVE STUDIES
Summer continuing and community education classes are at the CCS campus in Detroit and at the Civic Center in Novi. (313) 664-7456.

DETROIT BALLET
Classes in child and adult classical ballet, tap and jazz. Adult beginners welcomed. Classes offered at the Betty Johnston Dance Studio in Farmington Hills at Folsom and Nine Mile. (248) 474-3174.

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
All levels of classes for recreational and professional students, including modern, ballet, pointe, tap and jazz for children ages 3 and older. 1541 W. Hamlin, between Crooks and Livornois, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-5850.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
Adult art classes 9 a.m. to noon every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Woodcarving classes at 9 a.m. Monday-Friday, 15110 W. Ten Mile, Oak Park. (248) 967-4030.

KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES
Adult daytime summer ballet classes Sundays through Fridays, ages 16-60 years. Call Chris (248) 932-8699 or Mo (248) 960-0778. Keego Harbor area.

METRO DANCE
Tap classes from 6:45-7:45 p.m. Aug. 14-31 Tuesdays and Thursdays at 541 S. Mill Street, Plymouth. (734) 207-8970.

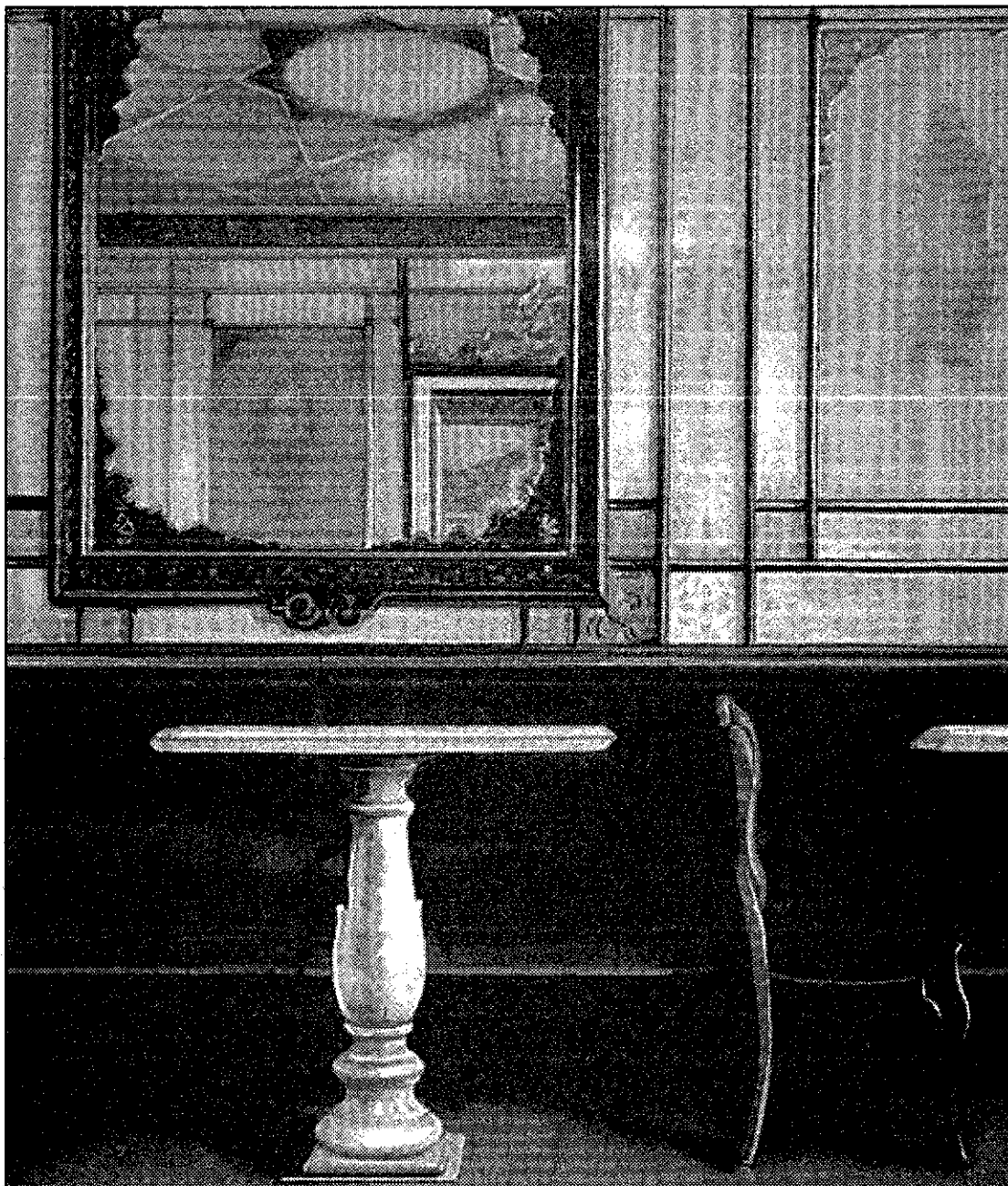
PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Summer classes and workshops for all ages are available at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. For a brochure and list of events call (734) 416-4ART.

VISUAL ART ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA
Classes in watercolor, figurative drawing and painting; workshops in batik and watercolor monotypes at the Jefferson Center, Room 16, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia. (734) 455-9517.

CONCERTS

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET
Friday night Aug. 18 film and music series features several short films by local and regional filmmakers from 6:30 p.m. and music of *Wired Masses* and *Graying* from 10 p.m.-midnight at the gallery,

Art on display



Good on paper: *The David Klein Gallery* in Birmingham hosts paintings and works on paper by Al Gurly, Kathleen Marshall, Rafael Perez and Loreen Rowley through Sept. 23.

1400.
C-POP GALLERY
Industrial Design Show. 4160 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-9901.

DETROIT CONTEMPORARY GALLERY
Through Sept. 3 — Girlee Detroit Collective presents the Image Factory. 5141 Rosa Parks Blvd. Detroit. (313) 898-4ART.

FOX GALLERY
Through Aug. 28 — Healing Garden Quilt Show, 27 quilts of cancer-fighting plants. Center for the Healing Arts, Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River, Novi. (248) 374-5478.

GALERIE BLU/UZELAC GALLERY
Through August — Works by various artists. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 454-7797.
HALSTED GALLERY
Through Sept. 2 — Summer show of contemporary artists. 560 N.

Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

PEWABIC POTTERY
Through Sept. 9 — The student/faculty/staff exhibition. 10125 East Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 822-0954.

THE PRINT GALLERY
Through Sept. 11 — Paintings of Nathaniel Mather. 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. (248) 356-5454.

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY
Through Aug. 31 — A display of Storybook Quilts. 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. (248) 948-0470.

WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY
Through Sept. 9 — The Washington Street Gallery Invitational. Opening reception is 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12. 215 East Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 761-2287.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Through Oct. 8 — *Empire of the Sultans: Ottoman Art from the Khalil Collection*. Through Sept. 24 — *Wisdom and Perfection-Lotus Blossoms in Asian Art*. Through Dec. 31 — *The Fine Art of Woodworking: The Bohlen Collection*. Through Sept. 3 — *The Enduring Horizon: American Landscape*. Photographs from the DIA's collection. 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

THEATER

JET THEATRE
The Immigrant is showing Aug 16-20, 23-27. Aug. 30-Sept. 3, Sept. 6-10, 13-17. Times are 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Wednesday matinees. JET performs in the lower level of the JCC, 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. Ticket discounts for seniors and students. (248) 788-2900.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

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POKEMON 2 (G)
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DISNEY'S THE KID (PG)
4:30, 6:30, 8:30
THE PERFECT STORM (PG13)
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THE PATRIOT (R)
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Showcase Pontiac 1-5
Telegraph Sq., Lake Rd. W. Side of
Telegraph
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Showcase Pontiac 6-12
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CHICKEN RUN (G)
11:00, 12:50, 2:40
PATRIOT (R)
4:30, 7:45

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POKEMON 2 (G)
10:30, 12:30
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THE PATRIOT (R)
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THE PERFECT STORM (G)
5:50, 8:40

POKEMON THE MOVIE: 2000 (G) NV
10:50, 1:05, 3:12

SCARY MOVIE (R)
7:25, 9:50

THOMAS & THE MAGIC RAILROAD (G)
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Plot
The plot begins with the theft of an expensive medieval manuscript from a private library in New York and the murder of a flea market vendor in Paris. These events, we soon learn, are the catalyst that brings Johnson's disparate characters together. Mainly American expatriates living in France, they enjoy a life of privilege, living apart from but also dependent on their host culture.

Humorous but sobering, *Le Mariage* is refreshing, unsentimental and honest, written with delightful verve.

She is Clare Holly, former actress and voluptuous beauty, married to a reclusive, legendary screenwriter named Serge Cray. Cold and enigmatic, Serge fails to fulfill Clare's need for romance, so

ART BEAT

Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Send Wayne County arts news leads to Art Beat, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150, or fax them to (734) 591-7279.

FINAL DAYS
There's just a few days left to view the exhibit by members of Artifacts Art Club at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction. More than 50 paintings, pastels, photographs, color pencil, and mixed media works continue on display through Friday, Aug. 18. For more information and summer viewing hours, call the arts council at (734) 416-4ART.

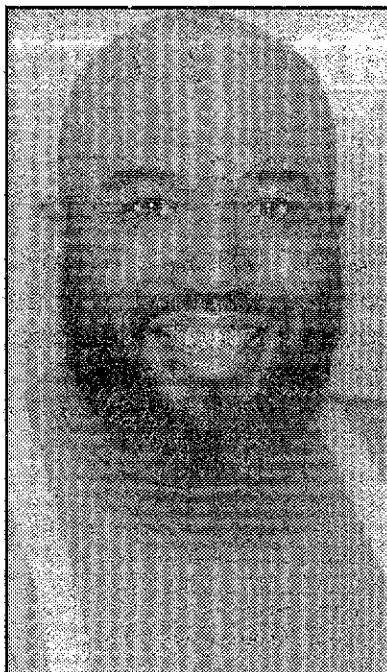
Livonia artist Sherry Eid is one of 20 exhibitors in the show. Her color pencil work "Chinese Gardener" captures the vibrant yellows and greens of a field. A well-known color pencil artist, Eid will teach a continuing education class in the medium 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays beginning Sept. 20 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. The cost for the 8-week course is \$106, \$84.80 for seniors. To register or for more information, call (734) 462-4448 or visit the Web site at www.schoolcraft.cc.mi.us.

Observer photographers Paul Hurschmann and Brian Mitchell will also teach classes at Schoolcraft College beginning Sept. 18. Hurschmann will focus on portrait/people photography 7-9:40 p.m. Mondays for 12 weeks. Mitchell will teach basic photography and how to capture the moment 7-9:40 p.m. Mondays for 12 weeks.

MEMBERS FIRST SERIES Josh White, Jr. kicks off the Plymouth Community Arts Council's "Members First" series with a concert of blues and folk music 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8 at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth.

The Friday night series gives members the opportunity to gather and support the arts council while delighting in the talents of a variety of performers. The third season features everything from jazz to Tchaikovsky and Shakespeare. White, Jr. is a well-known singer/guitarist who at age 5 sang with his father, the legendary Josh White, Sr., on a 1945 Armed Forces Radio show.

On Oct. 13 the audience will be entertained by the actors and musicians of Shakespeareance as



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they relay advice to the 21st century from Mr. William Shakespeare. On Nov. 17, Simon Mayer and Hilary James come straight from England with their multi-talented array of instrumental and vocal music. Mayer is Britain's leading mandolin virtuoso and James is one of the finest voices in England.

Tickets for the series are \$60 each. Singles tickets will be available after Aug. 15 for \$25. Call (734) 416-4278.

YOUTH CHOIR AUDITIONS

The Livonia Youth Choir is holding auditions for girls and boys in grades 5-8 (ages 10-13) who reside in Livonia, Westland and Redford 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10 at Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia.

Boys must have unchanged voices. For more information, call (734) 425-1749.

ACTING CALL

The Farmington Players will hold auditions for James Goldman's "Lion in Winter" 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29 at Barnes & Noble on Orchard Lake Road, north of 14 Mile, West Bloomfield.

The play calls for 2 female characters, ages 23 and 61, and 5 male characters ranging in age from 16 to 50. For more information, call (248) 355-0471. For tickets, call the Box Office at

(248) 553-2955.

NEW EXHIBIT

Westland artist Sandra Weed and Judy Dunnett will show fiber art and painting through Aug. 30 in the fine arts gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

ART CLASSES

The Garden City Fine Arts Association is offering watercolor classes with Kay Rowe beginning Sept. 12 at the Art Gallery/Studio, 29948 Ford Road, Garden City.

Hours are 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays. For information on registration, call (734) 261-0379.

JCC ART FAIR TODAY

The Jewish Community Center will hold its Summer Culture Shuk (pronounced "shook") at noon on Sunday, Aug. 13.

The cultural celebration includes the New Orleans Klezmer All-stars, puppeteer Maureen Schiffman, a range of arts and crafts, rides for children and Jewish food booths. Public is invited. There is no charge.

The JCC is at 6600 W. Maple Road in West Bloomfield. For information, call 661-1000.

TRIBUTE

Cranbrook Art Museum will present a musical tribute to the people of the Yangtze River Valley, featuring traditional and contemporary music from China and the Yangtze River region.

The tribute also includes a recitation of Chinese poetry, and flutist Ginka Gerova-Ortega performing music by Wong Shu.

The program will be held 7:30 p.m. Friday in the deSalle Auditorium. Cranbrook Art Museum is located at 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. For information, call (877) 462-7262.

EXHIBIT POSTPONED

The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History announced the opening for the exhibition, "For Honor and Valor: African Americans in the United States Military, 1775-1953," has been postponed from Aug. 13 to Oct. 12. The exhibit will run to Jan. 21. The museum is located at 315 E. Warren in Detroit, (313) 494-5800.



Time-consuming medium: Sherry Eid created this color pencil portrait of a Chinese gardener for an Artifacts Art Club exhibit at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

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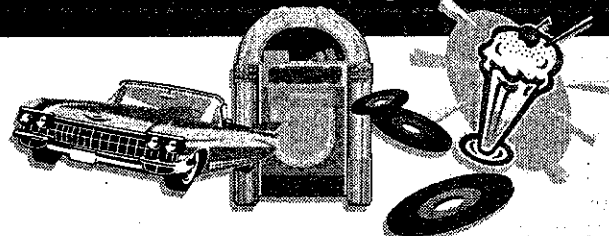
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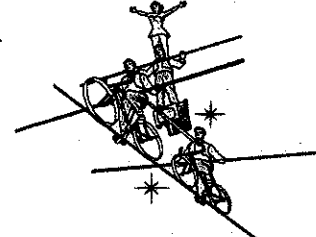


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Paper and denim are perfect fit



Crane & Company will let you do something that Lee, Levi's and Calvin Klein won't — write all over their blue jeans.

Crane's, a Massachusetts stationery firm, has introduced a line of paper products made from scraps of old denim. The collection of notes and composition books, available at Crane's in The Somerset Collection, Troy, traces its roots to the early 1800s when Zenas Crane gathered cotton and linen rags for his paper mill.

Manufacturers introduced trees into the paper-making process after the Civil War, but Crane's continued to make paper from fabric.

It uses cotton denim trims from U.S. clothing manufacturers for its new *Blue Denim* paper, diverting the material from landfills into the paper-making process.

That's the same idea behind Crane's *Old Money* collection of recycled greenbacks.

"The idea was to recycle the notes taken out of circulation," explained Julie Westervelt, public relations for Crane & Company.

"They didn't even have to de-ink it." The stationery sports a distinctive light green color.

Westervelt said fabric-based paper is known for its strength.

"It's the reason why you can leave a dollar in your pocket and let it go through the wash. It comes out in one piece."

Crane's manufactures 140 styles of writing paper and note cards, envelopes and journals. Designs range from elegant to classic to whimsical.

Westervelt said many people prefer a pen to a word processor or e-mail for some correspondence.

"They are taking the time to write meaningful notes that mean something more than an e-mail to people. It means a lot for someone to take the time to do that, to drop it in the mail."

Westervelt said e-mail inadvertently may help sales of note cards as people become accustomed to e-mail style and pen shorter, more succinct letters. They also want a more distinctive, colorful format than the computer-generated e-mail screen.

"People want something different," Westervelt said.

Old Money and *Blue Denim* are part of Crane's casual stationery line.

"It's used for more of an every day kind of thing, not necessarily for a special occasion, but still with a unique twist."

The *Old Money* collection includes notes and envelopes, composition and computation books, as well as personal journals for gardening, travel, fitness and the home.

Retailers statewide

The Michigan Retailers Association Board of Directors re-elected several members to three-year terms. They are:

■ Larry Mullins owns Brandon Tire & Battery in Ortonville.

■ Peter Sobelton is owner-operator of Sundries Plus in Troy.

■ Joseph McCurry is district general manager for Sears, Roebuck and Co.

■ Jan Hayhow, president and general manager of Lansing-based Michigan, Inc.

Fall trends

Faux snakeskin prints and leather will be "everywhere" in fashion this fall, according to Jacobson's.

It also predicts that children will wear cargo shorts, check woven shirts, dark denim, gypsy-inspired ponchos and zip-off sleeves and pant legs.

Jacobson's top fashion picks for its Ms. J, junior department, are:

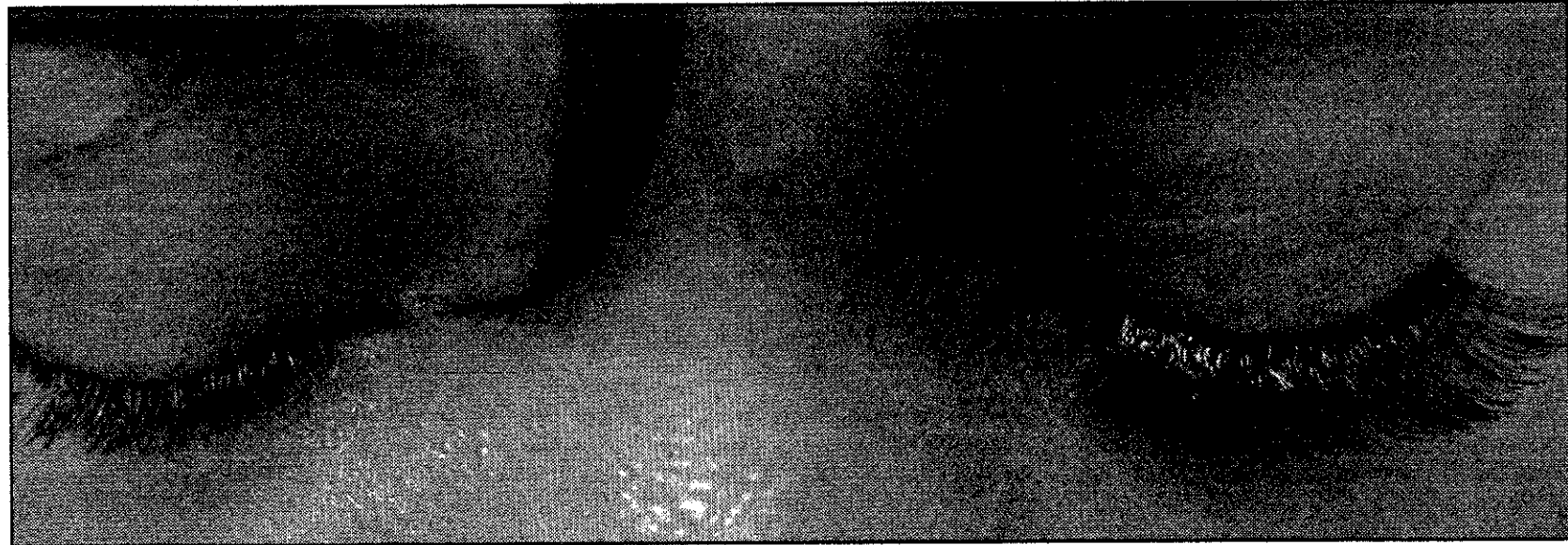
■ Conservative prints in wild styles.

■ Western dressing with fringe, cowboy boots and hats.

■ 1970s look with jumpsuits, charmeuse blouses and skirts in geometric prints.

■ Holiday and eveningwear include tanks, halters and backless sweaters dressed up with studding, sequins, and laces.

For Your Eyes



Thick and long: Individually applied human hair eye lashes enhance the right eye. The eye at left sports only its own natural lashes.

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Salon enhances eyes with bold lashes

BY SHARON DARGAY
STAFF WRITER

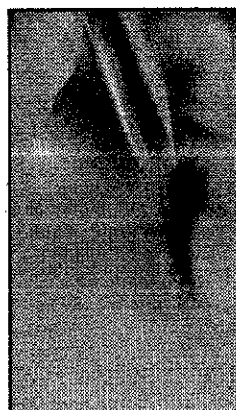
Chevelle Downs went 31 years without wearing false eyelashes.

But a stint in a salon last year opened her eyes on beauty trends and she has worn — and sold — the lash enhancements ever since.

"A friend of mine always wears lashes and she decided to open a salon. I worked with her for a while," Downs explained.

Seeing business potential in the beauty trend, Downs learned to apply lashes, scouted out competition and opened her own salon last month.

"If you'd said to me a year ago that I'd own a lash shop in Northland Mall, I'd never ever have believed you," Downs said, laughing. "But the need is there and we try to fill it."



Lash placement: Tweezers handle delicate artificial lashes.

"I took a look at my main competition. They have clients that sit and wait two to three hours for service. The difference between them and us is our hours. They're not open on Sunday and Monday."

Her Southfield salon, For Your Eyes, specializes in eyelash placement, but also offers eye brow arching, facials and make-up application.

Eyelash sets, which last up to two weeks, cost from \$25 to \$30 depending on thickness. Specialty lashes, which consist of both long and short hairs, range from \$35-\$45.

"Most people who come in

want that natural look. They don't want people to know they are wearing lashes. But then we have clients who have other jobs — they work at the casino or they're an exotic dancer — and they want something more exotic."

A small percent of clients get false eyelashes because they have none of their own.

"Some people want them on special occasion, but most people come in because they like to wear lashes every day," Downs said. "I never thought of wearing lashes. I'd see girls with them and they looked pretty, but it wasn't conducive to my lifestyle."

"Now I've got to have them. I can't live without them. I hardly wear any make up now. I don't find a need for it because I think my eyes with the lashes are enough."

Salon technicians can apply a set of lashes in about 20 minutes. They handle each human hair lash with tweezers while dabbing it into glue specifically made for eyelashes. The false lash goes on the eye lid, between the two layers of natural lash.

"I'm almost guided by the force I'm so used to doing it. I know just where it needs to be placed," Downs said.

The customer holds a small fan to help blow away the glue fumes, dry the adhesive and decrease tearing.

"If they tear I just dry their face and keep going," she said. "You don't even have to take your contact lenses out. The only way contacts would be a problem is if I drop them in your eye and that's unlikely. I've never done that before."

But she said customers with severe allergies may feel some eye irritation and be tempted to rub their eyes.

"You don't want to rub your eyes," she cautioned. Downs advises clients rinse their lashes daily and

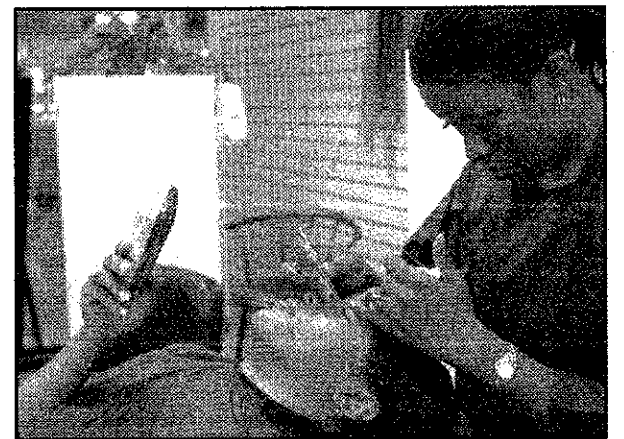
remove them after two weeks.

"In a week's time you'll need a fill, just like when you get nails filled," she added. "They come loose and they come out. Your body produces oil and it breaks down the adhesive. After two weeks you get a new set. You don't want dirty lashes sitting on your eye."

Lisa Dixon, a customer from Southfield, wears contacts and works in a hospital surgery department, but likes false lashes because they "look sexy."

"I was going to another place but the lashes were falling out because they put too much glue on it," Dixon said. "I was in the mall one day and saw this shop. I've been coming ever since."

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Steady hands: Andreena Glenn holds a small battery powered fan to dissipate fumes from eyelash glue as salon owner Chevelle Downs carefully applies lashes.

Local shoe distributor imports new children's line

BY JANET SUGAMELI
STAFF WRITER

Fitting children's shoes properly is "part science and part art," according to Birmingham retailer Dale Maple of Hansel N' Gretel Shoes.

"You don't want shoes that are too tight," he said. "And, shoes that fit too perfect, you won't get your money's worth."

Shoes that are too large can create friction blisters and become a tripping hazard, Maple added.

"When you're looking at children's shoes, it's very important to get properly fitted shoes, especially because children's feet are growing," agrees Mary Ann Fontana, founder and president of children's shoe distributor Fancy Feet of Oak Park.

"And, it's very important that they are made of natural material that is breathable. Most children's sneakers are made of synthetic material. It's like wearing a plastic bag on your feet." Not all children's shoes are made

with quality in mind.

So, it's no surprise that Maple is putting in his order for Fontana's new product line.

Fancy Feet, the first U.S. company to design and sell children's footwear made in Italy under the labels Shoe Be Baby and Shoe Be Doo, now is joining forces with a leading Israeli shoemaker for a new line of children's shoes.

Nimrod Productions Ltd. will manufacture the Nimi shoes. The shoes will be distributed to major department stores and children's specialty stores throughout the country. Shoes similar to Nimi have been produced under the label Elefanten for the U.S. but now the local company will be the distributor under the Nimi label.

The new line, which comes in the spring of 2001, will premiere at the World Shoe Association convention in Las Vegas this month.

"We carried those shoes (under the other label) and they were very suc-

cessful," said Maple. "They are really some of the best walking sandals we carried... They have a great arch footbed which really holds the arch in place."

Maple said he was concerned about bringing the same quality into his store after the disappearance of the Elefanten. "I saw the samples (of Nimi) and I

saw it was an identical product at a better price," he noted.

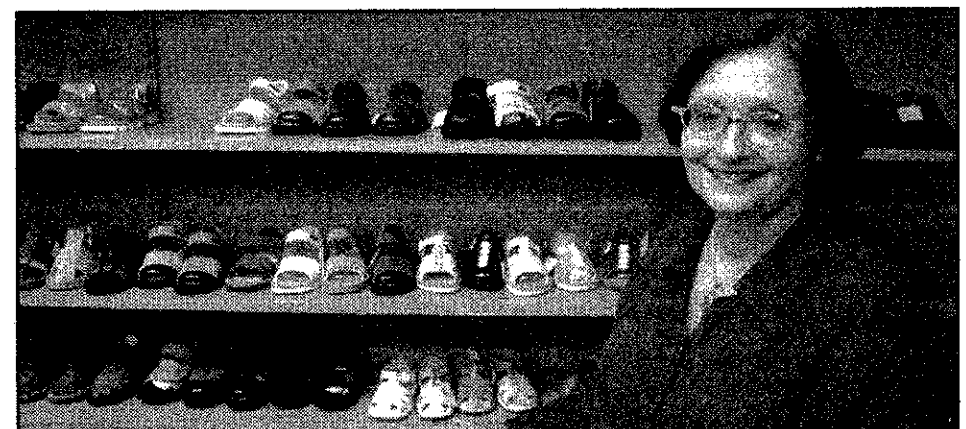
Fontana said Nimrod Productions came to her with a U.S. distribution deal. "I looked at it as an opportunity to expand my horizons and my collection," she said.

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In step: Mary Ann Fontana, owner of Fancy Feet, shows off her line of children's shoes.

STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JAGDFELD

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: *Malls & Mainstreets*, c/o *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.

SUNDAY, AUG. 13

HAIRCUT FOR CHARITY

Selected salons will donate all proceeds from haircuts and manicures done from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., to City of Hope National Medical Center and Beckman Research Institute. Salons include Figaro, 265 North Old Woodward, Birmingham, Barbara & Associates, 2838 West Maple, Troy and Salon Zef, 2989 Big Beaver, Troy.

FASHION SHOW

View the Doncaster Fall clothing collection at a Style Made Easy trunk show in West Bloomfield. Style Made Easy sells limited edition clothing at private home shows. Call Lyn Eckerty at (734) 416-2390 to register.

TUESDAY, AUG. 15

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

AT SUMMIT PLACE MALL

St. Joseph Mercy Oakland will offer back-to-school health tips for students from 10-11 a.m., at the special events area near Montgomery Ward in Summit Place Mall, located at Elizabeth Lake and Telegraph roads in Waterford.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 16

GOOD READING

The Brandeis used book sale marks its 30th anniversary at Tel-Twelve Mall, 12 Mile and Telegraph, Southfield. Opening night runs from 9:30 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$5. The show continues through Aug. 23.

JUDAISM AT BORDERS

The adult Jewish learning project of the Michigan Conservative movement sponsors a talk by Rabbi Elliot Pachter at 7:30 p.m., at Borders Books, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. The program is part of a monthly series on science and Torah.

(248) 593-3490.

THURSDAY, AUG. 17

TRUNK SHOW

Fibres in downtown Birmingham shows sportswear, pants and suits by Fabrizio Gianni, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The show continues through Aug. 20. Fibres is located at 270 West Maple. (248) 723-2880.

FALL FASHION

View DKNY's fall 2000 collection at Saks Fifth Avenue in The Somerset Collection, Troy. Customers will receive a gift with any \$100 purchase from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 19

GOOD CAUSE

Help the Food Bank of Oakland County while dressing up your car in hip 1950s style. Cruise by Art Van Furniture in Royal Oak during the Woodward Dream Cruise and buy a pair of fuzzy dice. Minimum donation is \$2. All proceeds will go to the Food Bank. The Royal Oak store is located on Woodward, south of 13 Mile.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find through reader feedback. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item owned by another reader, rather than for sale at a store, we will call you. But, please, be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.

WHAT WE FOUND:

- For acid free tissue paper, try area Michael stores.
- Amere Image in the Old Village of Plymouth (734) 451-5363 sells Tend Skin products.
- Eye lashing tinting is done at the L'Arlyoa Salon in the Kaye Center on Northwestern Highway south of Twelve mile in Southfield, (248) 356-1222.
- Sign language classes try the UAW GM Orion Skill Center ask for Mrs. Baumbardo (248) 377-5182.
- The old bowling trophies can be taken to Four Chaplain's Nursing Home 28349 Joy road in Westland (734) 261-9500.
- A reader has a Smith Corona PWP3 word processor and manual.
- Rence Camera on Little Mack (810) 772-8344 sells parts for projectors, may carry a belt for a Super 8 projector or try Premium Parts in Wisconsin at (800) 558-9572.
- In the J. C. Penney catalog page 1209 sells the extra long twin sheets.

FIND & SEARCH NOTES

- The MacCauley telephone number in Plymouth is (734) 207-2400.
- A reader has a Grundig console stereo with radio and record

player to donate to a charitable organization.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- The first ornament from the 12 days of Christmas Hallmark Ornament (from the 1980's) for Donna.
- A used countertop revolving greeting card rack for Joyce of Redford.
- A 1955 Pershing High School yearbook for Margie of Westland.
- A 1967 Oak Park High School yearbook (Revoir) for Jan of Farmington.
- A used automatic 21 cord Harp for Dorothy.
- A store in the Livonia area that sells men's shaving brushes for Chris.
- A store that sells wallpaper cleaner (soft like putty) for Mary who resides in Clarkston.
- A store that sells dark cobalt blue toaster for Joan of Franklin.
- A Mr. Scrub Master scrubber for Mrs. Bills.
- A Polo shirt by David Smith sold at Jacobson's for Shirley.
- An 8-track tape by Queen "Bohemian Rhapsody" for Liz.
- The 1973 Avon Christmas Plate for Barbara who resides in Rochester Hills.
- A place that cleans a king size suede comforter for Ronald of West Bloomfield.
- For a late 1950's Tilt-A-door garage door the rubber that goes on the bottom of the door for Lance.
- A 1977-1978 Bishop Borghess High School yearbook for Brian of Livonia.
- A set of International Library of Piano Music (15 books in series) from 1967 by the University Society Inc. Educational Publishers of New York for Laura of Troy.
- St. Ives mint & aloe facial toner Swiss formula for Kathy

who resides in Livonia.

- A store that sells Season Ticket slacks.
- A 1964 Oak Park High School yearbook for Suzanne of Birmingham.
- A store that sells Ken's Steakhouse light Italian dressing for Alisa of Oak Park.
- A makeup mirror by Miracle Mirrors Inc., Wichita, Kansas, called Vis-a-vis focusing mirror for Toni of Livonia.
- A store that sells baseball cap savers for washing the caps for John.
- A Heritage Collectible Bear (Albert) from 1998-1999 sold at Kroger's for Barbara.
- An old Fisher Price airplane from the early 1990's, red, white, and blue with four little people for Barbara.
- Two cloth dolls from the 1960's Tubby (boy), Lulu (girl) for Anne.
- A craft store that has instructions for Christmas wreaths and Christmas decorations for Evelyn.
- A CD/cassette of the motion picture soundtrack from A Perfect World for Shirley.
- A store/company that repairs quality wicker furniture for Mary of Plymouth.
- A shift dress by Ashley Taylor sold at K-mart for Dorothy of Garden City.
- A store that sells men's briefs by Health DRI for Barbara of Farmington.
- The card game Bridge for Two by Milton Bradley for Cathy of Farmington.
- A store that sells Halston 112 talc for men and Royal Copenhagen tale for Clyde of Southfield.
- A store that sells a wooden bagel cutter (not guillotine style) for Judy who resides in Farmington.
- A retail store that sells Reflexology socks for Joanne of Plymouth.
- A mirror that hangs around

the neck to see back of hair for Carole of Redford.

- A store that sells a gold school bell for a wedding for Carol.
- A 1968 Mumford High School yearbook for Vineca of Bloomfield Township.
- The Sally Hanson Lip Quencher moisturizing Clearwater water gloss lipstick #7 for Marge of Independence Township.
- A store that sells women's elastic waist Fundamental slacks for Shirley.
- The location of a Hoffritz store in Michigan for Mrs. H. of Birmingham.
- A store that sells Breck unscented regular hair spray for Helen of Redford.
- A store that sells British Sterling men's stick deodorant for Carol.
- A store that sells 10 x 10 gilded mirror tiles (marble) needs 12 (has very thin tape on back) for Diane of Beverly Hills.
- A store that sells fabric with rowing and oars on it for Elizabeth.
- A seamstress who can sew a pocket for prosthesis in bathing suit for a mastectomy patient.
- A store that can clean a leather Lazy Boy for Rita of Livonia.
- A new or used rowing shell with a seat that slides back and forth, measures less than 20 feet and accommodates a 124-pound person, but is not a kayak for Alexis.
- A 1961 Betty Crocker picture cookbook for Barbara of Plymouth.
- Someone to replace ceiling tiles in a family room for Roger.
- A 1970 Looney Tunes glass sold at Hardy's (needs 1-6) for Peggy.
- A store that sells Clarions Skin Harmonizer Moisturizer by the Norell Corporation/Proctor & Gamble for Kelly of Farmington.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

Salon from previous page

Dixon gets "the works," including eyebrow arching and lashes.

"My husband loves it," she said. Customers remove eye makeup before technicians apply new lashes to assure eyelids are clean and sanitized. Downs said salon technicians sanitize implements and hands before working.

"The state law is the same in any salon. They are strict. We clean everything, even the chair they sit in," Downs noted.

What should customers consider before getting eyelash enhancements? Shoib Myint, an oculo-plastic surgeon with William Beaumont Hospital's eye institute, suggests customers make sure the salon is licensed by the state. Technicians should be licensed cosmetologists

or estheticians. "My concern would be what kind of glue they use. Make sure it's approved by the FDA," he said. "If it gets into the eye it can potentially irritate the cornea."

"One of the biggest things with doing lashes is that there can be a problem of misdirection."

Improperly positioned lashes may not only look bad but irritate the eye. "If you have any visual symptoms you should get them checked by an ophthalmologist."

For Your Eyes is located in Northland Mall, Greenfield, south of Nine Mile in Southfield. (248)423-2555. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m., Sundays.

Shoes from previous page

Although the quality is good, Fontana said the shoes are more moderately priced compared to her Shoe Be Doo and Shoe Be Baby brands, which she designs and has manufactured in Italy. Many of those shoes are sold by major department stores, including Jacobson's and Nordstrom, and in nearly 300 specialty shoe stores nation-wide, as well as mail-order catalog, Wooden Soldier.

The Nimi shoes range

from \$35 to \$55 while the Shoe Be Doo shoes are \$55 to \$85. "The Nimi is a more everyday children's sandal or shoe," Fontana added.

She expects the moderately priced Nimi shoes will expand her customer base.

Last year Fancy Feet sold more than 65,000 pairs of children's shoes, which were distributed out of the 6,000 square-foot Fancy Feet warehouse in Oak Park.

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TRAVEL

Chorale members sing praises of Ireland

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

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Karen Buddenborg found a pot of gold on the other side of a rainbow in Ireland — family she never met.

"It was just incredible," said Buddenborg who recently traveled to Ireland, with the Madonna University Chorale. "Everything was just as wonderful as I thought it would be. It was nice to see how our family lived, I even helped my cousins milk the cows."

Buddenborg and her parents flew to Ireland a week ahead of the chorale to visit family.

"Both of my father's parents were born in Ireland," she said. Seeing the family resemblance in the faces of her cousins was an experience Buddenborg, a resident of Livonia, says she'll never forget. Singing with the chorale at Galway Cathedral and looking out at the audience which included 18 of her family members was also a thrill.

Dr. David Wagner, associate professor of music, and director of the Madonna University Chorale, said the concert at Galway Cathedral was one of the

best, not only because of the audience, but because of the beautiful setting.

"We talked about going to Europe, and wanted to have the experience of singing in historic churches," said Wagner. "Touring Ireland was an extra bonus."

The chorale is made of Madonna University faculty, students, and friends of the university. Wagner describes the group as a "community wide chorus" that explores a variety of choral music.

"They do it for the love of it," he explained. The group rehearses 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, and presents a Christmas and spring concert. They've performed with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra and presented a special "Farewell Concert" on June 18 at St. Paul Church in Grosse Pointe Farms before leaving for Ireland on June 23.

Their tour included performances at St. Patrick's and St. Mary's Pro Cathedral in Dublin, St. Mary's Cathedral in Killarney, and Galway Cathedral. They presented a program of American vocal works that included music from the pre-Revolutionary War period to African

American spirituals and newly commissioned works.

"It was a kick to be in these places and sing," said Wagner. "I really enjoyed traveling with this group. We mixed up singing with touring and were able to pack in quite a bit of stuff."

"We never met anyone who wasn't friendly," said Buddenborg. "Everyone was anxious to please."

Sitting around a table at the Livonia Observer office, looking at photographs, and reminiscing about the trip, Buddenborg, Wagner and his wife, Penny, and chorale member Evelyn Wojtkowiak of Livonia, smiled as they talked about all the things they saw in Ireland.

"The colors of the buildings were amazing. they were blue, yellow, pink and green," said Penny pointing to a picture taken in Waterville, a town that Charlie Chaplin loved to visit in the summer.

Everyone was taken with the natural beauty of Ireland — yes everything is really green, they said.

They began their journey in Dublin, and sang at St. Patrick's Cathedral just 1½ hours after

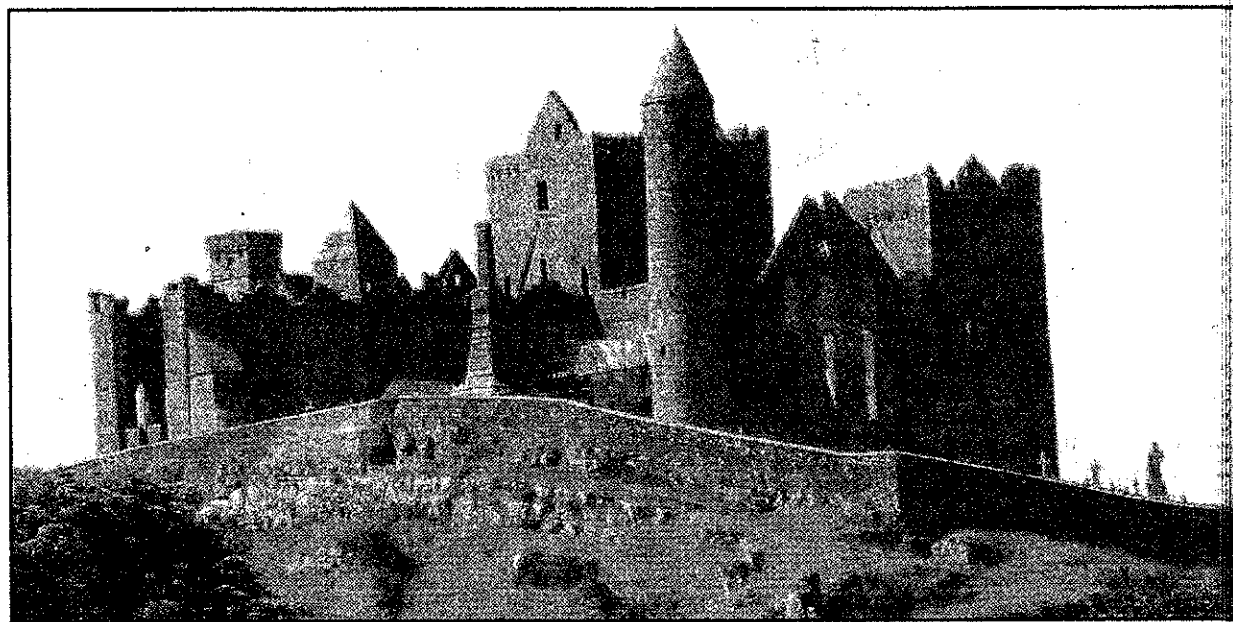


PHOTO BY EVELYN WOJTKOWIAK

Beautiful countryside: Lots of green, and an occasional castle, make Ireland's countryside memorable.

their plane landed.

"Guinness Stout tastes better there," said Wagner who toured the Guinness factory in Dublin. "They make it with spring water. There's a museum too, and at the end of the tour they give everyone a pint."

From Dublin the group headed down the coast to Kenmare and stopped at Blarney Castle. Some people waited in line and climbed the steps to kiss the Blarney Stone, which is really a stone within the wall.

Others shopped at Blarney Mills. "It's the biggest tourist trap in Ireland I'm told," said Buddenborg with a smile. Jewelry, Irish lace, woolens, books, Waterford Crystal, Belek China and clothes were among the items being offered for sale.

Kenmare, which has the reputation of being "the tidiest town" in Ireland, was another stop. While sightseeing, the group stumbled upon the ruins of the second largest Druid Circle. It dates back to 5,000 BC.

A stop at Ross Castle near Kil-

larny was another highlight. The group took a boat tour on Muckross Lake, which is surrounded by "beautiful hills." The lake "was smooth as glass," said Wojtkowiak. She also enjoyed visiting the Cliffs of Moher on the west coast below Galway. "They're breathtaking," she said.

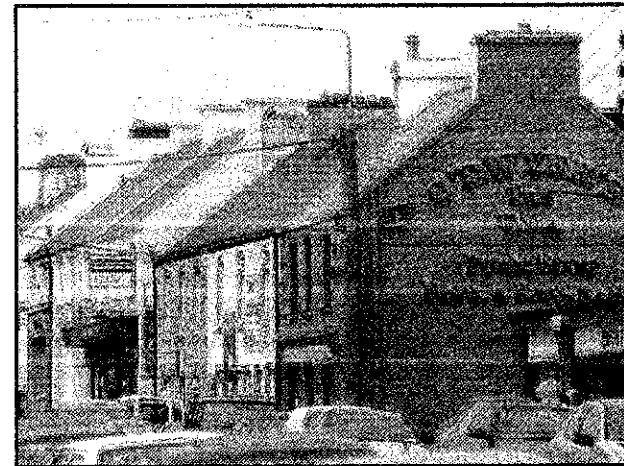
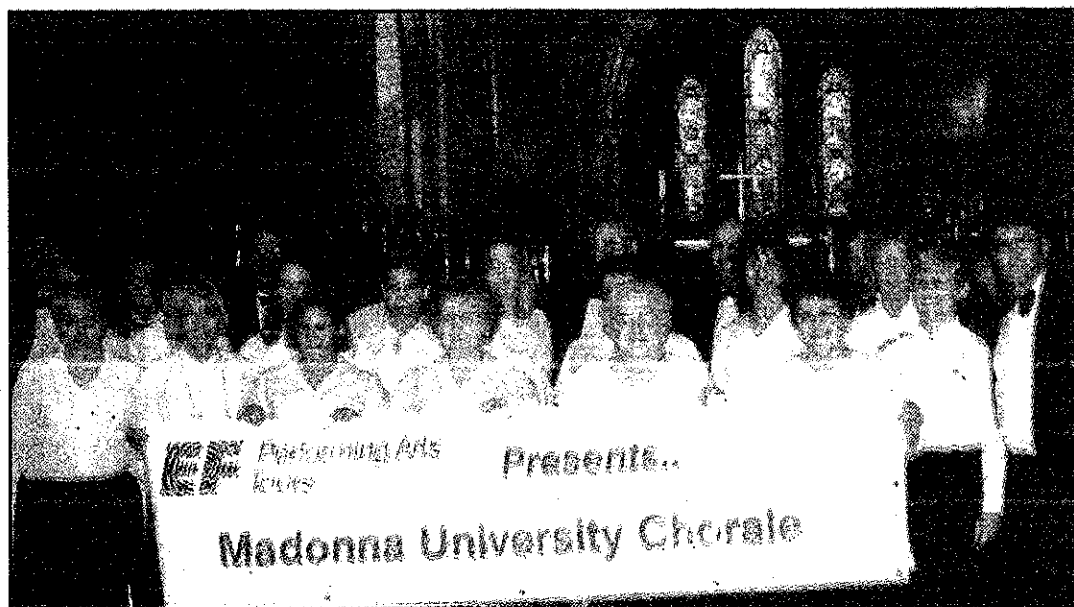
Everyone agreed it was nice to come into a town and see church steeples. They were taken with the natural beauty of Ireland

and happy that there were no billboards cluttering the countryside.

If you'd like to visit Ireland, but can't afford it right now, Wojtkowiak recommends Patrick O'Ryan's Irish Pub in downtown Windsor. Visit them at www.patrickoryans.com

"The Irish stew was lovely. They had Smithwick's (a light ale, she discovered in Ireland), and I was in heaven."

On tour: The Madonna University Chorale poses for a group photograph on their tour of Ireland.

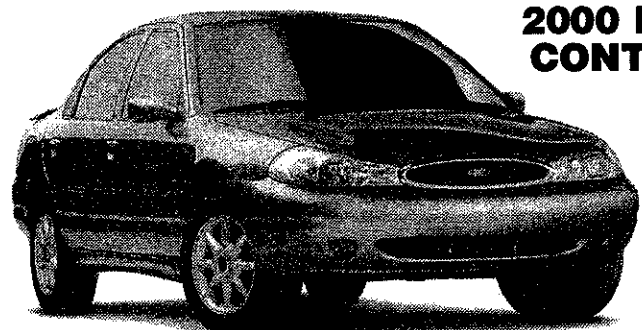


Colorful: Charlie Chaplin liked to spend his summers in Waterville, Ireland. The town is filled with colorful buildings.

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KELLI LEWTON

Ice cream still a cool hit on a hot day

will drive out of my way for my favorite ice cream. Here are some cold facts about ice cream:

- Each American consumes a year's average 23.2 quarts of ice cream, sherbet, ices and other commercially produced frozen dairy products.
- More ice cream is sold on Sunday than any other day of the week.
- Ninety-eight percent of all-American households have ice cream in one form or another in their freezer.
- To date, the five most popular ice cream flavors are Vanilla, 29 percent, Strawberry, 11.5 percent, Chocolate 8.9 percent, Butter Pecan 5.3 percent, Neapolitan 4.2 percent
- Low-fat ice cream has 3 grams of fat or less per serving
- Light ice cream has 50 percent less fat than a brand's regular ice cream
- Ice milk can mean low-fat, light or both

Frozen facts

Emperor Nero of Rome is credited with creating the first frozen dessert. He would send his slaves into the high mountains to retrieve snow, which was then mixed with nectar and honey for food feasts of the elite. Others believe Marco Polo brought recipes for flavored ice waters, told to have been used for thousand of years, back with him from the Far East.

During the Victorian era, drinking flavored sodas was considered improper and a sin on Sunday. An enterprising druggist in Evanston, Illinois reportedly concocted his own legal Sunday alternative. It contained ice cream and syrups, but no soda, and was served out of a bowl. To show respect for the holiday he changed the spelling to Sundae.

Ice cream was invented in China in about 200 B.C., when a soft, milk and rice mixture was further solidified by packing it in snow.

Parlor

The first ice cream parlor opened in New York City in 1776. George Washington loved ice cream so much that he ran up a \$200 bill for the dessert treat one summer in the late 1700s. Dolly Madison created a sensation when she served ice cream as a dessert at the White House at the second inaugural ball in 1812.

In 1843, New England housewife Nancy Johnson invented the hand-cranked ice cream churn. Lacking the resources to market the churn herself, she sold the patent for her invention for \$200. The first commercial ice cream plant was established in Baltimore in 1851 by Jacob Fussell.

Cone

The ice cream cone was first introduced at the St. Louis Exposition of 1904 when an ice cream vendor ran out of bowls. A neighboring pastry maker rolled the ice cream in crisp wafers and called them "cornucopias."

Several others claim to have originated the cone, including an Italian immigrant who had obtained a patent earlier that year.

In 1921, the commissioner of Ellis Island made the decision to treat all incoming immigrants to a taste of something truly American by serving them ice cream as part of their first meal.

Invention of the ice cream soda is often attributed to Robert M. Green of Philadelphia, who operated a soda water concession and sold a cream soda—a mix of cream, sugar, syrup, and carbonated water. One day he ran out of cream and substituted ice cream, hoping his customers wouldn't notice. But they did, and his daily sales rose from \$6 to \$600.

No matter how it's served, ice cream has stood the test of time and remains one of our favorite desserts.

Chef Kelli L. Lewton is owner of 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners in Bloomfield Hills. A graduate of Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts program, Kelli is a part-time instructor at the college. See recipes inside.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- Recipe to Share

BAG or BUY?

School lunches should be well-balanced whether brought or bought



Production line: From left, Ryan MacWilliams, Kelsey Crawford, Analena Iacobelli and Sean Morrison got together to make "Guinea Pigs" in a Blanket for their lunches.

BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS
SPECIAL WRITER

It is back-to-school time! Time to search the cupboards and refrigerator to come up with school lunch ideas for another year.

Competition for children's food interest (and dollars) is fierce. Neither parents nor schools have multi-million dollar advertising budgets like the fast food chains. Children's food interests have changed through the years — they want the stuff they see on TV. This can make it challenging for parents trying to feed their children healthy foods they will accept.

School lunch program

The school lunch program began more than 50 years ago as a program to safeguard the health and welfare of the nation's children and to support American agriculture. School food service has been credited with greatly reducing malnutrition. Research continues to show a positive relationship between nutrition and learning.

School lunch has had some bumps along the way (remember ketchup as a vegetable?), but has proven to be an important component in promoting the nutritional health of children. For the most part, gone are the days of "mystery meat," sterile-looking cafeteria lines and few options. Today, school lunch menus are interesting and, in many schools, the cafeterias are fun places to dine.

Power lunches for busy kids

Choose one item from each of the food groups to put together a healthy lunch.

- **Grains for super energy**
Whole wheat bread, rolls, pita bread, bread sticks, raisin bread, dry cereal, English muffins, large baked pretzels, crackers, muffins, tortillas, rice cakes, bagels, graham crackers, biscuits, matzo
- **Protein for growing muscles**
Tuna, cottage cheese, low-fat lunch meats, refried beans, peanut butter, string cheese, leftovers, skim milk cheeses, hard cooked eggs, nuts, lentils
- **Fruits and vegetables for vital vitamins and minerals**
Any fresh fruit or vegetable, cleaned, whole or cut into pieces like baby carrots, celery, cucumber, broccoli florets, green pepper rings, apple wedges, melon balls, orange slices, strawberries, cherry tomatoes or bananas. One hundred percent fruit juice, dried fruits, salads, individual applesauce or fruit cups, tomato or vegetable juice cocktail
- **Dairy foods for strong bones and teeth**
Low-fat or fat-free milk, yogurt, cheese, pudding or custard
- **Desserts**
Vanilla wafers, ginger snaps, animal crackers, "Teddy Grahams," iced animal cookies, graham crackers, oatmeal cookies, banana bread or other homemade breads.

School lunch menus are planned by registered dietitians and include foods that kids want to eat, prepared in healthier ways. Ethnic and vegetarian foods, "wrap" sandwiches, and made-from-scratch baked goods are making their way onto school lunch menus.

The most important points to help your child learn about the midday meal are making good choices and eating a variety of foods. This is true whether your child chooses to brown bag it or buy from the cafeteria line. Unfortunately, many schools allow the sale of competitive foods of minimal nutritional value.

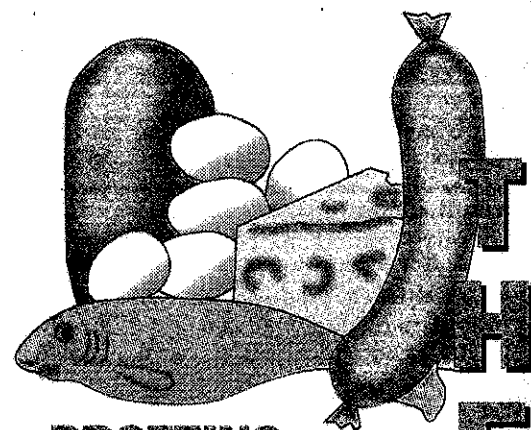
Profits from vending machine sales go to benefit the school or school activities such as scholarships, music, art, athletics, yearbook, trips, newspapers, computers, etc. But the price may be a decline in children's nutritional health.

Tips

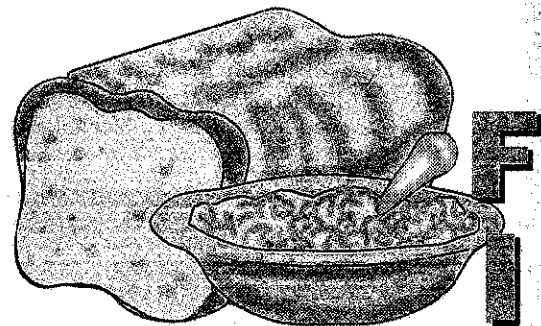
Here are some tips to help your child get the best out of a brown bag lunch:

- Let your kids help draw up a lunch menu. Ask them for suggestions on protein, grains and fruits or vegetable ideas.
- The average time for lunch is about 21 minutes. Children may spend time chatting with friends, using the restroom, or waiting in line, so remember to pack foods that are convenient to open and eat.
- Children love to dip and eat colorful finger foods. Serve a selection of raw or blanched vegetables with a savory dipping sauce like low-fat ranch dressing.
- Cut fresh fruit into slices or cubes and put onto toothpicks or wooden skewers like kabobs. Serve with a yogurt dip or peanut butter.
- Pack savory soups in your child's thermos to keep their furnaces stoked. Good choices include chicken noodle, creamy vegetable, clam chowder or chili. Leftover stews and casseroles are also excellent lunch ideas.
- Wrap a bread stick, carrot or celery stick in a slice of turkey or roast beef. Wrap a pickle in a slice of ham.
- Try other sandwich ideas such as tortilla bread stuffed with humus and cheese, leftover meatloaf with ketchup and lettuce on toast, egg salad with chopped green peppers, chicken salad with chopped nuts, or tuna salad with chopped apples.
- Peanut butter is still a sandwich favorite for children. Try experimenting with something besides jelly to add variety, taste, texture and nutritional value. Pair peanut butter with apple, celery or pineapple chunks, raisins or other dried fruits, banana slices, shredded carrots with orange marmalade, alfalfa sprouts, sunflower seeds, or grated low-fat cheddar cheese.
- Pretzels have only a fraction of the fat of potato or corn chips (but are still high in salt) and are a fun treat.

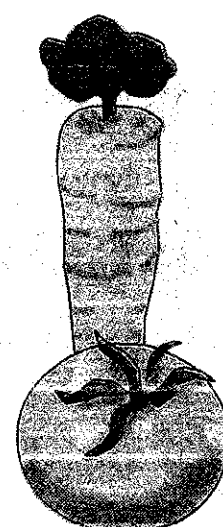
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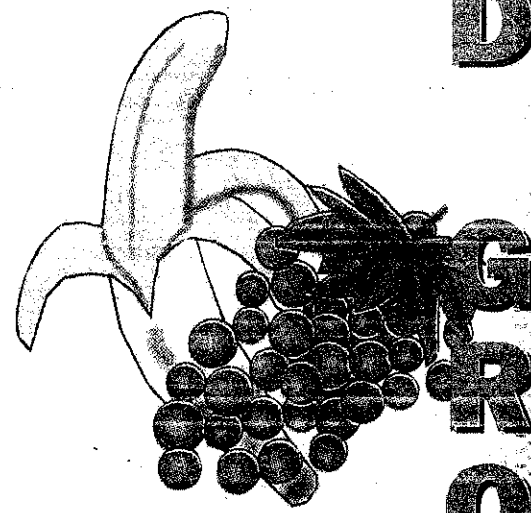
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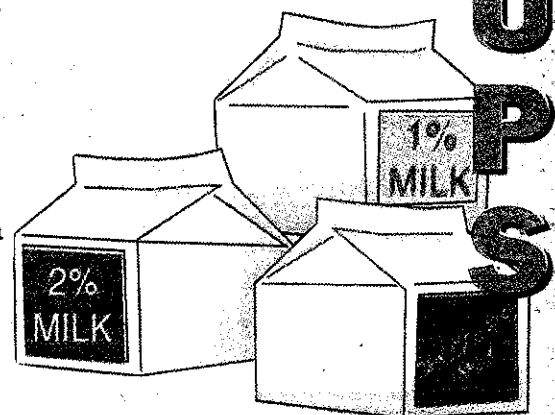
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Beat the heat with this chicken salad treat

MAIN DISH MIRACLE



MURIEL WAGNER

Some days, it's too hot to even think about doing the "grill" thing, especially if you're the griller. That's when this international salad recipe will come to your rescue.

This Mexican Chicken Salad is full of flavor and nutrient dense — including all those natural cancer fighters and fiber. Best of all, it requires no cooking. Put the stove on vacation as you "cool" it in the kitchen. To reduce the sodium, cook your own chicken breast in nonfat sodium-reduced chicken broth.

Look for Main Dish Miracle on the second Sunday of the month in Taste. Muriel G. Wagner is a registered dietitian and nutrition therapist with an office in Southfield. She publishes "Eating Younger," a quarterly newsletter with recipes and nutrition tips. To subscribe, send a check for \$13.50 to "Eating Younger," P.O. Box 69021, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069.

MEXICAN CHICKEN SALAD

- 1 12-ounce package Louis Rich Southwestern chicken breast strips or 3 cooked chicken breast halves
- 8 green onions, washed and cut into strips
- 1 medium red bell pepper, washed and cut into strips
- 1 8-1/4 ounce can sliced carrots, rinsed
- 1 8-3/4 ounce can whole kernel corn, rinsed
- 1 2-ounce can sliced black olives, rinsed
- 6 plum tomatoes, washed, seeded and chopped
- 1/4 cup cilantro, washed and chopped
- 1 small honeydew melon, washed, seeded and cut into 4 inch rings or 4 tomatoes with pulp removed
- 1 avocado, peeled, sliced and brushed with lime juice

Mix ingredients, except avocado and melon or tomato with Mayonnaise Olé recipe below. Serve in hollowed-out tomatoes or honeydew melon rings. Garnish with avocado slices. Serves 4.

MAYONNAISE OLÉ

- 1/2 cup Kraft Mayo (nonfat)
 - 1 1/2 teaspoon chilli powder
 - 1 1/2 teaspoon honey
 - 1 1/2 teaspoon lime juice
 - Hot pepper sauce (to taste)
- Combine ingredients.

Nutritional information: calories 202; fat, 4.2 grams; sat. fat, 1.6 grams; cholesterol, 78 mg; sodium, 450 mg.
Food exchanges: 3 lean meat, 1 vegetable, 1/2 fruit.

Kroger offers antibiotic-free chicken

The Kroger Co. is expanding its poultry product line in several Michigan stores to better meet the needs of their customers who are Muslim or are interested in organic, antibiotic-free chicken.

Kroger, which has several stores in communities that house large Arab and non-Arab Muslim populations, worked closely with local religious leaders to introduce certified Halal chicken products to several of its Michigan stores.

The product line, Murray's

All Natural Chicken, is specially designated as Halal with stickers printed in both English and Arabic. The full product line of fresh, pre-packaged chicken includes: whole bird, cut-up chicken, boneless and skinless breast, split chicken breast, wings, drumsticks, thighs and legs.

The chickens are free-roaming, organic and antibiotic-free. They have been fed only certified pesticide-free feed, which is 100 percent vegetable.

The Halal-certified product

line, Murray's All Natural Chicken, is available now at select Kroger stores.

Other stores may carry a selection of the product line. Customers are advised to call their individual stores to ascertain availability of Halal chicken products.

Those stores include: 1905 Canton Center, Canton; 25780 Middlebelt, Farmington; 33523 Eight Mile and 30935 Five Mile, both in Livonia; and 44525 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Children love these pigs

See related school lunch story on Taste front.

Our desire was to come up with a lunch entree that could be made in quantity ahead of time, wrapped individually and stored either in the freezer or refrigerator for easy lunch packing.

We wanted the food to be easy enough for a child to make and fun for them to eat. A group of kids from Clarkston agreed to experiment with a variety of ingredients to come up with the perfect make-ahead lunch. They all decided that these "pigs" were great right out of the oven.

The filled crescent rolls were the best hot, but the kids preferred the rolls made from pizza dough or buttermilk biscuits when served cold or at room temperature.

"GUINEA PIGS" IN A BLANKET

Makes four servings per package of rolls

1 package crescent rolls, pizza dough, or buttermilk biscuits (in the tube)

Your choice of the following:

Lean ham slices
Muenster cheese (or your favorite cheese)
Mozzarella cheese, shredded
Thin slices of tomato
Scrambled eggs (cooked)
Pepperoni slices
Dill pickle slices
Red or green pepper slices

Note: To lower the fat content, choose reduced fat crescent rolls and fill with lean meats. Remember that a very little bit of cheese goes a long way.

To assemble your "pigs":

Preheat oven to 375°F. If using pizza dough, roll it out thinly (about 1/4-inch thick) and cut into 4-inch squares. If using biscuits, roll each biscuit until it is flat (about 1/4-inch thick). For crescent rolls, carefully unroll each triangle.

Choose ingredients you want and place them on

the dough, being careful not to let the ingredients hang over the edge of the dough. For crescent rolls, either cut or fold the meat and cheese into a triangle so it fits on the dough. Once assembled, place a second piece of dough on top and seal the edges by pinching them together. Transfer "pig" to an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for approximately 10 to 12 minutes (pizza dough may take a bit longer), or until rolls are puffy and nicely browned.

You can serve them immediately or let them cool and wrap and refrigerate or freeze to be packed in a school lunch and eaten cold.

If pigs are going to be reheated, remove from wrapper, place on a piece of paper towel and microwave until heated thoroughly. To eat cold, the kids liked pizza dough with pepperoni and cheese best. Scrambled eggs with ham and cheese on a crescent roll, warmed in the microwave, was the favorite breakfast Guinea pig.

CHOCOLATE-PEANUT BUTTER OATS

Ingredients:

1/2 stick (4 tablespoons) butter or margarine
1 cup peanut butter
12 ounce package semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 large box (20 ounces) Cheerios, or other toasted oat cereal
1 1/2 cups powdered sugar

In a microwave-safe bowl, microwave margarine, peanut butter and chocolate chips on medium setting until melted. Stir. Place one large box of Cheerios cereal in a large bowl and pour chocolate mixture over top.

Mix to coat thoroughly and let cool.

Place powdered sugar in a large grocery bag. Put coated cereal in the bag and shake until powdered sugar covers cereal mixture. Let cool and set up before eating. Keeps best when stored in refrigerator.

Makes about 40 1/2-cup servings.

Send us your favorite apple pie recipes

Remember Mom's apple pie? Do you enjoy baking pies during the apple season in the fall? Or just enjoy the ambiance of a cider mill on a Sunday in September or October?

If you have an apple pie recipe you'd like to share, we'd like to hear from you. Write to Ken Abramczyk, Taste Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150 or

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Air-popped or homemade popcorn is also a nutritious addition to lunch.

Those convenient all-in-one lunch meals are handy but are very expensive for the nutrient value they provide. You are much better off making the lunch yourself.

Ask your kids not to throw away foods they don't eat. If your kids bring the food home, you will learn what things they will eat and can capitalize on providing them with these foods.

A soggy or flattened sandwich is not appetizing. Wrap tomatoes, lettuce or other juicy items separately and let your child assemble the sandwich at the lunch table.

Be sure to keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold.

Add a love note, stickers, special napkin or other little treat to let your little scholar know you are thinking about them.

Review the cafeteria menu for the week with your child. Discuss why fruit and vegetable choices are important to help them grow healthy and strong.

Good habits

For kids who prefer a hot lunch from the cafeteria, encourage good habits such as:

Review the cafeteria menu for the week with your child. Discuss why fruit and vegetable choices are important to help them grow healthy and strong.

Food waste is a huge problem in the school lunch program. Be sure your child understands the importance of selecting only the foods he or she will eat at that meal. As my dad used to say, "take all you want, but eat all you take."

Ask your child to limit vending machine purchases and buy entrees and side dishes from the cafeteria line.

Encourage your child to choose milk, even chocolate milk, as a beverage. The calcium from dairy foods helps build strong bones and teeth. Soda pop should be chosen only as a special treat.

Children must be empowered to make their own food choices. As parents, we must inform them of the best choices and work to be a good role model for healthy eating.

Peggy Martinelli-Everts lives in Clarkston and is a registered dietitian and director of clinical operations for HDS Services, a Farmington-Hills based food service and hospitality management and consulting company. HDS Services has approximately 230 management accounts throughout the United States and Japan.

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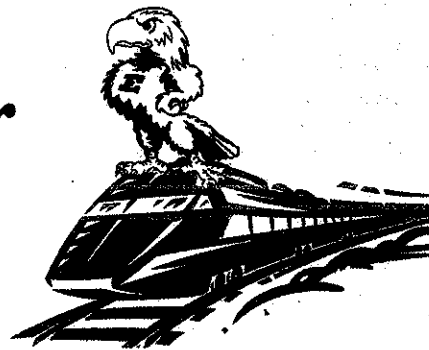
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Taming the fat in pâté

Today, a slice of pâté does not have to be French or even a threat to your arteries.

Instead of buying classic pâté de foie gras and garlic-perfumed pork pâtés, you can purchase or make your own light, lean terrines, including those that are vegetarian.

The deli counter at your supermarket probably offers some of these pâtés. Alongside mousse of duck liver, you are likely to find salmon terrine or a tri-colored loaf consisting of layers of puréed broccoli, carrots and cauliflower. Instead of fat, vegetable purées and egg whites bind these airy loaves.

What is the difference between a pâté and a terrine? Pâté (more accurately, pâté en croûte) is a filling encased in a dough crust and baked. Think of it as a loaf-shaped pie served in slices rather than wedges. Terrine is the culinary term for the long, deep pan in which a pâté is baked. It also refers to a pâté baked without a crust. These days, terrine and pâté are used interchangeably.

In some American recipes, a thick but spreadable hors d'oeuvre mixture may be dubbed a pâté. Often uncooked, the mixture is served in a bowl or molded into a loaf. These pâtés, actually terrines, usually become firm enough to slice when packed into a pan and chilled. They are



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Fresh Pâté: This Turkey and Fresh Herb Pâté can be served as either a hearty, nubby spread or as a light, summery first course.

eaten spread on crackers or toast.

This Turkey and Fresh Herb Pâté was created by Dana Jacobi of the American Institute for Cancer Research to serve as either a hearty spread or as a light, summery first course.

It is an amalgam of super-lean ground turkey breast, apple, cauliflower, tarragon and thyme. This lightly puréed mixture is blended with cream cheese, then chilled as a loaf. Serve it sliced or spread on crackers.

up turkey with a wooden spoon, cooking until meat loses all pink color and is cooked through, about 5 minutes.

Transfer turkey to a food processor. Pulse 3 to 4 times to coarsely chop turkey. Add cooled vegetables. Pulse 3 or 4 times, until mixture has the texture of minced meat. Scoop it into a bowl. Mix in tarragon, thyme, mustard, salt and pepper. Work in cream cheese until pâté is evenly blended.

Line an 8-inch loaf pan with plastic wrap, using a piece long enough for an 8-inch overhang on each side. Pack pâté into the pan, smoothing it firmly to eliminate any air pockets. Fold plastic over pâté to seal it. Refrigerate at least four hours, or until pâté is thoroughly chilled and firm.

To serve, open the plastic wrap to expose the pâté. Invert pâté onto a plate. Lift away plastic wrap. Sprinkle pâté with parsley. To serve as a first course, cut pâté into 3/4-inch slices and serve on beds of lettuce, accompanied by crackers or endive leaves.

For hors d'oeuvres, serve as a loaf, accompanied by the crackers and endive, and let guests help themselves.

Nutritional information: Makes 12 servings for a first course (93 calories and 3 grams of fat) or 24 servings as an hors d'oeuvres (47 calories and 2 grams of fat).

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

TURKEY AND FRESH HERB PÂTÉ

- 3/4 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup finely chopped shallots
- 1 celery rib, finely chopped
- 1 cup finely chopped cauliflower florets
- 1 cup finely chopped Granny Smith apple
- 1/4 cup fat-free chicken broth
- 2 teaspoons canola oil
- 16 ounces ground turkey breast (1 percent fat)
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh tarragon
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme leaves
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground pepper
- 1 8-ounce package fat-free cream cheese
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped flat leaf parsley for garnish

Generously coat a non-stick, medium skillet with cooking spray. Set the pan over medium-high heat. Sauté onion, shallots and celery until onion is translucent, about 4 minutes, stirring often. Mix in cauliflower and apple. Add broth. Cook, stirring often, until vegetables are very soft and the pan is almost dry — about 10 minutes. Spread the mixture on a platter or baking sheet to cool.

Add oil to the pan and set over medium-high heat. When oil is hot, add turkey. Constantly break

Sweeten your summer with homemade frozen desserts

The following recipes were submitted by Kelli Lewton. See related column on Taste front.

BASE ICE CREAM

- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 4 eggs
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 4 teaspoons vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 4 cups heavy cream
- 6 cups milk

Mix sugar, flour and salt in the top of a double boiler, gradually stirring in milk. Place over boiling water and cook until slightly thickened (approximately 10-12 minutes), stirring occasionally.

Reduce heat to prevent water from boiling, beat eggs lightly, stir a little of the hot milk mixture.

Cook over hot water 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from stove, chill.

Combine with cream, add vanilla, and churn in ice cream freezer until proper consistency.

Makes 3 1/2 quarts. If fruit is desired, fold in 1 cup sliced fresh fruit at the end when ice cream is frozen.

FRESH STRAWBERRY SORBET

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 4 1/2 cups fresh strawberries, hulled and rinsed
- 1/3 cup lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons raspberry or blackberry liqueur

In small sauce pan, cook sugar and water over high heat, stirring constantly, until sugar dissolves and mixture reaches a boil.

Remove pan, cool, strain and refrigerate 1 hour before blending with fruit.

In a blender or food processor, puree fruit with cooled sugar syrup, lemon juice and liqueur.

Transfer mixture to an ice cream maker, freeze accordingly to manufacturer's instructions.

BAKED ALASKA

- 2 1/2 cup vanilla ice cream
- 2 1/2 cup strawberry ice cream

- 2 1/2 cup chocolate ice cream
- 1 sliced pound cake (approximately 14 inches)
- Orange liqueur
- Italian meringue, recipe below, use 1/4 of recipe
- Powdered sugar

Layer the three ice creams in a chilled bread pan or other rectangular pan approximately 11 inches long, 4 inches wide, and 4 inches deep. You will need to soften the ice cream a bit first to create smooth, even layers. Let each layer harden in the freezer before adding the next.

Cut a strip of pound cake that is as wide as the pan is long, and long enough to wrap all the way around the ice cream block.

Unmold the ice cream by dipping the mold briefly into hot water. Then place the ice cream on the pound cake and roll it up to completely cover all four long sides. Use some scrap pieces of pound cake to cover the ends. Place on a chilled silver tray.

Lightly sprinkle orange liqueur over the top of the pound cake. Spread a 1/2-inch thick layer of meringue over the top and all four sides, using a metal spatula to achieve a smooth and even finish.

Place the remaining meringue in a pastry bag. Pipe the meringue onto the iced rectangle, place the tray in a hot oven or salamander to brown the meringue.

ITALIAN MERINGUE

- 3 egg whites
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup light corn syrup
- 1 cup water

Place the egg whites in a mixing bowl so you will be ready to start whipping them when the sugar syrup is ready.

Boil the sugar, corn syrup, and water. When the syrup reaches 230 degrees, begin whipping the egg whites on high speed. Continue boiling the syrup until it reaches 247 degrees.

Remove the syrup from the heat and lower the mixer speed to medium. Pour the syrup into the egg whites in a thin, steady stream. Turn the mixer back up to high and continue to whip the meringue until it forms still peaks, approximately 5 minutes longer.

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The message from the American Red Cross is urgent: Blood supplies are critically low. Please donate blood before the upcoming Labor Day holiday.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile Road at Levan. Please use the Five Mile entrance. To schedule a time to donate, call St. Mary Mercy Hospital at (734) 655-2907. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred.

Cancer support

Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute announces the fall session of its faith-based spiritual support group for Jewish cancer patients, survivors and family members. The group is sponsored in collaboration with Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz of Adat Shalom Synagogue of Farmington Hills.

The Jewish Cancer Support Group will meet every 7-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday for 10 weeks beginning Sept. 12 at Adat Shalom, 29901 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills. It will explore personal spirit-building, identifying what tools are available within Judaism to provide comfort, hope and coping mechanisms.

Participation is free. For more information or to register for the group, call 1-800-KARMANOS (1-800-527-6266). The registration deadline is Sept. 8.

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The American Heart Association personally answers calls 6 a.m. to midnight EST Monday-Saturday. Spanish-speaking customer service representatives are available during daytime hours. The association also is an excellent resource for medical professionals.

Additional numbers: 1-888-MY-HEART is a special toll-free number for women; 1-888-4-STROKE is a toll-free number for stroke inquiries; 1-877-AHA-4-CPR is a toll-free number for inquiries about CPR and AED courses.

Alternative medicine

The Oakwood Healthcare Center-North Westland, 36555 Warren Road, will offer an Ayurvedic Medicine Workshop-Focus on Women's Health 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19. The cost is \$50 per person.

Led by Dr. Veronica Butler and based on Ayurveda, the ancient medicine of India, the workshop will encompass wellness issues, PMS and menopause.

Participants must pre-register by calling 1-800-543-WELL.

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 Datebook (upcoming calendar events); Medical Newsmakers (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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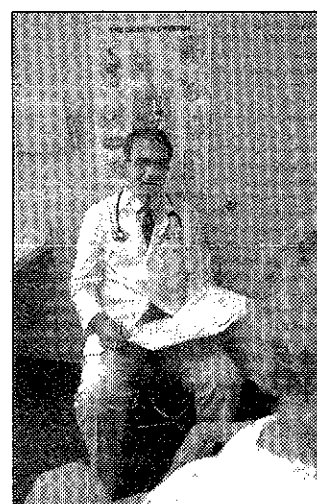
Two new minimally-invasive procedures offer chronic gastric reflux sufferers relief.

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
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Your stomach and esophagus refuse to cooperate, and your last meal – a hamburger, a taco, a cup of coffee, perhaps a glass of wine – is sending a hot ball of acid back up your food pipe.

If this happens every day, you may be one of 16 million Americans who suffer from gastroesophageal acid reflux disease (GERD), in which stomach acid backs up into the esophagus. In most patients, this is due to a transient relaxation of the "gate" or sphincter that keeps the lower end of the esophagus closed when a person is not swallowing food or liquids.

The four major symptoms of GERD are:



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■ Heartburn (uncomfortable, rising, burning sensation behind the breastbone).
■ Regurgitation of gastric acid or sour contents into the mouth.
■ Difficult and/or painful swallowing.
■ Chest pain.
■ Left unchecked, severe reflux can lead to many complications, including ulcers, asthma, vocal cord inflammation and Barrette esophagus, a precursor to esophageal cancer.

The causes of GERD are both genetic and environmental. It tends to run in families, and while obesity may be a factor (excess weight pushes the stomach up), the connection has not been scientifically proven.

"I think it's more common in countries with sedentary lifestyles, with people who eat junk food and smoke cigarettes," said Dr. Tamir Ben-Menachem, a gastroenterologist with the Henry Ford Health System.

Unfortunately, GERD is a life-altering disease. People who experience daily heartburn restrict their diets and often have trouble sleeping since lying prone tends to worsen symptoms. Some have difficulty when exercising.

"When we take into consideration the quality-of-life scale and compare reflux to other diseases, like hypertension, patients feel reflux is more detrimental to their quality of life. That's just the perception," said Dr. Nabil Sultani, a gastroenterologist at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Treatments
Most people try over-the-counter antacids or dietary changes before they see a doctor. "Every individual has their own level of comfort. I've seen patients with severe symptoms for years and they just decided to seek help," said Sultani.

Prescription medications – Zantac and Tagamet and the stronger and more effective Prilosec, Prevacid, Aciphex and Protonix – coupled with lifestyle changes remain the doctor's first line of defense. If these fail to eliminate or alleviate symptoms, there's surgery for the most severe cases in which part of the stomach is wrapped around the lower end of the esophagus to prevent acid from getting back up into the esophagus. "The old-fashioned surgery was the gold standard for years," said Sultani.

Today, most surgery is done laparoscopically; in addition, there are new, less invasive options.

Endoscopic gastroplasty, a non-invasive procedure recently approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, is being performed at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, one of just 25 sites around the country and the only one in Michigan offering the procedure.

The Bard Endo Luminal Gastroplasty device – much like a mini sewing machine – is attached to

the end of an endoscope. The thin flexible endoscopic tube is inserted through the mouth into the esophagus, and the tiny sewing device places stitches below the lower esophageal sphincter.

The suturing material is then tied together to tighten the valve, preventing stomach contents from flowing back into the esophagus. No incisions are involved in the outpatient procedure, which is usually done without general anesthesia. Most patients return to normal activities the next day.

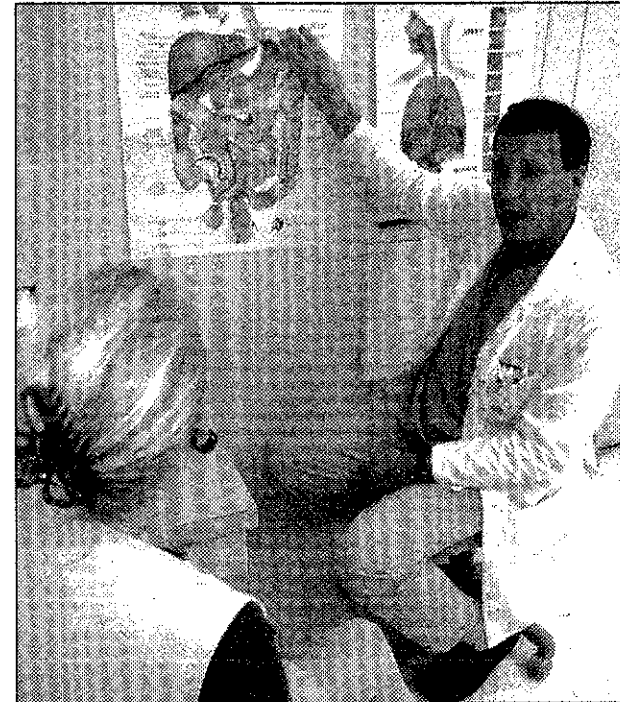
"About 50 percent of individuals with GERD should be eligible for the new procedure," said Ben-Menachem. "This is a cost-effective treatment option that helps eliminate the burning and discomfort experienced by patients. Also, it helps reduce reflux sufferers' reliance on medication and can help eliminate the need for invasive surgical procedures."

A recent study, conducted at eight sites in the United States, including Henry Ford Hospital, showed that symptoms were reduced by an average of 73 percent for patients receiving the Bard Endoscopic Suturing treatment and that 67 percent of patients required fewer than four doses of acid reduction medicine per month. The number of patients on daily Proton Pump Inhibitors or multiple medications was reduced by 75 percent.

New U-M procedure

Doctors at U-M Hospital in Ann Arbor are using the recently FDA-approved Stretta procedure to treat chronic heartburn. The procedure uses an intense pulse of radio waves to tighten the muscle control at the point where the esophagus meets the stomach, preventing acid from traveling upward.

"As many as 7 percent of Americans have daily symptoms of heartburn, or reflux, and frequently they don't respond well to over-the-counter medications and lifestyle changes," said Dr. Timothy Nostrant, a professor of gastroenterology and leader of U-M's Stretta research and clinical program. "This procedure could work for the 60 percent of those patients who have the most severe forms of the dis-



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Decisions: Dr. Tamir Ben-Menachem, a Henry Ford gastroenterologist, explains the Bard Endo Luminal Gastroplasty procedure to a patient. Henry Ford Hospital is the only site in Michigan offering the new treatment option.

ease, which is a substantial number of people."

The Stretta procedure uses equipment made by Curon Medical, which sponsored the clinical trial led to the recent FDA approval. While a patient is under mild anesthesia, a catheter is threaded down the throat and into the esophagus, stopping just at the muscular valve that separates the esophagus from the stomach.

Inside the catheter is a narrow instrument with electrodes that emits powerful but carefully aimed radio waves, which heat the muscles of the esophagus and causes them to contract. The patient may feel a sense of fullness in the chest or a little heat during the procedure.

"It doesn't strengthen the muscles, but instead produces a little bit of scarring between the esophagus and the stomach, which makes the valve a little less easy to open up and makes it less likely that the acid will come up," said Nostrant.

Nostrant and his colleagues have performed the 45-minute Stretta procedure in about 15 patients and find that it gives partial or complete relief to nearly all. However, patients with hiatal hernias or patients who only experience heartburn occasionally are not candidates for the treatment.

Success

Paula Bjertness, 42, of Livonia had no symptoms of GERD other than a sore throat. She had been to an ear, nose and throat specialist who performed "all kinds of swallowing tests but couldn't find anything wrong." She was prescribed Prilosec.

"It helped, but it didn't take the pain away," she said. She began limiting her diet mostly to Popsicles.

While visiting a friend in Atlanta, Bjertness discussed her symptoms with the woman's son, an internist. He told her she probably had acid reflux. When she returned home, she made an appointment with a gastroenterologist who referred her to Ben-Menachem.

A few weeks ago, Bjertness underwent endoscopic gastroplasty at Henry Ford Hospital. Surgery was at 9 a.m., and she was home by 11 a.m.

"It was wonderful," she said.

For about a week, Bjertness' esophagus was swollen and food seemed to get stuck. Ben-Menachem assured her everything was normal. The swelling subsided, and Bjertness celebrated.

"I immediately had a piece of chocolate, chocolate cake. It was great. I haven't had to take any medicine," she said. "I would definitely recommend the surgery. It was simple. It was worth it."

To learn more about the Bard Endoscopic Suturing System procedure, call 1-800 Henry Ford or visit HenryFord.com.

Coping tips

Dr. Nabil Sultani, a gastroenterologist at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, sympathizes with his patients who often say, "Doctor, you mean I came here to give up what makes life worth living?" He suggests, rather than pushes, treatments.

"You can't change everything in their life because the compliance level goes down."

The American College of Gastroenterology recommends the following simple practices to decrease the amount of gastric contents that reaches the lower esophagus:

■ Elevate the head of the bed. The simplest method is to use a 4 by 4 to which two jar caps have been nailed the appropriate distance apart to receive the legs or casters at the upper end of the bed. Failure to use the jar caps inevitable results in the patient being jolted from sleep as the upper end of the bed rolls off the 4 by 4.

Alternatively, you may use a foam wedge under the mattress to elevate the head about 6-10 inches. Pillows are worthless for elevating the head.

■ Avoid lying down for two hours after eating. Do not eat for at least two hours before bedtime; avoid eating a large meal at least four hours before bedtime.

■ Avoid tight clothing. Loose weight if obesity contributes to the problem.

■ Avoid fatty foods, chocolate, citrus juice, tomato juice, pepper, peppermint and carbonated beverages (the fizz causes the stomach to expand).

■ Avoid alcohol and cigarettes.

■ Attempts to render the refluxed material less noxious consist of:

■ Antacids tend to neutralize gastric acid and increase sphincter tone. Alginic acid can add a mechanical barrier to refluxed material.

■ If results are not forthcoming, consult your doctor regarding diagnosis, medications and additional treatment options.

Michigan helps world's disabled during wheelchair drive

This year's Wheels for the World wheelchair drive will be Aug. 15 to Sept. 15 at Shurgard locations from Detroit to Grand Rapids and as far north as Saginaw.

Wheels for the World is an international organization that helps distribute used wheelchairs for disabled people around the globe. Last year it collected more than 650 useable chairs during the 1999 Detroit area wheelchair drive, contributing to a large portion of the 2,440 chairs distributed worldwide.

As the second annual Wheels for the World drive approaches, residents throughout the

state are being called to donate wheelchairs no longer used. From Aug. 15 through Sept. 15, residents can drop off used wheelchairs, collapsible walkers, canes and crutches at designated Shurgard collection sites. In appreciation, Shurgard Storage Centers Inc. is offering consumers who drop off wheelchairs at Shurgard locations a \$25 discount off their first month's storage.

Once collected, the used wheelchairs are repaired and refurbished by prisoners and shipped overseas. The need for wheelchairs in the United States is not as great because private insurance and agencies offer assistance. Those who receive wheelchairs through the program live in countries that offer little if any insurance.

"We are thrilled to be a part of something that can improve the quality of life for so many people," said Shurgard CEO, president and founder Charles K. Barbo.

Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills also is involved in the wheelchair drive and will provide a parking lot for all trucks to collect the

loads of used chairs brought in the storage facilities throughout the state. Wheelchairs can be dropped off at the following Shurgard locations in this area:

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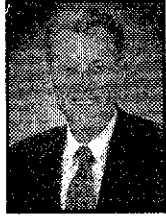
Entrepreneur award

Karen Wilson of Monroe, president of Romulus-based Central Distributors of Beer, Inc. recently received a Michigan's Year 2000 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur-of-the-Year award. After taking over the business 1991 when her brother retired, Wilson restructured the organization and increased sales and market share. She is eligible to participate in Ernst & Young's National Entrepreneur-of-the-Year award competition, which will culminate at an awards ceremony in Palm Springs, Ca. Nov. 11, 2000.

Central Distributors of Beer distributes in Livonia and other Wayne County communities.

Bank senior VP

Comerica Bank recently promoted **Ralph Heid** of Plymouth to senior vice president, International Finance, Detroit office. Heid holds a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Michigan and an MBA from Eastern Michigan University. He joined Comerica in 1972.



Heid

AAA agent honored

David Roeser of Livonia has joined AAA Michigan as a sales agent in the Livonia branch, 37383 Six Mile Road in Newburgh Plaza. Roeser, a 1974 graduate of Michigan State University, comes to AAA Michigan with 12 years experience in the property-casualty field. He can be reached at (734) 462-7000.



Roeser

AAA honorees

Karen Zale of Westland and **Ewa Gala** of Livonia were among the Top Twenty travel agents recently honored by AAA Michigan for outstanding sales achievements in 1999. They were selected from among 200 agents employed by AAA Michigan statewide.



Zale



Gala

Both Zale and Gala work in the Travel Reservations Center in AAA Michigan's Administrative Offices Building, 1 Auto Club Drive, Dearborn. Pictures

Senior VP

The board of directors of Grosse Pointe Farms-based Municipal Financial Consultants Incorporated elected **Dale E. Cois** of Redford Township senior vice president. He joined the company in 1986 and has a bachelor's degree from Walsh College.



Cois

Read the HomeTown Life section every Thursday

Arthritis Today

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ARTHRITIS THAT DOESN'T RESPOND

In most instances, a physician can diagnose your arthritis, start treatment, and you can expect that over time you will improve. Such is the rhythm of events in most cases, but not every one. Despite your best efforts, you may not gain control of your pain. Why not?

First is the question of diagnosis. Your doctor may repeat earlier blood work and x-rays, as he retraces the steps that led to the identification of your condition. He must reassure himself he is treating the right arthritis.

Second is the problem of appropriate therapy. No medical regimen brings a guarantee that it is right for you. People differ in the way that they absorb drugs, break them down, and rid the body of them. The efficacy of the medicines used to treat your arthritis depends on an orderly progression of each of these steps, and that may not be true in your case.

Third, while different arthritis conditions have features that allow physicians to make a distinct diagnosis, doctors have no way of measuring the intensity of the condition in an individual. At times, the failure of usual treatment to provide relief is the only way to discover that yours is a "tough" case.

When proper therapy for the correct condition fails, your doctor may look for a compromise. He will take best medical practice and combine it with a change in your life style. The alternative, which has risks, is to turn to new treatments that are promising, but not yet proven.



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Technology

The wireless world works well from your palm



MIKE WENDLAND

It was late Tuesday afternoon and I was in St. Petersburg, Fla., on business last week. On the walk back to my hotel after I finished my work for the day, I thought it would be nice to see a movie that night. Everyone has been talking about *The Patriot*. Why not, I thought.

I sat down on a park bench, pulled my Palm VIIx handheld from my inside pocket, and logged onto a service called Moviefone. I entered the name of the movie, the city I was in and in seconds, saw that it was playing at 8:15 p.m. that night at a theater near the Tyrone Square Mall.

But how did I get there? No problem. With the Palm VIIx, I accessed a wireless service called Mapblast! I entered the address of my hotel, the theater's address and, in less time than it takes me to write this description of the process, my Palm displayed turn-by-turn driving instructions and a map.

In the theater itself, waiting for the movie to start, before the previews rolled, I used the Palm VIIx to check my e-mail and found a message from an associate telling me the morning meeting we had planned had been rescheduled to an earlier hour.

So it is with the wonderful world of wireless.

I first tried the Palm VII when it

came out earlier this year and was not impressed. It seemed to take forever to connect, and then each e-mail or news information retrieved from the device's Web clippings had to be separately retrieved.

But when Palm introduced the new Palm VIIx, with a beefed up 8-MB of memory this week, I decided to revisit the device. Everyone is talking about wireless. Just how effective is it... really?

This time, I'm impressed. The VIIx, which retails for \$449, connects much speedier. There are more Web sites formatted for live updates with the Palm, too, from news sites like USA Today, the Wall Street Journal and ABC News to stock-checking sites like Fidelity Investments to people and phone finders from Yahoo! to mapping and movie-locator services.

The VIIx is the only Palm right now that is wireless right out of the box, though third-party add-ons for the popular trim Palm V models are widely available. By the end of the year, Palm says it will have wireless options available for each of its models.

Wireless convenience, however, has its cost. To access the Palm network costs \$44 a month for unlimited use, though you can get a basic plan for \$10 a month that lets you send what amounts to about a message a day. And the screen on the Palm VIIx is still black and white and difficult to read in some lighting conditions.

Still, when my evaluation time expires on this model, I may actually

buy one of these. The service is robust and reliable and too convenient to pass up.

Online car sales

While today's sales figures are far from encouraging, analysts still see a bright future for online car sales. A new study out this week from Jupiter Communications says automobile retailing on the Web is about to boom.

By 2004, Jupiter predicts that approximately 8 percent of U.S. new car sales, or 1.3 million units worth \$33 billion, will be sold online, compared to just 17,000 vehicles last year. But that's just part of it.

Jupiter says the online auto research that consumers conduct on their PCs will influence an additional 22 percent of domestic new car sales in 2004, or 3.8 million vehicles worth \$95 billion. Add the two figures together and the Net will account, directly or indirectly, for 30 percent of all vehicle sales. Those estimates, matched by private studies conducted by the industry itself, is why the Internet is priority one at Detroit's carmakers these days.

Windows ME is coming

Get ready for Windows ME, Microsoft's much-anticipated upgrade to its Windows 98 operating system. The so-called Windows Millennium edition has been getting some pretty rocky reviews by the computer press. To counteract that, Microsoft is giving away 50 copies of it every day on a promotional Web site (www.winmes.weeps.com) and

has recently lowered the upgrade price from \$89 to \$59. It should start showing up in stores early next month.

Napster clones

Napster opened the door. Now other entertainment media are being swapped and downloaded on the Net. Movies and videotapes are being traded by a site called Scour (www.scour.com). The movie industry is suing them. And a site called Swapoo (www.swapoo.com) is now up and running letting users swap video games. Gamemakers call it piracy and are vowing suits. The Net wars continue.

On the net

First it was reality television. Now it's reality Internet. A new Web site, *Intertooob.com* (www.intertooob.com), is now offering a 24-hour-a-day lineup of more than 50 shows about the weirdness in life. The first show is called *Extreme Beings* and features people with outlandish hobbies such as fire juggling. The shows will be interactive and viewers will periodically receive questionnaires inviting them to direct the action - changing endings and story lines.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newschannel stations across the country. He is the author of a series of Internet books. You can reach him through his Web site at www.pcmike.com and hear him Monday-Friday at 6:26 p.m. on NewsRadio 950, WWJ, and on Saturdays and Sundays from 4-6 p.m. on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT.

BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

Caregiving

Home Instead Senior Care of Plymouth recently opened its doors as a community-based small business designed to help older individuals or couples capable of managing their physical needs, but who require companionship, meal preparation, incidental transportation, light housework, errands and shopping, and other non-medical assistance, to stay at home.

Care can be arranged for a few hours a week and up to 24 hours a day. Short-term assistance or longer-term care is available seven days a week, including holidays.

"We represent an important support resource that provides respite care for often stressed and overworked family caregivers," said company owner Robert Bulmer.

For more information, call Home Instead Senior care at (734) 737-0420 or visit the company's Web site at www.homeinstead.com

Printing merger

Elston's American Speedy Printing center of Dearborn Heights and the **Big Red Q** on Plymouth Road in Redford have merged their businesses, resulting in one of the largest on-demand commercial printing companies in the area, serving more than 700 businesses and organizations.

The Big Red Q, owned by Susan and Walter Krapff of Farmington Hills, has been in business for 24 years.

"This new team will allow Sue and me to transition our business as we move toward retirement over the next year, while at the same time assuring our loyal customers and friends the highest level of quality products and customer service," said Walter Krapff.

The merged company will operate as Elston's American Speedy Printing Center. For more information, call (313) 561-8000 or (313) 937-1170 or visit the company's Web site at www.spdyelston.com.



Merger: Elston's American Speedy Print and Big Red Q join forces and become Elston's American Speedy Printing Center.

Be weary of scams for stay-at-home careers

WARNING

The Council of Better Business Bureaus reports that stay-at-home mothers are among those most likely to fall for work-at-home scams. Scam artists know that these mothers want to be available to their children and earn extra income, so they lure them with deceptive home-based employment and business opportunity ads.

According to Sharon Owens, home business consultant, mother and founder of The Entrepreneur's Resource Center, "There are many legitimate home-based careers. Working at home can work for you if you do your research and aren't looking for a quick buck. If you're considering a home-based business opportunity, it's important to select one that interests you

enough to invest your time and money."

In her book, *The Best Home-Based Careers for Mothers*, the first in a series of home business publications, Owens draws from her own experience as a work-at-home mom as well as that of other moms. She evaluates home-based career options from telecommuting to franchises, details 75 "mom-friendly" businesses and describes the following work-at-home scams:

- Typing/processing medical reports - The ad instructs you to call a 900 number for information. The automated voice is either very slow (you're paying by the minute) or very fast (requiring you to place a second call). You're told to send an SASE for information that turns out to be useless.
- Responding to 809 numbers - These numbers are in the

Caribbean and aren't regulated like numbers in the United States so you aren't forewarned about the charges. The calls can be in excess of \$20 per minute, and representatives use various tactics to keep you on the phone.

■ Assembling or sewing products - To get started, you must purchase equipment and supplies from the company. The company may pay you for your first batch of assembled products, but rejects future batches for not meeting their "standard of quality." No explanation is given.

■ Getting paid to read books - You'll pay for information on how to secure a job reading manuscripts and movie scripts at home. The instructions you receive tell you to contact publishers and offer your services. You'll then find out that most publishers have in-house staff to

do their reading.

■ Envelope stuffing - The ad instructs you to send a small fee for more information. What you receive is instructions on placing the same ad in your local newspapers and magazines. The only way you make money is by misleading others.

■ Internet schemes - The above scams are the most common ones, but the Internet is becoming a popular vehicle for fraudulent schemes because of the potential to reach millions at minimal cost. Be wary of e-mail messages that contain information on "hot" or "groundbreaking" income opportunities.

Before getting involved in a work-at-home or home-based business opportunity:

- Get all claims and promises

(including how you will be paid) in writing.

■ Check for complaints with the Better Business Bureau, the attorney general's office in the company's hometown and the national Fraud Information Center at (800) 876-7060.

■ If you decide to invest in a home-based business opportunity, never send cash or checks. Pay with a credit card. You can dispute the charges if you feel you've been taken.

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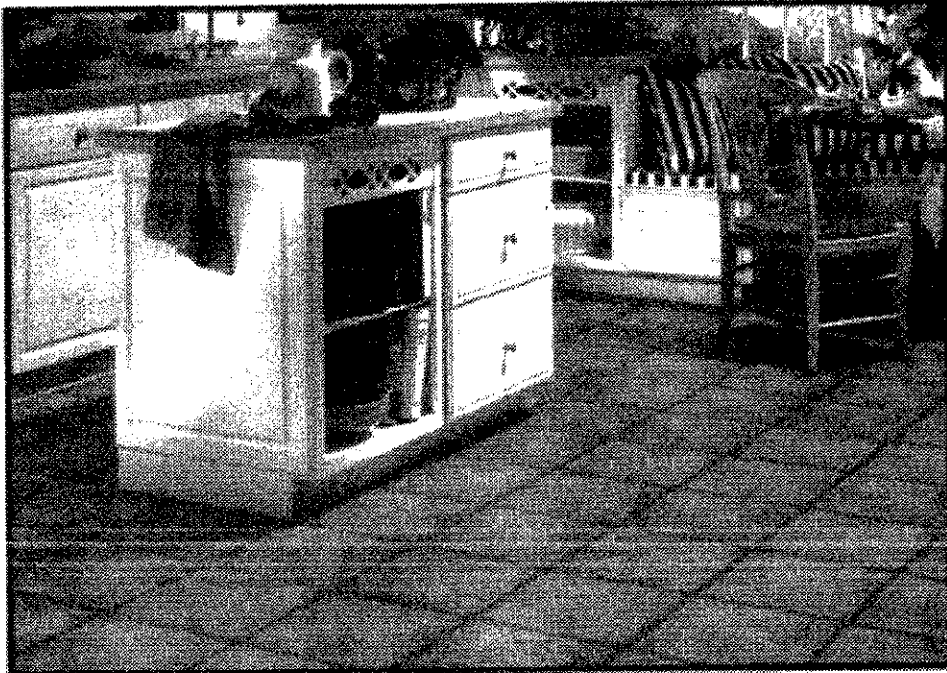
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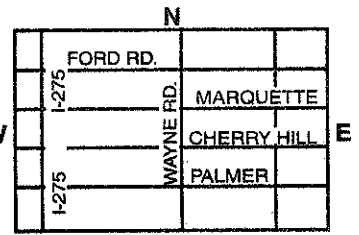
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To save yourself time further down the road, start pulling together the items you will need in order to apply for a mortgage.

You'll be asked for income tax returns for the previous three years, current copies of pay stubs, records of any past negative credit history that has since been paid off, and records of any supplemental income you may have.

If you are self-employed, you will need all business records and tax returns for the past three years. Also, if you're going to be receiving money as a gift for the down payment from a friend or relative, have that person prepare a "gift letter" for you, confirming that the money is a gift, not a loan. This letter clarifies that you are not going further into debt and jeopardize your ability to repay the lender's loan.

Be sure to ask each lender you're considering for a disclosure that lists all the loan terms. Be cautious of referrals that come from the real estate agent, especially if the agent receives a "referral fee" from the lender.

Out-of-pocket expenses to close on your new home can add up to a few thousand dollars. If you'll be making your purchase with an adjustable-rate mortgage, be sure you base your budget on what the interest rate will bump to in the second year.

The down payment and closing costs are hardly all the money you will be spending when you move into your new home. The National Association of Home Builders says the average buyer of a new home spends \$5,200 in the first year just on appliances, furnishing and changes to the property.

Karen Skinner is with the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants in Farmington Hills. (248) 855-2288. www.michcpa.org

Sub is an oasis near M-59, U.S.-23

Dean Piekarski, sales manager for Triangle Development, explains what makes Heritage Meadows in Hartland Township so special.

"In a nutshell, it's location, schools, the community, itself, surrounded by trees, sidewalks and streetlights for children," Piekarski said.

"It's an oasis, very quiet," added Inga Cruz, sales representative at the detached site condominium community. "You can stand in the middle of the sub and not know that you're close to M-59 or the freeway."

"You get great value here for the house we build - a lot of square footage," added Pierre Nona, Triangle vice president.

"Hartland schools are a big reason people are moving here - MEAP scores and new facilities they're building here," Piekarski added.

Heritage Meadows is on Clark just north of M-59 less than a mile east of U.S. 23.

"We're 20 minutes from Novi, 25 minutes from Farmington Hills, 25 minutes from Ann Arbor," Nona said. "It's a growth area. That's what brought us here - location and convenience to freeways."

And the housing value for price compares very favorably to nearby Oakland County, the Triangle folks maintain.

Eight floor plans are available at Heritage Meadows.

They range in price from \$184,900 for a ranch of nearly 1,500 square feet with three bedrooms and two baths to \$234,900 for a story-and-a-half of 2,400 square feet with four bedrooms and 3-1/2 baths.

All homes include at base price two-car garage, basement, wood foyer, carpeting throughout, dishwasher, 150-amp electrical service and ceiling fan in the great room or family room.

Upgrades include fireplace (\$2,500), air conditioning (\$2,500), skylights (\$850 apiece), glamour bath in the master suite with jet tub, separate shower, ceramic tile and a 50-gallon water heater (\$3,700) and a fancier kitchen with island and extra cabinets (\$1,000).

A second-floor laundry is available as part of a couple of two-story plans at Heritage Meadows for an additional \$500. Three-car garages can be had for an additional \$6,000 on all plans.

Vinyl siding is the primary exterior material.

"We offer a home for beginners, people who are empty-nesters, families that are growing," Cruz said. "We have



Diamond model: This story-and-a-half of 2,000 square feet at Heritage Meadows includes a first-floor master, two bedrooms and a full bath upstairs. A loft or fourth bedroom option also are available.

something for everybody." "We've been in business a long time, since 1984," Nona said. "We're a company that takes a lot of pride in customer service and building quality houses."

And visitors? "They're impressed with the floor plans, spaciousness, no wasted space," Cruz said. "The size of the windows, the amount of windows we put in the homes. We go to the extra expense to screw down floors and drywall, as well."

Two models have been constructed. The Diamond, a story-and-a-half of 2,003 square feet, features a two-story foyer, great room with volume ceiling, a den/office, kitchen/nook, half bath, laundry, and master with cathedral ceiling, walk-in closet, two sink-vanity and glamour bath package on the first floor.

Two bedrooms and a full bath are upstairs.

Base price is \$208,900. The model as is with upgrades costs \$247,000, which doesn't include landscaping or deck.

The other model, the expanded Emerald, is a two story of 2,150 square feet.

It contains a living room and dining room on one side of the home, a long,

narrow family room with sloped ceiling and kitchen nook. A half bath also is on the first floor.

All three bedrooms, the master with cathedral ceiling, walk-in closet and combination tub/shower, a second full bath and a loft are upstairs. The laundry also is up.

Base price is \$209,900, the model as is with extras, \$238,000 excluding landscaping.

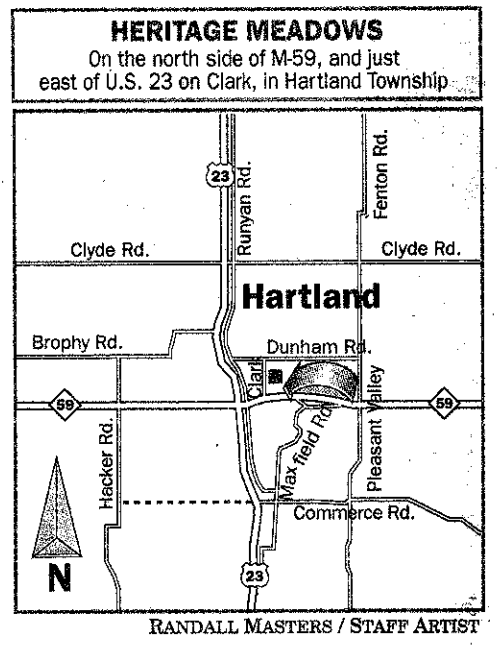
Heritage Meadows is served by a community water well system and sewers.

The property tax rate is \$23.97 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price for new construction. That means the owners of a \$210,000 home there would pay about \$2,500 the first year.

The association/maintenance fee is \$30 per month. Most of the 63 lots have a price premium ranging from \$2,000 to \$10,000.

Brian and Holly Gallaher ordered a four-bedroom Diamond for themselves and children Kaylie and Jacob.

"We're getting a lot for the money," Brian said. "No. 2 is schools. Hartland's seem to have a good reputation. We wanted to be close to highways. There's a lot of lakes out there."



RANDALL MASTERS / STAFF ARTIST

"Dean has been great to work with," Brian added. "They've been flexible with options and modifications."

The sales models/office at Heritage Meadows, (810) 632-9777, is open 1-6 p.m. weekdays, noon to 6 p.m. weekends, closed Thursdays

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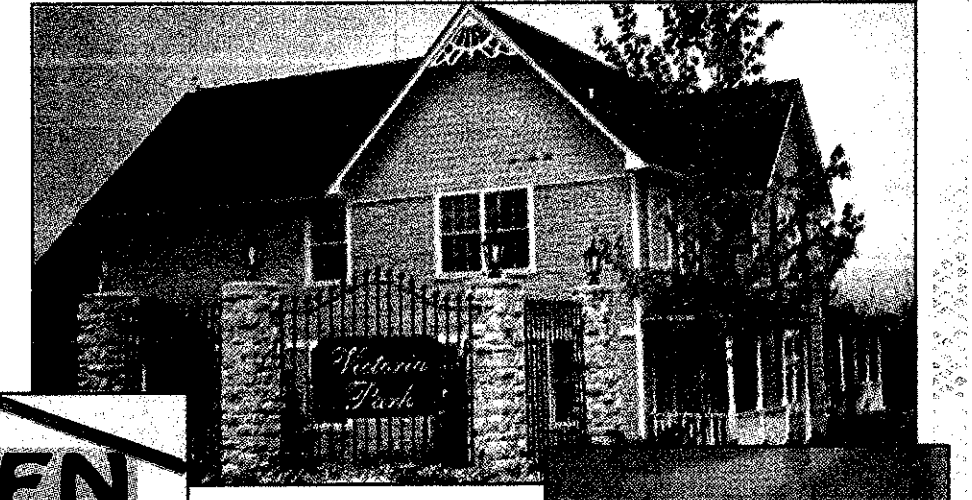
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has a fireplace with a wood mantel. Additionally, there is a spacious family room (24 x 9) with built-ins that overlook the patio and the perfectly manicured, fenced, yard. Upstairs, the master (13 x 13) has its own bath and there is a guest bath for the other two bedrooms (12 x 12 & 12 x 9). There is great storage in the partially finished basement and rec room possibilities. This home has Birmingham Schools and has a garage.

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walk out units, • and no look alike buildings, each offers custom colors and stone work. One and two story units are available with up to three bedrooms and two and a half baths.

Victoria Park is just a mile from historic downtown Howell and a multitude of good restaurants and specialty shops. Michigan Avenue is tree lined with sidewalks and Victorian street lights turning into the development. The "Park" itself contains 31 duplex buildings, that means only two units per building. The developers has preserved almost 13 acres of natural wetlands in their present state as well as wooded areas around the perimeter of the property. The streets that traverse the site will be public and wide enough to accommodate on street parking. Look for our informational billboard on I-96 3 miles East of exit 137.

For more information you can visit our web site at www.victoriaparkhowell.com, or call us at (517) 552-8000. Model homes are open daily noon to 6 p.m. and by appointment.

Plan provides plenty of room for families that need space

The colossal Ragsdale (407-66) has three floors, 8,164 square feet of living space, and seven bedrooms that include an enormous master suite and a large guest suite.

The phenomenal use of space makes this home ideal for a large family that needs room to spread out and enjoy life.

The Ragsdale is a large ranch home with a wrap-around covered porch in the front, a large deck in back. Numerous windows grace the walls of this home providing extra light for the many rooms.

Inside the entry of the Ragsdale is the study to the right and a guest room with a full bath to the left. Adjacent to this area is the utility room and a door to the garage.

The entire rear area of the main floor is dedicated to a large family room and a large reading area. There is a fireplace in one corner and an entertainment center in the front corner.

The kitchen is centrally located

and has a circular shape. The cook top island is surrounded with counters and an eating bar, with a corner pantry. To the right are the breakfast nook and the formal dining area.

In the hall adjacent to the kitchen is a unique stairway to the second floor. On this level are the two larger bedrooms and a huge master suite, along with a recreation room. Each of the two enormous bedrooms has built-in drawers dividing two long wall closets.

French doors provide an elegant opening for the master suite. The main suite area has its own gas fireplace, private bath with his-and-her sinks, oversized shower, spa tub and a huge open walk-in closet with a bench to sit and change shoes.

In the open hall between the three bedrooms are a storage closet, a full bath with twin sinks and a unique stairway to the attic floor and the recreation room, which extends out over the garage and has a half bath for convenience.

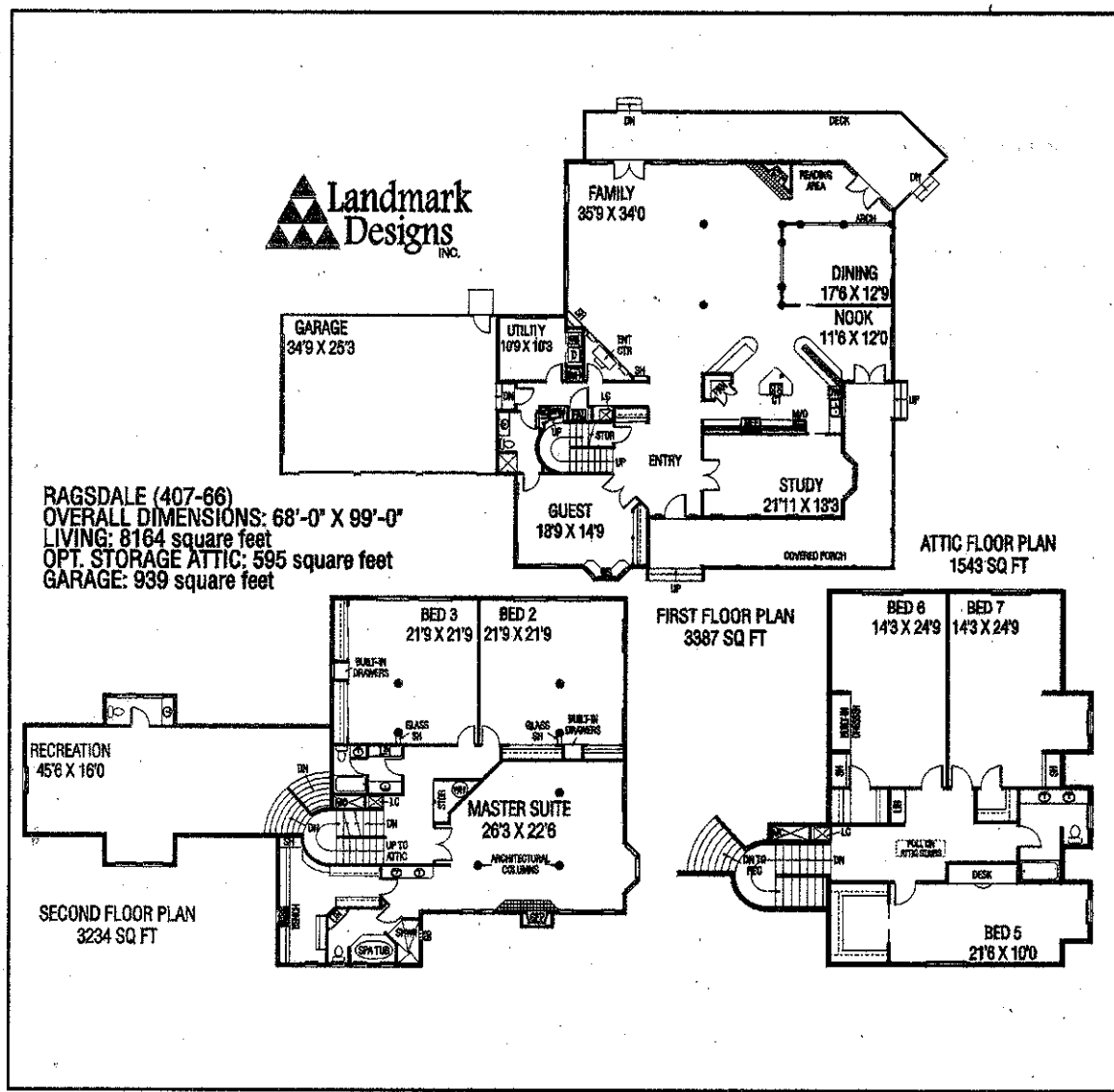
The attic floor has three more large bedrooms and a full bath. Each bedroom has its own walk-in closet of varying sizes and shelves or a desk or a built-in dresser.

There are pull down stairs that go up to the final level of this magnificent home.

The Ragsdale is so enormous and has so much extra space living would be sumptuous and packed with amenities. There would be an oversized room for every member of the family to enjoy their time alone.

For a study kit of the Ragsdale (407-66), send \$24.95 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Road East, Cottage Grove, OR 97424 (specify plan name and number of kit).

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Medicine cabinets improve

(NAPS) - A nice reflection on bathrooms is how far medicine cabinets have come in the way of innovative lighting features and designs.

From a simple mirrored box

for a handful of essentials they've evolved into beautifully crafted, halogen lit cabinets for use in the bathroom or dressing area. Halogen bulbs are often preferred for their higher efficiency, longer life and excellent color.

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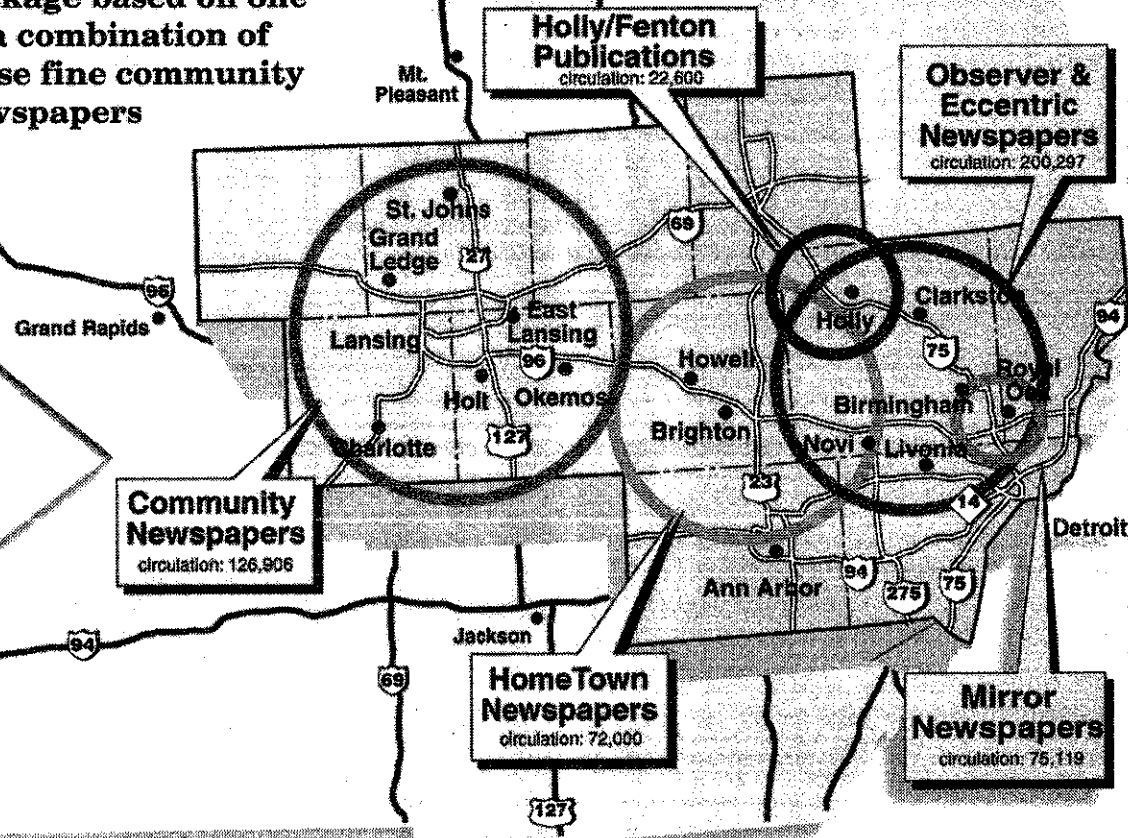
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So, Pat Castelli said they assembled an entire team to serve customers better. The team now offers not just one agent, but three full-time agents who have committed their careers to serving home sellers and home buyers, anchored by two multi-million dollar producers, with more than 28 years combined experience to assist you with your home sale, or home purchase.

Pat Castelli says you'll love the difference between dealing with a team, rather than a single agent. "We have made a strong commitment to make service and accessibility a priority" he explains. "There's never a time when you can't reach one of us directly or with-in a short time, even if one of us has gone on vacation, or taken some time off to spend with our families." Your questions or concerns will be addressed immediately, and our customers appreciate this.

This commitment to service comes certainly at a price, Castelli explains. The team has hired a web designer, couriers, assistants and marketing personnel, but Castelli says these measures have been to stay abreast of the fast growing real estate market in our area, and offering very flexible commission structures that start at only 1% for coordination, as every one of our customers is in a different situation, with different needs.

And because they have two offices with Dave Castelli in the Garden City office and Pat Castelli and Marie Wojtala in the Canton office - The Castelli Team can serve you better, and offer you a wider market and broader options. All team members are here to assist with any questions you may have, and with a whole team to serve you, you will never be left in the dark with questions or unanswered phone calls.

Additionally, The Castelli Team can help you find the right mortgage representative to help you buy your next home. Castelli refers many of his clients to Lynn Kososki, loan officer for Mortgage Banking Services. Finding the right mortgage for your personal situation can save or cost you thousands, Kososki knows the ins and outs of nearly any type of mortgage his customer needs, Castelli said.

This is particularly necessary when a client has had a few problems with their credit in the past. "A lot of people don't realize that their credit is not as damaged as they think and if it is, she can tell them how to address those issues, so they can come back 6 months later and qualify for a mortgage," Castelli said.

No credit, bad credit, 0 down, low down, perfect credit, the list goes on and it can be confusing. And you can rest assured that it will never (and shouldn't) cost you anything to get pre-qualified. Don't spend more than you should on your next mortgage or home.

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Fabric. Choose a non-porous, vinyl awning because woven materials, like acrylic, can let in dirt and water through the weave. Vinyl is also washable.

Fit. Fifty percent of U.S. houses are low-height, but awning installation typically requires at least eight feet.

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Many burglars will spend no longer than 60 seconds trying to break into a home. Good locks and good neighbors who watch out for each other can be big crime deterrents.

Did you know that in almost half of all successful residential burglaries, thieves simply breeze in through unlocked doors or crawl through unlocked windows? Make sure every external door has a sturdy, well-installed deadbolt lock.

Key-in-the-knob locks alone aren't enough.

Here are some other crime prevention tips from the National Crime Prevention Council.

Sliding glass doors can offer easy access if they aren't properly secured. Secure them by installing

commercially available locks or putting a broomstick or dowel in the inside track to jam the door.

To prevent the door from being lifted off the track, drill a hole through the sliding door frame and the fixed frame. Then insert a pin in the hole.

Lock double-hung windows with key locks or "pin" windows by drilling a small hole in a 45-degree angle between the inner and outer frames, then insert a nail that can be removed. Secure basement windows with grills or grates.

Instead of hiding keys around the outside of your home, give an extra key to a neighbor you trust.

When you move into a new house or apartment, rekey the locks.

Always check the doors to your home. A lock on a flimsy door is about as effective as locking your car

door but leaving the window down.

Outside doors should be metal or solid wood. If your doors don't fit tightly in their frames, install weather stripping around them.

Install a peephole or wide-angle viewer in entry doors to see who is outside without opening the door. Door chains break easily and don't keep out intruders.

Take some exterior precautions. Install and use outside lights and keep them on at night. Burglars hate bright lights.

Prune shrubbery so it doesn't hide doors or windows. Cut tree limbs a thief could use to climb to an upper level window.

Clearly display your house number so police and other emergency workers can find your home quickly.

When you travel, create the illu-

sion that you're home by using timers that will automatically turn on lights and appliances, like radios, in different areas of your house throughout the evening. Lights burning 24 hours a day signal an empty house.

Leave shades, blinds and curtains in normal positions and don't let your mail pile up. Call the post office to stop delivery or have a neighbor pick it up.

Make a list of your valuables. Take photos of the items and list their serial numbers and descriptions. Check with local law enforcement agencies about engraving your valuables to protect them against theft.

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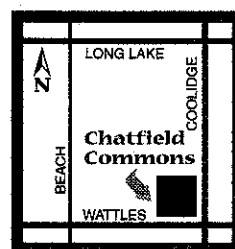
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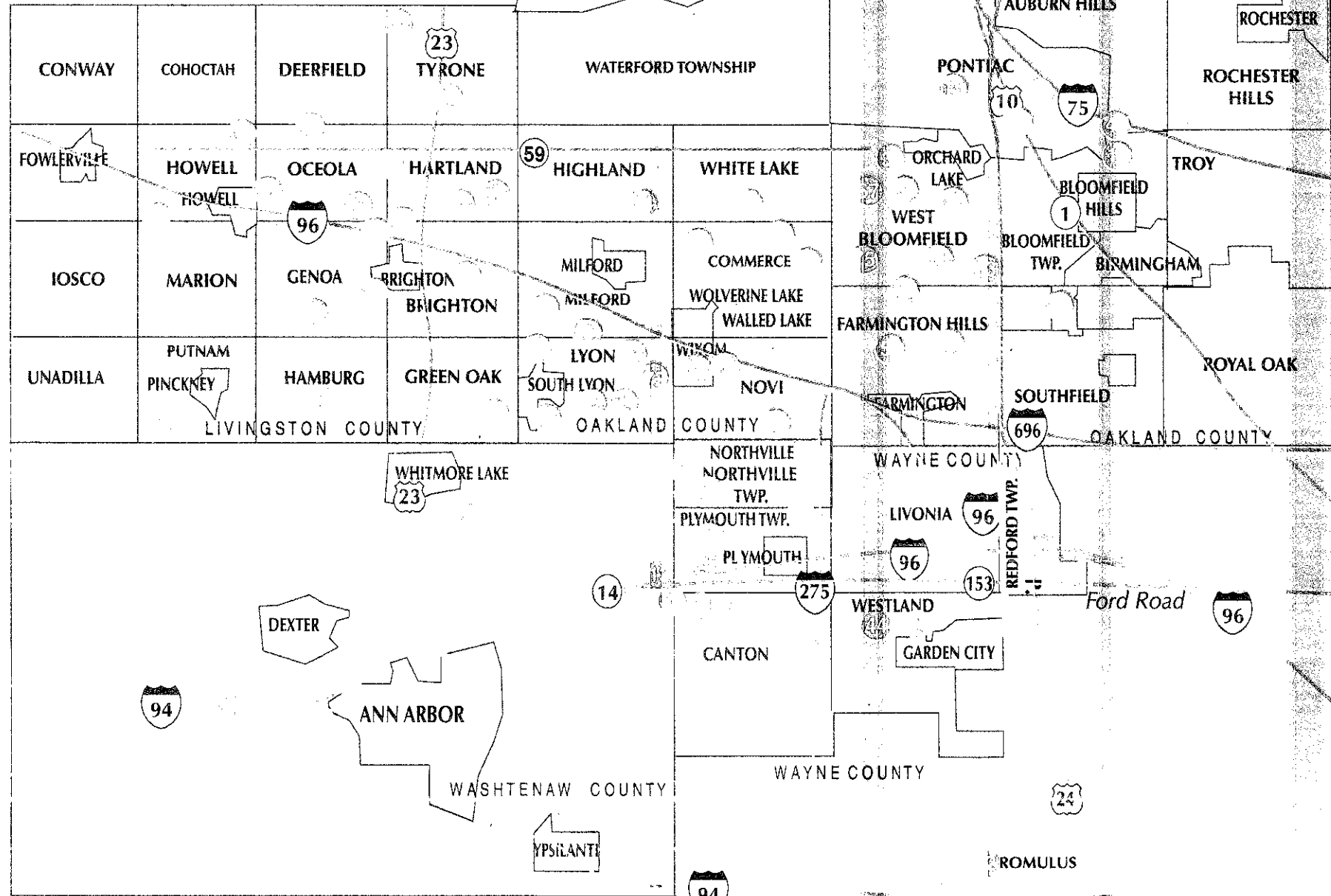


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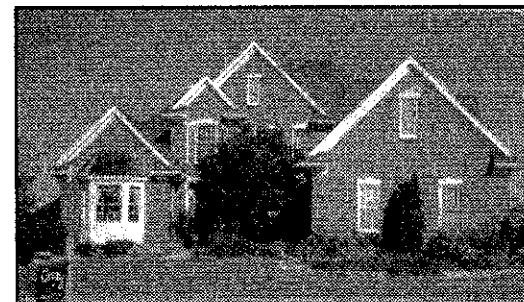
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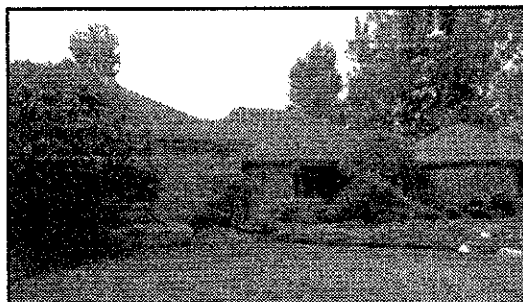
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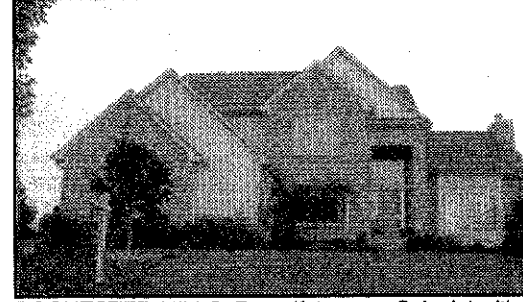
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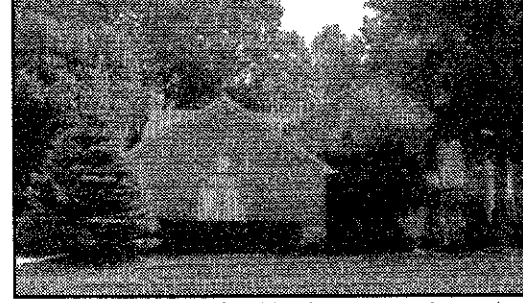
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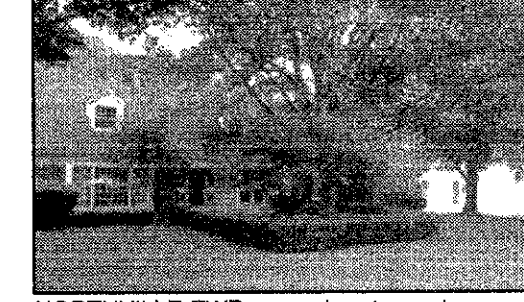
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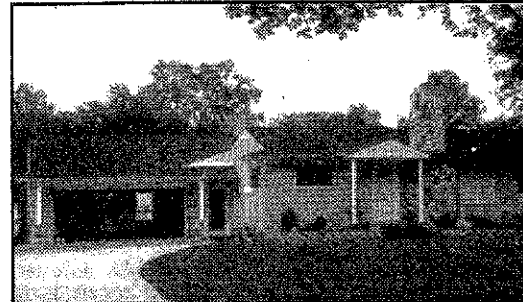


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2000 CENTURY CUSTOM

Power windows, power locks, tilt, cruise, V-6, rear defogger, mats, auto, air, trunk net, AM/FM stereo. Stock #0351

SALE PRICE	\$17,699*	GM SALE PRICE	\$16,807*
36 mo. Smart Lease	\$259**/mo.	GM 36 mo. Smart Lease	\$238**/mo.
Due at Lease Signing	\$2154**	Due at Lease Signing	\$2133**

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SALE PRICE	\$19,995*	GM SALE PRICE	\$19,231*
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Due at Lease Signing	\$2232**	Due at Lease Signing	\$2183**

2000 LESABRE CUSTOM

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SALE PRICE	\$21,999*	GM SALE PRICE	\$21,056*
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2000 PARK AVENUE

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2000 WINDSTAR LX

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2000 RANGER XLT 4x2

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2000 RANGER 4x2 SUPERCAB XLT

199 Rangers Available

Melina blue, dark graphite cloth, XLT trim, spare tire lock, 3.0L EFI V6 engine, automatic overdrive, farside box, power windows/locks, remote keyless entry, cruise, tilt, leather wrapped steering wheel, AM/FM stereo/lock 4 door option, XLT sport appearance group, 15" chrome wheels.

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2000 WINDSTAR LX WAGON	0 Down \$1500	\$414 \$1959
2000 EXPLORER 4X4 2 DOOR	0 Down \$1500	\$506 \$2022
2000 RANGER 4X2 REG. CAB	0 Down \$1500	\$347 \$1865
2000 F-150 4X2 REG. CAB	0 Down \$1500	\$322 \$1842
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installation

Many skills: Millwright apprentices at the Millwrights Institute of Technology learn a wide variety of jobs in the classroom and on the work site.

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
 STAFF WRITER
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"I go to work with the attitude that I'm going to learn something new every day," said Harry Pickett, now in his fourth year as an apprentice millwright.

His attitude fits well with a job that makes use of a variety of different skills for jobs that never stay too long in one place.

When a big machine needs to be installed the millwrights do the job. Pickett, of Clinton Township, is one of

200 apprentices statewide who are training through the Millwright Institute of Technology, operated by the Millwrights Local 1102.

"We're installation specialists," said Dave Morris, director of the institute. "We install the big machines that a machine manufacturer builds. We install on site. ...We are the best in the world."

Morris distinguishes the millwrights in his union from those who work in plants. Millwrights Local 1102, which is part of the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights, has

2000 members statewide. Morris said a recent effort to attract and train apprentices in the four year program has been a success. He said the auto companies have had trouble filling their millwright needs, but construction millwrights have been steadily employed.

"We do everything from small machine engines to nuclear turbines," Morris said. "We go into plants and install the machines. Sometimes a plant will take on an installation and it's out of their realm. It's what we do."

To do this job, an apprentice learns a

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A good boss: competent, visionary

Q. You always talk about being selective when looking for a new job. How can I tell if I will mesh with the new boss?

A. Everyone has different ideas about what makes a good boss. Some people need a warm, fuzzy environment and a supervisor who is just plain nice. Others might be willing to compromise on the nice part if they can hook up with someone who is simply fair and consistent. Lots of folks want a boss who is a teacher. Many just want someone who will leave them alone. Try writing down the characteristics of the best and worst supervisors you've had over the years. Develop your own profile of the Hypothetical Perfect Supervisor (HPS). Because bosses come and go, you would ideally like to find several HPS types within the same organization. Most of us have had great bosses who were suddenly replaced by Harpo Marx or Bonaparte. That's going to happen. But the odds of working for an HPS now and in the future might be slightly better in organizations that seem packed with good managers.

I'm going to be accused of kissing up for this, but let me describe my HPS. Let's call him Keith, since that's what his wife calls him.

Competent. Nothing is more disturbing to some of us than working for a person who doesn't have enough knowledge or experience to deal effectively with strategic or tactical issues. There are a lot of supervisors out there packing nothing more than unfounded confidence.

Keith made many decisions that were not popular with his managers.

JOB SEARCH



GEORGE HAYES

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ACCOUNTANT
 Minimum 3 yrs. experience, W. suburban CPA firm, computer skills, full charge accounting capability required. Excellent pay, benefits, working environment. Fax resume to 248-380-0832.

ACCOUNTANT
 On behalf of our client, we are seeking candidates with a bachelor's degree in accounting w/3 yrs related experience for Controller position. Established Romulus company seeks candidates to provide monthly financial statements, operating analysis, & manage accounting staff. Full time, friendly environment. Competitive salary & benefit package. E-mail/fax/mail resume & salary requirements: email: lpapas@gkcopec.com Fax: 248-362-0999 Mail: Groen, Kluka & Co., PC 888 W. Big Beaver Rd., #790 Troy, MI 48064

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ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT
 Exclusive downtown private club is looking for a self starting individual with strong customer service skills in Account Receivables. Must have experience in Data entry, payment processing and statement reconciliation. Competitive wage and great benefits available. Send resume to: Club Accountant, 200 Renaissance Center, Ste 3600, Detroit, MI 48243, Fax 313-259-3599

ACCOUNTING/ FINANCIAL COORDINATOR
 Growing firm needs experienced Financial Coordinator to handle and manage Receivables, Payable, and general accounting functions. Great Plaines Dynamics experience helpful. Competitive salary, benefits and pleasant working environment. Send resume to: Dennis Blakeley, Vantage Med Corp., 1100 Corporate Office Dr., Suite 300, Millford, MI 48381 or fax 248-684-5903

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 Corporate office of national child care company seeks A/P Specialist with minimum 2 years experience approving high volume of invoices for payment. Familiarity with general ledger accounting, Platinum & Excel software knowledge, and coursework toward accounting degree preferred. Corporate casual atmosphere. Please send resume w/ salary history to: Human Resources, Children's Children's Centers, 38345 W. Ten Mile Road, Ste 100, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. FAX 248-476-8482. EOE

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 Creative person with good communication and interpersonal skills needed for Westland Assisted Living Facility. Part-time. Call: (734) 326-6537.

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Successful candidate will assist our Customer Service/Office Manager to coordinate customer needs with our global facilities. He/she will act as customer liaison regarding pricing, scheduling, shipping, processing orders, and general customer interaction. Must have excellent telephone and PC skills with Microsoft products.

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50 Year old company has immediate opportunity for exceptionally skilled individual. Candidate must have minimum 7-10 years hands on experience in digital large-format color and monochrome printing or 5+ years experience in related field such as selling traditional and digital reprographics. Must be capable of implementing a profitable and productive workflow.

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501 Computer/Info. Systems

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502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANAGER
Manufacturing plant located in Plymouth, moving to Wixom, is looking for a motivated, team player with 5 yrs. exp. with 2 yrs. of managing & must know Word & Excel.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Approximately 30 hrs/wk. Computer & some bookkeeping experience. Contact Meadowbrook Congregational Church.

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ACCOUNTING CLERK
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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ADMINISTRATOR
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ACADEMIC SERVICES COORDINATOR
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Dynamic, rapidly expanding, salon product distributor seeking an accounts receivable/customer service person.

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Private school seeking a highly motivated, experienced, computer trained, energetic, organized and professional person.

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Hard-worker needed to work in very busy warehouse filling orders, loading trucks, putting stock away. Must be willing to work hard & work overtime if necessary.

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Professional wanted for multi-media company. Fast paced, high volume. Invoice data entry, check processing, filing, & vendor contact.

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Fast-paced service business seeks experienced A/P & A/R Clerk. Qualified applicant should have strong PC background and experience in Excel.

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Up to \$18/hr! Great time-to-hire. Direct-Hire opportunities in the Novi-Farmington-Livonia areas. Never a Fee.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Senior apartment community seeking to fill full time position. We are seeking an individual with basic office, computer, administration and nursing.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Bloomfield Hills based firm seeks mature and responsible professional. Will be responsible for answering phones, scheduling, database maintenance and overall clerical duties.

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New Acura sure to keep competition up on its wheels

BY CAROL GREEN
AUTOWIRE.NET

The 3.2 CL is Acura's cool, new entry into the mid-size, luxury coupe class. Reports show the luxury coupe market will grow over 150 percent in the next few years, and Acura, hoping to compete with coupes from BMW and Mercedes-Benz, has redesigned the CL to attract these selective, upscale, coupe buyers.

The CL is targeted at career couples in their 30s and the active, over-50 crowd, whose kids have already left home. Of course, the CL is the logical next step, when loyal Honda owners are ready to move up to a more expensive auto purchase.

The 3.2 CL is a hot number, and the Type S version adds some extra spice in the performance department. The exterior lines are sharp, clear, and well defined. The Asian genealogy is quite apparent

in the front end. The overall styling is very good looking.

Sprinkle a bagful of Saffron, for taste and distinctive color, into the makings of the new Acura CL Type-S, and you've got a dish as appealing and intriguingly exotic as any curry-colored meal company founder, Soichiro Honda, might have savored in his childhood home in Japan.

The saffron color is totally wild. I first saw this color a few years back, when Volvo introduced it with the C70. At that time, the color was, perhaps, a little too progressive for the 1990s market, and it certainly didn't make it into Crayola's top 10. In the new millennium, the positive feedback on this color was non-stop.

Although still very advanced, people really seemed drawn by it now, and asked a lot of questions. As for me, I wasn't keen on the shade at first, but being fashionably fickle, I ended up liking

it, too.

The interior of my CL was absolute charcoal. It had a flat slate appearance that worked well with the vibrant exterior. The only color break came from the dark, wood-tone trim, that actually resembled brown pearl granite, rather than any wood I've seen.

Without a doubt, the look is original. All controls were conveniently located and easy to use, except for the heated-seat switch that was hidden away under the stereo.

The leather steering wheel, along with the leather seats, comfortably wrap you into the slateness of the cabin. With the power-operated, multi-adjustable seats, I was able to find an ergonomically correct position and enjoy a pleasurable ride. There are lots of useful storage compartments throughout,

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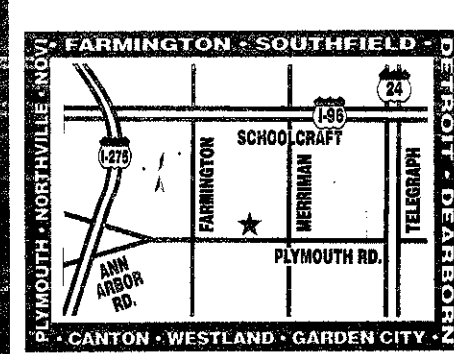
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but the glove box was tiny. The spacious interior provides ample room for four adults, and is a comfortable place to spend a long trip. The Type S delivered an exciting, high-performance drive, when given the opportunity. With 260 horsepower and 232 pound feet of torque, this six-cylinder coupe boasts the most power in its class. The Formula 1-inspired, Sequential SportShift, five-speed, automatic transmission allows the driver to select gear changes manually or operates as a full automatic. Besides adding interest to the driving, this transmission provides greater fuel efficiency, which the EPA rates at 18-mpg city and 28 mpg highway. My week with the 3.2 CL was, unfortunately, spent on the freeways in heavy traffic. I had a few chances to make some quick-punch passes, and found the midrange torque strong, and the top-end power vivid. Four-wheel, disc brakes with ABS and P215/50VR-17 Michelins provide generous stopping power and great cornering ability.

There is a wonderfully secure feeling to the handling, and the Type S offers a truly great driving experience. I was quite excited by it. Acura uses a very clever sales strategy for the 3.2 CL. Almost every option a driver could possibly want is included as standard equipment. The automatic transmission, an Acura/Bose stereo/cassette with a six-disc CD changer, power moonroof, heated, power seats, Xenon headlights and leather are all on board. The one exception is the in-dash navigation system, which is really easy to use and an excellent navigator. Pricing is aggressive at \$30,330 base. All CLs are covered by a four-year/50,000-mile bumper-to-bumper, limited warranty. Another extra for owners is Acura's "TLC," which provides 24-hour roadside assistance. With the heightened interest that seems to buzz around this car, it will be fascinating to watch how 2001 CL sales take off. My guess is that the competition will need to stay up on their wheels.

Helpful tips to beat the summer's heat

This summer's scorching heat can do serious damage to vehicles on America's roads, parking lots and driveways. When the temperature outside hits 95 degrees, the temperature inside a parked car can reach 140 degrees while the temperature on the surface of dashboards and steering wheels can climb to 180 degrees. "It's about more than just comfort," says Lesley Hartney, vice president of communications and training at AutoZone. "Extreme heat can cause expensive damage to your vehicle unless steps are taken to prevent it." With that in mind, AutoZone offers these four simple steps to prevent damage from summer heat. Use a sunshade. Even a simple cardboard sunshade for your windshield can lower the temperature inside your car by nearly 50 degrees, and studies show that half of all cars on the road have sun damage that could have been prevented by one. A sun-damaged dash can impact your vehicle's resale value by as much as \$2,000, while most sunshades cost less than \$5. Apply dashboard protectant. A spray-on solu-

tion can prevent the cracking, fading and warping of your dash. In fact, many contain chemicals that block the sun's harmful UV rays just like sunscreen lotion does for your skin. You can also protect your interior from the heat by simply spreading a light-colored towel over the dashboard and steering wheel. Protect your paint with washing and waxing. In the extreme heat, some drivers try to park in the shade of a tree. Unfortunately, tree sap is a problem. It's important to wash the vehicle while the exterior is cool and out of direct sunlight and not to use dish washing liquids because they contain grease removing chemicals that will strip the wax from a car's finish. Applying a fresh coat of wax after washing will protect the paint not only from the sun's rays, but also from what rains down from trees. Replace your windshield wipers. Extreme heat dries out and cracks rubber components on your vehicle, and few parts suffer more than windshield wipers. For more ways you can protect your vehicle from the summer heat, go to http://www.autozone.com

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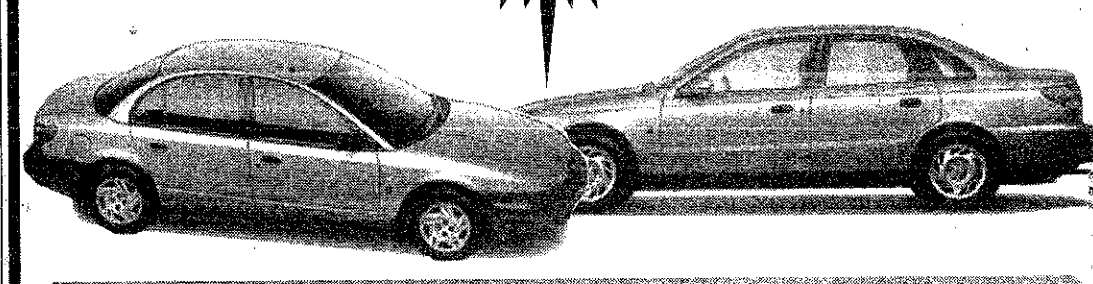
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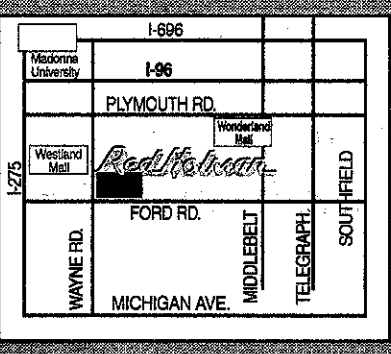
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