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'Some aren't coming back'

Chamber president writes wills for Marines headed to war

BY JEFF COUNTS
STAFF WRITER

Rita Lowenstein was sworn in as the president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday and talked about the uncertain times because of a possible war in Iraq.

Then on Thursday she came face to

face with some of its possible victims - Marine reservists from Michigan who have been activated and are on their way to the Mideast.

"I was doing their wills for them. Some aren't coming back, if we go to war," she said.

She and other attorneys volunteered to go to a Marine Corps center in Grand

Rapids to do free legal work for the Marines. "This is really serious. War is here."

Lowenstein, an attorney who lives in Plymouth, was recruited to help with the wills by her law partner, Christopher Kolonjcek, a major in the Marine Corps reserve. "He's been activated, too," she

PLEASE SEE CHAMBER, A4



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Rita Lowenstein, the new president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce and an attorney, spent a day last week writing wills for Marines who will possibly be headed to war.

Memo

Investment talk

Everybody is looking for an inside tip from an investment counselor, but when that person also happens to be a priest, he's bound to be listened to more than E.F. Hutton himself.



That happened last week at the Canton Chamber of Commerce luncheon when the Rev. Jack Baker spoke. Baker is a former investment counselor turned Catholic priest.

His stock tip was a little unconventional. He started with the question: "If you'd invested \$1,000 ...?" He then did the math for an Enron investment and came up with the current value - less than \$20. He went on to Kmart, and the result was about the same.

"But," he said, "if you'd have bought \$1,000 worth of Budweiser, you'd at least have \$200 worth of returnable cans."

County talk

After the dust cleared at the Wayne County Commission, Canton's representative to that political body came up with leadership role and appoints to various committees.

John Sullivan of Wayne is the new vice chairman of the commission. Jewel Ware is the chair. Apart from Canton, Sullivan represents the communities of Belleville, Wayne, and the townships of Sumpter and Van Buren. He is serving his third two-year term on the commission.

Also, Sullivan will be on the audit committee, the committee on government operations, public safety and judiciary, and will chair the committee on public services. He's also on a new committee - noise mitigation.

A winning Tiger

There are some - but not in recent years. So if you're single and over 55 years old, you'll have a chance to see one in Canton. Milt Wilcox, a former Tigers pitcher who played in the 1984 World Series, the last one the Tigers won, will speak 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Parkview Room at the Summit on the Park.

The event is a meeting of the Canton Seniors Group. Reservations can be made at the senior desk at the Summit or by calling (734) 394-5485. Cost is \$1 for members and \$3 for guests.

A rich uncle

Newly elected state Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) was taken down a notch or two by the children of fellow state senators.

"One of them told me I looked like Uncle Rich from the Monopoly game," Patterson said.

Uncle Rich has been an icon, his face representing the money game and a rich capitalist since the game's inception during the Depression. Patterson and Uncle Rich bear an uncanny resemblance in that both sport large, gray handlebar mustaches.



State Sen. Bruce Patterson, is administered the oath-of-office by Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Maura D. Corrigan Wednesday Jan. 8. All 38 Michigan Senators were sworn into office on the first session day of the 92nd Legislature.

Insurance glitch causes tavern rumor

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Michael Mazza, owner of the Shark Club on Ford Road, wants the word out: He's not serving alcohol to minors.

It was just a glitch that happened when he changed insurance companies, but it led to Canton Police visiting the club last Tuesday night, carding some customers and the place shutting down a little after 10 p.m.

The problem started, Mazza said, when he and his partner changed insurance companies in August to get a cheaper rate on their liquor liability insurance. He said he had been with the same insurance company since the club opened about eight years ago.

"But since 9/11 liquor liability rates have gone up dramatically," he said. "We shopped around and found a company that was a little cheaper."

The problem, he said, was that the old company sent a letter of cancellation to the Michigan Liquor Control Board, but the new company, for some reason, did not send a letter confirming the new policy.

"As far as the LCC knew, we were

PLEASE SEE TAVERN, A4

Scam artist hits Canton doughnut shop

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Canton police have issued a community watch advisory to area merchants warning them to be on the alert for a scam artist who poses as an employee of a neighboring business in order to bilk them out of money.

The latest incident occurred at Dunkin' Donuts on Ford Road on Jan. 2.

The manager of the doughnut shop said a man called about 6:15 a.m. and identified himself as the manager of the Shell Station across the street. He said the station had an automated safe that

would not open and he needed to borrow some change to keep the station open.

He came to Dunkin' Donuts about 6:45 a.m. wearing a gray coat and what appeared to be a Shell name tag. The manager gave him \$50 in rolled coins and bills. The man said he would leave his car and keys as collateral, but the manager told him that wasn't necessary.

He left the store and was not seen again.

Canton police Sgt. Todd Mutchler said the man has been pulling the same scam all over southeast Michigan, hitting at least three other Canton businesses.

Before Dunkin' Donuts, the man

pulled a similar swindle at Pizza Hut last month. In that case, he identified himself as an employee of Murray's Auto Supply across the street and said the safe was on a time lock and he needed cash to make change until it opened.

He left a set of car keys as collateral, then left the scene in a vehicle.

Mutchler said he has pulled the same operation at the Mobile Lounge on Michigan Avenue and the Outback Steakhouse on Ford Road.

He said he's also known to operate in Livingston, Oakland and Monroe counties.

PLEASE SEE SCAM, A5

Taj Mahal eatery opens its doors in Canton

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

It's a grandiose name for a small neighborhood restaurant, but owner Zaigham B. likes the name ... and he hopes the third time will be the charm for the small eatery in the strip mall at Sheldon and Cherry Hill roads.

The Taj Mahal Restaurant opened its doors less than a month ago - on Dec. 21 - and with the motto "Serving the Finest Indo-Pakistani Cuisine in the Area," Zaigham thinks his restaurant will make a go of it.

Zaigham, a native of Pakistan, operated a similar restaurant

PLEASE SEE TAJ MAHAL, A7



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The staff at Taj Mahal welcomes guests. From left, Saima Nisar, Majid Khan, Jenish P., Saeed Sheikh, chef Mushtaq Bhuha and Zaigham B.

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Canton man charged in larceny cases

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Two 20-year-old local men are in custody this week after their arraignments helped clear more than 20 cases for Plymouth Township police.

And it was cooperation between local police departments – and brother detectives – that made it possible.

The men – Justin Wojcieowski of Plymouth and Christopher Foor of Canton – were arraigned Thursday before 35th District Court Chief Judge John MacDonald. Each man was charged with one count of breaking and entering a motor vehicle and three counts of larceny from a motor vehicle. Each count carries a penalty of five years in prison, a \$10,000 fine or both.

MacDonald set a \$10,000 bond for each man. As of press time, both suspects were in the Wayne County jail. They face preliminary examinations Friday at 35th District Court before Judge Ron Lowe.

The arrests were made possible when the men were picked

up in separate arrests by Novi police on unrelated charges, said Plymouth Township information officer Jamie Senkbeil. During questioning in Novi, she said, the men admitted to the crimes in Plymouth Township.

Novi Detective Victor Lauria notified his brother, Plymouth Township Detective Kal Lauria. Kal Lauria said police don't usually travel to do interviews on larceny cases, "because they're generally unsolvable." But in reviewing reports on incidents in which the men might have been involved, Kal Lauria came across a report that included the use of a shotgun.

"I thought it deserved an interview. I shot up there and interviewed Wojcieowski. You could sense from the way he was conducting himself that he had knowledge, and after a period of time he confessed to specifics in that case, as well as several others.

"We were able to close out about 22 larceny cases," Lauria added. "Hopefully, we'll get the shotgun off the street."

"It's another situation where

detectives aren't being selfish and just worrying about their own cases. They share information they have to assist other agencies in closing out cases."

■ In what turned out to be a busy day for Plymouth Township police, two Detroit men were arraigned Thursday before MacDonald in 35th District Court on several charges related to a burglary at Haggerty Metal.

Ron Seaton, 46, and Raymond Powell, 45, were jailed on \$1,000 (or 10 percent) bonds on charges including larceny from a building and possession of narcotics paraphernalia after Officer Mike Lego noticed what seemed to be an attempted robbery in progress.

Lego noted he saw a vehicle backed in at Haggerty Metal, with the side door standing wide open. Knowing the business had been the victim of several sheet metal thefts in the past, Lego investigated. With help from Officer Steve Cheston and his dog, officers tracked the men down.

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CANTON CONNECTION

AFTER HOURS

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is hosting an After Hours gathering 5-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at the ITT Technical Institute, the corner of Palmer and Haggerty roads.

"We're looking to get more people involved in the chamber," said Dianne Cojei, executive director. "We're looking for volunteers for committees. We want to get more people involved."

The next big chamber event is a business expo 5-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at the Summit on the Park. Canton businesses will have booths and displays during the event.

"It was such a success in October that we decided to have two each year," Cojei said.

The deadline to reserve a booth or table is Feb. 3. Applications have been sent to chamber members.

For more information about the chamber, call (734) 453-4040 or check out the chamber's Web site at www.cantonchamber.com.

BOOK SIGNING

Local author Aimée Carter, a 16-year-old from Canton, will sign copies of her new book, "Phoenix Ashes," from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19, at the Little Book Shoppe on the Park, on Main Street across from Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

Carter, a junior at Canton High School, penned the novel, about a teenager's struggle to deal with life, in about five weeks as a birthday present for her father, Rick. The book is published by Word Associates of Pennsylvania.

SWASHBUCKLER CLASSES

If you've dreamed about learning the art of fencing, now your chance.

Canton Leisure Services is offering a 10-week class for both beginners and continuing students ages 10 through adult.

The sessions will be held on Fridays from 7-9 p.m. Jan. 24 through April 4 in the Aerobic Studio at Summit on the Park. No class will be held Friday, Feb. 28.

Each two-hour class will consist of footwork drills, a group lesson and fencing with individual lessons as time permits. Equipment is available for rent for the duration of the class for a fee of \$40 payable to the instructor. A \$40 refundable security deposit is also required.

The fee for the class is \$90 for residents and \$95 for non-residents. Open resident registration begins Monday, Jan. 13 at the Summit. Non-residents may register five days prior to the start of class if space is available.

For more information, call (734) 394-5460.

FORMER TIGER TO SPEAK

Milt Wilcox, a former pitcher for the Detroit Tigers who played in the 1984 World Series will speak to the Canton Seniors at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 14, in the Parkview Room of the Summit on the Park.

Canton residents 55 and over and single are welcome to attend. Reservations are required and can be made by visiting the senior desk at the Summit or by calling (734) 394-5485.

The cost is \$1 for group members and \$3 for guests.

District, city talking partnership for Central

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

A partnership between the the Plymouth-Canton Schools and Plymouth could bring about recreation improvements to Central Middle School property.

A plan to improve recreational facilities behind Central will be the topic of a special meeting between subcommittees of the Plymouth City Commission and Plymouth-Canton school board Jan. 21.

"One of the ideas that came up as a result of the city's recreation master plan was the potential development of some of the fields and athletic complexes at Central," said City Manager Paul Sincok. "It seemed like a good partnership, and we expressed the desire to at least look at that."

City Commissioners Dan Dwyer, Michele Potter and Phil Pursell will discuss the future possibilities with school trustees Joanne Lamar, Carol Saunders and Tom Wysocki.

"We're very interested in talking with the city about a possible partnership to develop the land behind Central," said Superintendent Jim Ryan. "It needs to be refurbished, revitalized and made more modern. Let's maximize the use of that area."

Sincok and Ryan envision improvements to the athletic fields, a walking track, as well as new fencing and lighting.

"It would have a very positive impact on the community," said Sincok. "It could be a catalyst for developing a tie between downtown and Old Village."

With no increases in the state foundation grant for school

funding on the horizon, and the continued loss of state revenue sharing funds for municipalities, both administrators believe it will take partnerships to make any type of joint recreational endeavor a reality.

"Government, today, cannot exist in our own isolated worlds anymore," said Sincok. "We have to look at each other, and the private sector, to do things cooperatively. There are too many financial pressures from all sides, and new regulations that we have to comply with."

Ryan agreed that a partnership is needed to come up with the available funding for such a project.

"We certainly wouldn't have money to develop the Central facilities to the extent we think it can be developed," said Ryan.

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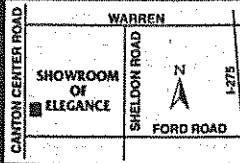
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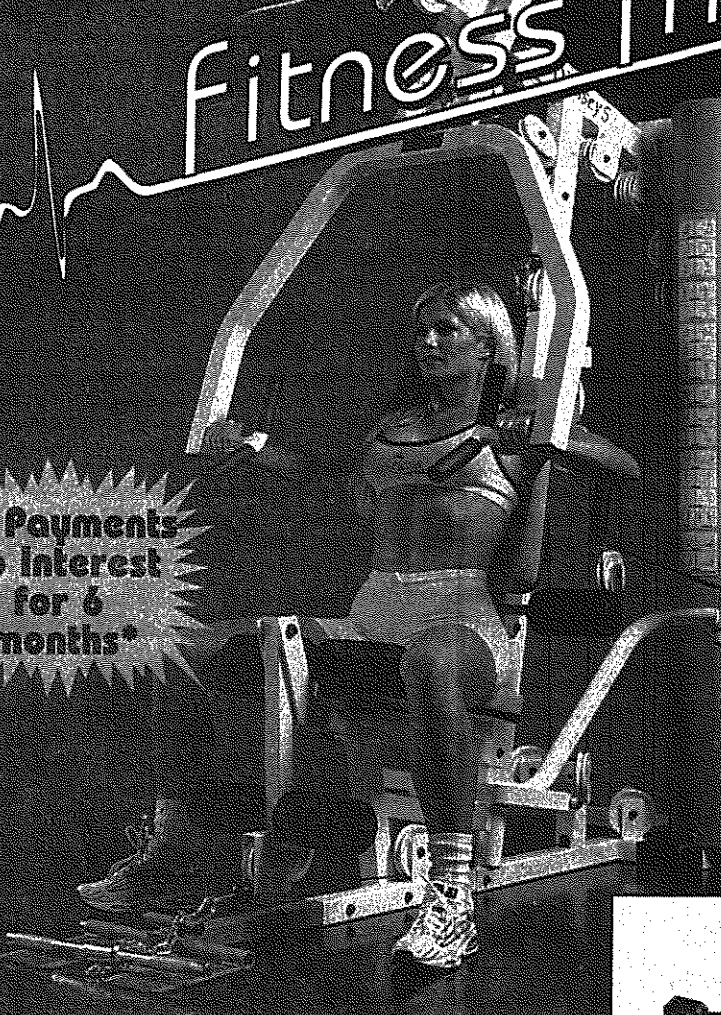
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Money, weather appear ready to bolster ice festival

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

With a late push to reach financial goals and a serious boost from Mother Nature, things appear to be coming together in the days leading up to the 2003 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

Financial details over the last week have helped push the event over its targeted budget of \$152,000, said festival organizer Mike Watts, and weather experts are saying temperatures should be just about perfect as dozens of ice carvers converge on Plymouth for the 21st annual carving competition, which starts Wednesday and runs through Jan. 20.

"We're really happy we met our target budget number," Watts said. "There were a few things pending, and people read about us being a little short and came through. People started calling and finalizing everything, and that got the job done."

According to the optimistic Watts, the weather is expected to see high temperatures in the low 20s, with lows down into the low teens.

"It's supposed to stay below freezing all the way through the festival. That's really great, especially considering how

crazy the weather has been lately."

That means the weather should be cold enough to make the carvers happy, yet not cold enough to keep spectators away. And Watts said he expects this year's festival to top all others, particularly if Mother Nature actually does cooperate.

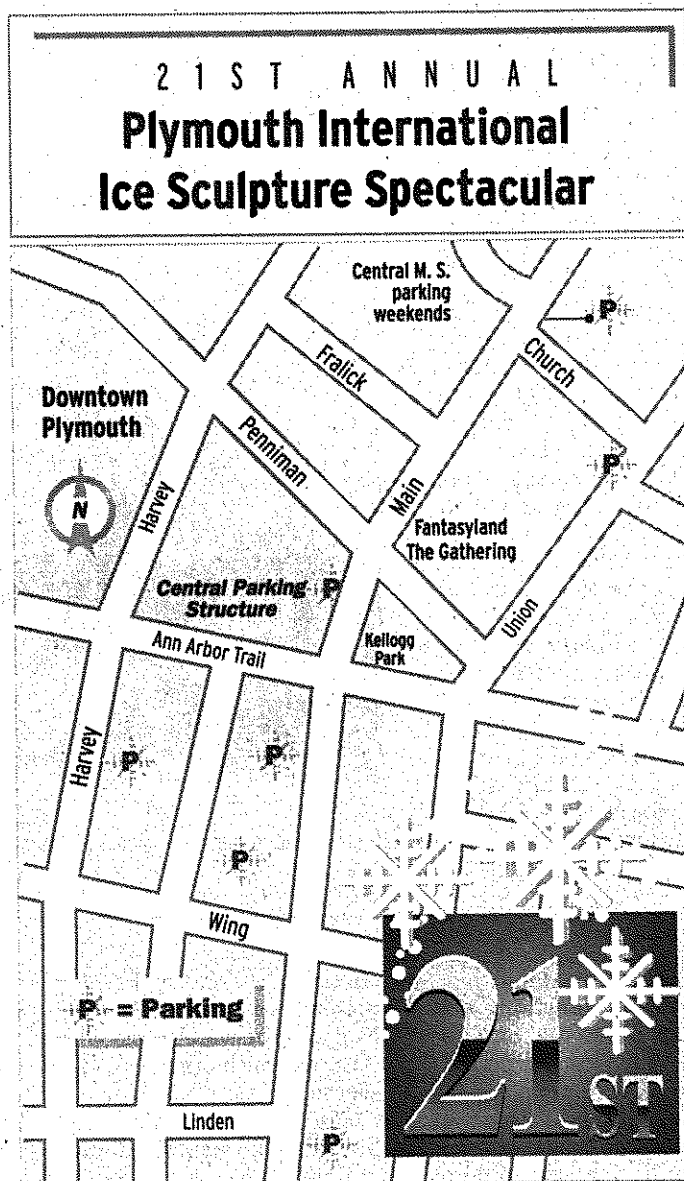
The individual professional competition, generally held on Saturday in the parking structure, has been moved to Friday evening in Kellogg Park, giving that competition more visibility. Considering the quality of the carvers in that event, Watts thinks the move is a good one.

"We have eight or 10 carvers in that competition who carve on a world championship level. That should make Friday a very special night."

Some things have come through for the Farmer Jack FantasyLand as well, said Watts, who pointed out the popular FantasyLand will include "some really neat displays of movie characters and cartoon characters."

Festival organizers have also reached a deal with the city to put up a heated, portable restroom, complete with running water, behind The Gathering.

This year's festival also marks the return of the Ice Spectacular Dinner Dance, set



for Friday at Northville Hills Golf Course, with music by Latin Jazz artists Saoco. Tickets are \$100 and are available at Papa Romano's, Hands On Leather and Engraving Connection, or by calling festival board president Ron Loiselle, (734) 459-9970;

dance co-chairman Ron Edwards, (734) 420-9070; or Watts, (734) 459-6969.

Proceeds will benefit next year's festival. "We're in good shape, and we're going to have one of the nicest ice spectacles we've had," Watts said. bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 459-2700

Local charities reach campaign goals

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Despite the challenges and pressures presented by a weak economy, two local charities were able to surpass goals set in 2002 campaigns.

"The people in this community responded so well," said Major Stephen Hull of the Salvation Army's Plymouth Corps. "This year was certainly a whole lot more fun than last year."

Hull was referring to a \$100,000 budget shortfall last year, mainly because many contributors were giving to 9/11 funds.

This year, both the Red Kettle and mail campaigns in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville were successful. The bell ringing brought in just under \$130,000, nearly \$9,000 more than the Salvation Army's goal. The mail campaign is at \$245,000 and growing.

"We're probably going to make our goal of \$249,000 because donations are still trickling in," said Hull.

The mail drive was boosted by one local couple who sent in a \$25,000 check.

Hull noted the week before Christmas was huge for the campaign, as the local Kiwanis clubs manned the red kettles at six locations, bringing in \$14,000. They beat out the Plymouth Rotary clubs, which rang the week before and collected \$9,400 in the annual competition between the two groups.

"We were very pleased with the results, and the fact that so many people volunteered to ring this year," said Hull. "There were 659 individuals and a host of groups that helped make it happen, for a total of 2,500 volunteer hours."

Hull said he was "tremendously appreciative," considering many Salvation Army campaigns in metro Detroit were down about 5 percent from last year.

Just down the street at the Plymouth Community United

Like the Salvation Army throughout the Detroit area, United Way campaigns in many locations have fallen short of announced goals. The Plymouth Community United Way, which supports 14 local agencies, has met its goals each of the past 20 years.

Way offices in downtown Plymouth, president Marie Morrow announced her group surpassed its 2002 goal of \$1.2 million.

As of Friday, the PCUW collected \$1,268,000. "We still have some smaller accounts running campaigns, so we expect to add more funds," said Morrow. "This year has been challenging for everyone because of the economy."

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The largest contributor this year, as always, is Johnson Controls. Employees and corporate donations totaled more than \$592,000; Visteon Helms Street employees gave \$139,000; Visteon Sheldon Plant employees contributed \$130,000; DTE Energy employee and corporate donations came in at \$45,000.

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Shoplifter targets drugs at Canton store

A shoplifter with an apparent habit and a headache was arrested at Meijer on Thursday and ticketed for retail fraud.

A security guard at the store called Canton Police after witnessing a woman, who was accompanied by her 3-year-old son, in the drug aisle placing items into a black knit bag.

She went through the check-out lane and paid for some chips and other items, but not the merchandise she had

COP CALLS

placed in the bag. The security guard followed her out of the store and brought her back into the office, where he called police. Police and the guard recovered 11 bottles of Tylenol, 15 boxes of Nicorette, two bottles of Aleve and two boxes of Monistat. The merchandise was valued at \$545.

The woman's parents were called and picked up her son at the store before she was arrested.

TOOLS TAKEN

A resident of the 200 block of Princess told police someone broke into his 1997 Ford Taurus and stole tools and other items.

He said he went to the car about 8:30 a.m. and found fresh snow on the seat,

although the car had been parked all night. A checkbook and stereo were also taken.

CAR PAINTED

A Canton resident reported he parked his Ford Bronco in a parking lot in the 8100 block of North Sheldon between Dec. 31 and Jan. 6.

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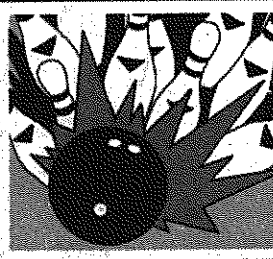
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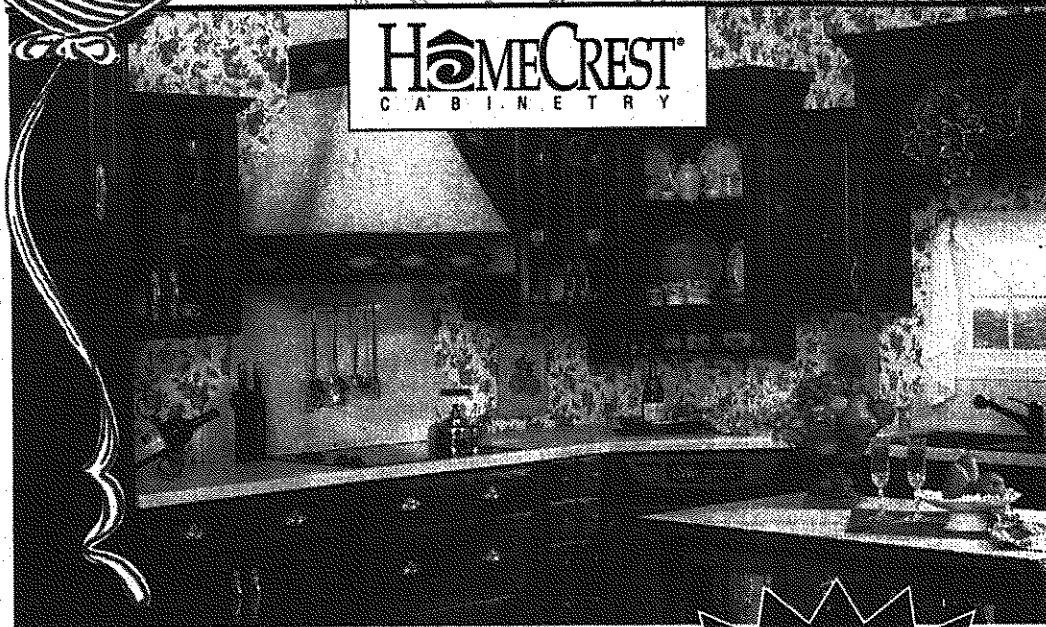
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said.

She said the experience reinforced what she told Canton chamber members during a luncheon on Wednesday during which she was sworn in as president.

"There are troubling times," she told the group gathered at the Summit.

She cited war talk and an ailing economy. "A lot of people have been laid off," she said. "The chamber should be more closely knit. We need to provide support."

"We have to plan for tomorrow and live for today," she said, adding that "community becomes more important" when facing war and an ailing economy.

The chamber is addressing the sense of community by trying to get new members and current ones more involved,

she said. The chamber theme for the coming year is "up close and professional."

"We want to get to know each other better," she said.

As part of that program, the chamber will host "a minute at the mike," she said. Chamber members will get a one-minute talk about themselves and their businesses during monthly chamber lunches.

She also took note that the chamber will open its new building and that there will be a conference room available for members to use.

Other new officers are: Sally Bailey, St. Joseph Mercy Health-Canton, past president; Todd LaJoy, The LaJoy Group Inc., president-elect; Denise Staffeld, Group One Mortgage Corp., treasurer; Mike Bongiovanni, Innovative Automation, vice president of business and economic development; Kriss Rautio, Community Bank of Dearborn, vice president of community development; Aldona Chew,

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Lowenstein's law practice is located in Canton. She is active in family law, probate and estate planning and elder law, which is helping deal with senior care issues. She lived in Canton for 22 years and recently moved to Plymouth.



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District Judge Ron Lowe swears in members of the Canton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

TAVERN

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without insurance," Mazza said. "Without liquor liability insurance, you cannot serve liquor in Michigan."

The LCC notified Canton Police of the situation and the police visited the Shark Club about 10 p.m. Tuesday. While they were there they carded about half the customers. They didn't find any minors, and Mazza explained the situation to them.

Nevertheless, the bar shut

down until the next day.

"You can't do anything at 10 o'clock at night," Mazza said. "At eight the next morning, I called the insurance company, they notified the LCC that we were covered and we were open for business again that night."

But he said after the club

closed on Tuesday night, his manager went to the Rusty Nail and the waitress asked her how many minors they had served.

The same thing happened to him when he went for dinner at Rose's.

"Somebody that knew me said, 'How many minors did

you serve?'" Mazza said.

He said the word of mouth trail must have gotten out after police visited the bar and carded some customers, then it shut down.

"No customer who walks into my bar thinks a bar will be shut down except for serving to

a minor," he said. "But without liquor liability insurance, you cannot serve liquor in Michigan."

And for the record, Mazza says he has never been shut down for serving to a minor.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Michigan State University
Justin Kuxhaus, a resident of Canton, is a member of the Michigan State University Mock Trial Team. Justin is a sophomore at Michigan State University studying International Relations and German.

Western Michigan University
Shawn Kearney, a resident of Canton, graduated with a bachelor of business degree from Western Michigan University on Dec. 14, 2002.

Savannah College of Art and Design
Robert Theodore Miller of Canton was named to the Dean's List at the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Ga., for the fall quarter 2002. Miller is a computer art major and is the son of Robert Miller and Colleen Canty-Miller.

Tiffany Jeanette Hare of Northville was named to the Dean's List at the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Ga. for the fall quarter 2002. Hare is a fashion major and is the daughter of Richard Hare and Linda Jo Hare.

Madonna University
Denny Kapp of Canton was named to the Dean's List at Madonna University for the fall 2002 semester. He is a major in TV and video communication. Kapp is the son of Joyce Kapp of Canton.

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Freshman State Rep. Phil LaJoy works on state House seating after being sworn in during Wednesday's ceremony.

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ties include Canton, the city of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Van Buren Township, Belleville, Sumpter Township, Huron Township, Brownstown Township, Flat Rock, Woodhaven, Trenton, Grosse Ile Township, Gibraltar and Rockwood.

Another top priority is lobbying the federal government to prevent the lengthening of the landing strips at Willow Run Airport. The issue is noise. "The housing in Plymouth and Canton would be affected," he said.

Also, he said that FedEx and other shippers want to stay close to Metro Airport and not move out further.

Economics is another top issue. He said he wants to work on economic development along the M-14 corridor. "We have some high-tech and skilled workers along there," he

said.

His committee assignments include membership on the Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs committees. Patterson said he hopes to work on the landfill issue. Michigan is one of the largest importers of trash and it's becoming an issue in the state.

He also wants to make sure that money from the Clean Water Bond issue approved by voters in November goes to clean up waste water being dumped into Michigan's rivers and lakes.

Patterson will chair the Technology and Energy Committee and will be the vice chair of the Health Policy Committee. He will also be a member of the Judiciary Committee.

He served two terms in the state House, during which time he worked on the Clean Water Bond initiative, Proposal 2 on the ballot; development of the 35th District Court judgeship

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in Plymouth; and helped create a state position for a 24-hour nursing home resident representative.

He served as chairman of the House Oversight and Operations Committee and was the first freshman lawmaker elected to the position of associate speaker pro tem, followed by a promotion to House majority floor leader in 2001.

SCAM

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"We want businesses to advise their employees about this guy and if he comes in, tell them to call the police right away," he said. "Call 9-1-1 but try to do it without his knowing it."

He said the man has been described as a white male in his early 40s, 5-feet-11 and

190-200 pounds. He has brown hair, brown eyes, a goatee and salt and pepper hair.

"Some people have described him as Middle Eastern or having a Middle Eastern accent," he said. "It's generally not his practice to call first. Usually, he just comes into the store."

He said the man usually wears a shirt or something for the business he claims to represent, which lends to his credibility.

"He's playing on people's generosity," Mutchler said. "Our tendency is to want to help people which is a good thing. But there's other ways of helping them."

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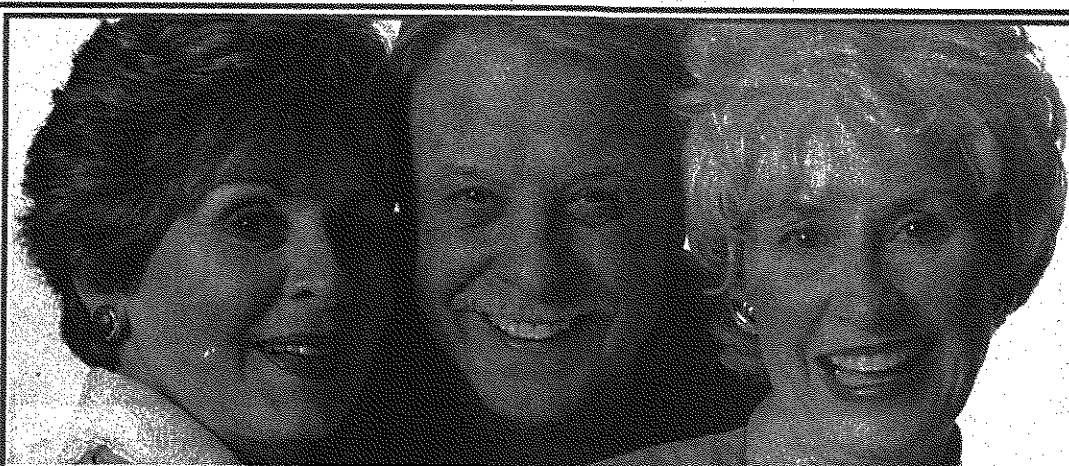
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Memorial fund to aid children

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

The Pesce name lives on in a memorial fund honoring the lives of young Carlo, Sabrina and Melissa Pesce — three children killed in their Livonia home along with their father, Marco, and grandmother, Maria Vergati, before Christmas.

The Carlo, Sabrina and Melissa Light of Life Memorial Fund benefits children afflicted with retina disorders.

It is operated by the National Association of Immigrant Families. Since 1992, children have come to the United States from Italy to receive medical attention — "restoring light to their life."

The program was started by volunteers, including Livonia resident Theresa Nascimbeni. In light of the tragedy, she offered to name it after the Pesce children.

"Especially today — how the world goes — to know you'll be able to do something for other people I think is very, very important," she said.

According to a statement, the Pesce family "hopes that the memorial fund will help bring the light to the life of other children so that Carlo, Sabrina and Melissa, whose lives were cut short by such an act of senseless cruelty, may continue to live through the eyes of other children."

There has been tremendous community response to the memorial, said Karen Lazenby, funeral director at Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia.

"Everyone has called to see what they can do."

The fund has already paid for one child to have surgery here in Michigan since the incident last month, Lazenby said.

The program began with one baby, now 10-year-old Gianluca Biama of Tourin, Italy. It has helped 82 children receive medical care. Doctors Michael Trese and Anthony Capone Jr. of William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak handle the surgery, which mostly involves premature babies.

"When they come into the world, the retina is detached," Nascimbeni said. "They are completely blind."

Nascimbeni hopes the program will also allow Italian doctors to come to the United States to learn the procedure and provide technological advances so they can begin to help children within their own country.

As a volunteer, Nascimbeni helps make arrangements for the families to come to the United States, takes them to the hospital and arranges for them to stay in an apartment in Royal Oak.

Because many speak only Italian, she works as a translator for families. During their two- to five-week stay in

Michigan, Nascimbeni does her best to make them comfortable.

On Jan. 9, she left for San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy. There, doctors will hold a conference to explain the procedure. On Friday and Saturday, they will see nearly 40 children who will either undergo the procedure or be examined post-surgery.

"We can be very proud of what we've accomplished in many years," she said of the fund. "It's like (Marco's brother) Fabrizio (Pesce) said, something can come (that is) very good. They would like this program to go on and be able to help Italian children."

Those who wish to send donations can make checks payable to The Carlo, Sabrina and Melissa Light of Life Memorial Fund, A.N.F.E. of Michigan, 35902 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150.

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TAJ MAHAL

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with the same name in upstate New York before moving to Canton about four years ago.

When he decided to open a restaurant in Canton, he zeroed in on the site that was previously occupied by the Blue Water Cafe, a family-owned Lebanese/Middle Eastern restaurant that was in business for just under three months.

He bought the place from Blue Water owner Suzanne Sareini, who had taken over the site of the former Chic-a-D's, a broasted chicken eatery. That restaurant was in business less than a year.

But with the large Indian/Pakistani population in Canton - and the fact that the Taj Mahal is the only Indo/Pakistani restaurant in the township - Zaigham thinks it will be successful.

Not only is the Taj Mahal

the only restaurant of its kind in Canton, Zaigham pointed out, there are also none in Westland, Ypsilanti, Belleville and many other neighboring communities.

"I am glad and thankful to the Indian and Pakistani community for their support," he said. "The community came together and helped us and just by word of mouth they're making sure people know we're here."

But he's not just looking at that community for his customer base.

"We want to serve all the residents of Canton," he said. "Americans, Indians, Pakistanis ... everybody. We've already had customers from England and Scotland who live here. They like spicy food."

He chose the Cherry Hill/Sheldon site deliberately, rather than looking for a site along Ford Road.

"Ford Road has become very busy," he said. "It's very hard to get in and out of Ford Road locations. Here we have

the Hindu Temple on one side and the Moslem Mosque on the other. And many members of the Indian/Pakistani community live in this area."

He also thinks the location is fitting for what he wants to develop as a family atmosphere. The restaurant has no liquor license and Zaigham doesn't want one.

"We want families to be comfortable here," he said. "Especially children."

The menu offers a variety of dishes ranging from Samosa appetizers to four kinds of dal (lentils) to Tandoor specialties. He has a Tandoor oven for those dishes.

"We have a large variety of lamb, chicken, lentils and meat," he said.

All the meat is Halal.

He also does catering and take-out service.

"We do tons of take-out," he said. "And we've already catered some private parties."

If you don't see what you want on the menu, Zaigham said, just let him know in advance and he'll prepare it.

Or his chefs will.

"I can't cook," he admitted.

The restaurant offers a luncheon buffet from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for \$5.95 and on Saturday and Sunday for \$8.95, when lamb is added to the buffet menu.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week. Major credit cards are accepted.

Considering the short time the restaurant has been open, Zaigham said business has been good.

"We are very grateful to the residents and Canton and surrounding communities for their support," he said.

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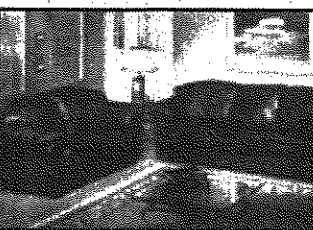
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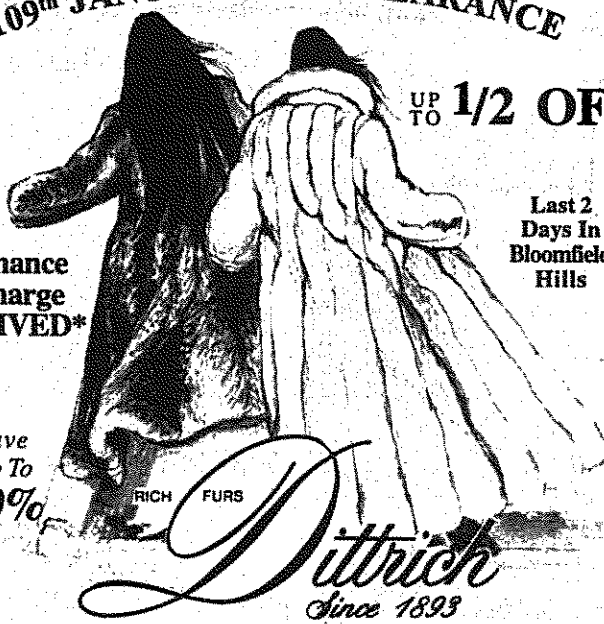
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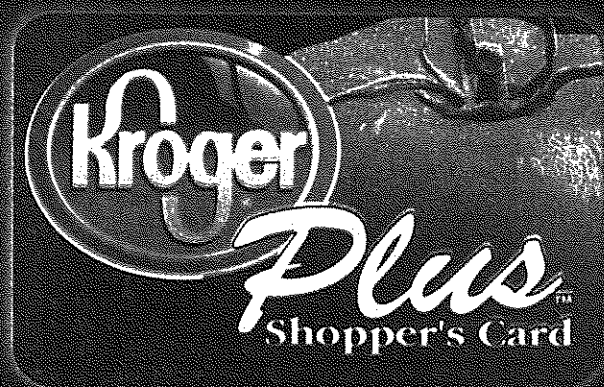
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Sidelines

■ Liffiton picked

Plymouth Whaler defenseman David Liffiton was among the 40 players selected for the Home Hardware Canadian Hockey League Top Prospects Game, which will be played at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, at Kitchener Memorial Auditorium Complex.

The 6-foot-2, 201-pound Liffiton has four goals and five assists (nine points) for the Whalers this season. Last season, he has three goals and nine assists (12 points) in 62 games.

Players selected were chosen by the CHL and NHL.

All 40 players selected are eligible for this year's NHL Entry Draft June 21-22 in Nashville.

Former Compuware Ambassadors' defenseman Frank Rediker, currently playing with the Windsor Spitfires, was also chosen.

■ Whaler deals

The Plymouth Whalers completed another deal with the Saginaw Spirit, getting right wing Nick Vernelli for Plymouth's seventh-round draft choice this June.

"Nick brings a lot to our team," said Whalers' coach Mike Vellucci.

"He is a very good penalty killer and has good speed. He will be a great role player for us."

The 6-foot-1, 198-pound Vernelli is in his third season in the OHL. He has two goals and three assists in 37 games this season; in his OHL career, he has 12 goals and 18 assists.

To make room for Vernelli, forward Gary Klapowski was claimed off waivers by the Sudbury Wolves.

Klapowski, picked up in a trade with Kitchener last summer with Ryan Ramsay, had two goals and two assists this season.

■ Stingrays reign

After losing their opening game at the Silver Stick Tournament in St. Clair Shores last month, Plymouth Stingrays Midget A team knew they could afford no further slips.

They didn't make any. Two goals in the final 1:04 — by Justin Stadler and Chris Fairbanks — helped them edge AFL.

After that, two Adam Stoner goals were instrumental in their win over St. Clair Shores, assuring them a spot in the championship game.

The Michigan Jaguars beat the Stingrays 3-1 in their tourney opener. This time, with tournament MVP Fairbanks getting a hat trick and goalie Jimmy Gates sparkling in the net, the Stingrays won.

Other team members are Sean Griffin, Brandon Longuski, Nick Guerro, Ben Sultana, Andrew Bonnewell, Matt Brenneman, Bryant Parker, Justin Stadler, Rod Ball, Joe Trotter, Paul Tootikian, Matt VanHoet, Sean Sachau and Pete Pfeffer.

The team is coached by Wess Price, Kevin Longuski, Pat Fairbanks and Kevin Fairbanks.

Canton gets first-ever victory over Stevenson

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson had its chances. Through most of the first period of its Western Lakes Activities Association hockey game against Canton at Arctic Edge Arena, the Spartans dominated.

But they didn't score. By the late stages of the first period, the Chiefs had started to even things out. But the key was, goalie Charles Kemp had kept Stevenson scoreless.

Which proved fatal for the Spartans, particularly when, 2:18 into the second period, Kyle Tollison backhanded a shot at the Stevenson goal and it got past goalie Rob Thomas, giving Canton a one-goal lead.

And a lot of momentum, which the Chiefs ultimately rode to a 4-1 victory.

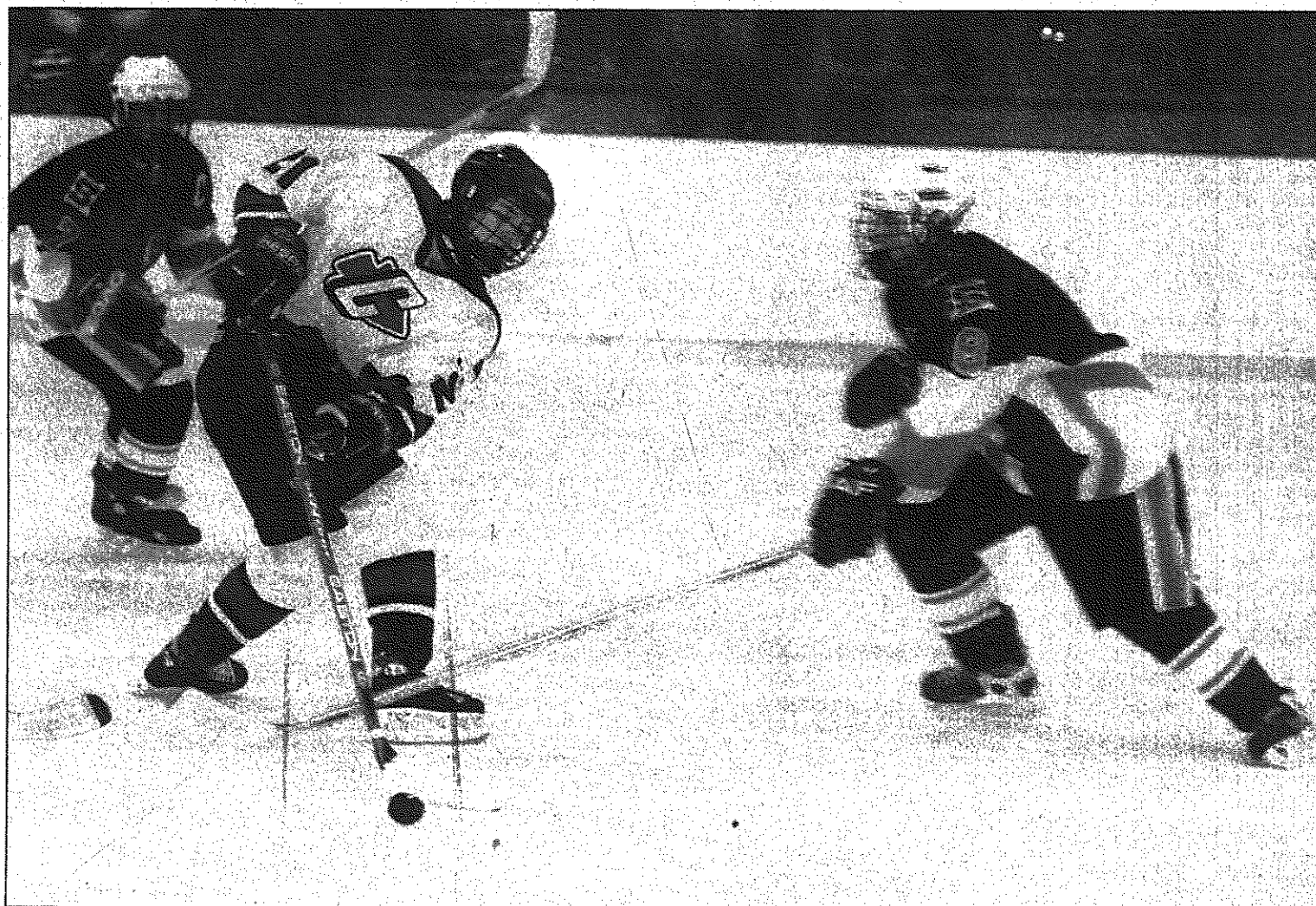
The win evened Canton's record at 6-6 overall, 2-3 in the WLAA. Stevenson is 5-6-1 overall, 2-3-1 in the conference.

It was the first time in their history the Chiefs, now in their fourth season, beat Stevenson.

"We had never beaten Stevenson," said Canton coach Dan Abraham. "A couple of players brought that up beforehand. It was nice they used that as a motivating factor, but I don't dwell on things like that."

"Any team can beat any other team in this league."

If Kemp's goaltending — he came within 1:37 of posting a second-straight shutout — was the No. 1 factor in Canton's win, then



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Canton's Kyle Tollison (21) tries to get the puck out of the Canton zone in front of Stevenson's Jon Fritsch (8). Tollison scored twice for the Chiefs.

Tollison's first goal was No. 2. "Breaks will even out," said Abraham. "We can create our own breaks through hard work." Abraham knew that first goal, assisted by Greg Kubert and Reece McCabe, was a good deal of luck. He also knew the Chiefs used that score to their advantage.

"I thought they won the first half of the first period," the Canton coach said. "After that, it could have gone either way."

To be sure, it wasn't total domination by the Chiefs. This game was tight until the final five minutes.

Canton got what it was

seeking — an insurance goal — five seconds after Stevenson's Erik Anderson went to the penalty box for interference. The Chiefs won the ensuing faceoff in the Spartan end, the puck going back to Dave Bak, who whistled a shot past Thomas to make it 2-0 with 10:53 left. Ryan McKendry and Dave Commiskey assisted.

"David Bak has to have the hardest shot in the league," said Abraham. "It was a rocket."

The Spartans now needed to score twice in less than 11 minutes, but they hurt themselves by taking another penalty with 9:15 to go.

But, as Abraham would later say, breaks tend to even out and, with 5:15 left, Commiskey went to the box for holding a Stevenson player's stick. Then, with :11 still remaining in that penalty, Kubert was called for slashing.

That meant Canton was two-players short for those 11 seconds and would be at least one-man short for 3:49 — unless the Spartans scored.

They did, but not until it was too late. After Stevenson coach Mike Humitz pulled goalie Ryan Dennett (he replaced Thomas after Canton's second goal) to give the Spartans a two-man

advantage, the Chiefs — who limited the Spartans to two shots at goal in the first two minutes of that penalty — got a goal from Commiskey into the empty net to make it 3-0 with 2:44 left.

Stevenson finally scored on the power play, Tommy Zagata muscling in the puck with 1:37 left. Matt Fortier assisted.

Tollison's second goal of the game came with just :17.2 remaining, again unassisted and into an empty net.

The win was Canton's third straight, and coming against a

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Coaching was always a part of LaPointe

Born to it. That's how Mark LaPointe has felt about coaching since that day more than 40 years ago, when he was allowed to stand on the sidelines at an Adrian-vs.-Albion football game.

LaPointe had accompanied his grandparents to the game and he still remembers standing there "taking in all that atmosphere."

"This is great," LaPointe told himself. "This is what I want to do. Man, I want to coach someday."

And he has. Since graduating from Eastern Michigan University, LaPointe has coached.

He coached baseball as an assistant under Fred Crissey from the start of the program at Canton through 1993, the only season LaPointe served as head coach.

"You're going to coach for me, LaPointe, because I had you as a player and as a coach at Central Middle School," LaPointe recalls being told by Crissey. "I didn't have a lot of experience in baseball growing up — I was a football guy — but I thought, what the heck."

That set things in motion for LaPointe, taking him from a head football coach at Redford Thurston

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Strong 2nd half leads Salem to victory

Salem coach Bob Brodie described the Rocks' game Friday against Western Lakes Activities Association basketball rival Walled Lake Western best.

"It was like two completely different games," he said. "Western dominated the first half. They came out with their guns blazing, took us out of our tempo and outthrustled us."

"At halftime we challenged our players. We told them they had to do it now or it would be close at the end. We came out of the blocks real quick and made up the deficit."

And that helped turn the game to Salem, which outscored the Warriors 34-21

BASKETBALL

in the second half en route to a 53-47 triumph at Salem.

The win, the Rocks' fifth-straight, pushed their record to 7-2 overall, 2-1 in the WLAA. Western is 3-5 overall, 2-1 in the conference.

Salem trailed 13-5 after one quarter and 26-19 at halftime, but the Rocks made up that deficit quickly in the third quarter. Still, the Warriors didn't go easily.

"Western didn't quit," Brodie said. "We spread it to nine and they came right back to get within one. Their intensity was great the first half and ours

was in the second.

"It seems as though every time we play Western it's a dogfight. Rex (Stanczak) does a good job (as coach). He knows what we're running, and it becomes a chess match."

"It comes down to what the players do. We're fortunate to have some good talent this year, and we took care of things."

The best talent in the conference is probably Dave Hoskins. The 6-foot-5 senior who has already committed to Central Michigan finished with 19 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists to lead Salem.

Stevland Davis added 11

points and Dominique Washington had 10.

Western got 14 points from Ronney Neely and nine apiece from Tim Acho and Steven Welling.

Salem is idle Tuesday. On Friday, the Rocks host Walled Lake Central.

W.L. Central 58, Canton 37: A scoreless first quarter.

That was the embarrassment Canton had to overcome Friday at Walled Lake Central, and it took the Chiefs nearly three minutes of the second quarter to do it. Playing without point guard Andy

PLEASE SEE HOOPS, C4

Schoolcraft's tireless worker retires

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Marvin Gans and his wife Riki raised three children — Derek, now 42; Russ, 40; and Jenny, 38.

But in all reality, there was a fourth child — the Physical Education Building at Schoolcraft College.

That's always been, and always will be, his baby.

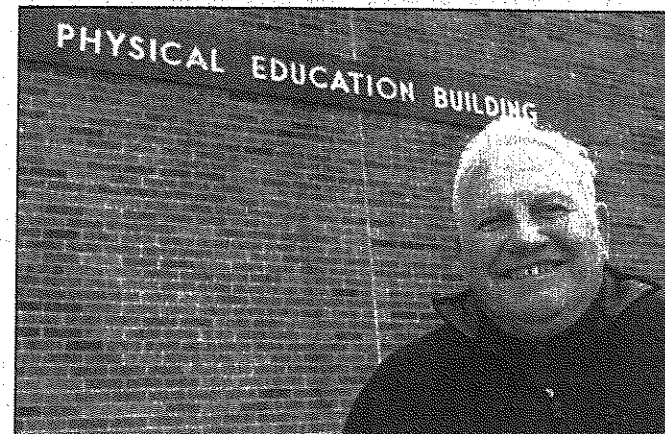
Gans, 70, just finished a marvelous 38 1/2-year career at Schoolcraft, retiring in December after spending his final six months on a sabbatical leave where he did research. One

of his recent pet projects is in the field of cardiac adaptive rehabilitation.

Anybody who believes Gans, a guy who has endured four hip replacements and still plays paddleball, will lay low and disappear, is only fooling themselves.

"I'm trying to lose 50 pounds," Gans said. "And I'll stay active in the community. It's been a good run. It's hard to imagine I've been there that long."

Gans, a native of New York City (the Bronx) and graduate of Hunter College (N.Y.), has been an integral part of Schoolcraft's

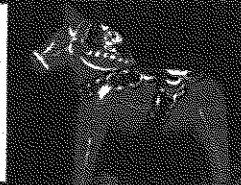


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Marv Gans was an institution when it came to health, physical education and athletics at Schoolcraft College.

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Canton keeps its record perfect; Plymouth wins 1st

For Plymouth's gymnastics team, there were a couple of firsts. For Canton's, the string was extended.

The Chiefs improved to 5-0 in dual meets with wins over Napoleon and Plymouth Thursday at Plymouth. Canton scored 134.40 to easily outdistance its foes.

However, Plymouth — made up entirely of freshmen — did record its first-ever dual victory, outscoring Napoleon 117.05-116.70.

"In a meet with new routines in several events, I was pleased with the competitive progress at all levels," said Canton coach John Cunningham.

"We had some first-time tricks and day-old floor routines, and still they gave us our second-best (team) score of the year.

"Nothing close to our 140 goal, of course."

Canton had winners in each individual event except uneven parallel bars.

Alie Saker, from Plymouth, won that with an 8.7.

Saker also became the first Wildcat performer to finish first in the all-around in a meet against varsity opponents.

She scored a 34-25, edging Canton's Kara Ahern and Brigid Fitzgerald, who tied at

GYMNASTICS

33.25. Napoleon's Terre Deacons was fourth with a 32.45.

Something else that pleased Cunningham: including his B team competitors, the Chiefs had 10 scores over 8.0 in the vault. Fitzgerald finished first with an 8.7; with Jessi Bates second (8.5) and Ahern third (8.45).

Saker was best for Plymouth with an 8.05.

Placing second behind Saker in the bars was Canton's Bates and Napoleon's Deacons (8.25 each). Canton's Mina Pirzadeh was fourth (8.05).

In the balance beam, the Chiefs' Audra Ahern was the winner (8.9), with Plymouth's Saker second (8.5), the Pirates' Deacons third (8.25) and Canton's Pirzadeh fourth (8.15).

And, in the floor exercise, Canton's Kara Ahern was the winner (9.2), with the Chiefs' Audra Ahern second (9.05), Plymouth's Saker third (9.0) and Canton's Fitzgerald fourth (8.85).

Canton has a key Western Lakes Activities Association meet at Livonia Consolidated at 7 p.m. Monday.

Wingate's point spree carries Ocelots

Pam Wingate poured in a career-high 30 points to lead Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team to an 85-30 rout of winless Henry Ford CC Wednesday at SC.

Wingate connected on 13-of-17 floor shots for the Lady Ocelots. Mia Henderson added 14 points and Tara Charles scored nine.

The Lady Hawks were led by Katie VanGoethem with nine points.

The outcome was decided early; SC led 44-11 by halftime.

WOMEN'S HOOPS

The win improved the Ocelots' record to 9-6 overall; they are 1-1 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference. Henry Ford is 0-2 in the conference, 0-14 overall.

SC plays next at Macomb CC Wednesday.

Tri-State 88, Madonna 64: Turnovers continued to plague Madonna University Wednesday at Tri-State

University.

The Lady Crusaders hit 62.5 percent of their first-half floor shots — and trailed 44-23 at halftime. The reason: Tri-State hit 60 percent of its shots, but took 30 of them (making 18) while Madonna got off only 16 shots (hitting 10).

The Crusaders were 26-of-52 for the game (50 percent) to the Thunder's 34-of-59 (57.6 percent). However, Madonna had 23 turnovers to 11 for Tri-State. Courtney Rehbine's 19 points and eight rebounds

topped the Crusaders. Lindsay Simmon contributed 17 points and Nikki Blaszk scored 11.

Tri-State got 25 points (on 10-of-13 shooting) from Shanna Hoogenboom, 16 from Krista Brockway, and 10 apiece from Nikki Bergman and Kayla Cheesman. Ann Miller finished with five points, 11 assists and five steals.

The loss left Madonna at 3-14 overall, 1-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. The Thunder are 6-9 overall, 1-0 in the WHAC.

WRESTLING RESULTS

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SALEM 19

Jan. 9 at Salem

103 pounds: Ryan Stump (S) def. Dan Rabe, 7-1.
112: Mike Cieslak (LS) won on void.
119: Charley Rabaut (LS) def. Mike Dendinos, 12-3.
125: Alan Myrnek (S) pinned Alex York, 3-2.
130: Pete Bobee (S) pinned Saul Fuentes, 3-05.
135: Mike Goethe (S) def. Jared McClellan, 23-10.
140: Dan Leith (LS) def. Randy Bearden, 12-2.
145: Jason Fischer (LS) pinned Tony Stott, 5-50.
152: Sean O'Halloran (LS) def. Brian Danville, 9-4.
160: Dario Mainella (LS) def. Chris Hanson, 11-6.
171: Doug Fellows (LS) pinned Andy Ross, 1-00.
189: Jesse Baskin (LS) def. Jordan Schafer, 11-0.
215: Joe Bargerstock (LS) pinned Jeremy Henderson, 1-23.
275: Paul Bargerstock (LS) def. Jeremy Walker, 2-1 (OT).

CATHOLIC CENTRAL 63,

SOUTHGATE 15

(Jan. 9 at Romulus)

103: Sean Dong (CC) p. Alex Smith, 1-03.
112: Matt Steintrager (CC) p. Phil Furman, 3-31.
119: Matt Kozlarski (CC) p. Mark Eshock, 3-29.
125: Carlos Semano (SG) d. Brian

Baumgardner, 9-2.

130: Dan Thomas (CC) p. Paul Scheer, 1-52.
135: Will Parmendies (SG) tech fall. John Cleary, 16-1.

140: Nate Rodriguez (CC) p. C.J. Lynn, 1-13.
145: Charlie Kovelie (CC) d. Tom Grinsley, 6-0.
152: Brad Bartram (CC) p. Dan Fyrns, 2-52.
160: Trevor Stewart (CC) p. Brian Davis, 1-40.
171: Scott Schwartzlose (CC) p. Ryan Wilson, 1-02.

189: Eric Vojtkofsky (CC) p. Steve Flordelis, 2-52.
215: Jesse Cummings (SG) p. Pete Rodriguez, 3-18.

HVY: Pat Clark (CC) p. Greg Labadie, 1-25.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL 60

ROMULUS 16

103: Sean Dong (CC) p. Robbie Ray, 2-22.
112: Matt Steintrager (CC) p. Tim Griggs, 4-25.
119: Tim Lewis (R) d. Matt Kozlarski, 4-3.
125: Chris Anderson (R) maj dec. Brian Baumgardner, 9-0.

130: Matt Martzfield (R) d. Dan Thomas, 10-3.
135: Jamie Herne (R) p. John Cleary, 3-29.
140: Nate Rodriguez (CC) p. Phil Roscoe, 2-23.
145: Charlie Kovelie (CC) p. Ahmed Harell, 5-9.

152: Dan Curmi (CC) p. Josh Zirkle, 1-37.
160: Trevor Stewart (CC) won by void.
171: Scott Schwartzlose (CC) won by void.
189: Eric Vojtkofsky (CC) won by void.
215: Pete Rodriguez (CC) won by void.
HVY: Pat Clark (CC) inj. def. Chris Carlson.

Dorsey leads 10th-ranked Ocelots past Henry Ford CC

Schoolcraft College, ranked 10th in the country, got a game-high 25 points from Ronald Dorsey in a 107-63 men's basketball victory Wednesday over visiting Henry Ford Community College.

Schoolcraft, 15-1 overall, is 2-0 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association. Dorsey, a 6-foot-5 sophomore forward from Detroit Pershing, had plenty of offensive support as five other Ocelots scored in double figures including Marcus Bennett (17), Torvoris Baker (14), Andre Scott (11), Marcus Johnson (10) and Wayne Memorial's Gary Johnson (10).

"We're starting to play better as a team," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said. "With Dion (Sherrell) out (with a broken foot) we have to be more aggressive. Ron Dorsey stepped up and really played well

MEN'S BASKETBALL

with the exception of a couple passes he threw. And I thought Andre (Scott) had a good first half and got us off to a good start."

Byron Cole, a 6-foot-3 guard out of Romulus, led the Hawks (10-5, 1-1) with 16 points. Kenny Nether (Canton) added 10.

Schoolcraft led 56-30 at the half. The Ocelots made 24-of-33 free throws (73 percent) compared to Henry Ford's 10-of-15 (67 percent).

"Schoolcraft has good size and definitely they're talented," Henry Ford coach Abe Mashhour said. "They have good scoring inside and they're balanced. Their big men may not be as dominant inside than last year, but they're athletic and they killed us on offensive rebounds."

SWIM RESULTS

SALEM 116

WALLED LAKE WESTERN 69

Thursday at Western

200-yard medley relay: Salem (Nick Dixon, Matt Showalter, Ben Dzialo, Matt Vivian), 1:45.45.

200 freestyle: 1. Matt Jurcak (S), 1:59.67.
200 individual medley: 1. Jeff Nevi (S), 2:18.77.

50 freestyle: 1. Steve Helewski (WLW), 23.51.
Diving: 1. Andrew Murowski (S), 159.35 points; 2. Brad Sokolowski (S), 141.80.

100 butterfly: 1. Nick Dixon (S), 54.97 (state qualifying).
100 freestyle: 1. Ben Jylka (WLW), 52.72; 2. Joe Aumiller (S), 52.92.

500 freestyle: 1. Mike Horgan (S), 5:27.29; 2. Penn Chou (S), 5:39.78.
200 freestyle relay: Salem (Vivian, Bill

Clark, Nick Yee, Dzialo), 1:34.45.

100 backstroke: 1. Jason Savage (WLW), 1:02.1.

100 breaststroke: 1. Casey Johnson (S), 1:08.24.
400 freestyle relay: Salem (Vivian, Dixon, Aumiller, Dzialo), 3:24.18.

Dual-meet record: Salem, 4-0.

CANTON 105

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 81

Thursday at Canton

200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton (Nate Phillips, Steve Reasor, Yuhei Uno, Joe Le), 1:50.75.

200 freestyle: 1. Ryan Booms (WLC), 1:58.42; 2. Reasor (C), 2:03.2.
200 individual medley: 1. Yuhei Uno (C), 2:12.16; 2. James Sattler (C), 2:20.3.

50 freestyle: 1. Le (C), 23.17.
Diving: 1. Brian Chranowski (WLC), 217.55 points.

100 butterfly: 1. John Faraoni (C), 58.47; 2. Shogo Uno (C), 1:01.07.

100 freestyle: 1. Le (C), 49.83 (state qualifying); 2. Sam Manees (C), 55.92.
500 freestyle: 1. Yuhei Uno (C), 5:11.99.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (James Sattler, Aaron Van Proyen, Shogo Uno, Le), 1:39.98.

100 backstroke: 1. Justin Fenwick (WLC), 1:00.34; 2. Faraoni (C), 1:01.65.

100 breaststroke: 1. Booms (WLC), 1:06.10; 2. Reasor (C), 1:11.58.
400 freestyle relay: Salem (Yuhei Uno, Shogo Uno, Sattler, Faraoni), 3:43.84.

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GANS

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birth and maturation since he arrived in 1964.

In 2003, he leaves with a litany of remarkable accomplishments related to physical education, athletics and continuing education.

"Just his presence alone will be missed," longtime friend John Gelmisi said.

"This guy was visible all over the P.E. building. He was most of the most caring athletic directors and one of the most knowledgeable in his field. He was somebody who really cared."

Prompted by a North Central evaluation team, Schoolcraft President Dr. Eric Bradner was mandated to come up with a physical education major but, more importantly, a physical education building had to be conceived.

And Gans certainly had the credentials to start a P.E. program.

He taught in England on a Fulbright Fellowship teaching exchange and was armed with a master's degree as a P.E. Education Specialist from the University of Michigan.

He also taught and coached in the Livonia Public Schools, first at Whitman Junior High (1956-60) and then at Franklin High (1962-64).

Gans quickly got the ball rolling in April 1964 when he was named athletic director. Even without a P.E. building at the Haggerty Road campus, Gans launched several varsity sports including cross country, basketball, swimming, wrestling, gymnastics, volleyball and soccer.

In 1966, he started a club soccer program and in 1967, Schoolcraft boasted its first All-America selection. In 1968,

he guided his men's soccer team to the final four of the National Junior College Athletic Association men's soccer tournament.

And when the time came to construct a P.E. facility, Gans wanted something on the cutting edge.

He became the architect and builder, and when it was finished in 1970, it was opened to rave reviews.

The building was a state-of-the-art facility, equipped with both a main and auxiliary gym, paddleball courts, Olympic-sized pool, classroom, aerobics/dance room, offices, fitness center/wrestling room, full-sized men's and women's locker rooms, concession stand and laundry/equipment room.

"Marv's resume is in chapters," said Schoolcraft P.E. instructor and former gymnastics coach Cecil Woodruff.

"He hired me in 1970. We had set up an appointment at the national P.E. convention in Seattle. At the time I was finishing my doctorate at the University of Utah. We had eight full-time faculty in the P.E. department and I became the ninth. We did all the coaching and teaching."

"I was happy to see the building. At that time some neat things were happening. The Central Michigan University people came down to see what Marv was doing with our facilities. If you go to several facilities in the state, they look a lot like Schoolcraft, schools like Grand Rapids and Delta."

"He's consulted a number of projects around the U.S., even one in Baghdad, Iraq — and that's one that he's never seen."

In 1971-72, Gans received his doctorate from the University

of Utah in health, physical education, recreation and athletic administration.

And while he had a beautiful P.E. building in his midst, Gans wasn't afraid to showcase it to Livonia and its surrounding cities.

"Marv put a lot of time in," said Gerald Heaton, a retired Garden City schoolteacher and P.E. Building supervisor. "What will be missed is his ability to keep everything up to par. The building still looks great. People don't realize his devotion to the building and program."

Gans wasn't afraid to stage international basketball games, featuring Junior Olympic squads from the Soviet Union, the People's Republic of China and Yugoslavia. One sellout against the Russians featured Magic Johnson, Jay Vincent and Kevin Smith of Team Michigan AAU.

"The KGB was travelling with the Russian team," Gans recalled. "And the FBI wanted to know their itinerary."

The Schoolcraft gym also hosted the Detroit-area Golden Gloves and Can-Am boxing tournaments, along with the national paddleball finals.

In 1981, he raised money for the Olympics, organizing a running relay from Hart Plaza to the Mackinac Bridge.

If it wasn't the P.E. Building, Gans wanted to make good use of surrounding land.

He implemented his own complex of dreams, adding 12 tennis courts, surrounded by 135 donated trees, along with a tennis house and concession stand next to the varsity soccer field.

He also constructed a chipping and putting area featuring a green and sand trap where more than 600 take golf instruction.

The outdoor concession stand was built for \$6,000.

He even had Mayor Jack Kirksey digging trenches for a \$13,000 sprinkling system.

Gans made sure all the labor and materials were donated by friends of the program.

As a show of appreciation, he also staged an annual A.D.'s dinner dance to raise more money for the program.

"I was a banker, but I found my vocation in construction," said Sonny Gavor, Schoolcraft women's cross country coach and frequent Gans paddleball foe.

"His memory was incredible when it came time for his many projects. Marv knew how to put people to work and he was not afraid to ask if you would help. He knew plumbers, electricians and carpenters. He had a way of getting people to do things to do his various projects for the school."

"His mind was always working."

At one time, Schoolcraft hosted the largest youth soccer tournament in the country, the Wolverine Invitational, which attracted more than 230 teams, some from as far away as Scotland and California.

It wasn't uncommon to see all 13 of the school's fields utilized during a Fourth of July weekend.

Gans contacts also went far and wide.

In 1982, UCLA's football team, coached by Terry Donahue, was staying at the nearby Holidome in Livonia prior to playing Michigan. Despite the lack of goal posts, the Bruins used one of Schoolcraft's outer soccer fields for a walk-through practice the day before the game in Ann Arbor.

"Somebody from UCLA left

their playbook in our locker room," Gans recalled. "I think they beat Michigan that year." (It was 31-27 to be exact.)

Gans' days as Schoolcraft's athletic director came to end in 1986-87 after a bitter clash with the administration over a proposal to turn the auxiliary gymnasium into a computer center.

He later served as assistant dean for Arts and Sciences and then became assistant dean for Continuing Education Services/Physical Education.

But that didn't stop the DeWitt Clinton High graduate. Gans dove into his new jobs with renewed vigor, bent on making those programs grow.

More than 11,000 have taken classes in health and fitness at Schoolcraft. The P.E. Building opens at 6 a.m. and goes until 10 p.m. (usually six or seven days per week).

Gans had more than 45 instructors.

Thirteen Yoga classes are held off-campus.

"This year we had to turn 400 people away," Gans said. "I've always tried to keep the building up and tried to maintain quality instructors."

When Gans isn't serving Schoolcraft, he's doing P.E. consulting or raising money for Friends of Northville Parks and Recreation.

He's served as a trustee for Northville Township and has worked on its planning commission for 16 years.

He's currently chair of the Township's Economic Development Corp., where he's involved with a land acquisition committee to renovate old Northville High School and its bike paths.

He was recently honored as Northville's Citizen of the Year.

"I have mixed emotions,"

quipped Mike O'Toole, former volleyball coach and faculty member who first met Gans on campus in 1964.

"I'm sad Marv is leaving Schoolcraft, but I'm glad he's joining the ranks of the retired."

"He was a dreamer. He wanted to build a gym, and two years later, he built a gym. He was a player, too. Paddleball was the love of his life. His greatest talent was selling Schoolcraft — promoting, raising money and getting things done."

"In the end, he really did some good and he really made a difference."

Despite his retirement, Gans is always thinking of ways to reach out to the community, whether it's in adaptive cardiac rehab or coming up with an idea for a small pool or fitness area suited just for seniors.

"Marv's a detail person," Woodruff said.

"That's always been his best-kept secret. That's his building. My teaching associate Jack (Washka) and I take it the same way. We're certainly part of it, but the ghost of Marv will still be there. He was so far ahead of his time."

Sometimes Gans might have stepped on a few toes to get things done, but there was no doubt about his commitment to reach out to the community.

Longtime friend and Schoolcraft supporter Mitch Madis may have summed up Gans' legacy best.

"Like Paul Anka and Frank Sinatra used to sing, 'I did it my way.'"

Madis said. "Well, if Marv he hadn't done it his way, the question is: Would it have been done?"

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Whalers take control early, beat Spitfires

Newly-acquired center Chris Thorburn gave the Plymouth Whalers something they never surrendered Friday against the Windsor Spitfires:

A lead.

The Whalers went on to defeat the Spits 4-2 at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, giving them a 26-7-7-1 record in the Ontario Hockey League, first in the West Division. Windsor is 25-14-2-1.

Thorburn's first goal as a Whaler came at 12:11 of the first period; for Thorburn, acquired last week in a trade with Saginaw, it was his 20th of the season. Martin Cizek and David Liffiton assisted.

Chad LaRose made it 2-0 1:33 into the second period

(Cole Jarrett and goalie Paul Drew assisting), but five minutes later Windsor got on the board with a power-play goal from Rob Hennigar.

Plymouth countered with a power-play score from Karl Stewart, who took a pass from LaRose and scored to make it 3-1 at 11:02 of the second period.

LaRose's second goal of the game at 16:51 of the third period (from Ryan Ramsay and Stewart) increased the Whalers' lead to 4-1. A second power-play goal by Hennigar late in the game narrowed the gap, but wasn't enough for Windsor.

Plymouth hosts Kingston at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Compuware Arena.

WAYNE WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2003

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a special election for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will be held in the School District on Tuesday, February 18, 2003.

Act 451, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, provides in part that the inspectors of election at an annual or special election shall not receive the vote of a person residing in a registration school district whose name is not registered as an elector in the city or township in which the person resides.

The last day for receiving registrations for the special election will be Tuesday, January 21, 2003. Persons registering after the clerks' office closes on Tuesday, January 21, 2003, will not be eligible to vote at the special election. Persons planning to register must determine when the clerks' offices will be open for registration.

Only persons who have registered as general electors with the appropriate clerk of the city or township in which they reside, or by registration through a Secretary of State driver's license bureau, are registered school electors.

The following proposal will be submitted to the electors at the election on Tuesday, February 18, 2003.

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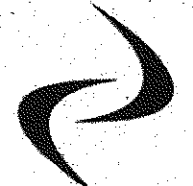
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HOOPS

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Cortellini, who suffered a lacerated spleen in Tuesday's game against Novi, the Chiefs simply could not find a way to score.

By the time they did, it was too late. Central led 12-0 after one quarter and 34-11 by half-time.

"It was a terrible team loss," said Canton coach Jeremy Rheault.

"They played just the way we expected them to play, we just didn't execute."

The loss left Canton at 2-6 overall, 0-2 in the WLAA. Central is 3-5 overall, 1-1 in the conference.

Canton lost the ball on its first six possessions of the game to turnovers.

The Vikings were never seriously challenged; by the end of the third quarter, their lead had grown to 49-22.

Devin Thomas and D.J. Bridges each scored 11 points for Canton. Jeff Matheny led Central with 13.

Lemmie Plummer scored 12, and Brendan Cassise had nine.

Oakland Christian 73, PCA 53: Despite losing by 20 Friday at Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, Plymouth Christian Academy coach Doug Taylor wasn't terribly upset.

"It just didn't feel like a 20-point loss," he insisted. "Our kids played hard, they hustled. I'm proud of them."

"We just got beat by a better team."

For sure. The Lancers, after all, are unbeaten (6-0) and ranked in the top 10 in Class D. PCA fell to 3-3; the game was the first for both in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Clay Welton led PCA with 21 points. Dan Carty added 10, Ben Baloga scored nine and Ben Pew — hampered by the flu — netted eight.

Oakland Christian got 20 points from Pete Whiting, 17 from Kevin Hall and 16 from Matt Green.

The Eagles trailed 25-12 after one quarter, 43-30 at the half and 60-41 after three quarters.

Canton Agape 79, Franklin Road 50: Canton Agape Christian trailed, 13-11, after one quarter in Thursday's game at Novi Franklin Road

Christian.

That's as close as the Warriors came to beating Agape. In the second quarter, the Wolverines pounded them, 38-11, to take a 49-24 lead into halftime.

"We did go into a press and we got a lot of (layups)," said Agape coach Chuck Henry. "We also had five threes."

Jordan Napier did a lot of the damage. Napier scored 28 points for the game — he also grabbed 11 rebounds — and 16 of his points came in the second quarter.

Charlie Henry finished with 20 points in the game, scoring 10 in the second quarter.

He also had eight assists, eight rebounds and five steals. Alex Tarnowski and Johnny Estrada contributed 11 points apiece.

The win evened the Wolverines' record at 4-4.

Brett Yost scored 19 points for Franklin Road and Steve Potts added 11.

Agape has a busy week next week, with an away game at Taylor Baptist Park Tuesday and home games at Discovery MS against Westland Huron Valley Lutheran Thursday and Sterling Heights Life Summit Friday.

RISAK

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in the early '80s to all sorts of positions at Central Middle School, where he now teaches (and coaches), into a 10-year stint as a baseball umpire.

And now, 10 years after leaving the one position he truly loved — coaching at Canton — he is returning to coach high school baseball in the district he's spent nearly all his life in.

LaPointe has been named baseball coach at Plymouth HS.

This spring it will be a freshmen-only team (the school is entirely freshmen), but like the boys soccer and girls basketball teams earlier this year, the Wildcats will have the opportunity to play in the Division 4 state tournament against other varsity squads (the division is determined by current school enrollment).

"When they decided to open the third high school, well, I didn't get to finish the job at Canton, so I decided to go after it," LaPointe said. "I had the dream of finishing something I had started. When I got that

job at Canton, I thought I'd be there a long time. But then I got sidetracked ... there was a family situation."

That's why he left Canton after taking a team that went 9-15 the previous season (the first losing season under Crissey) to a Western Lakes Activities Association championship in '93. The title didn't come cheaply; the Chiefs defeated Livonia Churchill with Mark Rutherford on the mound to win the Western Division and Westland John Glenn with the Besco brothers to win the league final.

When he decided he wouldn't have the time necessary to coach, LaPointe figured there was a way to remain active in baseball — as an umpire.

"The opportunity was there to stay close to the game," he said.

"I averaged 45 to 50 games in the spring and that many in the summer."

LaPointe umpired prep and some college games, and although working that number of games might sound like a time-consuming endeavor, it was far less than the time spent

coaching. One example: LaPointe, who started as an unpaid assistant coach under Crissey, ran the off-season conditioning program, which required him to be at Canton from 5:30 to 6:45 a.m., from Christmas through March.

Although LaPointe went 10 years without coaching high school baseball, it should be noted he did coach basketball. And boys volleyball. And wrestling. And let's not forget the four seasons he spent as Thurston's football coach, from 1980-83 — although LaPointe might want to.

"You don't want to know our record," he said. "We were in the old Northwest Suburban League, and we got pounded."

Maybe.

But if LaPointe was coaching them, they probably came away with something good from the experience.

Stay positive. Learn. And enjoy the game. That's LaPointe's approach to sports.

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HOCKEY

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traditional league power like Stevenson made it sweeter for the Chiefs. Sort of.

Abraham actually tried to play down the win. "We try not to get too excited over it," he said. "We didn't accomplish anything we weren't supposed to."

But when asked if this was Canton's biggest victory of the season, Abraham broke into a wide grin. "Oh yeah," he replied with a gleam in his eye.

Canton 4, Chelsea 0: Matt Oliver scored twice in the first period and goalie Charles Kemp did the rest for Canton Wednesday in a non-league game at Chelsea.

Oliver's first goal came at 5:22 of the first, with assists from Dave Commiskey and

Matt Gabriel. His second came with :45 left in the period and was unassisted.

The Chiefs added two more goals in the second period, the first by Reece McCabe (unassisted) and the second from Commiskey (assisted by Gabriel and Dave Bak).

Kemp's shutout was his, and Canton's, first shutout of the season. "He played a real good game," said Abraham.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for *Plymouth High School Acoustical Ceilings at the Student Union*. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Laura Hagan in the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2953. A "walk-through" is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 21, 2003 at the front entrance to Plymouth High School located at 8400 Beck Road, Canton, MI. Sealed bids are due to the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, RE: PHS Acoustical Ceiling Bid, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or before 10:30 a.m., Thursday, January 30, 2003. For further information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
PLANNING COMMISSION
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 3, 2003 in the *Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m.* on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

U. S. STORAGE TEXT AMENDMENT CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE CANTON TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.02A AND/OR 17.02B RELATIVE TO PERMITTING "CONDITIONED STORAGE FACILITIES" IN THE C-3 DISTRICT.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., prior to Thursday, January 30, 2003 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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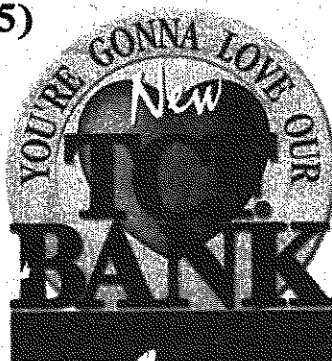


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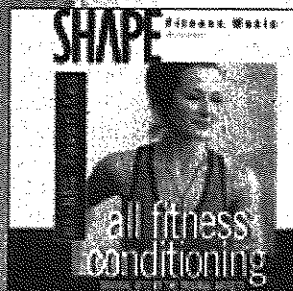
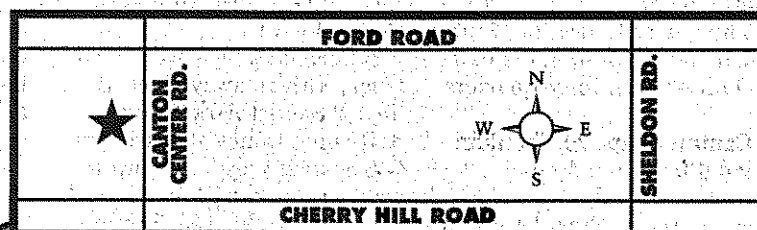
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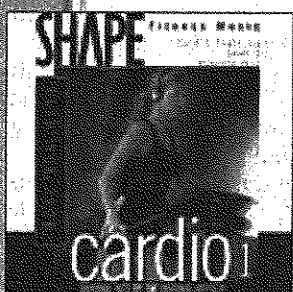
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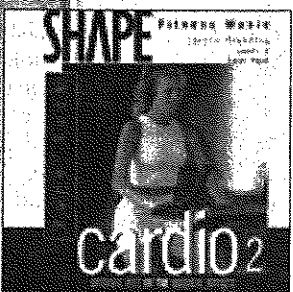
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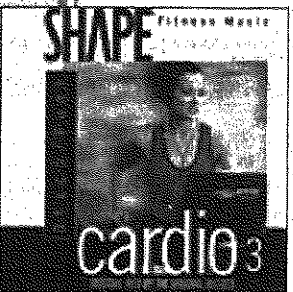
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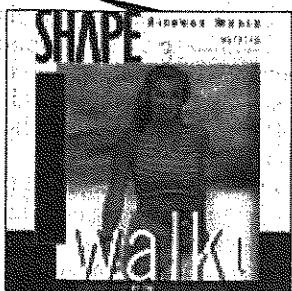
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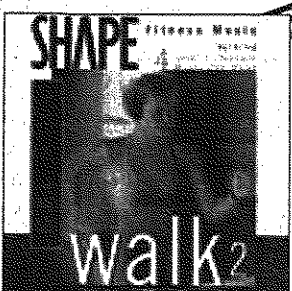
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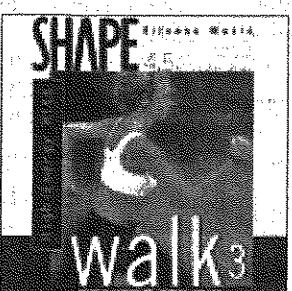
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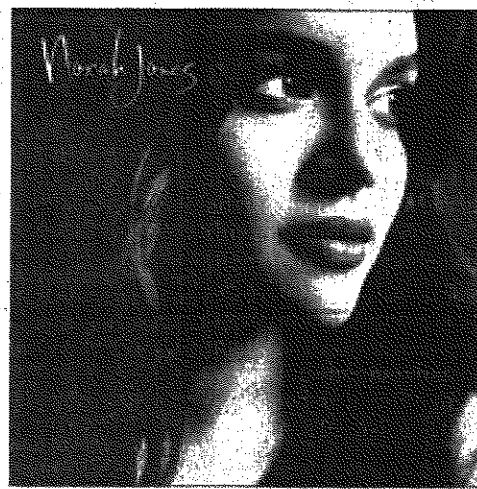
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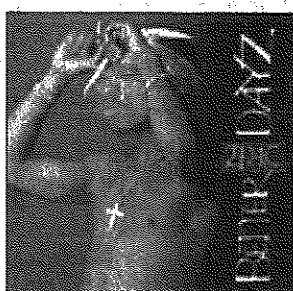
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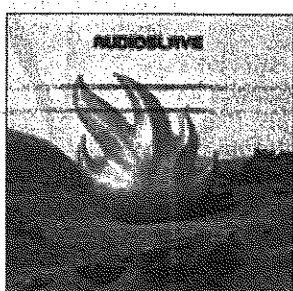
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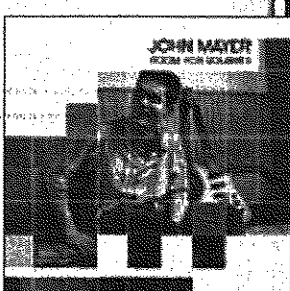
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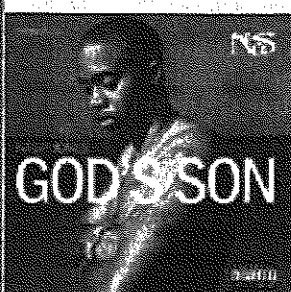
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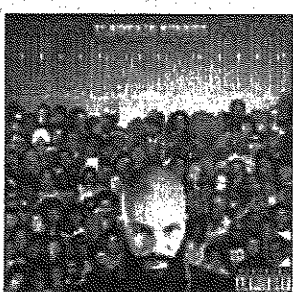
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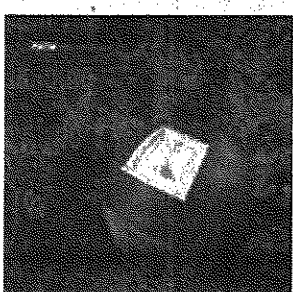
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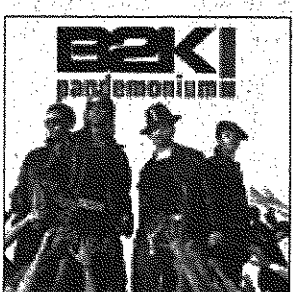
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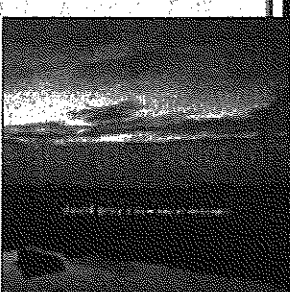
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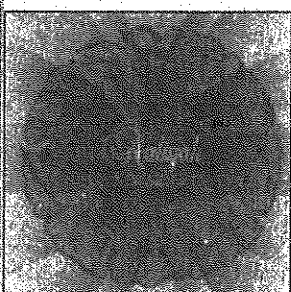
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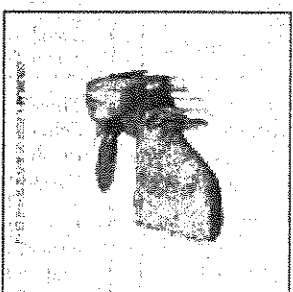
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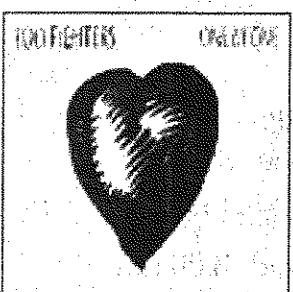
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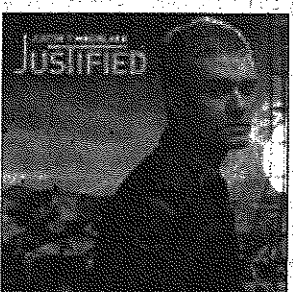
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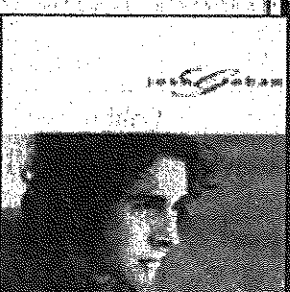
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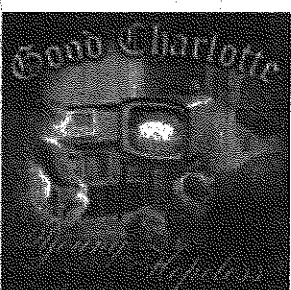
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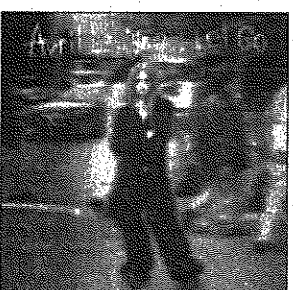
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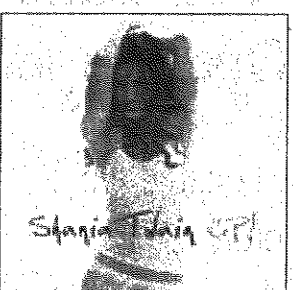
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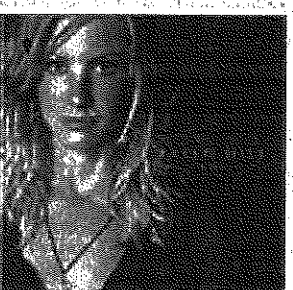
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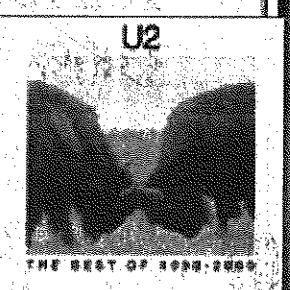
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Rx briefs

Hospice volunteers

Arbor Hospice & Home Care in Ann Arbor needs volunteers in the following areas:

- Clerical assistance during office hours at The Arbor Hospice Residence, Ann Arbor
- Feeding (indoor) birds at The Arbor Hospice Residence, Ann Arbor, 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Tuesdays
- Flower arrangers noon to 2 p.m. Mondays and 8:30-10:30 a.m. Fridays

We are always in need of volunteers who are willing to visit with patients in private homes, assisted living facilities and nursing homes in more remote areas of Arbor Hospice's seven county service area throughout Southeastern Michigan.

Believe it or not, spring is around the corner and we will need many devoted gardeners to help with clean up, planting and weeding on the expansive grounds of The Arbor Hospice Residence, Ann Arbor. Individuals are encouraged to recruit a group of his/her fellow gardeners and "adopt" a garden at The Residence. The following new volunteer orientation dates are available:

- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18
- 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12 and Feb. 19 (you must attend both sessions). To register or for more information, call the Arbor Hospice & Home Care Volunteer Services Department at (734) 662-5999 ext 143.

Getting your Zzzzz's

An estimated 57 million people in the United States have trouble falling asleep at night or suffer from some type of sleep disorder. If you believe you're one of them, St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Sleep Disorders Unit can help you find the cure.

Patients usually spend the night in the hospital's sleep lab, where experienced technicians monitor and record brain waves, respiration, leg movement, heart rhythms and oxygen levels.

Some of the most common sleep disorders are insomnia, narcolepsy, sleep apnea and restless legs syndrome. These disorders may cause loss of memory, depression and anxiety, disorientation, mood changes, morning headaches, excessive daytime sleepiness, irritability and inability to concentrate on tasks.

Most disorders can be treated with continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP), a mask that covers the nose and forces air to open airways. Other treatments include weight loss, medication, surgery and behavioral therapy. For more information on St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Sleep Disorders Unit, call (734) 655-3992.

Incontinence

Doctors at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak are recruiting women to test an experimental oral medication to determine its effectiveness in reducing the number of stress incontinence episodes. The investigational drug is being tested in women with SUI, or stress urinary incontinence, and MUI, or mixed urinary incontinence. (SUI is the involuntary loss of urine that occurs if the muscles that support the bladder are weakened. MUI is the involuntary loss of urine as well as a strong urge to urinate.)

Participants will be compensated for their participation. Call (248) 551-3355.



Sandra Dalka-Prysky, a Beverly-Hills based freelance writer, has set out to lose weight again. She's determined that nothing will sidetrack her in 2003 in achieving her weight-loss and fitness goals.

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY
CORRESPONDENT

OK, it's 2003, and the majority of Americans who dared to make New Year's resolutions have vowed that this year they will lose weight and get fit. But, of course, we didn't need to make this resolution at 12:01 a.m. Jan. 1. A group of us – myself, especially – resolved to begin our "Fitness Forever" challenge months ago. We're already on the way to a healthier 2003. Right?

Well, readers, I did lose weight in the last months of 2002. To be honest, however, I gained it back – and, sadly, a few more pounds – in the last days of the year. My reason for this is somewhat justified. But, if the truth be told, I could have done better.

In December, I spent more than a week with a dear friend saying goodbye to her 41-year-old husband. This wonderful young man, the father of five, died from an unknown illness that first manifested itself three years ago. He died on Dec. 16.

During that final week of his life and the days after, friends and neighbors brought the family an exorbitant amount of food, primarily deli trays, pasta dishes and desserts, lots and lots of desserts.

In our sorrow, my friend and I downed these food gifts as fast as they were delivered. This was meant to help with the grief. It didn't.

My friend, like me, overeats when stressed. She, like me, gained weight. She, like me, didn't care.

But now, she, like me, is disgusted with herself. (I met this friend six years

ago when we were asked to do an infomercial with Richard Simmons, the nation's diet guru. She had lost 153 pounds; I, 170 pounds.) And she, like me, has resolved to take the extra pounds off in 2003.

So, you see, I did have a good excuse. What I also have is the same extra pounds, and a few more, that I had when my "Fitness Forever" challenge began in 2002. And, maybe like me, you, too, have those same extra pounds.

FRESH START

Don't fret. We can't do anything about yesterday. That has come and gone, just like 2002. Also, feeling guilty and disgusted with ourselves won't get us to our goal.

In fact, being negative is the worse place to be if we hope to accomplish a positive action. It's now 2003 and we're blessed with 12 months of time to accomplish something good in our life.

We can be successful in our weight-loss and get-fit challenge if we go one step at a time, one meal at a time, one day at a time and consistently do what we have to do to reach our goal.

I originally planned this "Fitness Forever" challenge for myself and to inspire and help you with your success. I apologize for going off the track and not being totally successful – yet.

But don't give up on me ... and don't give up on yourself.

By the way, on New Year's Day I did make a resolution, but not the usual "lose weight" one. Instead, I resolved to use better ways –

and not overeat – to handle stress. This will cut down on the excuses, no matter what comes my way.

Now, to get us started again – and to help those of you who have stayed on track in your "Fitness Forever" challenge – I'm offering my "Alphabet for Success." Remember: we want to be the BEST WE CAN BE IN 2003!

ALPHABET FOR SUCCESS

A – Avoid negative thoughts and add positive, optimistic people to your life.

B – Believe in yourself. Know that you are capable of achieving your goals.

C – Control your desire to go too fast and concentrate on a slow but sure approach.

D – Design a balanced food plan filled with lots of fruits and vegetables.

E – Exercise regularly. It's the only way to achieve physical fitness.

F – Focus on your successes, no matter how small; not on your mistakes.

G – Give yourself permission to be human. Be kind to yourself when you have difficulty on your journey.

H – Help yourself succeed by taking the time to plan and prepare good food and to exercise.

I – Invest in a food scale and use it daily to keep portion sizes in check, and a scale (use sparingly) to check on your weight and your progress.

J – Join up with others involved in this same challenge for support.

K – Keep a food diary. Experts say this is one of the best ways to lose weight successfully.

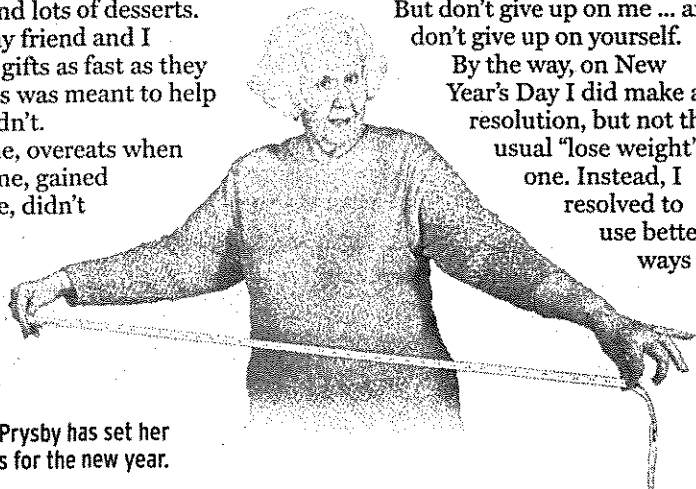
L – Lift your spirit and renew your determination with a few minutes of quiet reflection each day.

M – Make each day count. Each morning vow to do well and work toward this mini-goal.

N – Nurture yourself with treats such as a bubble bath, a favorite song, a good book.

O – Obtain the support of family and friends. This can make all the difference.

P – Plan...plan...plan. It is only through



Sandra Dalka-Prysky has set her fitness goals for the new year.

Join the 2003 Fitness Forever Club

We want you to join us in reaching your own success in getting healthy and fit. Let us know how you are doing or, if you need help, e-mail Sandra Dalka-Prysky, an American Council on Exercise-certified Lifestyle and Weight Management Consultant, with your questions and concerns at sdprysby@hotmail.com.

Also, we want to report on your weight-loss and exercise success. Send your story and picture to Renee Skoglund, Health and Fitness, The Observer & Eccentric, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Contact her at (734) 953-2128; fax (734) 591-7279; e-mail rskoglund@oe.hometown.com.net.

planning (food and exercise) that you can succeed.

Q – Quell temptations by keeping healthy foods on hand.

R – Rely on your inner strength and God. You've got what it takes and God will help you.

S – Savor your success, no matter how small.

T – Take charge. Don't let anyone or anything keep you from your goals.

U – Understand that you're not perfect. Know this and you'll do perfectly fine.

V – Vary your exercise. Doing the same thing every day is good, but mixing it up is better.

W – Water yourself! H₂O and lots of it works...on your body, your skin, your weight loss.

X – X out bad feelings about yourself and bad foods for your body.

Y – Yearn for success. A passionate zeal for a healthier life can move you to action.

Z – Zip your lips when faced with unhealthy food choices and you'll zap the craving in 20 minutes or less.

This alphabet is from *Slow But Sure* (Signet, 2001) by Sandra Dalka-Prysky and is used with permission.

Oakwood warns: Use caution when shoveling the snow

Old man winter rang in the New Year covering many areas with snow, ice and chilling temperatures.

Many people were forced to dig out their shovels to clear driveways and sidewalks. However, before heading outside to shovel snow, it is very important to keep in mind the dangers associated with this activity. Dr. George Nahhas, an Oakwood Healthcare System cardiologist, warns that heart attacks are more common during the winter because cold temperatures can cause a person's heart rate to increase.

"Shoveling snow is an extremely demanding activity, which can cause the heart rate and blood pressure to go up sud-

denly. If there is blockage inside an artery, a heart attack can occur," he said.

Nahhas says people who smoke, have diabetes, high cholesterol, or high blood pressure are at an increased risk of suffering a heart attack, especially while shoveling snow.

He warns that age is the biggest risk factor that could trigger a heart attack while shoveling snow. He advises that women 55 and older and men 45 and older avoid shoveling snow, until they are seen by a doctor or a stress test is performed. According to Nahhas, more often than not, a person may not actually suffer a heart attack until minutes or hours after shoveling snow.

'Shoveling snow is an extremely demanding activity, which can cause the heart rate and blood pressure to go up suddenly.'

Dr. George Nahhas
cardiologist

"If there is blockage due to plaque formation in the heart, stress caused by snow shoveling can cause that plaque to rupture. It can take from several minutes to hours before an artery closes, which triggers a heart attack."

The risk of having a heart

attack is not the only danger associated with shoveling snow. Spine and back injuries are also common in people who are not physically active.

Jody Tomasic, director of Ambulatory Rehabilitation for Oakwood Healthcare System, says the spine is subject to a significant amount of stress with snow shoveling.

"If you bend forward and lift a shovel full of snow, especially heavy, wet snow, you exert great force on the discs – soft gel-like material located between the vertebrae – which are the bones in your back. This could potentially injure a disc, causing it to protrude into or through the ligaments, which help to hold the disc in place and provide stability to the spine," said Tomasic.

She recommends:

- Bend your knees.
- Spread your hands, so the hand closest to the shovel blade is fairly low.

This eases the lift and ensures that the snow load is as close to your body as possible.

- Scoop a manageable amount of snow into the shovel.

- Straighten your knees to stand.

- To drop the snow from the shovel, turn with your feet and legs; do not twist your trunk and toss. "If you have pre-existing back problems, you shouldn't be lifting snow," said Tomasic. "Before beginning any activity, always check with your doctor first."

Childhood discipline: good, bad and ugly

Small study shows dramatic results in lowering heart disease risk

It's been a long day. You've put in 10 hours at work and now you're rushing home to make dinner after picking up the kids from school. Your stress level is running high and your blood is beginning to boil as the kids refuse to stop screaming and fighting in the back of the car. You plea, yell, threaten and even try to bribe them, but nothing seems to work.

Fortunately, you're not alone. At some point in time, every parent has experienced the frustration and confusion over how to effectively discipline their young children.

To help parents in these situations, pediatric behavior specialists at the University of Michigan Health System provide some guidance on how to understand the way young children think and how to effectively discipline them, while nurturing their healthy development.

As chief of U-M Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics, Dr. Richard Solomon has met with a lot of parents facing challenges when disciplining their children. Those parenting challenges, he says, are based on three types of childhood behaviors: good, bad (behavior that breaks rules) and ugly (behavior that is annoying but doesn't break rules). Parents should pay a lot of attention to good behaviors, ignore ugly behaviors and discipline rule-breaking behaviors.

"The reason disciplining children is difficult is because they are so wonderfully defiant, which is a part of human nature," Solomon says. "And if you deal with it well, you'll channel that energy into a wonderful human being who can cope with his or her own difficulties and impulses to become a very compassionate and well-behaved adult."

But when parents don't learn how to deal with their children's difficult behavior, it can lead to other behavior problems including aggression.

START YOUNG

The key is to begin to effectively discipline a child at a very young age. However, children under the age of two typically require guidance rather than discipline, says Solomon. Most often, when young children begin to misbehave or break the rules, it's possible for a parent to distract them to show them how to behave.

"I often make the distinction for parents between childproofing the house or house-proofing the child," Solomon says. "For younger children, a childproof house keeps them out of trouble since their ability to understand cause and effect is so limited."

If a house is not childproof, parents can expect their young ones to get into a lot of mischief. A childproof house prevents parents from repeatedly saying "no," while giving the child a greater sense of independence.

However, childproofing doesn't always keep kids completely out of trouble. Often, parents will become frustrated because

WEB SITE SOURCES

- UMHS Your Child: Behavior Problems
www.med.umich.edu/llibr/yourchild/behave.htm
- UMHS Your Child: Parenting
www.med.umich.edu/llibr/yourchild/parent.htm
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they need to repeatedly stop their child from behaving in a way that may result in injury. This parental frustration may then turn into frustration on the part of the child and lead to a temper tantrum.

"I tell parents that temper tantrums are completely natural and they need to be ignored as long as the child is safe," says Solomon. "Over time, the child will learn that there are certain things around the house that they can't do."

Some of the more challenging times for parents occur during their child's "terrible twos." And although parents may not enjoy their child's new-found opposition to the rules and wild behavior, Solomon says it shows that the child is developing initiative and strength.

The "terrible twos," however, do present an opportunity for parents to really establish their discipline approach. Authoritative parents, those who stand up for rules that have good reasons and explain things to their child, will have a child who grows up feeling the world is a responsible place to live in.

RULES

On the other hand, there are also parents who don't have solid rules and allow their child to do whatever he or she wants. Parents that don't establish authority will typically have a child who knows very little about boundaries and may be difficult to deal with as he or she grows up.

Then, there are always the parents with too many rules. Solomon says these parents tend to take on a more authoritarian role and give their child little explanation and reasoning behind their rules. Children in this situation will often grow up to become rigid, rule-orientated and will tend to break the rules that they don't understand. Plus, living in an authoritarian home can make a child feel angry, which can lead to aggressive behavior.

"Parents need to remember that discipline is really teaching," explains Solomon. "It's teaching the child to control the impulse and to separate it from the action, so that the child is more in control of their behavior."

To effectively discipline a child, parents must have set

rules and have reasons to back up those rules. Children need to understand the reasons behind why they can and cannot do certain things. "Because I said so" is never a good reason.

For example, if a child goes to hit another child, a parent does not need to go into detailed explanation of why that behavior is wrong.

"All a parent needs to say in this situation is, 'you don't like to be hit, so don't hit other people. Hitting hurts and people don't like to be hurt,'" says Solomon. "Most explanations should just follow the golden rule of 'do to others what you would have them do to you.' Children understand that."

Also, it's important for parents to avoid making up rules on the spot. When this happens, there is very little reasoning behind the rule and no set agreement about the rule's positive and negative consequences.

Instead, Solomon recommends that parents sit down as a family and write down a basic set of rules, the reasons for them and the positive and negative consequences for following or not following that rule.

Some of the more extreme negative consequences for breaking the rules may include time-outs. Time-outs involve a parent physically taking a child and putting them in isolation. This action sends a message to the child that this is a consequence of his behavior when he can not behave in public or around other people.

"When you're using time-out and you're moving a child away from their setting, by force if necessary, your attitude is very important," says Solomon. "It is important to say, 'I'm not doing this to hurt your feelings, I'm doing this to teach you what the rules are.'"

However, when it comes to more severe punishment, Solomon says it's surprising to find that nearly 55 percent of Americans admitted to spanking their child as a disciplinary measure.

"As a pediatrician, it's hard to say 'you should never spank your child,' because people are spanking their children," says Solomon. "I think what is more important to emphasize is that spanking done in anger is very dangerous. It leads to anger in return and even abuse."

Obese men can significantly reduce heart disease on a three-week low-fat, high-fiber diet and daily exercise – even though they may lose only a few pounds, according to research published in the Oct. 21 issue of *Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association*.

Obese men who consumed a diet high in grains, vegetables and fruit and took brisk daily walks reduced their high blood pressure, a hallmark risk factor for congestive heart failure, kidney disease, coronary artery disease and stroke.

"This is the first study to show that this type of diet and exercise can reduce oxidative stress, lower blood pressure, and improve risk factors for other chronic diseases in a very short time," said R. James Barnard, senior author of the study and professor of physiological science at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Barnard and colleagues studied 11 obese (body mass index of 30 or greater) men aged 38 to 72, who voluntarily enrolled in the Pritikin Longevity Center 21-day residential diet and exercise program. Seven of them had hypertension defined as a reading of over 140 mm Hg systolic (the top number) and 90 mm Hg diastolic (the lower number). The meals consisted of less than

10 percent of calories from fat, 15 to 20 percent from protein and 70-75 percent from unrefined carbohydrates. Carbohydrates were derived from five servings of high-fiber whole grains, four servings of vegetables and three servings of fruit daily. Grains, vegetable and fruit were served all-you-want buffet style. The men had one serving of chicken or fish for dinner. The exercise program consisted of brisk walking on a treadmill for 45 to 60 minutes a day.

Blood samples were drawn for cholesterol, glucose and insulin measurements (all associated with heart disease) at the start and end of the program. The researchers also measured blood pressure, nitric oxide availability and oxidative stress. Nitric oxide helps prevent heart disease in several ways, including helping to relax blood vessels, thus reducing blood pressure. It also prevents cells in the walls of blood vessels from proliferating and clogging the arteries, a process that contributes to atherosclerosis. Oxidative stress refers to the presence of oxygen free radicals that can attack cells and tissues and contributes to cardiovascular disease and other health problems.

By the end of the program, none of the seven hypertensive men had high blood pressure. Systolic blood pressure was

reduced by 14 percent, diastolic blood pressure by 10 percent and oxidative stress by 28 percent, while nitric oxide availability improved by 28 percent. Total cholesterol decreased by 19 percent, insulin levels by 46 percent and blood glucose by 7 percent.

Although body weight and body mass index decreased slightly (about 4 percent each), the men were all still obese at the end of the three-week program.

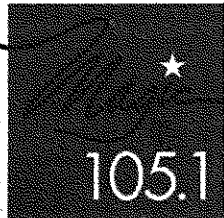
The risk reduction occurs quickly, even if a person is still obese, Barnard noted.

"You can lose weight over time, but fortunately, we can ease high blood pressure and the risk of atherosclerosis and heart disease while, or even before, you shed excess pounds," he said.

Similar positive changes have been seen in non-obese people at risk for heart disease in other studies, Barnard added.

"Within three weeks, we showed normalization of blood pressure and mitigation of other atherosclerotic risk factors, all of which will reduce the risk of chronic disease if kept up as part of a lifestyle change," said Christian Roberts, another of the study's authors.

"But if you return to an inappropriate diet and stop exercising, you will no longer benefit, and in fact you will regress," he cautioned.



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Grief support

Angela Hospice offers ongoing grief support groups every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the center, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-7810.

Bipolar

The MDDA-Bipolar Support Group meets 3-5 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays at Beaumont Hospital, Administration Bldg., 3601 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak. Call Kathie at (248) 544-1097.

Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College will offer a "Divorce Support Group" 7-9 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Call the WRC at (734) 462-4443.

Bereavement

"Together to Share," a grief support group, meets 10 a.m. the first Monday of each month at American House on Middlebelt Road in Livonia. The group meets 3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Dorvin Nursing Center on Middlebelt Road in Livonia. Both groups are facilitated by a bereavement coordinator from Heartland Hospice in Southfield. Call (800) 770-9859.

Overeaters Anonymous

Support group for overeaters meets 7 p.m. every Friday at Providence Park-Novi, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi. HelpLine: (313) 438-HELP or (248) 474-9456.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Everyone is welcome to Providence Hospital-sponsored AA meetings held: noon every Tuesday and Thursday at Providence Medical Office Center-Novi, 39500 W. 10 Mile Road (at Haggerty), Novi. Call (248) 348-9362; noon every Wednesday at Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia, 37595 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 953-1188; and 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile Road,

Southfield. Call (248) 333-4911.

Thyroid cancer

Thyroid Cancer Survivors Association, Inc. support group meets 7-8:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Plymouth Public Library, 223 S. Main Street, downtown Plymouth, in the Gold Room. For more information about the ThyCa SE Michigan Support Group, call Mary Rose at (734) 397-2801 or e-mail: SE-MI@thyca.org. For more information on thyroid cancer and our other free support services, visit www.thyca.org or call toll free (877) 588-7904.

Headaches

Suffer from constant headaches? Join the Headache Foundation Support Group, which meets 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at Providence Northwestern Medical Center, 30055 Northwestern, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 258-1973. Family members invited.

Gambling

The Gamblers Anonymous Support Groups meets 7:30-9 p.m. Mondays at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, in Classroom 4. Call (734) 655-2944 or (800) 494-0277. Group is open to anyone with a gambling dependency.

Cancer

Join "Focus on Living," a cancer support group offered 7-8:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia. The group is designed to help cancer patients and families come together to help each other in living with a cancer diagnosis and treatment. Co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650.

Tremor Disorder Support

Shari Finsilver of Orchard Lake leads a local support group for those who suffer from Essential Tremor, a debilitating and incurable movement disorder. The group meets 7-8:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road in West Bloomfield. Contact Finsilver at (248) 683-4138 or Finsilver@earthlink.net, or visit www.tremorsupport.com. To learn

more about the International Tremor Foundation, visit www.essential-tremor.org or call (888) 387-3667.

Parents Supporting Parents

Parents coping with the loss of an infant through miscarriage, stillbirth or newborn death meet 7 p.m. the third Monday of the month at Providence Hospital-Southfield, 16001 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield. Call (248) 849-5342.

Stroke

The St. John Health System-Providence offers a Stroke Support Group 7 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at Providence Park-Novi, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi. Call (248) 465-4190.

Menopause

St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Menopause Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month. Call the hospital's Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1100. Next meeting is Feb. 5.

JANUARY

Divorce

Space for Changing Families will conduct "Rainbows for All Children," a 10-week divorce support group for children 5-15 years old and their custodial parent, beginning Monday, Jan. 13 and continuing through March. 17. The program meets 6-7:30 p.m. at the Space for Changing Families/NCJW office, located in the Homestead USA Bldg., 26400 Lahser Road, Suite 100, Southfield. Parents meet in a Parent Education group at the same time. Cost is \$85 for the first child and \$75 or each additional child, including Parent Education Group. Scholarships available. Call (248) 355-9936.

Dyslexia

The Michigan Dyslexia Institute - Detroit Metro Center will hold a support group meeting 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 30230 Orchard Lake Road, Suite #130, Farmington Hills. Will discuss the Orton-Gillingham approach, what it is and why it works. Call (248) 737-0044.

Overeaters

Overeaters Anonymous Support

Group meets 7 p.m. every Friday at Providence Park-Novi, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi. Next meeting: Friday, Jan. 17. Call (313) 438-HELP or (248) 474-9456.

Thyroid meeting

The Michigan Thyroid Support Group will meet 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13. Guest speaker is Mary Stevens, author of *It's All In Your Head*. Group meets at the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth. Call Tracy Green at (734) 453-7945 or email her at mithroid@comcast.net

Headache tele-seminar

Dr. Thomas Czarnecki of Redford Chiropractic Center will offer *Reclaiming Your Life From Headaches*, a tele-seminar, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14. Listen from the privacy of your own home. Call (313) 407-5611 for phone number and access code. Limited to 25 listeners.

Dementia

Certified activities consultant Amira Tame will share fun-filled activities that can ease the distress of persons with dementia and their caregivers. Learn strategies for overcoming anger, anxiety and resistance. Class offered 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 16 and 23 at Center for Lifelong Learning, Henry Ford Community College, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail (at Warren), Dearborn Heights. Cost is \$54, including book *Healing the Wounds of Alzheimer's*. Call (313) 317-1500.

Winter blues

Biochemist Sandy Baumann discusses ways to fight the winter blues using bright lighting, fish oil, herbs, vitamins, minerals and healthy food choices. Learn about the physical and emotional origins of depression. *Beat the Blues* is offered 6:30-9:45 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 14 and Jan. 21, at Center for Lifelong Learning, Henry Ford Community College, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. Cost is \$44. Call (313) 317-1500.

Neuropathy

Beaumont Hospital's Sharing & Caring program offers Neuropathy Complications and Cancer Treatment

7-9 p.m. (light supper at 6 p.m.) Thursday, Jan. 16 in the 1st Floor Conference Room, Beaumont Cancer Center, 3577 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak. Call (248) 551-8585.

Emotional healing

Unity Church of Livonia will present an energy-psychology workshop on Emotional Freedom Technique 1-2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19. Learn how to create rapid relief from anxiety, anger, stress, trauma and phobias by tapping on stress-release points of the body. Unity is located at 28660 Five Mile Road between Inkster and Middlebelt. Call (734) 421-1760.

Prostate

Dr. J. Edson Pontes will discuss surgical techniques for prostate cancer - current status, new developments and follow-up concerns - 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21 at the Weisberg Cancer Center, 31995 Northwestern Hwy, Farmington Hills. Free supper/lecture. RSVP 248-538-6514.

Breastfeeding

Certified lactation consultants at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia, explain the benefits of breast milk, getting a good start in the hospital and how to continue breastfeeding at home. Offered 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, in Classroom 2. Call (734) 655-1100 or (800) 494-1615.

Yoga

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, will present a yoga lecture by Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudeva, a master yogi and mystic, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, in the Auditorium. Lecture offers 2.0 credits hours of Category 1 CME credit for physicians. Call (734) 655-2923.

FEBRUARY

Women's health

St. Mary Mercy Hospital of Livonia offers "Ladies Night Out" 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, with bone density screenings, massage and vendors. Guest speaker Meredith Salhaney will present a lecture, *Don't be a Victim*, at 7 p.m. Learn to spot the signs of a dangerous situation and keep yourself

safe. Registration required. Call (734) 655-1182 or toll-free (888) 494-1617.

Infant Care

St. Mary Mercy Hospital of Livonia offers an *Infant Care Class* 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, in Classroom 1. Learn about feeding, bathing, sleeping infant safety, immunizations, signs of illness and caring for the sick infant. Call (734) 655-1100 or (800) 494-1615.

Stop smoking

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers will hold the Wellness Seminar for smoking cessation at the following times and locations: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 15, at Providence Hospital, Medical Building, 22250 Providence Drive, Southfield; and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, at the Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road (at Newburgh), Livonia. Call (877) 345-5500.

Weight reduction

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers will hold the Wellness Seminar for weight reduction at the following times and locations: 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15 at Providence Hospital, Medical Building, 22250 Providence Drive, Southfield; and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, at Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road (at Newburgh), Livonia. Call (877) 345-5500.

Immunizations

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, will offer a "Walk-in Infant and Child Immunization Clinic" 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, in the Auditorium. Call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650 (out-of-area only).

MARCH

Prostate Screening

St. Mary Mercy Hospital of Livonia will hold a "Prostate Screening and Men's Health Fair" 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 1. The program will include blood tests for prostate-specific antigen (PSA), total cholesterol and HDL; prostate exam by a physician; and blood pressure check. A \$10 donation is optional. Proceeds will benefit St. Mary Mercy's new cancer center. Call (734) 655-8963 to register.

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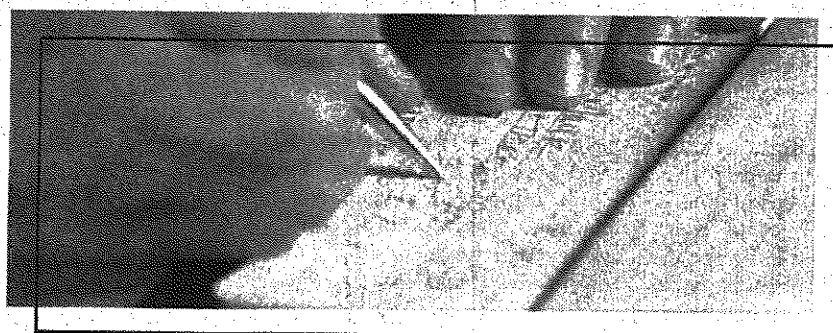
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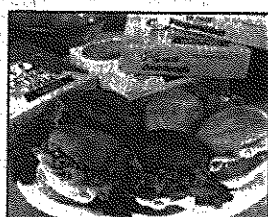
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■ Beans

Oakland County Michigan State University Extension is spreading the word about beans. They're high in vitamin B, complex carbohydrates, protein, dietary fiber, low in sodium and fat, and cholesterol free.

Here are some ways to include more beans in your diet:

- Add white cannellini beans to Marinara sauce and serve over pasta

- Add peas or lentils to salads

- Substitute mashed cooked beans for some of the meat in meatloaf

- Add beans to canned or homemade soups

- Add a cup of split pea or lentil puree to muffins or nut bread for extra moisture and increased protein

- Spice up beans with cumin, cilantro, chili pepper, garlic, tarragon, thyme, oregano, basil or curry powder.

■ Girl Scout gala

Spend an enchanted evening of "Cookie Delights" with flavored champagne 6-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17 at the Rattlesnake Club in Detroit. Six premier restaurant chefs will be competing for the "Best Recipe" award by creating a dessert using Girl Scout cookies. Tickets are \$50 each or \$75 per couple. To RSVP, call Pearl Harris (313) 972-4475, Ext. 239.

■ Shopping tip

Consuming whole grain foods can improve your health. Gail Posner, a registered dietitian with Healthy Ways Nutrition Counseling in West Bloomfield, recommends whole grain breads made by Natural Ovens. "Many of the breads made by Natural Ovens contain not only whole-wheat flour, but other grains," she said. "One slice contains 5 grams of dietary fiber. Most other whole wheat breads contain 2 grams of fiber. Keep the bread frozen since it contains no preservatives, and toast as needed. The high fiber content will keep you full much longer than other breads."



FAMILY FEATURES

Italian pasta casserole with fresh cheese and tomato sauce holds up well enough to serve two days in a row.

One-pot meals

Comeback casserole

Keep warm this month with hearty, easy one-pot meals

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Some cookbooks say they're making a comeback, but have casseroles ever truly left our kitchen tables?

They're easy and inexpensive one-pot, no-brainer meals for lazy, cold January days. To learn about these American wonders we talked to the people who make them: working people.

"Potatoes are a good starter for casseroles, try cooking them with apples and cheese," suggests Katherine Thompson of Plymouth.

Trichia Belcher of Farmington Hills makes an easy casserole every holiday. The recipe is a family tradition that she calls simply, "The Bean Casserole."

"My grandma used to make it, and when she passed away, I took over the role," Belcher said. "It's so easy it's almost embarrassing - there are only three ingredients but everyone loves it."

Belcher said the recipe is simply green beans, a can of cream of mushroom soup, and fried onions.

"Everything is mixed together and baked for 40 minutes - that's it."

And that's as simple as they're supposed to be.

Casseroles soared in popularity during the Depression-era, when meals were made from whatever food was available in the house. Today's casseroles are similar to those of years past, the difference is there are more vegetables in them.

The American Institute for Cancer Research recommends increasing grains and reducing the amount of meat in casseroles. Try topping casseroles with creamy,

beta-carotene packed mashed yams, and add chopped asparagus or almonds. Blend grains like couscous with lower-fat fish and vegetable broth and top with spicy chopped wasabi flavored nuts.

Vegetable or chicken stock can be substituted for cream of mushroom soup. Dried cranberries or cherries, Mandarin oranges and pine nuts also add flavor and texture.

A variety of texture is important in casseroles, said Thompson.

"Corn flakes are a healthier topping but they're too sweet and they get too soft," Thompson said. "I always use potato chips right out of the bag instead."

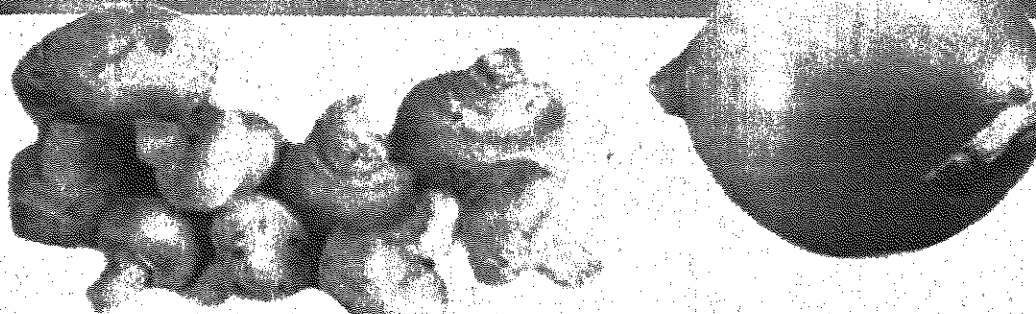
Lisa Sawyer works full time for a Southfield insurance agency and has two children. At company potlucks she exchanges easy meal recipes with co-workers. The broccoli rice casserole recipe she received from a friend is a favorite.

"I work full time and we're raising a family, the casserole is perfect when I need something quick," said Sawyer. "It has Velveeta cheese so it's not the healthiest recipe, but my family loves it every once in a while."

The dish, like most casseroles, requires minimal preparation time - the most time-consuming step is making the rice. Fresh broccoli adds nutritional value and brown rice can be substituted for the white, she said.

"Casseroles are great because you can take all the vegetables in your refrigerator and mix them with egg noodles, cream of mushroom soup and then top it with bread crumbs and you'll have dinner for days," said Jen Hunger, whose busy Birmingham retail job often leaves little time for cooking during the week.

Quick, warm one-pot meals, casseroles aren't intended to be gourmet, but often they're family darlings.



Thrown-together casseroles offer comfort on cold days

ITALIAN CASSEROLE BAKE

1 pound ground beef
3 cups penne or rotini pasta, cooked, drained
1 jar (26 to 28 ounces) spaghetti sauce
¾ cup grated Parmesan cheese or Romano cheese, divided
1 package (8 ounces) shredded Mozzarella cheese

Brown ground beef in large skillet and drain. Add pasta, sauce and one-half cup of Parmesan cheese to skillet and mix lightly. Spoon mixture into a 13-by-9-inch baking dish and top with Mozzarella cheese and remaining one-quarter cup Parmesan cheese. Bake at 375°F for 20 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Divide Italian casserole bake among plates and serve.

From Kraft cheese

BROCCOLI-CHEESE CASSEROLE

1 pound Velveeta cheese
1 cup milk
1 (10 ounce) can cream of mushroom soup
3 cups cooked rice
1 pound fresh or frozen broccoli
1 onion chopped
2 tablespoons margarine

Preheat oven to 350°F. Slice the cheese into pieces and divide into halves. In a separate saucepan cook rice according to directions. Sauté onion and margarine in a frying pan. Then in a double boiler combine the soup and milk on medium heat. Simmer for several minutes until soup and milk are blended. Then slowly add

PLEASE SEE RECIPES, B3

Dominus merges Bordeaux and Napa Valley

Dominus is the red wine produced from the historical 124-acre Napanook vineyard in Yountville. It is the original ranch where George Yount planted the first vines in California's Napa Valley. More recently, it was one of the three vineyards from which the great vintages of Inglenook were made.

Christian Moueix of St. Emilion and Pomerol in the



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

Bordeaux region of France became part owner of Napanook in 1982 and full owner in 1995.

From it he began producing Dominus with the 1983 vintage. The wine is essentially 70 percent cabernet sauvignon with lesser amounts of cabernet franc, merlot, and petit verdot.

Due to its opulence and rich, concentrated fruit, this Bordeaux-style wine, born in the Napa Valley, earned worldwide recognition.

"Because of its emphasis on elegance and refinement,"

said Edouard Moueix, Christian's 25-year-old son who has joined the family business, "Dominus clearly has a French reference."

It's important to note that Christian Moueix studied at the renowned University of California at Davis school of viticulture and enology.

There, he became infatuated with the opportunity to make a wine that carried the signature

of Napa Valley, yet with the spirit and style of a great Bordeaux red.

Dominus is the result.

WINE GOAL

"Even with that," Edouard continued, "we have suffered from the misconception that we are not a Napa Valley wine." If

PLEASE SEE WINE, B2

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Physicians' group rates celebrity cookbooks

Celebrities are not the best healthy cookbook authors, says a national health group.

The popular cookbook by Michigan rocker Ted Nugent received the lowest health rating by the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine. A cookbook by actress Marilu Henner scored highest.

The PCRM, a non-profit public watchdog group comprised of physicians and medical officials that promote preventive medicine through good nutrition, released the celebrity cookbook ratings in response to one of the most common New Year's resolutions: To lose weight.

"Our prescription is to not look to celebrity cookbooks for healthy foods," says PCRM dietitian Jen Keller.

"The Sopranos Family Cookbook is packed with so much fat and cholesterol, it's a crime."

Doctors analyzed ten top books for their percentages of healthful recipes, amount of nutrition information, and overall presentation. A healthful recipe, says the PCRM, is low-fat, cholesterol-free and fiber-rich.

Here's how each book scored:

■ Healthy Holidays, Total Health Entertaining All Year Round, by Marilu and Lorin

Henner - 83 percent

■ Martha Stewart Living Annual Recipes, 2003, by Martha Stewart - 42 percent

■ Live, Love, Eat! The Best of Wolfgang Puck, by Wolfgang Puck - 39 percent

■ Happy Days with the Naked Chef, by Jamie Oliver - 39 percent

■ Nigella Bites: From Family Meals to Elegant Dinners - Easy, Delectable Recipes for Any Occasion, by Nigella Lawson - 38 percent

■ The Sopranos Family Cookbook: As Compiled by Artie Bucco by Allen Rucker and Michele

Scicolone - 36 percent

■ Al Roker's Big Bad Book of Barbecue: 100 Easy Recipes for Backyard Barbecue, by Al Roker - 36 percent

■ The Wiseguy Cookbook: My Favorite Recipes from My Life As a Goodfella to Cooking on the Run, by Henry Hill - 34 percent

■ Prime Time Emeril: More TV Dinners from America's Favorite Chef, by Emeril Lagasse - 8 percent

■ Kill It & Grill It: A Guide to Preparing and Cooking Wild Game and Fish, by Ted and Sherman Nugent - 3 percent

- By Lana Mini



AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Use Mediterranean ingredients and seasonings like zucchini, portobello mushrooms, basil and oregano to create an Italian stir-fry.

Create a stir with Italian stir-fry

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

ITALIAN STIR-FRY

- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- ¾ pound skinless, boneless chicken breast, cut in ¾-inch pieces
- 1 large red bell pepper, seeded and cut in 1-inch pieces
- 1 large zucchini, halved lengthwise, cut in ¾-inch slices
- 2 garlic cloves, finely minced
- 2 large (about ¾ pound) portobello mushrooms, stemmed, cut in 1½-inch pieces
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- ¼ teaspoon red pepper flakes, or to taste
- ½ cup fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 2 cups cooked brown rice

Place a large skillet over high heat.

Add oil, swirl to coat the pan and heat oil until very hot. Add chicken and stir-fry until it loses its pink color. With a slotted spoon, remove chicken from pan and set aside.

Add red peppers, zucchini and garlic to the pan. Stir-fry until the garlic is fragrant, about 2 minutes.

Add the mushrooms. Stir-fry until they release their liquid, about 2 minutes.

Return chicken to the pan. Add basil, oregano, red pepper and chicken broth.

Stir-fry until chicken is opaque all the way through, about 4 minutes.

Add cheese and toss. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Serve immediately over brown rice, including juices from the pan.

Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 272 calories, 6 g. total fat (1 g. saturated fat), 28 g. carbohydrate, 25 g. protein, 3 g. dietary fiber, 179 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi, is author of "The Joy of Soy" and recipe creator for the American Institute for Cancer Research's "Stopping Cancer Before It Starts."

WINE

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that's the case, we're trying to correct the fallacy for our readers. Dominus can best be explained in Edouard's words: "A California wine with French education."

While Edouard did not mention it, we did. Dominus has suffered from another misconception, that it is a trophy wine, expensive and best suited to a collector's cellar. "The Moueix family does not need another trophy wine," Edouard remarked, "we already have one in Chateau Petrus (arguably the most celebrated wine from Bordeaux produced by the Moueix family)."

The 1998 Dominus \$90 has a big, concentrated fruit presence that gains structure from 15 percent cabernet franc. As is typical of the vintage, it has high acid that accentuates the tannins, yet not overtly, because it finishes mellow with gobs of fruit.

The 1999 Dominus \$115 is a blockbuster with dense, dark color. It's hugely concentrated with black fruit aromas and flavors. It will undoubtedly follow the typical Dominus maturing cycle that is fruit-forward early on.

This aspect will continue in the 1999 for about another six months. Then the wine will close for four to five years, to reopen with more complexity and balance. So collectors are not incorrect; it is a wine to cellar.

LAST FALLACY SMASHED

A third false impression about Dominus abounds. With the 1996 vintage, Napanook was released as a second and different style wine than Dominus. It was inappropriately called by some, "the second label of Dominus," Edouard noted. "Napanook is made from specific blocks in the vineyard to deliberately create a different style wine. Napanook showcases black fruits with spicy notes that Dominus does not. The label was designed to illustrate the difference and emphasize the soil with color brown, green for the grape varieties and red for the climate."

WINE PICKS

Sauvignon blanc, and its labeling permutation fume blanc, pairs well with seafood and fish, which health authorities tell us: eat more. The following are results from our recent taste-off.

■ Pick of the pack: 2001 Dry Creek Vineyard "DCV 3" Fume Blanc, \$18, brims with pear, grapefruit, lemongrass, gooseberry, melon and tarragon aromas and flavors. Pair it with crab, shrimp or grilled sea bass.

■ Excellent: 2001 Ferrari-Carano Fume Blanc \$16; 2001 Morgan Monterey Sauvignon Blanc \$14; 2001 St. Clement Sauvignon Blanc \$13; and 2000 Beringer Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley \$12.

■ Very good: 2002 Fox Creek Semillon/Sauvignon Blanc, Australia \$15.

■ Top value: 2001 Chateau St. Jean Fume Blanc \$13. This wine tied with the pick of the pack but its price point moved it to this category. Serve it with pan seared scallops in tarragon cream sauce.

All wines mentioned are available in the metro-Detroit area. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.

The 1998 Napanook \$38 is a pleasurable wine now and meant for drinking in the next three to five years. On the other hand, the 1999 Napanook \$42 has a fuller palate and is more generous and well structured. "This wine," said Edouard, "approaches the goal we have in mind for Napanook."

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half the cheese and cook until melted, stirring occasionally to make a cheesy sauce.

Add the onion and margarine combination to the double boiler and mix. In a large glass casserole dish, stir in the cheese sauce from the double boiler, cooked rice and broccoli. Top with remaining cheese. Bake uncovered for 30 minutes at 350°F.

Submitted by Lisa Sawyer

KASHA AND CHICKEN CASSEROLE

1/2 cup medium kasha*
1 cup reduced-sodium, fat-free chicken or vegetable broth
1 egg, lightly beaten (optional)
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil, divided
1 small carrot, sliced
1 small onion, thinly sliced
8-10 mushrooms, sliced
1/2 cup diced fresh jicama, diced
canned water chestnuts (rinsed and drained), or diced red radishes
1 cup cooked chicken, cut in bite-sized pieces

Cook kasha in the broth according to package instructions, preferably in a non-stick saucepan or deep skillet. (The kasha can be cooked without the egg, as suggested in the package instructions, but using the egg brings out its flavor more fully.)

In the meantime, heat a large, nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add 1 tablespoon oil, coating the bottom of the pan, and heat until hot. Add the carrot and sauté until almost soft (about 4 minutes), stirring occasionally. Add onion and sauté, stirring, just until it turns translucent. Remove carrot and onion and set aside. Heat remaining oil in the skillet over high heat until very hot. Add mushrooms and jicama. Sauté, stirring often, until mushrooms are lightly brown and tender. Add chicken and stir until heated through. Return carrots and onion to pan and stir to combine. Add cooked kasha and mix well. Season to taste with salt and pepper. *Brown rice may be used in place of kasha, using package directions to cook. Makes 4 servings. Per serving: 169 calories, 8 g. total fat (1 g. saturated fat), 11 g. carbohydrate, 14 g. protein, 3 g. dietary fiber, 184 mg. sodium.

From the American Institute for Cancer Research

SUNFLOWER CASSEROLE

2 cups sunflower seeds
2 cups cashews
1/2 cup water
1 cup onion, finely chopped
1 cup mushrooms, finely chopped
5 cups cooked brown rice

2 1/2 teaspoon vegetable bouillon
3 tablespoons soy sauce
2 tablespoons nutritional yeast flakes (optional, can be found at any health market or the natural food section of some grocery store. Nutritional yeast is nutty in flavor and used as a thickening agent. It's high in vitamin B12)
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
Salt to taste

Finely grind the sunflower seeds in a food processor. Place them in a large bowl. Blend together cashews and water in the food processor until smooth. Combine all ingredients. Mix thoroughly. Place in a greased 13 by 9 by 2-inch baking pan. Bake at 325°F, covered, for 45 minutes. Remove cover and continue baking an additional 45 minutes. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

MEXICAN LENTIL CASSEROLE

1/2 chopped onions
1/2 chopped green bell peppers
1/2 chopped celery
4 cups water
1 cup lentils, uncooked (7 1/2 ounces)
1 1/2 cups cooked brown rice
1 (6 ounce) can tomato paste
1/2 ounce packet dry taco seasoning mix
1/2 teaspoons chili powder

In a medium saucepan, combine onions, green pepper, celery and water. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Stir in lentils, cover pot, reduce heat to low and simmer 40 minutes. Preheat oven to 375°F. Lightly spray a 1 1/2-quart casserole with vegetable cooking spray. Remove saucepan from heat and stir in remaining ingredients, mixing well. Spoon into prepared casserole. Bake uncovered, 25 minutes. Let stand five minutes before serving.

Source: Vegans in Motion

ZUCCHINI CASSEROLE

3 cups zucchini, sliced thin
1 cup Bisquick
1/2 cup onion, chopped
1/2 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon oregano
1/2 cup oil
3 eggs, beaten
1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

Mix all ingredients stirring in zucchini last. Bake 30 minutes or until brown.

Submitted by Evelyn Carey, from the *Tried & True* cookbook compiled by the United Methodist Church of Plymouth. Books are \$12 at the church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth.

BY EMILY GERSEMA
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Heads are out, bags are in as consumers walk past the plastic-wrapped heads of lettuce and reach for ready-to-eat mixed salad pouches stacked on grocery store shelves.

The bulging bags of greens are convenient for people who want a serving of veggies but do not want to take the time to chop and toss a salad. Sales show demand is increasing rapidly.

Food companies predict bagged lettuce sales will top \$2 billion this year — a leap from the \$197 million in sales recorded in 1993 by Information Resources Inc., a market analysis company.

"People don't cook," said Robin Sprague, a spokeswoman for Fresh Express, a Salinas, Calif.-based salad company. "They don't really want to cook. They want to assemble and salads are perfect for that."

Consumers also seek variety. While demand for common iceberg head lettuce is falling, a wide range of leaf lettuce such as lollo rosso and romaine varieties are becoming more popular, the Agriculture Department says.

People ate about 6.9 billion pounds of iceberg lettuce in 2000. Gary Lucier, a department researcher, said that amount is expected to fall this year to roughly 6.7 billion pounds. Since 1989, iceberg lettuce consumption has dropped 13 percent.

Sales of iceberg's leafy relatives, including romaine, have gone from about 2.3 billion pounds 2000 to about 2.4 billion pounds this year.

Romaine "is almost a staple now. People like the iceberg blended with the romaine," Sprague said.

Though diners maybe were unaware of it, bagged lettuce has been around since the 1970s in restaurants and other eateries. Earthbound Farm Organic in San Juan Bautista, Calif., began making bagged lettuce in 1984, a few years before it appeared in major grocery stores.

Myra Goodman, who founded Earthbound with her husband, Drew, said production started at home. They prepared mixes for themselves at their farm in Carmel Valley, Calif., filling their refrigerator with packages of mixed greens to save time and eat a variety of vegetables.

"We always just thought: Isn't this an incredible product?" Goodman said.

The Goodmans expanded, selling packages to restaurants. Other companies caught onto the notion in the late 1980s. Leading produce companies such as Fresh Express and Dole Food Company began selling bagged lettuce in major supermarkets.

As popularity increased, so did variety. The nearly 50 companies that produced some 200 varieties of fresh-cut salads in 1993 now offer more than 455 different salad items. Most lettuce companies are based in California, where the climate and soil are ideal for the plants. They also grow it in Arizona and Mexico.

In North Dakota, a salad-making operation has been started in Medina. Dakota Fresh was forced to stop production last summer because the bag it was using for the salads was faulty, but officials have tested new bags and hope to be making salads again for the retail and food service markets by the end of November.

Lettuce comes in four general types: iceberg, butterhead, romaine and leaf. Iceberg is the most common. It is the firm,

round type often used by restaurants. Butterhead is another head type but it is more sensitive to damage. Romaine is an upright plant, and leaf lettuce, such as Deep Red, does not form a head. Colors range from deep purple and red to light yellow and spring green.

The bagged salads made from these varieties appear simple, but companies invest heavily in special equipment to prepare them.

At Fresh Express, lettuce is routed through custom-made washers and dryers before blades shred the leaves into chewable pieces. Each company has its own special equipment for preparing the bagged lettuce, down to the plastic pouches.

Customers probably do not notice, Sprague said, but the sacks vary in thickness. A plastic bag of Caesar salad, for example, may be more dense than a bag of baby spinach to ensure the leaves will not oxidize and rot before a consumer takes the product home. Some types need thicker bags than others to increase their shelf-life.

Food in a bag, it doesn't get much easier than that.

Off with their heads, bagged salad is in

Muffin meat loaves ready in a hurry

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Muffin-sized individual meat loaves have a winning profile. They are a cute version of a tasty favorite — and also, because of their size, they cook in just 20 minutes, a much shorter time than a traditional meatloaf. All the preparer has to do is combine ground beef with shredded zucchini and the other ingredients, and spoon the mixture into muffin tins. Remember to mix your ingredients with a light hand to ensure moist juicy meat loaves; don't overmix or the meat loaves will be compact and dry. While the little loaves bake, prepare the Parmesan mashed potatoes, a fine accompaniment and equally easy: Unpeeled potatoes and garlic are microwaved, mashed and mixed with milk and cheese. Add a favorite green vegetable, and dinner's ready.

MUFFIN TIN MEAT LOAVES

(Total preparation and cooking time 30 minutes)
1 1/2 pounds lean ground beef

1 1/2 cups shredded zucchini
1 cup soft bread crumbs
1 egg, slightly beaten
1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup ketchup

Heat oven to 400°F.

In a large bowl, combine all ingredients except ketchup, mixing lightly but thoroughly. Place approximately 1/2 cup beef mixture into each of 12 medium muffin cups, press lightly; spread ketchup over top.

Bake in 400°F oven 20 minutes or until no longer pink and juices run clear.

Meanwhile, prepare quick

Parmesan mashed potatoes. Remove meat loaves from pan; serve with potatoes.

QUICK PARMESAN MASHED POTATOES

1 1/2 pounds all-purpose potatoes, scrubbed, quartered
3 tablespoons water
3 large cloves garlic, crushed
1/2 cup low-fat milk
3 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
1/2 teaspoon salt

In 2-quart microwave-safe container, combine potatoes, water and garlic. Cover and

microwave at high 12 to 14 minutes or until potatoes are tender.

Mash potatoes until smooth. Add milk, cheese and salt, beating until light and fluffy. (If mixture becomes too thick, add additional milk, 1 tablespoon at a time.)

Makes 6 servings (serving size: 2 mini-meat loaves and 1/2 cup potatoes).
Cook's Tip: To make soft bread crumbs, place torn bread slices in food processor fitted with steel blade, or blender container. Cover; process 30 seconds, pulsing on and off until fine crumbs. One-and-a-half slices will yield 1 cup soft bread crumbs.

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Duo's CD mixes jazz, blues and gospel

BY BRENDA DOMINICK
STAFF WRITER

The duo Dee Brown and Gentry Shelby, known as Shelby Brown, recently released their first CD, *Miracle*, a mix of jazz, rhythm and blues, and gospel/inspirational music. Their recording label is TEG Records, in Farmington Hills.

"I started out in Detroit, grew up in Oak Park and moved here (Southfield) two years ago, and my wife grew up in Huntington Woods," Brown said.

The dynamic jazz duo met at the end of November 1998, and *Miracle*, which took about eight months to record, was released last year.

"We were introduced by an acquaintance friend who was a saxophone player," he said. "When I first listened to Shelby, I was putting together my own

project as Dee Brown, looking for some kind of tang sound, so to speak."

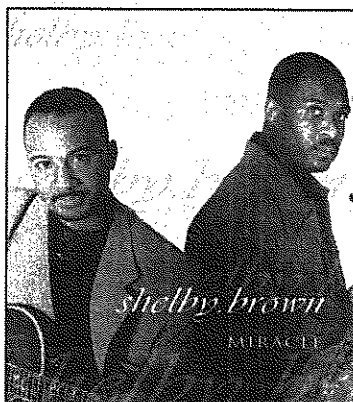
As the duo took a stab at their first song, *It Feels So Good*, magic happened.

"When we played, we complemented each other, and I liked his tenacity," Brown said.

Another one of their songs, *Only What You Do (for Christ Will Last)*, a gospel tune, was written by Shelby and Randy Scott, a keyboard player.

"If you listen to the song, you're going to hear a little jazzy sound, and a little like Anita Baker," Brown said. "The vocals are there to catch the people who aren't used to jazz music."

Speak to My Heart, originally composed by Donnie McClurkin in 1996 by Warner Brothers Records, is an especially important tune for



Brown.

"It is the song I got married to, and then we redid it as a duo," he said.

Brown said around the sixth grade, he sang in the Glee Club and at school, which piqued his interest in music. But a special gift is what really hooked him. "My Grandma gave me a gui-

tar, and some people around showed me techniques," Brown said. "Then I organized a group and put out our own CD, similar to the Temptations, but more like Jodeci and Boyz 2 Men."

Anita Newby, a locally renowned gospel singer, sang *Only What You Do (for Him)*, the first song on the CD.

Guitar player Brown is a writer, producer and arranger and Shelby plays tenor, alto and soprano saxophone.

"His (Gentry Shelby) role is to get the band members, the audience hyped, and to express himself through the horn," Brown said. "You can see it, you can feel it. There's always something new coming out of him. That's the thing about playing live."

In addition to beginning a career in the music industry, Brown works as a registered res-

piratory therapist in cardio-pulmonary therapy at Providence Hospital, helping people who have problems breathing, such as asthma and bronchitis, as well as running the life-support machines.

Shelby, a Detroit resident, is a municipal worker for the city of Detroit.

Along with being active members of their respective churches, Shelby Brown performs often for churches and charity events throughout metropolitan Detroit.

Shelby Brown's CD is available at Street Corner Music, Tower Records, Harmony House and Amazon.com. To find out more about the group, visit www.tegrecordlabel.com.

But there's more to come with this dynamic duo.

"On the next CD, what we want to focus on is all live

music," Brown said. "This is the way I envisioned it originally. We want to go back to the way music was originally made."

"I plan on doing maybe one or two songs vocal."

Brown said though he loves living in the city of Southfield, he'd like to see more jazz in it.

"They used to have the Smooth Jazz Concert with V98.7 here at Street Corner Music, but now there aren't not too many places to play jazz," he said. "The jazz theme in Southfield could basically use a face lift. There's not a lot of clubs, like in Royal Oak and Detroit."

Brown explains the beauty of his work.

"We can express our music through our instruments and music is the expression of how we feel," he said.

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Here's how to use filters for black and white photography

Recently, I wrote about the filters that were important with color photography. For black and white lovers,



Focus on
Photography

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there are important filters, too. Similar to color photography, the right filter with black and white film can turn an ordinary picture into something quite special.

Today, I'm going to discuss the filters essential for black and

white photography.

RED-ORANGE-YELLOW FAMILY-These filters are the most important when shooting in black and white. Beginning with yellow and ending with

red, this family of filters progressively darkens the blue of the sky to add all-important impact to your pictures. With no filter, separation between blue sky and clouds will be lost in a black and white print and the sky will appear washed out. But by using one of this family of filters, here's what happens. A yellow filter will darken the sky to light gray. The orange filter darkens it further and the red makes the sky almost black. The clouds always remain white.

So can you visualize the drama these filters will add to your shot? The way they work is that yellow-orange-red filters progressively block the blue light from the sky from reaching the film dulling exposure; yellow the least, red the most. The resulting prints therefore, show progressive darkness in the sky.

GREEN-This filter lightens its own color making foliage

such as grass and leaves lighter in the finished print. Greater contrast is achieved and a more pleasing picture results.

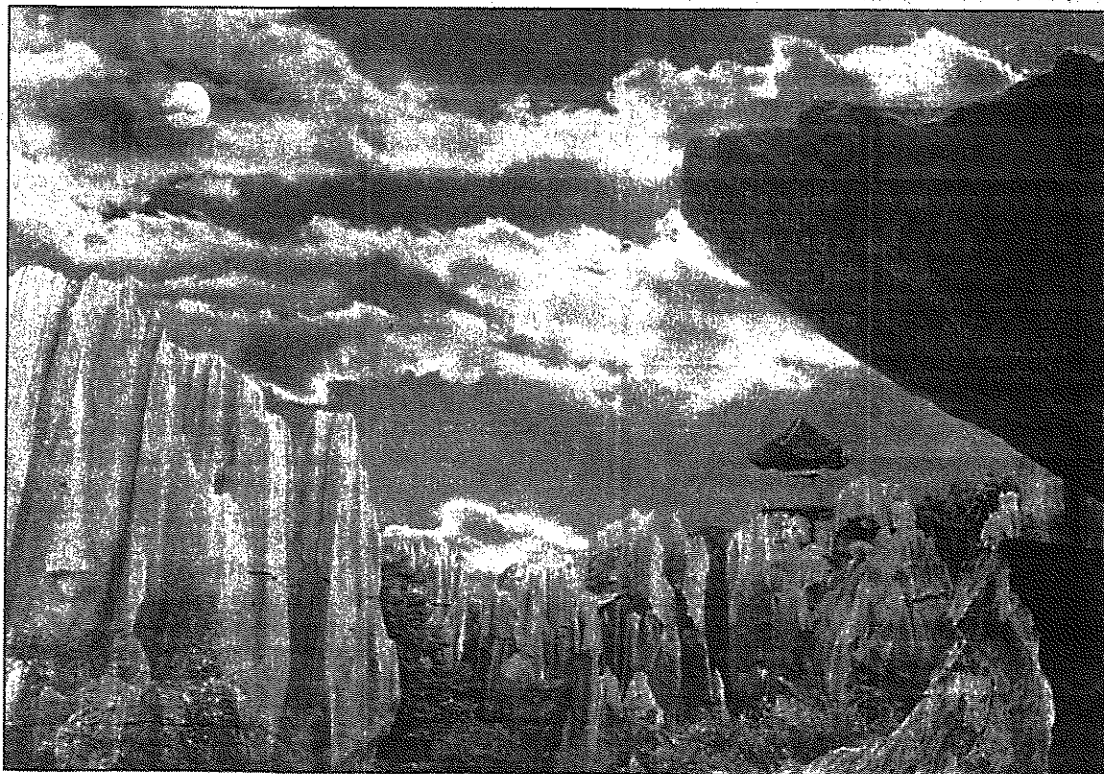
COMMON FILTERS WITH COLOR FILM-Three of the filters I recently discussed in my column on color filters are also very useful when shooting in black and white.

The skylight serves as protection or "insurance" for an expensive lens.

The diffusion filter softens harsh facial lines in a black and white portrait just as it does with color. And a set of close-up filters will move you in close for those in tight shots of flowers and foliage.

Filters are an inexpensive investment that will produce a high rate of return for your photography!

Monte Nagler is a fine arts photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (734) 953-2047.



Monte Nagler used a red filter to dramatically darken and add contrast.

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Tall tales short on substance Take a train to the Super Bowl

SHORT & TALL TALES

by Lilian Jackson Braun (G. P. Putnam's Sons, \$21.95).

Feeling in the mood for something utterly lightweight?

Pick up a copy of *Short & Tall Tales*, by Michigan native Lilian Jackson Braun. The author of the highly successful *The Cat Who* books has produced 27



Victoria Diaz

thin vignettes supposedly compiled by that "star" of *The Cat* books, James Mackintosh Quilleran. They all center around legends and the local history of Moose County

("400 miles north of everywhere"). In a sense, we follow the intrepid reporter Quilleran around the region, and we listen as he listens to the tales and the folklore of local yokels. Begin with "The Legend of the Rubbish Heap," a "story" of two German immigrants who arrived in Moose County in mid-nineteenth century, when the area was experiencing its great boom. Seems they applied noses to grindstones, amassed a nice-sized fortune together as business partners, and eventually had a permanent falling-out when one of their daughters eloped with the other one's son (on the eve of her wedding to a "more suitable" groom). Many of the principals in the tale come to a bad end, and eventu-

ally, things come to "a full circle."

Actually, the tale itself isn't much more developed than my description of it. It's a little like *Show and Tell*—except that Braun has chosen here to do almost all telling, and very little showing in these pages.

In "House Calls on Horseback," readers can learn something of what it was like to be a physician (or a patient) "in the early days of Moose County." As it turns out, this contribution is one of the most enlightening and rewarding in the collection. Doctors were needed by the pioneers (24/7, of course) to treat such awful diseases as smallpox and yellow fever, and also to deal with the effects of such things as forest fires, tree-felling, snakebite, overturned carriages, shipwrecks, kicking mules, and mining accidents.

"The pioneer doctor carried his drugstore in his shoulder bag or in...saddlebags...His miracle drugs were rhubarb powder, quinine flakes, digitalis, arnica, capsicum, nuxvomica, and the like." In addition to his duties as a doctor, he also acted as the community dentist, always stowing in his little black bag a serviceable pair of 'twisters' for yanking bad teeth.

In another of these wispy yarns (though definitely tall, most are no more than three to four pages in length), we learn about "Hilda the Clipper," who gained notoriety as she went about the tiny town of Brrr, brandishing her hedge clippers, and unnerving local residents. ("Click-click!")

In "Emmaline and the Spiral Staircase," we meet another local legend from the past. Seems the ghostly Emmaline was once in love with a local man, of whom her stern father, Captain Fugtree, did not approve. Sadly, the young man was killed after being thrown by a horse, and shortly after, the grieving Emmaline climbed to the top of the tower stairs in the Victorian family mansion, and jumped to her death.

Now, "On every dark and stormy night, they say, Emmaline can be seen walking up the stairs that are no longer there." (As it turns out, some can see Emmaline, and some cannot.) Among others, *Short & Tall Tales* also introduces us to Milo, the potato farmer (whose fortune, obtained through Prohibition era bootlegging, was no small potatoes); a peculiar wood sprite; a "spirit" encountered on a covered bridge; and a "demon" at Boggy Bottom. In addition, we hear about "Those Pushy Moose County Blueberries," "The Curse on the Apple Orchard," and "The Noble Sons of the Moose."

Ultimately, most modern-day readers would probably enjoy these stories more, had they been enlivened more as to character, or plot, or background. As is, each seems more like the bare bones of a tale, the merest skeleton on which to hang what might possibly be developed into a highly intriguing story.

Vicki Diaz is a Livonia resident who writes about books for the Observer & Eccentric.

Heading to the Super Bowl? Consider taking the train.

The Super Train to the Super Bowl tour costs \$2,295 and includes round-trip travel from Dearborn, overnight accommodations and some meals. Passengers will connect with the Super Bowl train in Chicago, via the Amtrak train from Dearborn.

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The rail cars will be parked in the Santa Fe Depot in San Diego. A trolley transit system can transport passengers to downtown San Diego attractions. An

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For reservations, call Powhatan Rail Services at (248) 435-2858.

Make puppets, glaze bowls at art center

Visit the Ann Arbor Art Center in February and learn how to turn a snack food bowl into a work of art.

The workshop is part of a series of one-day classes held every Sunday next month at the center, 117 West Liberty, in downtown Ann Arbor.

Workshops are held from 1-2:30 p.m. The session on Feb.

2, which consists of making a dragon puppet in honor of Chinese New Year, is free. Those on Feb. 9, 16 and 23 cost \$12 each.

Participants may register at any time before the workshop starts. Drop-ins are accepted, although space is limited. Pre-registration is not required for the Feb. 2 session. Here's the

schedule of other workshops:

■ Feb. 9: Celebrate Snack Food Month by glazing a snack food bowl.

■ Feb. 16: Use easy-to-follow methods to paint a winter cabin scene on a dinner plate.

■ Feb. 23: Use glazes to decorate a rice bowl.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

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Featured players include Martin Lawrence as Earl, Steve Zahn as Hank, Eric Roberts as the leader of the smuggling operation and Colm Feore as a corrupt police officer collaborating with professional criminals. Dennis Dugan directed the action, marking his first since completing *Saving Silverman* in 2001. (Columbia Pictures)

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WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

— A store that sells small bows for the front of shoes for Alice of Canton.

— Someone who repairs snow globes for Jeanette of Redford.

— An automobile service garage that is open on

weekends and until midnight during the week (location unknown maybe in the Livonia area) for Margaret of Westland.

— A store that sells an old-fashioned back scratchers for Leo of Redford Township.

— A store that sells Stewart Little stickers for Natal

— The cookbook *Home Cooking* from *Women's Circle* magazine (broccoli soup on the cover) for Carmen.

— A store that sells Weight Watchers butter spray for popcorn for Ann of Westland.

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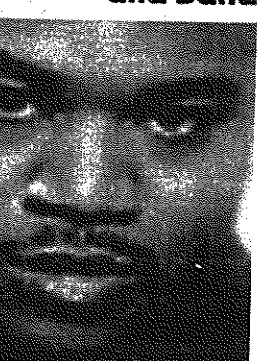
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CHAMBER OF SECRETS (PG)

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THE SANTA CLAUSE 2 (G)
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0007 DIE ANOTHER DAY (PG13)
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THE WILD THORNBERYS (PG)
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MAD IN MANHATTAN (PG13)
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THE HOT CHICK (PG13)
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ANTHONY FISHER (PG13)
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CATCH ME IF YOU CAN (PG13)
1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 7:30, 10:10, 10:30
TREASURE PLANET (PG)
12:20, 2:40

TWO WEEKS NOTICE (PG13)
12:20, 2:30, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40
HARRY POTTER: CHAMBER OF SECRETS (PG)
1:30, 5:00, 9:15 (NO 1:30 SUN)

LORD OF THE RINGS: THE TWO TOWERS (PG13) NV
12:00, 4:00, 8:00
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6:05, 9:25

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GANES OF NEW YORK (R)
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Proulx's novel runs wild as it captures a region's history

BY SAMANTHA GROSS
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THAT OLD ACE IN THE HOLE

by Annie Proulx (Scribner, 361 pages, \$26).

Either Annie Proulx is a crafty writer indeed, or her new novel simply got away from her.

In *That Old Ace in the Hole*, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Shipping News* (1994) trails the inscrutable Bob Dollar as he infiltrates Woolybucket, a small town on the Texas Panhandle.

Or at least she tries to.

But Proulx's tale keeps veering off course and into the lives and secrets of several generations of Woolybucket residents. A stubborn lot they are, too.

They include hapless pioneers and heartbroken cowboys, a reserved bride with a lusty, wandering eye, a compulsive Dutchman who strikes it rich, a conniving saleswoman, an incestuous sheriff, a gregarious genealogist who loves deadly spiders, and a bison-herding monk with a masterful command of the lasso.

In Proulx's novel, they run wild across the history of the Panhandle, and amid all the confusion, it seems unlikely that she'll be able to rein them into one tidy package.

Her main plot follows Dollar, a young man sent to Woolybucket as an undercover land scout for industrial hog farms.

The noisome farms, where employees are allowed to refer to the livestock only as "pork units," are universally hated in Proulx's Panhandle, where they are seen as an environmental menace and a perversion.

Such terms are not too severe for Woolybucket, where a cloud can become a deadly storm in minutes and disgruntled wives carry shotguns.

Woolybucket is steeped in history. LaVon, Bob's gritty landlady, has assigned herself

the unwieldy task of gathering all the region's yarns, which has left her house overflowing with "boxes of photographs and diaries, faded envelopes" and other "genealogical reminiscence."

Hers are winsome tales, filled with enterprising cowhands and robust farm girls who, by the time of the telling, have mostly grown old.

The novel is overrun with these accounts, all of them weighted by a slight nostalgia for lives gone by and a time before barbed wire, when herds of cows ran free.

Nostalgia afflicts many Woolybucket residents, who seem driven to keep things as they were, and Bob comes up against harsh resistance in his quest to acquire land for his employer, Global Pork Rind. At times it seems Proulx is overreaching.

The quick switches between time periods and the extensive cast of characters can be confusing without offering a "eureka" payoff like those in similar stories.

Proulx never does draw her many tales into a cohesive and streamlined ending. The novel has the flavor of LaVon's files: Family histories, legends and love letters mixed together and spilling out of their boxes.

But the mess Proulx has created is a charming one, and ultimately the chaotic structure of the novel proves to be the one that best fits its story.

Old Ace Crouch, the wizened windmill man who fights Bob's efforts to buy his land, tells Bob: "You think (the Panhandle is) just a place. It's more than that. It's people's lives, it's the history of the country."

Although Dollar gets the most attention, the real protagonists of the novel are the Panhandle's untamed landscape and people.

Both have withstood industry and age, and they are not yet ready to give in to change.

AUDITIONS

Avon Players

Auditions for *I Hate Hamlet* 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, at the theater, 1185 Washington Road, one mile east of the intersection of Tienken and Rochester roads, Rochester Hills. Show dates are Feb. 28 to March 15. (248) 608-9077 or visit the Web site at www.avonplayers.org

Clarkston Village Players

Auditions for six roles for men and two roles for women for *Run for Your Wife*, a comedy by Ray Cooney, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12, and 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13, readings will be from the script, at the Depot Theatre. (248) 625-8811

Deborah's Stage Door

Auditions for senior show choir (people ages 13 and older), junior acting conservatory (ages 7-11), advanced acting conservatory (ages 12 and older), children, junior and senior ballet companies, and competition dance lines (ages 5 and older), at the studio in Rochester Hills. (248) 852-8133

Farmington Community Chorus

Chorus will hold new-member auditions for its spring session, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, at the William Costick Activities Center on 11 Mile just east of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Accepting members from age 19 and older. For information, call (248) 471-4516

Farmington Players

Auditions for *Nunsense* 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, auditions will receive and be taught music at auditions, and will sing solo and dance (possibly a simple tap dance), at the new Farmington Players

Barn Theater, 32332 West 12 Mile, between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads, Farmington Hills. Call Emily McSweeney for scripts (248) 626-8767

Franklin Village Band

Adult musicians from southeastern Michigan may join the Franklin Village Band. All instruments welcome, but there is a special need for flutes and clarinets. The band rehearses Monday evenings in the Franklin Community Church social hall on Franklin Road. For more details, call Bill Prisk, (248) 474-8869, or Bob Zimmerman, (313) 535-4119

Livonia Civic Chorus

Looking for people who love to sing and dance for spring concert featuring the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber, basses tenors, altos to take part in solos, ensembles, dance numbers, and the general chorus, auditions are 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, in the choral room at Frost Middle School, 14041 Stark. Call (734) 422-2589 for more information.

Livonia Youth Choir

Rehearsals for girls and boys (ages 9-13 in grades 4-8) residing in Livonia and surrounding communities begin Monday, Jan. 13. Due to a major change in the structure of the choir, rehearsal groups will be divided along age lines. It will still be one choir that will present concerts together but rehearse separately. For more information, call (734) 425-1749

Novi Civic Center

Auditions for *Annie*, 4:30-7 p.m. Feb. 4 and 6. Check-in starts at 4 p.m. Actors, ages 7 through college age, may audi-

tion at 45175 W. 10 Mile. Audition packets available at Novi Parks and Recreation. (248) 347-0400

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Performance Network

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Plymouth Symphony

Deadline for Treasures Beyond Measure Youth Artist Competition, is Jan. 24. Applications available through the Plymouth Symphony. Call (734) 451-2112 for divisions and any additional information. Web site is www.plymouthsymphony.org

Ridgedale Players

Auditions for the musical comedy *Do Black Patent Shoes Really Reflect?* 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13, at the playhouse, 205 West Long Lake Road, between Livernois and Crooks, Troy. (248) 398-2725

Southfield Presbyterian Church

The directors of *Peeking at the Blues* (A

Tribute to Bessie Smith) and Dance Theater of Michigan are auditioning for dancers, singers, musicians, actors and comedians, 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18 and 25, 2003, 21575 W. 10 Mile, Southfield. Call (248) 552-5001 or (248) 942-3243 for audition appointments and directions.

Spirit of Detroit Sweet Adeline

The chorus auditions women for four-part harmony from 7-10 p.m. every Tuesday at St. Paul Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia. (248) 681-2578

Village Players

Auditions for *Cyrano De Bergerac* 7:30 p.m. Sunday-Monday, Jan. 26-27, at the playhouse, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham. For performances March 14-23. (248) 645-1874

The Vocal Arts Ensemble of Michigan

A working a cappella Renaissance group in its 11th year is holding auditions for alto, tenor and bass voices. The repertoire is both sacred and secular and interactive with audiences. Call Cindy Keleman (734) 941-5955 for audition dates.

Whistle Stop Players

Auditions for children age 6 and up for spring touring production of Famous Folk Tales from Around the World 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12, and Thursday, Jan. 16, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council 774 North Sheldon at Junction. For performances April 6-8 at arts council, April 7-17 in local schools. \$150 for arts council members, students membership available for \$30. (734) 416-4278

Nintendo unveils the upscale GameBoy handheld

NEW YORK (AP) — The world's most popular video gaming gadget just got a tune-up.

Nintendo Co. unveiled the latest in its handheld GameBoy line this month, the GameBoy Advance SP, a slick-looking device aimed at adult gamers that's about as big as a wallet and weighs just five ounces.

"There's nothing kid about this system," said Nintendo spokesman Chris Campbell.

The GameBoy Advance SP (the SP stands for "special") looks more like an executive plaything than a child's toy. But it handles all the roughly 1,000 games for the hit GameBoy,

including the Advance model that went on sale in June 2001.

More than 150 million GameBoy systems have been sold since 1989 and it has no strong competitor in its size category, though users have long complained that its display was too dim and power drained too quickly.

Sony's Playstation2, the fastest-selling console today, has sold more than 41 million units since its March 2000 release.

The new Nintendo handheld has the same CPU as the current GameBoy Advance but opens and closes like a laptop and has a front-lit screen that

allows it to be played in darkness or in bright sunlight. It also has a rechargeable lithium ion battery.

Nintendo plans to sell the GameBoy Advance SP for \$99.95 in the United States. The GameBoy Advance retails for \$69.99 but Nintendo believes adults won't mind the higher price.

"The \$99 price point is really a magic number," said Michael Gartenberg, an analyst with Jupiter Research. "They've kept it in reach of the masses."

Analysts expect the GameBoy to compete with cell phones that run games and be popular among makers of

aftermarket parts.

It can play video on its 2.9-inch screen and designers might develop hardware that enables it to be used for phone calls, said Richard Doherty, research director of the Envisioneering Group.

Square in shape, the new unit is 3 1/2 inches long and an inch thick — perfect, Nintendo says, to be dropped in a purse or briefcase.

The battery lasts for about 10 hours with the display illuminated or 18 hours with it off.

GameBoy Advance SP is slated to hit stores March 23 in the United States and five days after that in Europe.

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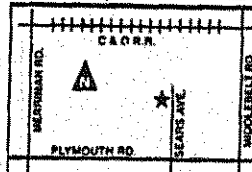
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BY MARY QUINLEY
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BOYNE

Saturday lift ticket rates have been rolled back at the two Boyne ski resorts.

"We are the greatest value in Northern Michigan for lift ticket prices," said Julie Ard, public relations manager of Boyne USA Resorts.

An adult pays \$39 at either Boyne Highlands in Harbor Springs or Boyne Mountain in Boyne Falls. The lift ticket can be used at both resorts. Last year's price was \$43. The two diverse properties offer a total of 111 runs. Skiers will discover ten new downhill runs at the Mountain and three new runs at the Highlands.

Also new this year is a conveyor system, the longest in Michigan, at the Highlands complex. It was installed with beginner skiers in mind.

This slow-moving system features a minimal slope, says Ard. There is no charge to ski in this area. For more info call (800) GO-BOYNE or visit the web at: www.boyne.com.

SHANTY CREEK

Does tubing down a slope pique your interest?

If so, check out the new tubing runs, including a half-mile long extreme run, at Shanty Creek.

The resort, approximately 30 miles northeast of Traverse City, lures a variety of skiers from the novice through advanced to its two spectacular mountains.

"We've expanded our terrain," said Barry Godwin, director of marketing.

And, he says, if you haven't been to Shanty Creek within the last couple of years you'll discover increased night skiing and a new lodge.

Bring the family. A snow sports academy offers ski instruction with several kids' programs.

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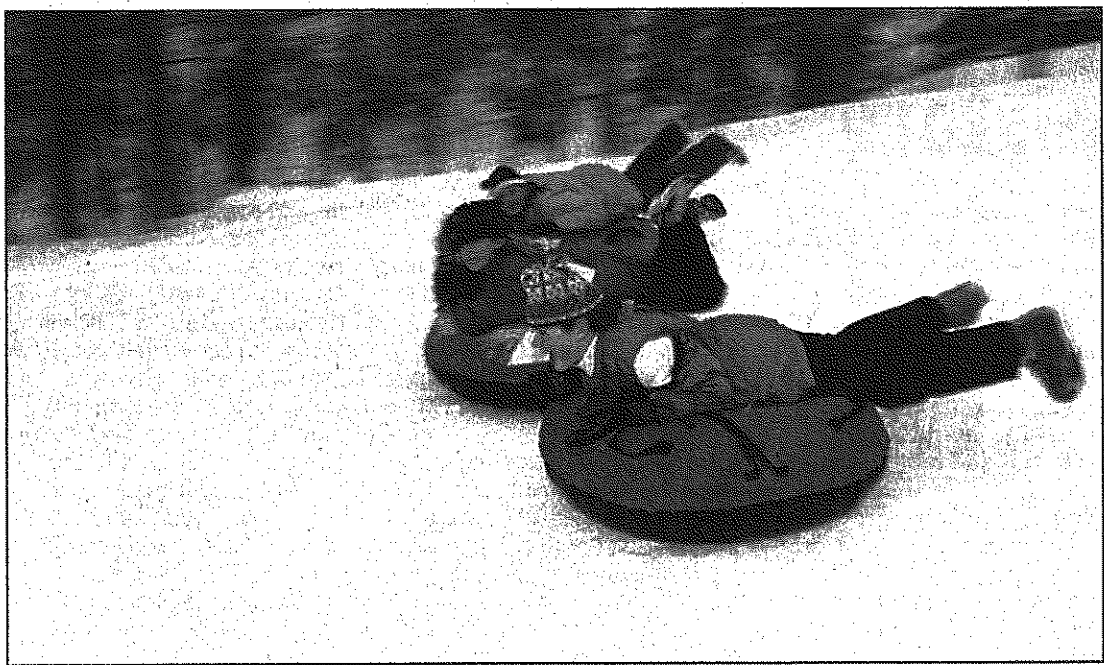
Nub's Nob is the most natural place I've skied, said Mike Wozniak of Livonia, who enjoys skiing at night because "it's cheaper."

He and his brother, Dan, students at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, prefer the slopes at Harbor Springs more than any other Michigan ski area.

Nineteen-year-old Mike is particularly impressed with the length of the hills he skies. Less time is spent on the lifts, he said.

Dan likes skiing through the woods at the Harbor Springs resort. "The more trees the better," said the 21-year-old.

The two brothers rank them-



Shanty Creek offers more than skiing. Visitors tube down the half-mile run.

selves as "high-intermediate" skiers.

Nub's Nob offers a ten-acre hill with a chair lift geared for kids and beginners. A lift ticket is not required to ski on this slope.

"We've added more snow making guns to our arsenal," said Jim Bartlett, general manager.

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MOUNT HOLLY

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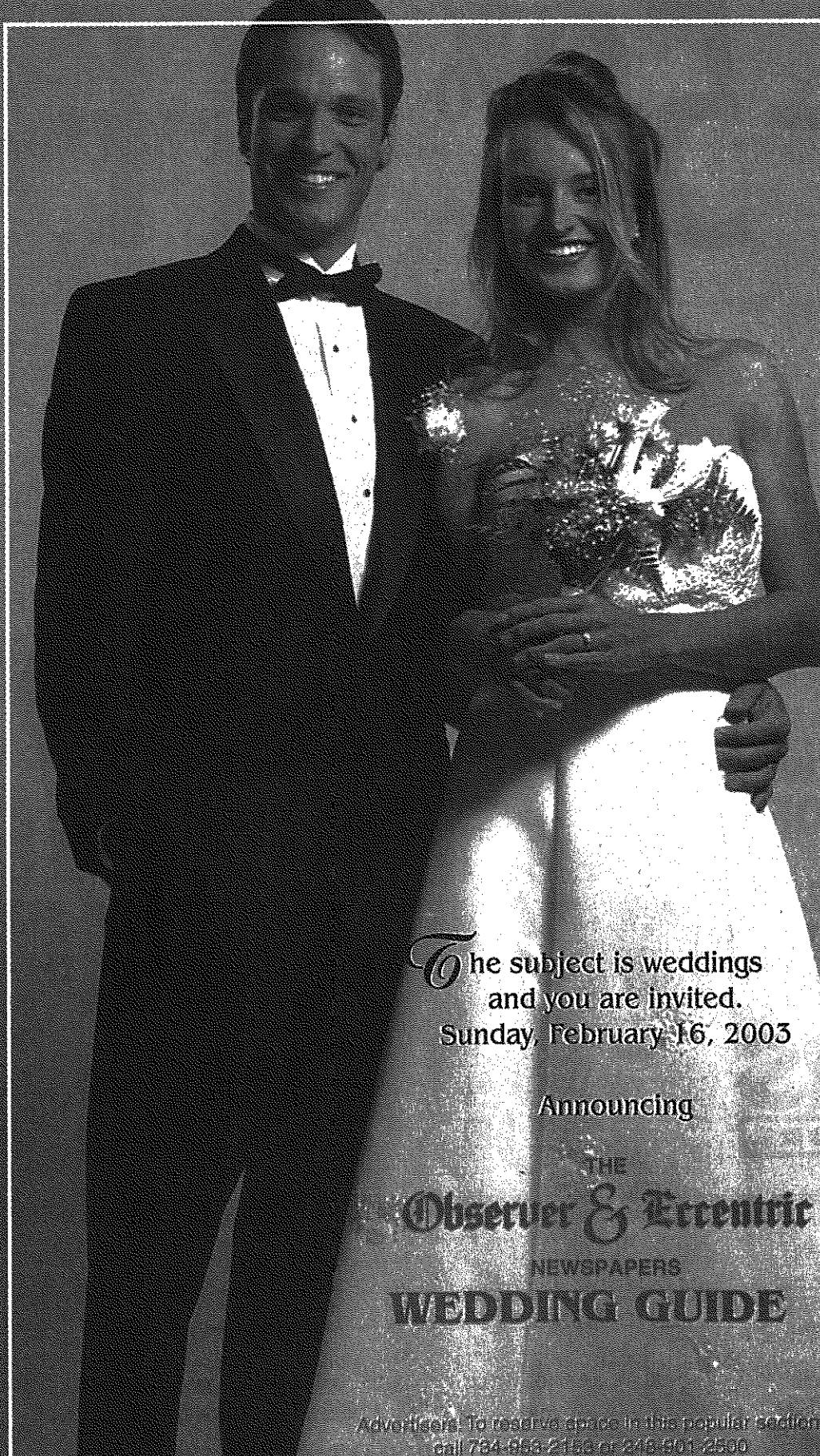
The trails are lighted for night skiers.

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Condos at SkyLofts pleasing to the eye, functional

You almost have to see the model at SkyLofts in Royal Oak to appreciate all of the nuances that go into the condominium.

Things like a granite kitchen island, rounded wall corners, exposed heating ducts and pipes, wood flooring, all appliances and a great window view.

SkyLofts is a mixed-use development under construction on Main between Fourth and Fifth. Some would call it urban living at its finest.

Retail will be on the ground level. So far, a restaurant and ice cream shop have committed. Negotiations are continuing with a spa.

Parking for residents only is on the next two levels, with a fitness center also slotted into level 3. Then there's condominiums - up to 70 homes - on levels 4 through 8.

"Our goal is to offer a unique product to metro Detroit," said David Strosberg, president of Morningside Group and SkyLofts R.O. Partners.

"New loft construction with a high level of interior finish located in an exciting suburban downtown," he said.

"This is not a traditional run-of-the-mill home," said Mia Wyant, marketing director at SkyLofts. "There's a lot of visual impact."

"People come out of the model and they're so amazed. They say, 'Neat, cool, so spectacular.' It really seems to grab peoples' attention."

"We want to make sure people could just bring their furniture and move in," Wyant added. "Here, base (price) means fabulous. We build a solid and beautiful building."

The location in downtown Royal Oak also is a big draw, with easy access to nearby entertainment venues and freeways.

"Everything you need you can walk to here - trendy stores, every restaurant you can think of," said Rachel Lane, new

homes manager.

Seven different floor plans are available.

They range from \$240,900 for 945 square feet with one bedroom and 1½ bath to \$606,900 for 2,538 square feet with four bedrooms and three baths.

Specific prices depend on such factors as what floor the residence is on, what street it overlooks and whether it's a corner unit with more extensive windows.

Nearly 70 percent already have sold. Occupancy is scheduled for fall 2003.

All homes will include, at base price, air conditioning, gas fireplace, stacked washer and dryer, range, refrigerator, microwave and dishwasher.

Also standard are a balcony or terrace, hardwood flooring in the foyer, kitchen, dining room and living room, carpeting throughout and track lighting.

All purchasers get one space in the parking deck and a storage closet in the basement.

Glass and masonry are the primary exterior materials.

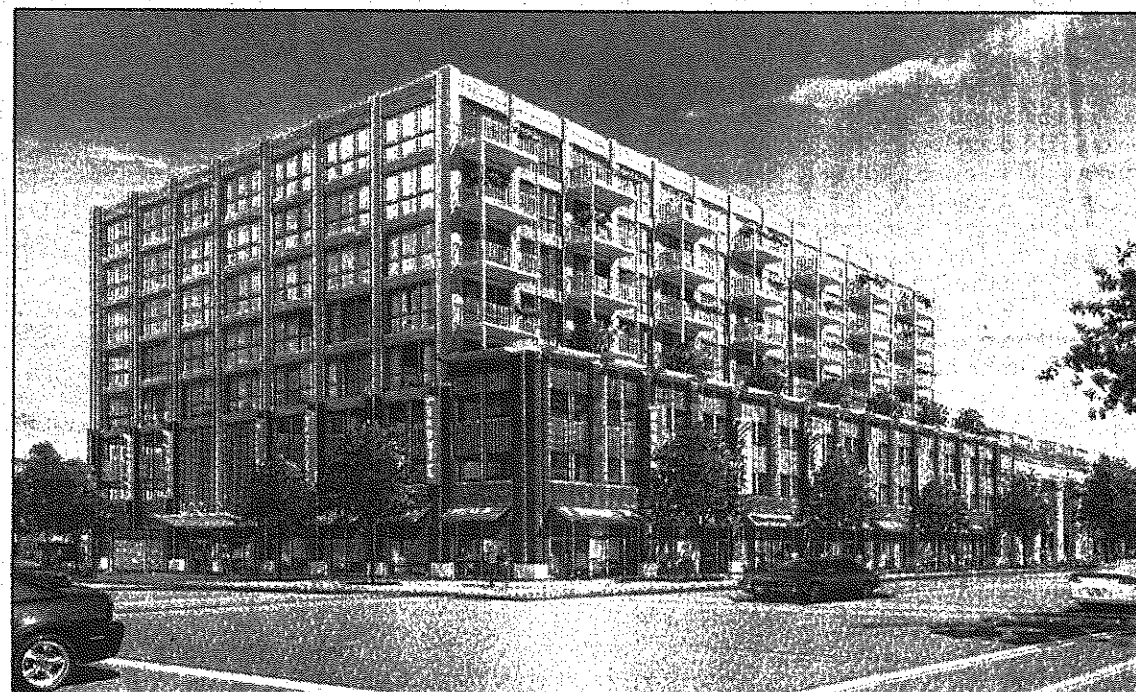
The model has been built into the sales center on Center Street between Fifth and Fourth around the corner from the construction site.

The two-bedroom, two-bath home of 1,269 square feet has an open look with 10-foot ceilings and rooms divided by walls that don't reach all the way to the ceilings.

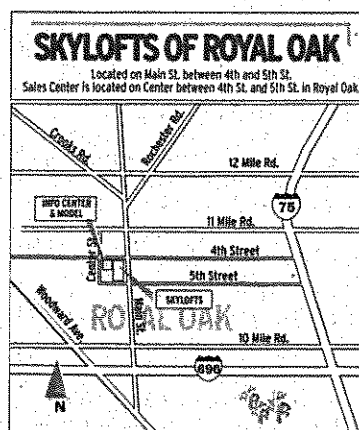
The residence contains a flex room which can be used either as an office or bedroom, full bath, kitchen with island/breakfast bar, dining room, living room, and master with walk-in closet and combination tub/shower.

Base price starts at \$285,900.

SkyLofts is within the Royal Oak school boundaries. The property tax rate is \$35.79 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of the sales price for new



SkyLofts provide attractive residences in a hot location.



construction.

That means the owners of a \$314,000 condo there would pay about \$5,600 the first year.

The monthly association fee ranges from \$201 to \$554 depending on size and location of the residence. That fee includes gas and water.

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The sales office/model at SkyLofts, (248) 541-5638, is open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, closed Wednesday and Thursday.

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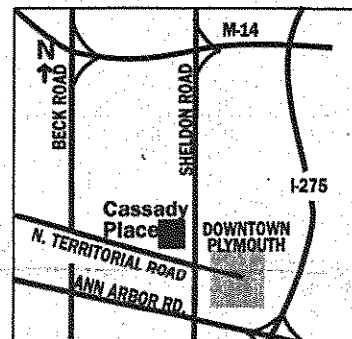
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EasyLiving Homes provide more convenient mobility

(AP) - Younger home buyers like having houses their aging parents can visit with ease. Baby boomers are concerned about homes they can age in.

Some home builders are trying to meet those wishes in an effort to build houses with wider doors for wheelchairs, entrances without steps and at least one bathroom and bedroom on the main level.

The modified design, dubbed an EasyLiving Home, also is drawing attention from buyers who aren't disabled, said Ed Phillips, executive vice president of the Home Builders Association of Georgia.

"We're getting inquiries from all over the country," Phillips said.

Decatur resident Eleanor Smith, who uses a wheelchair, pushed for the EasyLiving Home Coalition, which gave its first seal of approval to a new Snellville, Ga. subdivision that finished its first homes early last year.

EasyLiving homes range from 1,200-square-foot starter homes to ones with more than

4,500 square feet.

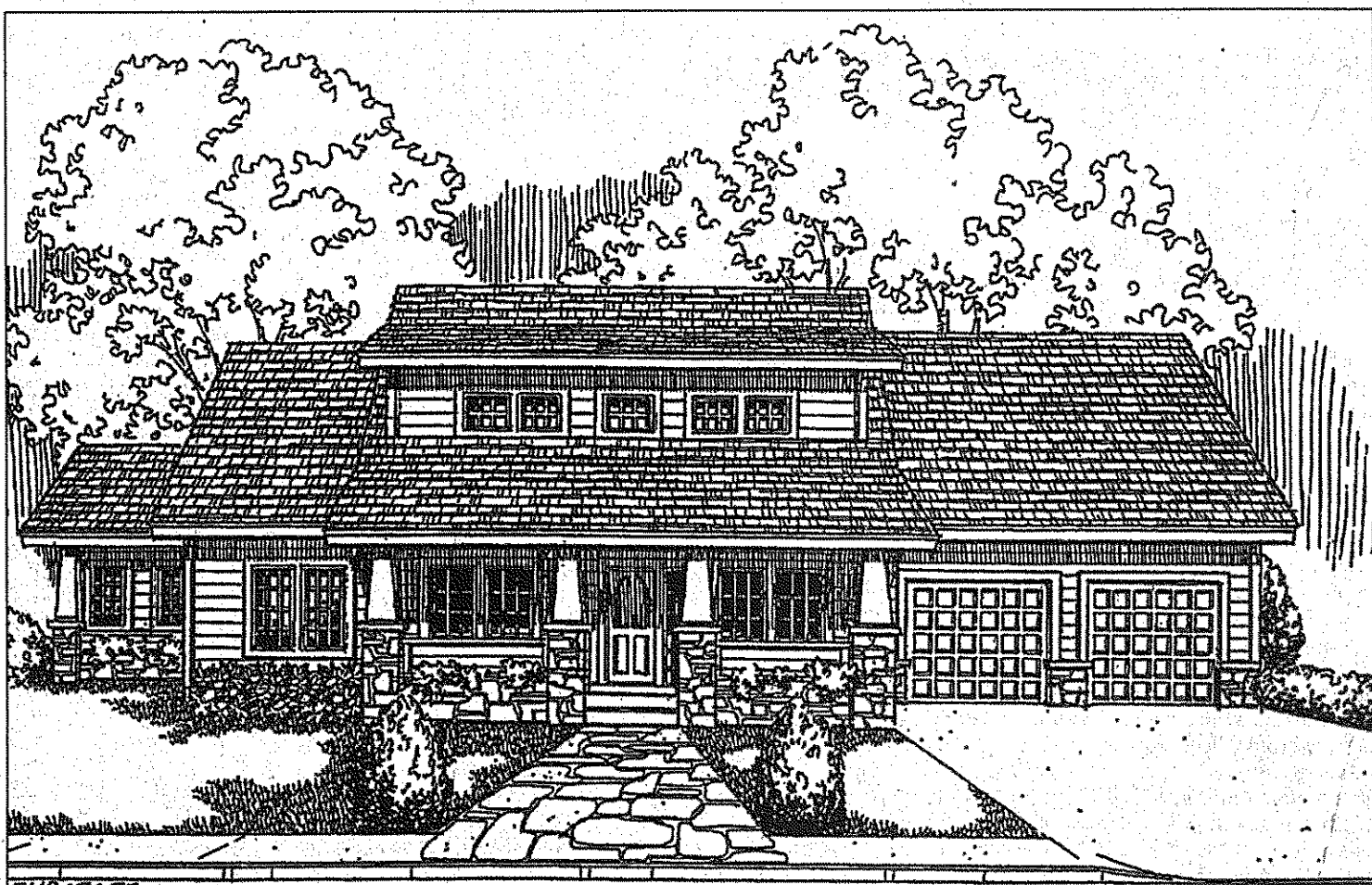
More than 100 EasyLiving homes are under construction in Georgia, and building on a Savannah subdivision is slated to begin next year, said Bonnie Bonham, EasyLiving's program director.

Johnny Isakson, congressman from Georgia and a coalition member, said parents pushing strollers or lugging kids and groceries can benefit from an entrance without steps, and wider doors make it easier for anyone to move furniture.

"It's convenient regardless of your circumstances," Isakson said. "This has the potential to be the most sought-after seal in home building."

Earl Gray grew tired of having to turn sideways to get his walker through the doors of his home. He and his wife, Joanne, estimate it would have cost more than \$30,000 to renovate their previous home and instead moved to an EasyLiving Home subdivision.

"It's just fabulous," he said. "I've got plenty of room to turn around. I'm back mobile again."



Fancy ceilings, master porch, bonus room highlight plan

Window seats are more than dressing

FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

No matter what room they grace, window seats provide an extra measure of space, practicality and charm.

Tucked into a stairway landing, they can expand a play area for children. In a bedroom, they provide a spot for displaying a stuffed-animal collection or finishing up the assigned novel for English class.

In a more formal setting, they help to frame an outdoor view. Visual expansion is another

hallmark of the window seat. Tucked into a boxed-out window, it suggests a significantly larger area, even in a small room.

Coupled with a higher-than-standard ceiling, a window seat can turn a potentially claustrophobic space into an airy retreat.

Built into a kitchen corner and paired with a bench, the window seat can serve as a lunch area or "time-out" spot for youngsters.

The aesthetic qualities of window seats shouldn't be overlooked. They are an escape to a simpler time.

Columns accented with river rock framing two windows on each side of the front door draw attention to this story-and-a-half, 1,776-square-foot home.

Overhead is a large, five-window dormer, bathing the upstairs in light and providing great eye appeal.

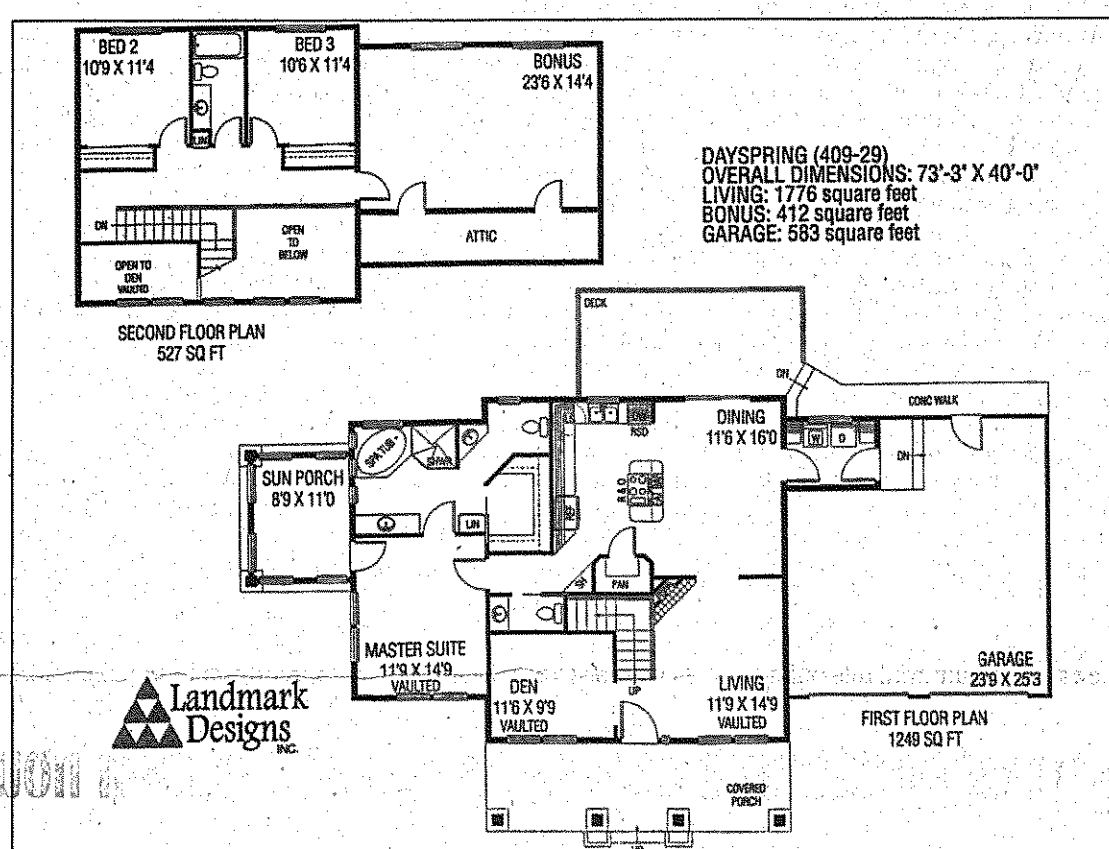
Upon crossing the threshold, there's a living room with a vaulted ceiling on the right and a vaulted den to the left. A gas fireplace is in the corner of the living room next to the stairwell.

The kitchen is in the rear center of the home. A walk-in pantry abuts the stairwell wall. The dishwasher has been raised for easier use.

An island separates the kitchen from the dining room. The dining room has a set of sliding doors opening onto a rear deck.

Off to the right side of the dining room, taking a small section out of the two-car garage, is the utility room with a door to the garage.

The entire left side of the home is the vaulted master suite. A sun porch, ideal for cozy evenings, opens off the suite. The master bath has an oversized shower, spa tub, two separate sinks and a walk-in closet.



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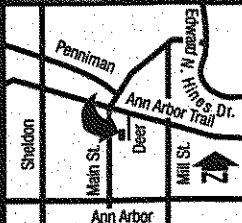
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Man uses own two hands to build house out of cordwood

(AP) — You see a pile of firewood. Alan Stankevitz sees a house. At least, that's what you get, Stankevitz says, if you combine thousands of chunks of wood, tons of mortar made of cement, sand and shredded newspaper, and hundreds of hours of work.

Stankevitz, 43, is proving it out on a plot of land near La Crescent, a small town in southeastern Minnesota near La Crosse, Wis. For the last five years, the suburban Chicago man has been commuting there in his quest to almost single-handedly build a house made out of cordwood.

He's typically at it five days a week during the building season, sleeping most of the time in a 10-by-12-foot garden shed he installed on the site and going home only on the weekends.

He recently got all the exterior walls of the house done and the roof up, and now he can stay inside the structure while he's working on it. He reckons in another two years, he'll be done.

Cordwood construction — also called cordwood masonry, stack-wall, log-end or stove wood construction — is a wall-building technique in which pieces of debarked cordwood are stacked like bricks with the ends facing out and cemented together with mortar.

The construction method has been used for decades in Europe and North America, although the origins are unknown, Stankevitz said.

"It could be someone had a stack of firewood and figured out if they stuck mud in between the wood, they could build a shelter," he said.

The construction method enjoyed renewed popularity in the late 1960s and early 1970s, when it was featured in publications like Mother Earth News. It seems to be catching on again with people interested in alternative construction methods using natural materials, Stankevitz said.

Cordwood fit Stankevitz's desire to use an economical, natural, renewable, readily available build-

ing material that would result in an energy-efficient, low-maintenance house.

And compared with building log walls, cordwood can easily be stacked by one person working alone.

"I wanted something I myself could build without too much external help," he said.

While cordwood construction may be technically easy, it's slow going and labor intensive, one reason why you'll probably never see a subdivision full of cordwood houses.

Stankevitz has the time to build a house one chunk of wood at a time because he quit his job in computers about 2½ years ago. His wife back home is still working at her job and paying the bills. They don't have kids, and that frees up time and resources for the project.

They were looking for a piece of property large enough for Stankevitz to try out a little small-scale farming once the house is done.

Some forest woods nearby would be handy as a heating fuel source. But the spot couldn't be too remote. The couple wanted to be near a moderate-sized town so that one of them could get a job with health-insurance benefits.

Through some "pure luck," they found a 70-acre site near La Crescent that seemed like the perfect match. Stankevitz started work by getting about 32 face cords of cedar and red pine moved to the land.

He framed the house with post and beam construction, and he completed the 8-inch-thick exterior walls last August.

He estimated that the walls alone involved more than 1,000 hours of labor, 6,327 blocks of wood and 2,000 pounds of recycled newspaper. Stankevitz also has imbedded some colored glass bottles in the wall as a decorative touch that helps bring light into the building.

It's not just the building materials that make the house unusual. It has 16 sides.

According to Stankevitz, a near-

round house is more efficient to heat and reduces the amount of wall material needed to surround a given amount of interior space.

The two-story, two-bedroom structure is topped by a bright orange-red metal roof, which will be good for catching the rainwater Stankevitz wants to use for clothes washing.

"I hate to waste things," he said.

On top of the roof, there's a cupola that will house a fan to suck out hot air, reducing the need for air conditioning in the summer.

Flanking the house is an array of 10 4-by-10-foot solar collector panels that will warm fluid pumped under the floor of the house to help heat it.

There's a wood-burning stove, too, and Stankevitz has just started work on a set of interior cordwood walls that will be separated from the exterior walls by a 5-inch layer of foam insulation.

"It's just that much better than a single wall," he said, although he admits that some of his construction ideas are untested.

"This is the first time I've known of anyone spraying foam over a cordwood wall. It's a science project," he said.

"It's just something that evolved with me. I started reading books — that was probably my first mistake — on living a more self-sufficient life," he said. "I want to do something for the environment, and I want to try things that are different. I didn't want to follow the pack."

Stankevitz talks a lot about radiant heat and triple-paned windows. "I know my energy consumption for heating the house is going to be next to nil," he said.

His Web site, www.daycreek.com, includes a journal on his construction, also has become an online clearing-house of information on cordwood construction, Stankevitz said.

The project, which has cost about \$40,000 to \$45,000 so far, including a well and septic system, is currently on budget, he said.

Garden tubs offer a good soak

FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

A zesty shower is nice for waking up in the morning. But nothing soothes the muscles at day's end like a slow soak in a welcoming tub.

And if that tub is nestled next to a window or an array of glass, as garden tubs are, that makes the experience all that more enjoyable.

Garden tubs offer natural light (or moonlight) in abundance. Tucked into a windowed corner, they're basked in light. Since the most common tub shapes are oval or an elongated rectangle, a corner

placement frees up much space.

The bather can be surrounded by plants, extra towels, candles, bathing salts and oils, a loofah sponge — you name it.

Extra storage space is created beneath the tub, too, even after, say, the mechanical elements for a whirlpool are installed.

Homeowners needn't worry about prying eyes, either.

If the house is situated in such a way that neighbors could catch a glimpse of a bathing beauty, windows can be made of glass block or simply covered with near-sheer blinds or draperies, which allow light to penetrate while blocking views.



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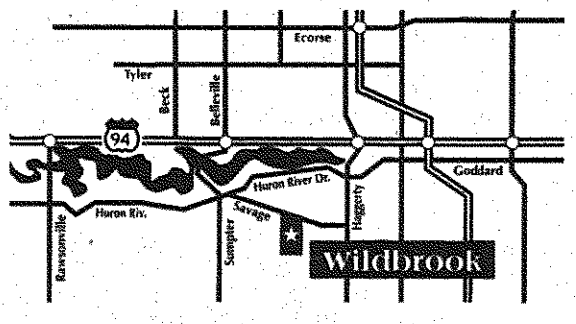
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Woman builds miniature replica of her own house

(AP) — The first time she built the house she subbed out most of the work.

The second time she built the house, she completed most of the work herself — but on a much smaller scale.

The construction of the miniature house, virtually identical to the one she lives in North Carolina, was a dream of Dale Shelton's that was fixed several years ago.

Her sixth-grade teacher, a miniature hobbyist, sparked the interest that came to fruition last year.

During the holidays, the model house was decked out with the very same Christmas decorations that adorn Shelton's residence.

The miniature started out as a dollhouse or scale model kit that Shelton purchased in January of 2001. Gingerbread House in Greensboro remodeled the house kit to resemble the style and scale of her home.

"They basically provided the framework or outline," said Shelton. Modifications such as the dormers were added and completed by Shelton later.

Shelton provided photographs and Gingerbread House made the modifications. Although the alterations took longer than Shelton would have liked, she was still able to complete her scaled-down model by September of the same year.

It was only a matter of months for Shelton to complete the model, but the furnishings that now grace the miniature represent years of collecting.

There are shops and catalogues that specialize in miniature items for models, but, Shelton said, over the years whenever she visited antique stores or shops she would check to see what was available that resembled her own home furnishings.

Whenever there was something on clearance or on sale, she would make the purchase, planning to use the item in the future when she would make her dream a reality.

"Part of the hobby is looking for things that look like the things I have in the house," said Shelton. "The idea is to duplicate the detail as much as possible."

However, there were items that couldn't be located so she improvised.

"It was a challenge," said Shelton,

but a welcome one.

For example, she couldn't find the exact molding that appears on her front porch. So, with the aid of her husband, Ronnie, Shelton took beads, cut holes through the center of the bead, and thus created a replica of the molding.

"We are a family of builders," she said.

Some of the details duplicated in the miniature house took creativity such as using the thumbnail sketches from the back of a Bob Timberlake calendar to re-create the pictures hanging on the walls.

Many of the items not only appear as an exact duplication of an item in the home but are actually leftovers from when the house was built.

The wallpapered rooms in the model were completed with the exact same wallpaper used in her house. The paint, too, is from the same paint can Shelton used to paint her home.

The chair rail was put up in two pieces, just like the house. The hardwood floors were sanded, stained and sanded again before a coat of polyurethane was applied, just like in the real house, explained Shelton.

Even though the miniature was duplicated as closely to the house as possible, one room was left out — the kitchen. That, Shelton explained, was because of the way the rooms had to be laid out in the model to retain the same exterior appearance as the real thing.

"The main thing is to have the same look from the outside," said Shelton, who pointed out that when any changes are made to the outside of her house, she makes those same changes to the model. But that is not necessarily so with the interior.

"I have since changed the curtains but have not changed the curtains in the model," Shelton said. Creating some of the detail was time-consuming.

"But I love it," she said.

"You lose track of time while you are working on the project. I get involved in the challenge and don't think about the time."

Some of the items may not fit perfectly together, confessed Shelton, "because I don't know how to cut angles. I'd say to myself a lot of different times, 'I can't do this,' and I believe I could have done a better job if I had started something on a smaller scale, but my adrenaline got going."

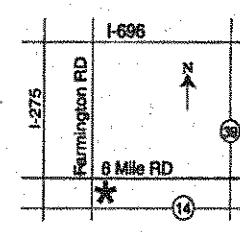


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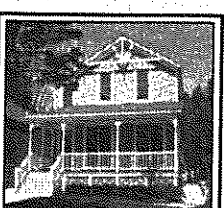
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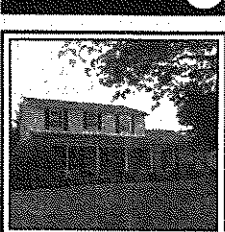
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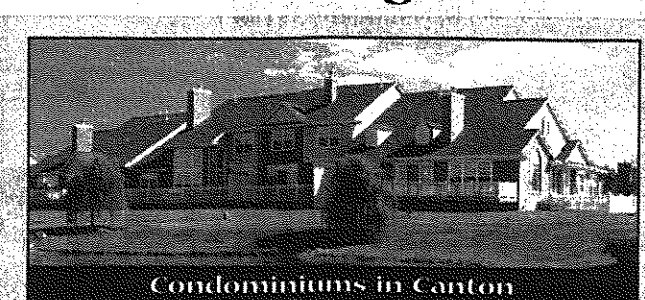
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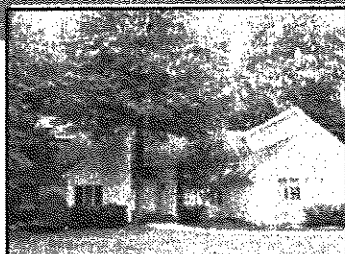
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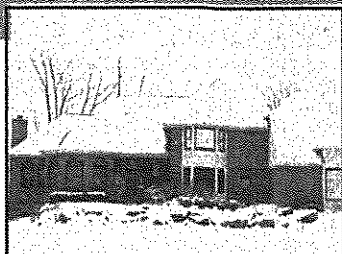
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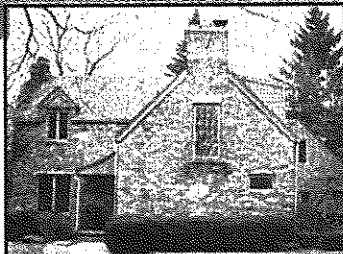
COMMERCE – Outstanding custom built on wooded lot. Private woods surround this custom built contemporary 2 story with open floor plan. This cul-de-sac lot setting is within a few blocks of lakefront. \$489,500 (93ARB) 248-626-8800



MILFORD – Builders Home. Custom built 4 bedroom, 2 full & 2 half baths w/3 car attached garage, finished walk-out basement, 2 master suiters, gourmet kitchen w/appliances. \$579,900 (01DEE) 734-455-5600



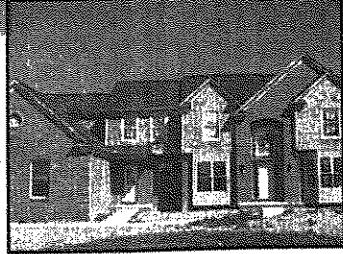
NOVI – Broadmoor Park Colonial. 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, living room, family room, library, dining room, 3 car garage. Finished lower level with sauna. Jack and Jill bedrooms. 2 fireplaces. \$559,900 (40NOR) 248-349-5600



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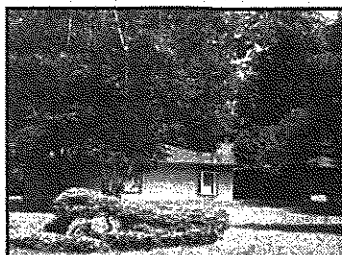
STERLING HEIGHTS – Gorgeous four bedroom, 3.5 bath colonial on a beautiful wooded lot with a view of the pond. Finished basement with bath, wet bar and bedroom. Master bedroom with cathedral ceiling and Jacuzzi tub. \$454,900 (02PON) 248-524-1600



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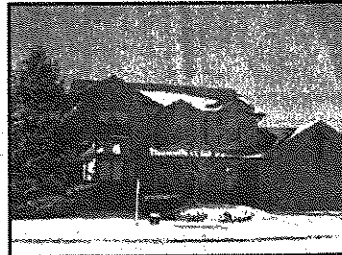
DEARBORN HEIGHTS – Fabulous! Ranch on nearly an acre! Upgraded custom kitchen w/appliances & ceramic floors, formal dining room, fireplace in living room & woodstove in family room, Jacuzzi tub in bath & skylights, 8 car garage. \$339,900 (17EVA) 734-455-5600



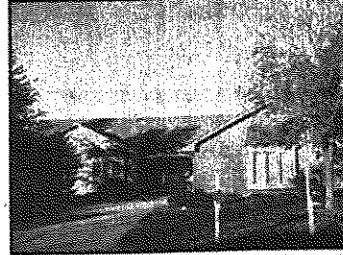
LIVONIA – Burton Hollow Cape Cod. Quiet cul-de-sac setting for this charming 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath cape cod. Hardwood floors under most carpets. Walking distance to swim club and Cass Elementary school. Appliances included. \$304,900 (95FAI) 248-349-5600



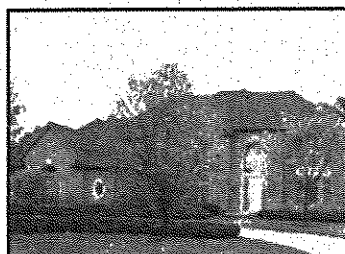
BLOOMFIELD TWP. – Walk to Oakland Hills CC from this charming 3 BR, 2.5 bath brick ranch on approx. .6 acre. Great floor plan, in good condition, in area of newer or remodeled homes, 2 frpls, master bath, 3 BR is paneled den. Eat-in kit, all appls stay, 1st fl laun & fin bsmt. Home Warranty inclu. \$439,000 (60MTW) 248-642-8100



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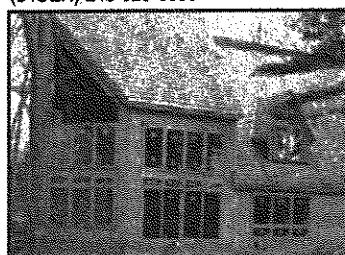


ORTHVILL – Old Victorian Farmhouse. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath farmhouse sitting on a 1.5 acre lot offers updated siding, C/A, copper plumbing, electric, roof, crown molding & hardwood floors. \$329,900 (00SEV) 734-455-5600

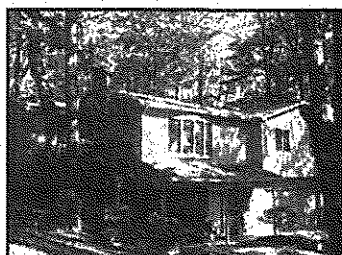


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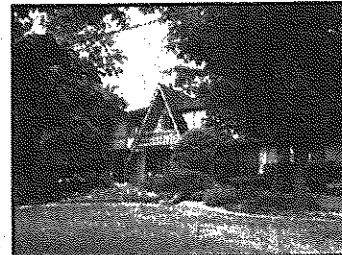
WEST BLOOMFIELD – Car Connoisseurs Estate. On just under 3 acres. Exquisite country estate renovation with additions. First floor master suite, 2 story window great room, turreted breakfast room, lower level game room, 3 bedrooms up with study. Note 2nd garage for 6. \$1,999,000 (31SPR) 248-626-8800



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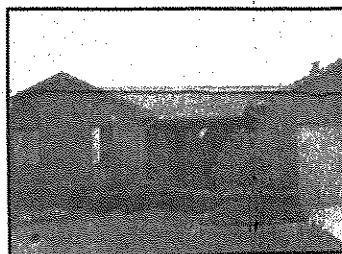
TROY – Private beach and secluded setting for this Emerald Lakefront colonial with four bedrooms, two full and two half baths. Gourmet kitchen, large family room, extra large garage and covered patio overlooking the lake. \$439,900 (83ATK) 248-524-1600



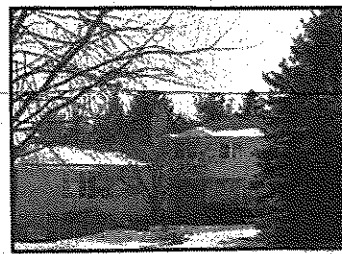
ALL SPORTS WATERFRONT – Cedar Island. 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath ranch w/approx. 206 ft. of sandy lakefront. Living room, family room, great room w/fireplace, 2nd full kitchen in finished walk-out. Everyday is a vacation. \$469,900 (29PON) 248-363-1200



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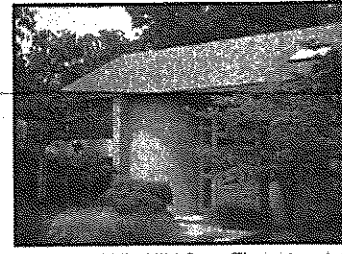
LIVONIA – Custom throughout. Incredible lot offers custom ranch w/4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths. Finished lower level. Home features oak crown moldings, hardwood floors, custom window treatments, newer carpet, 3-tiered deck brick paver patio. \$419,900 (25STM) 248-349-5600



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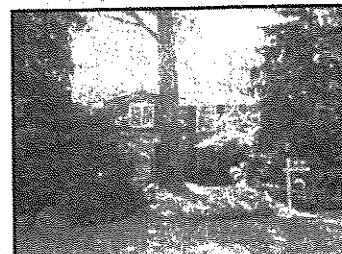
BLOOMFIELD HILLS – Elegant estate with indoor pool. Large 4 bedroom colonial, 4 baths, 2 lavs, sauna, jetted tub, 24 hour security, remodeled in 1997, huge deck and brick patio. Second floor bridge overlooking first floor. Common pool and tennis. \$1,275,000 (64KIF) 248-652-8000



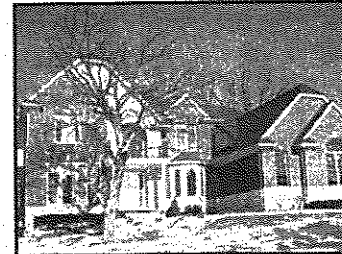
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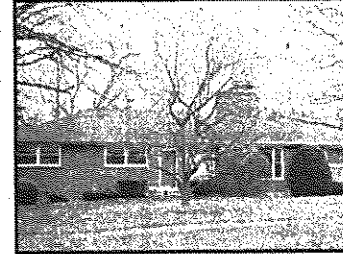
FARMINGTON HILLS – Gorgeous wooded rear yard. Absolute move-in condition! Newer 4 bedroom Tudor features: 9 ft. and cathedral ceilings t/out, family room with fireplace & wet bar, library with built-in bookshelves and French doors. Hardwood floors. 2 story foyer. 3 car garage. \$499,900 (27WIN) 248-626-8800



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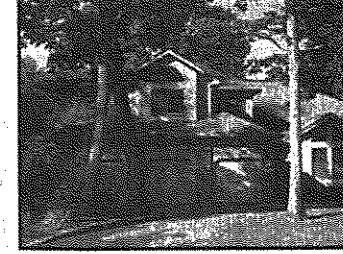
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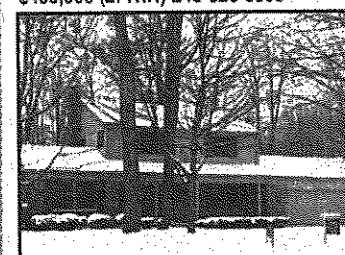
BEVERLY HILLS – Birmingham Schools!! Ranch offering the best. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, one with Jacuzzi, 2 fireplaces & newer white kitchen. Living room, dining room, family room, hardwood floors, rec room and exercise room. Just like new! \$309,500 (10BEV) 248-642-8100



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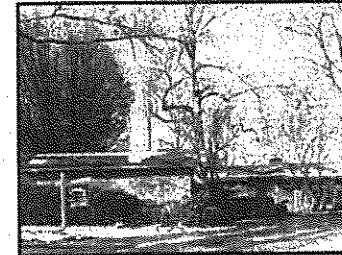
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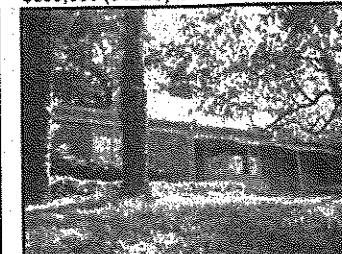
OAKLAND TWP. – Premium wooded walk-out, 2001 custom built. 4 bedrooms, 3.2 baths. Gourmet kitchen w/gas cooktop, upgraded appliances, granite, cherry cabinets, cedar deck, landscaped, 2 fireplaces. Library with private deck & fireplace. \$759,900 (81KNO) 248-652-8000



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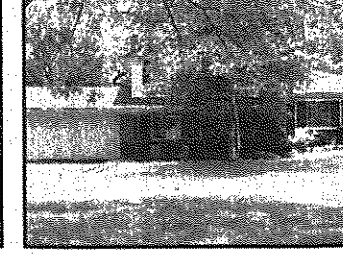
WEST BLOOMFIELD – Contemporary directly on Wabek Golf Course. GR w/vaulted ceilings, wet bar, privacy window, lib, for DR & great kit w/many cabs & island. Doorwall to pool setting & views of golf course. Master bedroom suite w/WIC, spacious LL & 2 car side entry gar. \$549,900 (45TAN) 248-642-8100



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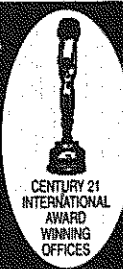
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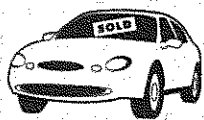
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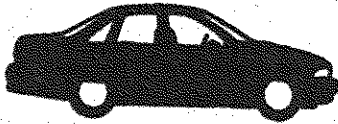
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Remember when you were young and yearned for a sports car that had power, looked great and made people notice - but didn't have the resources to buy it and had to settle for a clunker or worse yet, an entry-level sedan?

Well, if you want to feel young again, consider the 2003 Mitsubishi Eclipse GTS. It's a head-turner, has the ride and handling of a sports car that costs a whole lot more and has all the power you want to pull away from a light or merge on the freeway.

Let's start with the outside first. The styling is superb. It was redone just a couple of years ago, and I can't think of a way to improve it. The lines, the curves the all-around look of the Eclipse is just so cool.

The front end got a new look, and it suits it very, very well, adding to its sporty and commanding look. New halogen headlamps and a redesigned grille also adds to that look. There are also integrated fog lights in the front bumper.

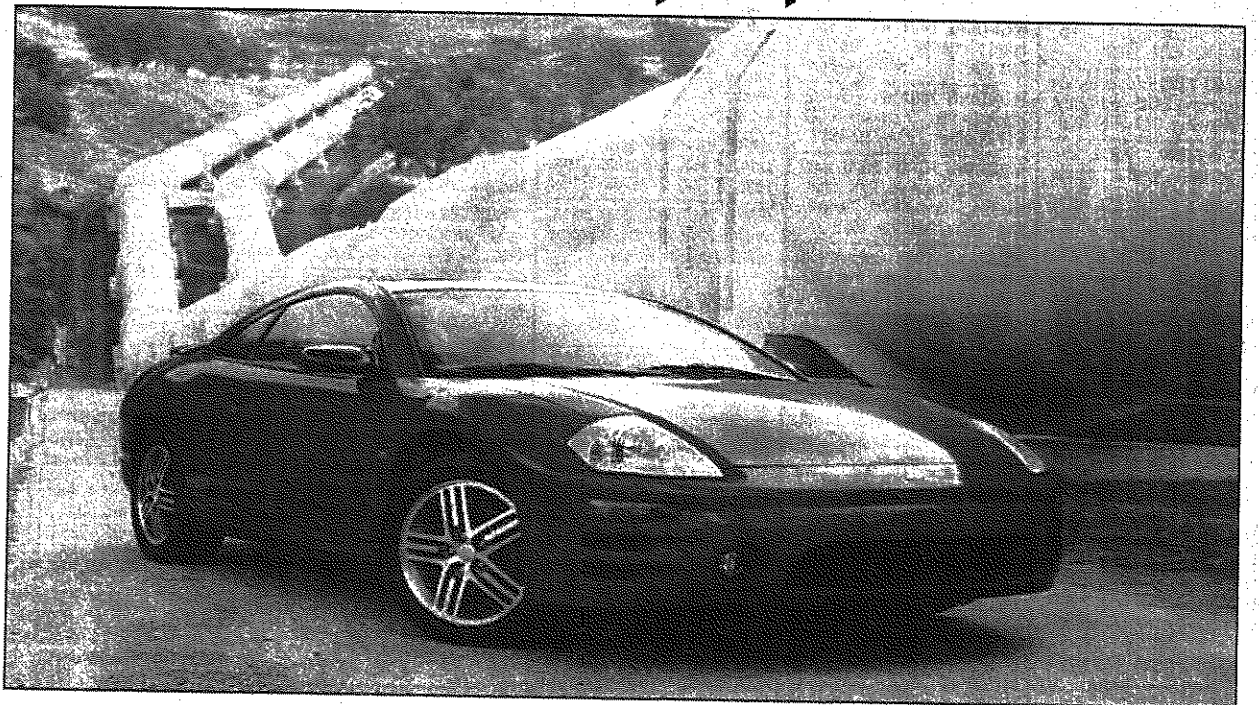
The rear of the Eclipse got a little tweaking this year, as well. There are new composite rear tail lamps that shine through a clear lens.

On both the GT and GTS models, you can now have 17-inch, 5-spoke wheels. The GS also gets a new aluminum 16-inch wheel and the RS has 15-inch 5-spoke cast aluminum wheels.

The trim level driven was the GTS, which is the premium level. It's fully loaded, of course and there were no options. Everything but the kitchen sink is in there, adding to the fact that this is a premium sports coupe that should cost thousands more.

Power to the GTS is provided by a 4.0 liter V6 that is capable of 210 horsepower. It's more than capable. It's also a bit throaty, which adds to the sportiness of the Eclipse. The GT has a 3.0 liter V6 that has 200 horses, while the RS and GS models are equipped with 2.4-liter 24-valve 147 horsepower engines.

On the inside, the Eclipse seemed much larger than I remembered from several years ago. Everything is logically placed, easy to reach and easy to operate. There are steering wheel-mounted audio controls on the GTS this



The 2003 Mitsubishi Eclipse GTS is fun to drive at an affordable price.

year, further adding convenience to the driver.

The standard equipment list is as long as your arm. I'll give you a taste: 12-way adjustable (6-way power) driver's seat, leather seating, height adjustable and steering column, keyless entry, security alarm, leather-wrapped steering wheel, illuminated vanity mirrors, center console with dual cupholders, two 12-volt accessory outlets, cargo cover mat, floor mats, rear window defroster, power sunroof and rear wiper.

On the safety side, you'll find dual front and front side air bags, side impact door beams, three-point seat belts for all seating positions, child restraint anchors, anti-theft engine immobilizer, anti-lock brakes, 4-wheel independent suspension and maintenance-free battery.

For comfort and convenience, you'll enjoy air conditioning, power windows that have a 30-second power reserve, power door locks, a 210-watt Infinity AM/FM/6-disc in-dash CD changer with 7 speakers, cruise control, compass and outside temperature display.

The fuel economy, I think should be a bit better, but with 210 horses under the hood, 21 mpg in the city and 28 mpg on the highway are decent numbers for a vehicle of this size. By the way, the Eclipse is built in a plant in Normal, Ill.

Visited there a good number of years ago and talked to the plant workers who were ever-so-grateful that

Mitsubishi gave them the opportunity to make a good living in a small town like Normal.

There is one trim level I have to mention that's available on the Eclipse - The Spyder GT and GTS. The basic difference is that it's a convertible and that there are a couple of subtle differences that set it apart from the rest of the clan.

For example, there are new colors to choose from and a sportier new instrument panel gauge cluster. The engine is the same as found on the Eclipse GTS. The Spyder is a very, very handsome animal.

I have to mention that a 5-speed manual transmission is standard on all Eclipse models - as it should be - and a 4-speed automatic is available, in case you want to take all the fun out of driving this sports car.

It's fun to drive, no, a blast to drive, is chock full of everything you would desire in a vehicle and doesn't cost a whole lot to own. Check it out.

Write Anne Fracassa at avanti1054@aol.com.

2003 Mitsubishi Eclipse GTS

Vehicle class: Three door sport coupe

Power: 3.0-liter single overhead cam V6.

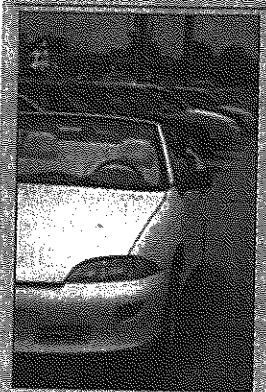
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