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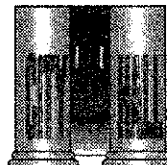
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Cell tower builder eyes Canton



Cellular tower company TrinTel wants to discuss tower sites in northwest and north central Canton with township officials. For now, TrinTel isn't saying what sites it hopes to build on.

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Canton officials know more cell towers are eventually coming to the township. But at least one provider will have to wait a little longer.

The Canton Township Planning Commission Monday turned away vertical real estate company TrinTel.

TrinTel vice president David Schneider and Bob Beaugrand, market director for SDS Wireless met with the commission to request a change in the township's cellular tower zoning ordinance.

The difficulty, they said, is the current ordinance limits the towers to the industrial zoning districts.

The 16 towers currently standing in

the township are largely located in the southeast portion of the community, with a few spattered elsewhere. However, the north central and northwest portions of the township have only the Ameritech tower sitting on high school property near Joy and Canton Center roads.

TrinTel engaged the board of education in negotiation to construct another tower on top school property, but after eight months, the board refused to allow the company to build the tower.

"We were kind of led down the golden path by the schools for eight months," Schneider said.

TrinTel also approached Plymouth

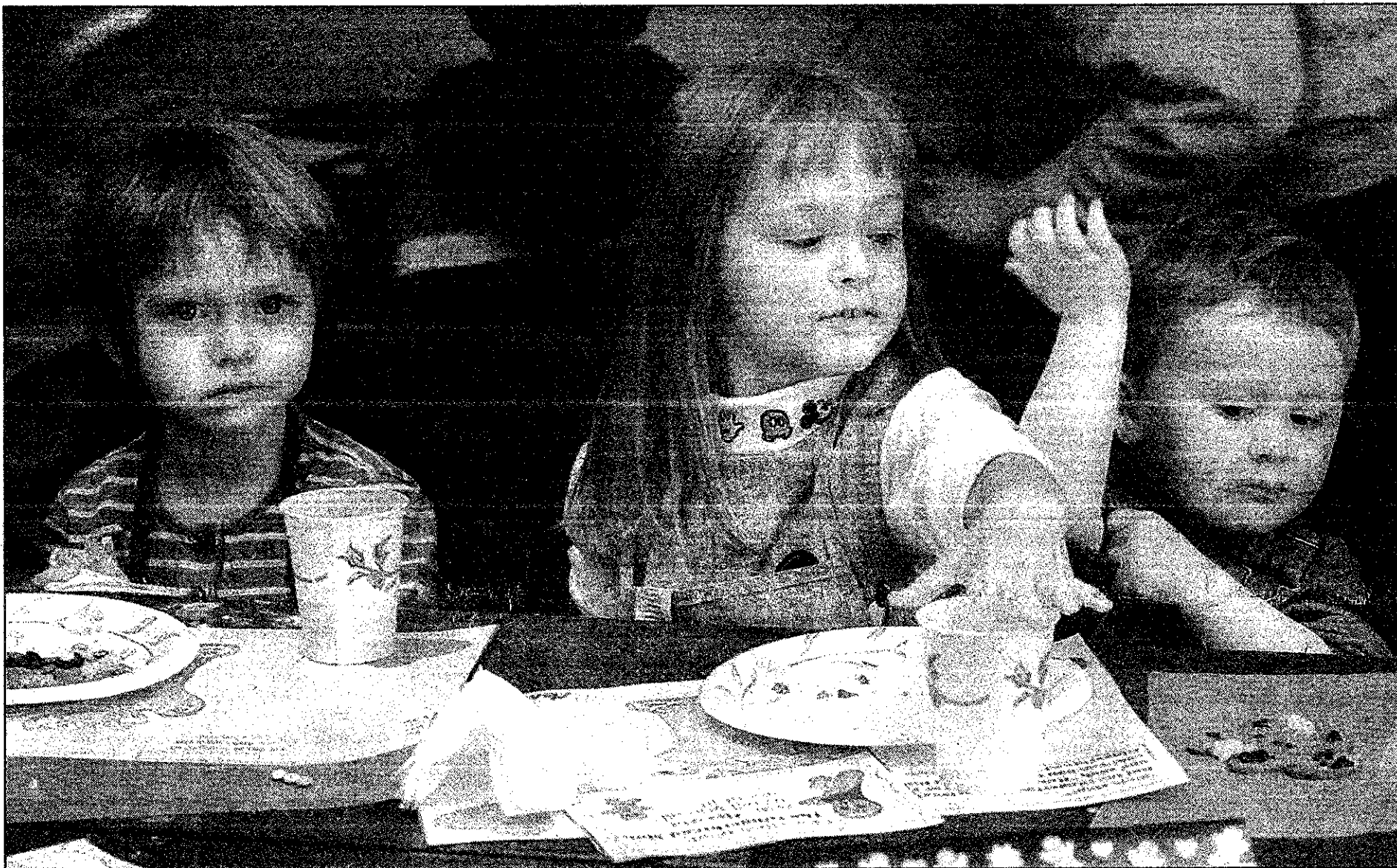
Township about constructing a tower on its fire station, and was turned down.

Beaugrand explained to the board the company is not at this time requesting to construct any towers, but would instead ask to schedule a work-study session with the commission in order to examine the current ordinances and discuss the community's future needs for cell towers.

Beaugrand said towers built by SDS can host up to six carriers, twice as many as other towers, which lessens the number of cell towers needed.

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You da (gingerbread) man



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Put on a cookie face: From left, Chrissy Mayer, 3, Melissa Standing, 5, and brother Eric, 2, dig in to their gingerbread man cookies at the Summit on the Park Friday. The children were participating in Kid's Kitchen, a four-week program which combines storytelling with food preparation for kids age 3-5. They began the day with Chef Combo, a puppet who sings and encourages the young visitors to wash their hands before preparing food. Next, they read a story, "The Gingerbread Man," then decorated their own gingerbread man cookies. And then, of course, the funest part: eating them.

Schools, teachers union negotiate early

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In a somewhat unprecedented move, the Plymouth-Canton Education Association and Plymouth-Canton Schools will begin negotiations tomorrow on a new multiyear contract.

The current three-year pact expires Aug. 31. And, typically, negotiations for a new contract would begin in April. However, both sides say there is a willingness to try and complete negotiations early.

"I think it's a good sign," said Chuck Portelli, PCEA president. "The two bargaining teams will meet Monday and get to know each other. After the initial meeting, we'll set a schedule for bar-

gaining."

"I think it's a very positive sign to sit down and talk as early as this," added Superintendent Kathleen Booher. "Getting done early is a desired outcome; however, becoming successful is a more desired outcome. That's our primary goal."

Contract negotiations in the past have sometimes been contentious. While the PCEA won't publicly say so, contract negotiations were always a battle with former assistant superintendent Errol Goldman, lead attorney on the bargaining team. However, with Goldman's retirement last month, Booher has an opportunity to move in a different direction.

"There has been a history of difficult

times between the administration and the teachers," admits Booher. "It's time for a more positive collaborative working arrangement."

The district's chief negotiator will be Bill Weber, assistant superintendent at South Redford High School, who is contracting his services to Plymouth-Canton Schools. Weber was one of three finalists, along with Booher, for the Plymouth-Canton superintendent's job in 1999.

"Bill has a reputation for being a fair-minded person at the negotiating table," said Booher. "People are able to work with him, regardless of the outcome. He is fair and respectful."

Along with Weber, others on the district's bargaining team include Becky

Moore, Hulsing Elementary principal and president of the Plymouth-Canton Administrator's Union; Tom Owens, Pioneer Middle School principal and vice-president of the same union; Verna Anible, executive director/education services; and Sharon Himebaugh, benefits coordinator.

The PCEA, which represents 950 members, have been talking with Booher since last summer about upcoming contract negotiations.

"We feel optimistic after talking with Kathleen," said Joann Gustafson, Discovery Middle School teacher and the union's chief spokesperson. "She has been very supportive of our labor-management team, and it gives us cause for

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Lottery winner

A Canton woman recently went home more than \$18,000 richer after winning the Jan. 9 Michigan Roll-down jackpot in the state lottery.

The 56-year-old winner, who requested anonymity from lottery officials, purchased her winning ticket at the Ford Road Meijer store, where she is a sales clerk.

The woman said she had been playing the lottery for 20 years and planned to save her winnings for the future.

Her winning number combination was 9, 17, 26, 28 and 31.

Employees recognized

Canton officials this month recognized township employees with 20 or 25 years of service — quite an accomplishment for a community like Canton where growth has been a recent phenomenon.

The township hosted a reception prior to the Jan.

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23 meeting of the board of trustees and then publicly thanked those honored at the meeting. They include Ken Arble, Dennis Draplin, Nancy Fogarty and Aaron Machnik for 25 years of service; and Laura Golles John Hunter, Keith Lazar, Ed Olson, Rick Pomorski, Fred Pytell, Bob Sidor and Marianne Stewart for 20 years of service.

Bennett to serve

State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, has been appointed to the Senate Reapportionment Committee, which focuses on redistricting issues.

"Our job is to work from the results of the 2000 census and help draw Michigan's political boundaries," Bennett said in a prepared statement. "It

should be an interesting process and I expect we will be busy for the next two years."

Bennett, in his second term, will remain the chair of the Senate Education Standing Committee. He is also a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee and Assistant Majority Leader of the Senate.

Business briefs

Canton residents and local firms continue to make business news. The latest accomplishments include:

■ Canton resident Jason Bonin has been named vice president of lighting technology at Hella Lighting Corp. Bonin will be responsible for new product development, manufacturing and engineering.

■ John Revels has joined the real estate office of RE/MAX Classic in Canton. Revels is new to the business, previously working in another sales field. He has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Michigan State University.

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Further, he said, his company works with the township planners first, hammering out a compromise on where the towers can be built.

Typically, the scenario is the other way around, and a service provider will determine where the tower should be built.

"We can turn the tables on the carriers," Schneider said.

"It's our intention to work with the community and develop sites that are as unobtrusive as possible," Beaupre said.

Commissioners weren't swayed by the argument.

"We have yet to see people fill this room and beat down the doors saying, 'We want more cell towers,'" said Vic Gustafson, commission chairman.

"Cell towers are blight. They're horrible."

McLaughlin warned Schneider and Beaupre building towers in the northwest corner of the township will be difficult, and nearly every proposal to build or develop in the area is met with resistance.

Further, she said it's hypocritical for the township to send its planners and engineers to count trees in order to maintain the area's natural beauty, and then build a 170-foot tower nearby.

Jeff Goulet, Canton community planner, said the issue should be tabled pending analysis of the township's needs and a cell tower master plan.

Schneider said, "We don't care if you table this thing. The only way to get a dialog started is to come here with a proposal."

He warned commissioners that the time is now to begin thinking about the tower master plan. "You haven't seen anything yet," Schneider said. "You can expect three times as many towers."

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-David Schneider
TrinTel vice president

Cherry Hill Village plan taking shape

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A township task force faces the daunting and delightful task of turning in its Cherry Hill Village wish list.

The nine-member task force, composed of Historical Society members, Historic District Commissioners and Canton citizens at large, will help determine what the community wants at Cherry Hill.

Specifically, the task force is examining a 20-acre piece of the township-owned 200 acres located at Cherry Hill between Denton and Napier roads.

Township Supervisor Tom Yack tasked the group in September to evaluate the buildings at the site, prioritizing future activities in the historic district, and report to township staff before a Jan. 30 meeting with the village architect.

The group met several times, visiting the Bartlett-Travis House, Cherry Hill School, Canton Historical Society Museum, and walking around the property at Cherry Hill.

The brainstorming sessions that followed have generated a variety of ideas for year-round events.

Ideas came to the group fairly quickly, said Virginia Bailey Parker, who is a member of both the Historical Society and the Historic District Commission, as well as serving on the task force.

She said the task force decided early in the project the site should be activity-centered, which would more likely draw families and groups of visitors.

"We envision the Bartlett-Travis House becoming a key element in an overall plan," said Parker. The group envisioned using the historical home for rotating exhibits and event, such as readings, cozy concerts, Civil War era teas, historic collections, and photographic displays, rather than for static displays.

In an interview after the meeting, Township Supervisor Tom Yack said the task force was challenged to think like promoters rather than history buffs. He said the township spends a lot of money on recreation, while his-

torical pursuits are lower on the funding food chain, so the more activity-based the site is, the more attractive it will be to the township.

The task force also realized early the scope of the project is much larger than a volunteer organization can handle. Parker told the board of trustees a paid staff will be a necessity to organize activities at Cherry Hill.

Trustee Melissa McLaughlin agreed with Parker, but added the volunteers currently involved in historic projects could better serve if they re-examine their organizational structure.

"The Historical Society has focused on the museum for 20 years," she said. "Could the Historical Society broaden its spectrum?"

Parker had suggested a volunteer group such as Friends of Cherry Hill, or Friends of Bartlett-Travis House.

McLaughlin said creating another group of volunteers in an already-tight pool would likely impoverish the volunteer organization.

"There's a finite number of volunteers," McLaughlin said.

Parker added most organizations struggle with volunteer burnout.

"It's very hard for volunteer organizations to sustain themselves let alone to grow," she said.

A major challenge the task force faced was a 400-seat theater the township is planning to build at the site. McLaughlin agreed the theater is a bit like an "800-pound gorilla that needs to be dealt with."

Parker explained until they know where that will be built, it was difficult to determine how much room would be left for additional buildings or parking.

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optimism.

"Weber has always had labor peace in his own district," added Gustafson. "This will be a transition year for all of us because of the changes."

The PCEA has polled its members to determine what issues they want tackled in a new contract. Gustafson said wages, benefits and class size will be high on the list.

The PCEA's bargaining team will include Portelli, Gustafson, Dave Wert teacher at Hoben Elementary, Sharon Belobraidich

from Hoben, Bob Williams from Canton High School and Tracy Brooks from the Michigan Education Association.

The expiring three-year contract called for wage increases of 2 percent the first year, with 3 percent in each of the following years. The district is always claiming a tight budget, which could make for interesting negotiations.

"The district is always challenged with a low funding level

(state foundation grant), while at the same time the heart of a child's education is the classroom teacher," said Boher. "The challenge is how to properly compensate the teachers and stay within the school board's requirement of fiscal responsibility."

This year the PCEA will also be bargaining for 45 Starkweather alternative education teachers who have yet to see their first contract with the district, despite organizing a union three years ago. They have been folded into the PCEA, and the union will attempt to bring their wages in line with those of the rest of the teachers in the district.

A first-year teacher in Plymouth-Canton receives \$34,734. Union leaders say Starkweather teachers perform the same duties as those at either high school, have the same degree requirements, but get a top salary of just under \$20,000 with no medical benefits.

"A big problem for us is the lack of health care," said Karen Abraham, a Starkweather math teacher who is part of the bargaining team for her unit. "We lose a lot of good teachers because they need medical coverage. Ultimately, we'd like to be on equal footing with the rest of the staff."

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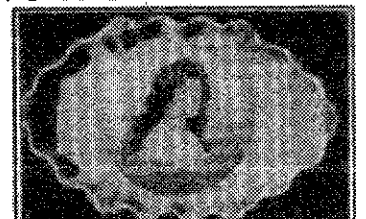

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Detroit Jews visit Ukranian Jews

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Sometimes all it takes is to see life from another perspective to make a person appreciate what he or she has.

Rochelle Katz, Redford's director of community development, discovered this on a visit to the Ukraine during the last week of December.

Katz visited the impoverished eastern European nation, which was once a republic of the Soviet Union, with a local Jewish group and another group from Israel.

Organized by the Jewish Federation, the trip was meant to foster ties between the two groups and Jews that live in and around the city of Kiev, which is Ukraine's capital.

Arriving in Kiev on Dec. 21, it didn't take long for Katz, who is a resident of West Bloomfield, to realize she wasn't in America anymore. Her group visited a memorial at Babi Yar, the site where in 1941 the Nazis murdered 34,000 of Kiev's 175,000 Jews during a two-day period.

During their visit to the memorial, local Jews held a small vigil and told stories about the tumultuous event during World War II.

"It was so incredibly moving when you realize what the people there had to overcome to survive," Katz said.

In addition to Babi Yar, Katz's group visited a number of Kiev's most notable destinations, including a palace built by Catherine the Great and a ballet house where they saw *Swan Lake*.

But this trip was far more than a sightseeing venture.

One of its main objectives was to help Ukrainian Jews reconnect with a faith that had been forcefully pried away from them during the Soviet era, when all religious practice was forbidden.

Since the country gained independence in 1991, Jews have struggled to reestablish the faith, largely because they don't know the rituals and ceremonies anymore.

One of Katz's more memorable moments during the trip was a visit to the village of Vasilkov, a small town about 45 minutes outside of Kiev. About 500 Jews live in the village, and many are elderly and live alone.

The group visited several homebound Jewish residents, and celebrated Hanukah with them.



Two nationalities, one faith: Rochelle Katz celebrates Hanakah with Ukranian Pesya Umanskaya, 84, at her home.

One particular woman, an 84-year-old widow named Pesya Umanskaya, shared the events of her life with Katz and her companions. In return, the group lit candles and sang songs with her.

The visit to Vasilkov left an impression with Katz.

"It was a nice feeling, because most of those people had no family to share Hanukah with," she said.

"People are the same all over the world. We all just want someone to share life with."

Katz admits she was never the most religious person, but the trip has definitely strengthened her faith.

"Seeing what the people over there go through and how they have to fight for their religion makes you question your own practices," she said.

"Most of us around here don't do anything to participate in religion. I will take it much more seriously from now on."

After she returned to America and had time to reflect on the trip, Katz said she was satisfied with the ties she made in a land far away and was happy she helped others get in touch with a forgotten religion.

Most of all, however, Katz realized how fortunate she is herself.

"A trip like that changes your perspective of how you look at life," she said.

"It makes you much more grateful for the things you have, especially family."

Dearborn Heights family buys historic house from township

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The McBays just closed on the purchase of their home. The roof leaks. Black mold infests the walls and flooring. And plaster crumbles and falls from the walls and ceiling. Yet, Jo Ann and Charles McBay aren't worried one bit about the shabby state of their house. In fact, they're thrilled.

"It's just a dream come true!" exclaimed Jo Ann McBay. The Dearborn Heights couple recently purchased from Canton the historic Gilmore house on Ridge Road for \$75,000.

The home had been owned by the same family since it was built in 1844 by John Patterson. The township bought the Greek Revival farmhouse in 1999, wishing to keep it for its historic value.

"The township had no desire to own the home, but recognized its historic importance," said Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

Last November, Canton solicited proposals for the purchase and restoration of the home, and received two that appealed to the township. The winning proposal came from the McBays, and the township board voted unanimously to approve the purchase Monday.

Charles McBay is a licensed contractor by trade, and his wife explained while everyone they know is in new construction, he loves to work on old homes.

The couple knew the home was meant to be theirs right from the beginning.

Jo Ann explained they weren't looking for a home to restore because they had recently finished an extensive renovation on their 1928 bungalow farmhouse where they currently reside. But they just had to check this one out.

"We saw this little tiny, 1-inch ad in the paper one day," recalled Jo Ann. "The word 'homestead' is what caught our eye."

It just happened the McBays had planned a family day because their 8-year-old daughter had the day off from school.

Before heading to a theater to see a movie, the McBays and young Chelsea and 3-year-old son Gabriel went to look at the home.

Jo Ann said while they were walking around the property, and peering in the windows at the house, no one said a word.

■ **'We took one look at it, and it said, 'Mom and Dad, you're home.'**

—Jo Ann McBay
historic home buyer

"We took one look at it, and it said, 'Mom and Dad, you're home,'" said Jo Ann.

After the movie, she and her husband looked at each other and at the same time said, "Let's go back and see that house."

They knew right away they had to have it, said Jo Ann.

Since the township bought it, the house's pipes have burst, causing severe water damage throughout the home and leaving hazardous black mold growing in the walls, and the home has been condemned due to the septic.

When the township bought the home, the original 150-year-old wall stenciling in one of the home's four bedrooms was still intact. That has also been ruined, said Jo Ann, but she plans to preserve a little piece of history and frame samples of the wall stencils.

She said the restoration will be their second and final renovation experience.

"Our desire is to pass this home on to our children, and then have them pass it on to their children. We intend to never move from nor sell the Gilmore homestead," the couple wrote in their proposal to the township.

"The house has been in one family since it was built, and we now want it to stay in ours forever," said Jo Ann.

The children are also looking forward to the project, she said. They'll join their parents at the site as soon as it's safe to enter and the black mold has been cleaned from the home.

"Gabriel calls it the house with the dripping paint," laughed Jo Ann, and he's eager to build a tree house in a tree he's already selected.

Chelsea has definite ideas about her own room and says, "I'll be able to have a tree swing and a dog."

The massive renovation may sound like more than most folks could handle, but the McBays are looking forward to it.

"We just love to work, and we're antsy if our hands are idle," explained Jo Ann. "And anything we can all do together, we enjoy."

Ypsilanti woman tells police about menacing hitchhiker

A 45-year-old shaken, frightened Ypsilanti woman called police last week after she said a hitchhiker threatened her.

The woman said she had picked up the hitchhiker, who told her he would kill her if she didn't take him to Livonia.

She said she would not drive him to Livonia, and he told her three times he had a gun.

When the woman got to Michigan Avenue and I-275, she was able to get the man out of her car by slamming on the brakes and pushing him out with her elbow, she said.

Police located the suspect at the Shell gas station on Michigan Avenue near Lotz Road. They took him into custody for questioning.

The suspect told police he did not threaten the woman and did not tell her he had a weapon, although he did admit getting very angry with her.

The man was arrested on drug warrants.

Co-worker suspected

A 28-year-old Westland man told police one of his co-workers at Miesel-Sysco Food Service Co. may have stolen two handguns from the trunk of his car.

The victim said he brought the two guns to work because his coworker, a 25-year-old Taylor man, said he was interested in buying them.

The victim showed the guns — a Glock 9 mm,

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and an Astra 9 mm — to the Taylor man, who said he wasn't interested in buying either.

When the gun owner finished his shift at 3:30 a.m., he noticed his trunk was open and both pistols were missing. He also told police his co-worker left work early that day, before anyone else had left the building.

Larceny of a firearm

A 54-year-old Canton man didn't realize his gun was missing until he received a phone call from a Jackson County Sheriff Department officer.

The officer said he had the Canton's man gun in his possession, after arresting the man's 19-year-old son on a carrying a concealed weapon charge.

Apparently, officers found the gun in the teen's glove box while searching his car.

The Canton man said the gun could have been stolen any time between June and January. The last time he had seen it was in June, when he cleaned it. He then hid the weapon in the basement ceiling tiles at his Comet Court home.

The man told police he had never given his son permission to possess the gun, and was unsure whether he wished to prosecute.

Pheasant Run gets better bathrooms

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Golfing at Pheasant Run will be a little more comfortable by the end of next season.

The Canton Township Board of Trustees has approved payment to extend utilities to three new comfort stations, which will be built to coincide with the course's expansion late next summer.

Currently, the golf course is serviced by portable toilets.

One of the stations will be on the "new nine," or the expansion portion of the course, and two will be on Pheasant's existing 18 holes.

Currently there is water and sewer near the two future comfort stations on the existing 18. Only the engineering for the leads and the actual connection is necessary for water and sewer in those locations.

Pulte Land Development agreed to perform the utility extension for \$16,517.92.

"They already had lines near there in the new subdivision

■ **'It's a win-win for everybody.'**

—Ann Conklin
Leisure services director

they're building, and they agreed to extend them for us," said Ann Conklin, leisure services director. "It's a win-win for everybody."

The expenditure will be charged to the bond, which township supervisor Tom Yack explained is a revenue bond, meaning golfers who use the course pay for the improvements.

The stations should be completed by August in time for the course expansion's opening in August or September.

Other additions approved by the board of trustees were the creation of two new positions, a laborer and a grounds superintendent.

Conklin said additional staff for the ground division is necessary. Last year, the staff worked

2,800 hours of overtime, in the amount of \$70,000, which indicates the need for more staff.

The golf superintendent position was created to alleviate some of the golf pro's and greenskeeper's responsibilities.

When Pheasant Run initially opened, there was a full-time person employed as a golf superintendent and greenskeeper.

Several years ago, when the golf superintendent position was vacated, the greenskeeper and the golf pro assumed the duties of the superintendent.

As the course grows, the responsibilities are too numerous to address without a golf superintendent.

Yack stated it's unusual for a golf course of Pheasant's Run size to not have a golf superintendent.

According to Conklin, filling the position is necessary to maintain Canton's investment in the golf course.

Patterson gets new law passed

Criminals who attempt to interfere with a police investigation or intimidate witnesses face new penalties under a new law sponsored by state Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton.

Gov. John Engler recently signed House Bill 5929, making it Public Act 473 of 2000.

People who retaliate against someone for reporting a crime,

interfere with a police investigation, or make threats to do bodily harm face a 10-year prison sentence under the law. Additionally, those who tamper with evidence, face a four-to-10-year prison sentence, depending on the severity of the crime.

"An unbiased and just judicial process is the cornerstone of democracy and people who

attempt to destroy this cornerstone should be dealt with severely," said Patterson, majority floor leader in the House. "Victims of crime should not have to fear for their safety in order to bring criminals to justice."

The law takes effect March 28.



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OBITUARIES

MARY F. GALLAGHER

Services for Mary F. Gallagher, 79, of Plymouth, were held Jan. 22 at St. Dunstan Catholic Church in Garden City with burial at Mt. Kelly Cemetery in Dearborn.

Mrs. Gallagher was born March 2, 1921, in Olyphant, Pa., and died Jan. 19 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Gallagher was preceded

in death by her husband, Peter.

Survivors include her sons, Thomas (Jo) Gallagher and Hugh (Debbie) Gallagher; daughters Patricia Ann (Al Warbelow) Gallagher and Rita (Mark) Magdowski; sister Rita Jerome; 12 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Memorials may be made to the Leukemia Research Life, Inc., P.O. Box 32783, Detroit, MI.

48232-0783 in memory of her grandson, Michael Gallagher.

Arrangements made by Howe-Peterson Funeral Homes.

ROBERT LEE WILLIAMS

Services for Robert Lee Williams, 45, of Canton, were held Jan. 20 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Vance H. Cobb officiating.

Mr. Williams was born June 23, 1955 in Caro, Mich., and died Jan. 17 in Livonia. He was a machine set-up person at Hercules Drawn Steel. He was a member of Local 985 UAW.

Survivors include his wife, Nanette Williams of Canton; sister-in-law, Shannon (Jon) Hamlett of Westland; brother-in-law, Michael (Sandy) Roth of Farmington; brother-in-law, Larry (Shirley) Roth of Brighton; brother-in-law, Kevin (Denise) Roth of Milford; four nephews and five nieces.

Memorials may be made to either the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan, 28211 Central Park Blvd., Southfield, MI. 48076 or the American Diabetes Association Michigan Affiliate Inc., 30600 Telegraph Rd., Suite 2255, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

M. LEANNA FRENCH

Services for M. Leanna French will be held Feb. 4 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Westland. Burial to be in Greenlick Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

Mrs. French was born in Boston, Pa., and died Jan. 8 in Plymouth. She married Randall Kenneth French in 1935. She was an active member of St.

Matthew Lutheran Church in Westland. She worked as a nurse at Wayne County General Hospital until her retirement and then volunteered at Maplewood Senior Center for several years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Randall French.

Survivors include her daughters, Sharon (Ron) Halvin of Tecumseh and Sandra (Kim) Wahtera of Plymouth; grandchildren Randy (Kathi) Halvin of Saginaw, Sean (Colleen) Halvin of South Lyon, Tiffany (Ron) Montgomery of West Bloomfield and Kirk Wahtera of Ann Arbor; and great-grandchildren Randall, Kyle and Kelli Halvin, Zachary Halvin and Cameron Montgomery.

Memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice of Southfield or to St. Matthew Lutheran Church.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

MARIAN BENNETT MORROW

Services for Marian Bennett Morrow, 95, will be held in Cheboygan at a later time.

Mrs. Morrow was born Oct. 12, 1905 in Plymouth and died January 11 in Cheboygan. She was a graduate of Plymouth High School and also Michigan State University with a degree in Home Economics. She taught Home Economics in the Detroit Public Schools. When she lived in Plymouth, she was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church. She was a member of the Plymouth Community School Board in the 1950s and also a member of the AAUW. She enjoyed playing golf, braiding rugs and playing bridge, and was a member of a junior bridge group.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Paul Morrow.

Survivors include daughters, Nancy (Louis) Winkelmann of Martha's Vineyard, Mass., and Ann (Armond) Spencer of Cheboygan; son, Andres (Kathy) Morrow of Lake Leelanau; 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; nephew, Sanford Burr Kidston of Plymouth; and niece, Joan Harmon MacGilvary of Molanna, Ore.

HELEN M. KILGORE

Services for Helen M. Kilgore, 92, of Northville were held Jan. 26 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Bill Lindeman officiating. Burial was at Portage Cemetery in Portage, Ohio.

Mrs. Kilgore was born Feb. 10, 1908 in Warren, Ind. and died Jan. 23 in Livonia. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include sons Jerry R. (Gladys) Kilgore of Lake Leelanau, Mich., and Ken Kilgore of Moneta, Va.; daughter Janet L. (Clark) McKelvey of Plymouth; nine grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Helen Kilgore Endowment Fund, Andrews University, 200 Garland Avenue, Berrien Springs, MI 49104.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

MARTHA J. HUMBLE

Services for Martha J. Humble, 83, of Canton Township were held Jan. 27 at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with the Rev. Brian D. Smith officiating. Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Cemetery in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Mrs. Humble was born Dec. 4,

1917 in Chaffee, Mo., and died Jan. 22. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Albert E. Humble; and brother Wilson Boyd.

Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE J. LUKASCHEWSKI

Services for Lawrence J. Lukaszewski, 71, of Canton Township, were held January 24 at St. John Neumann Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating.

Mr. Lukaszewski was born July 10, 1929 in Detroit and died Jan. 24. He worked as a roofer for a construction company.

Survivors include daughter, Melanie (David) Dixon; 2 brothers; 3 sisters; and 4 grandchildren.

Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

JOAN A. GOMEZ

Services for Joan A. Gomez, 66, of Brighton, will be held Jan. 30 at St. Patrick's Church in Brighton.

Mrs. Gomez was born Jan. 31, 1934 in Detroit and died Jan. 20 in Rochester, Minn. She was a real estate agent for The Livingston Group in Howell. Joan had lived in Brighton for 24 years.

She was preceded in death by her son, Artie Gomez.

Survivors include her husband, Eddy Gomez; daughter Cindy Gomez of Rochester, Mich.; son, Edward Gomez of Rochester, Mich.; daughter Lisa (Robert) Johnson of Brighton; daughter, Joanie (Dale) Stuebben of Plymouth; and eight grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army.

SHURGARD OF CANTON

Notice is hereby given that the following unit(s) will be sold to the highest bidder by open auction on February 20, 2001 at approximately 9:30 a.m. at Shurgard Storage located at 2101 Haggerty Road, Canton, MI 48187, (734) 981-0300.

Unit #4203 - Watkins - Dining table and 4 chairs.

Unit #5210 - Todd - Vacuum, mattress, tent, 2 dressers, globe, lawn chairs, microscope, misc. boxes & bags.

Unit #6018 - Sliuinski - Tony & Jacks Delivery: 21 refrigerators, 4 washer-dryer combos, 1 dryer, 3 tool boxes, 1 antique stove, misc. boxes.

Unit #6276 - Ward - 50 misc boxes and bags.

Unit #4064 - Bazzi - 1 suitcase, 3 misc bags.

Unit #4213 - Brown - Misc boxes, couch, card table, console T.V., radio.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
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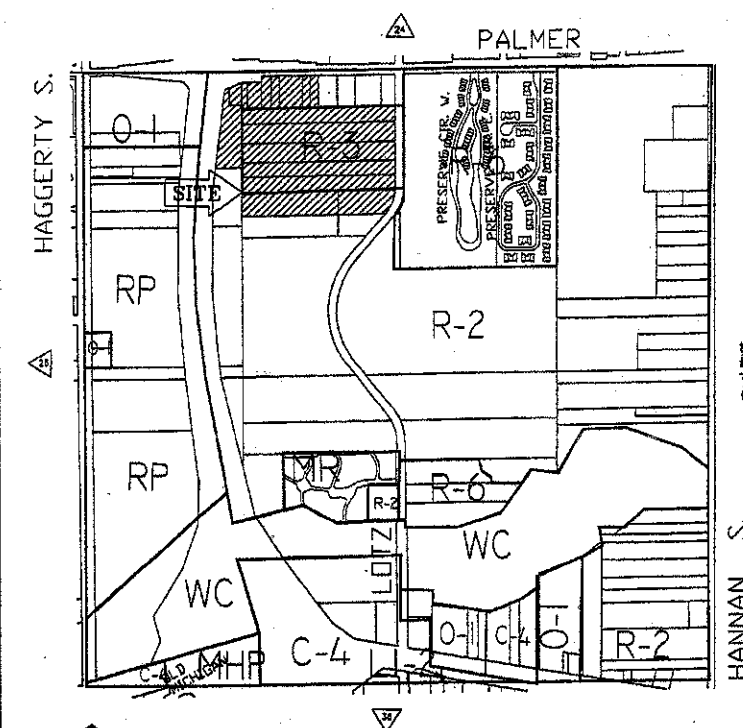
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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 5, 2001 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

ROBERTSON BROTHERS REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 098 99 0004 000, 098 99 0005 000, 098 99 0007 001, 098 99 0008 001, 098 99 0009 001, 098 99 0010 001, 098 99 0012 001, 098 99 0019 702, 098 99 0019 703, 098 99 0021 003, AND 098 99 0021 006 FROM R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-6, SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL, AND PARCEL NOS. 098 99 0014 000, 098 99 0015 000, 098 99 0016 000, 098 99 0017 000, AND 098 99 0018 000 FROM R-3, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO R-6, SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL. Property is located west of Lotz Road south of Palmer Road.

ZONING MAP
SECTION 25

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, February 1, 2001 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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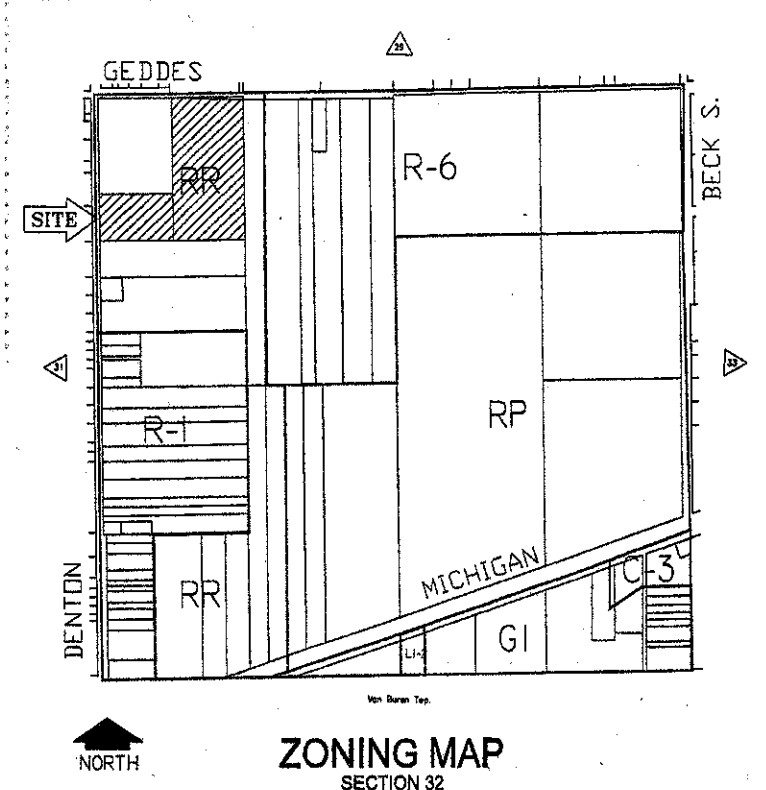
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KIME/OSBORNE/ARCHDIOCESE REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 126 99 0008 002 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL; AND PARCEL NO. 126 99 0007 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (2.5 ACRES +/-) AND R-6, SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL (17 ACRES +/-). Property is located south of Geddes Road and east of Denton Road.

ZONING MAP
SECTION 32

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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6, 2001 for the following:

DDA Planting & Maintenance Services Bid

Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained at the office of the Admin. Services Director during regular office hours. The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

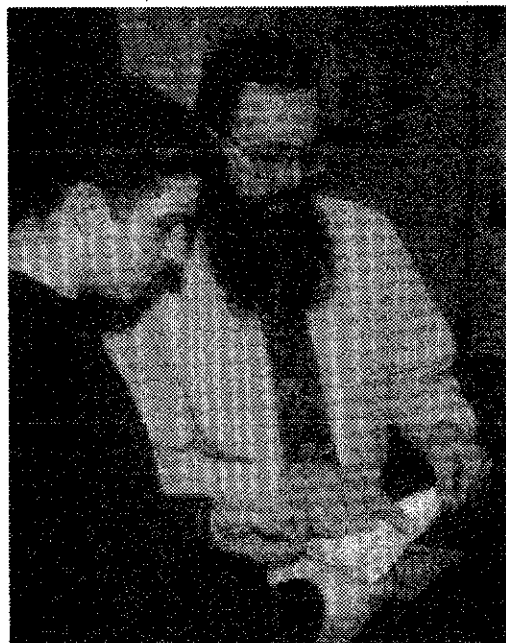
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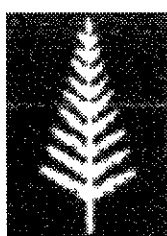
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Schoolcraft eyes development of 45-acre parcel

BY RICHARD PEARL
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What should be done with Livonia's largest remaining undeveloped parcel of real estate?

That's what Schoolcraft College hopes to learn from area commercial developers sometime this spring.

The college's board of trustees, meeting Wednesday night for the first time in the new millennium, authorized college president Richard McDowell's administration to solicit and evaluate proposals for 45 acres of Schoolcraft property located adjacent to the southern boundary of its Haggerty Road campus.

The most promising responses will be presented to the board later in the year for consideration and possible action.

But only offers with "a minimum land value of \$329,000 per acre" - \$14.8 million total - will be considered.

Butch Raby, Schoolcraft vice president for business, said he will begin writing the request for proposal in the next couple of weeks. Then developers "probably will need six to eight weeks to react to the thing."

"They will want to look at the site," Raby said. "We don't want to cut them so short they can't do a good analysis."

McDowell said developers often stop in at his office to suggest such things as condominiums, a recreation center or "a big store" for the site.

But the college heretofore has never formally sought development proposals.

Recent reviews of land- and building-usage, however, have prompted Schoolcraft to consider

commercially developing the property, which runs between the college's child-care center and the Newman House.

That's what was done at the college's northernmost property, at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads, in the late 1980s, when Seven Mile Crossing, the high-rise office complex and restaurant, was constructed on 16.5 acres. Today, the three office buildings and Cooker's Restaurant annually bring the college about \$300,000 cash in rentals, according to Raby.

"Moving in this direction" with the southernmost property "would convert a fallow asset to a productive financial asset for years to come," McDowell told the board.

The property "is a valuable asset. We could turn that into something useful to the college," he emphasized.

If the ideas submitted by developers "are of interest, we will pursue" them.

"But we'll be disappointed if" it all turns into "big, tall buildings," he said - although those could be built closer to the Interstate 275 side of the property, he added.

The softening economy, however, raises questions about the viability of new office space, McDowell said. That's where the developers come in: "They have their finger on the pulse - what kind of building, for what kind of client."

Basic criteria announced Wednesday include requiring an un-subordinated land lease of up to 60 years on any development; a financial return that includes "escalation factors to maintain the purchasing power of the pro-

ceeds over the life of the lease," and having all improvements accrue to the college at lease-end.

Also, "Projects providing benefits to the college beyond the financial return will have higher consideration."

Retail development, while not desired, is possible, but heavy industrial usage and automotive dealerships are definitely out.

And low-rise structures "that

complement the campus" are preferred over high-risers.

A recreational center would be considered. At first, Schoolcraft officials thought that might conflict with Livonia's redevelopment of the former Bentley Center.

"But we serve more than just the city of Livonia," the officials said. A rec center "might be something that would be acceptable."

Contest focuses on Michigan history

Secretary of State Candice S. Miller is inviting fourth and fifth grade students to submit essays about their favorite historic place in Michigan for the Michigan Week 2001 Essay Contest sponsored by the Department of State, Michigan Education Association and the Michigan Association of School Boards.

Contestants' essays must be postmarked in February 2001, and the winners will be announced during the Michigan Week 2001 Kickoff at the State Capitol in mid-May. Michigan Week will be observed May 19-28.

"Michigan Week is all about celebrating Michigan and everything that has made this state the greatest place in the world to work and live," said Secretary Miller, the chair of Michigan Week 2001. "Michigan's history is rich and varied- each region of the state has its own story to tell. The essay contest is designed to encourage young people to begin exploring that history and the significance it holds for them."

Judging criteria are designed to correlate with Michigan curriculum standards and are modeled after the Holistic Feature Scoring of Civic Writing for the fifth grade Social Studies Michigan Educational Assessment Program exam. Lansing area school teachers have volunteered to serve as contest judges, and the Michigan Education Association and the Michigan Association of School Boards are providing the prizes.

Six winners and six honorable mentions will be announced at the Michigan Week 2001 Kickoff at the State Capitol in mid-May. Winners will receive a \$100 savings bond and honorable mentions will receive a \$25 savings bond. Both groups will be invited to a special reception at the Capitol during the Michigan Week Kickoff and to the Michigan Week 2001 awards reception and luncheon in Marshall on May 22. Winning essays will be posted on the Secretary of State website.

About 2,500 entries were submitted last year, the first time the essay contest was held. Contest organizers expect the number of entries to easily surpass last year's as the February deadline draws near.

Guidelines for the contest are as follows:

■ Any fourth or fifth grade student may submit an essay - only one submission per student. Children of Michigan Department of State employees or essay contest judges are not eligible to enter.

■ Applicants must respond to the following: Secretary of State Candice S. Miller, Michigan's official historian, is interested in hearing from you. Send her your essay about a favorite historic place in your area or in another area of Michigan and explain its historical significance. Your essay needs to contain an introductory paragraph, supporting paragraphs and a concluding paragraph.

■ All entries must be postmarked during the month of February 2001. Entries submitted prior to or after February will be disqualified.

■ Essays are limited to 500 words. Entries can be handwritten, typed or submitted electronically. Written or typed essays should be sent to the: Secretary of State Michigan Week Essay Contest, 430 W. Allegan, Lansing, MI 48918-1195. Electronic essays should be e-mailed to the Secretary of State at: MIWeekessay@sosmail.state.mi.us.

■ 'Michigan Week is all about celebrating Michigan and everything that has made this state the greatest place in the world to work and live.'

Candice Miller

For complete contest rules, visit the Secretary of State Web

site at www.sos.state.mi.us/miweek, or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Secretary of State, 430 W. Allegan, Lansing, MI 48918-1195.

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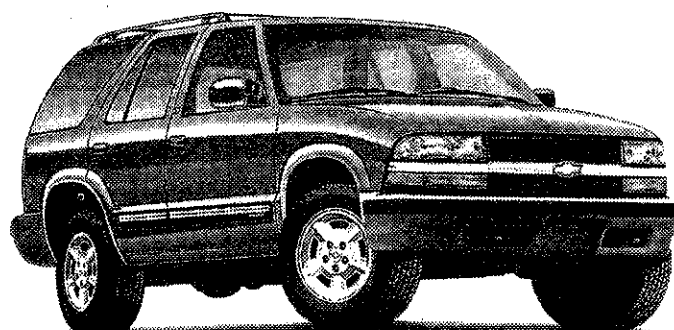
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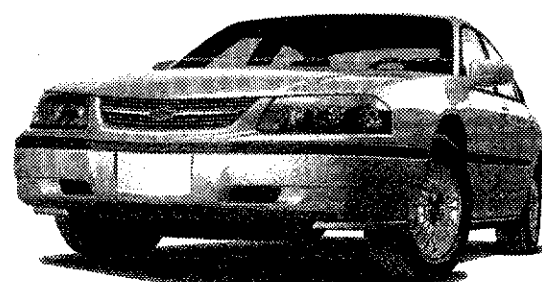
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CATHOLIC SCHOOL
In conjunction with Catholic Schools Week, St. Mary School in Wayne will host an Open House from 9-10:30 a.m. and 1:30-3 p.m., Thursday. School is in session and everyone is invited to visit the classrooms and see the great things that are happening. For further information, call (734) 721-1240.

PRINCETON REVIEW
The Princeton Review sponsors Free Strategy Session Seminars in February. These are 90 minute seminars discussing SAT and ACT techniques, as well as helpful information regarding the college admission process. They're scheduled from 7-8:30 p.m., Feb. 15, at The Summit on the Park in Canton. Each student should bring pencils and a calculator for the free test. Students MUST call The Princeton Review at (800) 2-REVIEW or (734) 663-2163 to register.

AARP
AARP is sponsoring free Federal and Michigan Income tax preparation for elderly persons at the locations listed. Work is performed by trained counselors qualified by the IRS. An appointment is required. Canton Recreation Center, Tuesday 9-12 p.m., 1-4 p.m., call (734) 394-5485 for appointment; Plymouth District Library, Wednesday 9:30-12:30 p.m., 1:30-4:30 p.m., call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 for appointment.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
The next meeting will feature a City of Detroit talk and slide tour, describing Joy, Jeffries, Lodge, Bagley, Penger, Williams and other people who had streets named after them. At 2:30 p.m., Feb. 11 at the Northville Public Library. Call (248) 348-3006 for further information.

DINNER THEATRE
Fox's Lair Dinner Theatre at Fox Hills Banquet Center presents "Murder Among Friends," a comedy-thriller. Performances are Saturdays through Feb. 24. Cocktails at 6 p.m.; dinner at 7 p.m.; performance immediately following. The \$33.95 package includes buffet dinner, dessert, live show, tax and gratuity. Call (734) 453-7272 for reservations.

OPEN HOUSE
Madonna University in Livonia is holding an Open House for prospective students from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, March 24 in the Take 5 Lounge on campus. Information on financial aid and scholarships will be available, and transfer students are encouraged to bring their transcripts. Complimentary refreshments will be provided. For further information, please call (734) 432-5339.

CLASSICAL BELLS
Classical Bells, known as Michigan's premiere handbell ensemble, will be featured at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, at 7 p.m., Jan. 28. The church is at 770 Thayer in Northville. Tickets are \$10 for individuals and \$15 for families. They can be purchased at the door. For further information contact Our Lady of Victory

Church at (248) 349-2621.

AMERICAN MUSIC FESTIVAL
Our Lady of Good Counsel Church will be the setting for a gala American Music Festival at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 11. The combined choirs of St. John Neumann Church and Our Lady of Good Counsel will present a dynamic and diversified program. Admission is \$5 donation at the door. For more information, please call the OLGCC Parish Office (734) 453-3026 or St. John Neumann Parish Office (734) 455-5910.

WILLOW CREEK PRESCHOOL
The Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool is holding an Open House from 5:30-7 p.m. March 13 at the school located in Kirk of our Savior Church, 36660 Cherry Hill Road. Meet our teachers; play with our toys; see our school; enjoy a snack; get information for 2001-2002 registration. For more information, call Tina at 981-4069 or Ann at 844-7379.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM
The Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post No. 6695 located at 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth, is holding a Domestic Violence Program, featuring speaker Lisa Rutledge from Oakwood Hospital at 7 p.m. Jan. 30. Judith Barr from First Step will also participate. The program is open to the public with parking behind the building. Refreshments will be served after the program. Call (313) 538-1859 for further information.

TEENS AND DRUGS
These presentations will be presented at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Classroom EC4, 5305 Elliot Dr., Ypsilanti. "How to Know" will be presented from 7:30-9 p.m., Feb. 6. It will provide information on how to recognize a teen substance abuse problem, understand the progression of substance abuse, and know when to take action. "What to Do" will be presented 7:30-9 p.m. Feb. 13. It will provide information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is identified, and will include a recovering teen speaker. Parents, teens, and people who work with teens are all welcome. Free literature and refreshments are provided. Please phone (734) 973-7892 for further information.

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SWEETHEART DINNER DANCE
Come join us in the Maple/Oak Room at Canton's Summit on the Park, on Saturday, Feb. 3 from 5:30-10 p.m. for dinner and dancing. The evening begins with an individual Chicken Marsala dinner prepared by our very own Summit Gourmet. You won't even have to worry about looking silly on the dance floor because Sue Baris, the Summit's ballroom dance instructor, will provide an hour of ballroom dance instruction beginning at 7 p.m. followed by open dancing until 10 p.m. Ticket prices are \$25 per person with dinner or \$10 per person to attend the dance portion only. Tickets are on sale now at Summit on the Park.

DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE
Enjoy a fun-filled

evening of dancing with your special Valentine of any age at Summit on the Park's annual Daddy/Daughter Dance. The dance will be held on Friday, Feb. 9 and Sat. Feb. 10 from 7-9 p.m. in the gymnasium. Ticket prices are \$14 per couple and \$8 for each additional child. Tickets are on sale now at Summit on the Park. For more information call (734) 394-5460.

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ANN ARBOR RANGERS
The Ann Arbor Rangers U17 Boys Soccer Club is looking for some new team members for the winter indoor season and spring "travel" outdoor season. If you have experience playing soccer and are interested in learning more about our team and coach, please attend one of our practices at Mack School in Ann Arbor from 8-9:30 p.m. on Monday evenings. For further information, please call Iris at (734) 995-0011.

NURSERY OPEN HOUSE
The open house is being held 1-3 p.m. Feb. 4 and 1-3 p.m. March 4 at 5825 Sheldon Road, Canton. Plymouth Children's Nursery, Inc. admits students of any race, color and national ethnic origin. Call (734) 455-6250 for further information.

HATHA YOGA
Hatha Yoga classes, downtown Plymouth, 7:30-9 p.m., Wednesdays, and Sundays, 4-5:30 p.m. Starting Feb. 14, new Wednesday classes 9:30-11 a.m. and 1:30-3 p.m. Unique Valentine's Day Gift Certificates available. Call Cynthia (734) 420-2418.

DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE
Canton Knights of Columbus 10th Annual Daddy-Daughter Valentine's Dance will be held from 7-9 p.m. Feb. 10, at the St. Thomas a'Becket Family Life Center. This special night will feature danceable music, a flower corsage, refreshments and a unique gift so Dad and his date will remember the evening. The cost is \$12 per couple, \$16 for Dads with two dates. Call (734) 981-1333 for further information.

PLYMOUTH RECREATION
The City of Plymouth is now taking registration for its Children's/Tots Gymnastics Dance, Arts, Jump-A-Rama, Tae-Kwan-Do, Personal Development, Aerobics and much more.

For more information, call the recreation division at (734) 455-6620.

ANN ARBOR POWER SQUADRON
The Winter course "Basic Boating Education", open to the public, begins Feb. 7 and runs through March 21. The class will be held at Clague Middle School at 7 p.m. This class is open to adults and teenagers interested in or new to boating, as well as veteran boaters who wish to improve their boating skills. Call 973-0441 for further information.

YOUTH SOCCER
The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking Spring Youth Soccer registration the entire month of January at the Recreation office 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. The office is in the Plymouth Cultural Center. All registrations require a birth certificate. The fee for 8 years and under is \$45 for City of Plymouth residents, and \$65 for non-residents. For more information call (734) 455-6620.

ROLLER SKATING CLASSES
Learn to skate at Skatin Station II in Canton for children or adults 7-8 p.m. every Sunday. Call (734) 459-6401.

OPEN HOUSE
New Morning School in Plymouth is hosting an opportunity for interested families to tour the school, meet the staff and have your questions answered. The Student Museum/Open House 2-4:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 11. New family discussions will occur at 3:30 p.m. that day. New Morning is a state licensed and certified parent cooperative school covering pre-school through grade eight. Interested people can call the school at (734) 420-3331 or e-mail to newmorning@mediaone.net.

KINDERMUSIK CLASSES
Registrations are now being taken for the winter/spring semester of Kindermusik for children from birth through 5 years of age. Classes begin the week of Feb. 4. Call Evola Music Center at (734) 455-4677 to register for classes or for a free brochure.

EVOLA MUSIC
Registrations are now being taken for Kindermusik Village Classes at Evola Music in Canton for children from birth to 18 months and their parents. Meet with other parents with babies birth to 18 months. Kindermusik at Evola Music offers a complete music program where both children and parents learn through music and movement. Call Evola Music Center at (734) 455-4677 to register for classes or for a free brochure. You may also visit the Web site at www.ismi.net/kinder-musi katevola.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
The Plymouth Optimist Club is selling Entertainment 2001 Books. Proceeds will be used for children's causes throughout South-

eastern Michigan. Books are \$40 and will be home delivered. Call Bill Von Glahn at (734) 453-8253.

MORE KINDERMUSIK
Village Music, a professional music facility in Plymouth's Old Village at 130 E. Liberty, has on-going registration for its Kindermusik classes. Classes are available for newborns through 7-year-olds. Call Norma Atwood at (734) 354-9825.

CREATIVE MUSIC CENTER
The Creative Music Center of Plymouth/Canton has on-going registration for its Kindermusik classes. Classes are prorated. Classes are at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial (just west of Sheldon). For information, call Lori Nelson at (734) 354-9109.

NEW MORNING SCHOOL
New Morning School in Plymouth has openings for the upcoming school year (2000-01) in the following programs: Half-day kindergarten (afternoons); the whole-day kindergarten; and the middle school (grades six through eight). New Morning is a state-licensed and certified parent cooperative. Interested people can call the school at (734) 420-3331 or e-mail to newmorning@mediaone.net. Visit the Web site at people.mw.mediaone.net/newmorning.

K OF C BREAKFAST BUFFET
The Knights of Columbus holds a breakfast buffet every Sunday, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the K of C, 150 Fair St., Plymouth. All-you-can-eat buffet. Newly remodeled breakfast room. Call (734) 453-9833.

TAI CHI
Ongoing Tao Chi classes are offered in Livonia and Bloomfield under the sponsorship of the Taoist Tai Chi Society. Day classes for seniors available at the Livonia location. Observers welcome. Visit its web site at www.ttc.org. Call (248) 332-1281.

CLUBS

REPUBLICAN WOMEN
The monthly meeting of the Suburban Republican Women's Club will be held at the Pick-A-Bone Restaurant at 11 a.m., January 25. The charge for the luncheon is \$11.00. Guests and visitors always welcome. For reservations, please call (248) 324-1660.

WESTSIDE SINGLES
Westside Singles presents Friday night dances. Open to the public and will be held every Friday night at the Burton Manor. Doors open at 8 p.m., dressy attire, budget bar, D.J., 21 years of age and older, price is \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after 8:30 p.m. There is a special Valentine's dance at 7 p.m. on Feb. 14. Call (734) 981-0909 for further information.

ARTS COUNCIL
Every second Tuesday at noon you're invited to bring your lunch and learn about

art with the speakers from the DIA. The cost is \$5 for members and \$8 for others. Thanks to a grant from Ford Motor Co., these lectures are now free to senior citizens. Winter 2001 classes for children-acting, singing, drawing, sketching and painting. For adults-photography, mandala, drawing, sketching, watercolor, salsa dance, and figure drawing with models. Classes begin the week of Jan. 15. Art or drama Birthday Parties or Scout Workshops custom designed for your group (any age) at the Plymouth community Arts Council. For information on any of the above activities, call (734) 416-4278.

KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB
The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8489.

TOASTMASTERS
Develop your communications and leadership skills through the friendly practice of public speaking. Guests welcome. No pressure to speak. Please call (734) 459-0715 for location. After January it will meet every first and third Monday of the month.

BNI
Business Network International (BNI) holds their regular meetings from 7-8:30 a.m. The Canton II Chapter meets every Wednesday at Millennium Security Services, 42010 Koppernick, Suite 117, Canton; the Plymouth Chapter meets every Thursday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth; the Livonia Chapter meets every Friday at Senate Coney Island on Plymouth Road at Stark, Livonia. Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

ASTRONOMY GROUP
The Astronomy Discussion Group meets every third Monday of the month 7-8 p.m. in the Plymouth Dunning-Hough Library, 223 S. Main. Astronomy novices and enthusiasts (age 6 and older) may attend. Adults must accompany those younger than 12. Door prizes, handouts, videos, slides, lecture, and open discussion are a part of the meetings. Call Mike Best at (734) 459-2378.

MOPS
The Plymouth Baptist Church holds the MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 9-11:30 a.m. These meetings provide a time for moms to develop new friendships with other moms. Childcare is provided. The church is located at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, between Lilley and Haggerty. Call (734) 453-5534. Space is limited.

CIVITAN CLUB
The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club meets the first and third Thursdays of the month: Business/Salvation Army; Dinner/Damon's. Call either (734) 453-7569 or (734) 981-7259.

GOURMET DINING GROUP
The Plymouth/Northville/Canton Gourmet Dining Group meets the second Saturday, October-June. Planned menu and recipes for each meal. If interested in joining, call Dottie Brower at (734) 455-1206 or Pat Stokes at (734) 455-7446.

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES
The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples Club meets 7 p.m. the third week of each month on alternating Mondays and Tuesdays. Play group

meets twice a month on alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Call Pam Heestand at (734) 981-3341.

M.O.M.
Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) presents guest speakers and discussions from 9:30-11:30 a.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month. Baby-sitting is provided. Call Cheree at (734) 416-6214 or Laura at (313) 538-7622.

M.I.T.I.
Moms In Touch International is for mothers to meet weekly, for one hour, to pray for their children and schools. The goal is to form a group for each school in Plymouth-Canton. Call Karen at (734) 397-2771 or Elaine at (734) 459-3896.

MOMS CLUB
MOMS Club welcomes all western Wayne County stay-at-home mothers to meet at 10 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month. Play group meets every Wednesday. Call Lisa at (734) 844-3685.

HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP
The Human Rights Group meets at 7 p.m. the first Sunday of the month at the Plymouth Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call Paulette at (734) 416-9288 or Charlene at (734) 963-0649.

PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS
Plymouth Newcomers is a social organization dedicated to helping people meet others in the community through its monthly meetings and variety of special interest groups. Call Christine at (734) 416-0300.

YOGA CLASSES
Yoga classes beginning in January in downtown Plymouth, Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons. Six classes per session. The cost is \$50 per session. Call Cynthia for further information (734) 420-2418.

PRESCHOOLERS
The Plymouth Baptist Church MOPS (Mothers Of Preschoolers) meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 9:15-11:30 a.m. These meetings provide a time for moms to develop new friendships with other moms. Special speakers; crafts and great food are some of the highlights at a MOPS meeting. Mothers, with their children, kindergarten aged and younger, are invited to attend. Childcare is provided. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-5534.

VOLUNTEERS

SENIOR PARTY
Plans are being made and work is well underway for the all night senior party to be held on June 10. We are looking for volunteers to help in this huge undertaking. Please call one of our co-chairs to volunteer for decorating duty. We are also in need of donations, either monetary or merchandise to be given out as prizes on the night of the party. For more information please call Joanne LaMar 459-4539 or Dave and Marcia Garnice at 844-3855.

DISCOVERY SHOPS
The American Cancer Society's Discovery Shops are looking for volunteers interested in retail to make a difference in the fight against cancer. Various positions, flexible hours and training are available. For more information, call the American Cancer Society at (248) 557-5353 or toll free at (800) 925-2271.

CALENDAR FORM

The Canton Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Canton Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI. 48170, or by fax to 734-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Thursday for the following Sunday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

Event:

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'Super' Internet gambling? You'd better not bet on it

BY RICHARD PEARL
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College students and anyone else doing a little Super Bowl credit-card wagering today on the Internet may be in for a surprise.

The Web site they use just might belong to the Wayne County Sheriff's Department.

In that case, says Sheriff Robert A. Ficano, all bets definitely are "off."

Those attempting to bet will get an e-mail message: "You have contacted a law enforcement agency."

It also advises that the bettor has made the credit card number available to everybody - gaming site or no.

Furthermore, the sheriff's department will notify credit card companies and Michigan banks when merchants are

found to be acting illegally by accepting the bets.

No state has legalized or authorized Internet gaming, Ficano said. And federal law prohibits placing bets on the phone.

The sheriff set up the bogus Web site a few days ago in an effort to slow Internet credit card wagering, a rapidly growing area of gambling which he said is particularly popular with those of college-age and younger.

"It's a generational thing," explained Ficano: Younger people are comfortable using the Internet. And often they're using their parents' credit cards, he said.

Predictions are that Internet gaming will reach \$2.8 billion by the end of the year, Ficano said. "The height of it is usually the Super Bowl and (major college basketball's) Final Four."

He pointed out that "We're not

looking for every \$5 or \$10 bettor. What this is is an educational process, especially for young people."

As for the bogus Web site, said Ficano, "we sent out over 50 warnings" in roughly the first 24 hours of operation.

Companies issuing the cards through banks "are concerned they are facilitating" such gambling, he said. "But they can't always identify the user, so we're giving the information to the banks and they will not honor the transactions."

Banks working with the sheriff include Bank One, Standard Federal and Midwest Guaranty of Troy.

The problem gets stickier, Ficano noted, when the site accepting the bet is in, say, Costa Rica, where such gambling is legal. "It puts the credit card companies in a dilemma."

Ice fishing safety tips offered

The best conditions in at least four winters is more reason than ever to keep safety in the forefront of planning for your next ice fishing trip, says AAA Michigan.

"The cold may have created early ice on most of Michigan's lakes and Great Lake bays, but the heavy snowfall has also contributed to potentially dangerous ice conditions on many of those lakes," states Richard Miller, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. "Anglers need to prepare for a safe, enjoyable trip."

Snowfall on top of ice is an excellent insulator, Miller warns. It often causes rapid melting or uneven thicknesses underneath. Water can also be pushed up on top of ice by its weight, causing further weakening.

"That is why an experienced ice fisherman approaches a frozen lake heavily laden with snow with extreme caution," he says.

A safety tool that should be part of any ice fisherman's tackle

is an ice spud to test thickness. Also handy is a set of ice picks attached to a rope through the sleeves used to help pull yourself to safety after falling in. Ice creepers strapped over boots not only help on slick ice, and also may help get you out if you fall in. Ski goggles protect against snowblindness and guard against frostbite.

When on the ice, AAA suggests these rules:

- Treat all ice as potentially unsafe. Currents on lakes, especially around points, and snow buildup can quickly weaken ice. Be especially wary when ice is weak near shore or is slushy.
- Always fish with a buddy. Tell someone where you'll be and when you'll return.
- Be especially wary on ice-covered rivers, where currents can undermine ice, particularly near river mouths.
- Follow safe paths used by others. Be aware of frozen-over fishing holes that could break. Avoid soft or discolored ice.
- Watch the weather. Storms

causing dangerous wind chills or white out conditions, winds that create pressure cracks and ice floes, and late-winter fog cause emergency rescues each winter.

- At your fishing site, your group should spread out to distribute weight. If ice starts cracking, lie down and crawl to the thickest ice, usually in the direction you came.
- If you fall in, call for help. Turn toward the direction you came and after kicking, use ice picks and ice creepers to pull yourself out. Sometimes kicking while on your back works best. Then roll across the ice to safety and seek warmth immediately.
- To help someone else, toss a rope or use a pole, ladder, tree limb or other item to pull them to safety.
- Never drive your vehicle onto the ice. Each season, snowmobiles and vehicles fall through.
- Fish shanties must be removed daily after Feb. 20, March 1, March 15 or March 31, depending on the region, or when conditions warrant.

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Internet scams top consumer complaints in 2000

Attorney General Jennifer M. Granholm last week announced the top consumer scams of the year 2000 and warned Michigan consumers to steer clear of more of the same in 2001.

The list represents the 10 most complained about consumer problems as compiled from the more than 70,000 calls the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division fielded in the last year. Topping this year's list were Internet issues – including on-line auction frauds, privacy issues, junk e-mail, Internet service provider billing and service problems, and fraudulent on-line retail sales. Retail complaints – including scanner errors, deceptive advertising, and substandard quality complaints; and telephone communication complaints – including disputed charges, unauthorized service changes or bill “cramming,” and calling cards – rounded out the top three complaint categories.

Granholm said: “It's official: low-tech scams have truly gone

high tech. Internet-related crimes and frauds are now the most complained about consumer problems in Michigan. While the Internet is the most exciting personal and business tool of the past 30 years, users are taking a much closer look at the potholes on the information superhighway.”

This is the first year since the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division began tracking complaint statistics that sweepstakes or telemarketing didn't top the consumer complaint list.

Granholm added: “That says something about the explosive growth of the Internet in our lives. Unfortunately, too many crooks and scam artists still see the Internet as an ‘enforcement-free’ zone. That's a perception problem, however, and not a reality. Cyber con artists are no more welcome in this state than their real-world colleagues.”

The top 10 consumer complaints of 2000 are as follows:

1. Internet Complaints

Includes on-line auction complaints, concerns about “cookies” and on-line privacy, web-based pyramid schemes, and junk e-mail.

2. Retail Complaints

Includes checkout scanner errors, sub-standard quality complaints, unresolved refund requests, and deceptive advertising.

3. Telephone Communications

Includes “cramming” of unauthorized and disputed charges onto monthly bills, pager and beeper complaints, calling card complaints, and excessive pay phone charges.

4. Banks and Credit Agencies

Includes issues like high-interest rate credit cards, subprime lending, and unauthorized or excessive banking fees.

5. Mail Order Issues

Includes sweepstakes mailings, excessive junk mail, and work-at-home solicitations.

6. Contractors

Includes plumbing, heating, air conditioning, and general home repair contractors who provided shoddy service or no service at all.

7. Telemarketing

Includes violations of “don't call” requests and telephone sweepstakes promotions.

8. Credit Reporting and Collection

Includes credit report errors, abusive collection practices, and credit “repair” solicitations.

9. Motor Vehicle Manufacturers

Includes Lemon Law violations, warranty issues, and quality problems with older vehicles.

10. Auto Dealers and Repair Facilities

Includes bait and switch advertising, fraudulent repairs, and failing to honor pricing promises.

To help steer consumers away from similar scams in 2001, Granholm announced that a new brochure called “Ten Tips for Preventing Consumer Fraud in Michigan” is now available on the attorney general's Web site at www.ag.state.mi.us.

The brochure is also available by calling the Consumer Protection Division's toll-free complaint hotline at 1-877-SOLVE-88 (1-877-765-8388).

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Granholm added: “The single most important thing consumers can do to beat fraud is to get informed. Be sure to read the fine print, and don't be afraid to ask tough questions of salespeople who call your home. If all else fails, be vocal – consumers can file complaints at my office's Web site 24 hours a day, seven days a week.”

Consumer complaints can also be filed online at www.ag.state.mi.us or via the Consumer Protection Division's toll-free hotline at 1-877-SOLVE-88 (1-877-765-8388).

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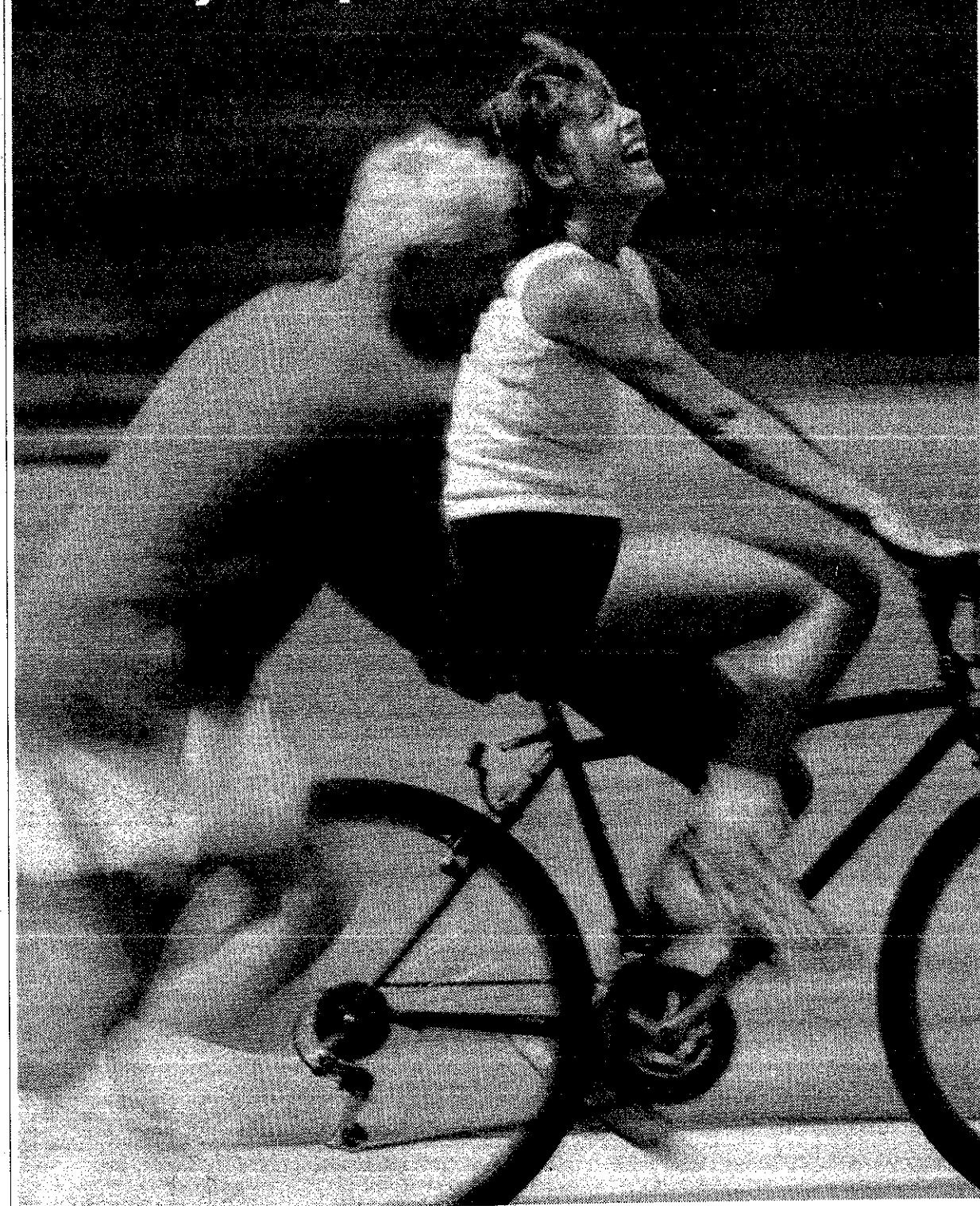
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When your teams are atop both the men's and women's basketball standings, as Schoolcraft College's teams are, it figures your players would be among the league leaders, too.

In the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference, SC's men's basketball team has top two scorers in Redford Bishop Borgess graduate Sam Hoskin (26.2 points a game) and Derrick Bird (22.1), the leader in assists in Derrick McGlown (7.3) and the best shooter in Nick Evola (68-of-111, 61.3 percent).

Hoskin is also fourth in rebounding (9.9) and free-throw shooting (74.1 percent) and is fifth in field-goal percentage (58.0 percent). McGlown ranks third in shooting (60.4 percent), 18th in scoring (10.0) and is tied for fourth in steals (2.7), while Bird is third in free-throw shooting (80.5 percent), seventh in three-point shooting (38.6 percent) and ninth in field-goal shooting (55.3 percent).

Evola ranks 15th in scoring (11.3) and rebounding (5.3) and is fifth in free-throw shooting (72.3 percent), while Dwight Windom III is sixth in steals (2.5), ninth in rebounding (7.5) and 10th in floor shooting (54.7 percent).

SC ranks first in the conference in field-goal percentage (53.9 percent) and free-throw shooting (72.5 percent).

SC's men's team was 6-1 in the conference through last Monday's win over Macomb CC, 16-2 overall.

The Lady Ocelots were 7-0 through last Monday, 14-2 overall. Their only conference leader is Rachel Eley, who has a wide lead in steals (6.1; next best is 3.8). Eley also ranks second in assists (5.7), 12th in scoring (12.7), 18th in rebounding (5.4), second in field-goal shooting (54.7 percent) and is tied for fourth with teammate Janelle Olson in free-throw shooting (73.3 percent).

Angelica Blakely is 17th in scoring (10.5), ninth in rebounding (8.1) and 11th in field-goal shooting (44.1 percent); Kelly Grenan (from Redford Thurston) is second in three-point shooting (37.5 percent); Devin Francois is sixth in assists (3.9), tied for 13th in rebounding (6.5) and is 12th in floor shooting (42.7 percent); and Ra'Sheida Edwards is seventh in floor shooting (46.2 percent) and 16th in rebounding (5.9).

As a team, SC ranks first in rebounding (49.6 per game), steals (16.3) and assists (20.7) and is second in floor shooting (42.8 percent), three-point shooting (33.2 percent), free-throw shooting (66.3 percent) and blocks (3.7 per game).

Top scorer

Tiffany Grubaugh continues to adapt quite well to the college game of basketball.

Grubaugh, a freshman from Plymouth Salem, scored 15 points and grabbed five rebounds in Wayne State's 82-81 win over Grand Valley State in a Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference game Jan. 11, then had 24 points and pulled down 11 boards in an 81-74 loss to Ferris State Jan. 13.

Through the FSU game, Grubaugh led the Warriors in scoring, averaging 13.2 points-per-game. She has reached double figures in scoring 10 times this season.

WSU was 8-8 overall, 3-5 in the GLIAC going into this weekend.

Among the best

Melissa Marzolf, a junior point guard at Northwood University from Plymouth Canton, poured in a season-high 18 points Jan. 20 at Lake Superior State, but it couldn't derail the Timberwolves' losing streak, which reached six-straight last Tuesday at Hillsdale.

Marzolf, who ranks fourth in the GLIAC in assists, averaging 5.5 a game, hit 6-of-8 shots and dished out six assists while grabbing five rebounds in the 87-71 loss at Lake State. Marzolf is also averaging 6.8 points and 4.2 rebounds a game for Northwood, which stands 8-9 overall and 3-6 in the conference.

Winning performance

Ian Searcy, a junior on Central Michigan's men's track team and a Plymouth Salem grad, was one of four Chippewas to earn a victory at the Red Simmons Invitational at the University of Michigan Jan. 20.

Searcy won the 800-meter run in 1:54.09.

So which halftime speech was it, Bob? Certainly a guy who's been in the business as long as you have (18 years) must have 'em numbered by now.

So which one was it? Here your Plymouth Salem basketball team is trailing Westland John Glenn by 11 at halftime, on your own court, and — well, the way the Rocks have played through the first half of the season, such a deficit didn't cultivate a whole lot of optimism.

But Bob Brodie, Salem's longtime coach, had some kind of answer. And typical of Brodie's style, he made it sound so simple.

"We got it done by changing defenses up and we got the ball inside," he said. "Glenn made a bit of a run at the end, and we withstood the pressure."

The result was Salem's second-straight victory, this one by a 64-59 count. Salem improved to 3-8 overall, 3-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Glenn is 2-9 overall, 1-4 in the WLAA.

The Rockets dominated the first half, thanks to Brent Bogle. Bogle scored 21 of his game-high 28 points in the opening half, 16 of those coming in the second quarter, when Glenn outscored Salem 22-13 to take a 33-22 halftime lead.

But the Rocks started to work the ball inside and it paid dividends in the third quarter, when they outpointed Glenn 25-9 to take a 47-42 lead into the fourth.

The Rockets regrouped and caught Salem in the fourth, but they couldn't sustain it. A pair of free throws by Nick Tochman and Scott Discher down the stretch cemented Salem's win.

Tochman, working mainly inside, led the Rocks with 16 points; he also grabbed five rebounds. David Hoskins totaled 15 points, eight boards and four assists, and Discher had 14 points and seven rebounds. Ryan Haydon finished with eight points and five boards.

Hoskins led the Rocks' third-quarter surge, scoring eight points. But he had plenty of support: Discher scored seven in the period and Tochman added six.

Anthony Harrell and Mike Franks joined Glenn's Bogle in double figures, each scoring 13 points.

"We changed a lot of defenses," said Brodie. "We used traps, zones and mans. That kind of disrupted their tempo a bit."

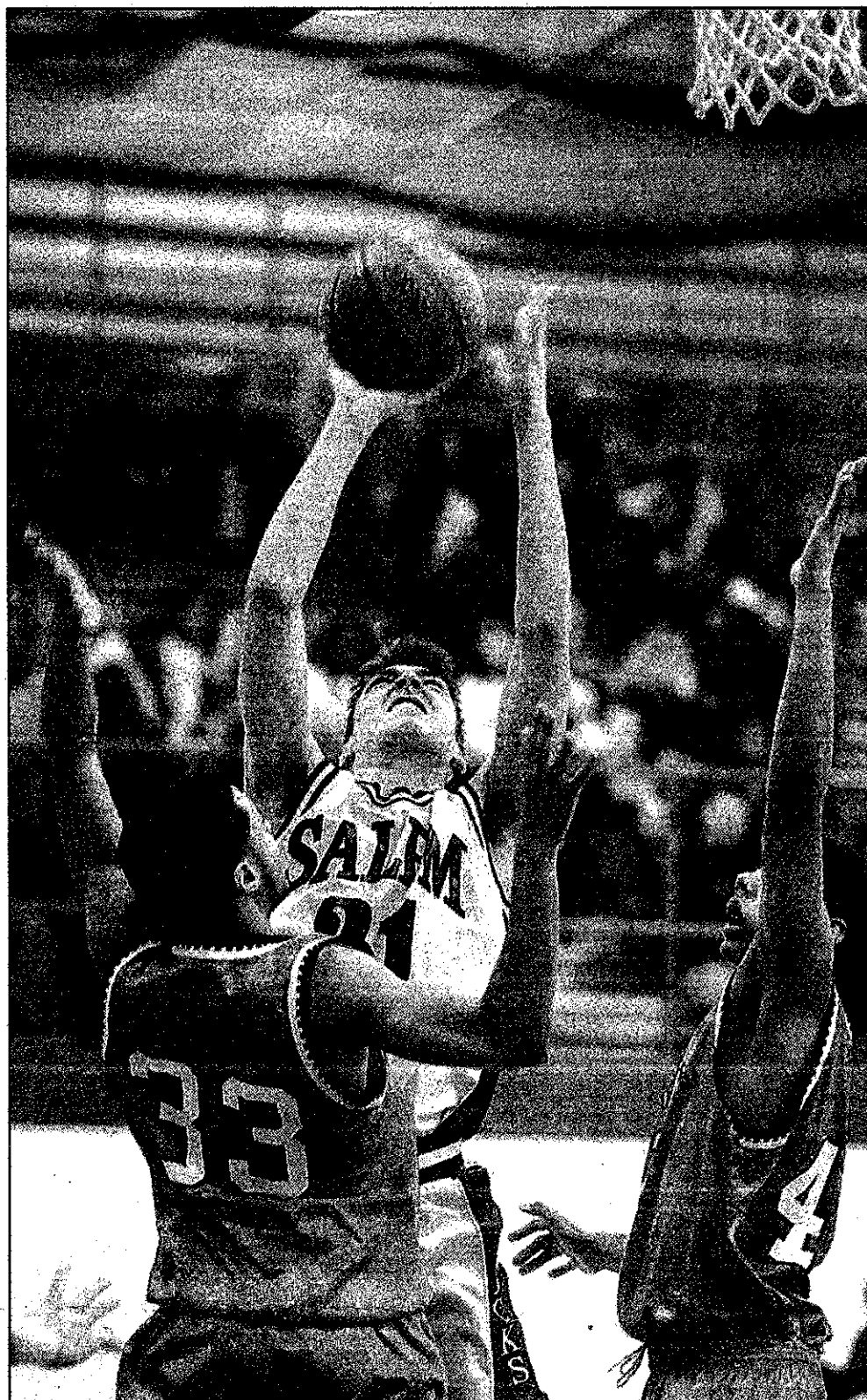
It was enough to give Salem the victory.

Canton 59, Northville 56: It came down to the wire once again, and once again Plymouth Canton was equal to the challenge Friday in a WLAA game at Northville.

The Chiefs trailed by five heading into the fourth quarter, but they made

Make it 2 straight

Salem's 3rd-quarter surge too much for Rockets



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Inside strength: The Rocks needed a big game from Nick Tochman inside, and they got it. Tochman drives through John Glenn's Mike Franks en route to scoring two of his team-high 16 points.

the big plays down the stretch to eke out the victory.

"We just keep hanging on," said Canton coach Jeremy Rheault. "We're playing with a lot of heart."

With less than a minute left and Northville leading by a point, the Mustangs tried to inbound the ball under their own basket. Canton's Jerry Gaines, an all-state defensive back in football, tipped the long pass to teammate Jason Priebe, and Priebe took it in for a layup that gave Canton the

lead.

Free-throw shooting took center stage after that, and the Chiefs were hitting. "Our free-throw shooting hurt us early," said Rheault, "but it won it for us at the end."

Indeed it did. The Chiefs were 8-for-8 at the line in the fourth quarter, including two by Jay Sofen in the final seconds to give them the game-winning margin.

Sofen finished with three three-pointers and 11 points. Gaines totaled

13 points and six rebounds, and Nick Cabautan netted 11 points. Andrew Holmes totaled eight.

Dave Gregor's 18 points was best for the Mustangs. Aaron Redden added 14.

Canton improved to 5-6 overall, 4-1 in the WLAA. Northville slipped to 4-7 overall, 1-4 in the conference.

Agape 66, Greater Life 41: In a game of unbeaten, Canton Agape Christian emerged as the better team thanks to a 43-22 second-half surge.

The Wolverines improved to 8-0 overall. Pontiac Greater Life is 5-1.

Agape was clinging to a 23-19 lead at halftime. "We were really choppy in the first half," said Wolverine coach Chuck Henry. "In the second half we played really great. We got into a good flow."

"We pushed the ball up the floor in the second half — that was the only thing we did different."

Paul Anleitner led Agape with 19 points. Paul Chrenko added 16 and Rob Hough contributed 10.

Greater Life got 12 from Daniel Yarnall and 10 from Joey Tovar.

Southfield Christian 65, PCA 56: Plymouth Christian Academy got off to a good start in its Homecoming game Friday against visiting Southfield Christian, but the Eagles couldn't sustain it as they dropped to 2-7 overall, 1-4 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Southfield Christian improved to 4-7 overall, 2-2 in the MIAC.

Corey Krug led the visitors with 25 points. Ulysses Lewis added 12.

Clay Welton topped PCA with 20 points and eight rebounds. James Bauslaugh contributed 12 points and five assists.

PCA led 23-17 after one quarter, but Southfield Christian narrowed that to 33-32 at the half and went ahead 48-46 after three quarters. Southfield Christian clinched it with a 17-10 fourth-quarter surge.

Redford CC 73, Notre Dame 69: Catholic League Central Division leader Redford Catholic Central (9-3, 4-1) earned a hard-fought victory Friday on the road at Harper Woods Notre Dame (5-6, 3-2) as senior guard Ryan Celeskey led the way with 27 points.

Celeskey made 12 of 15 free throws, including four down the stretch. Senior guard Anthony Coratti nailed four triples in a row during the first half and finished with 14. Senior forward Mark Willoughby contributed 12, while junior forward Tom Jakacki had 11.

"We did a nice job at the free throw line in the fourth quarter," said CC coach Rick Coratti, whose team never trailed. "That was a big win for us."

Marcuz Young, a 6-foot-6 senior center, led Notre Dame with 22 points. Juan Caldwell added 13 for the Irish.

Whalers fall in OT — again



The tension of a tight game spilled over into overtime for the Plymouth Whalers Friday night when they played the Guelph Storm, the Ontario Hockey League's third-best team, in Guelph.

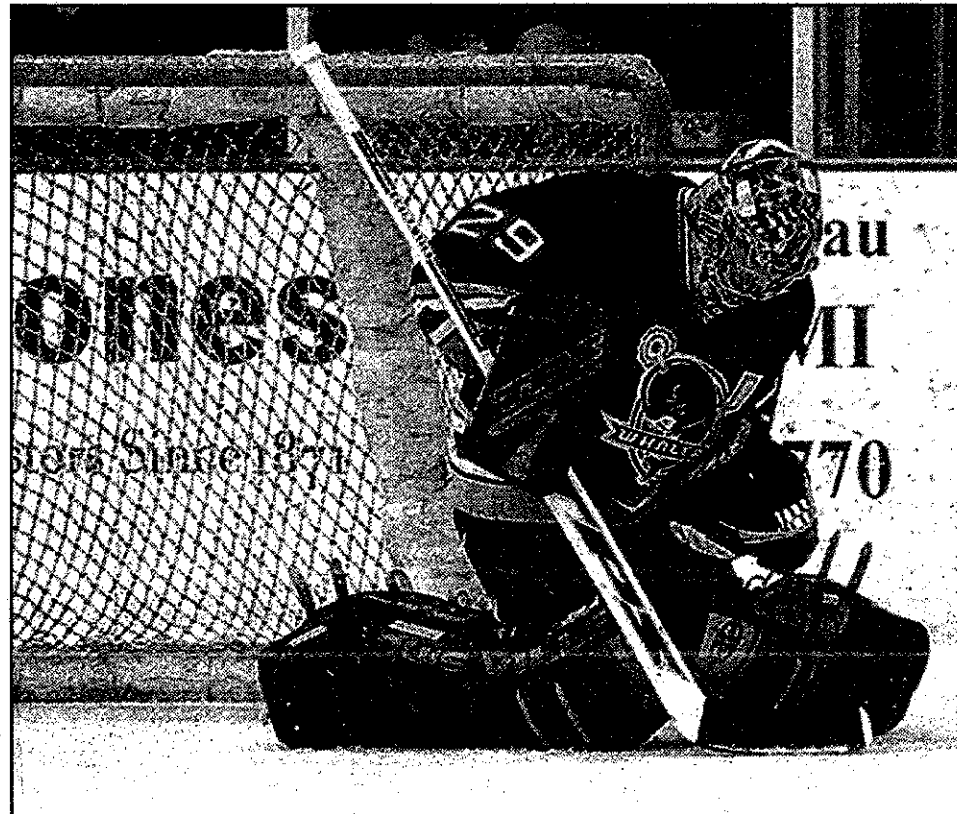
With the game knotted at 1-1 and the game in its final minute of regulation, Whaler defenseman Libor Ustrnul was called for a four-minute penalty. The Whalers killed the penalty through regulation, but it carried over into OT, and that proved too big a task.

Despite the efforts of Plymouth goalie Rob Zepp, Guelph's Kevin Dallman ripped a shot just under the crossbar 2:22 into the extra period to give the Storm a 2-1 win. It was the Whalers' second-straight OT loss; it was also Dallman's second goal of the game.

His first came just 3:26 into the game, putting Plymouth into a 1-0 hole in front of a Guelph crowd of 4,311. The Whalers countered before the period was through, with Chad Wiseman poking in a rebound with 4:48 left in the first.

The play was started by Preston Mizzi, who kept the puck in the Storm offensive zone and fired a shot on goal. Guelph goalie Craig Anderson made the save but couldn't smother the rebound — which Wiseman found and deposited into the Storm net.

The rest of regulation belonged to the goalies. Zepp stopped 32 of 34 shots



STAFF FILE PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

The puck stops here: Whaler goalie Rob Zepp was his usual dependable self against Guelph, stopping 32 of 34 shots. The game-winner was scored on a power play in overtime.

on goal, while Anderson turned away 33 of 34.

The Whalers travel to Windsor tonight for a game against the Spitfires, second in the OHL's West Division behind the Whalers.

On Wednesday, another battle of major proportions looms: Plymouth hosts the Erie Otters, the team that shared the OHL's overall lead with the Whalers going into the weekend.

ROCKERS SOCCER

Hawk rally
overcomes
Rocker lead

What the Rockers lacked Thursday night in Toronto against the expansion Thunder Hawks was an answer to Adolfo Mella.

Detroit blew a 5-2 halftime lead, and a 6-2 lead that it held early in the third quarter, and lost 12-8 at Toronto's Hershey Centre Thursday.

The defeat ended Detroit's two-game win streak and left them at 3-17, worst in the National Professional Soccer League.

The Rockers led 5-0 early in the game thanks to Paul Dailly, who netted a two-point goal and a three-pointer in a 55-second span of the first quarter. Mella's first goal, scored midway through the second quarter, made it 5-2 at halftime.

A shootout goal by Dailly gave the Rockers a 6-2 lead 1:15 into the third quarter. But then the momentum shifted, with Toronto getting third-period goals from Stathopoulos, Oliviero and Mella to take an 8-6 lead.

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PREP SWIM RESULTS

PLYMOUTH SALEM 105 LIVONIA STEVENSON 81 Thursday at Salem Dual-meet records: Salem 5-1 overall, 3-0 in the WLAA's Lakes Division; Stevenson 3-3 overall, 2-2 in the WLAA. Event results 200-medley relay: Salem (Eric Lynn, Aaron Shelton, Ben Dzialo, Mike Johnson), 1:42.47. 200-yard freestyle: Jim Ross (PS), 1:54.44. 200-yard individual medley: Eric Lynn (PS), 2:05.27. 50-yard freestyle: Joe Bublitz (LS), 22.44. Diving: Greg Kubitski (PS), 224.05 points. 100-yard butterfly: Ben Dzialo (PS), 55.71. 100-yard freestyle: Mike Johnson	son), 1:42.47. 200-yard freestyle: Jim Ross (PS), 1:54.44. 200-yard individual medley: Eric Lynn (PS), 2:05.27. 50-yard freestyle: Joe Bublitz (LS), 22.44. Diving: Greg Kubitski (PS), 224.05 points. 100-yard butterfly: Ben Dzialo (PS), 55.71. 100-yard freestyle: Mike Johnson	(PS), 50.42. 500-yard freestyle: Rob Cambridge (LS), 5:13.13. 200-yard freestyle relay: Salem (Mike Johnson, Ben Dzialo, Dave Woodard, Eric Lynn), 1:32.71. 100-yard backstroke: Joe Bublitz (LS), 56.63. 100-yard breaststroke: Matt Showalter (PS), 1:09.27. 400-yard freestyle: Salem (Ben Dzialo, Mike Johnson, Jim Ross, Eric Lynn),
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Madonna women reach 1st

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The win was the Lady Crusaders' fourth in a row and sixth in their last seven games, raising their overall record to 11-9; combined with Cornerstone's 67-66 loss to Concordia Wednesday, the victory made Madonna's 6-1 record the best in the WHAC.

Aquinas slipped to 10-11 overall, 3-4 in the conference.

The game was close for the first half and much of the second, with Madonna's superior post play and bench power providing the margin of victory. The Crusaders' starting five were a combined 14-of-36 from the field (38.9 percent); the bench was 16-of-27 (59.3 percent).

Lori Enfield and Mahogany Fletcher were the key contributors. Enfield, a 6-3 senior center, connected on 8-of-10 floor shots, leading Madonna with 19 points; she also grabbed nine rebounds (four offensive) as the Crusaders outboarded Aquinas, 47-38.

Fletcher, a 5-7 junior guard from Farmington Harrison, scored 14 points, hauled down a team-high 10 rebounds (four offensive) and made two steals.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Madonna led 38-35 at halftime.

Two other players reached double figures in scoring for the Crusaders. Kristi Fiorenzi (from Plymouth Canton) had 15 points, eight rebounds and two assists, and Michelle Miela finished with 13 points and three assists. Kathy Paganis totaled seven points and four assists, and Carissa Gizicki had five assists and four steals.

The Saints were led by Julie Murray with 17 points and 11 boards, Shandy Atwood with 16 points, Ronda Bolitho with 13 points and Renee Bolitho with 10.

Madonna hit 30-of-63 shots from the floor (47.6 percent); Aquinas was 22-of-62 (35.5 percent).

Saints sink Madonna men

Throughout the month of January, Madonna's men's basketball team has been playing good ball — at least until last Wednesday, when the Crusaders hosted Aquinas College.

Just five days earlier, Madonna had taken nationally-ranked Siena Heights down to the wire before absorbing an 89-85 loss. When the Crusaders hosted Aquinas, which had a 7-15 record coming in (1-5 in the WHAC), the outlook was bright.

It didn't stay that way long. Madonna

managed to make a mere 8-of-27 first-half floor shots (29.6 percent) as the Saints, who hit 18-of-31 (58.1 percent), rolled to a 41-22 lead at halftime.

From there it was just a matter of how much Aquinas would win by. The final was 88-61, lifting the Saints' record to 8-15 overall, 2-5 in the WHAC. Madonna lost its third-straight game (after winning two in a row) and fell to 6-16 overall, 2-5 in the conference.

Mike Massey's three-pointer with 10:37 left in the first half was the Crusaders' second basket of the game and ended an 11-0 Aquinas run. Still, at that juncture the Saints had a 21-7 lead.

Madonna never got closer than 12 after that; in the second half, the closest it got was 14.

Massey paced the Crusaders with 15 points. Dan Kurtinaitis and Aaron Cox contributed 11 apiece.

The Saints had five players in double figures: Andy Steketec with 16 points, John Angle with 15 (and five assists), Chris Cassleman with 14 (and 13 rebounds), Tom Kuslikis with 14 and Steve Blattert with 11.

Aquinas made 32-of-61 floor shots (52.5 percent) and 21-of-28 from the free-throw line (75 percent); Madonna was 22-of-63 from the floor (34.9 percent) and 10-of-14 from the line (71.4 percent).

Rocks stop Farmington; Northville stuns Canton

Plymouth Salem remained among the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division frontrunners with a 44-18 victory over rival Farmington Thursday at Farmington.

The Rocks won the first eight weight division, three of those on pins.

Pin winners for Salem were Bryan Mervyn at 103 pounds in 3:44 over Farmington's Lance Dawson; Pete Bobee at 112, in 1:12 over Jeff Turk; and Brandon Sammut at 130, in 1:02 over Brian Proven. Mike Goethe, wrestling at 119, won on a technical fall at 119 over the Falcons' Jon Schwartz.

Other Salem winners were Nate Dillard at 125 by a 13-3 score over Robert Easterday; Tony Kennard at 135, 8-2 over Aaron Turk; Ton Stott at 140, 20-12 over Mike Kish; Adam Schaefer at 145, 9-0 over Cam Martand; Zack Jensen at 215, 9-5 over Blake Relsky; and Jeremy Walker at 275, 3-0 over Delano Turner.

The Rocks have a major WLAA Lakes Division showdown at 6:30 p.m. Thursday when they go up against Livonia Stevenson, at Stevenson.

Canton tumbles

Everything was going great for Plymouth Canton's wrestling team until . . .

With the WLAA's Western Division title up for grabs, the

WRESTLING

Chiefs came up short Thursday when they hosted Northville and lost, 38-24. That made Canton 3-1 in division dual meets, with one remaining: at home at 6:30 p.m. Thursday against Livonia Franklin.

"Northville is a strong team," said Canton coach John Demick. "More of their guys wanted this than the sum of our guys that wanted this win. We still respect ourselves enough to see this as an upset."

"(But) Northville deserved the win tonight. They knew we would be their toughest competition in the league. We respect each other. Hopefully, we can dig down a little further to come up with more for team districts. Many matches could have gone the other way."

The win leaves the Mustangs in a position to claim the divisional crown.

The Chiefs won two matches on pins — Chris Hosey at 135 pounds in :24 over Pat Patterson and Greg Musser at 140 in 1:03 over Peter Kelley — and got another on a void at 275 with Derek McWatt.

Other Canton wins came from Doy Demick at 125, 5-2 over Matt Doyle, and from Mike Siegrist at 145, 9-7 in overtime over Brian Ashby.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Baseball/softball

The following announcement has a correction in time and date from what was published in Thursday's Observer.

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association will have its spring registration from 6-9 p.m. Monday in the Arts II Room at the Summit in the Park in Canton. Registration is open to all boys and girls, ages 4-18 years, who are Plymouth or Canton residents or who attend the Plymouth-Canton school district.

All new players must bring a copy of their birth certificate to registration. Fees vary from \$65-\$95 for tee-ball, baseball and softball; travel baseball for those 10-18 years is \$350, and travel softball for those under-10 to under-18 varies from \$175-\$250.

For more information, call Chris Angel (teeball) at (734)

981-3007; Mark Caples (7-12 baseball) at (734) 416-4233; Jay Obsniuk (13-18 baseball) at (734) 981-3272; Karon Barnhouse (7-18 softball) at (734) 454-7328; or, for 10-18 travel baseball/softball, call (734) 453-2040.

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Canadian archery

The Canadian Indoor Field Archery Championships are scheduled for Feb. 17-18 at the Cleary International Centre in Windsor.

This marks the ninth-straight year the Rose City Archers, Amherstburg Malden Anderdon Sportsmen's Club and Stoney Point Bowmen have hosted the championships. Each year, some 300 archers gather for the competition, with about one-third of them from the U.S.

Practice begins at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, with competition slated for Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 17-18. Competition will be divided by age, sex and equipment. Awards will be presented after the final round.

The public is welcome. For more information, call Carl or

Martha Boyle at (519) 948-7521, or FAX them at (519) 948-9032.

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Rockers *from page B1*

Martin Nash tied it at 8-all in the final quarter, but the Thunder Hawks answered with a pair of goals by Mella to secure the victory.

The Rockers play their third game in four days today when they host the Buffalo Blizzard and former goalie Brian "Goose" Finnerty, who signed with the Blizzard at the beginning of the season after spending his entire NPSL career with Detroit.

Today's game will be at 2

p.m. at the Palace of Auburn Hills. On Friday, the Rockers host the Kansas City Attack at 7:30 p.m. at Compuware Arena, then take a two-week break for the all-star game.

The Rockers have just one all-star, but he's a prominent one: defender Sean Bowers, who tied with Wichita's Braeden Cloutier as the top vote-getter in the National Conference.

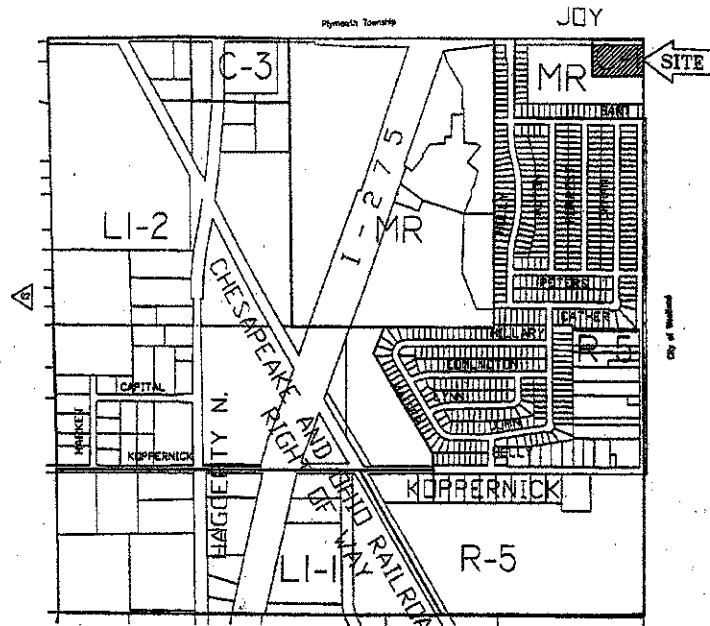
Bowers leads the Rockers in scoring with 66 points.

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, February 5, 2001** in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

PINE TREE PLAZA REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 001 99 0001 704 FROM C-1, VILLAGE SHOPPING, TO C-2, COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL. Property is located on the southwest corner of Joy Road and Hannan Road Right-of-Way (Westland boundary). *Note: This hearing is rescheduled from January 8, 2001.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, February 1, 2001 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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May Day Classic

The Waco Wolves will host the third annual May Day Classic age group baseball tournament Saturday-Sunday, May 5-6 at the Canton Softball Center (home of the USSSA World Series).

Winners in each of the following age groups advance to the USSSA World Series — 14-, 13-, 12-, 11-, 10- and 9-and-under.

The cost is \$325 per team (add \$25 if not registered by the USSA). The cost includes four-game guarantee and awards for first and second-place teams.

For more information, call Bill Hardin at (313) 562-4667 or e-mail bjamnick@ameritech.net.

To submit items to the Sports Scene, write 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150, or send via fax to (734) 591-7279.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Jan. 30

Ply. Christian vs. Agape at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.
Luth. W'sld at C'ville, 7 p.m.
Det. Loyola at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Salem at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Harrison, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.
Farmington at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Ypsilanti, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Wyandotte, 7 p.m.
Lincoln Park at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Allen Park at Thurston, 7 p.m.
DePorres at Borgess, 7:30 p.m.
U-D Jesuit at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 31

Huron Valley vs. Manoglian at Marshall M.S., 6 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 1

Ply. Christian at Inter-City, 7:30 p.m.
Agape vs. West Highland at Wayne Memorial, 8:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 2
W.L. Western at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Northville, 7 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Harrison at Canton, 7 p.m.
N. Farm. at Farmington, 7 p.m.
River Rouge at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Woodhaven, 7 p.m.
Trenton at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Luth. North at C'ville, 7 p.m.
Brennan (Ont.) at Borgess, 7:30 p.m.
St. Anne (Ont.) at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. World Outreach at Marshall M.S., 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 3

Borgess at Country Day, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, Jan. 29

Borgess at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.
Farmington at Salem, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Ypsilanti, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 30

Agape at Ply. Christian, 5:30 p.m.
Ladywood at Regina, 6:30 p.m.
Mercy at Birm. Marian, 6:30 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Taylor Baptist at Livonia St. Paul's, 6:30 p.m.
PCA at S'field Christian, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 31

Salem at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Franklin at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Harrison at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Northville at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at Canton, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Belleville at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Southgate, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 1

Huron Valley vs. Bethesda at Livonia St. Paul's, 6 p.m.
Luth. North at C'ville, 6:30 p.m.
Luth. East at Luth. W'sld, 6:30 p.m.
Mercy at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m.
St. Agatha at DePorres, 7 p.m.
St. Alphonsus at Borgess, 7 p.m.

Agape vs. West Highland at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 3

Schoolcraft Invitational, 8 a.m.
Romulus Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
A.A. Pioneer Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Greenhills Tourney, TBA.

PREP HOCKEY

Monday, Jan. 29

Churchill vs. Northville at Novi Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 30

Salem vs. Canton at Ply. Cultural Ctr., 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 31

Stevenson vs. W.L. Western at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Liggett at Ply. Arctic Pond, 6 p.m.
Farm. Unified vs. W.L. Central at Farm. Hills Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 1

Red. Unified vs. Woodhaven at Redford Ice Arena, 7:45 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 2

Franklin vs. Novi, Churchill vs. Stevenson at Edgar Arena, 4 & 6 p.m.
Salem vs. W.L. Central, Canton vs. W.L. Western at Ply. Cultural Ctr., 6 & 8 p.m.
Farm. Unified vs. Northville at Farm. Hills Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Redford CC at Alpena, TBA.

Saturday, Feb. 3

Farm. Unified vs. W.L. Western at Lakeland Ice Arena, 11:20 a.m.
Ladywood at Liggett, 4 p.m.
Red. Unified vs. Grosse Ile at Redford Ice Arena, 7:45 p.m.
Redford CC at Alpena, TBA.

PREP SKIING

Tuesday, Jan. 30

Redford CC vs. Howell at Mount Brighton, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 1

Redford CC vs. Seaholm at Mount Brighton, 4:30 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Tuesday, Jan. 30

Churchill at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Farm. Unified at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Annapolis at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Brother Rice at F.H. Mercy, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 1

Canton at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Salem, 7 p.m.
Redford CC at A.A. Huron, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Northville, 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Trenton at Wayne, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 3

Redford CC vs. Stevenson at Redford Union, 2 p.m.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Monday, Feb. 29

Wayne-Westland at Canton, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 1

Churchill at Brighton, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 3

Canton Invitational, 8:30 a.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Tuesday, Jan. 30

C'ville at Luth. Westland at Luth. Northwest, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 1

Roch. Adams, Novi at Redford CC, 5 p.m.

Harrison at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.

Salem at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Farmington, 6:30 p.m.
Wayne at Ypsilanti, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 3

Canton at Dexter Team Inv., 9 a.m.
Battle Ck. Invitational, 9 a.m.

Monroe Invitational, 9 a.m.

Mich. Luth. Tourney, 10:30 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Jan. 31

Madonna at Concordia, 7:30 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Alpena, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 1

Madonna at Rochester, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 3

Madonna at Tri-State (Ind.), 3 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Wayne Co., 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Jan. 31

Concordia at Madonna, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 3

Tri-State (Ind.) at Madonna, 3 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Wednesday, Jan. 31

Whalers vs. Erie Otters at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 2

Whalers at Kitchener, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 3

Whalers vs. S.S. Marie at Compuware Arena, 6 p.m.

NATIONAL PRO SOCCER LEAGUE

Sunday, Jan. 28

Det. Rockers vs. Buffalo at Palace of Auburn Hills, 2:05 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 2

Det. Rockers vs. Kansas City at Compuware Arena, 7:35 p.m.

TBA — time to be announced.

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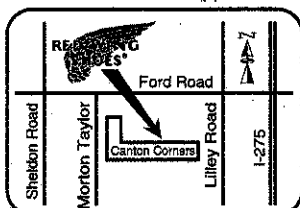
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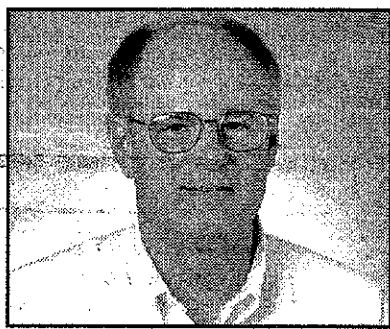
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NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

Oak say can you see those tree similies?

Wood is a marvelous material. It is the product of sunshine, the molecules of which are arranged in numerous combinations to produce wood of various qualities. Some wood is very hard and dense, others are soft, while some may be stringy, flexible or stiff. These qualities were recognized by early craftsmen who used various woods for different purposes.

It was during the age of wood that people were compared with the different qualities of wood. For instance, Andrew Jackson was known as "Old Hickory" because he was staunch and stubborn. Craftsmen knew hickory had great strength. That is why it was and is still used for ax, hammer, shovel handles and baseball bats. Oak is also a symbol of strength. We often say, "strong as an oak tree" when referring to a strong person, both in physical strength and internal strength. Before steel, wood was the material of choice. It was readily available and could be worked to construct many different products. Clocks were made from wood. Not just the external face, but the internal gears as well.

Soft woods were not used because they would wear down too easily and result in a slow running clock. Hard durable woods like oak were used for these parts.

Golf balls were made from hard wood like hickory before the development of the feathery, a golf ball with a leather case packed with wet goose feathers. Each wood had its specific qualities that made it more suitable for certain functions.

This a good time of year to look at a weeping willow tree. Without leaves it is easy to see the rounded shape formed by the arching branches that cascade toward the ground. Most trees exhibit branches that reach for the sun and angle upward. They certainly are not draping down like a weeping willow. It is this quality that is special to willow that led people to compare wiry, gracefully flexible people to be called "willowy."

Useful wood does not always have to be a hard dense material. In fact, the flexibility of wood is one of its best qualities. The ability of wood to endure stress and return back to its original shape is very valuable. That is why rocking chairs are made from wood. There is enough flex to make it comfortable, yet the wood is strong enough to endure the weight and abuse of its owner.

Wood from trees is often processed into timber, boards with squared edges cut for the building trade. But people were also known for their "timber." If a person had the proper timber, he would become stronger from the winds of adversity. People often combine the qualities of wood and remember its strength, flexibility, durability, resilience, soft and hard qualities. All these aspects are often compared to qualities a person should have.

One phrase that may not be associated with a tree is "clean as a whistle." A simple craft made for children was a whistle made from willow. In spring, when the bark was saturated with water, craftsmen would pound the bark of a section of willow stem to separate the wood from the bark. If this was done properly the inside could be pushed from the bark leaving a tube of bark. The wood was then notched to make a whistle and then inserted back into the tube of bark. When the wood separated from the bark it came out "clean as a whistle."

As society changes, technology develops, and new phrases comparing people with products or materials arise. Craftsmen of years ago would not have been aware of the phrase "couch potato."

Livonia resident Tim Nowicki is a willowy naturalist with Independence Oaks Park north of Clarkston in Oakland County. He can be reached at (248) 625-6473.

Fly fishermen find ways to pass time until spring

GUEST COLUMNIST



JEFF MCGOWAN

Cabin fever strikes everyone in varying degrees, but it is the most acute among fly fishers.

Some of us winter steelhead, others ice fish. These pursuits pass time, but the fish and the weather don't always cooperate. It is then when the angler must find other pursuits.

The best part of fishing is getting ready. We anticipate the season ahead, even in mid-winter. A review of fishing tackle will help to pass the time. Take out all the tackle and spread it out on the coffee table during a hockey game. You will inevitably find several things that need to be repaired or replaced.

Funny, you'll think. I don't remember this was broken last year. Clean and oil your reels where necessary. Treat or replace the line, if needed. Look at the rod to see if any of the line guides are broken.

Take the rod to someone who can repair it - or learn how to do it yourself. Give your waders the bathtub test and fix those holes that couldn't be fixed last year.

Another way to pass the time is to catch up on some reading. There is no shortage of how-to books on the market to help improve your fishing skills. Only the self-help section of the bookstore seems to have more volumes, which may explain something about fly fishing.

Other favorite genres are fly fishing stories or essays. I like to read, or re-read, anything by Michigan authors Robert Traver and Jerry Dennis. Glen Blackwood, of Great Lakes Fly Fishing Company and Public Broadcasting's *Fly Fishing with Glen Blackwood* recommends some of his favorite titles: *Essential Fly Fishing* by Tom Meade, illustrated by Bob White (Lyons Press, softbound, \$15.95).

"This in my view is the best beginning fly fishing book on the market. It has a very complete glossary of terms and wonderful full color illustrations."

For reading pleasure, Blackwood also recommends *Snowfly* by Joe Heywood (Lyons Press, hardbound, \$24.95). "This is an international thriller with a fly fishing theme. The book's main hero is Bowie Rhodes who grows up in Michigan and returns to fish our state throughout the book. Along the way he fishes in Vietnam, England, Canada and Russia, searching for the mystical Snowfly hatch. A superb read for anglers and non-anglers alike."



Finally, many sportsmen consider outdoor shows to be "a sure sign of spring." The biggest show is Michigan United Conservation Clubs' Outdoorama. This show has exhibits and events for hunters and fishers alike. Outdoorama is popular with children because of the animal exhibits and hands-on displays. There is even an area where kids can learn how to tie a fly.

Outdoorama runs Feb. 23 through March 4 at the Novi Expo Center. See www.mucc.org for more information. The big show for fly anglers is Michigan Fly Fishing Club's Midwest Fly Fishing Exposition at the Southfield Civic Center the weekend of March 10-11. Now in its 22nd year, this show has long been considered the kickoff to the fishing season.

This year, nationally known instructor Jason Borger will be a featured speaker. Borger was the "shadow caster" who stood in for Brad Pitt in the film *A River Runs Through It*. The show also features exhibition fly tiers, casting ponds and booths representing flyshops and rod makers from around the country. To learn more, check out www.mffc.org.

Hang in there, spring is not far behind. Soon we'll be back out there on the water.

Jeff McGowan, a commercial fly tier and licensed guide, is a member of the Michigan Fly Fishing Club.

It's youth versus experience at the Senior Youth Challenge

TEN PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

This coming Saturday marks the sixth Annual Senior-Youth Challenge, "a match of the ages" in which the senior league bowlers at Mayflower Lanes in Redford take on the youth leaguers from the same house.

The kids won the title in each of the first four years, but last year the seniors were victorious. This is always a fun-filled occasion, as there are great door prizes galore, each contestant receives a commemorative imprinted bowlers towel and is rewarded with pizza. All participating youth bowlers receive a trophy, courtesy of Little Bill's Awards and Trophies in Redford.

Best of all, the youth bowlers who bowl well will receive scholarship money which is held in a special fund until they are ready for college. Any interested parties are invited to come on in and root for your favorites. For information, call (313) 937-8420.

Odiferous balls

The mad scientists who work at the laboratory of Storm Bowling Balls have brought about an interesting new concept in all of their high performance balls.

They could call it "I smell a strike coming on." If you buy their El Nino Gold it will have a grape smell to it. The Power Bolt smells like apple spice. Raspberry is the aroma of the X-IT. The Eraser smells like orange,

and the Flame has the sweet smell of bubble gum to it. The next new ball will be called the Trauma and will reek of cinnamon, actual a very nice aroma.

It's a good thing they are not naming one of their balls The Skunk. These odors are built right into the coverstock and seem to last for quite a long time. Ralph Solan of Storm Products doesn't claim that the aroma will knock down more pins, but the latest 900 series by Robby Portalaitis of Jackson was accomplished with the Storm El Nino Gold.

Of the four recognized 900 series that have been bowled, two have been with Storm balls, Californian Vince Wood used a Storm ball to shoot a 900 series in 1999. It sure makes a lot of scents to me.

Hospice Bowl-A-Thon

Sunday, Feb. 4, marks the third annual Hospice Bowl-A-Thon at Country lanes in Farmington. Tickets are \$20 per person and a 50-50 drawing will be held with proceeds going to the fund. For more information please call: (248) 476-3201.

Now it can be told

The new owners of Plaza Lanes are Gerald Johnson along with partner Steve Klein.

Klein also is the owner of the All-Star Grille, which operates the food concession in several bowling centers including Plaza Lanes.

Both Klein and Johnson are bowlers in the All-Star league at Thunderbowl Lanes.

Plaza Lanes is located on Ann

Arbor Road in Plymouth and was previously owned by the Mocerri family. Johnson is also the owner of Novi Spring.

George Zainea of D.B.&T. Awards and Graphics read about the All-Star Grille team which set a new high series record last November with a 3,600 score.

George wanted to do something special, so he went ahead and made up a set of eight plaques for the team members and the sponsor.

These were presented to the team at Cloverlanes last Monday by Zainea, so now each of the gals has a very nice memento of the occasion.

Al Harrison is a resident of Garden City. He can be reached at (734) 422-1609.

Honor scores

WOODLAND LANES (LIVONIA)
West Chicago: Jack Boyd, 300.
Ford Parts: Dale Drabicki, 299; Mark Wenzel, 299.

GARDEN LANES (GARDEN CITY)
St. Linus Classic (from start of season): Mark Gorno, 300; Doug Ellison, 300; Dan Bollinger, 300; Marty Rush, 300; Mike Makowiec, 802; Doug Ellison, 280-267-259/806 (Bowled Jan. 19.)

WESTLAND BOWL
Twin Parish: Joe Krajci, 300; Mike Hatch, 300; Dave Campbell, 300.
Wednesday Ford Mixers: Al Strachan, 300.

SUPER BOWL (CANTON)
Ford General Parts Men's: Ron Jones, 299.

RECREATION CALENDAR

RECREATION

SUNDAY HEALTH CLUB
Schoolcraft College's Sunday Health Club lets members can work out 1-5 p.m. Sundays through April 1. Membership fees are \$34 for individuals and \$72 for families. Members have access to two gyms for basketball and volleyball; six handball, paddleball and racketball courts; wallyball courts; weightlifting machines, treadmills, exercise bikes and other aerobic equipment in the fitness room; the swimming pool with 1-meter and 3-meter diving boards; and saunas in the locker rooms. Members must furnish their locks and towels. Members up to age 15 must be accompanied by an adult. Call (734) 462-4413.

SQUARE DANCING

The Maplewood Squares, a square dance group, meets at 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Maplewood Community Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, in Garden City. Call (734) 595-8857.

ACTIVITIES

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 (248) 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 for information.

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.

BASS ASSOCIATION

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.

RECREATION AND FUN

A recreational get-together for teens and adults who are disabled is held the second Friday of each month at the Westland Bailey Center. Call (734) 722-7620.

FUN & FITNESS

Faith Covenant Church in Farmington Hills offers Faith, Fun & Fitness from 9:30-11:30 a.m. every Thursday through March 29. Each session will include a variety of activities such as walking, jogging, aerobic exercise, crafts, speakers and coffee. Registration fee is \$20 or \$5 per session. Baby-sitting is also available. Call 661-9191.

CLASSES/CLINICS

YMCA CLASSES

The Farmington Family YMCA offers a variety of classes such as Rollerblade hockey, lacrosse, flag football and swimming lessons. Call (248) 553-4020.

HATHA YOGA

Hatha Yoga classes occur 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 4-5:30 p.m. Sundays in downtown Plymouth. Wednesday classes (9:30-11 a.m. and 1:30-3 p.m.) begin Feb. 14. Valentine's Day gift certificates are available. Call Cynthia (734) 420-2418.

LEARN TO SKATE

Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills has Learn to Skate classes on Tuesdays through March 13. Snowplow Sam classes 1, 2 and 3 for skaters 6 and younger, as well as adult beginner classes, will be available. Call 888-1400.

PARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

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

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Go cross-country skiing at Willow or Kensington Metropark every day when conditions allow. Rent skies, boots and poles for \$6.50 (four hours). Willow Metropark is located at I-275 and South Huron Road. Call (800) 477-3182. Kensington Metropark is located at I-96 and Kent Lake Road. Call (800) 477-3178.

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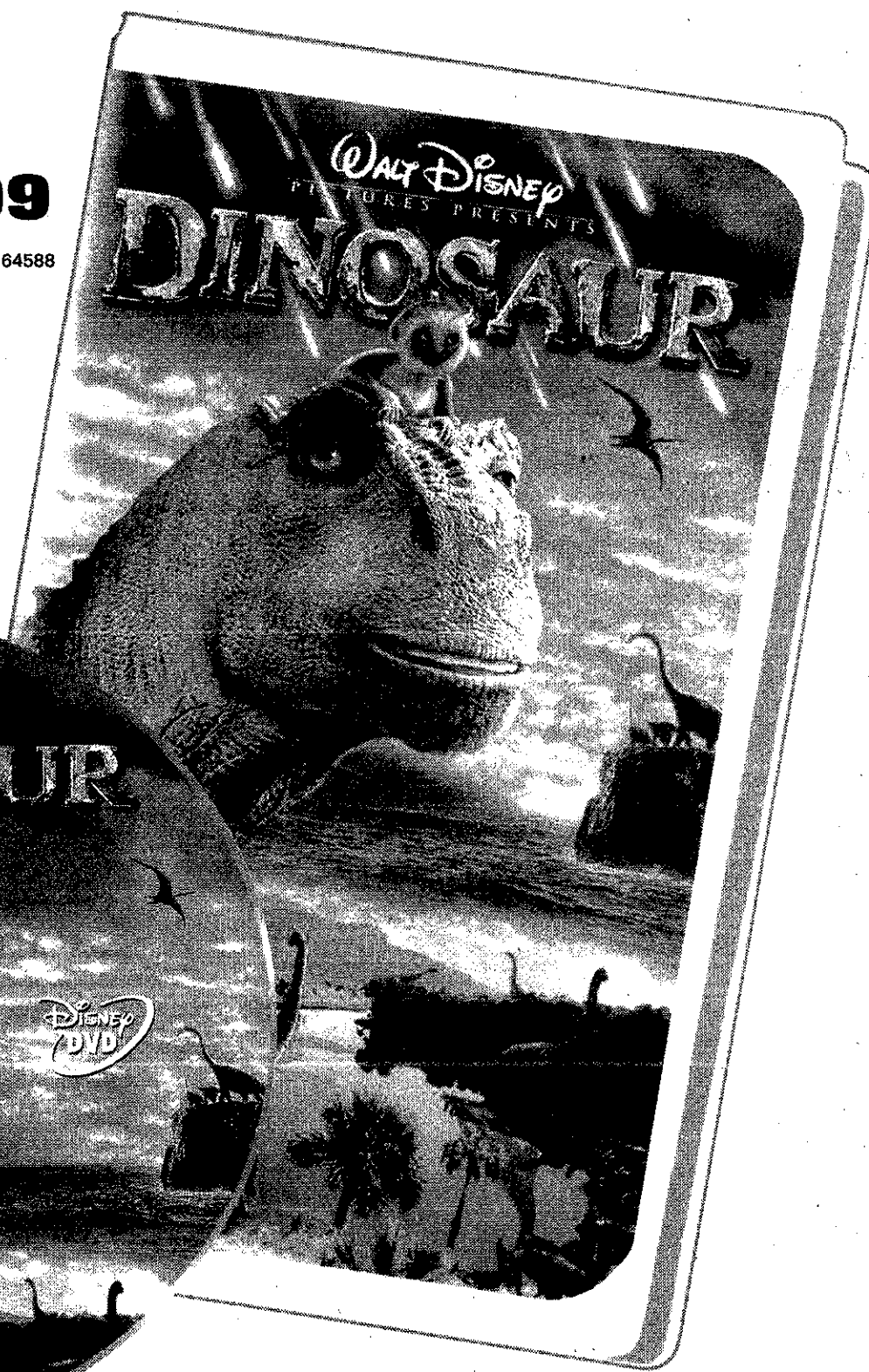
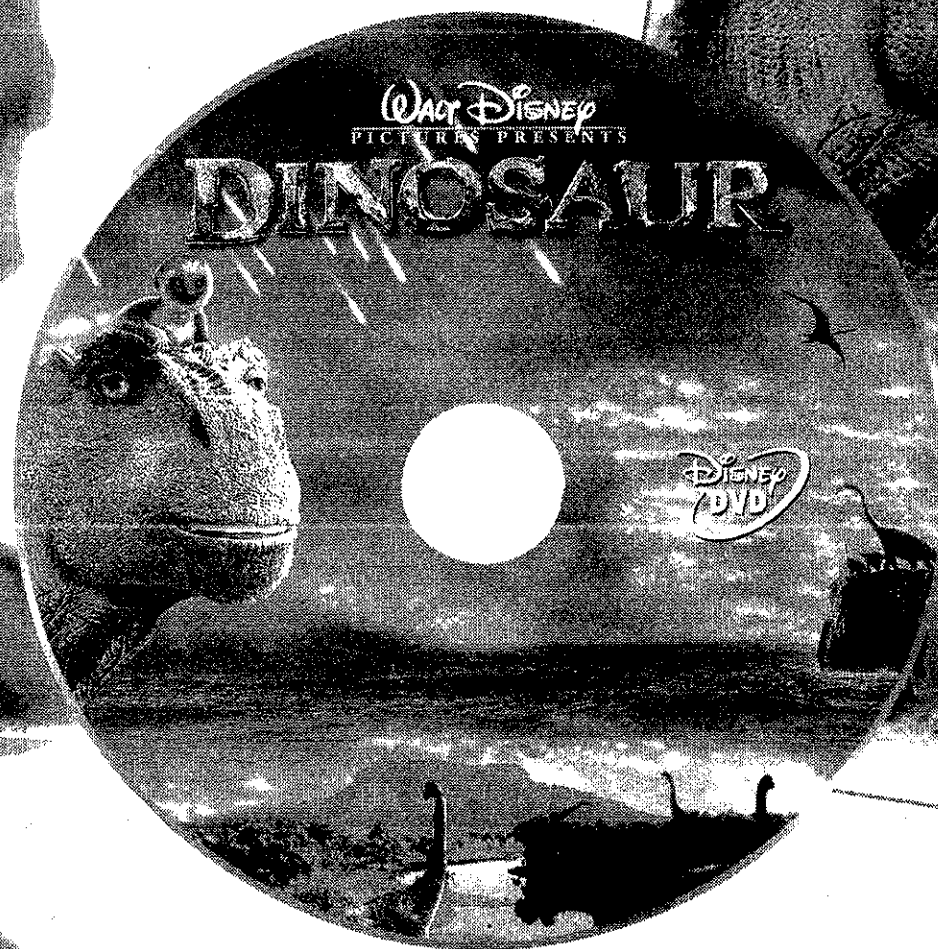
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Gallery clicks with debut exhibition

It's always exciting for me to hear about a gallery opening in our Observer communities. Artists and viewers need venues to share visions communicating the joy, sorrow and beauty of life.

That's why when I heard about Quicksilver Gallery in Plymouth, I couldn't wait to see what Jack Kenny had done with the storage area beneath his photo lab.

"We took a dingy basement and turned it into a gallery," said Kenny, who's showing his work along with more than a half-dozen of his staff and two well-known Cuban photographers. "We cinder blocked in the windows and painted the walls white then decided we didn't like the way it looked and repainted them charcoal. It cost us around \$4,000."

Wonderful addition

A small investment, indeed, for such a wonderful addition to the community. As viewers enter the space, they immediately embark on a journey through the colorful streets of Cuba, visit bustling metropolises such as New York City, and kick back with relaxing scenes of deer and trees in the north country.

What: Quicksilver Gallery opens with an exhibition of photography by staff members

When: Grand opening celebration 7-11 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1. Regular gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday

Where: Inside Quicksilver Photo, 1150 W. Ann Arbor Road, (on the north side between Main and Sheldon Roads) in Plymouth. Call (734) 455-3686 or visit the Web site at www.QuicksilverPhoto.com

images by the Cuban photographers he represents. In fact, he leaves again the day after a celebration to open the gallery on Thursday, Feb. 1.

Kenny's exhibited in Cuba and Ann Arbor. He'll have a show of his work next month at Fourth Avenue Gallery in Ann Arbor. In the meantime, go to



Gallery opening: Jack Kenny took this photograph in Cuba. It is part of a group show inaugurating the new Quicksilver Gallery in Plymouth.

Quicksilver Gallery to see Kenny's shots of Cuban streets filled with cars from the 1950s and a hairless dog posed like some ancient artifact on terra cotta tiled steps.

Time stands still in Central Havana, the second oldest part of the city. Or visit Cuba via cyberspace. Kenny has thousands of photographs of the country and its people on-line at www.Cuba-photo.com. He is working on a book where many of these photographs will appear.

Latin American revolutionary hero Che Guevara seems to be everywhere in Kenny's photos of Cuba, from a tattoo on the chest of one fellow to the hat of a baby. But one of Kenny's favorite images of Che isn't even his own. Alberto "Korda" Diaz took the famous *Heroic Guerilla* photograph of Che Guevara in his beret in 1960. Another one of the photographs shows Fidel Castro striking a very un-dictatorly pose as he takes a turn at bat during a baseball game. Roberto Salas took the pic in 1966.

Kenny hopes to rotate the work every six to 10 weeks. He is inviting colleges, camera clubs and high schools to take advantage of the

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The Uninvited

Farmington Players scare up a ghostly tale

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How do you dress a ghost? That was just one of the dilemmas the Farmington Players wrestled with as they prepared to produce *The Uninvited*, a tale about a haunted house in Cornwall on the western coast of England.

With less than two weeks before the first performance, the cast and crew appeared to have everything under control. *The Uninvited*, adapted by Donald Macardle and Tim Kelly from a novel by Dorothy Macardle, opens Friday, Feb. 2, at Barnes & Noble Booksellers in West Bloomfield.

Backstage, Cynthia Tupper pulls out the long gray dress she designed for one of the spirits. A gray mask will add to the spookiness along with mist spewed by a fog machine. Tupper researched *The Uninvited* by reading the book, which is similar to the play. The 1944 film starring Ray Milland omitted some of the characters.

The Uninvited

What: Spend an evening in a haunted house when the Farmington Players present this ghost tale set in the 1940s on the English coast

When: 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Feb. 2, 3, 9-10, 16-17 and 23-24; 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, 11 and 18, and 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22

Where: Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, (between 14 and 15 Mile Roads), West Bloomfield

Tickets: \$12, call (248) 553-2955

Inspiration
"I got the idea after seeing *Fiddler on the Roof* at Stratford," said Tupper, who is working with Emily McSweeney to



Ghost story: Philip Berns (grandfather, left), Kathleen Monticello (Lizzy the housekeeper), Beth Egan-Bradtko (the granddaughter), and Kevin Branshaw (the aspiring playwright) rehearse for a spine-tingling production by the Farmington Players.

outfit the 10-member cast. Tupper also plays one of the neighborhood gossips. "That's how I got the idea of making it soft and flowing. We're using a lot of vintage costumes we haven't used for a while because we decided to go with the book's 1940s era instead of the 1970s fashions in the play."

In an era when special effects run rampant through film and stage, director Brian Tupper chose to rely on actors to set the mood for the story about an aspiring playwright in the market for a house. Brian directed two comedies prior to taking on

the troubled ghosts in *The Uninvited*.

"I was looking for a change," said Brian Tupper, a Farmington Hills businessman. "This was something different. It was a ghost play, setting a different kind of mood. I watched other ghost movies to get a feel for what we're trying to portray here. The movie relies on noises and atmosphere instead of special effects. We have to create that through illusion."

"It's a good show for people to bring the kids," added Cynthia. "There's no swearing and it's not too scary."

Well, that depends on which mem-

Summoning the spirits: Angie Tyburski (left), Phil Hadley, Beth Egan-Bradtko, and Kevin Branshaw look to unravel the mystery of a haunted house during a seance in *The Uninvited*.

ber of the cast you ask. Philip Berns of Lathrup Village plays the retired Royal Navy officer trying to sell the house to the unsuspecting playwright and his sister. Commander Brooke is careful not to mention how the previous owner died.

"He's a very controlling individual who's trying to keep the secrets of the family intact," said Berns, whose first role was in his high school senior play in 1955. A retired program director at Wayne State University, Berns performed with Stagecrafters last season. "He's trying to get rid of the house and raise his granddaughter, whose parents died tragically. He steadfastly denies there are ghosts until he hears Lizzy the housekeeper relaying a sighting."

Atmosphere

Kevin Branshaw thinks Brian's casting of Kathleen Monticello, a Redford resident playing the housekeeper, certainly adds to the eeriness of the production. Sound and effects create an atmosphere where anything is believable. Even his character, aspiring writer Roddy Fitzgerald, is a little afraid of a portrait that glows every time the former owner, now a ghost, enters the room. The Players commissioned Du Troung to paint a portrait of the troubled woman to lend authenticity to the story.

"Roddy is a nonbeliever, a practical person, but seeing a ghost finally convinces him," said Branshaw. A Novi resident, Branshaw played Geoffrey in the Farmington Players' production of *The Lion in Winter* last

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EXHIBIT

Photographs provide a kaleidoscopic trip through time

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Ellen Sharp moves from one photograph to the next, relaying a wealth of information about the eras and artists included in *A Decade of Acquisitions 1990-2000 Photographs*, an exhibition continuing through Sunday, March 4 at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Each and every image tells the history of the medium from the discovery of early processes such as daguerreotype and salt print to the arrival of photographers who went beyond docu-

mentation to turn photography into fine art.

Ever since Louis Jacque Mande Daguerre developed the first practical process in 1839, photography has shaped the way we see our world — all of it. That's the marvel. Photography allows cultures of every country to learn about events shaping life around the world. It helps us understand the suffering American documentary photography captured during the Great Depression in the 1930s. It reminds us of a shameful past in Carrie Mae Weem's series on the Slave Coast of Africa. Weem uses different formats and often combines statements such as — "Grabbing, snatching, blink and you be gone" — that prod the viewer to think about the consequences of being born on Goree Island in Senegal.

Selecting photographs

Sharp, curator of graphic arts at the DIA, selected 100 photographs for the survey with all of these elements in mind. That was not easy, since more than 500 black-and-white and color works were donated to the museum

over the last 10 years. Warren and Margot Coville, celebrity photographer Yousuf Karsh and his wife Estrellita, and the Harold and Esther Edgerton Foundation generously contributed a wide array of subject matter that demonstrate such dramatic techniques as the late Harold Edgerton's stop-motion images of a bullet as it tears through several balloons.

"We try to make it useful for students of photography. With Center for Creative Studies just across the street, and Wayne State University nearby, classes frequently study the museum's offerings," said Sharp.

"In the 19th century, there were a number of people working on photo processes after they'd observed silver salts were sensitive to light. In 1839, Daugerre invented a process which was taken over by the French government. He used a copper plate made sensitive to light. The only drawback was it created just one print by using mercury and other chemicals which you have to use carefully."

Daugerre's process soon spread

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Art photography: Pictorialist Robert Demachy used painterly techniques to create this portrait of Delfine in the early 1900s in France.

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November. "It's your basic thrilling ghost story. I've historically hated that type of show, but *The Uninvited* was my favorite film as a kid. Every time I hear one of the ghosts crying in this production, it sends chills down my spine. The spookiest part is what you don't see."

For Lizzy Flynn, the Irish Catholic housekeeper, it is the apparition that frightens her along with a superstitious nature.

"She has a cat who's perceptive," said Monticello, who participated in community theater even when she lived in Scotland for three years. "My favorite part is when she says she's seen the ghost and then later she appears to everybody. With the eerie music and glowing things, we put it all together and it's very interesting."

New experience

While Monticello's years of experience have prepared her for the role of the housekeeper, Angie Tyburski is fairly new at

acting, although she has performed with SRO Productions in Southfield and in *Kiss Me, Kate*, the Farmington Players' final production last season.

"I prepared for the role by looking into the mirror and trying to picture someone else," said Tyburski, a Warren resident. "Wendy is an actress/psychic wannabe who leads the seance to unravel the mystery. She gets possessed by a ghost. It's difficult to try to make that transition from one character to another and back."

Emily McSweeney's role as Miss Holloway provided her with a challenge similar to Tyburski's. McSweeney plays the governess. Humorous secondary characters such as Miss Holloway provide momentary relief from the terrifying goings-on.

"I'm enjoying it. It's totally different from what I've done," said McSweeney, who lives in Farmington Hills. "Miss Holloway's into the superstitious. She comes in the second act to tie rumors

together and spread a few of her own."

Bring an open mind

Beth Egan-Bradtke believes audience members will enjoy the mix of comedic elements and mystery if they come with an open mind. As the 18-year-old granddaughter Stella Meredith, she has to be a believer. Stella frequently talks to her mother, who's one of the ghosts. A method actor, she "tries to feel what Stella feels."

"I see her as a naive young girl, not worldly. She's lived a sheltered life and innocent," said Egan-Bradtke of Royal Oak. "She's certainly not afraid of the ghosts. She sees them as a warm, loving presence. Overall, it's a wonderful story from a time when scary stories weren't all blood and guts. I tell my friends that it's not grisly or gory, but if you're going to see the play, be willing to believe for an evening that the possibility of a ghost is real."

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space. The gallery will take a 30-percent commission, a real bargain when many others are charging 50 percent.

"The goal is to have something for everyone," said Kenny. "It diversifies the photo lab business in this computer age of digital. The gallery shows what we respect in this business and what photographers are trying to do."

Steve Provo is happy to be one of the staff members showing in the current exhibit. Provo, who manages Quicksilver Photo, contributes self portraits, abstracts and scenes of canyon lands. Provo studied fine art at Eastern Michigan University and has exhibited paintings in the past.

"I think the gallery is really good for targeting students and people who want to share their work," said Provo, who lives in Westland. "It's tough to get a chance to show. Here, they're going to be able to get a fair shake."

In addition to Kenny and Provo, viewers will enjoy Patti Wong's images of the Big Apple. Wong imposes flowers over the tall buildings in Manhattan.

Julie Wallace's love of nature shows in photographs of butterflies, deer and sunsets. Liz Truckley does glowing orange self-portraits with eyes that pull the viewer in. Jami Carlson shocks with a murder scene and another image where it appears a girl has slit her wrists. Anna Faunce shows "pictures" of friends.

"You can really see everybody's personality," said Provo. "If you'd talk with us for an half hour, then you could go in there and pick out which photos belong to who. It's reflective of our tastes."

On another note

Joshua Cullen's performance of Grieg's *Concerto in A Minor* with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra brought several standing ovations Saturday, Jan. 20, at Churchill High School in Livonia. The 16-year-old pianist touched an audience of 500 music lovers with his poetic portrayal of the romantic work. His words of thanks to family, friends and supporters after the concerto were appreciated since many audience members pre-

sent, myself included, have been following Cullen's career since his debut with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra at 8 years old.

Marianna Lissa wasn't one of the long-time supporters. It was her first time hearing Cullen play, and the experience moved her to share her feelings with me.

Lissa wrote, "The Livonia Symphony Orchestra presented a jewel of a musical program. "Wonderfully vibrant and accomplished, the orchestra was conducted by Volodymyr Shesniuk, who has taken the orchestra to new heights in his seven year tenure."

Lissa went on to write that featured pianist Joshua Cullen, a senior at the University of Michigan School of Music, shows incredible promise and talent. His encore piece, after a standing ovation, brought the house down again.

If you missed the concert, check your local TV listing for a replay on Livonia cable. It is well worth the watch.

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around the world because it made portraiture affordable for the average person. However, an 1850 photograph of a woman with her young son reveals the long road still ahead of the medium. The sitters look stiff because they had to remain still for so long. Eventually, equipment advanced. An additional layer of silver revised the process and added clarity to the image.

By the 1840s, William Henry Fox Talbot's experiments revolutionized photography. The process produced a paper negative from which many prints could be made. Fox Talbot's 1844 salt print *The Peril of Nature* features several articles of china sitting on a shelf.

"He thought it would be a wonderful way to catalog objects," said Sharp. "But gradually, they started developing other processes after salt which was not real sharp because it used paper. Albums and carbon came in and then gelatin silver print. With digital imaging coming in now photography is going to change so much. Everything created up until now will be artifacts."

A *Decade of Acquisitions* documents many pastimes still

enjoyed by children and adults. Carte de visite focused on celebrities of the day. An uncut sheet of images shows animal painter Roas Bonheur in 1863 with her father and their family in a sitting for Disderi.

"Back then it was like baseball cards today," said Sharp. "People collected them for their family albums."

After the turn of the century, photographers began to see the medium in a new light as techniques such as blurring lead to romantic portraits such as Robert Demachy's *Delfine* (c. 1905).

"The Pictorialists were influenced by the art of their day: the Impressionists and Symbolists," said Sharp. "They were beginning to make platinum prints instead of silver and used different techniques. How painterly Robert Demachy's portrait looks. Later there was the modernist approach influenced by Surrealists and Abstraction."

Edward Quigley's 1931 *Light Abstraction* spotlights the dazzling rays coming off a sphere, while Carlos Diaz's invented landscapes tend toward the surreal. Diaz, a former Livonia resident, is chairman of the photog-

raphy department at Center for Creative Studies.

Along with Diaz's contemporary commentary on our machine-driven society, several of the images bring back fond memories of Detroit including a 1955 drugstore and Rouge Plant by Robert Frank. A Swiss photographer, Frank recorded America on a Guggenheim fellowship. John Gutmann snapped a series of billboards asking drivers to *Switch to Dodge* in 1936.

Each of these photographs lead the viewer on a journey to the contemporary work being created today. A chromogenic print by Gregory Crewdson features a young woman sitting amidst the flowers in an interior scene. Her lower body is covered with dirt as if she were gardening indoors.

A staged self portrait by Anne Arden McDonald is eerie as the photographer perches on a pile of rocks, her face hidden inside a giant sack. She seems suspended in time from ropes attached to an overhead pipe.

"Unlike social documentaries, there's a whole movement in recent years where they construct their own scenes and

make it like stage sets," said Sharp. "They're working on a larger scale and in color, but it's interesting to compare. Harold Edgerton invented stroboscopic light to photograph things you can't see with the naked eye. His time study motions of a 1957 milk drop cornet contrasts Edward Muybridge's *Animal Locomotion*, a collotype. Muybridge's series of photographs proved a theory, which won him a bet that all four of a horse's hooves do leave the ground while it's galloping. It's interesting to see the 19th century study of motion and the 20th century."

Robert Mapplethorpe's 1988 calla lily photolithograph and Karsh's portraits of artists Andy Warhol (1979), Georgia O'Keeffe (1956), Joan Miro (1965) and Pablo Picasso (1954) are just a few of the images not to be missed along with Wendy Ewald's series, which focuses on children and includes a baby's funeral in Colombia.

Photography is a medium that makes us stop and question what is real, what is beauty, what is important in our lives. This is a show well worth seeing as it is limited only by the imagination of the artist.

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CALL FOR CRAFTERS

Warren's 21st annual Art in the Park is seeking artists and craftspeople for its festival on July 14 and 15. For more information or an application, send a stamped, self-addressed business envelope to Jeanne Zaroukian, 39346 Bella Vista Sr., Sterling Heights, MI. 48313 or call (810) 977-1837.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

Exhibit dates for the *Journey into Jazz* show are Feb. 16-March 31. Deadline for submission is Jan. 11. Call the CAC at (248) 333-7849.

DIRECTORY OF ARTISTS

The third edition of the Directory of Michigan Artists is being compiled. There is no charge to be included in the book, but exhibition criteria is required. Send your resume to Marilyn Fosburg, 11900 N. Brinton, Lake, MI. 48632. Call (517) 544-2455 for more information.

EWE REVIEW

Chicago had cows, Cincinnati had pigs, and in 2001, Rochester will have sheep. The Downtown Rochester Development Authority is currently seeking sponsors and artists for decorating lifesize fiberglass sheep. To request a sponsorship package or artist's application, contact the Rochester DDA or request online at www.theewerevue.com For information, call (248) 656-0060.

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Accepting proposals for exhibitions in 2001. Mail proposals, slides, resumes to Lawrence Street Gallery, 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, 48232. Call Kris at (248) 360-2381 or the Gallery at (248) 334-6716.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Seeks applications from artists interested in exhibiting fine arts or fine crafts at the Juried Art & Apples Festival Sept. 8-9, 2001 in Rochester Municipal Park. The booth fee is \$325/\$375. Applications must be received by March 1, 2001. Entry fee is \$25. To obtain an application form, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Art & Apples Festival, 407 Pine Street, Rochester, MI. 48307. (248) 651-4110.

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY

The Youth Artist Competition will be held on Sunday, Feb. 4 at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty, Canton. The competition is composed of three divisions: senior instrumental (grades 10-12), senior piano (grades 10-12) and junior division (combined instrumental and piano grades 7-9). Applicants must be music students in the school districts of Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren or Wayne-Westlands, or be students at Evola music. Prizes from \$350-\$500. Applications due Jan. 15, 2001. For an application call (734) 451-2112 or e-mail plymouthsymphony@aol.com.

VILLAGE PLAYERS

Auditions for Agatha Christie's *Witness for the Prosecution* are at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21 and at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23 at the Playhouse, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. Performance dates are March 9-24. For further information call Lee Rosender (248) 855-1573 or Helen Moultrup (248) 554-1312.

VOCAL ARTS ENSEMBLE

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

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Fall continuing and community education classes are at the CCS campus in Detroit and at the Civic Center in Novi. Classes begin Jan. 22. For a schedule of classes or more information, call (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.

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Taking registration for holiday workshops. Classes available at three locations in Plymouth and Canton. (734) 453-3710.

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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.

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PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Winter 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.

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Classes in various arts forms at the Jefferson Center, Room 16, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia. (734) 455-9517.

CONCERTS

ALL SAINTS

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The Carols of the Burt Family and Whila Hutson is at 4 p.m. Jan. 21 at the church on the corner of Williams and Pike Streets, Pontiac. (248) 334-4571.

BELIAN ARTS MUSICALS

A program of Mozart, Beethoven and Brahms is at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21. 5980 Rochester, Troy. (248) 828-7804.

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND

Presents *Two for One* with the Farmington Community Band and the Birmingham Concert Band at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21 at Harrison High School, 29995 W. 12 Mile, Farmington. (248) 474-4997.

B'JAZZ VESPER

Barbara Ware and the Kevin Grenier Trio is at 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21 at the First Baptist Church, Willits and Bates, Birmingham. (248) 644-0550.

CENTURY CLUB

Features live music, dancing and a late-night menu on Friday and Saturday evenings. A rotating roster of musicians, including vocalists Misty Love, Jennifer George-Consiglio and Johnnie Bassett. 333 Madison, Detroit. (313) 963-9800.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Performs Tchaikovsky's *Manfred* Symphony Jan. 26-28 at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111.

FIRESIDE INN JAZZ

The Matt Michaels Trio with guest April Tini is at 8 p.m. Jan. 24 at the Inn, 28937 Warren, two blocks east of Middlebelt. (734) 762-7756.

KIRK IN THE HILLS

Tenor David Fischer is in recital at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21 in the Refectory of Kirk in the Hills, 1340 West Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 626-2515.

LO CIPRITO DELL ARTE

An evening of art and music is at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26 at St. Barbara's Church, 13534 Colson at Schaefer, Dearborn. (313) 886-3224.

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE

Hosts the North American premiere of the Parma Opera Ensemble at 8 p.m. Jan. 27 at the Detroit Opera House. A reception is at 6:30 p.m. At 7 p.m. John Zaretti, president of the Verdi Opera Theatre, will speak in a pre-performance lecture. Ticket information (313) 237-7464.

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

Meadow Brook Estate is a musical theater and vocal jazz ensemble. The concert takes place at 10 a.m. Jan. 25, 8 p.m. Jan. 26-27 and 2 p.m. Jan. 28 at Varner Hall, Oakland University. (248) 370-3013.

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY

A chamber concert of Miniature Masterpieces is at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27 at First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial, Plymouth. (734) 451-2112.

UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY

Presents the Michigan Chamber Players at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21

under 3. Classes are held at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Call Lori at (734) 354-9109.

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Arts & Scraps gives kids the chance to make colorful masks between 2 and 4 p.m. Jan. 21. Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt, Livonia.

VILLAGE MUSIC

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EVENTS

FILM FESTIVAL

The annual Michigan Lesbian & Gay Film Festival is Jan. 26-Feb. 2 at the AMC Abbey Theatres, Madison Heights. Tickets (248) 547-5878.

SCARAB CLUB

Robert Burns night dinner is 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25 Tickets are \$30 per person. Dress is casual with kilts optional. (313) 831-1250.

FOR KIDS

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

Register for BBAC Winter Break Art Camp. The camp will be from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Feb. 19-23. Classes are designed for grammar school through junior high. 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

EVOLA MUSIC

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.

HUNTINGTON WOODS LIBRARY

Friends Day event featuring the Stagecrafters Youth Theatre production of *Hansel and Gretel* is at 1 p.m. Jan. 21. 26415 Scotia, Huntington Woods. (248) 543-9720.

JINGLE BEL, INC

Performing arts classes for the winter begin Saturday, Jan. 27. They are held at Precinct Five, 1551 E. Auburn, Rochester Hills. (248) 375-9027.

KINDERMUSIK

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(248) 473-1856.

FORD GALLERY

Through Feb. 2 — Small Shrines and Talismen. Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. (734) 487-0465.

HILLGALLERY

Through Feb. 7 — American Folk Art of the 19th and 20th century. 407 W. Brown, Birmingham. (248) 540-9288.

HABATAT GALLERIES

Through Jan. 31 — Dale Chihuly. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 333-2060.

INN SEASON CAFE

Through March 3 — Oils and pastels of Lisa Rigstad. Fourth Street, Royal Oak. (248) 547-7916.

ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY

Through Jan. 31 — Women in the foreground. 32782 Woodward, Royal Oak. (248) 647-7709.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY

Through Feb. 28 — Group show featuring sculpture by Peter Ambrose and Roy Lichtenstein and paintings by Meighen Jackson, Lester Johnson, William Glen Crooks, Dana Bell, James Del Grosso and Hans Hofmann. 163 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 433-3700.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY

Through Feb. 24 — Dogs and Conchs: The Surreal World of Margie Guyot. 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6716.

LEMBERG GALLERY

Through Feb. 10 — Group show by regional and nationally recognized artists. 23241 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 591-6623.

MARYGROVE GALLERY

Through Feb. 6 — Jeanne Bieri & Sherry Moore: Tapestry. 8425 W. McNichols, 4th Floor, Detroit. (313) 927-1336.

MEADOW BROOK GALLERY

Through Feb. 25 — Punch's Progress: A Century of American Puppetry. 208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. (248) 370-3005.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Through Feb. 17 — Surface, Line and Mark, a juried exhibit showcasing the diversity of drawing as an art medium. 407 Pine Street, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

PEWABIC POTTERY

Through Feb. 24 — Figure Figurine. 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 822-0954.

REVOLUTION

Through Feb. 10 — Achromatic, a group show. 23257 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 541-3444.

SCARAB CLUB OF DETROIT

Through Jan. 27 — 2001: Abstract Odyssey. 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250.

SISSION GALLERY

Through Feb. 23 — Into the Minds of Three Artists. Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. (313) 845-6485.

SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES GALLERY

Through March 17 — Cutting Trees, painting, drawings and wood sculptures by Michael Slaski and Ruth Andrews. 33 East Adams, Detroit. (313) 963-7575.

SYBARIS GALLERY

Through Feb. 24 — International Infusion III, the ceramic teapot invitational. 202 E. Third St., Royal Oak. (248) 544-3388.

VAN HOOSER FARM

Through Jan. 27 — Classic Ensemble: an exhibition of antique musical instruments. 1005 Van Hoosen, Rochester Hills. (248) 608-8261.

WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY

Through Feb. 3 — Jeri Hollister: New York, ceramic sculpture and clay drawings. 215 East Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 761-2287.

WOODS GALLERY

Through Feb. 15 — Peruvian cultural exhibit. Lecture and slide presentation with Percy Salazar is at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21. 26415 Scotia, Huntington Woods. (248) 543-9720.

ZEITGEIST

Through Feb. 28 — Bledsoe/Puntigam. 2661 Michigan, Detroit. (313) 965-9192.

LECTURES

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Henry Ford's Detroit is the first of a series of lectures about Detroit. The lecture takes place at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21 at the museum, 5401 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 993-1254.

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE

Verdi, His Life and Politics is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23 at the Lomason Lounge, 3rd Floor, The Detroit Opera House. (313) 961-3500.

POETRY WORKSHOPS

Orion Township Public Library holds poetry workshops 7-9 p.m. Monday evenings beginning Jan. 22. Another class will be 10 a.m.-noon Tuesdays beginning Jan. 23. 825 Joslyn Road, Lake Orion. (248) 693-3000.

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

Through Feb. 4 — Double Flame: New Work by Steve Murakishi. 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANbrook.

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

The Behavior of Chimpanzees is the topic for Sunday brunch at 11 a.m. Jan. 21. Guest speaker is U of M's Dr. Mitani. Through April 29 — Electric Space: Bolts, Jolts and Volts from the Sun. Through May 20 — Lasera presents Laser Festival with music of the Beatles, B-52s and Jackson 5. The Young Stargazer's Journey is through Sept. 3. 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANbrook.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Through March 11 — Little Treasures: Northern and Italian Paintings of the 16th and 17th Centuries. Through March 4 — A Decade of Acquisitions 1900-2000: Photographs.

EXHIBIT MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

The Way People Live. Year two of a five-year family reading/science collaboration with the Ann Arbor District Library is through March. It features a family reading program accompanied by free, fun and informative reading/science events. 1109 Geddes Ave., Ann Arbor. (734) 764-0478.

MUSEUM OF NEW ART

Stuff: An installation by Iain Baxter and Very Similar a series of nudes by Frank Horvath through Jan. 27. 19 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 210-7560.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART

Through Jan. 28 — Casting Shadows: Photographs by Edward West. Through Feb. 25 — Mark Rothko and the Lure of the Figure: Paintings 1933-1946.

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Through March 30 — Historical Themes, Tales and Legends: The Art of Jerry Pinkney. 315 E. Warren, Detroit. (313) 494-5800.

THEATER

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

Moms Mabley: The Naked Truth by Reuben Yabuku featuring Linda Boston as Moms through March 18. 13103 Woodward Wilson, Detroit. (313) 868-1347.

EMERALD THEATRE

Presents the Second City's *19th Nervous Breakdown* Jan. 24-Feb. 3. All shows begin at 7 p.m. at the Mt. Clemens theatre. (810) 913-1920.

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MOVIES

Daniels takes a gamble on 'Escanaba in Da Moonlight'

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At home in Chelsea, actor Jeff Daniels is gearing up for the statewide release of the comedy he wrote and directed entitled *Escanaba in Da Moonlight*. Daniels stars in the role of Ruben Soady, known around town as the "Buckless Yooper," who, at 43, has never bagged a buck.

The madcap adventures take place on the eve of the 1989 hunting season's opening day at the Soady family deer camp, a ramshackle place just outside Escanaba. The movie also stars Harve Presnell, Joey Albright, Wayne David Parker, Randall Godwin and Kimberly Norris Guerrero.

Q: *Escanaba* is opening this weekend. Is it a nationwide release?

A: We showed it to 30 national distributors and they all said it's funny, it's well-done, it's a good film, but not for New York and L.A. So we said, what about Detroit, Minneapolis and Chicago? But that's not how they're spread out, so we're doing it ourselves. We're opening in 25 screens throughout Michigan and hope to spread it out through the Midwest.

Q: Were you disappointed?

A: I wasn't surprised. I knew this was a high risk. We're in the land of sequels because the industry plays it very safe. Our chances weren't good going in and we knew that, but we were determined to make the best movie we could.

Q: This was your debut as a director. Was it what you expected?

A: It was exhausting, but as actor, writer and director, all three of you end up making the same movie. That was a great advantage.

Q: Do you think it was too much to take on acting and directing?

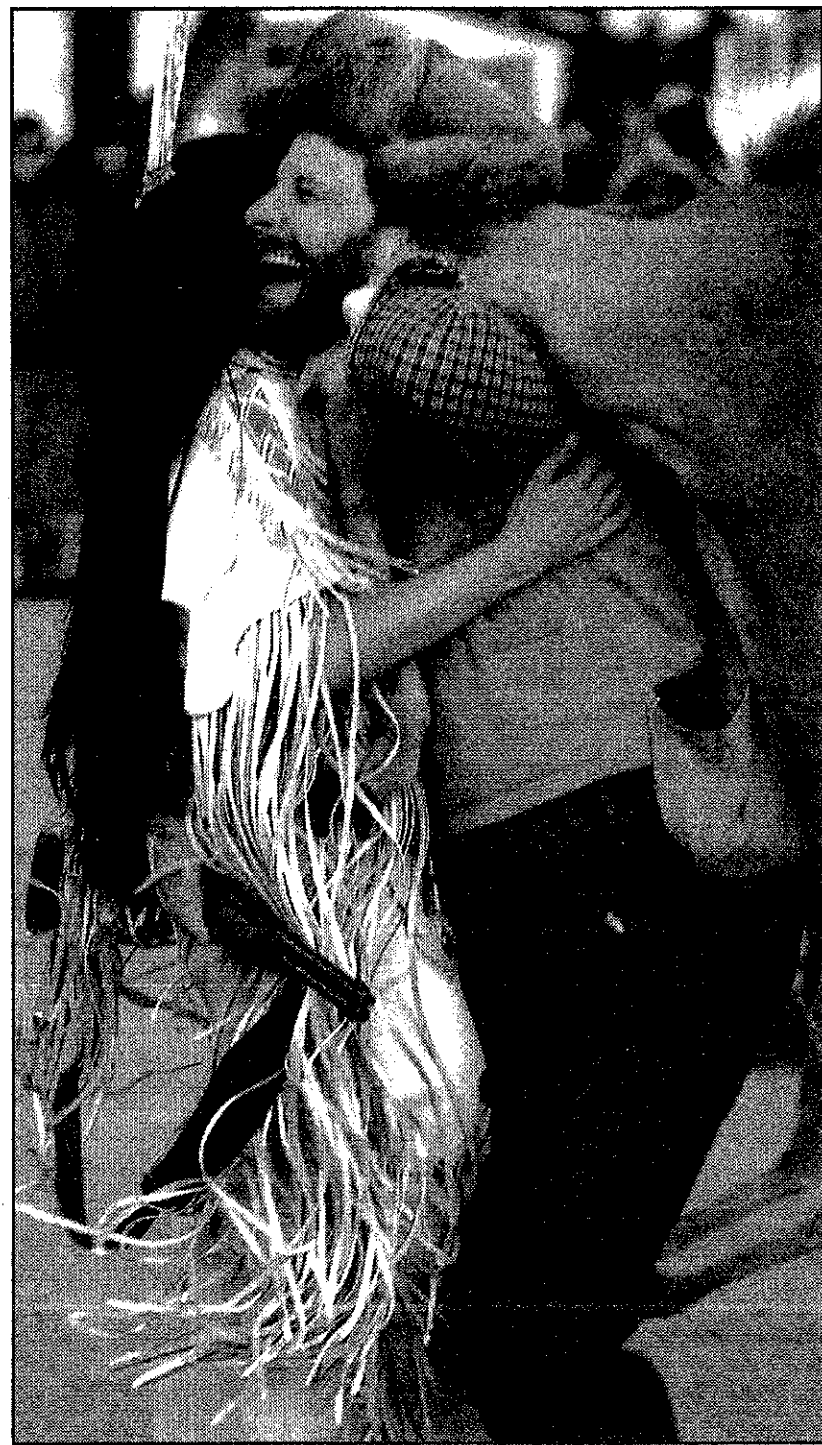
A: My advisors, agents, everyone told me if I wasn't in the movie, forget about distribution. So I said what the hell, let's jump in with both feet.

Q: Since the play had such a successful run at the Gem Theatre, a lot of people in the area are familiar with it. How familiar will the movie be for them?

A: Everybody who was in the original production at the Gem is in the film. Jim Porterfield doesn't reprise his role, but he is in the film.

Q: Most of the cast and crew are from Michigan. I understand your loyalty to your home state, but wasn't that a bit of a risk, too?

A: It was a huge risk. How will the actors go from stage to film? What about the crew? There is an industrial film industry in Michigan, but they haven't done 30 films like I have. I won't for-



Escapades in Escanaba: Actor Jeff Daniels wrote, directed and stars in the film version of his successful stage comedy about a northern Michigan hunter who can't bag a deer.

get hauling everyone up to Escanaba and staring at 55 faces wondering whether or not we could get this done, but it all worked. Harve Presnell (who plays the role of Albert Soady) said it was the best darn crew he ever worked with. That said a lot.

Q: Where are you going to be for the Michigan opening?

A: I may drop into Ann Arbor, and there's a sneak preview in Birmingham on the 25th. I like to keep it low key, slip in the back and watch them laugh.

Escanaba in Da Moonlight opened Friday, Jan. 26 at the Birmingham Theatre (for times call 248-644-3456), AMC Livonia, AMC Forum 30 in Sterling Heights, Brighton Cinemas in Brighton, Showcase Cinema West in Flint and the Quality 16 in Ann Arbor.

Q: What's next for you?

A: Bob Brown, who's from Farmington, and I started this Purple Rose Films. I'm finishing a script that we'll start filming in the spring. It doesn't have a name yet, but it's about a door to door vacuum cleaner salesman.

Q: The play is very character-based, were you able to capture that in the movie, too?

A: I hang on Ruben a little more. When he's driving to camp, he's coming into town like he's the plague. People turn their heads and look down. He's not just unlucky, he's cursed. In that way, I'm able to tell the story better on film.

Q: Do you hunt?

A: No. Never did. My wife's family did. Now venison jerky, I'll drive for that.

BOOK HAPPENINGS

Book Happenings features events at suburban bookstores, libraries and literary gatherings. Send news leads to Keely Wygonik, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER BOOK GROUP

The WaldenBooks Mother and Daughter Book Group will meet the first Saturday of every month at 1:30 p.m. The first meeting is Saturday, Feb. 3. The group is open to all girls between ages of 9-13, and if your mother is not available to come with you bring a grandmother, older sister, older friend, or anyone that you enjoy discussing books with. The group meets at WaldenBooks, 30200 Plymouth Road in Livonia. For more information call (734) 261-7811 and ask for Wanda or Kathy.

BORDERS BOOKS AND MUSIC DOWNTOWN (ANN ARBOR)

Michael D. Whitty talks about Work and Spirit, a collection of articles that current and future workplaces will profit from, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, 612 E. Liberty St. near State St., (734) 668-7652.

BORDERS BOOKS & MUSIC DEARBORN

Author bell hooks discusses *Black People in Love*, a book about the way race shapes our

nation's thinking about love, how we love, and who we love, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, 5601 Mercury Drive, Dearborn, (313) 271-4441.

Borders Books & Music Farmington Hills

Sacred Fragments: Theology for the Modern Jew, 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 5 and Feb. 12. Part of a six-part Latte & Learning series with Rabbi Elliot Pachter. Gurdjieff/Ouspenskya multi-media discourse on the ideas of the Fourth Way School, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7. Live music, 8-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, Barbara Ware, jazz vocals, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 737-0110.

ANN ARBOR DISTRICT LIBRARY

Biakuye: Music and Dance Ensemble performs 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2 in the Main Library Multipurpose Room. *The Spirit of Harriet Tubman*, a one-woman play written and performed by Leslie McCurdy, part of the library's celebration of African-American History Month, 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6 at the Main Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor. No charge, call (734) 327-4560 for details.

PROMOTE YOUR BOOK

Author Patricia Fry offers *Over 75 Good Ideas for Promoting Your Book*, and *A Writer's*

Guide to Magazine Articles for Book Promotion and Profit (Matilija Press). "What most authors don't realize is that, whether they have a traditional publisher or they self-publish, promotion is up to them," said Fry. In fact, she tells her readers that it's easier to get a publishing contract if your book proposal includes a strong marketing plan. Fry's books are available for \$6.50 each at www.amazon.com or visit www.matilijapress.com

GUIDEBOOK

Find your way around the Detroit Zoo with the zoo's new guidebook. The 72-page book is packed with zoo facts, frequently asked animal questions and nearly 100 color images. The book also highlights practical information for zoo visitors, and includes a map and tips on what to look for when observing animals.

The guidebook costs \$6 for the general public and \$5 for zoo members. Contact the Detroit Zoological Society office (248) 541-5717 to have one mailed to your home for only \$1.50 shipping and handling. Books are also offered for sale at the zoo gift shop. The Detroit Zoo is at the intersection of 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696 in Royal Oak. For more information call (248) 398-0900 or visit www.detroitzoo.org

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TRAFFIC (R)
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Showcase Pontiac 1-5
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MON-THURS. 4:00, 6:45, 9:35

FAMILY MAN (PG13)
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13 DAYS (PG13)
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FAMILY MAN (PG13)
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CHOCOLAT (PG13)
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DRACULA 2000 (R)
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WHAT WOMEN WANT (PG13)
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EMPEROR'S NEW GROOVE (G)
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DUDE WHERE'S MY CAR (PG13)
6:05, 8:15

VERTICAL LIMIT (PG13)
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SNATCH (R) NV
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ANTITRUST (PG13) NV
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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.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is looking for artists to donate work for its dinner auction March 31. More than 300 people are expected to view the art up for auction. The artists' names will be displayed with the work and in the evening's program book. This year's event, *An Evening of Elizabethan Elegance*, will be held at St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth.

The generous support of artists and businesses make a significant contribution to the arts council's programming budget. To make a donation, call (734) 416-4278. Arrangements can be made for the pick-up of any items.

FINAL DAYS

The Michigan Surface Design fiber exhibit closes Tuesday, Jan. 30 in the second floor fine arts gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

The Michigan Surface Design Association is a group of 200 Michigan artists interested in developing fiber arts. They work to create color, patterns, line and texture in any medium on the surface of any material for the purpose of decoration.

WINTER CONCERT SERIES

The Northville Arts Commission spotlights the talent of Detroit blues musician Robert Jones 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28 at

Genitti's Restaurant in Northville.

Tickets are \$7, \$25 for a family. Call (734) 349-1565 evenings for more information.

CANTON PROJECT ARTS

The Peter Sparling Dance Company will perform 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9 at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, south of Cherry Hill, west of Canton Center Road.

Presented by Canton Project Arts, the evening begins with a 7 p.m. talk.

Tickets are \$5, and available by calling (734) 394-5193.

PERFORMANCE EVENT

In recognition of Black History Month, the University of Michigan Museum of Art is presenting a performance by Detroit blues artist Robert Jones 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1 at the museum 525 South State Street, Ann Arbor.

Admission is free. For information, call (734) 763-UMMA.

A Baptist minister who's spent much of his life playing the blues and educating people about the American art form, Jones is host of the WDET-FM program *Blues from the Lowlands*.

OPENING RECEPTION

The Livonia Arts Commission will open an exhibition of Johanna Bielecki's work with a reception to meet the artist 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

Bielecki's watercolor landscapes will hang in the Fine Arts Gallery on the second floor of the library. Bielecki graduated with

an arts degree from Marygrove College and continued her studies at the University of Michigan, Wayne State University and Michigan State University. She's taught art in Dearborn schools and most recently was a faculty member at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Over the years, Bielecki's exhibited at the Scarab Club and in competitions such as *Our Town* at The Community House in Birmingham.

The exhibition continues through Wednesday, Feb. 28. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call the community resources department at (734) 466-2490.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

The Livonia Arts Commission is looking for exhibitors for its Art in the Village competition June 9-10 in Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia.

Deadline for entry is Monday, Feb. 5. To receive an application, call the Community Resources Department at (734) 466-2540.

Canton Township is extending an invitation to artists to exhibit in their 10th annual Fine Art and Fine Craft Show Saturday-Sunday, June 23-24 in Heritage Park during Liberty Fest.

Artists may display their work under the big tents or bring their own tent. The art show is juried and each participant must submit slides or photographs of their paintings, prints, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, drawing, pastels, and selected fine crafts. No commercially produced merchandise allowed.

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Opening reception: Meet artist Johanna Bielecki and view watercolors like this landscape at a reception to open an exhibition of her work on Sunday, Feb. 4 at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

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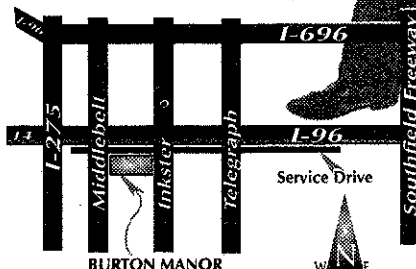
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SHOP TALK



NICOLE STAFFORD

I have no doubt the Minneapolis CEOs who recently decided to give Hudson's (and Dayton's) stores the Marshall Field's name will do everything in their power to keep the spirit of our beloved Hudson's alive in metropolitan Detroit.

That's what effective marketing is all about.

But I, like many longtime residents of southeast Michigan, simply can't refrain from sadness and nostalgia.

After all, Hudson's was founded in Detroit back in 1881. The first store went up in the Detroit Opera House building. Then, within 10 years, Hudson's built the eight-story, full-line downtown store that mesmerized Detroit shoppers and served as a kind of collective backdrop for our individual memories and sense of community for years.

Who doesn't know somebody who got their first job at Hudson's? Or somebody who began their professional career with the retailer?

I know couples who, if they hadn't gotten part-time jobs on downtown Hudson's sales floor when they were in high school, probably wouldn't be happily married today.

Still, the company that made the name announcement just over two weeks ago said all Hudson's store operations — just ignore the name nonsense — will continue as if nothing had changed.

And just so the facts are straight, the company to which I'm referring is a department store group made of up of Hudson's, Dayton's and Marshall Field's. It is a division of the Target Corporation, under which Target and Mervyn's are also subsidiaries. Incidentally, the Target Corporation came into existence via a name change. Last year, the Dayton Hudson Corporation changed its name to the Target Corporation.

That happened, presumably, because Target stores were getting big and doing really well in the market.

So how did Target enter the equation? Believe it or not, Target came to the table with Dayton's when Hudson's and Dayton's merged in 1969. (Dayton's opened the first Target store in 1962.) In fact, Dayton's owned several other department stores when it merged with Hudson's.

Back then, though, Hudson's, Dayton's and all the other stores, for the most part, did their own thing. The Dayton Hudson Corporation, as it was known, did however buy a retailer called Mervyn's in 1978.

It wasn't until 1984 — a year after Hudson's downtown Detroit store closed its doors, by the way — that Dayton's and Hudson's truly became one. That's also when Minneapolis became the headquarters for both Dayton's and Hudson's.

Then, in 1990, the Dayton Hudson Corporation acquired Marshall Field's.

Wow, just recounting the history makes me tired, hungry for simpler times.

Some people think nostalgia, and especially attachments of this sort, are silly. It's a store, for God's sake, not a person.

Besides, this time around, we're not actually losing anything. We're not witnessing a store shut its doors forever. We're not watching a building fall to the ground.

All the Hudson's stores we know and love will just carry on, offering the same type of merchandise and level of customer service, honoring the same community commitments and traditions.

Still, you have to wonder, if nothing is actually changing, why make a name change?

Sure, the company might save a few bucks. All the store signs will read Marshall Field's. All the company's marketing materials will have the words Marshall Field's printed at the top.

The savings, though, is nominal. And it's definitely not the reason for the change, insist the company's public relations representatives.

Why then?

Here's what the company's official statement said: "Dayton's, Marshall Field's, Hudson's announced today that Dayton's and Hudson's store names will change to Marshall Field's to increase the power of the company's brand and strengthen its competitive position as a national department store." The statement later reads, "There is no significant change in how the company will operate its stores..."

OK, so the name changes for the sake of branding, that marketing concept about which business people talk non-stop these days.

From what I can tell, branding is creating an image and set of expectations around a product and then lodging all that into the mind of the consumer in a way that elicits brand loyalty. Integral to branding, at least at the moment, is creating an image that says the company cares about the community, is a part of the community, even qualifies as a member of your hometown.

Ironic as it is, that's exactly what Hudson's has going for it with metropolitan Detroit shoppers. Hudson's is our hometown department store.

So, again, I ask: Why change the name in Detroit when it's working so well, branding-wise and all?

Well, the only conclusion I can draw is that this hometown feeling stuff doesn't matter in Detroit. Why else would a company be willing to tear down something — a perfectly good image in this case — just so they can build up another one?

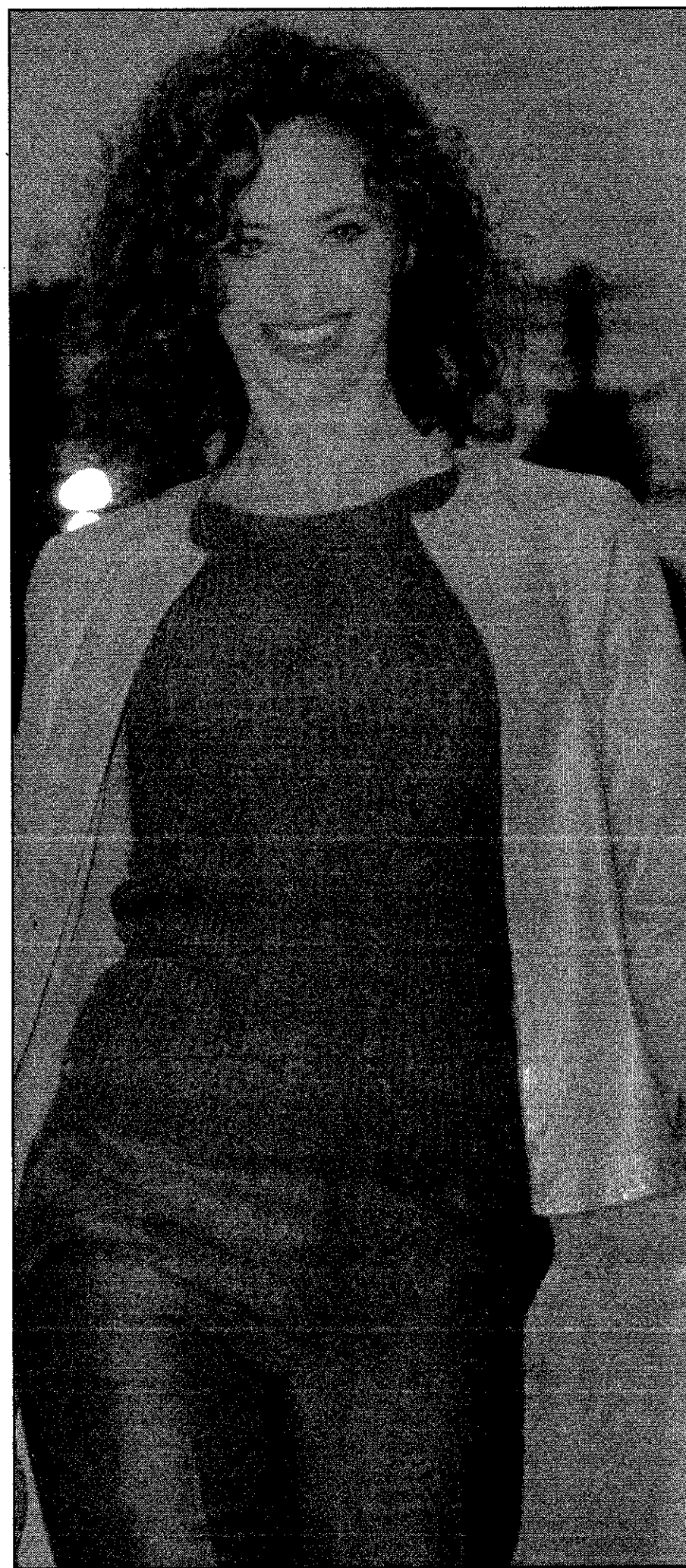
And, be forewarned, they will build another one, and you'll like it, feel good about it, connect particular experiences to it. It makes me think about the words "If you build it, they will come."

Just keep in mind your hometown memories won't be homegrown.

Nicole Stafford is Malls & Mainstreets editor.

Things to come

Ellen Tracy's spring collection makes for interesting contrasts



STAFF PHOTOS BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY

Fitted and flowing: A boxy leather jacket (above) is shown with a simple knit tank and fitted pants, which is quite a contrast to another ensemble in the same collection, a fluid, lean leather jacket (right) paired with flowing pants and a blouse.

Whatever happened to millennium style, its signature simplicity and high-tech sensibility?

Forecasting the destiny of fashion probably wasn't such a good idea with the notion of a new millennium hanging in the air. Let's face it, just predicting what's in store for a new decade requires having passed through at least a year of it.

If style in the 90s reflected our nostalgia and yearning for the past, then the first decade of the 21st century looks ready appeal to our desire for choices and sense of freedom.

Consider how the rules about pant and skirt lengths have changed — there are none.

While Ellen Tracy's Spring 2001 collection, shown Thursday at Saks Fifth Avenue in Troy to benefit Lighthouse Path, didn't scream the phrase "freedom and choices for all" it did say "there's a variety of styles and shapes here."

Pants and skirts came in equal measure. And, though the mini was a standout, skirt and pant lengths varied tremendously.

Jackets were tailored and traditional, or boxy and modern, or loose, long and fluid.

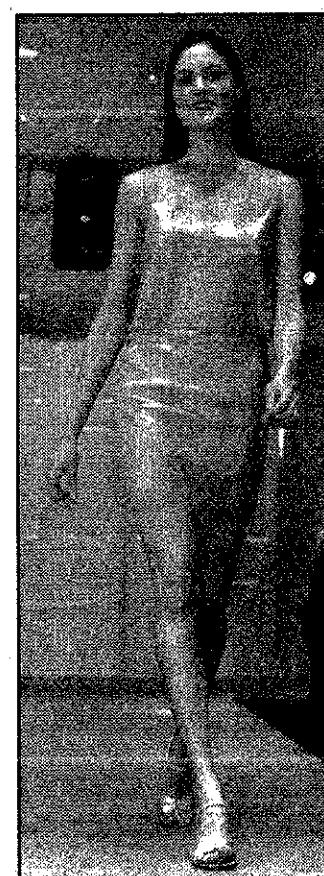
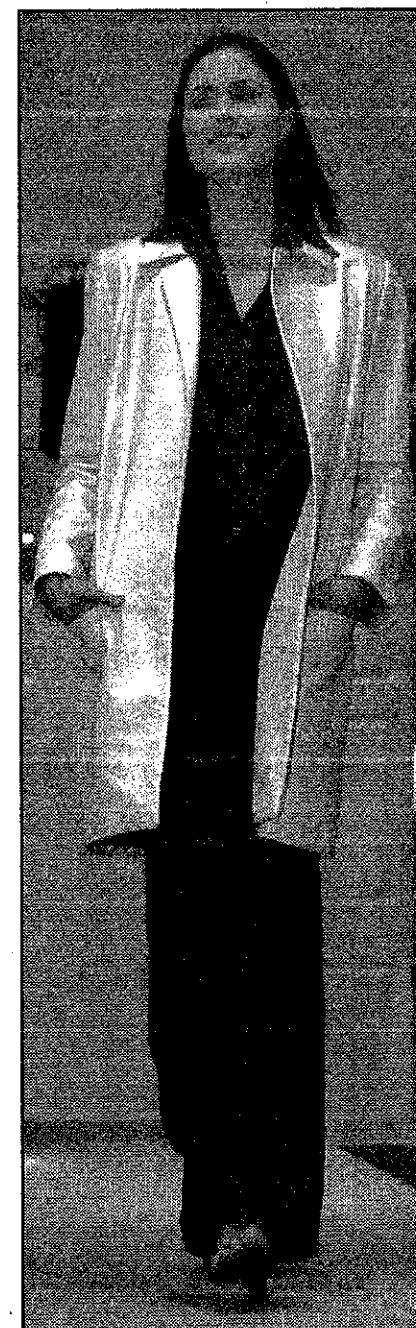
On the one hand, there were giddy geometrical prints, on the other, subtle solid colors in leather and high-tech fabrics.

Likewise, there were flirty, light-as-a-feather blouses and strong, practical-looking tanks for pairing with skirts, pants and suits.

Color created contrast in and of itself. There were colors that are difficult to describe, muted tones that change with the light, like taupe/mocha/chocolate/ brown and Army/olive/moss/green.

Pale pastels played tricks on the eye, too, by bordering on white in the form of ice lilac, faint mint and lightening silver. Ellen Tracy's most interesting trick for creating contrast came with her use of metallic. Gold and silver fibers not only created texture and iridescence but also stood up as colors in their own right.

— Special Editor Nicole Stafford



Color play: Ellen Tracy's antique lace fabric shell and skirt seem to change color, from muted mauve to ice lilac. The designer's collection for spring was shown Thursday at Saks Fifth Avenue in Troy.

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. By fax, (248) 644-1314. E-mail, nstafford@oe.homecomm.net. Deadline for publication is two weeks in advance.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

MALL BOOK DRIVE

Oakland Mall in Troy collects books to donate to the Detroit Public Library and other Detroit metropolitan educational resources through March 31. For each book donation, the mall will make a cash donation to the donor's school of choice. Donations will be accepted at mall's information desk on the lower level. For more information, call (248) 585-6000.

MAGIC AT THE MALL

Magician Gordon Ross performs and tells a tale for children at the Livonia Mall at 7 Mile and Middlebelt roads, 2 p.m. For more information, call (248) 476-1160.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

RETAIL BENEFIT

Art Van Furniture stores in Novi, Royal Oak, Dearborn, Taylor, Shelby Township and Southfield host a benefit to raise money for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Local celebrities dish

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

soup to contributing guests, and non-perishable food donations will be accepted, 5-8 p.m. Call the local Art Van Furniture store near you.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

VERA WANG TRUNK SHOW

Scott Gregory, 6525 Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Township, presents a trunk show of Vera Wang bridesmaid and special occasion dresses through Feb. 3, as well as the entire fall special order collection. Store hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and Friday-Saturday and 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday. Appointments are preferred but not required. For more information, call (248) 203-9050.

HOME SHOW

Prepare for spring at the Home Improvement Show through Feb. 4 at the Novi Expo Center at I-96 and Novi Road. Hours are 2-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for children and free for kids under age 6. For more information, call (248) 862-1019 or visit www.builders.org.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

HAT CLINIC

Designer and milliner Gena Conti talks about hat styles and sizes to suit face shapes and lifestyle and takes complimentary custom measurements, 1-3 p.m. at 2732 Biddle Avenue in Wyandotte. Reservations are required. Call (734) 284-3417.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

CHILDREN'S SHOW

Livonia Mall, 29514 7 Mile Road, presents Musical Mind Tour, a music and song show by Marc & Max that takes the imagination on trip around the world, 2 p.m. For more details, call (248) 476-1160.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

CHARITY FASHION SHOW

The Women of Westland present Sweetheart Charity Fashion Show featuring merchandise from Hudson's, Nicole's Style Revival, The Bottom Drawer and Lover's Lane at the Hellenic Center, 36375 Joy Road in Westland, to benefit several local charities. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Event includes hors d'oeuvres, wine, dessert, prizes and silent auction, 7:30 p.m. Call (734) 326-7222.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate retail merchandise that's difficult to find through reader feedback.

If you have a request or information about where a product is sold or service is available, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number.

Please be patient about your requests and feedback; we receive an overwhelming number of phone calls. If you don't see information about your request, we couldn't find it. Requests are published twice.

WHAT WE FOUND:

– **Beef or chicken bouillon without MSG** can be purchased at **Nino Salvaggio markets** (brand name Kitchen Basics) and at **Farmer Jack and Kroger stores** (brand names are Health Valley and Herbox).

– **Quality leather pants** can be purchased at the **Nordstrom Rack store** on Big Beaver Road in Troy.

– **Quality interior design furniture** can be found on the Internet at **www.IKEA.com**. Or in Chicago, call (847) 969-9700.

– **Lutece perfume** can be purchased through the **Beauty Boutique catalog**, (800) 497-7463, and at the Meijer store in Westland.

– For a **child's junior chair**, try the **Old Saw Mill** in Wyandotte or Northville, call (313)

285-8477 for location and directions.

– **Life Buoy soap** can be purchased at **Your Better Market** on 6 Mile Road in Redford.

– **Lutece and Galore perfume** can be purchased at the **Fragrance Depot at Great Lakes Crossing** shopping mall in Auburn Hills, call (248) 338-2087.

– **Germaine Montell Galore perfume** can be purchased at **Perfumemania at Wonderland Mall** in Livonia.

– For an **8-mm projector**, try the **Shutter Bug** in Milford.

– For a push-button radio, try stores that carry **Sony**, which makes a hand-held (videocassette size), AM/FM, weather/alarm radio and television (model number #ICFM350V). Call Sony at (800) 222-7669 for information. **Home Theater at Lakeside Mall** in Sterling Heights has carried the model.

FIND AND SEARCH

– A reader has buttons and candle ends to donate to an organization.

– Clarification: the zip code for St. Jude's Children's Ranch is 89005-1641.

– A reader is looking to donate canceled stamps to a charitable organization.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

– A store that sells the song by **Don Cornell "Play Some Music for a Broken Heart"** for

Mrs. Y. from Livonia.

– A store that sells **chocolate covered cherries with liquor inside** for Ann, who lives in Livonia.

– A store that sells **instructional exercise videocassettes for pregnant women** for Lisa of Westland.

– A store that sells a **stroller for three** for Lisa.

– A store that sells an **incubator for wild baby animals**.

– A store that sells a **button box, which sounds like an accordion**, has no keys and is smaller than a concertina for Delores.

– A store that sells **men's Bates Floater boots** for Carol who resides in Livonia.

– A company or business that will **clean Kidd gloves** for Catherine of Westland.

– A store that sells **hinges for Certified kitchen cabinets** for George of Bloomfield Township.

– A store that sells **8-by-10, rubber-backed bathroom carpet**.

– A store that will **repair a patio umbrella cord** for Mrs. P.

– A store where a **Victorian, wrought iron coat tree** can be purchased for Candace of Westland.

– A store that sells **used electric cash registers** for a child for Patti.

– A store that has a **large assortment of posters suit-**

able for framing for Kathy.

– A store that sells **Chantilly liquid perspirant deodorant** for Marcella.

– A store that will make **plastic liners for various size baskets** for Karen.

– A store that sells **moon boots** for Joe of Livonia.

– A store that sells a **Drexel Heritage Accolade china cabinet in pecan wood** for Pat of Troy.

– A store that sells a case for **8-inch luncheon plates** for Pat.

– A store that sells a case for **36 matchbox cars**.

– A store that sells **Jordana lipstick** for Dorothy of Livonia.

– A store that sells a **7-foot-by-8-foot square barn wood beam for a fireplace** for Janet.

– A store that sells a **push-button radio** for Ruth of Redford.

– A store that sells **netting beneath box springs** for a bed for Linda.

– A store that sells **Sassoon by Mustang petite blue jeans and dress slacks** for women for Mary.

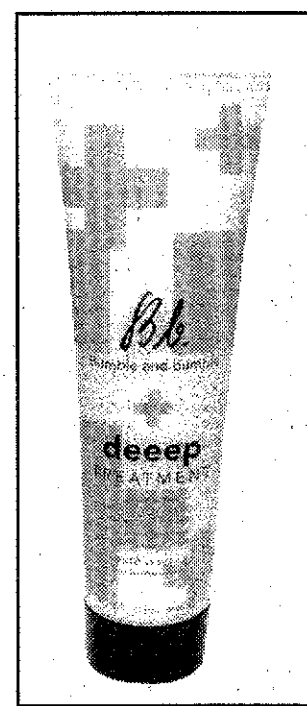
– A store that repairs **wicker chairs**.

– A store that sells **Thick 'n Hair** (infusion treatment to thicken thin hair) by Fantasia for Madelyn, who resides in Rochester Hills.

– Compiled by *Sandi Jarackas*

a la carte

STUFF WE CRAVE



Get to the root: Bumble and bumble's "Deep Treatment" is a once-a-week, 20-minute protein and hydrating feast for undernourished, stressed, chronically kinky or just plain old dry hair. It's also a now-and-then treatment for normal hair and will leave your locks softer than you can imagine. Ingredients include hydrolyzed collagen, panthenol, passion flower fruit juice and kiwi fruit extract, \$10 for a 2-ounce bottle and \$19 for 5-ounce size, at area hair salons.



Spirit scents: Put the winter blues at bay with scents designed to lift chilly spirits. Votivo candles impart delicious scents and are long-lasting, \$19.95. You can even put away the winter blahs when you're on the road with Aroma Land's orange essential oil car diffuser, \$12.95. Other aromatherapy products with spirit-boosting properties include Bath Bloomers Quenching Cream/Citrus, \$6.95 for a 2-ounce jar and Demeter's Pick-Me-Up Cologne Spray in scents like orange juice, lemonade and grapefruit tea, \$14.95, all at Aetheria in Ferndale.

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BeautyRiot.com last week released Instant Makeover, a free software application that members can use with their own photos to sample make-up.

Instant Makeover takes less than seven minutes to download with a regular 56K modem and can then be used off-line.

Unlike other makeover applications, BeautyRiot's Instant Makeover allows members to use their own

photos and immediately begin experimenting with make-up on the computer.

"Rather than a lab technician or a computer algorithm, the user creates her own personal and customized look," said Kirsten Lambertsen, BeautyRiot president.

In the Celebrity Looks gallery, all it takes is a click of a mouse to try on make-up styles inspired by stars like Julia Stiles, Jennifer Lopez or Britney Spears. Tips on how to

recreate celebrity looks are also provided via a quick link to BeautyRiot.com.

BeautyRiot's Instant Makeover is a free service and fast way to try on make-up and new looks at home and without feeling obligated to buy something.

BeautyRiot.com is a portal for beauty enthusiasts that delivers content on make-up, hair, celebrities and the latest fashion trends.

For more information, go to www.beautyriot.com.

Walking club explores health and safety

Westland Shopping Center not only provides a place for mall walkers to put in time doing their favorite exercise but also a way for mall walkers to meet one another and learn about walking health and safety.

The Westland Walkers meet every second Wednesday of the month except during the summer. The group meets at 9:30 a.m. after a morning walk in the mall's community room, which is located on the lower level (stairway access by Olga's Kitchen on east side of mall).

Each meeting features a guest speaker who addresses safety and health topics, a 50/50 raffle and snacks.

The Westland Walkers have been in existence for at least a decade. Currently, there are about 100 active walkers at Westland Shopping Center.

The mall is open to walkers from 7-10 a.m. Monday-Saturday and 8-11 a.m. Sunday.

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TRAVEL

Buenos Aires has charm

"In Buenos Aires we have two additions: coffee and psychoanalysis....We're stranded here at the end of the world. We don't know who we are or where we belong. We've been forgotten by everyone."

From *Bad Times in Buenos Aires* by Miranda French

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE
SPECIAL WRITER

Buenos Aires is a serious city.

Like Paris, it has wide boulevards and European architecture. Like London, people still suit up for business and fine dining. Like New York, people hire dog-walkers who carry out their job studiously, holding on to as many as 12 leashes at a time.

Its dance — the samba — is serious rather than joyous. Its art tends to be created with a dark palette. Even the street performers in San Telmo during its heralded Sunday flea market are old and somber. The city has more psychoanalysts per person than any in the world.

I came to Buenos Aires having just read *Bad Times in Buenos Aires*. Published in 1998, it is a young British journalist's account of a year living in the Argentine capital — which she describes as a melancholy experience.

We ended up at two hotels through some fault of our own. Arriving several days ahead of the arrangements made through the cruise line we were taking, we started out at the Park Hyatt, which we confused with the Park Tower.

It turned out well, since when you stay in a neighborhood you get to know it more intimately than just by sightseeing. The Park Hyatt is on the edge of the elegant La Recoleta tree-lined residential and shopping district. There, Alvear Boulevard is Buenos Aires' Rodeo Drive, with its rows of designer boutiques, the Alvear Palace Hotel, where the city's elite gather, plus state-embassies and government buildings.

That a cemetery is on the must-see list of most visitors is still another testament to the

When to go: Our fall and winter are their spring and summer.
Where to stay: Park Hyatt Buenos Aires, Calle Posadas 1086; Telephone (800) 233-1234
What to read: *Bad Times in Buenos Aires* by Miranda French



Bohemian district: The poor construction of the buildings in La Boca is covered up by the bright painting of its resident artists.

city's somber atmosphere. The Recoleta Cemetery is a virtual "who's who" of the city's rich and famous, a kind of subdivision for the dead.

Its elaborate mausoleums designed and adorned by mostly classical, but a few contemporary, architects and sculptors are lined up wall-to-wall, much like a condominium complex. The most notable gravesite is that of "Evita" — the country's either hated or loved Eva Peron.

Our Fodors guidebook gave intricate directions to her burial site that we found adorned with flowers and the epitaph, in Spanish, "Don't cry for me."

Several museums lie within the Recoleta district. We chose to spend about an hour and a half at the National Museum of Fine Arts, housed in what used to be the city's waterworks. It has a nice collection of the European masters — including several major Impressionist works — as well as a wing dedicated to con-

temporary Argentine art.

Our move to the Park Tower put us in the more bustling part of the city. For one thing, just across the Plaza San Martin from our hotel was the railway station, a hub for Buenos Aires formally-dressed business community. I made guesses as I watched them during my daily jogs in the park as to who was in analysis.

Buenos Aires' cultural heart is the Colon Theater, a 1908 Italian-style opera house modeled after Italy's La Scala. English language tours are at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. most days. Have the concierge at your hotel make a reservation.

If you can, go to a performance to experience the marvelous acoustics and the glow of the huge (21 foot in diameter) French chandelier. The theater has its own opera, ballet and symphony. The ballet we attended featured four works.

The most remarkable was a

locally-choreographed production of *Anne Frank*. It was strange to watch this story danced out in a city to which a number of notorious Nazi war criminals escaped. However, Buenos Aires is also home to a sizable Jewish population, descendants of Eastern Europeans.

Our other evening of dance was devoted to the tango. In light of the authentic samba school we visited in Rio de Janeiro, this was tango spoon-fed to tourists. I would advise going to a dance hall instead. Most don't open until 11 p.m. and aren't open every night. Again, let your concierge do his job.

My husband, a non-beef eater for many years, actually changed his ways for the city. He read about the quality of Argentine beef and decided to try it.

I didn't think it was as good as the best beef we get here — but it is way cheaper. A major steak in an Argentine steak house equivalent to Morton's is around \$12. As a dessert eater, I would rave about the confections made with dulce de leche — a sticky sweet sauce similar to caramel.

Buenos Aires has plenty of good restaurants. When you go antiquing in San Telmo, try to lunch at La Caba de Esteban de Luca. It has good food, a friendly atmosphere and historical significance as the home of the soldier/poet who wrote the Argentine national anthem. French fries seem to be an Argentine staple. They also make them



Don't cry for me: Judy Berne poses near Eva Peron's grave, which is the most famous among the rich and famous people who are buried in this cemetery.

from sweet potatoes.

La Boca is the city's deliberately bohemian sector, at the mouth of the River Plate. The pedestrian street of brightly painted pressed tin houses is designed to attract visitors who will take photos and/or buy paintings from the lineup of local artists.

Around the corner where the houses are not painted you see a truer, darker picture of Buenos Aires. As our taxi driver had told us, the paint camouflages the poor construction. No dog walkers in La Boca. Rather mangy

looking dogs run freely on the streets.

The huge gap between the few rich and the many poor is a frequent scenario throughout Buenos Aires. La Boca is just one area where Buenos Aires seems to be crying for itself.

Judith Doner Berne, a West Bloomfield resident, is a former managing editor of the *Eccentric Newspapers*. Your questions and comments are welcome by calling (734) 953-2047, ext. 5 or emailing jberne@att.net.

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DIANE REYNOLDS

Produce adds balance, vitamins to winter meals

From Halloween candy through Super Bowl nachos, our eating habits sometimes wander astray. With the vast array of fresh produce available even during the cold weather months, there is no excuse for poor eating habits. For good health, follow a weekly rule of "5 + 5." That means eating at least five servings of fruits and vegetables daily (aiming for nine servings is even better) and exercising five times a week.

What's available?

With today's steady supply of high quality produce from around the world, most items are available year round. While it's not the best bargain for off-season items like berries, there is still plenty of variety even in a tight budget.

The basic favorites can always be found, including potatoes, carrots, celery, onions, broccoli, apples, citrus, grapes, pears, bananas and plenty of leafy greens. A variety of mushrooms and even the good vine-ripened tomatoes help to spruce up a tired palate.

The key is to shop the sales specials advertised in grocery sales circulars and plan your meals around them. If I see that broccoli and bagged salad mixes are on sale, I immediately think about what I can prepare with them.

Homemade broccoli soup (with low-fat ingredients), steamed broccoli with balsamic vinegar, soup and a gourmet salad, steamed salad greens mixed into garlic mashed potatoes and an omelet with broccoli and lowfat cheddar are just a few items that come to mind.

Nutritional bonuses

Every fruit and vegetable contains its own special combination of nutrients and fiber. Apples are high in cholesterol-lowering pectin. New research shows that the skin of apples may be the most helpful food in preventing colon cancer, so keep the peel on. Pears are an often forgotten great source of fiber and should also be eaten with the peel on.

Citrus fruits (grapefruit, oranges, lemons & limes) offer vitamin C that we need a fresh supply of daily. Bananas contain potassium and fill the craving for something sweet.

A variety of vegetables abound with nutrients. Trying those unfamiliar dark leafy greens will get you a good supply of vitamin A (in the form of beta carotene), folate (for heart health and prevention of neural tube birth defects), vitamin C and fiber. Plus, greens contain numerous phytochemicals, which are popularly studied for

Please see **SEASONAL, D2**



What's Cookin' at your house?

Sausage can be a delicious winter or holiday food for family gatherings. Many cooks make their own homemade versions, using recipes passed on from generation to generation.

Do you create your own sausage for family meals? If you do, we'd like to hear from you and why you enjoy the painstaking sausage-making process for a future story.

Send comments and recipes to Kén Abramczyk, Taste Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail him at kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net with a phone number of where you can be reached during the day.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Rent dinner
- Living Better Sensibly

Green Gold



Consider your guide to olive oil will help you pick the best for your needs

STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Simple preparation

On pasta: Toss just-cooked pasta with lots of extra virgin olive oil, a little chopped garlic, black pepper to taste and lots of Parmigiano-Reggiano.

On salads: Italians pour oil and vinegar (well-aged wine vinegar) directly onto the salad. The French like to season their oil with a little vinegar, mustard, salt and pepper (the classic French vinaigrette).

On fish: Thread a ribbon of light, flowery Ligurian or buttery Provençal olive oil across swordfish, tuna or halibut steak right from the broiler or just off the grill.

PINZIMONIO

Extra virgin olive oil
Sea salt
Fresh vegetables like celery, fennel, radishes and carrots

Mix a bit of sea salt with olive oil and serve as dip for fresh vegetables.

BRUSCHETTA

Good bread with a nice crust
Extra virgin olive oil (the better quality the oil, the better the bruschetta)
Pinch of salt
Clove of fresh garlic, cut (optional)

Toast slices of bread either in a toaster, under the broiler or on the grill. When bread is browned, remove it from the heat. Quickly rub the cut face of the garlic clove on the toast. Pour a lot of olive oil on to the hot bread. Sprinkle a pinch of salt over toast. Speed is of the essence; the idea is to eat the bruschetta while it's hot.

Recipes and ideas come from "A Guide to Good Olive Oil: An Introduction to Understanding, Eating and Enjoying Extra Virgin Olive Oil," courtesy of the author Ari Weinzwieg, co-owner of Zingerman's in Ann Arbor. The guide is available for \$7.95 at Zingerman's deli and store. For mail order, call (888) 636-8162. To order on-line, visit www.zingermans.com

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It's green and it has been around a long time. It's hard to hold and venerated worldwide.

In some cultures, you might say it's as good as gold.

No, not money — olive oil. But the best of it costs more than a few dollars, as much as \$60 a bottle.

And olive oil's demand in the United States has been on the rise in recent years. In 1994, Americans bought about 120,000 tons of olive oil, a 400-percent increase over the amount bought in 1983, about 30,000 tons, according to *A Guide to Good Olive Oil: An Introduction to Understanding, Eating and Enjoying Extra Virgin Olive Oil*.

The guide's author is Ari Weinzwieg, co-owner of Ann Arbor's Zingerman's deli and food store, which is said to stock one of the largest selections of olive oil in the country.

"I believe Americans have become more conscious of food and its quality, and I would personally theorize that's a positive sign of a maturing culture," Weinzwieg said of the oil's increasing popularity.

"When your physical frontiers are

filled, which they have been, you turn inwards and people start paying attention to the finer things in life — art, spiritual life, food."

Popularity

A good — and encouraging — point, but there's probably more than one factor behind America's increased consumption of olive oil.

Its benefits as a "healthy" oil in the

Here are some explanations of olive oil speak:

Extra virgin: A grade that denotes oil has come from a first pressing and contains a free acid count lower than 1 percent. The designation was intended to indicate the highest quality olive oil. However, today it's possible to remove free acidity in lower grade olive oil.

Virgin: Grade denotes a free acid count two to three times higher than extra virgin.

Pure: Chemically refined oil with highest free acidity, the lowest grade of olive oil.

First pressing: Denotes oil was extracted from first pressing of the olives.

Cold pressing: Technique used to process olives with a press with stone wheels. The friction from industrial steel wheels causes heat, which affects flavor.

Unfiltered/Filtered: Most olive oil imported to the United States is filtered to remove olive sediment. Unfiltered contains the sediment, tends to be thicker and may be cloudy. Choice here is a matter of preference.



Welcome: Ari Weinzwieg, co-owner of Zingerman's Deli in Ann Arbor wrote the book on good olive oil. His guide will help you pick out what you need from the wide selection the store carries.

diet have garnered much attention, and Americans increasingly are looking to their diets as a vehicle for better health.

With Americans intrigued by other cultures' cuisine, primary ingredients and cooking techniques, olive oil, a staple in Italian and Mediterranean cooking, quickly became a kitchen essential in the United States.

Don't mistake olive oil's being new on the scene as an indication that it's an acquired taste. It has been among the finer things in life for centuries.

Why's that?

"Most of all it tastes really great," said Weinzwieg. "It really is an ingredient and flavor in and of itself."

Surrounded by legend and a way of life in some cultures, olive oil has a magical, almost divine, mystique.

The Bible makes several references to olive trees. The Egyptians used olive oil for food, medicine and perfume. While the olive tree's exact origins are unknown, the first was grown about 6,000 years ago somewhere in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Guidelines

Despite olive oil's rising popularity here, selecting a bottle from among the plethora of types and brands remains a challenge for many Americans.

The trouble is understandable since, as with wine, a number of factors affect the quality and flavor of olive oil, including harvest time, region, soil, climate, olive type and production techniques. Two bottles of olive oil produced at different times by the same maker will differ in taste, said Weinzwieg.

However, there are general guidelines for olive oil selection. Generally speaking, better olive oils are:

- extra virgin, which means the oil comes from a first pressing and has low levels of oleic acids (lower than 1 percent)
- cold pressed, because heat during pressing affects flavor
- quick pressed, because the longer an olive sits the more it deteriorates
- from handpicked olives, because the less the olives are damaged the

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Winery creates hot, new choices

About a decade ago, Codorniu Napa opened the doors to a \$30 million state-of-the-art sparkling wine facility on a hilltop in the Carneros region of California's Napa Valley. Born again under the Artesa (Ar-TEH-sa) label as small-lot table wines, these are some of Napa Valley's hottest wines now available in metro-Detroit.

Artesa is not the first California winery born of switched gears. As global economies have greater impact, it will not be the last. However, another winery will need to dig into deeper pockets to best the \$10 million and three years spent on retooling. Artesa translates as "artisan" in Catalan, the language of Barcelona and the winery's owners, Codorniu of

Spain, the 450-year-old, family-owned Cava (name given to Spanish sparkling wine) producer.

Retooling

Don Van Staaveren, whom we know well from his 20-year tenure at Chateau St. Jean, joined the major modification project of the winery and vineyards late in 1996. Within a few weeks, he learned that five of the wines he made at St. Jean placed in the Wine Spectator's Top 100 Wines of 1996.

For his style of wines, Van Staaveren made major modifications at Artesa, literally from the ground up. Several



million dollars was spent on new winery equipment providing options for gentle and individual treatment of small grape lots. To create a broad variety of flavors for still wines, of 172 vineyard acres on the estate, 60 were T-budded (fast way to change one variety to another without replanting) to a wide variety of chardonnay and pinot noir clones and selections.

Artesa purchased 409 acres of the historic Preston Ranch in Sonoma County's northern Alexander Valley. About 150

acres are being planted to cabernet sauvignon, other Bordeaux varieties, and tempranillo, the red grape of Spain.

Van Staaveren has also been able to source grapes from the finest vineyards in top appellations to produce stylistically distinctive bottlings of each variety. In the case of Artesa, you need to read the label carefully and get to know the appellations of the wines you favor.

Proof in the taste

Having had the opportunity to taste each wine Artesa has released, beginning with the 1997 vintage, we favor the following.

Please see **WINE, D2**

Wine Picks

- Pick of the pack: 1998 Archery Summit Estate Pinot Noir, Oregon, \$100. Best domestic pinot noir hands down, is a marriage of Dijon clones from Burgundy with Oregon terroir, aged 14 months in 100 percent new, heavily-toasted French oak barrels, then bottled unfined and unfiltered. Incredible value: 1998 Meridian Pinot Noir Santa Barbara County \$13 is hard to beat at triple the cost!
- Change of pace white: 1999 Archery Summit Vireton \$26, a seafood friendly blend of pinot gris, chardonnay, and pinot blanc.
- Value reds: 1998 Taitarni Shiraz, Victoria \$16 and 1998 Chateau St. Jean Merlot, Sonoma County \$24.
- Delicious chardonnays: 1998 Ferrari-Carano Reserve \$32; 1999 Flora Springs Reserve \$27; 1999 Pine Ridge Dijon Clones \$25; 1998 Chateau St. Jean Belle Terre Vineyard \$22; 1998 Mazzocco Winemaker's Select \$20; 1999 Chateau St. Jean Sonoma County \$13 (real deal!); 1999 Villa Maria \$12; and 1999 Meridian \$11.

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better the flavor and quality

■ from olives picked early in the season (October and November) rather than later (December and January)

Otherwise, look to individual taste and lifestyle for direction, said Weinzwieg, who has a formula for making such determinations:

■ What type of olive oil do you currently use?

■ For what are you going to use olive oil?

■ What flavors do you like?

■ How much money do you want to spend?

The answers to those questions indicate a starting point for both novices and olive oil con-

■ Sample olive oil with a non-flavored, non-sour piece of bread, and eat it slowly.

noisseurs, according to Weinzwieg.

In other words, if you use an olive oil priced under \$10 a bottle, buy in that range and gradually move upward in price. Likewise, if you've only had light, mild-tasting olive oil, don't run out and buy a Tuscan version, which tends to be heavy, rustic and peppery.

Nothing is more crucial to selecting olive oil than tasting it, said Weinzwieg. Zingerman's, for

example, gives olive oil tasting seminars and has an open bottle of every brand they sell within customers' reach.

Professionals taste olive oil just like wine, said Weinzwieg. Using a glass heated by the hand, they sniff for aroma first, then sip, taking in oxygen for aeration and allowing the oil to reach all areas of the tongue.

"I don't generally recommend to people that they taste it that way," said Weinzwieg.

Instead, sample olive oil with a non-flavored, non-sour piece of bread, and eat it slowly and consciously, he said.

"The most important thing about tasting is that you taste three to four different oils together," said Weinzwieg. "And, you know, it's just food. It's fun. Don't panic."

It's not as if you're going to consume the entire bottle in one sitting, unless maybe you're Weinzwieg.

Tuna flavored with grapefruit-orange relish

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tuna steak stays moist and flavorful when it's cooked quickly, and pan-searing over high heat is ideal. This method seals the juices inside, and gives the outside an appetizing caramel-colored crust.

Searing is key to the following recipe, which takes only about 20 minutes to prepare and 6 minutes of actual cooking.

The fish is served with a refreshing grapefruit-orange relish, which adds a bright, fresh flavor. The recipe is among the practical selection of about 266 in Better Homes and Gardens "Dinnertime Express" (Meredith Books, \$24.95). Most of them can be made in 30 minutes or less, and they make creative use of easy-to-find ingredients.

SEARED TUNA WITH GRAPEFRUIT-ORANGE RELISH

2 teaspoons sherry vinegar or white wine vinegar

■ Tuna steak stays moist and flavorful when it's cooked quickly, and pan-searing over high heat is ideal. This method seals the juices inside, and gives the outside an appetizing caramel-colored crust.

2 teaspoons soy sauce
1/2 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 medium grapefruit, peeled and sectioned
1 medium orange, peeled and sectioned
2 tablespoons finely chopped red onion
2 tablespoons snipped fresh cilantro
Four 4-ounce fresh tuna steaks, cut 3/4-inch thick
2 teaspoons olive oil
Fresh cilantro sprigs (optional)

To make Grapefruit-Orange Relish: In a small bowl combine vinegar, soy sauce and ginger. Whisk in the 1 tablespoon olive oil. Cut

grapefruit sections into thirds and orange sections in half. Stir fruit pieces, red onion and the snipped cilantro into vinegar mixture. Set aside.

Rinse fish; pat dry. In a large skillet, heat the 2 teaspoons olive oil over medium-high heat. Add fish and cook for 6 to 9 minutes or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork, gently turning once halfway through cooking. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Serve the fish with citrus relish. If desired, garnish with cilantro sprigs.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 256 cal., 12 g total fat (2 g saturated fat), 47 mg chol., 287 mg sodium, 7 g carbo., 1 g fiber, 29 g pro.

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their health preventive benefits.

Don't forget the old standbys. Carrots are abundant in vitamin A (in the form of beta carotene), while potatoes with the peel are a good source of vitamin C, potassium and dietary fiber. The cabbage family (broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower) is a great source of vitamins plus disease preventing phytochemicals.

The key to getting the best nutritional bargain from fruits and vegetables is choosing a wide variety. For most of us creatures of habit, that means trying something new.

Combining a favorite vegetable like cauliflower with an unfamiliar choice like Swiss chard may be a good way to start. Familiar comfort food can be combined with veggies that are not usually selected. A perfect example of this is mashing potatoes with other root vegetables. (See recipe inside Taste.)

End your meal with a winter fruit salad. Bananas, grapes, orange slices and pears blend nicely with a variety of apples and fresh squeezed lime juice.

Preparing the unfamiliar

When I talk with customers about expanding their vegetable and fruit choices, I always preach the general rule, "the darker in color leafy greens are, the higher they are in nutrients." For those who don't know how to prepare them, two general rules follow for cooking greens, both tender and bitter varieties.

■ The easiest way to cook tender, mild flavored greens is to wilt them. Fresh spinach, Swiss chard and beet greens fall in this category. Wash them thoroughly, place in a large pot. Stir gently over medium heat for 3 to 5 minutes until just wilted. Drain the greens and press out excess moisture. (I like to use a colander for this and paper towel for pressing.) Chop the greens and mix with your choice of sautéed fresh garlic, soy sauce and rice vinegar, balsamic vinegar and sautéed onion, fresh squeezed

lemon or even a little bottled horseradish.

■ Bitter greens have a bold flavor that requires more cooking time to reduce the bitterness. Bitter greens are no longer just used in ethnic dishes, as we continue to experiment with the unfamiliar. Turnip greens, mustard greens, collards and kale are all types that can be prepared by careful washing and blanching uncovered in boiling water. Times vary from 6 to 12 minutes, so watch the pot and stir occasionally. When the greens are tender, drain and press out moisture as above. Chop the greens and try something different. Sauté onion and garlic in good quality olive oil, and then add the cooked greens. Lean meats like smoked turkey or ham can be added too.

Put in into practice

You can make the change to trying new produce items without reservation. Make it a habit to pick up an unfamiliar produce item at least once a week. Continue to choose your favorites more often, too. Consult cookbooks and magazines for new ideas.

Every meal you prepare can easily be brightened with fresh produce.

Start today by trying the recipes inside today's Taste.

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Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley \$23. A number of California wineries are beginning to emulate the New Zealand style of sauvignon blanc, but Artesa has not. The wine is more French-like with ripe apricot fruit and elegant finish.

■ 1998 Artesa Chardonnay, Carneros \$23 has very interesting, stylish dynamics ranging from tropical fruit to mineral notes.

■ 1998 Artesa Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley \$24.50 sports a cherry, rose petal nose with the slight hint of bacon rind, so reminiscent of a rich, velvety red Burgundy.

■ 1997 Artesa Merlot, Napa Valley \$24.50 is mellow and supple, but if you travel, try to find a bottle of the 1997 Merlot, Sonoma Valley (unavailable in Michigan) which is generous, lush, rich, and full.

■ 1997 Artesa Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley \$33 showcases lots of blackberry and black cherry fruit. Full on the palate with plenty of toasty oak, the balanced finish portends good aging potential.

■ 1997 Artesa Cabernet Sauvignon, Alexander Valley \$33 is softer and more mellow than the Napa Valley cab. Fruit tends toward black raspberry with intriguing chocolate notes in the finish.

Court date changed: Oral arguments in Heald v. Engler (suit filed in Sixth District Federal Court by us and consumer plaintiffs related to the state of Michigan's ban on the direct shipping of wine), scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 31, in the courtroom of U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman, has been postponed until 2 p.m. March 21. The Federal Court House is at 231 W. Lafayette Blvd. (corner of Washington), Detroit. Your attendance is encouraged.

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Go green, go light, with salads, root vegetables with your dinner

Recipes courtesy of Diane Reynolds. See related column on Taste front.

SAVORY GREENS

- 2 teaspoons Kroger pure olive oil
- 1 1/2 teaspoons refrigerated chopped garlic
- 8 cups torn kale
- 12 cups torn spinach leaves
- 2 teaspoons granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon marjoram
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice

In a large nonstick skillet, heat oil over low heat. Add garlic and cook for about 3 minutes. Increase heat to medium and add kale. Cover and cook for about 4 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add the spinach, sugar, marjoram, salt and cayenne, and cook, uncovered, just until the spinach wilts. Sprinkle with lemon juice and serve immediately.

Tip: Makes a great accompaniment to fish, poultry or vegetarian entrée. Serves 4.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories, 165; fat, 4.2g; cholesterol, 0mg; dietary fiber, 17g; beta carotene, 18mg; and vitamin C, 265mg

COMFORT STYLE ROOT VEGETABLES

- 1 pound potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch chunks
- 1/2 pound sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch chunks
- 1/2 pound carrots, peeled and cut into 1-inch chunks
- 1/2 pound turnips, peeled and cut into 1-inch chunks
- 1/2 cup fat-free canned vegetable broth
- 2 T fat-free milk

- 2 T light sour cream (or tofu sour cream)
- 1 T grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 tsp. fresh ground black pepper
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 3 T chopped green onions

Place the potatoes, sweet potatoes, carrots and turnips in a large saucepan. Add broth and enough cold water to cover by 1 inch. Cover and bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer until the vegetables are fork tender, about 20 minutes. Drain in a colander and return to the pot.

Using a hand mixer, blend the vegetables with milk until smooth. Stir in remaining ingredients and serve immediately. Serves 4.

Tip: Serve anytime you would have usually had regular mashed potatoes for a flavor change!

Nutrition information per serving: Calories, 169; fat, 2g; cholesterol, 3.6mg; dietary fiber, 5.2g; beta carotene, 14mg, and vitamin C, 41mg

FAVORITE BROCCOLI SALAD

- 1/2 cup reduced fat salad dressing or mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 1/2 pound broccoli florets (3 cups)
- 1/3 cup raisins
- 1/4 cup shredded reduced fat cheddar cheese
- 2 tablespoons imitation bacon-flavored bits
- 2 tablespoons chopped red onion
- Freshly ground pepper to taste

Blend salad dressing, sugar and vinegar in a large bowl. Add remaining ingredients and mix thoroughly. Refrigerate until serving time. Serves 4.

Tip: This salad is great for a quick sandwich night side dish.

Nutrition information per serving: calories, 185; fat, 11g; cholesterol, 10mg, and dietary fiber, 3g.

Try a quick dish of this corned beef hash

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This "one-dish dinner" comes from "Gourmet Every Day" (Random House, \$29.95) with the promise that you'll have it on the table in less than 45 minutes. You can literally cut down that timing with a little fast chopping of your own, and if you choose not to use eggs in your hash.

There's a whole chapter of such meals-in-one in the book, each with a full-page color photograph facing the recipe, which is printed in extra-large type to help streamline your high-speed production line.

The book features more than 200 varied "quick and easy" recipes for dinner, many of them flagged as super-quick (less than 20 minutes start to finish) or low-calorie. They include soups and grills, salads and desserts and snacks, chosen by Gourmet magazine's editors.

CORNERED BEEF HASH

- 1 pound baking (russet) potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/4-inch dice
- One 1-pound piece cooked corned beef, cut into chunks

- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 large red bell pepper, cut into 1/4-inch pieces
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1/4 cup heavy cream
- 4 large eggs (optional)
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- Suggested accompaniment: green salad

Cook potatoes in boiling salted water to cover until just tender, about 3 minutes, then drain. Pulse corned beef in a food processor until coarsely chopped.

Saute onion and bell pepper in butter in a 12-inch nonstick skillet over moderately-high heat, stirring, until lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Add potatoes and saute over moderately high heat, stirring occasionally, until browned, about 5 minutes. Stir in corned beef and salt and pepper to taste, then cook, stirring occasionally, until browned. Add cream and cook, stirring, 1 minute.

If desired, make 4 holes in hash and break 1 egg into each. Cook over moderately low heat, covered, 5 minutes, or until eggs are cooked to desired doneness, and season with salt and pepper. Sprinkle hash with parsley. Makes 4 servings.

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Enjoy a gourmet five-course meal prepared by second-year culinary students in the International Cuisine class in the American Harvest Restaurant in the Waterman Center at Schoolcraft College on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia. Courses are prepared from five different regions under the instruction of award-winning chefs. Wine will be served with each meal. Dinner is served at 6:45 p.m. and costs \$28.95 plus tax, per person, except for French, which is \$31.95 per person. Dinners are scheduled as follows: Italian, Feb. 1; French, Feb. 8; German, Feb. 15; South American, Feb. 22; Vietnamese, March 1; Russian, March 15; French, March 22; Italian, March 29; Poland, April 5; regional American, April 19, and French, April 26. Call (734) 462-4488 for information or reservations. Seating is limited. Credit cards accepted.

LEARN ABOUT COOKING

Here are Continuing Education

classes at Schoolcraft College in Livonia for the winter semester: ■ Thai & Vietnamese Cuisine, 6-10 p.m., Monday, Jan. 29; ■ Heart Smart® Make & Take, 6-10 p.m., Monday, Feb. 5; ■ Cakes, Tortes, and Flans, 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 13; ■ Making the Cut - Learning Cuts of Meat, 6-10 p.m., Monday, March 12; ■ Herb-a-mania, 6-9 p.m., Thursday, March 22; ■ The Incredible Edible Mushroom, 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, April 3; ■ European Bread Making (two weeks), 5-10 p.m., Thursday, April 5 and 12; ■ Outdoor Grilling & Entertaining, 5-10 p.m., Thursday and Friday, April 26 and 27; ■ Four Course Meals to Go (one day only but offered three different dates), 6-10 p.m., Monday, Feb. 19, March 19 and March 26. ServSafe Sanitation classes also are offered to prepare students for the final examinations administered by the Educational Foundation of the National Restaurant Association. The exam is given in the class. These classes will be held 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 6 and April 3. Also, Understanding California Wines will be 5-7 p.m. Monday, beginning Feb. 5 for five weeks. An Italian wine class is scheduled for 5-7 p.m. for five weeks beginning Monday, April 2.

Anyone interested in more information regarding these classes can call Schoolcraft College Continuing Education at (734) 462-4448.

M-FIT CLASSES

Don't let the cold, harsh days of winter drag you down. The M-Fit Culinary team of the M-Fit Community Health Promotion Division offers cooking classes, such as a Valentine's Day Menu for the Ones You Love, noon-2 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 13; at the East Ann Arbor Health Center Demonstration Kitchen, 4260 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. Individual class fees are \$30, \$50 for a two-person fee, and \$80 for a series of three classes. Nutrition education class fees are \$20. Pre-registration is required. Register online at www.mfitnutrition.com or by e-mail at community.nutrition@umich.edu. Call Nicole Goyarts at (734) 975-4387, Ext. 236 to register by phone. Other classes on Wednesdays include: It's Soy Good, 6-7:30 p.m., Feb. 21; Get into the Game, 6-8 p.m., Feb. 28; The Joy of Soy, 6-8 p.m., March 14; Oodles of Noodles, 6-8 p.m., March 21 and Going Solo for One (or Two), 6-8 p.m., March 28.

Chef demonstrates cooking at home show

Chef Raymond Wong, one of metro Detroit's best known chefs and restaurateurs, will demonstrate low-fat, healthy cooking - as well as creative ways to use leftovers - at the 2001 Home Improvement Show, Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 1-4, at the Novi Expo Center.

"I want to show that cooking is fun, and can be quick," Wong said. "I'll show how to make healthy, low-fat dishes using vegetables and interesting

spices - and how to cut down on salt."

Wong can be seen at the show 3, 5 and 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday; noon and 2, 5 and 7 p.m. Saturday; and noon and 2 and 4 p.m. Sunday.

The Novi Expo Center is at I-96 and Novi Road. Show hours are 2-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for ages 6-12 and

free for under age 6. Ample parking is available at the center for a fee.

For more information, visit <http://www.builders.org> or call (248) 862-1019.

Wong, former proprietor of the much beloved, now closed Wong's Eatery in Windsor - which received four-star ratings by critics and raves by diners before Wong sold it in 1993 - has become a famous face in the Detroit area.

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New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christian-based bereavement outreach center, offers support for widows and widowers with children on the second and fourth Tuesday night of each month. The group meets at St. Kenneth's Parish, 14951 Haggerty (between Five Mile Road and Schoolcraft), Plymouth 7-8:30 p.m.

Professionally led children's groups meet at the same time for children between the ages of four and 12. New Hope also offers groups for widows and widowers of all ages and a group for bereaved teens. For more information, call (248) 348-0115.

Breast cancer symposium

Beaumont Hospital's "Sharing & Caring" program presents the third annual Life After Breast Cancer Symposium 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17 at the Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham.

Topics include:

■ "The Journey Through Cancer: Honoring and Caring for the Whole Person," presented by Dr. Jeremy R. Geffen, an oncologist and founder of the Geffen Cancer Center and Research Institute. Geffen authored the book *The Journey Through Cancer*.

■ "Chemoprevention of Breast Cancer: Concept to Reality," presented by Dr. V. Craig Jordan, professor of cancer research at Northwestern University Medical School. Jordan will discuss tamoxifen research.

■ "Identifying the Woman at Increased Risk for Breast Cancer: Identification and Management," presented by Dr. Monica Morrow, professor of surgery and director of the Lynn Sage Comprehensive Breast Program at Northwestern University Medical School. Morrow will discuss risk factors and prevention measures for women at high risk.

The \$25 per person fee includes morning refreshments, lunch and educational materials. To register, please call the Beaumont Physician Referral & Information Service at (800) 633-7377.

Women's health conference

Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center-Dearborn will sponsor the 11th Annual Turning Points Conference 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Dearborn Inn.

The program offers women an opportunity to explore their health history and share concerns. The keynote speaker is Mary Alice Williams, an award-winning TV news correspondent and anchor. Participants will attend three of seven workshops: Urinary Incontinence, Skin Care, Sleep Disorders, Weight Management, Breast Care, Joint/Muscle Care and Genetic Risk Assessment.

Conference cost is \$30. Continental breakfast and lunch included. Call the Oakwood Health Line toll free at (800) 543-WELL.

Low back pain

Oakland Physical Therapy, P.C. will present "The Latest Advances in Exercise for Low Back Pain" 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, in the Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Suite B124, in Novi (at the intersection of Grand River and Beck Road).

Participants should wear comfortable clothing and shoes. No charge; however, space is limited and an RSVP is required. Call (248) 380-3550.

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 Databook (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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Low
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goes
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Macular degeneration causes changes in the retina

Techniques and devices enhance the lives of those suffering from macular degeneration

If you have trouble seeing while doing everyday tasks such as driving, reading, watching television or even differentiating colors, you're not alone.

About 14 million Americans experience these difficulties as a result of low vision, most often due to a common condition called macular degeneration, an unpredictable disease that destroys the macula, the area of the retina responsible for central vision.

Although this condition cannot be corrected with conventional eyeglasses, or restored through laser and invasive surgeries, which only work to slow the progression of certain forms of the disease, there's still hope.

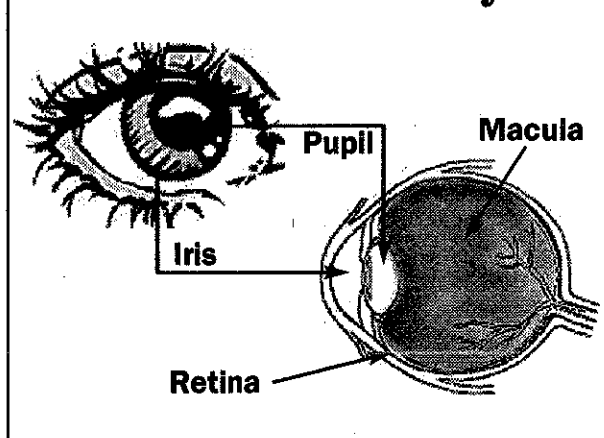
Low vision rehabilitation, including the use of new high-tech devices that use the eyesight patients have left, is now the most effective way to help patients cope with macular degeneration.

Macular degeneration represents about 45 percent of low vision problems in the United States. According to Susan J. Gromacki, O.D., M.S., an optometrist at the University of Michigan Kellogg Eye Center, macular degeneration is caused by changes in the retina due to aging.

"As people age and they get macular degeneration, they start to lose some of their central vision. Initially it's just splotches of the central vision, so they do have 20/20 vision if they use the part of the retina or the part of the macula which is good," she said.

However, once the disease advances, people can completely lose their central vision. As the baby boomer generation has grown older, the number of low vision cases has increased, said Gromacki.

Structure of the eye



Technology advances

Although researchers are searching for a cure for macular degeneration and other causes of low vision, there have been many recent advances in vision technology to help patients retain a normal lifestyle.

"The problems created by low vision can be devastating, but devices, such as the ones we have here at the Kellogg Eye Center, can really help people cope with their vision loss and enable them to maximize the vision they do have," says Gromacki.

Some of the most widely used aids include hand-held magnifying glasses, high-powered spectacles, colored filters, telescopes, binoculars and closed circuit televisions.

The closed circuit television allows patients to magnify text or other objects from three to 36 times its actual size onto a television screen. Many of the units come with a television screen built directly into them, while others can be plugged into a patient's own TV.

A new device, called a mobile electronic magnifier, goes beyond the capabilities of the closed circuit TV by allowing the patient to focus on objects at any range, says Gromacki.

One of these devices, named "Jordy," is a battery-operated system with a camera. It can be worn like a pair of glasses or used as a Desktop CCTV when placed in its docking stand. It can help a patient, for example, watch television, read a book, and see people's faces clearly.

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— Optometrist at Kellogg Eye Center
University of Michigan

Facts about low vision:

■ Low vision is generally defined as 20/70 vision or worse when wearing glasses or contact lenses.

■ People with low vision experience difficulty recognizing objects at a distance, differentiating colors and seeing objects up close.

■ Macular degeneration is the leading cause of vision loss among the senior population. An estimate one-third of the 34 million Americans over the age of 65 are suffering from some stage of macular degeneration.

■ Devices used to aid low vision patients include high-powered spectacles, colored filters, telescopes, binoculars and closed circuit televisions.

■ The "Jordy" is a portable low-vision device that fits on a person's head and allows the person to focus on objects at any range and enables them to perform normal, everyday activities.

Environmental changes

Several other kinds of low-tech vision aids also are available from special eyeglasses to hand-held magnifiers. However, it is possible for patients to cope with low vision by using other techniques and even by making some changes at home.

Good lighting, especially at home, is crucial for people suffering from low vision, says Cheryl Terpening, an occupational therapist at the Kellogg Eye Center.

"I have gone into people's homes and just by changing the lighting, it has allowed (low vision patients) to read."

Since many visually impaired people have difficulty reading the labels on items around the house, Terpening suggests creating larger labels by using a 3x5 card, a black magic marker and a rubber band.

"This labeling system can be used for canned goods, frozen foods and clothing," she says. "Marking stove dials, thermostats, remote controls and telephones will help someone manage to do those tasks they couldn't do before."

Commitment

But whether a low vision patient chooses to use a high-tech device or a simple technique, Terpening says the patient needs to be committed to learn, despite the initial frustration.

"You've got a lot of learning taking place at one time — learning to use the best part of your vision, learning to use the device, learning to read in a different manner," says Terpening. "Any device, whether it be hand-held or high-technology, is going to have a learning period. So if someone's willing to put in the effort, I think any device can probably work for him or her."

Jack Measley of Ypsilanti has been learning to cope with low vision since 1996 when he was diagnosed with macular degeneration in his right eye. Measley underwent laser eye surgery to improve his condition, but discovered last year that the disease also had affected his left eye.

"It was quite disheartening because of the fact that I could not drive, which I loved to do. I also love to work with projects and hobbies such as golfing, carving decoys out of wood, doing stained glass, working on small engines, welding and home

repairs," says Measley, noting that all of these hobbies were at risk because of his condition.

Measley and his wife searched for more than a year for low vision aids to help improve his eyesight. At the Kellogg Eye Center, he was introduced to the Jordy system. With Terpening's help, he learned how to operate the portable Jordy and has used it to resume some of his projects and hobbies.

"It improved the quality of my life because it gets me through the areas that I like best — being able to do the things that I could not do without my good vision," says Measley. "It brings my vision back to, I feel, approximately 90 percent of what it was before."

Also, by using high-tech devices like the Jordy, Measley feels he has taken back control back of his life.

"I may have macular degeneration, but I'm going to do everything I can to live with the situation," he says. "I'm a fighter and I'll just keep on doing what I can do to make things of a quality nature for my life. And if that includes different equipment, if it's available, I'm going to try it."

For more information, visit the following Web sites:

U-M Health Topics A to Z: Low Vision
www.med.umich.edu/1libr/eyes/eyes05.htm
U-M Health Topics A to Z: Age-Related Macular Degeneration
www.med.umich.edu/1libr/eyes/eyes25.htm
U-M M-Patient Services: Center for Retinal and Macular Degeneration
www.kellogg.umich.edu/patient/crmd.html
Macular Degeneration Foundation
www.eyesight.org/All_About_MD/all_about_md.html
The Low Vision Gateway
www.lowvision.org
The Low Vision Information Center
www.lowvisioninfo.org/



Dear reader,
We'd like to know what changes you made in your life this past year that resulted in a healthier, more physically fit you. Did you commit to a diet that significantly lowered your cholesterol and blood pressure? Did you lose 30, 40, 50 or more pounds by making wiser food choices? Have you rediscovered the vitality of your youth through exercise? In other words, are you now an improved version of your old self?

Please tell us about the "new" you and send us some "before and after" pictures (you're entitled to bragging rights!). Send information to Renee Skoglund, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150; fax: (734) 591-7279; e-mail: rskoglund@oe.homecomm.net.

See related story on Low Vision Solutions D5

Livonia store helps those with low vision

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If you're looking for pity because of low vision, don't come into Nancy Simmons' store.

This can-do owner of Low Vision Solutions on Seven Mile Road in Livonia lives by the motto, "Where's there's a will, there's a way." Indeed, she's living proof that someone with low vision can lead a highly productive life. Developing retinitis pigmentosa at age 10 and incurring a decreasing field of vision since has not stopped her from going to college, becoming a

social worker, and, for the last 13 years, working as a businesswoman selling high-tech and low-tech aids for people with low vision and blindness.

There's definitely a market for such products, she said. "Just because you're legally blind doesn't mean you can't still have a lot of useable sight."

Nine out of 10 of Simmons customers suffer from some degree of macular degeneration, from difficulty seeing while driving to struggling with 3x or 4x magnifier to read a prescription bottle. Simmons stocks numerous enhanced vision systems, including the "Jordy," which she says

requires training by the user and is not for everybody.

"More people are more apt to use a more simple device."

However, the Jordy has its advantages.

"The nice thing about the Jordy is it's one of the few devices that can be used for distance viewing or mounted on a stand to read your papers. The distance viewing is what makes it unique," said Simmons.

Her extensive line of video magnifiers — with monitors measuring nine to 12 inches — includes the Optelec ClearView, which allows for reverse contrast of text (white text against a

black background provides sharper contrast), and the Clarity AutoFocus, which allows users to read, write, view pictures, read medicine bottles, and work with three-dimensional objects by enlarging images on a television.

Helping you to see

Most people who were at first hesitant to use a video magnifier quickly adapt. "A month goes by and they wouldn't give the machine back if their life depended on it," said Simmons.

Her stock of low-tech aids is extensive: Television glasses that enhance the contrast; large-

print playing cards and calendars; "talking" thermometers, watches and clocks; magnifying mirrors and hand-held magnifying devices; full-spectrum true-color lamps; and numerous kitchen aids, including big oven mitts, measuring and pouring devices, and double spatulas that securing hold food.

Simmons also recommends purchasing the book "Macular Degeneration: The Complete Guide to Saving and Maximizing Your Sight" by Dr. Lylas G. Mogk of the Henry Ford Health System. Her store stocks several copies. (Dr. Mogk, a specialist in macular degeneration, can be

reached at (313) 824-2401.)

Simmons, who is available for public speaking on low vision, has two words of advice for those facing loss of sight: "Speak up! Accept your condition, make your needs known and learn about the all the available high-tech and low-tech vision aids."

"Even a felt-tip pen can make a difference. If people don't take advantage, they're missing so much," she said.

Low Vision Solutions is located at 27520 W. Seven Mile Road, just west of Inkster on the north side. The phone number is (248) 777-1100.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail rskoglund@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

ONGOING

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday and Sunday, Garden City Hospital (north entrance), 5254 Inkster Road. Alanon meeting Sunday only. Call (248) 541-6565 or (734) 776-3415; Noon Tuesday and Thursday, Providence Medical Office Center, 39500 W. 10 Mile (at Haggerty), Novi; Call (248) 348-9362. Noon Wednesday, Livonia Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 953-1188.

IMPOTENCE

The Impotent Anonymous Support Group meets 8 p.m. the last Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Marian Professional Building, 14555 Levan, Livonia (Pavilion Conference Room A). For information, call (734) 462-5858.

GILDA'S CLUB

Gilda's Club Metro Detroit will sponsor free supper lectures during February: "Lymphoma" - Monday, Feb. 5; "Colorectal Cancer" - Wednesday, Feb. 7; "Transplants & Thalidomide for Multiple Myeloma" - Thursday, Feb. 15; and "Holistic Medicine" - Thursday, Feb. 22. Supper provided. Gilda's Club, a free non-profit cancer support community, is located at 3517 Rochester Road, Royal Oak. Call (248) 577-0800 for exact times and to RSVP.

CAREGIVERS

The Caregivers Support Group meets 7-8 p.m. the last Wednesday of the month at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Auditorium 14555 Levan, Livonia. Call (734) 655-8940.

FREE PROSTATE SCREENINGS

Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital will offer free prostate screen-

ings on the fourth Thursday of each month in the radiology oncology department at the McAuley Cancer Care Center in Ypsilanti. Call the Saint Joseph Mercy HealthLine at (800) 231-2211.

MANIC DEPRESSIVE

The Manic Depressive-Depressive Association (MDDA) of Metro Detroit meets 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of every month, Novi/Providence Medical Office Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Road (at Haggerty), Novi, MI 48375. Call (248) 960-1288. They also meet 2-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Providence Medical Office Building, 33133 W. Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 542-0430.

ANXIETY DISORDER

Ward Presbyterian Church, corner of Six Mile Road and Haggerty, Northville, sponsors a Panic Attack & Anxiety Disorder Support Group meeting 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month. Call (734) 420-8175.

HEADACHE SUPPORT GROUP

Meets 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at Providence Medical Center, 30055 Northwestern, Farmington Hills, (248) 647-0614. Headaches sufferers and family members.

SUN, JAN. 28

WOMEN'S HEALTH SEMINAR

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers will sponsor a Women's Health Seminar 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 West Ten Mile Road (just west of Meadowbrook), Novi. Topics include osteoporosis, perimenopause, menopause, women and heart disease, breast cancer prevention and detection. Free. Call (248) 349-2652.

THRU MARCH 26

FIBROMYALGIA CONFERENCE

A three-session Fibromyalgia Conference will be held at Arthur's Place, 47659 Halyard Drive, Metro West Technology Park (near Beck Road and M-14), Plymouth Township. Dr. Martin Tamler will present current research and treatments for fibromyalgia and discuss self-

management techniques. Other topics include sleep, natural healing and nutrition. Registration required. Cost is \$10. Call Ronnie at (734) 254-0500 or (248) 288-2210.

TUES, JAN. 30

AVOID INFECTIONS

Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane will sponsor "Viral & Bacterial Infections: Avoid Them with Healthy Habits," a free lecture 11 a.m. to noon in the lower level of the medical center, 19401 Hubbard Drive, at Evergreen in Dearborn. Call (313) 982-8384.

THURS, FEB. 1

NUTRITION

Registered dietitian Susan Hill from Henry Ford Health System will present a lecture on nutrition 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the lower level of the medical center, 19401 Hubbard Drive, at Evergreen in Dearborn. She will discuss how micro-nutrients like vitamins and minerals may help prevent cancer, heart disease and premature aging. Call (313) 982-8384.

SAT, FEB. 3

PEDIATRIC CPR

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer an American Heart Association "Pediatric Basic Life Support CPR" class 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the hospital's auditorium, located near the Five Mile entrance. Learn how to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for the child under age 8 and the infant in a cardiac emergency, manage the obstructed airway, and prevent injuries. Advance registration required. Call (734) 655-8940.

TUES, FEB. 6 & 13

PAIN REDUCTION

Learn how to use your mind to reduce pain from arthritis, fibromyalgia, diabetes, surgery, and accidents in a two-session course offered through Clarenceville Schools Continuing Education 6:30-8:30 p.m. Learn about foods and supplements

that reduce pain, techniques to diminish muscle tension and stress, the role of pleasurable activities in lowering pain and depression, and ways to release emotional hurt manifesting as physical pain. The class, open to men and women of all ages, will be held at Clarenceville Schools for a fee of \$25 per person. To register, mail check (payable to Clarenceville Schools) with your name, address, and phone number to Clarenceville Continuing Education, 20155 Middlebelt Rd, Livonia MI 48152 by Feb. 1. Call (248) 473-8933.

MON, FEB. 12

THYROID MEETING

Dr. Kelly Mandagere, endocrinologist from St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor, will discuss how she treats thyroid disease in her practice during this month's Thyroid Support Group Meeting, which begins 6:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Public Library. Contact Tracy Green for more information (734) 453-7945 or mitsg@mediaone.net

WED, FEB. 14

SENIOR HEALTH

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will present "Happy Hearts: Nurturing Relationships in Your Life" 1-3 p.m. in the hospital's Auditorium. Elaine Koons, Livonia Public Schools, will discuss how seniors can strengthen positive relationships with family and friends. To register, call (734) 655-8940. The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile. Use Five Mile Road entrance.

DIABETES

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will host a free support group focusing on information important to those who live with diabetes and its related issues 7-8:30 p.m. in the hospital's Auditorium. Janice Whecker, RN, M.Ed., CDE, will discuss "Staying Motivated." For more information or to register, call 734.655.8940.

FEB. 16 & 17

VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Visually impaired and blind per-

sons, family members, service providers, employers, and the general public are invited to the "V.I. Technology Blizzard Version 2.0" 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Dickinson Center, 18000 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Program includes demonstrations, product displays, resource specialists and low-vision providers. Hosted by Wayne County RESA, Task Force, Upshaw Institute for the Blind and the Michigan School for the Blind. Call (800) 622-6730, ext. 420.

SAT, FEB. 17

ACUPRESSURE

The Tree House for Earth's Children in Farmington will present "Healing at Your Fingertips," an intermediate class on acupressure and vital reflex points, 1-7 p.m. Participants will learn about the effects of reflexology, five-part foot adjustment, specific pressure points, physiology of the colon, spinal relaxation techniques, and first aid rescue points. \$50 (dinner included). To register, call (248) 473-0624. The Tree House is located at 22906 Mooney Street, one block west of Orchard Lake off Grand River.

FEB. 17 & 21

STOP SMOKING

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers will hold the Wellness Seminar for smoking cessation at the following locations: Providence Medical Center -Livonia: Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road (at Newburgh), Livonia 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday and at Providence Hospital, 22250 Providence Drive (the Medical Building), Southfield 10 a.m. to noon Saturday. The first 45 minutes of each session is a free orientation. Full session is \$59 and includes hypnotic session, audio cassette, printed materials and free repetitions of seminar if needed. For

reservations, call 1-877-345-5500.

MON, FEB. 16

BIPOLAR DISORDER

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia is offering a class, "The Complications and Treatment of Bipolar Disorder," 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the West Addition Conference Room B. Pre-registration is requested; please call (734) 655-2944. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at the corner of Five Mile and Levan roads in Livonia. Participants should use the South Entrance off Levan Road.

WED, MARCH 14

SENIOR HEALTH

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will present "Herbal Therapy and Supplements" 1-3 p.m. in the hospital's Auditorium. Registered dietitian Linda De Vore will teach attendees about possible health risks of some popular herbal supplements and how to locate reliable resources for herbal supplement information. Call (734) 655-8940. The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile. Use Five Mile Road entrance.

DIABETES

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will host a free support group focusing on information important to those who live with diabetes and its related issues 7-8:30 p.m. in the hospital's Auditorium. John Pedit will present "Medicare & Supplemental Insurance Update." Call 734.655.8940.

MON, MARCH 19

GAMBLING ADDICTION

Avoid the serious — and sometimes fatal — consequences of gambling. St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer a gambling addiction class 6-7:30 p.m. in West Addition B. Pre-registration is requested. Please call (734) 655-2944.

Use your mind to reduce pain

If you have pain from arthritis, fibromyalgia, diabetes, surgery and accidents, Clarenceville Schools Continuing Education has a class for you. Biochemist Sandy Baumann will lead a two-session course on using your mind to reduce pain 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 6 and Feb. 13.

In the first session, you will learn about foods and supplements that reduce pain in the body and also practice techniques to diminish muscle tension and stress and decrease the magnitude and intensity of pain. The second session will teach

you the role of pleasurable activities in lowering pain and depression, ways to discover the roots of pain and strategies to release emotional hurt manifesting as physical pain.

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For more information or late registration, call (248) 473-8933.

Arthritis Today

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GOLD THERAPY IN ARTHRITIS TODAY

While change and updating are the features of medicine today, instances remain where the old ways are still very good ways. This view applies to the use of intramuscular gold injections for rheumatoid arthritis.

This therapy began in the 1920's; studies found IM gold had merit, and by 1950, gold injection therapy was the treatment physicians turned to when aspirin didn't control a patient's rheumatoid arthritis. Gold remained the basis for advanced treatment until the 1980's when rheumatologists introduced methotrexate. Over time, success with this drug lead to methotrexate becoming the first choice for advanced treatment. In 1999 enbrel, arava and remicade came into use. At the same time drugs such as azulfadine and immunar gained popularity. These changes and additions pushed the use of IM gold out of the public eye. As a result, if a doctor recommends its use, the patient is apt to consider the physician as not being up-to-date.

That is incorrect, gold is still useful. In a woman with rheumatoid arthritis who wants to become pregnant, it is quite safe; the drug does not cause loss of the fetus, or abnormalities to the baby. No other advanced drug used for rheumatoid arthritis can claim the proven safety for the mother and child that 80 years use of IM gold can present. The other risks of gold therapy are on par with any of the medications mentioned above.

Gold therapy may be an old shoe but it remains a good choice.



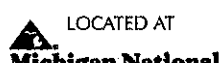
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BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

National City Bank

Robert Chalifoux has joined National City Bank of Michigan/Illinois as assistant vice president and business banker. He is responsible for new loan origination and relationship management of small-business customers in the Detroit-metro area with a focus on Livonia and Canton.

Chalifoux is a graduate of Michigan State University. He is

a member of the Livonia and Canton Chambers of Commerce.

EMU

Eastern Michigan University recently appointed **Thomas Gillis** of Livonia and **Donna Kapelanski** of Garden City as workplace education specialists, Center for Management and Leadership. Gillis, a graduate of the University of Michigan, was formerly a senior account executive for Golin-Harris Communi-

cations. Kapelanski, who has a master's from Central Michigan University, was formerly an assistant branch manager at Gray Company Inc.

Historical foundation

Keith Molin, chairman of the Michigan Historical Center Foundation Board, announced the appointment of **Randy Ragsdale** of Farmington Hills to the Michigan Historical Center Foundation Board of Directors.

Ragsdale is the regional fiduciary executive of Bank One where he is responsible for Michigan and Florida. He has a Juris Doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh Law School and is a trustee of the Detroit Historical Society.

MRPA

The Michigan Road Preservation Association announced the appointment of **Jeff Demek** of Livonia as secretary. Demek is

president of Highway Maintenance & Construction. His term as MRPA secretary expires in November 2002.

FCI

Livonia-based FCI Automotive - North America named **Timothy Coates** as worldwide account manager. Coates will manage FCI Automotive's global connector business with Ford Motor Company and tier electrical system suppliers.

ARCHITECTURAL FIRM

Tiseo Architects, Inc. announced that **Renata Kolak** of Livonia has become the first associate in the company's 20-year history. Kolak currently serves as the project manager/designer of the firm's new corporate headquarters in Livonia. She is a 1997 graduate of Warsaw University of Technology School of Architecture in Warsaw, Poland, where she earned a master's degree.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

SAT, FEB. 3

RETIREMENT PLAN

Morgan Stanley Dean Witter financial advisors will offer a free seminar, "Retirement Plan Distribution," 10 a.m. at the company's Livonia/Laurel Park office, 17420 Laurel Park Drive North. No charge. For reservations, call Kristi McCombs at (734) 779-8001.

FEB. 4, 11 & 18

MONEY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

A money-management workshop will be conducted Sunday evenings 6:30-9 p.m. at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Learn how to use financial planning tools, establish long-range goals, develop a personal plan, manage cash flow and find money you never knew you had. Registration cost is \$15. Call Robert Bayer at (734) 522-6830.

WED, FEB. 7

RICH WOMEN

"Smart Women Finish Rich" is the subject of a seminar given by Jody Lotridge, a financial adviser with Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, at 7 p.m. at 17420 Lau-

rel Park Drive North at Laurel Park Place, Livonia. No charge. For reservations, call (800) 745-4550, ext. 8028.

WOMEN AND MONEY

Henry Ford Medical Center - Fairlane will sponsor "Women and Money," a free lecture 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the medical center, 19401 Hubbard Drive (at Evergreen), Dearborn. Sue Cantley, financial consultant with Merrill Lynch, will be the main speaker. To register, call (313) 982-8384.

TECHNOLOGY BRIEFING

The Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center experts present a series of "hot topics" at their First Wednesday Breakfast Briefing 8-10 a.m. at the center, 47911 Halyard, Plymouth. Keynote speaker Dr. Dan Luria, automotive industry analyst and guest commentator on the McNeal-Leher program, will discuss what the current downturn in the auto industry means for suppliers. No charge. Call (888) 414-6682.

THURS, FEB. 8

CAREER WOMEN

The National Association of Career Women-Metro Detroit Chapter will meet 11:45 a.m. to

1:30 p.m. at the Steak and Ale Restaurant, southeast corner of Twelve Mile Road and Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills. Cost of the networking luncheon is \$19 for members and \$10 for nonmembers and guests. Call Carolyn or Martha at (248) 851-8130.

TUES, FEB. 13

CAREER WOMEN

The West Suburban Chapter of the National Association of Career Women will meet 11:45 a.m. at Ernesto's, 4161 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Guest speaker Karen Zoka, a professional coach, will discuss "The Power of Whole Brain Thinking." Cost of luncheon meeting is \$18 per member and \$22 for nonmembers. Call Brenda Durling

at (734) 462-4670.

THURS, FEB. 15

NAWBO

The National Association of Women Business Owners - Greater Detroit Chapter will hold the fourth annual "Salute to African-American Women Business Owners" 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the FOCUS HOPE Conference Center, 1400 Oakman Boulevard, Detroit. Dinner and panel discussion. The cost is \$40 for NAWBO members and \$45 for non-members. Reserved tables of eight are \$500. Call (313) 961-4748. Advanced pre-paid registration required.

FEB. 15, 16, 21

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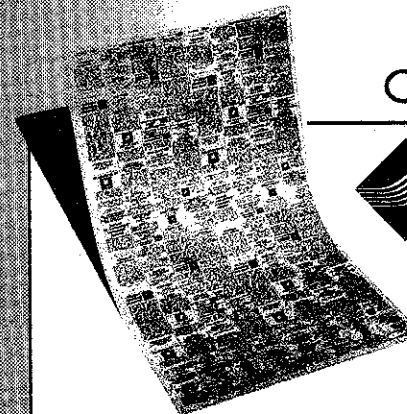
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Detached condos going up in established city

Buyers liked the floor plans in Waterford. Why not Garden City? That's the thinking of John R. Sheehan II, owner of Lennox Custom Homes.

He's offering a detached condominium ranch of 1,235 square feet with two bedrooms and two baths for \$174,900.

Also, a story-and-a-half of 1,500 square feet with three bedrooms and two baths for \$189,900 or three beds and three baths for \$197,900.

Twenty-four homes will go up on a five-acre infill site at Dawson and Dillon, about two blocks east of Merriman and three blocks north of Ford.

The property formerly was owned by the school district.

"Detached condo living is the real issue here," Sheehan said. "We're going to take care of all the exterior lawn maintenance and snow removal, yet they have all the advantages of a single-family home."

"Another positive is all the streets are dedicated to the city," Sheehan added. "That means the association isn't responsible for their maintenance. That's a big cost."

There are other benefits, too.

"It's low-density here," said Paul V. Knuth, sales representative. "You get space, you get privacy. We're not buffering a commercial zone. We're totally in a residential area."

Yet, shopping, the Maplewood Community Center and medical facilities including Garden City Hospital are nearby.

That's why many folks who have put down deposits or have stopped by to visit know the area, hope to stay, but want new and less maintenance.

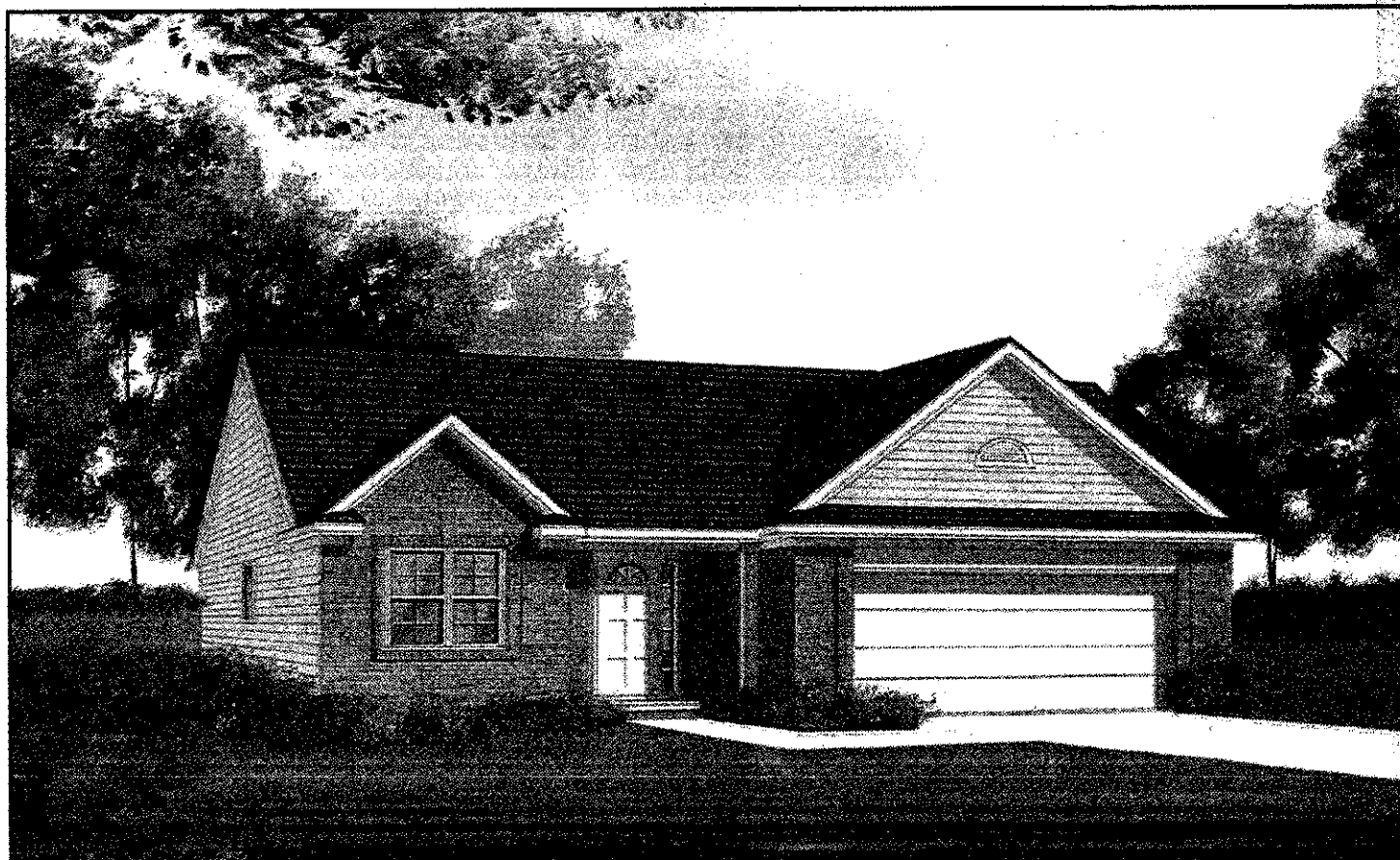
Many are empty-nesters. "We get a lot of people whose children live in the area and they want to stay close to the grandkids," Sheehan said.

"The whole idea is you can lock the door and get going and no one will notice you're gone," Knuth said. "The grass gets cut, the snow gets shoveled."

"Garden City has a reasonable tax rate and very good city services," Sheehan said.

"It's really close to everything ... the I-275 corridor; the airport is five miles away. You can be in Ann Arbor in 30 minutes, downtown Detroit in 30 minutes," Sheehan added.

Both the ranch and story-and-a-half



Birchlawn Park: Buyers of detached condominiums in Garden City can purchase a ranch or story-and-a-half model. The main floor is the same in both.

at Birchlawn Park include at base price landscaping, two-car garage, first-floor laundry, basement, dishwasher, oak floor foyer and carpeting throughout.

Upgrades include fireplace (\$3,500), air conditioning (\$2,100) and breakfast bar at the kitchen counter (\$658).

Half of the 24 units will have a garden basement (\$8,000).

The units have brick fronts, vinyl siding around the sides.

The floor plan on main floor is the same for the ranch and the story-and-a-half.

It features a bedroom off the foyer, a full bath with combination tub/shower, master with sloped ceiling, shower and walk-in closet, great room and nook with sloped ceiling and a kitchen with lots of cabinets.

The story-and-a-half offers a choice of a third bedroom and bath or third bedroom with walk-in closet upstairs at a premium of \$23,000 and \$15,050, respectively.

The on-site model is a story-and-a-half with third bedroom and closet. Base price is \$189,900. The model, as is with upgrades, is priced at \$207,000.

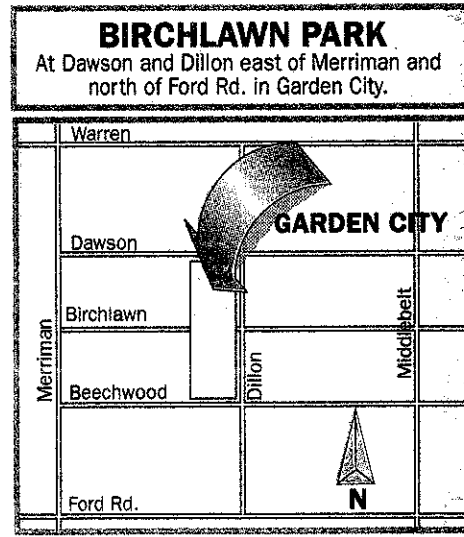
Birchlawn Park is served by city water, sewers and sidewalks. It's within the Garden City school boundaries.

The property tax rate is \$36.05 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price for new construction. That means the owners of a \$174,900 ranch there would pay about \$3,150 the first year.

The monthly association fee initially has been set at \$90.

D. Oliver ordered a ranch. "The main thing was it is detached and in a locale I'm familiar with," said the longtime Garden City resident.

"I've been thinking condo since I'm getting older. The outside work is getting much and the stairways. I wanted detached because it's more like a home. Everything is on the first floor,"



Oliver said.

The sales model/office at Birchlawn Park, (734) 367-0750, is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, closed Thursdays.

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top-of-the-line appliances. The kitchen and large breakfast room overlook a wonderful screened porch.

There's an elegant 1st floor master with double tray ceiling, crown moldings and a bay-window. A vaulted ceiling and designer chandelier in the master bath add to the elegance of the master suite & there's a whirlpool tub, ceramic shower. There are four additional bedrooms upstairs and two baths, each with direct access from bedrooms. One bedroom is oversized and could be an upstairs family room, office, etc. The spectacular finished walk-out has 10 & 12 ft. ceilings, fireplace, wet bar, exercise room & 4th full bath.

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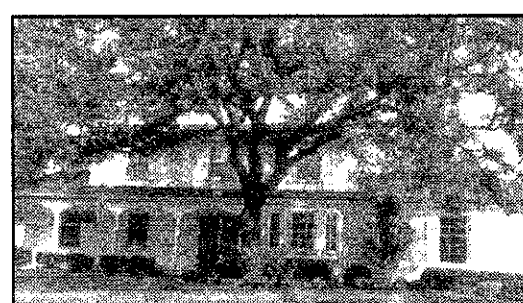
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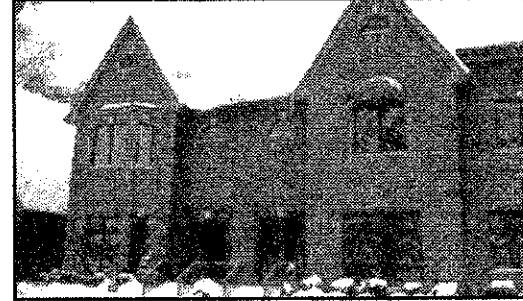
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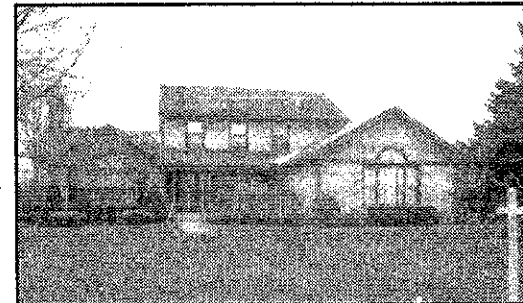
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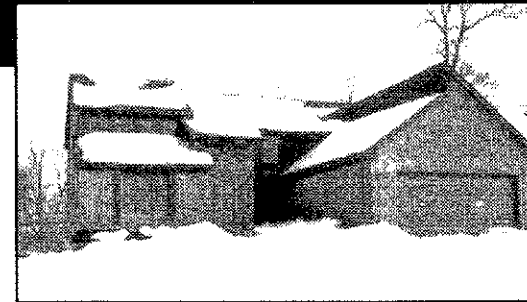
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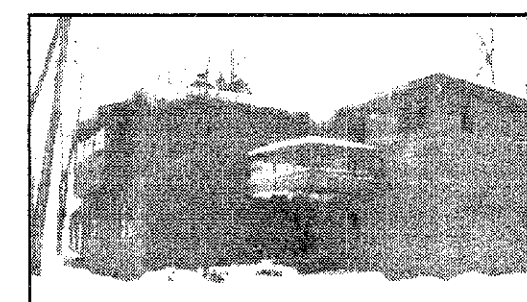
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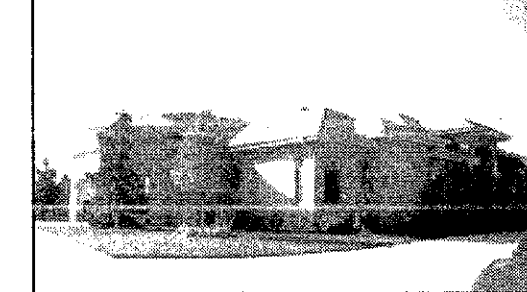
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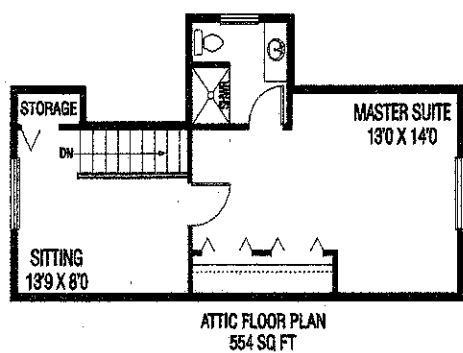
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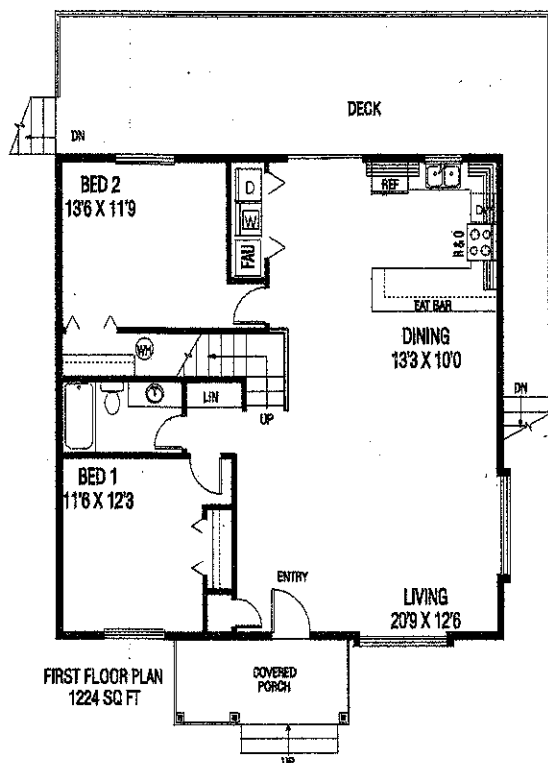
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Between bedroom 2 and the kitchen are the washer and dryer, along with the furnace, behind folding doors. Location of the utility room is handy to all of the bedrooms.

Bedroom 2 has a walk-in closet beneath the stairs that also houses the water heater. Between bedroom 1 and 2 is a full bath with one sink and a tub, along with a large linen closet.

The stairs to the master suite begin adjacent to the linen closet, making it equally handy for the upstairs area.

The master suite is very large even with half of a wall taken up in closet space. A large window in the end of the room provides sunlight to the suite. The full bath has one sink and a large shower.

To make this area pleasant for mom and dad, a large sitting room (or den, library, or computer room) is located just outside the suite. At the head of the stairs is a large storage closet.

The Klostler would make a great family cabin with the split bedrooms and the large living area. It would be pleasant for family gatherings where everyone had ample room to move around.

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Home builders base the materials they choose on the weather conditions in their area and good maintenance is how the home owner can extend the life of these materials.

Snow, for example, can weigh 10 to 50 pounds per square foot. Building codes in some mountain areas require roofs to hold as much as 400 pounds per square foot, the equivalent of six feet of water. Around here, some home owners pull snow off the roof to the prevent ice dams in gutters from holding water that can back up beneath roofing materials. Others install heat tape in gutters to help melt the ice buildup and prevent water damage to the home.

Rain can affect a home in several areas. One is down low, where the ability of the soil to absorb rain can be limited. Saturated soil can cause leaks in basements and crawl spaces. In extreme cases, foundations can shift.

To help prevent this, down spouts should drain far enough from the home to keep water from flowing back toward the basement. Up on the walls, driving rain can come through damaged caulk around windows and doors. On top, the roof penetrations of chimneys, skylights, and plumbing vents are sealed with flashing, caulk and roof cement. These can eventually dry out and crack or erode and should be inspected regularly and repaired by the homeowner to prevent water damage.

Cold, of course, freezes water.

This can heave and crack driveways, sidewalks, and even crack basement walls. With exposed pipes, allowing a slow drip to keep the water moving can help prevent freezing.

Exterior hose bibs should be drained and turned off inside the home. Around window and door openings, good caulking can be the best defense against cold air penetration.

Summer sun can also affect homes, particularly those with dark colors. On one house in summer, we measured the surface temperature of dark siding in direct sunlight at 140 degrees. Using light colors for roofing and siding helps reflect much more heat than using dark colors and will help keep a home more comfortable in summertime. Summer heat also dries out caulking. Fall is a great time to inspect and replace damaged caulk on the home's exterior.

Wind can uplift shingles and drive rain water into otherwise sheltered areas such as underneath eaves and windows.

To reduce the effect of weather on your home, it's important to regularly check the condition of the roof, exterior walls, gutters and caulk. This time of the year, look for maintenance problems such as ice dams and other weather damage.

The better you maintain it, the better your home will keep its potential value and comfort.

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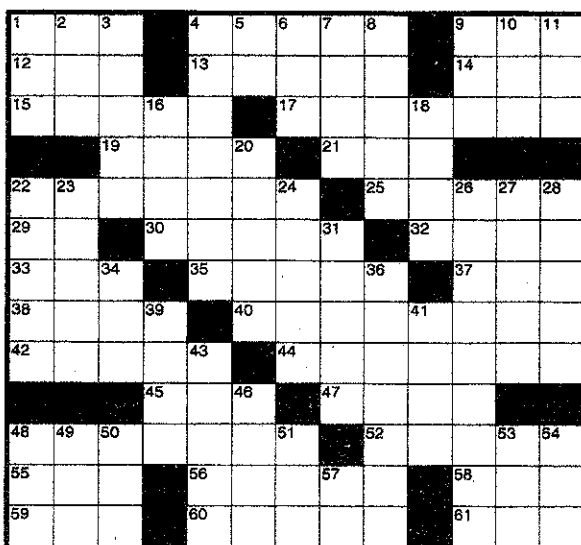
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HONEST & TRUE

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

SEEKING ROMANCE

Interesting, beautiful, spiritual divorced professional white female, 39, 5'2", petite, brown hair, green eyes. Enjoys friends, family, movies, plays, and more. Seeking a white male, 40 to 55, who is interested in a serious relationship. Downriver area preferred. Wayne County. BOX 32005

A LADY OF CLASS

Vivacious, upbeat, very attractive, blonde female, a professional, 5'7", 115 lbs, upper 50's, seeking soul mate counter part, 60's, a professional, for dating, possible long term relationship. Call me and see what life has in store for us. BOX 35996

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE

New age woman, seeks faithful companion, 40 to 60, financially secure, emotionally centered, intellectually curious, kind, generous and positive. I'm 49, 5'6", divorced, pretty, a small plus size, shoulder length natural red hair, a beautiful smile that lights up a room. Join me on my quest for transcendence. BOX 25968

ENCHANTED EVENING

21 yr old single white mother of two, 5'1", medium build, brown hair and eyes, looking for a trustworthy male, 25 to 34 who enjoys dining out, going out for a drink and more. Must like children. BOX 10750

NEW BEGINNINGS

White widowed female, 52 yrs old, 5'4", enjoys country music, low dancing, quiet times at home and more. Looking for a big tall handsome gentleman, 52 or 60, non-smoker, drug-free, family oriented, for a possible relationship. BOX 14130

YOU-ME-GOOD TIMES!

36 yr old, 4'11", 155 lbs, retired, white single female with blonde hair and brown eyes, non-smoker, enjoys movies, reading, animals, movies, reading, dancing and much more. New to the area. Seeking a single male, with similar interests, around the same age, to share good times and friendship. BOX 14201

REAL LOVE!

36 yr old, college educated, single white mother who enjoys movies, comedy clubs, the outdoors, concerts, music, reading, hiking and much more, is seeking a single male, 25 to 38, to share good times and friendship. BOX 14249

DINNER FOR TWO!

Single white female, in the 50's, 5'5", 125 lbs, with blonde hair, and blue eyes. Active, and professional. Enjoys movies, reading, dining out, dancing, music, and much more. Seeking a single male, to share good times, and friendship. BOX 14259

LET'S CHAT!

Attractive, 26 yr old, 5'7", 160 lbs, single white female, with long blonde hair, and blue eyes. Professional, enjoys the outdoors, camping, fishing, long walks, biking, shoot pool, and much more. Seeking a single male, to share good times, and maybe more. BOX 14303

LOVE IS A CALL AWAY!

17 yr old, divorced white female, 5'8", full figured, long dark brown hair and green eyes, great sense of humor, loving, romantic, college educated, enjoys the outdoors, movies, reading, long walks and much more, is seeking a single white male, age is open, for dating and maybe more. BOX 27462

LOVE IS ALL WE NEED!

13 yr old, 5'8", 160 lbs, single white female with red hair and brown eyes, enjoys dining out, movies, golf, fishing, reading and much more, is seeking a single male, to share good times, and maybe more. BOX 27477

LET'S HOOK UP!

Divorced mother, 24 yr old, non-smoker, brown hair, and eyes. Enjoys bowling, movies, reading, long walks, and much more. Seeking a single male, with similar interests. For fun times, and maybe more. BOX 27493

JUST CALL ME!

10 yr old, petite, single white female with a great smile, dark brown hair and green eyes, enjoys movies, music, dining out, reading, cooking and much more, is seeking a single male, with similar interests, for friendship, possible relationship. BOX 32666

LIGHTEN UP MY LIFE

Single white Christian female, 38, 5'8", full figured, long brown hair, and blue eyes. Interests are jazz, Christian music, old cars, long walks, and more. Looking for a single white Christian male, easygoing, 5'9" to 6'4", who knows how to treat a lady. BOX 10709

SHOOTING STAR

Divorced, white professional female, 5'9", 125 lbs, brown/black hair and eyes, dimples, looks 40 and stable. Seeking a divorced, white male, 35 to 63, attractive, 6', stable and a good sense of humor. BOX 31913

LOVE THE OUTDOORS

Single white female, 40, 5'4", and medium voluptuous. Enjoys camping, fishing, campfires and quiet times. Seeks a white man, 30 to 45, tall, dark and handsome, with similar interest. For friendship first, possible long term relationship. Down River area. Wayne county. BOX 32001

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

Giving, loving, compassionate, petite, attractive lady, 63, 5'2", Likes to dance, travel and have fun. Looking to enjoy life with a financially secure gentleman, 50 to 70. Wayne County. BOX 25331

FIRST TIME AD

Divorced Native American female, 38 yr old, 5'10", 150 lbs, long brown hair, brown eyes. Seeking white male, 6' plus, 38 plus, honest, who loves the outdoors, smoker and social drinker okay, for long term relationship. Wayne county, BOX 25335

SEEKING COMPANION

Professional, attractive, white, smoker, singer, loves animals, significant weight loss, still losing. Seeking a single white male, for friendship, companionship, and possible mature relationship. BOX 25314

KEY TO MY HEART

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

GREAT COMPANION

Attractive, trim, optimistic, blue eyed, blonde divorced white female, 55, 5'6", affectionate, seeks possible long term relationship with non-smoking, degreed, honest, outgoing white gentleman, 48-62, who enjoys travel, golf, romantic times, and the Arts. Oakland County. BOX 25321

HELLO FRIEND

Attractive, intelligent, slender eyed, blonde divorced white female, 55, 5'6", affectionate, seeks possible long term relationship with non-smoking, degreed, honest, outgoing white gentleman, 48-62, who enjoys travel, golf, romantic times, and the Arts. Oakland County. BOX 25321

COUNTRY LIFE

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

PRETTY ENTREPRENEUR

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

IT'S TIME

Not perfect, single white mom, 48, sweet, funny, attractive enough, seeking genuine, sincere, white male, single parent, 50 to 56, hardworking, non-smoker, for friendly dating. Oakland County area, preferred. BOX 25323

SOUL MATE

Cute, divorced white female, 55, blond hair, blue eyes, good build, who likes dancing, travel, theaters, long walks and even quiet times. Seeking white male, 50 to 62, financially and emotionally secure, with similar interest. Give me a call, you won't be sorry. Macomb County. BOX 25327

WANTS A FRIEND

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

ZEST FOR LIFE

Live, love, laugh and be happy. Non-smoking, professional female with a zest for life. Enjoys theater, travel, the mountains, and much more. Seeking a non-smoking, financially sound, honest gentleman, 50 to 60, with a great sense of humor. BOX 14162

ATTENTION HARLEYS

Divorced white female, 41, no dependents, height weight proportionate, caring, compassionate, cute and kind, enjoys just about anything with the right person. Seeking warm hearted, romantic, non-smoking, white male who is ready for a relationship. BOX 35480

DREAMS

51 yr old, single female, believes in romance, enjoys simple pleasures. Seeking a kind, sincere, single or divorced male, 46 to 60, non-smoker, with similar interests, for a long term monogamous relationship. Down River area. BOX 14471

TALL ORDER

Attractive, 5'10", redheaded, Catholic, fun loving, adventurous, romantic, comfortable in jeans to evening gown. Loves sports, travel, theatre, gourmet cooking, (for that special man). Seeks tall white gentleman, financially/emotionally secure, 49 to 80, who is romantic, kind, has a good sense of humor, with similar interests. Oakland County. BOX 25353

NEVER TOO LATE

Falls here, let's go for it. Divorced white female, 66, 5'4", 140 lbs, non-smoker, social drinker, active and outgoing, enjoys the outdoors, travel, music, dancing and more. Seeking a single gentleman with a good sense of humor and similar interests. BOX 25991

NEW BEGINNINGS

Divorced white mother of three, 35, brown hair and eyes, 5'7", average build. Enjoys camping, outdoor activities, movies and dinners. Looking for a white male, 40 to 45, who is caring, loves children, outgoing, good sense of humor and similar interests. Friendship and possible relationship. Wayne County. BOX 33625

IT TAKES TWO

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

DINNER FOR TWO!

Outgoing, fit, single white male, is seeking a single female, of any race or age, for dating and friendship. BOX 13750

OPEN UR HEART TO ME

Divorced 22 yr old white male, non-smoker, enjoys movies, strolls in the park and more. Looking for a female, 20 to 30 with similar interests for a possible relationship. BOX 13757

YOU SHOULD CALL

Black professional male, 6'1 1/2", 208 lbs. Enjoys outdoor sports, cars and antiques. Seeking a white professional female, with similar interests. BOX 14040

DO YOU HOLD THE KEY?

50 yr old, divorced white widower, 5'9", 165 lbs, brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys camping, fishing, quiet times, for a possible long term relationship. BOX 14059

LET'S GET CONNECTED

Divorced 46 yr old white male, adventurous and romantic, enjoys camping, fishing, swimming, the beach and more. Looking for a female for a possible long term relationship. BOX 14062

GIVE ME A CALL!

Single white male, 43, 6'1", brown hair, seeking someone to go to movies, dining out, for companionship. BOX 14063

HEAVEN SENT ME

Single male, 5'11", 190 lbs, brown hair, and blue eyes, outgoing, born again Christian. Looking for a female who is attending church, and is active in the church. BOX 14107

LOVE IS ALL WE NEED!

Outgoing, 5'9", 150 lbs, single white father of two, with brown hair, and blue eyes, non-smoker, employed. Enjoys the outdoors, movies, reading, and much more. Seeking a single female. To share good times, and dating! BOX 14163

RAIN DOWN ON ME

Single male, 37 yrs old, 5'5", brown hair, and blue eyes, homeowner, employed, non-smoker. Looking for a female, who wants to settle down, and is looking for stability. BOX 32669

ONE OF A KIND!

19 yr old, 5'5", 120 lbs, single white male with blonde hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys movies, reading, the outdoors, hiking, biking and much more, is seeking a single female, 20 to 26, with similar interests, to share good times and maybe more. BOX 32663

INTERESTED?

Single white male, 48, 5'4", 136 lbs, dark hair, eyes, mustache, lives down river, smoker, light drinker, easy going, cat owner. Enjoys dining, golf, movies and more. Seeking a single female height/weight proportionate. BOX 32603

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

45 yr old, attractive, single white Italian male, 5'11", brown hair and eyes, athletic, muscular build. Sensitive, caring, witty, humorous. Enjoys hugs, cuddling and romance. Seeking an attractive single white female, weight and height proportionate, for friendship and long term relationship. BOX 33515

HERE I AM

Looking for a slender, attractive lady, 50 to 58, for a permanent relationship. I am widowed, loving, healthy, attractive, active, and outgoing. I am 62 going on 40, and lonesome. Please call my voice greeting. Dearborn area. I'll answer your call. Wayne County. BOX 33683

NEW BEGINNINGS

Single white male, 36, black hair, blue eyes, 5'8", 245 lbs, who enjoys the outdoors, movies, quiet evenings at home, dining, non-smoker, non-smoker. Seeking female, medium build, 34 to 40, for friendship first, then possible relationship. Wayne County. BOX 32014

HEART OF GOLD

48 yr old, divorced white male, 5'8", 160 lbs, no dependents, affectionate, and full of love. Enjoys fishing, boating, dinners, romantic evenings, travel, movies and making you happy. Looking for a single female, 36 to 45, for a serious relationship. BOX 31950

BEST FRIEND WANTED

Mid 60's, 5'8", financially secure, Caucasian bachelor who likes the finer things in life. Likes sailing, classical music and travel. Been to the Atlantic and Pacific recently and in between. Like to take you with me the next time I go. Looking for a decent lady, woman and best friend. BOX 35815

DO YOU QUALIFY?

White male, 48, muscular, attractive, financial and self secure. Seeking selective, classy, attractive white or Asian female, under 45, for long term relationship. Wayne county. BOX 25970

PLEASE READ THIS....

....if you are 48 to 58, slim, white attractive female, looking for a non-violent, loving, happy go lucky, non-drinking guy. I am 5'9", 175 lbs, attractive, widowed and lonesome, looking for a lifetime relationship. I'll answer your call. Downriver area. No games. BOX 32049

FIRST TIME AD

Recently divorced white male, 42, 5'11", 160 lbs, blue eyes, down to earth. Enjoys the outdoors, camping, fishing, or just spending quality time together. Looking for a friend and soul mate who is honest, 35 to 42, Wayne county area. BOX 25972

BIG HEARTED

Attractive, widowed, white single male, 5'9", 175 lbs, with good sense of humor, early 60's, enjoys all the good things in life, financially secure, gentle. Looking for a slim, attractive, white lady, 50 to 58, for a permanent relationship, no games. BOX 33485

I AM YOUR MAN

Hardworking, divorced white male, 49, 5'9", 175 lbs, is seeking a fun loving, easy going, intelligent, pretty, and nice shaped white female, for companionship. Prefer lady, in her middle 40's, for companionship and possible long term relationship. Redford area. Wayne county. BOX 25974

VERY GENTLE

If you are looking for a early lady, 40's, 175 lbs, caring, loving, light hearted, gentle, honest, good looking man, who doesn't sit at the bar, call me. Looking for an attractive, light hearted, slim lady, 50 to 60, to spend life with. Downriver area. BOX 33429

ESCAPE

Escape the single life with me. Single white male, 42 yrs old, 5'10", 195 lbs, curly blond hair, hazel eyes, somewhat active, very adventurous. Looking for single white female, 35 to 50, petite to medium build, non-smoker, social drinker, with similar interests, financially secure. BOX 26015

I'M A SINCERE PERSON

If you are, 48 to 58, slim, white and attractive, call me. If you are looking for a non violent, loving, happy go lucky, non-drinking guy, call me. I'm 5'9", 175 lbs, attractive, widowed and lonesome, looking for a lifetime relationship. I'll answer your call. Down River, no games. BOX 33419

LOOKING 4 A GOOD GUY

Look no more! Outgoing, 5'5", 160 lbs, divorced white father of two with brown hair and blue eyes, professional, home owner, non smoker, enjoys movies, reading, the outdoors, hiking, biking and much more, is seeking a single female, to share good times and maybe more. BOX 27492

VICTIM OF THE GAME

Professional white male, 5'5", 170 lbs, open-minded and caring, brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys old cars, outdoor activities and more. Looking for a female with similar interests for companionship. BOX 32430

CATCH OF THE DAY!

Single white male, 6'4", brown/brown, attractive, homeowner, independent professional, caring seeking someone for good times, female who is caring and nice and shares similar interests. I enjoy comedy, bowling, movies, dining out, traveling. BOX 32590

INTERESTED?

Single white male, 48, 5'4", 136 lbs, dark hair, eyes, mustache, lives down river, smoker, light drinker, easy going, cat owner. Enjoys dining, golf, movies and more. Seeking a single female height/weight proportionate. BOX 32603

ONE OF A KIND!

19 yr old, 5'5", 120 lbs, single white male with blonde hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys movies, reading, the outdoors, hiking, biking and much more, is seeking a single female, 20 to 26, with similar interests, to share good times and maybe more. BOX 32663

RAIN DOWN ON ME

Single male, 37 yrs old, 5'5", brown hair, and blue eyes, homeowner, employed, non-smoker. Looking for a female, who wants to settle down, and is looking for stability. BOX 32669

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MR. ROMANCE

Romantic, 33 yr old, divorced white male, employed, home improvement. Enjoys movies, quiet times, long walks, the outdoors, sports, and much more. Seeking a single female. To share good times, and maybe more. BOX 14244

TWO OF A KIND!

58 yr old, 5'8", 170 lbs, white male with brown hair and eyes, retired, enjoys movies, reading, the outdoors, country rides, good conversations, is seeking a single female, to share good times and maybe more. BOX 14272

SHARING AND CARING!

35 yr old, 5'11", Christian, single white male, non smoker, enjoys movies, reading, the outdoors, hiking, biking and much more, is seeking, is seeking a sincere, caring, single female, to develop a long term relationship. BOX 14279

LOOKING FOR YOU!

Youthful looking, 46 yr old, 5'7", 170 lbs, medium build, Afro American male, easy going, loving, never married, childless. Enjoys cooking, biking, movies, reading, music, and much more. Seeking a single/divorced white female, to share good times, and maybe more. BOX 27468

A REAL GOOD CATCH

Divorced white professional male, financially secure, self employed business owner, 51'0", 185 lbs. Enjoys dining out, movies, quiet times and sports. Seeking a single white professional female, 40 to 50 financially secure, non-smoker, social drinker, height and weight proportionate. Summer County BOX 33630

THE TIME IS NOW

Professional 43 yr old divorcee white female, attractive, tall, brown hair and eyes, artistic, looking for a female counterpart who enjoys dancing, fine dining, going to art galleries, cook outs, and more for casual dating. BOX 10626

READY FOR ACTION!

29 yr old, single white male, childless. Seeking an adventurous single female, under 30, for friendship, and maybe more. BOX 32720

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

Outgoing, fit, single white male, is seeking a single female, of any race or age, for dating and friendship. BOX 13750

OPEN UR HEART TO ME

Divorced 22 yr old white male, non-smoker, enjoys movies, strolls in the park and more. Looking for a female, 20 to 30 with similar interests for a possible relationship. BOX 13757

YOU SHOULD CALL

Black professional male, 6'1 1/2", 208 lbs. Enjoys outdoor sports, cars and antiques. Seeking a white professional female, with similar interests. BOX 14040

DO YOU HOLD THE KEY?

50 yr old, divorced white widower, 5'9", 165 lbs, brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys camping, fishing, quiet times, for a possible long term relationship. BOX 14059

LET'S GET CONNECTED

Divorced 46 yr old white male, adventurous and romantic, enjoys camping, fishing, swimming, the beach and more. Looking for a female for a possible long term relationship. BOX 14062

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NURSING SHORTAGE Leads to tempting benefits

By DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

In a desperate attempt to bring new people into the medical field, some employers offer tempting benefits like paying college tuition and doling out bonuses to potential employees just for taking the job.

"It's a tough market," according to Kay Andrus, staff recruiter at Glacier Hills retirement and nursing center in Ann Arbor. Glacier Hills offers independent living, assisted living and skilled nursing that is non-profit and non-sectarian.

"My job gets more challenging by the day," she said pointing to dismal statistics about the insufficient number of nurses expected to be working in 20 years.

The average age of registered nurses is rising and "unless the trend is reversed" the demand will outstrip the supply in less than two decades, according to McKnight's Long Term Care News.

The July 2000 report went on to say that by 2020 the number of nurses will be at today's level of 2 million, which is 500,000 nurses below the expected need. The shortfall is expected to hit just as some 78 million baby boomers begin to retire and enroll in Medicare, according to the report.

To help ward off problems, health care providers, like Glacier Hills, are



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doing everything they can to bring new blood in the work force.

Glacier Hills sends employees to college for certification as nursing assistants and makes partial payments for a wide variety of other job enhancement courses. The company not only takes care of their employees' tuition bills, but also pays them for the time they spend in class.

"It's proved to be extremely effective for us," Andrus said.

Employee referral bonuses is another program that has been successful in bringing new employees onboard.

Bonuses are given after the person the employee recommends has worked three months. This program has been so effective that currently 59 percent of new hires were referred by current employees.

"We're trying to utilize every avenue and we use them as our recruiters," Andrus added.

Other incentives include sign-up and retention bonuses that go up to \$800 for full-time workers.

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Few jobs offer continuous learning

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A. Long ago, sometime between Richard the Lionhearted and Richard the Nixon, I learned to speak German. While my memory often embellishes feats of the past, I do believe I was pretty darn good with the cousin tongue. I even dreamed partially in German. But it has all gone to pot. The foreign language department of my brain has atrophied and died through lack of exercise. I couldn't even ask the whereabouts of a Bierstube without sounding like a tourist.

Last week my 12-year-old started rattling off some gibberish about the formula for glucose, ATP's (???) and the Krebs cycle. She might as well have been talking German. Of course, I chastised her severely for such a display of snobbery and sent her to bed early. And then it hit me: I have a degree in biology. I used to know what all that stuff meant! Maybe my reservoir of knowledge had sprung some leaks.

So a few days ago, when I was up on the roof chipping away at ice dams and anticipating a heart attack, I admitted to myself that I was becoming intellectually dull. I started thinking about all the things I wanted to learn, relearn and read about. Constitutional law. Astronomy. Teddy Roosevelt. Pinocchio. Music theory. Diesel engines. Well, I'd get to them, but the ice really did have to be removed. That evening I was exhausted and fell asleep on the couch.

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Observer & Eccentric Spring Job Fair

Approximately 40 area employers have signed up for the Observer & Eccentric Spring Job Fair.

Twice a year, the Observer & Eccentric offers employers and job seekers an opportunity to come together. The fair is 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, at Burton

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ing here," Andrus said. "The scary thing for me is that employees will hop, going from one nursing home to another, because they know they will be hired."

Nurse assistants earn between \$9.75 and \$11.20 an hour at Glacier Hills. Licensed practical nurses earn between \$14 and \$16 an hour and registered nurses are paid between \$17 and \$19.50 an hour. Each position also carries added shift, weekend and holiday differentials up to \$1.15 hourly.

"Any nursing home is always going to have openings for direct care staff, especially with new nursing homes popping up left and right," Andrus said.

Glacier Hills regularly makes industry salary comparisons to ensure their wages are comparable, Andrus said stressing, however, that even though there's a great need to fill jobs, she doesn't hire just anyone who happens to apply.

She focuses on whether she believes the potential employees have potential as good workers and if they have strong work ethics, seem to have morals and positive attitudes.

"You can teach a person a job and duties of a job, but you can't teach a person good work ethics," she said.

A survey of employees at Glacier Hills found that people stay in their positions most often because of

the bond they have built with residents and because they are pleased with the quality of care that is provided, Andrus said.

Since some 90 new apartment and villa units are expected to be added by 2002, Andrus said more employees will be needed to accommodate those increases.

It's another example of predictions by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which lists three health related jobs - personal care and home health aids, medical assistants and physicians' assistants - among the 10 fastest growing occupations from 1998 to 2008.

The other seven are computer engineers, computer support specialists, systems analysts, database administrators, desktop publishing specialists, paralegals and legal assistants and social and human service assistants. The unemployment rate was unchanged at 4.0 percent last December, according to the BLS.

Employee recruiters at facilities for the elderly, like Glacier Hills, aren't the only ones feeling the pinch to find workers for health related jobs.

Corky Gorchoff, manager of employment services for Providence Hospital and Medical Centers, says hospitals also offer a wide array of job opportunities.

"Certainly the radiology area has seen growth - there's a real need for people to work in that field,"

Gorchoff said explaining that radiology positions, in general, require that employees graduate from an approved radiology technology or nuclear medicine technology programs.

People working in this area usually earn between \$14 and \$25 hourly depending on experience, and education, Gorchoff said adding that there's also a big demand for hospital pharmacists and hospital housekeepers.

As far as finding employees, Gorchoff said, "we do whatever we can do," which includes attending job fairs and advertising extensively in the Detroit journals.

The shortage of qualified people in these fields, Gorchoff added, is worsened by the fact that most hospital jobs require employees make themselves available, at least some of the time, around the clock.

"People don't like to work the midnight shift," she said stressing that the quest to find qualified people to work in the health care field ultimately determines what kind of care patients receive.

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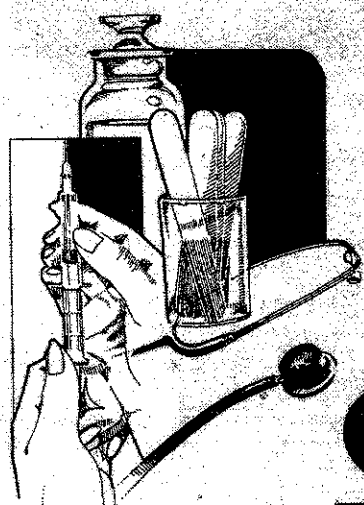
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moments of freedom, they will be exhausted and their only opiate shall be television. And when they are finally released, they will cling to their TV remotes out of habit and the coveted fruit will be forgotten.

Jason, dude, even brain surgeons feel like they've got it licked after a while. The folks who work in one job for 20 years and say "I learn something new every day" are, well, challenged. Most occupations simply cannot provide a high level of intellectual stimulation, at least not on a continuing basis. Exceptions exist - research firms and academia might be examples. But most of us just master a few new job skills every year and relish the occasional curve ball.

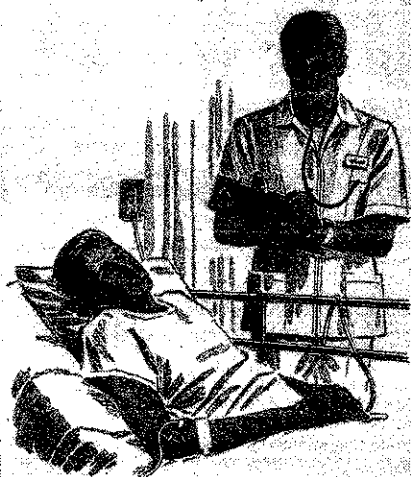
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Mature, dependable person needed for education facility in W. Bloomfield. Friendly working environment. Afternoon shift, full-time benefits. Respond to: Maintenance, PO Box 2056, Southfield, MI 48037.

MAINTENANCE

Mature responsible person required repairs at luxury suburban apartment community. Candidate should be experienced in plumbing, heating, electrical and air conditioning. This is not a live-in position. Benefits including 401(k) program, medical, and dental insurance. Call 9am-11am, Mon-Fri (248) 352-9800 x1236.

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Office complex position available immediately. Light & flexible hours. 248-932-8600

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Full-time, for West Bloomfield apt. community. Minimum 1 year experience. Great opportunity for right person. Please call (248) 682-2950.

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Must have 2 years exp. in machine repair, electrical, hydraulics and pneumatics. Good wages and benefits. Apply in person at: Sure Fit Metal Products, Inc., 30399 Industrial Road, Livonia, MI
734-522-9310

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Experienced for our manufacturing/warehouse operation in Belleville. Must have knowledge in machine repair, air, electrical, plumbing, welding, hi-low repairs, machinery PM's & building maintenance. Fax resume to 734-728-4674

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Dependable person needed to assist Maintenance Director of nursing facility. Duties include painting, electrical, plumbing, heating and cooling. Flexible hours. Please call or apply in person at: Plymouth Court, 105 Haggerty (just south of Plymouth Rd.) Plymouth, MI 48170. Tel: 734-455-0510 Fax: 734-455-7359 EOE/M/F/D/V

MAINTENANCE SERVICE TECHNICIANS
HVAC Service Technician needed for high rise office building located downtown. Qualified candidate should have a minimum of year experience with one operators license and evacuation certification. Duties will include maintaining, operating and troubleshooting chillers, cooling towers, package units and steam control systems. This is not a live-in position. ONLY QUALIFIED NEED APPLY.
Send resume to:
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P.O. Box 511
Southfield, MI 48066
Attn: Terri D. Jenkins
Maintenance Technician
Downtown

Maintenance Supervisor
Luxury Senior Community seeks outgoing and enthusiastic Maintenance Supervisor to work with motivated team. Must be experienced in plumbing, electric, HVAC, carpentry, appliance and general repairs. Excellent salary, company benefits, and uniform. This is not a live-in position. Interested and eager candidates apply in person, or mail or fax resume to:
The Trowbridge
24111 Civic Center Drive
Southfield, MI 48034
Attention: Executive Director
Fax: 248-352-0344
EOE

MAINTENANCE TECH
For Farmington Hills apartment complex. Experienced only. A/C certification a plus. Own tools & transportation. Salary, apartment & benefits. (248) 478-6800

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Southfield Property Management company has full-time openings for central division & various on-site positions in Southfield, Troy, Warren, Sterling Hights, Canton, Oak Park & Rochester areas. Must have 2 yrs. experience in electrical, plumbing, heating & be A/C certified. Benefits. Call Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm (248)355-9504 or fax resume to (248)352-8184. EOE

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Upscale apartment community in Birmingham seeking an experienced, self motivated individual to join our team. Must be knowledgeable in all phases of apartment maintenance. From certified a plus. Competitive salary, great benefits and 401k. Please call: 248-644-1300 or fax resume to: 248-644-3874.

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Waltonwood Hills senior community in Rochester Hills seeks maintenance tech. Retirees welcome, E.E.O. Apply in person: 3250 Walnut Blvd., Rochester Hills, MI. 48307 (on Walton Blvd., west of Adams Rd.) or call (248) 375-2500

Manager, Foundation & Corporate Development
Large non-profit health agency seeks professional experienced in preparing grant proposals to foundations & corporations. Successful grant-writing experience & excellent written/verbal communication skills are required. Primarily responsible for managing relations w/grant-making organizations & corporate giving programs. Submit resume and salary requirements to: Manager, Foundation & Corporate Development, 17117 W. Nine Mile, Suite 950, Southfield, MI 48075.

MANUFACTURING
Warren company seeking individual with mechanical aptitude and good work habits to work in Warren manufacturing operation. Full-time openings for 1st & 2nd shift. Good work habits required. Non-smoking facility. Excellent benefits. Call 9am to 2pm. (810) 758-1200

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Competitive wage, 401K, hospitalization. Call between 8 a.m. and Noon. (734) 354-6880

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Manufacturing

Williams International, a world leader in the research, development and manufacture of small gas turbine engines, has the following second shift openings at its Walled Lake, Michigan headquarters.

- LATHE OPERATOR
- MILL OPERATOR
- PLASMA/FLAME SPRAY OPERATOR

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Please visit our web-site at: www.williams-int.com.

Marketing Director

Southfield's Premier Retirement Community, has an immediate opening for full-time marketing Director. Successful candidate must have experience in advertising, sales, event/program planning, public relations, community outreach to develop awareness, public speaking, MS Word, and excellent written and oral communication skills. Preferred candidate will be energetic, outgoing and must have at least 1-2 years previous experience with both Conventional and Government loans. This position requires travel between our several successful branches for intensive and training needs. Competitive salary plus incentive and benefits!

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Clerical
Data Entry
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ORDINANCE OFFICER

The City of Wayne is currently accepting applications for the purpose of establishing an Ordinance Officer original eligible list. Salary range is \$32,687 - \$38,693. This position is responsible for the investigation and enforcement of ordinance violations and complaints. Must have High School diploma or equivalent (GED). Good public relations and communication skills both orally and written. Ability to understand and interpret laws, court procedures, municipal ordinances, codes and specifications. A minimum of two years municipal experience relating to the review and enforcement of codes and ordinances preferred. Must possess a valid State of Michigan operator's license with no more than three (3) points on current driving record. Applicant may be required to apply for a copy of current driving record, at their own expense, through the Secretary of State.

Applications are available at the Personnel Department, 33550 Wayne Road, Wayne, MI 48184 or send a self addressed stamped envelope to the above address to request an application. Resumes without completed application will not be accepted. Completed applications must be received in the Personnel Department by 4:30 p.m. on February 16, 2001.

The City of Wayne does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT Painter
Experience needed for large construction company. Union pay/benefits. Equal Opportunity Employer. Please send resume to: Tony Angelo Cement, Attn: M.E., 46850 Grand River Ave., Novi, MI 48374.



PARAPROFESSIONAL

Oakland Community College is currently seeking applications for two positions of Paraprofessional in our Technology and CIS Departments at the Auburn Hills Campus.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Associate degree in the discipline which the position supports or a minimum of 60 semester hours of successful completion of Clerical Skills Battery; and a valid Michigan driver's license. Experience, knowledge and skills include the ability to work as a team player in a multi-cultural, diverse working environment. Experience with multi-cultural students and staff preferred. (More detailed information is available for this position at the OCC web site: occ.cc.mi.us)

Applicants MUST complete an application form. Requests for applications will be accepted through 4:00 PM on Wednesday, February 7, 2001. To order an application; call the OCC Job Hotline at (248) 341-2023. Refer to Position #'s 00C88-10286 for the Technology Department and 00C87-10287 for the CIS Department.

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PART TIME HELP WANTED

Students, Retirees, Homemakers
Weed Man, North America's largest franchised lawn care company has several immediate openings in our Farmington Hills Sales Department.

Phone Sales
Earn up to \$13/hr
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RSS-734-726-6420.

PATIENT CARE ATTENDANTS

CANTON - chemical dependency and mental health treatment facility has immediate part and full time openings. High school diploma required. Previous experience helpful. Call Cheryl or Linda at 734-397-3088. EOE

MORTGAGE LOAN PROCESSOR

Canton mortgage broker seeks experience processor. Outstanding work environment and benefits. Fax resume to: Attn: Susan 734-455-2370 or mail: 5820 N. Canton Center Rd., Ste. 125, Canton, MI 48187.

MECHANIC WANTED

(Certified) with strong customer service skills. Excellent pay & benefits. Apply in person: 23645 Ford Rd. 313-682-4224 or fax resume to: 313-682-0099

MEDICAL CLAIMS PROCESSOR! Full Training.

\$20-\$40/hr. potential. Need self-starters who require no supervision. Set own hours. Computer w/modem required. Call 1-888-310-2159 ext. 975.

MERCHANDISER

D.O.C. OPTICS has an immediate opening for a full time Merchandiser. The ideal candidate must be creative, have merchandising experience, reliable transportation and flexibility with schedule-some travel is involved. Competitive salary and mileage reimbursement. Fax resume to 248-353-4171, call 1-800-289-3937 ext 219 or email to careers@docoptics.com.

MORTGAGE CAREERS

Seeking experienced Loan Officers. This is a great opportunity. Call Bert for more information: 734-266-9190

OFFICE CLEANER

Exp. days, part-time, must pass security clearance, Redford. (734) 427-9541

OFFICE/SALES

Kitchen & bath home improvement business. Exp. helpful, will train. 734-658-0471.

PACKER/GENERAL HELP

for Berkley Bakery. (248) 547-8846

500 Help Wanted General

PAYROLL SPECIALIST

for Waste Management. Must pass drug test. ADP experience helpful. Full-time.
Forward resume to:
19200 W. 8 Mile Road,
Southfield, MI 48075
Attention: Controller-2660
Fax: (248)357-7921
E-mail: jgoodfellow@wm.com
EOE & M/F V/D

PERSONAL ASSISTANCE

Needed to accompany developmentally disabled adults on community outings. Call Jayne: *****734) 479-4212*****

PHONE WORK

Earn an average of \$8-\$12/hr. Full or part-time. (734) 737-8901

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Northville Township
The Township is seeking to fill a part-time clerical position in the Planning Department. 15-20 flexible hours a week at \$10.07 an hour. Applicants must possess office and computer experience with customer service experience.

Applications are available at the Human Resources Department located at the Finance Building, 41660 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167. Completed applications must be submitted to the Human Resource Department by February 9, 2001 at 4pm.

PRINTING

A growing commercial printing company has an opening for an experienced production/scheduler. Prefer someone with a web press background. Excellent wages and benefits.
Call Tom @ 734-941-6300
Or fax resume 734-942-0920

PRINTING PRESS OPERATOR

Walled Lake In-Plant Print Shop seeks experienced press operator for ink & AB Road Presses. Benefit package includes health, dental, life and 401K plan. Hourly wage based on education and experience. Fax resume to 248-960-0079. E.O.E.

JUNIOR PROCESSOR

wanted to grow with an established broker in Canton. Must have minimum 6 months exp. Benefits. 734-397-9600

PRODUCTION ARTIST

Immediate opening for large format prepress position in our interior signage and architectural division. Looking for an experienced individual familiar with Photo Shop 5, Illustrator 9, Coral Draw 9 and/or other prepress software. The successful candidate will have excellent color calibration abilities, capable of applying traps, bleeds, registration and layer separation. We offer a comprehensive benefits package, competitive salary and a team environment. If you're looking for a great place to work please forward your resume to:
Attn: HR 44311 Grand River Ave., Novi, MI 48375.

PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR

NW area medium sized company is seeking a responsible individual with a minimum of 3 years supervisory experience in a labor-intensive union environment. Understanding of ISO9000 quality concepts is preferred. Must have excellent verbal, written and interpersonal skills. Forward resume including salary requirements:
Box #2898
Observer & Eccentric
Newspapers
36251 Schoolcraft Rd.
Livonia, MI 48150

REAL ESTATE

Licensed Sales Agents needed for new home communities in Wayne County and Oakland County. Previous sales experience and computer skills required. Full or part-time. Fax resume to: 313-954-3662

RECEIVING CLERK

Flexible hours. No evenings or Sunday's. Computer experience a plus. Great working conditions. Competitive salary.
Call Ellen: 248-555-8855
Roz & Sherm
Maple & Telegraph

REPORTERS & SALES ASSOCIATES

Wanted full & part-time for weekly newspaper in Western Wayne County. Send resume, clips to: The Journal, PO Box 701422, Plymouth, MI 48170. Or fax: (734) 729-3748

PROJECT MANAGER

Detroit building GC firm located in Troy, MI seeking Project Manager for Commercial/Industrial. Excellent communication skills, conceptual estimating & computer skills. Great compensation & benefits. Please contact us at 248-244-9015 x115, ask for Dennis.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANY

now hiring

500 Help Wanted General**SHIPPING/RECEIVING SUPERVISOR**

The position will be located at Theford Corporation's Baker Road manufacturing facility in Dexter. The successful candidate will be responsible for the overall supervision of the shipping and receiving function for Theford Corporation Baker Road warehouse. They will provide leadership to the shipping/receiving employees, develop and monitor compliance with shipping/receiving policies and procedures; establish and maintain optimum warehouse layout and material flow; maintain and ensure on time and complete shipments to customers as well as relationships with carriers.

Strong written, verbal and interpersonal communication skills. A minimum of 2 years supervisory experience and a minimum of 5 years shipping/receiving warehouse experience. Experience in a lean manufacturing environment preferred.

Highly competitive wages and benefit package.

Interested candidates should send their resume and salary requirements to: (No phone calls please)

Theford Corporation
Employment Office
800 Baker Road
Dexter MI 48130
EOE
FAX: 734-426-2678.

SOCIAL WORKER

Part-time, M-S-W, C.S.W. required. Must have experience working with children, adults and families in the area of substance abuse. Interest in outreach and public speaking a plus. Resume with salary requirements to: Sheryl Stoddard
Jewish Family Service
24123 Greenfield Rd.
Southfield, MI 48075
Fax: (248) 559-9858
or email: stoddjfs@aol.com
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SOCIAL WORK

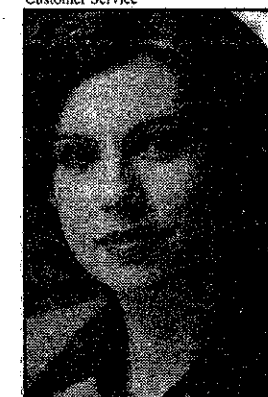
Foster Care Supervisor
Child Welfare Agency seeking Foster Care Supervisor to oversee department. Must be experienced in Foster Care Program management and computer proficient. MSW or comparable degree. Ability to evaluate and perform certification functions. Includes recruitment of and outreach to families, coordination with other agencies and attendance at court hearings. Multi-tasking skills required. Excellent benefits and salary. Send resume to Methodist Children's Home Society, ATTN: Supervisor, 26645 W. Six Mile Road, Detroit, MI 48240. No phone calls. EOE.

SOCIAL WORK - MSW

Foster Care program for Child Welfare Agency needs MSW to provide case management services to foster children, birth families, and foster families, includes outreach to families, coordination with other agencies and attendance at court hearings. Excellent benefits and salary. Send resume to Methodist Children's Home Society, ATTN: MSW, 26645 W. Six Mile Road, Detroit, MI 48240. No phone calls. EOE.

SPIRIT AIRLINES, Inc.

is currently looking for fun, energetic, flexible people to fill the full time position of Flight Attendant. Spirit Flight Attendants enjoy excellent benefits and travel opportunities. Candidates must meet all of the following requirements. Minimum age of 21, professional appearance, prior customer service or business background, high school diploma or equivalent, ability to work flexible hours and days. Interested candidates are invited to attend any of the following interview sessions: January 30th, February 6th, 13th or 21st. All sessions will be held at the Best Western Gateway International, 9191 Wixom, Pontiac, MI, beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m. A current resume is required.

Customer Service**I am Verizon Wireless**

You're a Customer Service Professional at Verizon Wireless. And you know how to deliver great service. As an integral part of the wireless revolution, you're using your communications skills to help more than 26 million wireless voice and data customers and 3.5 million paging customers communicate better. Faster. Simpler. And more affordably. If you share the qualities above, explore the following exciting opportunity in Southfield.

Customer Care Supervisor

Lead our busy Customer Service Call Center in achieving operational efficiencies and improvements, employee productivity, and day-to-day operations of a team of associates. You will plan, direct and evaluate workflow and conduct performance appraisals.

The effective communicator we seek should have large team management skills, a Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience, and 2+ years of supervisory experience, preferably in a customer service environment. Wireless industry experience is a plus.

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www.verizonwireless.com

**500 Help Wanted General****STAFF ACCOUNTANT \$40,000**

Suburban real estate developer. Degree plus 1-3 years experience with emphasis on corporate taxes. Bar 810-772-6760. Snelling Personnel Services.

Staff Accountants & Bookkeeping Professionals

Accountants and Bookkeeping professionals with 1+ yrs exp. needed @ Ann Arbor CPA firm. Familiarity with Peachtree, Quickbooks, Excel and Word preferred. Excellent compensation package. Fax salary requirements and resume to: (734) 761-3856 or email: Sprice@wgdandco.com

STAMPING PRESS OPERATOR

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17420 Laurel Park Drive N. Livonia, MI 48152
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter is an Equal Opportunity Employer

STOCK/DELIVERIES

Perfect for Retired person. Electrical knowledge and blue print reading a plus. Call: (734)737-0400

OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**STUDENT SERVICES SPECIALIST**

Oakland Community College is currently accepting applications for the position of Student Services Specialist in the Enrollment Services Department at the Bee Administration Center.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Successful completion of all major requirements for an Associate Degree in BIS or CIS. Successful completion of Clerical Skills Battery. Computer keyboard proficiency 35 wpm. Ability to operate computer equipment and appropriate software accurately and rapidly. Two years of full time, paid, documented clerical work experience. Ability to provide and support customer service functions. -or- an Associate Degree in appropriate discipline. Ability to work as a team player in a multi-cultural diverse working environment. (more detailed information is available for this position on the OCC web site at www.oocc.mi.us)

Applicants MUST complete an application form. Requests for applications will be accepted through 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 7, 2001. Contact the OCC Job Hotline at (248) 341-2023 and refer to Position 00C32-10695.

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Seeking experienced service technicians. Pay & benefits commensurate with exp. 248-477-7727.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER- 8-10

5th Grade Social Studies. Catholic School. NW Detroit. Call now. (248) 352-0711

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Needed for Livonia Childcare Center. Flexible hours. Experience required. Call: Mon. Wed. Fri.: 248-474-0001 Tues. & Thurs.: 248-926-1656

TEACHER-DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

for a national learning center in West Bloomfield. Certification duties are testing, teaching and training instructors. Good organization and communication skills are required. Fax 248-737-8220.

TEACHER

needed full time for young 3's. Early Childhood experience necessary. Great working environment & great children! Call 248-661-3630 for interview info.

KINDERGARTEN - W. Bloomfield

Has immediate openings for full time Teachers/Teachers Aids. Full medical benefits, vacations, 401k. Call 248-855-1963.

TECHNICAL APPLICATIONS REP

Assist and provide technical information to customers, distributors and in-house sales staff in the selection and sizing of industrial shock absorbers, leading to opportunity in technical sales.

Requires customer service experience and at least a 2-year engineering-related degree.

Compensation package

including profit sharing plan, 401(k), and insurance. Send resume with salary requirements to: Human Resource Administrator - AE ACE Controls, Inc. C/O Box 71 Farmington Hills, MI 48332-0071 FAX - (248) 476-2470 tbuzonik@acecontrols.com

Technician**SERVICE TECHNICIAN**

ARAMARK Corporation, the premier, worldwide, managed Services Division, is currently seeking a Service Technician for its Office Coffee Services division.

You will be responsible for making service calls to install and repair coffee machines and beverage equipment at our customer locations. The qualified candidate must have a strong mechanical aptitude, excellent customer service skills, and the ability to lift/carry at least 50lbs. Previous mechanical experience/training is essential. A valid driver's license and a good driving record, required.

We offer an excellent salary and benefits. For immediate consideration, please FAX your resume to the attention of Tim Chevalier at 734-522-9819 or mail to ARAMARK, 32395 Industrial Road, Livonia, MI 48150. EOE.

ARAMARK Managed Services, Managed Better**APPLIANCE TECHNICIAN**

Expanding company is looking for an experienced, customer oriented professional for appliance repair & cleaning position. Salary \$9-\$16/hr. based on experience + full benefit package. Fax resume attn: Rob, 734-464-4080

TELEPHONE INTERVIEWER

to work in Farmington Hills law office. Excellent phone skills. 248-865-0660

THEATRE HELP - Nations

largest exhibitor seeking smiling faces to fill full & part time positions. Ushers, cashiers, concessions needed. Students/Srs. welcome! Livonia area. 734-542-3191.

TITLE COMPANY

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500 Help Wanted General**TELEVISION PRODUCTION SCHEDULER**

Immediate Opening-Full-Time Position

Friendly, people person needed for scheduling office of video post-production facility. Organizational skills are critical, smiles and fun a must. Come learn and experience the fast paced world of TV post-production with exceptional people, clients and staff. Experience preferred, but not required. 248-855-4333.

TELLERS WANTED

for Milford area credit union branch. Must have good math skills. Highly proficient PC skills. If you love working with people & have sales skills this is the position for you. The hours for this position are about 25 to 32 hours per week. Benefits include paid time off, holiday pay, pension and 401k available. Fax resume to (810)264-0056 or email: humanresources@reseachfed.com

TRANSPORTATION DEPT. VEHICLE MAINTENANCE MECHANIC

Qualifications: Hold & maintain State Requirements as a certified Master Heavy Duty Truck Mechanic. Hold & maintain CDL requirements including certified School Bus Driver with endorsements in P, B, & Air Brakes. Experience in heavy duty fleet maintenance & operations preferred. Desirable but not required: Certified as School Bus Technician by ASE. School bus experience as a Mechanic. Posting closes Feb. 6-01. For information on applying call 734-595-2025. Wayne-Westland Community Schools, 36745 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185. EOE.

TREE CARE TECH - Certified & experienced

Great pay, benefits and advancement opportunities. Call Dan (734) 722-3341.

TRUCK DRIVER

Florida based company seeking OTR Drivers for Detroit market expansion. 3 Year experience required. Call Jim at: 1-800-569-0019.

Vice President for Development

Large non-profit health agency seeks seasoned development professional. Experience in the area of donor development and special events. Management experience and excellent written and verbal communication skills required. Submit resume and salary requirements to: Vice President for Development, 32027 Industrial Rd., Suite 950, Southfield, MI 48075.

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Men/Women in good physical condition needed for full time warehouse shipping department.

- Starting pay \$10/hr.
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Send letter of interest to: ATTN: Human Resources O&E Warehouse 23333 Commerce Dr Farmington Hills, MI 48335-2764

Fax: 248-615-2696 or visit our web page and see all of our career opportunities at www.achardware.com EOE

WAREHOUSE

A great job for a dependable self-starter looking for a clean, team-oriented environment. Fill orders, stocking, vehicle care and other duties expected. Applicant must work between 9am-4pm, Monday-Friday, 32027 Industrial Rd., 1 block S. of Schoolcraft, West off Meridian Rd. in Livonia.

WAREHOUSE MANAGER

POSITION OPEN. Farmington area. American Copper & Brass Inc. (248) 426-8033.

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Needed for newly built homes. Own transportation is a must. Good pay. Canton. (734) 721-3523

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

ADP payroll experience preferred. Excellent career opportunity for administrative assistant & computer literate employee who is detail oriented. Benefits. Call Bob: 313-565-5744.

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\$10/HR. Good with people, selling, organizing, cleaning, energetic, staying busy. Livonia Health Club. (734) 591-1212

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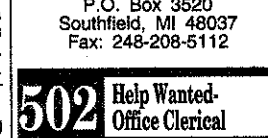
guaranteed working for the government from home part-time. No experience required. 1-800-748-5716 ext. x102.

501 Computer/Info. Systems**COMPUTERS**

Need a person experienced with MicroSoft Office & NT Network. Prefer experience running Postal Software that CASS certifies mailings. Excellent wages & benefits. Please fax resume & salary requirements to: 734-480-1380

HELP DESK SPECIALIST

Southfield Managed Care Company seeks help desk specialist in 300+ user environment. Firm knowledge of DOS, Windows 95 and major PC application software. Ability to work with PC users to troubleshoot a variety of PC problems and resolve them efficiently. Two (2) Year degree or equivalent experience required. CNA and/or Communications experience helpful. Excellent benefit package, including 100% paid health plan. Please send resume to: HR-IS P.O. Box 3520 Southfield, MI 48037 Fax: 248-208-5112

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical**ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**

Full time. Will train. Clerical skills required. O'Connor Chiropractic 16771 Middlebelt, Livonia (734) 422-7755

ACCOUNTING CLERK

Needed for W. Bloomfield law office. Full or part-time. Call Kathy 248-851-6000.

ACCOUNTING CLERK (Part Time/Full Time Opportunities)

Set your own Schedule Full time. 9-5. Temporary position. Basic computer knowledge. Good communication skills. For interview 248-473-5300

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

to \$35,000 - Variety spot with major financial firm. MicroSoft office & good phone skills. Upbeat personality. Exceptional opportunity. Call Kathy 810-772-6780. Snelling Personnel Services.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

to \$42,000 - 6-5 yrs executive level exp. Strong MicroSoft office. Good organizational skills. Well known Bloomfield Hills firm. Immediate opening. Call Denise 810-772-6780. Snelling Personnel Services.

Administrative Assistant

Unique management company is seeking individual with excellent people, computer, & organizational skills for full time position. Good company benefits. Please fax resume to: 248-258-1709

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Southfield Psychology office needs personable individual with ability to manage multiple accounts, experience with medical billing software. Part-time, competitive salary. Send letter of interest & resume to: Susan Silch, Ph.D., 26111 Evergreen, Suite #210, Southfield, MI 48076.

ACCOUNTING

Established Birmingham Mfg. Company seeks experienced accounting professional to perform A/R, A/P, & related accounting duties. Good atmosphere, excellent pay & benefits. Send Resume and compensation history to: Box #2984 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150 EOE

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

ADP payroll experience preferred. Excellent career opportunity for administrative assistant & computer literate employee who is detail oriented. Benefits. Call Bob: 313-565-5744.

ASSISTANT OFFICE MANAGER

Large document service firm in Detroit seeking detail oriented individuals. Need Microsoft, Excel & Word knowledge. CALL NOW: (248) 477-0512 Arcade Staff Resources

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AUTO DEALER

Service center all needed for busy, growing Farmington Hills auto dealership. Must have pleasant personality & positive outlook. Experience preferred, but not necessary. For an interview apply call: Madeline at: (248) 474-1234 Ext. 226.

AUTO DEALERSHIP PART TIME RECEPTIONIST/PHONE OPERATOR

We are looking for the right person to complement our staff and to team up with us in our new facility. This will be a part time position, working from 24-30 hours a week as our Receptionist and Telephone Operator. Must be proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel. Good math aptitude, and attention to detail a must. Two years office experience required. Send or fax resume with salary requirements to: Department-CAOE, P.O. Box 9072, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9072, Fax 248-324-1502.

CLERICAL ASSISTANT

Weight Watchers, based in Farmington Hills, has an exciting opportunity for a part-time Clerical Assistant. 30 hours per week. Must be proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel. Good math aptitude, and attention to detail a must. Two years office experience required. Send or fax resume with salary requirements to: Department-CAOE, P.O. Box 9072, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9072, Fax 248-324-1502.

CLERICAL

Full time. Good wages & benefits. Call Dennis or Tammy at Direct Optical. (248) 553-8270

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502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL PERSON**

needed with experience. Full-time. Fax resume including compensation required to 248-349-0406 or mail to: P.O. Box 805 Novi, MI 48376-0805

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

person needed for West Bloomfield Residential Builder. Computer experience needed. Mail resume to: 5257 Beechtree Trail West Bloomfield, MI 48322 or fax (248) 788-2710

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Southfield based HQ looking for an A/P person with at least 3 years experience. Must have multi software knowledge as well as being a 'take charge' person. Great organizational skills needed as well as phone etiquette for vendor follow up. If you're the person for us, fax resume to: (248) 646-8555

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Full time, downtown Detroit law firm. Peachtree, TABS Time/Billing systems experience. Excellent organization and computer skills. Law firm bookkeeping experience preferred. Salary negotiable. Benefits includes parking. Mail resume to: Attn: Anne, 645 Griswold, Suite 2800, Detroit, MI 48226, or fax to (313) 864-6310

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE REPRESENTATIVE

Full time in Southfield area. Must be motivated with good communication, customer service, and computer skills. One year experience required. W/C experience a plus. Great salary and benefits including 401(k), paid holidays. Fax to 248-712-2310, Attn: Paula. EOE.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

- 2 yr. degree, w/excellent computer skills. Salary, health benefits, Cal. OHIE Center for Medical Education. 248-354-2150

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

For non-smoking Farmington Hills office. General office, book

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

Customer Support Expansion
• Customer Service Representative:
Experienced "Pro" who can take charge and get involved. After initial product training, responsibilities will include: handling distributor inquiries, preparing quotes, simple AutoCAD Light drawings and supporting marketing department activities. If you are seeking empowerment, growth, financial rewards and a proactive environment from your talent, this position could lead to greater opportunities. Space planning, background checks, storage, filing or contract furniture products is helpful.
• Receptionist/Clerk:
Multi-tasked position for small office. Order entry, mailings and marketing support full up this organization's positions roll. Computer skills needed include Word, Excel, Access and other Basic PC background. Desk Top would be an asset and desire to learn more could lead to added opportunities and rewards.
Both positions report to VP Sales and operating as the expansion at Farmington Hills storage systems manufacture that offers good benefits packages and 401K after compulsory periods. Fax your cover letter and resume to the attention of: Mr. Kowalski, 24333 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335-2652

DATA ENTRY OPERATORS

Quest Diagnostics Incorporated, the leading clinical diagnostic laboratory in the country is currently seeking DATA ENTRY OPERATORS. The successful candidates must be fast (60WPM+), and accurate.

We offer a competitive salary and an excellent benefits package. For immediate consideration, please complete an application (come prepared for testing) at: Mr. Kowalski, 24333 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335-2652 EOE M/F/D/V.

QUEST DIAGNOSTICS

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LEGAL SECRETARY

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With 3 plus years of experience for national law firm. Litigation and WordPerfect for Windows preferred, but not necessary. Competitive salary and benefits. Fax resume to Lyn at: 248-593-5508 or mail to Attn: Lyn, 30800 Telegraph, Ste. 3588, Bingham Farms, MI 48025 or email: lmc@gd-llc.com

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502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

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506 Help Wanted-Medical

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2001 Suzuki Grand Vitara LTD

Just about created the mini-SUV market

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Way back, when Suzuki just about created the mini-SUV market when they introduced their Samurai, the 4WD world laughed.

The Samurai was tiny, even when compared to the old AMC Jeep CJ. And the Samurai only came with a minuscule 4-cylinder engine. There was just no way the Samurai, or any mini-SUV, would ever be considered a real off-road 4WD vehicle.

Flash forward to 2001.

The mini-SUV field today is crowded and still growing. No one laughs at small SUVs anymore.

The rough 'n' tumble Samurai has been retired. Now Suzuki has the more sophisticated and modern Vitara and Grand Vitara.

Instead of the two original Samurai vehicles offered (hard top and soft top), the Vitara and Grand Vitara are available in 30 different versions. AutoWire.Net drove the top of the line Grand Vitara 4WD Limited model.

How did it drive? Very well, thank you. With a curb weight of just under 3,200 pounds, the 2.5-

liter, DOHC, 155 hp, V6 motivates the Grand Vitara Limited very well indeed. The 4-speed automatic transmission (the only transmission available in the Limited; a 5-speed manual is available in other models) does its job just fine, always finding the right gear with no extra "hunting." This combination also has an EPA fuel economy rating of 18/20-mpg city/highway with 4WD.

According to Suzuki, the Grand Vitara Limited has seating for five. I'm sure you can do it, but four adults would be much more comfortable on a long

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2001 F-150	10% Down	\$200	\$2200
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	0 Down	\$325	\$750
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trip. The Grand Vitara Limited is also a four-door, so getting in and out is a breeze for everyone, too.

Underneath, the Grand Vitara Limited is built to take the punishment you might find off-road. There is a separate full-ladder frame, complete with a series of impact guards to protect sensitive drivetrain components.

And if you think that the Grand Vitara Limited might be a poseur and not suited for real off-roading, think again. It's got a 2-speed (High & Low) transfer case that operates in 2WD, high range for normal driving. Then, just like the big guys for when you want to go off-road crawling, you can shift into low or high range 4WD.

The suspension was firm without being harsh on the road. I suspect that the independent front suspension (MacPherson struts) and solid rear axle suspended with coil springs is tuned more for the smooth road than the off-road. Even so I would not hesitate to hit the fire trails in search of some hidden trout stream.

Though it is off-road rugged where it counts, the Grand Vitara Limited is all luxury inside. Just about everything you could think of is standard - keyless remote entry system, privacy glass, halogen headlamps, air conditioning with micron filter, sunroof, power win-

dows and door locks, leather seats, AM/FM stereo with CD and cassette players, automatic lights (they turn on when it gets dark), tilt steering wheel, and cruise control. Then there's the safety stuff like air bags and anti-lock brakes.

Even on some fairly rough West Coast roads (I know they're nothing like the winter ravaged highways and byways of the East, but they're all we've got), the Grand Vitara Limited felt rock solid. For such a lightweight it didn't get blown around by our Pacific coastal winds either.

All in all, I liked the Suzuki Grand Vitara Limited. It felt well built and rugged, yet it was comfortable and very hospitable. And unlike much of its competition, Suzuki offers either a Vitara or a Grand Vitara model for just about everyone.

A base Vitara (1.6-liter, 4-cylinder with 5-speed manual transmission) costs only \$15,599. And the top of the line Grand Vitara 4WD Limited, with automatic transmission, lists for just \$22,999. And there are another 28 models in-between, so you can pick an SUV that's right in your price range.

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The year has not gotten off to a good start for the Big Three. Sales are slumping and profits are tumbling. In business

news this week, TheCarConnection.com looks at the steady increase in job cuts and plant closings, as well as the weak earnings reports from General Motors and Ford.

This week's "spy shot" offers a sneak peek at the 2003 Lincoln Sport-Utility. TCC's weekly reviews include the Ford Mustang GT, the Mitsubishi Montero Sport 3.5 XS, the Buick Regal and the Kia Optima.

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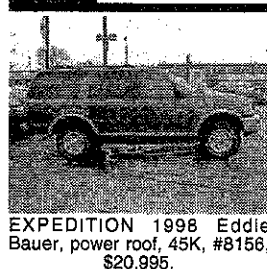
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SW2 1998, gold, auto, air, 33K, \$10,688.

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SALE PRICE \$14,695**
GM SALE PRICE \$14,061**
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Due at Lease Signing \$169**

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SEDAN

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GM SALE PRICE \$18,441**
36 Mo. Smart Lease \$289**
Due at Lease Signing \$2014**

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3.4 V6 engine, four speed automatic, power windows, power locks, tilt, cruise, AM/FM stereo with CD, remote keyless entry. Stock #010367.

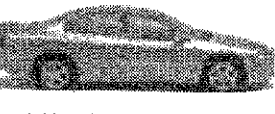
SALE PRICE \$19,235**
GM SALE PRICE \$18,440**
36 Mo. Smart Lease \$264**
Due at Lease Signing \$1764**



2001 MONTANA

3.4 V6, 4 speed auto trans, power windows & locks, remote keyless entry, luggage rack, deep tint glass, AM/FM & CD, 6-pass. Stock #010295.

SALE PRICE \$20,995**
GM SALE PRICE \$20,314**
36 Mo. Smart Lease \$289**
Due at Lease Signing \$1799**

2001
BONNEVILLE
SE SEDAN

3.8 V6, air, auto trans, power windows, power locks, tilt, cruise, AM/FM stereo cassette. Stock #010102.

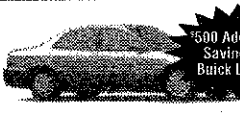
SALE PRICE \$22,495**
GM SALE PRICE \$21,764**
36 Mo. Smart Lease \$299**
Due at Lease Signing \$1799**

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2001
LeSABRE

Power windows & locks, tilt, cruise, 3800 V6, auto air, AM/FM stereo, leather drivers seat, vanity mirrors & more. Stock #015023.

SALE PRICE \$21,703**
GM SALE PRICE \$20,740**
36 Mo. Smart Lease \$397**
Due at Lease Signing \$1925**

2001
CENTURY
CUSTOM

AM/FM stereo, cruise control, power windows, power locks, tilt wheel, 3.1 V6, auto trans, air defogger, mats and more! Stock #015073.

SALE PRICE \$17,665**
GM SALE PRICE \$16,863**
36 Mo. Smart Lease \$269**
Due at Lease Signing \$1807**

2001
REGAL LS
SEDAN

3800 V6, power windows & locks, tilt, cruise, air automatic, mats, visor mirrors, CD & cassette & much more. Stock #051123.

SALE PRICE \$20,599**
GM SALE PRICE \$19,669**
36 Mo. Smart Lease \$307**
Due at Lease Signing \$1546**

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2001 SONOMA
REG. CAB
PICKUP

Vortec 2.2L 4 cylinder, automatic, air, tilt, cruise, AM/FM CD player, alum. wheels and much more. Stock #013167.

SALE PRICE \$12,995**
GM SALE PRICE \$12,535**
36 Mo. Smart Lease \$169**
Due at Lease Signing \$1689**

2001 JIMMY
4x4
4 DOOR

Vortec 4300, auto trans, air, power windows & locks, mirrors, seat, AM/FM CD player and much more. Stock #013084.

SALE PRICE \$23,995**
GM SALE PRICE \$23,016**
36 Mo. Smart Lease \$289**
Due at Lease Signing \$1789**

2001
SIERRA
PICKUP

Vortec 4300 V6, auto trans, air, tilt, cruise, AM/FM cassette stereo & much more. Stock #013157.

SALE PRICE \$16,495**
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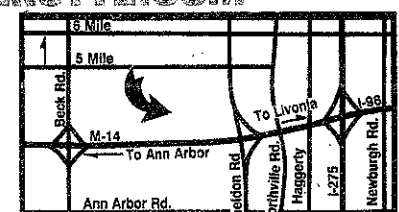
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0458	Park Avenue	\$35,543	\$27,099*
GMC TRUCK			
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6135	Sierra w/plow	\$31,728	\$25,995*
6525	Sierra	\$25,589	\$19,995*
6562	Sierra	\$29,761	\$22,995*
6450	Sierra Ext. Cab	\$28,276	\$22,474*
6567	Sonoma	\$45,998	\$11,495*
6497	Sonoma Ext. Cab	\$18,729	\$13,883*
6593	Sonoma Ext. Cab	\$18,729	\$13,883*
6595	Sonoma Ext. Cab	\$18,729	\$13,883*
6657	Sonoma Ext. Cab	\$18,729	\$13,883*
6658	Sonoma Ext. Cab	\$18,729	\$13,883*
6660	Sonoma Ext. Cab	\$18,729	\$13,883*
6572	Safari	\$24,359	\$20,319*
6680	Safari	\$24,219	\$20,203*
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WAS \$16,160 NOW \$14,074**

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL \$255.07** \$189.23** per mo.

2001 TAURUS SE

Stk. #10780



FOUR DOOR

Chestnut clearcoat metallic, medium parchment cloth bucket, six cylinder engine, automatic overdrive transmission, front & rear floor mats, six passenger seating with flip-fold con., power driver's seat, 60/40 split/fold rear seat, adjustable pedals.

Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

WAS \$20,345 NOW \$16,408**

A-PLAN 36 MO. TAURUS TO TAURUS LEASE WITH RENEWAL \$245.62** \$200.37** per mo.

2001 RANGER 4X4 SC

Stk. #12343



SUPER CAB XLT 4x4

Toreador Red, dark graphite cloth, AM/FM stereo/clock, 16" cast aluminum wheels, off-road group, V6 engine, five speed automatic overdrive transmission, power window/lock group, remote keyless entry, cloth 60/40 split bench seat, air conditioning, farside.

Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

WAS \$24,615 NOW \$18,907**

A-PLAN 24 MO. LEASE WITH RENEWAL \$237.47** \$173.62** per mo.

2001 EXPLORER 4x4 XLT

Stk. #12194



4 DOOR 4x4

Oxford white clearcoat, medium prairie tan cloth sport bucket, XLT series, reversible cargo mat, 4.0 liter SOHC V6 engine, five speed automatic overdrive transmission, steel bar aluminum wheels, trailer towing package, cassette CD, electrochromic mirror.

Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

WAS \$32,995 NOW \$25,114**

A-PLAN 24 MO. SUV TO EXPLORER LEASE WITH RENEWAL \$312.01** \$249.36** per mo.

2001 WINDSTAR LX

Stk. #11783



WAGON

Light Sapphire Blue medium graphite cloth, 3.8L DIH VFI engine, 4 speed automatic overdrive transmission, comfort group, aux. climate control system, luggage rack, 2nd/3rd row privacy glass, elec. AM/FM stereo/cassette, 6.5x15" aluminum wheel, enhance seating group.

Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

WAS \$27,045 NOW \$21,372**

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL \$295.35** \$253.07** per mo.

2001 F150 STYLESIDE XLT

Stk. #11842



4x2 SUPERCAB AUTOMATIC

Deep Wedgewood clearcoat, dark graphite 40/60 split bench, pref. equip. pkg. 507A, XLT series, overhead console, AM/FM stereo/clock/singie CD, air, 4.2L EFI V6 engine, electronic 4-speed auto O/D, P265/70R-16 OWL all-season, 3.55ratio limited slip axle, 6050# GVWR package, sliding rear window, trailer towing group, Class II, cast alum wheels (4).

Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

WAS \$27,110 NOW \$21,008**

A-PLAN 24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL \$290.97** \$225.59** per mo.

2001 EXPLORER SPORT TRAC

Stk. #11197



4x4

Toreador Red CC, dark graphite cloth sport bucket, 4.0 liter SOHC V6 eng., 5 spd. auto, O/D trans, 4.10 rim slip axle, prem. sport pkg., P265/70R-16 AT OWL tires, steel bar front tow hook, fog lamps, 16 cast alum. wheels, con. grp., sud. control, leather tilt, auto/lock/relock, rem. keyless entry w/keypad, AM/FM stereo w/singie CD/cassette, cloth comfort grp., front overhead & floor consoles, pwr. driver's seat 6-way.

Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

WAS \$28,845 NOW \$23,982**

A-PLAN 24 MO. SUV TO SUV LEASE WITH RENEWAL \$379.88** \$314.96** per mo.

2001 EXPEDITION

Stk. #11431



XLT 4x4 5.4 V8

Oxford white clearcoat, dark graphite cloth capt. chairs, XLT series, tow hooks, prem. elec. AM/FM stereo/cassette, privacy glass 5.4L EFI V8 eng., 4 speed automatic transmission, 3.55 ratio limited slip axle, comfort/con. group, black power heated mirrors, aux. heater/air, trailer tow, sport appear. pkg., P265/70R-17 OWL all-terrain, skid plate package, fog lamps, 17" 10-spoke alum. wheels, third row seat, CD changer (6 disc).

Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

WAS \$38,135 NOW \$29,940**

A-PLAN 24 MO. SUV TO SUV LEASE WITH RENEWAL \$460.69** \$395.92** per mo.

MODEL	Down Payment	Total Due At Inception
2001 EXPLORER XLT 4X4 4 DOOR	0 Down \$1500	\$530 \$2053
2001 RANGER XLT 4X4 SUPERCAB	0 Down \$1500	\$361 \$1863
2001 WINDSTAR LX WAGON	0 Down \$1500	\$452 \$1997
2001 EXPLORER SPORT TRAC	0 Down \$1800	\$486 \$2007
2001 TAURUS SE 4 DOOR SEDAN	0 Down \$1500	\$629 \$1971
2001 FOCUS SE 4 DOOR	0 Down \$1500	\$319 \$1839
2001 EXPEDITION XLT 4x4	0 Down \$1500	\$627 \$2149
2001 F150 4X2 SUPERCAB	0 Down \$1500	\$387 \$1908

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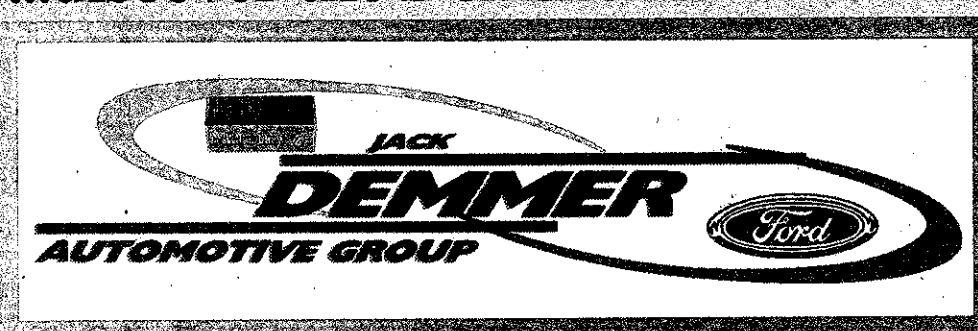
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