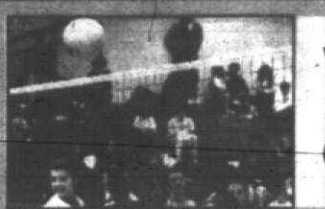


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## The Canton Connection

### Sign language

Canton Township trustees approved a new sign ordinance at a special meeting Wednesday.

Sign regulations had been part of the old zoning ordinance, but signs now rate their own document.

The sign ordinance governs everything from signs with flashing or moving lights (strictly prohibited in all areas of the township) to how many political signs can be placed on property (one per candidate).

The ordinance also contains guidelines on location, use, size and height of signs.

### Tree recycling

Canton Township waste haulers will have a special pickup for Christmas trees on Friday, Jan. 12. The trees will be turned into mulch, instead of taken to dumps where they take up valuable landfill space, according to township officials.

An expected 5,500 to 6,000 trees will be disposed of in the township. Residents who miss the special tree pickups can drop their trees off at the recycling center, 42020 Van Born on Friday, Jan. 5; Saturday, Jan. 6; and on Jan. 12.

Dates for dropping off trees later in the month are: Jan. 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27.

### Canton people

Elizabeth B. Barnhill of Canton has been named to the six-member Student Culinary Team at Johnson and Wales University, Providence, R.I. The team will compete in the Hottel Olympia Competition, Le Salon Culinare International de Londres, also known as the British Open Cookery Championships to be held Jan. 22-27.

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Virginia Janek averaged 30 polka requests daily on her radio show on WCAR 1090 AM in Garden City. Other listeners called in just to

talk. The Canton resident, who completed her last show last week, was motivated by a love for Poland, its people and the music.

## Polka queen spins last tune on the air

By Diane Gale  
staff writer

A Detroit woman confined herself in a bathroom from 6-8 a.m. five days a week.

That was the only place in the house her radio would pick-up Canton resident Virginia Janek's polka radio show on WCAR 1090 AM in Garden City.

THE RITUAL ended Dec. 29 when Janek closed her last segment of "Good Time Polkas" and she said farewell to the Detroit woman and thousands of her other followers.

During her goodbye party at the station last week, Janek said she hated to leave.

"But nobody isn't cooperating," she said, adding that a weakness in her lungs tires her out.

What would inspire someone to wake-up at 4 a.m. Monday through Friday for five years to volunteer time spinning polka records?

Her answer came quickly. She was motivated by a love for Poland, its people and the music, said Janek, a U.S. native who speaks fluent Polish. A lot of her on-air anecdotes, she said, came from her 81-year-old mother Amelia.

Janek averaged 30 polka re-

quests daily, and other listeners called in just to talk.

During the last week she was on the air when a woman called and started crying. She said she would miss starting the day with "Good Time Polkas."

To change the mood, Janek suggested they get together and "get crooked," an unlikely event since Janek is unable to drink alcohol, because it might react with her medication.

"But I left her laughing," said Janek, 60.

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## Group sounds MX missile alert for area

By Kevin Brown  
staff writer

Activists opposed to the MX nuclear missile system to be based in northern lower Michigan warn that the missiles could be transported through Canton and Plymouth.

"Rail lines that run through Plymouth are potential deployment lines for the MX missile in times of crisis," said Jackie Victor, program director for Michigan Sane Freeze.

The group maintains that this means possible safety risks "for the residents of Plymouth."

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"THE HIGH center of gravity might well pose stability problems for the MX trains and make them more likely to derail," said Mark Haim of the Mid-Missouri Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign.

The U.S. Congress voted earlier this year to deploy the rail-based MX in seven states, including Michigan.

Here, the MX would be based at Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda in the northern lower peninsula. In times of crisis, the train would travel on rail lines to avoid being a sitting duck.

Construction of facilities to house the missiles at Wurtsmith is scheduled to begin in 1992.

Rail routes for the MX have not been decided, said David Bowers, a Wurtsmith spokesman, and Willie Blacklow, an aide to U.S. Sen. Carl Levin.

MAIN ROUTES probably would be in northern Michigan, but the rail line running through Plymouth and Canton could be a secondary route.

"Each train carries the equivalent of 480 Hiroshimas," said Haim. Air Force officials and MX opponents

agree accidental detonation of warheads is unlikely.

MX opponents do stress the danger of the rocket fuel if an MX car derailed.

"The Air Force has stated that the force of an MX rocket fuel explosion could kill people up to 1,000 feet away from the blast," Haim said.

He warned of safety risks associated with other missile propellants. "Hydrochloric acid could be spread in lethal doses more than a mile and a half from the accident," Haim said.

"PARTICULARLY INSIDIOUS is nitrogen tetroxide, an extremely strong oxidizing agent, which should it be released, would be life-threatening to anyone within 2,000 feet of the accident," he said.

Burns, ulcers and damage to eyes and mucous membranes could occur up to 1.2 miles away. Irritation of skin, eyes, nose throat and lungs are likely for up to 3.7 miles, according to the Air Force.

Levin, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, voted against deploying the MX, saying defense money would be better spent on conventional arms.

U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, voted for the MX deployment.

## Trustees approve new zoning ordinance

By Peggy Aulino  
staff writer

The zoning ordinance that has generated so much controversy in the last several weeks was approved with little fanfare Wednesday at a special meeting of the Canton Township trustees. But citizens who have been voicing discontent with some of its provisions have vowed to continue their scrutiny of the changes.

Township administrators and elected officials have been hammering out a revised version of the zoning ordinance for two years, but it didn't spark much interest among

Canton residents until about two months ago.

That's when owners of recreational vehicles became aware of a plan to place further limits on the time RVs could be parked on residential property. Those proposed changes were later scrapped in favor of more lenient rules governing RV parking, but residents decided they would take a closer look at the rest of the zoning ordinance.

"I've been living in Canton seven years. Up until the present time, I was sitting on the sidelines," said Richard Petryl, president of Canton Voice of Independent Concerned

Electorates, a citizens' group formed to review and possibly suggest changes to the ordinance. "I guess it was my fault that I've been very apathetic."

Petryl's group had wanted the board to delay passage of the ordinance until it had a chance to study the document, but officials insisted two years had been adequate time for community input.

Instead, township Supervisor Tom Yack agreed that he and Clerk Loren Bennett would meet with Petryl and other Canton VOICE members on Jan. 18.

"We are concerned about some of

the language of some items in the ordinance," Petryl said. He said the sections covering commercial vehicles, swimming pools and free standing basketball poles may be too restrictive.

"A lot of people moved into Canton when things were more liberal" in terms of zoning requirements, Petryl said. "Some people moving into Canton now would like to be more conservative. We want to be sure everybody can live in harmony here, rather than one group forcing something on another group."

Officials have said some provisions in the previous zoning ordi-

nance have been on the books since the 1960s and their intent is outdated.

The new ordinance adds a fourth commercial district, C-4, specifically for property abutting I-275. The C-1 district covers neighborhood commercial areas and is for businesses designed for the convenience of those living nearby; C-2 is the community commercial district, for comparison shopping mainly by township residents; and C-3 is the regional commercial district and offers shopping for township residents as well as those from surrounding communities.

## Former UAW leader cleared of impersonating officer

By Diane Gale  
staff writer

Former UAW leader Richard Debs, charged with hiring four men to attack union rivals and carrying a concealed weapon, was cleared last week of one count of impersonating an officer in Canton.

The 52-year-old Westland man, dressed in a black leather jacket and gold chains, appeared in 35th District Court Friday, Dec. 29 before Judge James Garber in a three hour trial without a jury.

Debs was dressed as an officer. However, he never carried out police duties, which would be required by state law to be considered impersonating an officer, Garber said before dismissing the charge.

"It's not my role to be concerned with whether Mr. Debs did was

right or wrong," Garber said after the ruling. "In my capacity my role is to administer the law. And that's what it is I get paid for."

The charge was based on an incident last May when a Canton officer followed Debs into the Willow Run Credit Union parking lot on Michigan Avenue at the Van Buren Township limits.

Debs, accompanied by two Westland residents, 19 and 18-years old, was about to dump a truck load of asphalt roofing, shingles and wood pieces in the lot, which violates ordinances in Canton and Van Buren townships.

The Canton officer said he decided against issuing Debs a ticket as a professional courtesy, because he believed Debs was a Van Buren Township officer.

Debs' attorney, Harold Gurewitz, asked if giving police officers spe-

cial treatment was common practice in the Canton police department. The officer said it wasn't.

The Canton officer testified that Debs was wearing a jacket with POLICE written in bold white letters on the back. He also showed the Canton officer a Van Buren Township police badge.

Debs was hired by Van Buren Township police in 1981 as a patrol officer. A few months later he was named commander. Debs resigned that post and was later named to the police reserve.

However, he failed to take agility tests and was terminated in April 1988.

IN A separate case Debs was arrested Dec. 11 by FBI agents on a four-count federal grand jury indictment.

The indictment said Debs hired

the person who shot plant bargaining chairman Jesse Gray Dec. 29, 1988. Gray is still on sick leave from his GM job. Debs denied any connection with the shooting.

The indictment also said Debs solicited four men to rough-up Gray and Bob Harlow, Local 1776 vice-president, to stop them from running against Debs for the UAW local presidency.

He was released on a \$25,000 personal bond and ordered to surrender any weapons by U.S. Magistrate Marcia G. Cooke. Debs is still free on that bond.

Debs lost his job as union president at the General Motors assembly plant in an April election.

In another Canton case, Debs was charged with carrying a concealed weapon Aug. 5, 1989. Police received an anonymous report of a man im-

personating a police officer in the White Castle on Ford Road in Canton.

Debs was wearing a blue shirt that said Michigan Police, according to Canton police information officer Pat Nemecek.

The Canton officer found a .32 caliber gun with rounds of ammunition, a 3-inch military knife and a police scanner. Debs refused to say whether he was an officer.

Debs also was carrying a Van Buren Township police identification card and a badge that said deputy chief. He also had a military identification card. His picture was on it, but it had the signature of someone else.

He was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon.

His badge was taken at that time.

Debs also faces criminal charges in California.



## Bond set in drug arrest

A Westland man who police say was "at the wrong place at the wrong time" was charged with carrying a concealed weapon and possession of cocaine with intent to deliver early Wednesday.

Canton police were responding to a report of a family dispute involving a man who had fled the scene on foot at about 3 a.m. Officers were searching an area of Michigan Avenue when a man in a truck drove out of a driveway and refused to pull over when police signalled him to do so.

The driver headed east on Michigan Avenue and was stopped in Wayne near the Ford plant. Police said a loaded .38 caliber revolver was in his glove compartment, along with drug paraphernalia and substances believed to be crack cocaine and cocaine in powder form. The suspect also had \$935 in cash and a notebook with names and dollar amounts.

The suspect was identified as a 32-year-old Westland man. He was not the person involved in the domestic dispute.

He just happened to be at the wrong place at the wrong time," said Canton Police spokesman Pat Nemec.

The suspect was arraigned before Judge James Garber in 35th District Court Wednesday. Bond was set at \$5,000, and a preliminary hearing was scheduled for Jan. 5.

## Polka queen steps down, says farewell to followers

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"A lot of times someone loses a loved one and lives alone and they're looking for someone to channel their attention," Janek said. "All I have to do is give someone a kind word and that's all it takes."

KIND WORDS were flowing last week from people Janek worked with at the station.

Susie Pepera, WCAR morning program announcer, was on the air with Janek. She described listeners of "Good Time Polkas" as mostly older, Polish "and down-to-earth."

"She's a great personality on and off the air," Pepera said.

Joe Gagnon, known to the radio audience as the appliance doctor, tells a story about offering Janek money for taking calls for him during his air time.

She declined the cash, he said, and told him to donate the money to the blanket lady, Darlene Feldman, who donates blankets in the Cass Corridor.

JANEK SAID younger people are getting involved with polka music, too.

"The popularity of the polka is increasing one hundred fold," she said, attributing the success to the political changes in Eastern Europe.

"It's the youth where everything

lies," she said. And it's time to sit back and let them take the reins, Janek added.

A woman at a festival once bubbled with pride at meeting Janek, saying she couldn't wait to tell her friends about meeting the polka DJ. Janek set her straight in her bawdy manner.

"You're not a star until someone pays you," she said.

Janek, who is short, said she has to be down-to-earth because "God put me too close to the ground" to be anything else.

She didn't leave the station last week empty-handed. She took with her a cadre of admirers, some of whom have become close friends.

## German club sets costume party

The German-American Club of Plymouth's annual Fasching costume party — a variation of the Mardi Gras — is scheduled for Jan. 27 at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

People of all ethnic backgrounds are invited.

"In parts of Germany, Fasching is a

weeklong celebration. Offices and shops close and merchants donate food and wine for revelers who party and dance in the streets."

The Plymouth Fasching party is scheduled for 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the cultural center, 525 Farmer.

Dinner, authentic German fare,

will be available until 10 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person. Music for dancing and singing will be provided by Die Sorgen Brecher.

There will be door prizes and prizes for the best and most imaginative costumes. Costumes aren't required.

## Edison offers winter payment plan

Low-income customers of Detroit Edison can protect themselves against record cold temperatures this winter by joining the utility's Winter Protection Plan.

Through March 31, customers may call Detroit Edison at the number listed on their bill or visit a cus-

tomers office and apply for the plan, which will help keep the heat on despite high utility bills.

"Under this plan, Detroit Edison has successfully restored electric service to many customers who had their service shut off" this winter, said Al Pert, the utility's director of

customer relations.

"In addition to the Winter Protection Plan, there are many programs available, including the Michigan Department of Social Services' emergency needs program, Michigan's Home Heating Tax Credit and the Targeted Fuel Assistance Program."

## obituaries

MARY M. FLYNN

Services for Mary M. Flynn, 83, of Northville, who died Friday, Dec. 22, were Wednesday, Dec. 27, at our

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Lady of Victory Church, Northville, with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Mrs. Flynn was born Dec. 9, 1906, in Pittston, Pa. Among the survivors is a son, Thomas Flynn, of Livonia.

She was a retired Clarenceville teacher.

The Rev. Frank Polite officiated at the services. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Casterline Funeral Home, Northville.

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## FBI joins police search for 2 escaped prisoners

By Kevin Brown staff writer

Nearly a week after two men escaped from a Plymouth Township prison, investigators said they were still following leads.

The capture of escapees Frank Schanault and Bruce White "could happen five minutes from now, it could happen five years from now," said Det. Sgt. Dean Sanderson of the Michigan State Police.

Interviews with family members of the two felons in Westland and Pontiac "haven't provided any useful details," Sanderson said.

Both inmates — one spotted with a gun — have vowed they "will not be taken alive," the state police reported.

The prisoners were discovered missing at 10 a.m. Christmas Eve, "within minutes" of the last check of the prison yard the men were in, said Western Wayne Correctional Facility Warden Lucie Burke.

Schanault, 33, of Westland, was sentenced in Isabella County to 25- to 50 years in prison for armed robbery. White, 28, of Pontiac, was sentenced in Oakland County to 2-

to 20 years for armed robbery and 4- to 40 years for first-degree criminal sexual conduct related to homosexual assaults, the state police reported.

On Wednesday, the FBI joined the investigation, and urged people with information on the escapees' whereabouts to call Hank Glaspie, FBI special agent, said late Thursday that he knew of no calls so far.

Both men were last seen when they left their living quarters at 8:30 a.m. for the prison yard, Burke said.

After the prisoners left the yard a gun — tracks in the snow suggested the men headed a short distance southwest to the Metro West industrial park.

"It's believed they had a vehicle waiting for them," Burke said.

Tire tracks at the scene were not "indicative of anything in particular," Sanderson said.

White he speculated that the two men are probably not in the Plymouth area. "I don't have an over-

whelming feeling they have gotten out of Michigan yet," Sanderson said.

Schanault is 5-feet-11-inches and 146 pounds with long shoulder-length dark curly hair, a high forehead, green eyes, a mustache and possible beard growth. The state police said he was "observed with a 9 millimeter (gun) at time of escape."

White is 6-feet-2-inches, 185 pounds, with long light-brown hair, green eyes, a slight overbite, light mustache and a tattoo on his left breast, the state police said.

While prison officials have reported occasional walkaways of prisoners on minimum security work details, this was the first escape from the prison's secure perimeter in four years, Burke said.

"We're working on it full time," said Sanderson.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Schanault or White should call state police at 525-2560 or the FBI at 965-2323.



Canton Forest condominium complex is under construction on Lilley south of Warren.

## Canton to continue as housing boom town in '90

By Diane Gale staff writer

1989 was a booming year for housing development in Canton, and this year will continue along the same lines.

The biggest project in 1989 was Cambridge, on 88 acres at Canton Center and Saltz — north of Saltz from Canton Center one half mile west.

Unlike any other project in the township, Cambridge will be a community within a community and will include single-family housing, apartments and condominiums.

Ten acres are zoned commercial at the north edge, apartments will be on 26 acres, condominiums on 22 acres, office buildings on three acres and houses on half-acre lots over 27 acres.

A LAKE, clubhouse, swimming pool and tennis court will be featured in the mini-community, developed by Jay Turner and Dick Lewiston.

Lewiston has developed much of Canton, with 1,750 single-family houses in the eight Sunflower subdivisions built during a 15-year period. Lewiston also plans to build Sunflower 9.

"Cambridge promises to be one of the most upscale developments," said Canton supervisor Tom Yack, adding that Lewiston is known for being concerned about aesthetics and promoting a quality image for his projects.

The project likely will be finished in five years.

Next to Cambridge on the south side of Saltz, a project developed by Nosan-Cohen will include offices and houses. Offices will span 10 acres and the residential development will be on 40 to 50 acres with 80- to 85-foot lots.

Construction is expected to start next year.

AT CHERRY HILL east of Canton Center, a 10-acre condominium project is planned behind the Canton fire station. Construction is expected to start next summer.

An office building is under construction on Canton Center north of Ford Road.

Further south on Canton Center, the Glenary subdivision will be built on the east side of the street, north of Proctor. Lewiston will develop 50 acres with lots ranging from 70 to 90 feet.

The houses will be set back 70 feet from the roadway. Extensive landscaping will be featured and between eight and 10 acres of wetlands will remain intact.

Going east on Cherry Hill will be Lexington Square. The subdivision features 70-foot lots on 45 acres. Three developers, Lenwall, Pulte and BBC are involved.

Another subdivision is planned on the west side of Sheldon south of Palmer. Between 40 and 50 acres will be developed with houses on 70- to 75-foot lots.

ARBOR VILLAGE condominiums, on Palmer east of Sheldon, will include 15 condominium buildings. The units will sell for about \$80,000.

Village Green of Canton apartments, built by Holtzman-Silverman on Haggerty between Ford and Cherry Hill, will include a pool, clubhouse, tennis courts and approxi-

mately 15 buildings. It has a \$13 million price tag.

Stacked condos are going up on Lilley between Cherry Hill and Ford. Plans for Lilley Pointe calls for four buildings with 50 units. They're expected to sell for \$80,000.

Canton Forests, attached two-story condominiums, at Lilley to Chapel Hill will sell for \$130,000.

Lewiston also expanded Pilgrim Village, a luxury apartment complex north of Warren on Lilley, with nine buildings and 72 units. Condominiums are expected to go in at Morton Taylor and Joy across the street from Coventry Commons.

ONLY A few commercial developments were started last year. Canton Corners, at Lilley and Ford, is an expansive strip mall with Great Scott, Richardson's and Pier One as anchors.

And Golden Gate, on Lilley south of Joy, will include a nightclub.

Amidst all the residential development, light industrial areas — Koppernick and Ronda and the Michigan Avenue corridor — will be promoted this year, Yack said.

## IN THIS BATTLE, THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS ARMY SURPLUS.



THE SCULPTOR

SHARING IS CARING

## Cold weather helps heat excitement for ice festival

By Kevin Brown staff writer

The colder than usual winter weather so far this season has been a burden for some.

But for folks putting on the eighth annual Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular, cold temperatures are nothing but good news.

Absolutely," said Pam Kosteva, festival executive director. "The last two years, the weather has been inconsistent."

"Everyone is really pleased that this year we will not have any problem with the ice."

THE FESTIVAL, which attracts visitors from metro Detroit and around the country, is scheduled for Jan. 11-21.

Last week, ice festival organizers placed the order for ice to be carved at the festival. The order called for 400,000 pounds of ice — 1,000 blocks at 400 pounds a block.

"We'll have seven deliveries (by refrigerated truck) over a week and a half period (beginning Jan. 8)," Kosteva said.

Some ice sculptors will be attempting new, innovative designs at the festival, Kosteva said.

Asked to describe those designs, she said, "People will have to come and see them. They have to get in their

"The last two years, the weather has been inconsistent. Everyone is really pleased that this year we will not have any problem with the ice."

—Pam Kosteva executive director Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular

car and come to Plymouth."

IN AUGUST, the festival was nearly canceled after the non-profit organization that ran the ice festival folded. The organization was headed by former city manager Henry Graper and Mayflower Hotel co-owner Scott Lorenz.

A new corporation to oversee the ice festival was formed by Plymouth Chamber of Commerce members. The corporation, Plymouth Community Ice Sculpture Inc., got enough donations to keep the festival going.

With preparations in full swing, "I am vastly relieved," Kosteva said. "I am excited to be part of a group of folks making sure a viable part of the community will be continued."

THOSE DONATING time to, put

on this year's festival include 40 to 50 companies donating services in kind, sponsors who donated \$135,000 to put on the festival, and approximately 45 Plymouth people working behind the scenes, she said.

The theme of this year's festival is "Local-Motion: Laying the tracks for the future."

There will be three carving competitions for viewing. They are a student competition Jan. 13, a multi-block team competition Jan. 19, and a single-block professional competition Jan. 20.

The city of Plymouth is also contributing \$20,000 in services to the festival.

In other changes, the number of booths offering hot chocolate and hot dogs will grow from one to three, Kosteva said.



Scott Erwin (left) and Ken Lindall (right) showed off their skills at ice carving during last year's festival.

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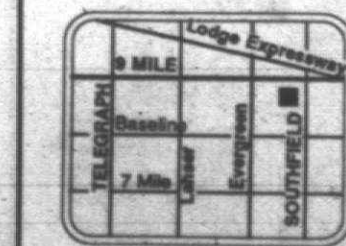
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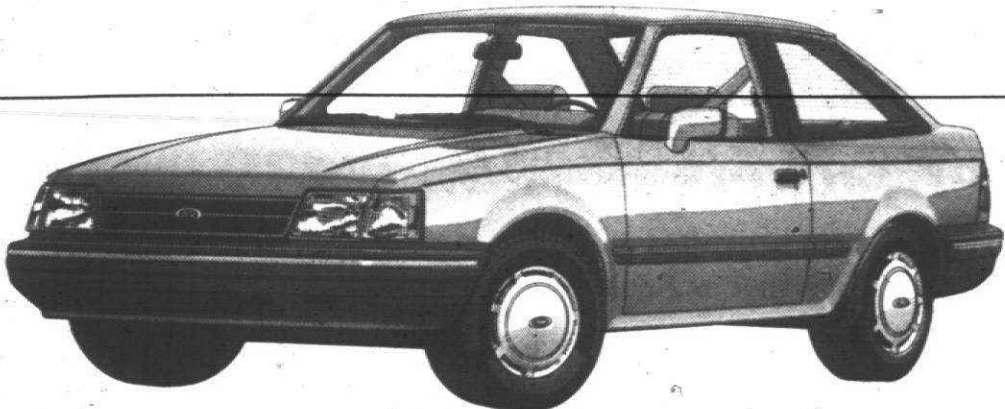
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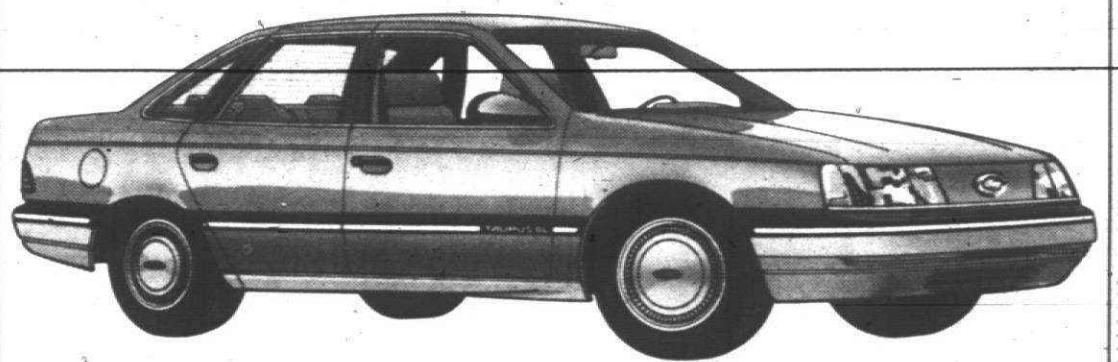
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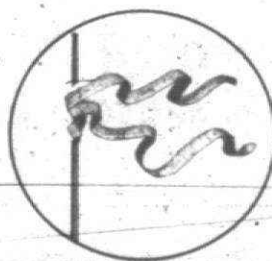
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## Simplicity key to a happy New Year

'Tis the season for making resolutions. There is a reason for not putting dry gas in the car, there is a reason for having a cigarette. But this year, there is NO reason for not being able to keep these simple New Year's resolutions.

I think I have learned enough in past years not to make resolutions that I know I won't be able to keep, so instead, here is my list of New Year's resolutions I know I'll be able to follow through with:

First off, I am gonna resolve to lose weight. Last year, I said I would lose 25 pounds, but this year, I'm setting a more realistic goal — I'm gonna lose 5 pounds before Valentine's Day. The way I figure, I'll gain it back making candy anyway so things should even out in the long run.

Secondly, I resolve to purchase at least three laundry baskets and keep them under the basement steps so that I can be a little more organized while recycling. Glass in one, cans in another and plastic in the third. No more spending an hour sorting through a multi-purpose basket on Saturday mornings before seeing my friends at the recycling center.

Next in line, is a resolution that I made before my holiday shopping. I resolve to continue not buying battery-operated toys and stuff and instead, I bought myself a battery recharger and a slew of rechargeable batteries. All the old batteries are going to the recycling center for safe disposal and will not go into the trash.

I also am resolving to expand my cookbook library not just by purchasing what is on the New York Times Best Seller list, but to include some great selections put out by local charities, organizations and churches. These books are filled with family tried-and-true recipes that are sheer joy to prepare and eat.

This year's winners include the "Good Enough Cookbook" from the Farmington Community Center and the OCC Meadowbrook Theatre Guilds' "Curtain Calls" cookbook. Both are filled with homemade recipes even Momma would give her top denture plate for. For more information on these two great locally produced gems, contact the Meadowbrook Theatre Guild of OCC or the Farmington Community Center. You won't be disappointed.

Cookbook fanatics will also enjoy MFK Fishers' re-release of her five book anthology. This five-book collection from a master writer and cooking authority will offer not just great recipes but also great reading enjoyment. Fisher, now in her golden years, has a way with words and her recipes and culinary style will live long after you and I have taken the big path to that 4-star restaurant in the sky.

This next one is a toughie. I resolve to try harder to clean up after myself in the kitchen. Last month when the O&E ran my feature article on holiday cookies, the kitchen was a disaster and it stayed that way till I paid to have it cleaned up. From now on, it will at least go into the dishwasher so I won't have to look at it. No more Petrie dish creations from letting something sit in the sink too long.

Lastly, I resolve to not accept mediocre food when paying top-dollar prices in area restaurants. I'm not going to be belligerent about it, just take it away and bring me something better.

I truly hope 1990 heralds in a prosperous year for you and yours. If you too, are making a list of New Year's resolutions, I hope you keep them simple and attainable. Bon Appetit!

By Kathie Maple McBride  
special writer

For many people, the idea of eating raw fish is hard to swallow. But sushi — the Japanese food often featuring fresh, raw tuna, flounder, salmon or other sea creatures — is changing more and more minds and entering more and more mouths.

The adventurous might try one piece at a party, then stop by a sushi bar and make a meal of it. They really know they are hooked when they try to make sushi at home, forming their own flavor combinations by hand.

For these inspired souls, Noble Fish in Clawson offers one-stop shopping and friendly advice. This fish market and Japanese grocery sells the ingredients, seasonings, and utensils to make sushi. An in-store sushi bar allows patrons to observe and learn from the chef's specialized techniques.

"WE GET A lot of people who want to make sushi at home," President of Noble Fish Jim Hewes said. "It's cheaper, and they like to do it."

Hewes is quick to educate first-time sushi consumers.

"Not all sushi is made with raw fish, which surprises people," he said. "When someone is trying sushi for the first time, we generally start them with our California roll, which has avocado, cooked imitation crab and cucumber, or a cooked crab or shrimp nigiri."

Nigiri is a form of sushi that uses vinegared rice as a base, with a piece of a Japanese-style omelette, cooked seafood or sashimi (raw fish) carefully placed on top.

"The Japanese have been making sushi for more than 500 years," Hewes said. "They know which kinds of fish are best raw. If there is any possibility of worms in the fish, they won't use it."

A WIDE VARIETY of sashimi are available at Noble Fish, packaged in recipe-ready portions. In addition to the tuna, flounder, salmon, shrimp and crab, the store sells an ever-changing menu of raw fish for sushi including yellow-tail, fluke, sea urchin, squid and giant clams.

Sashimi, caviar and cooked seafood for sushi fill one side of a refrigerated case. The other side displays such standards as salmon steaks, orange roughy, fillet of sole and bluefish.

"If a fish gets two to three days old, we'll sell it in steaks to be cooked," Hewes said, warning people not to buy raw fish for sushi in traditional grocery stores. Because consumers rarely know the day a fish was caught, supermarket purchases should be cooked to eliminate possible bacteria.

In addition to sashimi, fish and seafood, Noble Fish offers the other key ingredients for sushi: rice, seaweed and special seasonings.

Japanese rice has a very short grain and a chewy, slightly sticky texture which allows it to be formed into numerous sushi shapes.

ALSO, NOBLE FISH customers can buy cooked sushi rice to make "instant" sushi.

Rolled sushi requires nori, the Japanese term for seaweed, to create its wrapper. One form calls for a sheet of toasted seaweed, covered with a layer of sushi rice and an assortment of vegetables or seafood. Using a bamboo rolling mat (sudare), the nori is rolled around the filling to form a cylinder, then sliced into bite-size pieces.

Both the sudare and nori can be purchased at Noble Fish. Special

By Anne R. Lehmann  
special writer

MASS PRODUCED frozen entrees, move over. A new concept in home cooking was born this past July with the creation of Nina Schneyer's "Your Home, My Cooking."

As this self-explanatory name for a business suggests, people are being offered the unique services of a cook who provides wholesome, flavorful home-cooked foods. Schneyer, a respected cooking instructor, caterer and seasoned cook who has studied with James Beard and Michael James, will come to your home with basketsful of equipment and ingredients to whip up whatever your heart desires.

Schneyer said, "I make the kind of foods you would make yourself if you had the time and inclination."

The idea was developed when Schneyer was brainstorming with a Brazilian friend who said this kind of service is common in her native country.

"Busy families, new mothers, all



Owner of Noble Fish Jim Hewes shows some of the sushi served in his grocery.

## Making sushi dishes

### SUSHI RICE

Place 2 cups short-grained raw rice in a deep bowl and barely cover with cold water. Swirl rice to rinse well and drain off water. Refill bowl with cold water and repeat until water runs clear. Place washed rice in a bowl or saucepan with 2 cups cold water and let soak for 15 to 20 minutes until the rice changes color to white. Transfer the rice into a colander and drain off water completely for 10 to 15 minutes. Combine the drained rice and 2 cups water in a heavy metal

pot which has a tight-fitting lid.

With the lid on, bring contents of pot to a vigorous boil over high heat. Then reduce heat to medium and cook 5-6 minutes, until the water is absorbed. After this, do not remove the cover until you are ready to use the rice. Reduce heat to very low, and continue to cook 10 to 12 minutes. Remove from heat and allow to stand for 15 to 20 minutes. Makes 6 cups cooked rice.

While the rice is cooking, make vinegar seasoning. Combine ¼ cup rice vinegar, ½ tablespoon sugar,

and 1-1½ tablespoons salt in a small enamel saucepan. Place over very low heat, stirring slowly until sugar is dissolved. Cook to lukewarm, without letting it boil, then set aside.

When the rice is ready, transfer it from the pan with a wooden spatula (wet before using) into a large flat-bottom bowl (untreated wood is preferred to absorb excess moisture, but you can use a plastic bowl instead. Do not use a metal bowl.) Run your wooden spatula

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## Cooking service makes house calls

ing patients really need help in putting together meals," Schneyer said. She also said that although she sometimes accepts catering jobs, her primary goal in getting into the food preparation business was to get the family back to the dining room table.

"I'LL NEVER FORGET my son telling me that his favorite part of each meal was the warmth and conversation. If the cooking is done, there's more time for that," Schneyer said.

This 54-year-old mother of four is married to a physician who appreciates a good meal, and consequently, Schneyer spent a lot of time in the kitchen experimenting.

When her kids were young she would get together with a friend each week to develop recipes with the intention of publishing a cookbook. Although the book never materialized, her growing interest in cooking prompted her to take classes with professional chefs.

She recalls the time she spent with James Beard in New York. "It was a week of learning to cook whatever I

wanted and together we struggled to create an apple pie I had thought about a great deal. After many failed attempts, he told me to give up," she said.

Schneyer's specialty apple pie fi-

nally was realized when she joined a recipe crust from one cookbook with a filling from another volume.

SCHNEYER'S REPERTOIRE includes many recipes from the hun-

dreds of cookbooks found all over her home. "One good recipe from a cookbook makes it a worthwhile investment," she said. Some of her favorites include French Onion Soup, hearty beef stew and apple pie.

So home much will a meal by this avid cook set you back? Her fee is \$40 an hour. At first glance, that may seem a hefty price for a meal that can take several hours to prepare, but not when you consider she coordinates things so that every hour is packed with cooking activity.

For example, she said she will prepare a soup or stew that requires a few hours to cook first. While that simmers, meat might be marinating, bread dough rising and spinach strudel being assembled.

"Many things are going on at once," Schneyer said, "and ordering large quantities makes things even more economical. If I make several dozen muffins, or a large batch of soup for the freezer, things actually turn out to be very reasonably priced."



Nina Schneyer displays a meal prepared in her customer's kitchen.

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# Service cooks home meals

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Before going to a client she will plan the menu, take an equipment inventory and make an ingredient list. She will check to see what ingredients a person already has in order to avoid making unnecessary expenditures for such staple items as olive oil or grainy mustard.

So far, most people requesting her services are on special diets. "I can make almost anything low salt or low fat," says the 40-year-old good-looking woman. "The point is, I'm doing what I love and helping others at the same time. What more could anyone want in a job?"

**DOUBLE RICH CHICKEN SOUP**  
3-4 lb. Chicken back, neck, gizzards or a cut-up chicken  
2 chicken feet, if possible or a couple of veal bones  
plus 1 whole 3-4 lb. chicken, not cut  
2 onions, sliced and sauteed with 2 garlic cloves  
1 leek - optional  
4 carrots  
2 parsnips  
2 stalks celery - with leaves, if you like  
2 sprigs parsley (Italian or flat parsley are more flavorful)  
few papercorn  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 tablespoon thyme  
dash dill

Cover chicken parts with cold water and bring to boil.  
Skim off scum of foam if you want a clear broth. When no more foam is forming add vegetables and seasonings (reserving half the onions, carrots, celery, and parsnip for later). When broth returns to boil, turn down and let simmer for 2 1/2-3 hours.  
Strain the broth, discarding bones, meat, and vegetables.  
You now have a stock, broth or bouillon - a base for many soups, stews and sauces.  
To make a chicken soup for serving (or to poach a chicken) bring the stock to the boil first, then gently add the whole chicken. When it returns to the boil, cover and let it simmer until chicken is just tender or boil for twenty minutes, turn off and wait until you can hug the pot.  
Remove chicken.  
Add remaining vegetables and sprig of fresh dill and cook just until barely tender, then remove. While vegetables are cooking, separate bones and skin. Reserve good chicken and just-cooked vegetables to add to soup later. May serve double rich chicken soup with bite-sized pieces of meat and vegetables or strain both through two or three thicknesses of cheesecloth, measure broth and refrigerate overnight. Remove all fat from top of soup.  
To clarify soup for a clear broth, measure soup and put back into cooking pot. For each quart of soup, use one egg white. Beat whites into a froth which is not quite stiff. Stir into cold stock. Stir and cook over medium heat. When stock begins to bubble at edges, stop stirring and allow mixture to simmer for about ten minutes. All the tiny bits and pieces will cling to the egg whites. Turn off heat and let settle for one-half hour.

**FRENCH ONION SOUP**  
3 large yellow onions, sliced in rounds  
1/2 pound butter or beef fat  
1/2 cup beef consommé per person  
salt, if needed  
fresh ground pepper  
nutmeg to taste  
French bread toast rounds (cut to fit exactly in opening of individual ovenproof soup cups)  
Freshly grated gruyere cheese  
Freshly grated parmesan cheese

Saute onions in fat until soft (for brownier onions sprinkle with sugar and turn over). Add consommé. Add salt, fresh ground pepper and nutmeg. Let blend very well, 5 to 6 minutes.  
For lighter soup, serve as is and pass the fresh grated parmesan. Or, ladle servings into individual crocks adding 1-1 1/2 tsp. Madeira to each crock. Fit in toast rounds and add with mound of grated gruyere cheese. Bake at 350 degrees until cheese melts and is bubbly. Serve with parmesan.

**CHILI**  
2 pounds cubed beef chuck (fat removed)  
2 tablespoon chili powder (or more)  
beef broth to cover  
1 1/2 cup chopped onions

Remove chicken.  
Add remaining vegetables and sprig of fresh dill and cook just until barely tender, then remove. While vegetables are cooking, separate bones and skin. Reserve good chicken and just-cooked vegetables to add to soup later. May serve double rich chicken soup with bite-sized pieces of meat and vegetables or strain both through two or three thicknesses of cheesecloth, measure broth and refrigerate overnight. Remove all fat from top of soup.  
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# Grocery sends home sushi

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Tekka Maki (rolled hosomaki with tuna)  
Use a strip of fresh tuna cut 1/4 inch square lengthwise. Serve with wasabi (Japanese horseradish).

Kappa Maki (rolled hosomaki with cucumber)  
Rub cucumber with salt. Rinse with water. Cut cucumber into spears lengthwise. Sprinkle toasted white sesame seeds to give good flavor.

## AVOCADO/CRAB CALIFORNIA ROLL

In California, since the advent of sushi bars, there has been an interesting development in sushi. Chefs use sliced, ripe avocado, along with crab legs, to form a dazzling "California Roll." The oil content and smooth texture of the avocado is similar to tuna, and is delicious when combined with crab.

There are quite a few adaptations of this idea:  
• Toast nori sheet, cut in quarters and place on your hand. Vinegared rice is placed thereon. In the center a slice of avocado and a crab leg meat portion are aligned with a sprinkle of toasted white sesame seeds. This is rolled like a fat cigar.

• Another version is to place the toasted nori sheet cut in quarters on the sudare (bamboo rolling mat). The avocado slice is placed thereon, along with the crabmeat. This is rolled at the point with the nori surrounding the ingredients. Then the vinegared rice is formed by hand around the nori to produce a nigiri-style oval. This is in turn rolled in toasted white sesame seeds.

• A favorite method is to make it buffet-style. The avocado slices are sprinkled with lemon juice to prevent oxidation and lined up with crab portions and a small dish of toasted sesame seeds. The ingredients are arranged on a serving platter. A bowl of vinegared rice is then made up into small balls, ready to be picked up by the guests. The toasted nori is cut into quarters and stacked close by. And the star of the show is a bunch of fresh green shiso (beefsteak plant of the mint family) leaves, ready to be included in the combination. Prepare your own tekka sushi. Dip in soy sauce to eat.

• Avocado slices can have lemon juice sprinkled on them and be placed on a regular nigiri-sushi assortment of toppings. Shrimp or scallops would work equally well with avocado. Or you can use avocado as a surprise filler in other types of sushi.

Substitute for crab: A very delicious alternative to expensive crab legs is an imitation crab made from pollock, potato starch, sugar and salt with coloring and crab flavoring. This is a steamed fishcake produced in Japan and sold frozen in America.

Make a hollow groove in the center so you can place 3 pieces of cooked kampyo lengthwise. Dampen exposed strip of nori with vinegar/water solution. Lift the front of the sudare closest to your body. Roll the hosomaki with the sudare, pressing down on the nori portion firmly and finally it will stick to itself when completely rolled. Shape the roll ends so no rice will fall out. If you can let it rest a minute or two, all the better. Moisten a sharp knife with vinegared water. The ideal manner of cutting is in half and then wipe the knife and place the two rolls together. Cut the two rolls together again in half to result in four pieces.  
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I don't know how you are, but I always make New Year's resolutions I keep anywhere from six hours to six weeks depending on my resolve. When I make these resolutions, I really do mean to follow through, but somehow my sincere intentions begin to fade into the mist as the reality of the pressures of everyday life take over.

But once again, I find myself excited by the prospect of yet another fresh, new year, although I sometimes regret there is no quick and fool-proof recipe for life.

Unpredictable as best, life can be likened to this week's Winner Dinner, "Neat to Eat" Sloppy Joes, which are perfect examples of controlled chaos - neat and tidy on the outside and all mixed up on the inside. And yet, as with life's delights, these tasty sandwiches will keep you coming back for more.

Barbara Crouse of Farmington Hills is this week's Winner Dinner Winner. Her 22-year-old son and husband love this dinner and it is already slated to be served to friends on Super Bowl Sunday.

Eaten with a fork, these no-mess, no-fuss sloppy Joes take only minutes to put together. A mock Caesar salad and peach cobbler that can be cooked in the microwave round out this tasty dinner.

Barbara, a woman of many talents, has worked as a secretary, real estate agent, sewing teacher and sales person. Putting these varied job experiences to use, she recently started her own "have skills, will travel" business, and now works as an independent temporary person.

Originally from New Jersey, the Crouses have lived in the Detroit-area for 21 years. Citing the friendliness of the people and less congestion and traffic, they love Farmington Hills and consider this area to be home.

Thank you, Barbara, for sharing your family's favorite dinner with us and congratulations on being our first Winner Dinner Winner of the nineties.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have supported and contributed to this column. I hope it has been helpful and I am looking forward to hearing from more of you in the new year.

Just as we have dinner menus each and every one of us has our very own unusual menu for life, filled with many different courses. Some courses are simple, others are more complicated, some are delightful and others, quite frankly, can give one indigestion.

**WHAT IS AN adequate cold source?** Some companies use a two-toothed plastic foam cooler packed with dry ice. Other reliable companies freeze food solid so that overnight delivery in cold weather guarantees it will arrive still firm and cold to the touch.

When you order a gift, find out some answers to ensure that it arrives in a safe eating condition.

• Check on the cold source. Ask what kinds of cold source will be used with perishable food and how long the package will be in transit. The cold source must last long enough so that food arrives frozen or firm and cold. Canned or processed foods labeled "keep refrigerated" just because a meat has been smoked, which often is just exposure to a commercial smoke source, this doesn't necessarily mean the meat has been cooked. While a vacuum pack does extend shelf life somewhat and delays some taste change problems, most vacuum-packed foods still need a cold source.

• Set a workable delivery date. Once you know how long the mailing takes, call your friends to find a date someone can be home to receive the gift. It's surprising how much food can spoil because it's stuck in the post office. Mention that this surprise should go straight into the refrigerator. Then call the mail-order house back and set up a date. It's the shippers responsibility to deliver on time, the customers responsibility to have someone at home to receive the goods.

• Check to see that the package will be labeled as perishable on the outside wrapping. Perishables have a much better chance of surviving if those receiving the food item can see the label.

• If you receive a gift of perishable foods, what should you check for safety?

• Fresh or cooked meat, poultry or fish should arrive frozen or still hard in the middle. If never frozen it should be cold to the touch.

• Ham, with the exception of dry-cured country hams, baked hams and most canned hams need refrigeration and should arrive cold.

• Sausage, some hard, dry sausages, pepperoni, and hard salami should also be shipped with a cold source.

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# Observer & Eccentric Winner Dinner

**Menu**

"NEAT TO EAT" SLOPPY JOES  
MOCK CEASAR SALAD  
MICROWAVE PEACH COBBLER

**Shopping List**

- 1 pound ground beef
- bacon or bacon bits
- 2 cans crescent rolls (8 ounces each)
- onion and garlic-flavored croissants
- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 1 onion
- 1 head of romaine lettuce
- anchovies (optional)
- 4 peaches or 2 cans of sliced peaches (16 oz. each)
- sharp cheddar cheese
- butter or margarine
- ketchup
- Worcestershire sauce
- pepper
- cinnamon
- sugar
- golden Caesar salad dressing

**Recipes**

**"NEAT TO EAT" SLOPPY JOES**

made as much as a day ahead and kept refrigerated until placed in the oven.  
Brown ground beef with onion. Drain grease. Stir in remaining ingredients while beef and onion mixture is still hot. Separate crescent rolls into 8 rectangles (press seam holes together). Spoon 1/4 of the mixture onto center of each rectangle. Bring edges up and fold together at center. Seal edges. Place on ungreased cookie sheet and bake for 15 to 20 minutes at 350 degrees.

**MOCK CEASAR SALAD**

1 head romaine lettuce  
1/2 jar (3 oz.) crumbled bacon bits or  
5 slices crisply cooked bacon, crumbled  
Golden Caesar salad dressing (Crouse prefers a dressing made by Kraft)

1/2 cup onion and garlic flavored croissants  
anchovies (optional)

Rinse and pat dry the lettuce. Tear into small pieces. Mix all other ingredients and toss well.

**MICROWAVE PEACH COBBLER**

4 peaches, peeled and sliced (or two 16 ounce cans of peaches, drained and sliced).  
1/2 cup butter or margarine  
2 cups yellow cake mix or 1 small box of Jiffy yellow cake mix  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
3 tablespoons sugar

Arrange peaches in an 8-inch square microwave-safe pan. Sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar. Cook 3 minutes on high. In glass bowl, melt butter. Add cake mix and blend well. Crumble over peaches. Microwave on high for 10 minutes. Cool slightly and serve. It is especially good with vanilla ice cream. If you prefer to bake this in an oven, assemble and bake for 30 minutes at 350 degrees.

**Notes**

This recipe takes 10 to 15 minutes to prepare and can be made as much as a day ahead and kept refrigerated until placed in the oven.

**Veggie duo spices up meals**

AP - Because two are often tastier than one, be on the lookout for new vegetable dips.

**MICROWAVE CAULIFLOWER AND TOMATOES**

- 2 cups cauliflower florets
- 2 green onions, sliced
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 medium tomato, seeded and chopped
- 1 slice bacon, cooked, drained and crumbled
- 1/4 teaspoon dried basil, crushed
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

In a 1-quart microwave-safe casserole combine cauliflower, onions and water. Cook, covered, on 100 percent power (high) for 5 to 7 minutes or until cauliflower is crisp-tender. Drain well.

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## Recipes warm Chef's heart

Here's a few of my favorite selections from the Farmington Community Center's "Good Enough" Cookbook I know you'll enjoy:

**ROSE'S POTATO SOUP**  
3 tablespoons butter  
1/2 cup sliced onions  
2 tablespoons flour  
3/4 cups hot milk  
1/4 cup water  
1 pound potatoes, peeled and sliced  
1/2 cup celery, chopped  
1/2 cup shredded carrots  
2 teaspoons salt  
dash pepper

1/2 cup chopped ham, optional  
grated cheese and crostons

Saute onions in butter until tender. Add flour and mix well. Add milk and bring to a boil. Simmer potatoes, celery, carrots in water till tender. Add to milky stock. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in ham. Heat to serve, top with grated cheese and crostons, if desired.

**NO PEEK STEW**  
(great for those holiday crock pots)  
2 pounds stewing beef, cut into cubes

12 ounces tomato juice  
12 ounces beef broth  
5 tablespoons instant tapioca  
6 carrots, cut up  
3 onions, cut up  
1 cup celery, cut up  
8 ounces mushrooms, sliced  
4 potatoes, sliced  
parsley

Place all ingredients in a heavy kettle or crock pot at medium temperature, about 325 degrees. Cover and don't raise the lid for 4 hours. Serves 8-10.

## Long drives allow taste tests in small eateries of country

By the time you read this, I will either be in Florida, or well on the way. I don't have anything against flying. In fact, I enjoy it, and fly often. However, if I have the time to do so, I enjoy driving to and from my annual vacation spot.

But "time" is a key word here. Never do I want to drive there as my son and brother do; 1-75 all the way, stopping only to go to the bathroom, and arriving less than 24 hours after leaving home — tired out and tense from a trip that was no fun at all.

When I drive to Florida, the actual trip is half the fun of the vacation. And I don't hurry. My friend Inez and I once took two days to get from Marco Island to the Florida Georgia border, and we did not get back to Michigan for another five days.

We had to come home because, by that time, the car was so full of plants, shells, feather beds, pillows, and other wonderful things we had picked up at factory outlets and flea markets along the way, we could no longer close the car doors without great difficulty.

**TAKING BACKROADS** and alternate routes, stopping in small towns along the way, visiting old cemeteries, eating in homey little restaurants, and passing the time of day talking with strangers beats any form of relaxation I can think of.

You forget all about your daily routine, and when you don't race the clock, you arrive at your destination well rested. Besides that, you get to enjoy some of the world's best cooking.

Sure, there are some dangers in straying from the beaten path. Once I ended up spending the night in the Everglades. Another time, I drove 30 miles on a steep winding road in the mountains of Kentucky before finding a safe place to turn around.

On those occasions, 1-75, with its chain motels at every exit seemed mighty good to me. But the excitement, the beauty, the people you meet, and the peacefulness of traveling through small towns you can't see from the main highway — as well as the serendipities you come across there — far outweigh the risks.

**SMALL TOWN RESTAURANTS** in Georgia, Tennessee, and Kentucky offer menus very different from the ones you find in Michigan. More than once, I have sent my compliments to the cook, and he or she has come out from the kitchen and pulled up a chair to talk a spell. I have collected some really good "down home" recipes this way.

Get back to **Good Cookin' with Taste** right here every Monday in the



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I'd like to share these with you exactly as they were given to me.

### CORN MEAL MUSH

Put two quarts of water in a clean pot, and heat it until it boils. Then add a tablespoon of salt.

Take a handful of yellow cornmeal in your left hand, and pudding stick (or wooden spoon) in your right. Drop the meal slowly into the water, and stir constantly. Continue to add cornmeal until the mixture is as thick as you can stir easily.

Cook about 20 minutes. It will bubble and puff up. Stir it a lot. Pour it into a deep pan or dish, (bread loaf pans, if you plan to slice it later).

This may be eaten cold or hot, with milk or with butter and syrup and sugar, or with meat and gravy — like potatoes or rice.

The next morning, quickly slice the left-over mush, and fry the slices in hot fat until golden brown. Serve with molasses, maple syrup, or honey — along with sausage, ham, or bacon.

**TURKEY BURGERS**  
1 pound ground beef (or ground venison)  
1 pound bulk pork sausage (sweet or spicy, to your liking)  
1 small onion, chopped  
2 cups coarse cracker crumbs  
2 eggs, slightly beaten  
salt and pepper to taste

Mix all ingredients together. (If mixture is too dry, add a little milk.) Shape into patties, and fry as you would hamburger. These are really good grilled, and served on hamburger buns.

### COUNTRY HAM

This is nothing like the boneless variety we have all become used to. A country ham should be soaked overnight before cooking, to remove excess salt. Then wash the ham thoroughly, and place it in a large kettle.

Cover with water, and cook until tender (20-30 minutes per pound). Remove from kettle. Cut off the outside skin, and score ham. Sprinkle

with brown sugar, and dot with whole cloves. Bake about 45 minutes at 350 degrees, basting regularly with apple cider.

### Other Glazes For Baked Ham

• Jelly glaze: Mix one cup of jelly with one cup ham gravy (baste the ham with this).

• Mix one cup brown sugar with one teaspoon dry mustard and enough apple cider, to make a thin paste to cover the ham.

• Boil together: 1/2 cup corn syrup (light or dark), 1/2 cup brown sugar, and 1 cup orange juice. (Use to baste the ham.)

Slice the cooked ham, and fry in a skillet. Cook on both sides. Add 1/2 cup of black coffee. Serve while hot.

**STEWED CHICKEN WITH DUMPLINGS**  
1 5-6 pound chicken (whole or cut up)  
1 large or 2 small onions, (chopped up)  
1 or 2 carrots, (sliced lengthwise)  
a couple of bay leaves  
salt and pepper to taste

Place all of this in a stew pot. Cover with water, and boil slowly until chicken is tender. Remove chicken to platter.

Drop dumpling batter into boiling water by spoonfuls. Cover, and cook about 10-15 minutes. The pot must have a tight fitting cover, or dumplings will be heavy.

Serve hot with butter, and more salt and pepper.

**Dumpling Batter**  
2 cups flour  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
4 teaspoons baking powder  
1 egg, well beaten  
3 tablespoons melted butter, or other shortening  
milk (about 1/2 cup)

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## Parents can help children reduce fat, cholesterol

At the United States Department of Health, children in the United States are not getting a healthy diet. Nuts, too, are healthy, but they are not getting enough of them.

The American Heart Association recommends children get more than 30 percent of their daily calories from fat, and no more than 10 percent from saturated fats.

A breakfast of cereal, fruit, milk and whole-grain bread is a good start for children. Breakfast should add up to at least one-fourth of daily requirements.

The American Heart Association says you can reduce fat and cholesterol at breakfast by serving low-fat milk and whole-grain breads and cereals with fruit.

Sandwiches made with water-packed tuna and part-skim mozzarella and ricotta cheeses make nutritious alternatives to processed meats. Plain low-fat yogurt can be used instead of mayonnaise in chicken and tuna salads. Ketchup, mustard and chutney have very little fat and are good substitutes for butter or mayonnaise. Try whole-wheat, pumpernickel, oat and pita breads.

Cauliflower, broccoli, turnips, mushrooms, green peppers and tomatoes make colorful snacks. Soak fresh vegetables in icy water before serving to make them crispier. Carrot and celery sticks with low-fat cheese and low-fat yogurt dips.

Offer a variety of fruit. Prevent sliced fruit from turning brown by squeezing in lemon juice or orange juice, which also adds flavor. Or try dried fruits, such as figs, apricots and dates.

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fast has been emphasized by Dymple Cooksey, a nutrition specialist at Texas A & M University in College Station, Texas.

Kids who skip breakfast can not concentrate as well as their classmates who take time for a morning meal, Cooksey says.

Proper choices from the basic food groups of meat, milk, fruits and vegetables, cereals and grains should provide about one-fourth of the recommended daily amounts of protein, calories, vitamins and minerals, Cooksey says.

"These nutrients are essential for energy, maintenance and body repair," Cooksey says. She compares breakfast eaters and breakfast skippers in these ways:

• Kids who regularly eat a well-balanced breakfast can perform more efficiently, concentrate on the day's schedule, and are less tired after a busy day.

• Kids who eat breakfast are energetic and can concentrate on school-related tasks, skippers often tend to be irritable, restless and listless.

• Kids who eat breakfast have a better late-morning problem-solving ability and have more energy at midday.

• Kids who eat breakfast are better nourished, and have more nutritionally balanced diets. They have higher intakes of calcium derived

from milk, as well as phosphorus and riboflavin, nutrient essentials for strong bones and teeth.

**LOW-FAT RECIPES**  
**BEAN SOUP**  
One 12-ounce can of red kidney beans or black beans  
1 green pepper, chopped  
1 tablespoon garlic, chopped  
One 15-ounce can crushed tomatoes  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
3 cups water  
1 tablespoon chili powder  
1 onion, chopped  
Rinse beans and cook in water until tender. Add remaining ingredients. Stir. Continue cooking until all ingredients are tender. Makes 8 servings.

**STUFFED TURKEY BREAST**  
One 8-ounce can sliced water chestnuts  
1 bunch scallions  
1 cup low-fat plain yogurt

2 peeled oranges  
2 peeled bananas  
2 cups applesauce, unsweetened  
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon  
2 cups crushed ice  
Mix all ingredients in a blender, adding ice slowly. Makes 4 servings.

**FRUITY ICE**  
2 peeled oranges  
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2 cups applesauce, unsweetened  
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon  
2 cups crushed ice  
Mix all ingredients in a blender, adding ice slowly. Makes 4 servings.

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In rheumatology, there is a "shoulder impingement syndrome." It refers to compression of the tendon of the supraspinatus muscle as that tendon goes under the edge of the shoulder blade and over the top of head of the humerus. If thickened bone is at this site, then the narrow channel for the tendon is compromised. The tendon cannot move freely, and may tear when the muscle contracts.

If you have shoulder impingement syndrome, you feel pain in your shoulder, even at rest, and encounter marked difficulty in raising your arm. This problem can arise from other causes, such as tendinitis, adhesive capsulitis. By noting how you rotate the extremity and finding certain changes from normal on shoulder x-rays, your doctor often can determine if you have impingement syndrome or one of these other conditions.

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# Gun regulation bills

## Tighter controls attract broad support

By Tim Richard  
staff writer

The latest gun regulation bills are sponsored by a gun-owning lawmaker and endorsed by a committee chair, who belongs to the National Rifle Association.

They would ban fully automatic weapons in Michigan.

"I'm a gun owner and ardent supporter of Second Amendment rights," said the sponsor, Rep. James Kosteva, D-Canton.

"It's easier to defend (gun ownership) when we've removed access to weapons with no sporting purpose whatever. Why wait until another Stockton, Calif., incident?" said Kosteva.

THE BILLS will go to the House Tourism, Fisheries and Wildlife Committee, chaired by Jerry C. Bartnik, D-Temperance, the NRA member who endorsed it.

"A few years ago, you would never see my name associated with this kind of bill," said Bartnik. He changed his mind because of "the fatal link between these kinds of weapons and the spread of drugs throughout our state."

The Kosteva bills have been endorsed by House Democratic leaders

Lewis Dodak of Birch Run and Pat Gagliardi of Drummond Island. Kosteva expects bipartisan support.

One Kosteva bill is a revision of House Bill 4624 (see chart). The sponsor, Rep. Vincent Porreca, D-Trenton, withdrew it from consideration after a buzzsaw of opposition. Porreca's name is on several strict gun control measures.

Other bills in Lansing would treat inoperable pistols as if they were operable and require training of pistol buyers.

THE NEW package of bills by Kosteva would:

- Require a criminal history check and mental health background declaration of persons purchasing firearms. (It appears similar to SB 325, sponsored by Sen. Nick Smith, R-Hillsdale.)

- Ban shotguns capable of accepting ammunition drums or magazine clips of more than five rounds. They call them "street sweepers." They fire 20 rounds in a few seconds. They serve absolutely no sporting purpose. They are a kill-and-maim type weapon," Kosteva said.

- Prohibit "conversion kits" used to convert a semiautomatic to automatic firing. (A semiautomatic gun requires a separate trigger move-

ment for each shot; an automatic weapon fires continuously as long as one squeezes the trigger.)

- Repeal a law allowing individuals to buy and possess automatic weapons.

REP. WILLIS Bullard Jr., R-Highland, is sponsoring a bill to treat inoperable handguns the same as working guns for purposes of sentencing. His HB 5003 is locked in the House Judiciary Committee.

"There was a Court of Appeals case where someone was let off because the gun wasn't working," said Bullard.

That case reversed nearly 20 years of case precedent that an inoperable handgun which can easily be made operable requires the same pistol permit, according to Prof. David G. Cotter of the Cooley Law School in Lansing.

Bullard said his intent is not to require licensing of inoperable pistols but to allow a judge to sentence users as if they were operable pistols.

House Judiciary Chairman Perry Bullard (no kin of Willis), D-Ann Arbor, scoffed that HB 5003 "a Republican load of . . . It loads prisons without doing anything about the cause — loaded, real guns."

Tourism Committee.)

- HB 5003 — treats inoperable handguns as concealed weapons if used in commission of a crime. (Willis Bullard; House Judiciary Committee.)

- HB 5212 — penalties for person leaving loaded firearm in minor's reach. (Stallworth; House Judiciary Committee.)

## Status of other gun control bills

Here are other gun regulation bills, their sponsors and their status in the Michigan Legislature:

- Senate Bill 325 — require background check on purchaser of rifle or semiautomatic assault rifle. (N. Smith; Senate Judiciary Committee.)

- HJR A and House Bill 4011 — allow death penalty for firing gun at motor vehicle and causing death;

voters would have to approve constitutional amendment. (Porreca; no action.)

- HB 4163 — require training before one may purchase a pistol. (Leland; Strongly opposed on House floor, sent back to committee; sponsor asked it be withheld.)

- HB 4624 — prohibits sale of "assault" weapons. (Porreca; House

Replied Willis Bullard: "That's what he says about all criminal legislation."

LEGISLATORS LIKE the sound of the pistol training bill (HB 4163), but find problems with setting up classes.

"The sheriffs' association didn't want to do it," said Perry Bullard, who co-sponsored it and handled it in the judiciary committee. "We couldn't get a floor vote. They sent it back to committee."

"It's not a bad idea," agreed Kosteva, "if it's not overly costly to implement."

Willis Bullard added that lawmakers "on a lot of issues are not concerned about the bill itself but where it might lead." He said it would have to be "meaningful training" by a "responsible group."

"There's still argument over the effectiveness of driver training," Bullard said.

TWO BILLS favored by gun owners and the Michigan United Conservation Clubs have made it through one chamber of the Legislature.

In 1988, the Senate passed, 26-9, a bill by Chris Dingell, D-Trenton, to prohibit local units of government from enacting ordinances more restrictive than state and federal firearms laws. It died in the House Judiciary Committee.

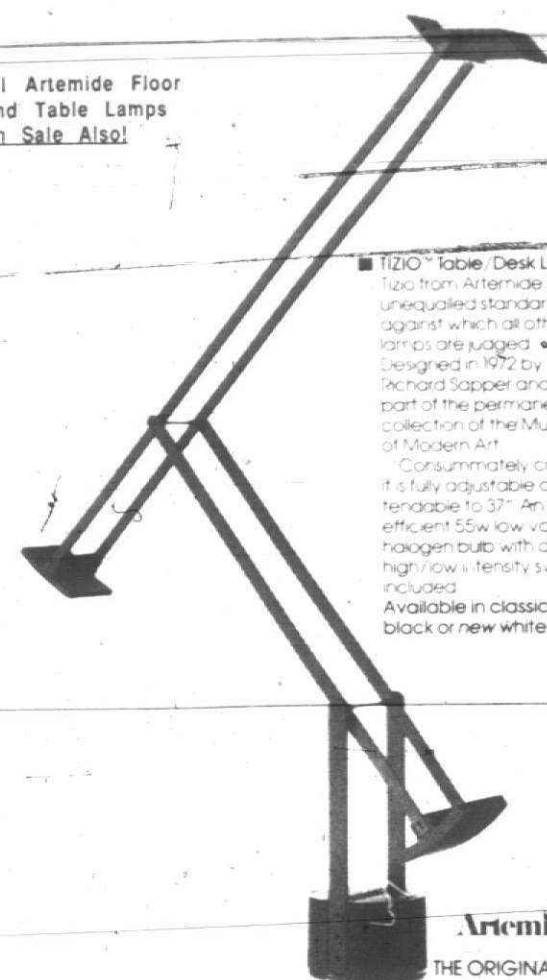
The House gave 77-15 approval to the MUCC-backed shooting range protection bill. HB 5056 would protect shooting ranges from lawsuits over noise in cases where the range was in operation prior to residential development — the situation in several suburban areas. The Senate Judiciary Committee reported it out to the Senate floor.



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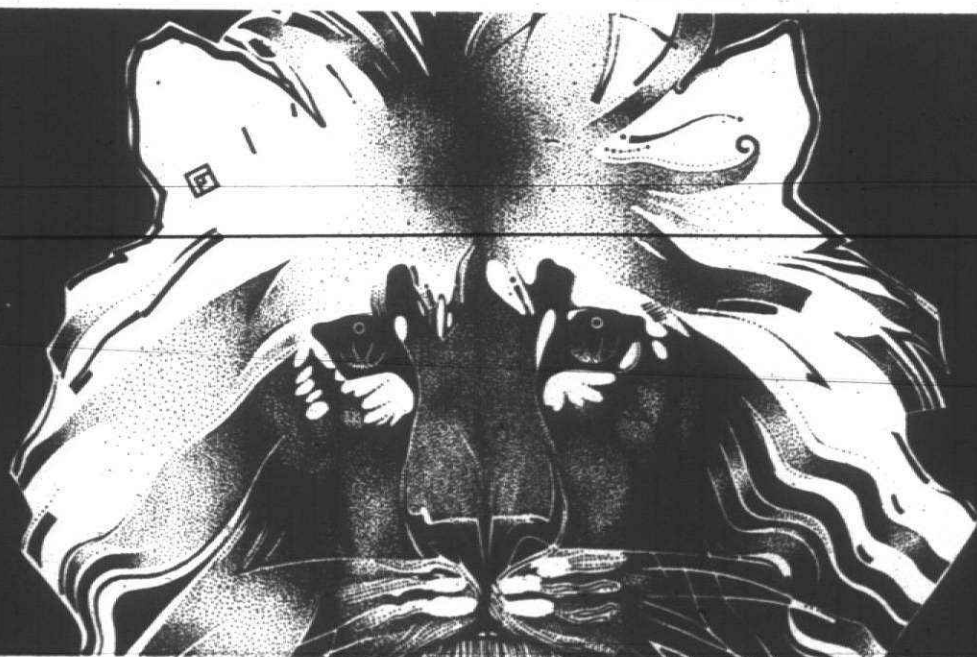
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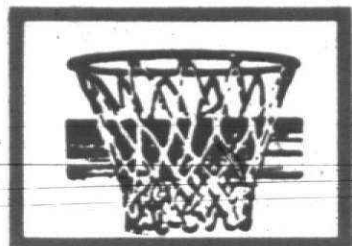
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## Salem program takes new direction

By Dan O'Meara  
staff writer

The team approach applies not only to the Plymouth Salem volleyball players but the coaches as well.

The Rocks will have two bosses this year. Brian Gilles and Allie Suffety will serve as co-coaches.

Gilles had been the varsity coach at Salem (1974-77) and recently was the JV coach under Betty Smith, who resigned to devote more time to other commitments and pursuits.

That's also the reason Suffety, who coached the Canton varsity for three years, is at Salem. With two people sharing the responsibility of running a program, he has more time for his family.

Gilles, who coached Salem varsity baseball 1976-83, got out of coaching so he could travel and see his daughters play college tennis. They've since graduated and Gilles was ready to coach again.

"IT'S NICE to have someone to bounce things back and forth with," Gilles said. "It's nice because you're not overwhelmed. Otherwise, it can get you. If you want to do it

right (and alone), it can get you."

Suffety likes being a coach in the same building where he teaches. As the lone coach at Canton, he sometimes felt the weight of three programs was on his shoulders. He was reassured by the belief that job was left in the capable hands of former Salem player Jacques Merrifield, he said.

"There are other things I enjoy in my life," Suffety said. "I enjoy being home with my family."

Gilles and Suffety will have a young team and, with some experience, hope to see it reach its potential later in the season.

The Rocks have just three seniors: 5-foot-8 Kolleen Lawrence, 5-6½ Aimee Rutan and 5-9 Jenny Justice. Lawrence and Rutan are co-captains. All are outside hitters.

In addition, there are only five juniors. The rest of the 36 players in the program are sophomores and freshmen. Under the co-coaching format, the varsity and JV teams will practice together. Some of the young players will have to help on the varsity, and others know they have a chance to move up since the varsity won't have a set roster.

"IT'S NOT a rebuilding thing," Gilles said, "but we're looking at some of the young

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players being involved. We're hoping down the road we're going to be a power, not only in the league but the state. That's where we want to take this team.

"We're going to leave it open. We want them to know if they're doing a lot better in two weeks they're going to go up and play with the varsity."

The juniors are 5-9 Lisa Grosso (hitter), 5-7 Amy Krajewski (all-round), 5-7 Amy Syria (setter), 5-6 Kelly Szurek (back row) and 5-7 Andrea Welling (hitter).

"We'll be real young at an important part of the team," said Gilles of the lack of experience among the setters. "But we have some kids we think will be able to handle the job. We don't know who will come forward out of them, but we think someone will."

The sophomores are Martha Bol (setter/front row), Jenny Emmett (all-round), Casey Fillion (setter), Emily Giuliani (hitter), Sar-

ah Krieger (setter), Nicole Santillie (back row), Heather Sills (back row), Theresa Sunderman (hitter), Julie Thomas (hitter) and Sue Tihanyi (hitter).

Gilles said the coaches are looking for big things from the 5-9 Bol in the future, and Emmett is a versatile player who can play any position. Fillion and Sills are others who might get varsity playing time, and Sunderman and Thomas, like Emmett, played JV ball as freshmen.

"WE DON'T want to lock anybody out" of a chance to play varsity, Gilles said, "and we don't want anybody to get into a comfort zone. We're saying to the older kids: 'Because it's open up and down, if you keep your job fine, but if somebody is improving they've got a shot.' We want to keep the competitive edge in practice."

The top freshmen prospects are Shelby Carey, Michelle Cronan, Cyndi Platter and Caryn Tatterton. Carey, Cronan and Platter are outside hitters and Tatterton is a setter.

Cronan also plays back row.

"We're going to have a lot of young players, and we hope those young players get better," Suffety said. "Not to take away from this year, but it's a good time to get into the program."

"A lot of kids are going to get some experience. We'd like to be somewhere around our peak by the end of the year because we've got some learning to do."

In the tournament at Henry Ford Community College last month, the Rocks were third in their five-team pool, but their purpose was to begin the process of getting the needed experience, Gilles said.

"We went there treating it as a practice," he said. "Everybody played an equal amount of time. It probably cost us some games, but we wanted to see who could do what in certain situations."

Gilles expects defense to be a strength, but attacking is an area Salem needs to work on.

"At the tournament, we were really timid," he said. "We've got kids who can hit the ball, but we want them to be aggressive."

Salem begins the dual-meet season Wednesday, Jan. 10, when it plays host to Walled Lake Western.

## Akron team's greeting lacks holiday cheer

By Ray Setlock  
staff writer

The holidays haven't been so happy for the Redford Catholic Central basketball team.

The Shamrocks found themselves up against a much quicker Central-Hower team Thursday, falling 71-51 at home.

CC drops its record to 1-4, while the visitors from Akron, Ohio, remain undefeated at 5-0.

Central-Hower wasted little time in getting a lead, jumping out to a 10-2 margin in the game's opening minutes.

"We came out intimidated," CC coach Bernie Holowicki said. "We had nobody willing to take control and put the ball in the hole. When that happens you're not going to get positive results."

One of the Shamrocks primary concerns was Central-Hower guard Marquise Smith. He scored eight of his team's first 10 points on a layup and a pair of three-pointers.

"HE IS PROBABLY our most consistent three-point threat," Central-Hower coach Mike Meneer said. "He played real hard for us tonight."

Smith finished the night with a game-high 23 points, four of which came from three-point territory.

With Central-Hower leading by eight, the Shamrocks reeled off 10 points to cut the deficit to 12-10 at the end of the first quarter.

"We started to play like we are capable of playing," Holowicki said. "Our press was beginning to work and the guys were making their shots."

Central-Hower shut the door on the Shamrocks in the second quarter, building a 13-point lead by taking advantage of costly CC turnovers. Central-Hower would rally for a 38-25 halftime lead.

"Our downfall in the second quarter was a combination of their quickness and our mistakes," Holowicki said. "We aren't going to get away with many mistakes against a team like this. They are going to get you with their speed."

THE SHAMROCKS would come within seven late in the third quarter, but once again Central-Hower would close the door and walk away with the victory.

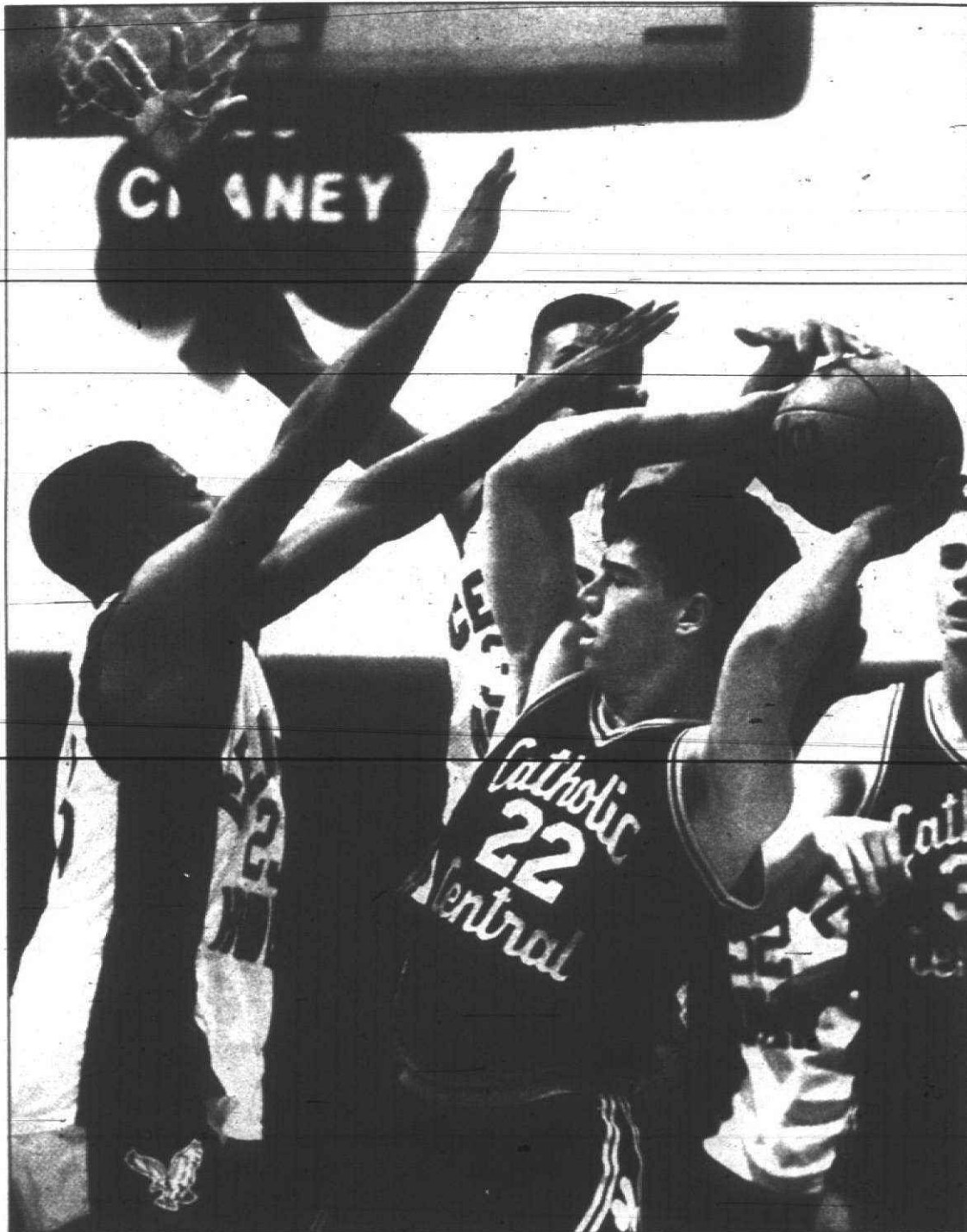
"I think when they got close, it was just a case of our team letting up," Meneer said. "There were times when we thought we had the game locked and we didn't. Speed really helped us. We were a much quicker team and that was the key factor."

Junior guard Steve Whitlow and sophomore center Bob Kummer led the Shamrocks with 16 points.

"I think Whitlow played a real steady game tonight," Holowicki said. "He is starting to adapt to the point guard position. Last year, Terry (Boykin) handled the point position, but since he graduated we are looking to Whitlow and he is starting to do the job for us."

Senior forward Robert Thompson contributed 16 points for Central-Hower and junior guard Jed Dunn added 15.

Despite the loss, Holowicki said the game with Central-Hower was beneficial to his team.



Jon Barbara of Catholic Central gets pressure from Akron Central-Hower players Marquise Smith (left) and Cedric Richards in the inter-

state encounter Thursday at CC. The Ohio ball-club went home with a 71-51 victory.

## Webber unhappy with play

By Steve Kowalski  
staff writer

Lorenzo Orr and Chris Webber are good friends, so Thursday at the Palace, Webber decided to take out his frustration on something else.

A backboard. Webber scored only 14 points and grabbed an uncharacteristically low seven rebounds in Detroit Country Day's 51-46 win over Detroit Pershing in the featured game of the first-ever Big Michigan Shootout.

Those are depressing numbers for Webber — considered one of the nation's finest juniors — but he managed to leave a lasting impression on the 7,303 fans at the end: a two-handed, monstrous dunk at the buzzer.

"I wanted to try to break the backboard," said the 6-foot-10 Webber. "That dunk was out of frustration — for missing all those shots, making turnovers and not playing as well as I could have."

THE GAME was billed as a matchup between Webber and Orr, Pershing's 6-8 senior center who has already signed a letter of intent to attend Southern California. Before the game, both players embraced at half-court, sharing a conversation.

No, they didn't kiss — but they made a pact.

"We just said, 'Let's leave all the publicity and newspapers out of this and just play ball,'" said Webber, who made six-of-10 shots. "He's the best post-up player I've ever played against."

Said Orr: "That's one of the highest compliments I can get. I thank him for that and believe me, I feel the same about him."

Orr, who missed practice Wednesday because of the flu, did not start and finished with 10 points and only two rebounds before fouling out with 17 seconds left in the game. Orr's most spectacular moment came with 6:30 left in the game when he rose above everyone else in the paint and threw down a one-handed dunk off a rebound, giving Pershing its last lead, 39-35.

DCD scored the next 12 points to take a 47-39 lead with 3:10 remaining. It was unheralded junior guard Iyapo Montgomery who triggered the rally, scoring 10 of his 14 points during the run.

MONTGOMERY AND Pershing's other senior forward — Sean Rambus — helped take some of the attention away from Webber and Orr. Rambus finished with a game-high 18 points and eight rebounds.

Forward Ryan Ringold scored eight for Class B Country Day, which improved to 4-1 overall. Pershing, one of the top-ranked teams in Class A, fell to 4-2.

"It was no work of art," DCD coach Kurt Keener said. "But it's still December and we want to be a great team in March. Right now, we're rough around the edges. Montgomery's points in the fourth quarter were key hoops. They changed the momentum. It was an emotional win, for bragging rights on the playgrounds."

Although Webber wasn't pleased

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## Palace lights too bright for Spartans

By Brad Emons  
staff writer

A stay at the Palace was anything but pleasurable Thursday for coach Mike Fusco's Redford Bishop Borgess basketball team.

It was more like a night in the torture chamber as unbeaten Saginaw High held the Spartans hostage during the final 16 minutes of play en route to a convincing 81-52 triumph in the Big Michigan Shoot-out.

"I just chastised my team for getting caught up in the glitz and glamour of the thing instead of being mentally into the game," said Fusco, whose team suffered its first loss in four games. "Our minds were in it emotionally, which is good, but our minds weren't focused on actually playing the game."

Saginaw outscored the Spartans 47-24 in the second half to notch their fifth consecutive win.

The Trojans, in fact, were clearly the most impressive team in the in-

augural Shootout, which featured five games on the day, including the big matchup in the nightcap between Detroit Pershing and Country Day School of Birmingham.

"WE DIDN'T PLAY well at all," said Mike Fusco. "But they (Saginaw) played together. Their guards play extremely well. They isolated them one-on-one and they worked in that scheme very well with some of the other things offensively. They can get up the floor very well, but they're also a very selective team with their shots."

Saginaw clearly won the battle of the backcourt.

Senior Marcus Buckley paced all scorers with 21 points, while junior Daniel West contributed 17 and Julian Taylor added 10 off the bench.

The Trojans connected on six shots from three-point range.

"I think we're a good shooting team," said Saginaw coach Marshall

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Thomas. "I think we've been under 50 percent only one game. Our guards are starting to come around because mentally they're more into it. Any time Marcus or Daniel had the ball, we felt we could take it to the hoop."

Saginaw also got strong inside play from 6-6 junior Jesse Drain (14 points). The Trojans also started 6-7 junior Rashawn Williams.

"THEY KICKED OUR butts in the rebounding department," said Fusco. "Not that I'm not super happy about our block outs, but in our defense they had some huge bodies."

The Spartans started out as if they were ready to avenge last year's em-

barrassing 96-45 loss at Saginaw.

The Spartans, with top gun Shawn Respert scoring eight points, took a 19-18 first-quarter advantage.

But things quickly soured for the Spartans in the second quarter. They got careless with the ball and began forcing shots.

By halftime Borgess was down six, 34-28.

Respert, the 6-3 senior who came in averaging 29 points per game, picked up his third foul late in the first half and sat out half of the third quarter after being tagged with his fourth.

BUT THAT WASN'T the only problem. The Spartans could not handle Saginaw's ball-hawking backcourt. The Trojans, taking advantage of turnovers, outscored Borgess 11-0 during a stretch of only one minute and 32 seconds.

"We didn't have anything special designed for Respert. We played him

straight up," Thomas said. "But being in foul trouble kind of took him out of the game."

Respert finished with 12 points. Senior forward Randy White, was the only other Spartan in double figures with 13.

"If they invite us back next year, we'll play," Fusco said. "It was a good experience to play in a game like this. It says something about our program, even though we didn't live up to it tonight."

In the feature attraction of the night, Country Day held off Pershing, 51-46, in a ragged game.

The much-heralded Chris Webber, Country Day's 6-10 center, finished with 14 points as did teammate Iyapo Montgomery.

Sean Rambus, a 6-7 senior, led the Doughboys with 18, while 6-7 Lorenzo Orr, bound for Southern Cal, added 10, including a spectacular left-handed put-back dunk, which had the estimated crowd of 7,000 buzzing.



# Tournaments can be money-making efforts

There's some money out there just waiting for someone to come along and win it. Several local tournaments are available to amateur bowlers right now or coming soon.

The prize money is up to thousands of dollars, which you or I can win. Usually, the entry fees are pretty reasonable compared to the available winnings, so it's up to the individual to decide whether to enter or not.

There are lots of bowlers who do not enter tournaments who think they are not good enough. However, with the handicap system offered in many tournaments, it is possible for almost anyone to win, regardless of average.

The 77th annual Greater Detroit Bowling Association City Tournament takes place in April and is open to five-man teams.

The Classic Division (951 and over) has a \$2,500 first prize, and the Regular Division (950 and under) offers a \$5,000 top prize. There is also a Senior Division (850 and over) with a \$1,000 first prize.

Entries close Saturday, Feb. 24. For the ladies, the Detroit Women's Bowling Association is presenting its 65th Annual City Tournament in April.

There will be one division based on 80 percent handicap. The prizes for first place are: team, \$1,000; doubles, \$600; and singles, \$300. The total prize fund is estimated at \$40,000.

The ladies bowl at Thunderbolt Lanes beginning March 17. The entry deadline is Saturday, Feb. 3. For entry blanks, stop at your bowling center or call the GDBA at 773-6350 or the DWBA at 773-3050.

One of the most popular tournaments in the Midwest is the Hamtramck Singles Classic, which is under way and continues into June.

The reason this tournament, which is handicapped at 70 percent, is so popular is the enormous prize: \$54,000 for first place. This tournament is open to all ABC-WIBC bowlers of the past six years. Call 875-1546 for reservations or information.

The Amateur Bowlers Tour has regularly-scheduled tournaments each month. They are open to sanctioned bowlers who have had 180 or under averages for the last five years. For information call 282-2741.

For you higher average bowlers, the Michigan Majors Bowling Association is holding their Jan. 13-14 at the Astro Lanes in Midland Heights and Feb. 17-18 at Century Bowl in Livonia.

There are several out-of-town money tournaments such as the Peterson Classic in Chicago and the Hoinsie Classic in Ohio and which have very substantial prizes. Information on these tournaments can be obtained at the bowling center.

If you decide to enter, good luck!

Bel Air Lanes in Farmington is the site of the Tuesday Night Senior House League, and John Staricha held the hot hand last week with a 690 series, including a 287 game.

Bob Raf rolled a 671 with a 247 game. Bill Funkhouser bowled a 661 series. Keith Elwert bowled a 241 and 651 and Bill Pietryk scored 244 with a 654 set. The league finished the first half of the season, and this week everybody started out even for the second-half money.

Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington Hills saw Al Young of the Farmington Hills run up a 290 with a 748 series. A week earlier he shot a 725 series with games of 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300.

Takaka of the Lyndon Meadows League won with a 252 game.

# WLAA without clear-cut favorite

By Bill Parker staff writer

THE ONLY THING certain about the Western Lakes Activities Association volleyball race is that there will be a race.

In a league that prides itself on consistently-producing top-notch volleyball teams, there doesn't appear to be a clear-cut favorite as the 1990 season approaches.

"I think it will be a very fascinating race this year," said Mike Hughes, who coached the Livonia Churchill team to the WLAA championship last year. "I don't see anybody with a significant edge."

North Farmington veteran coach Sandra Lubienicki, whose team won the Lakes division title last year with a 12-1 league record, echoed similar sentiment.

"The league is always tough," Lubienicki said. "They (league opponents) will all be a challenge. I wouldn't make any predictions. There is no team in the league that can't come out and beat you."

The following is a brief preview of each of the Observersland teams competing in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL**  
The Chargers were undefeated in the WLAA last year (13-0) and advanced to the district finals before falling to the eventual state champ, Livonia Ladywood. Churchill finished the season at 30-4.

Churchill lost six girls from that team to graduation, including five starters. But don't look for the Chargers to slip to the back of the pack this season.

"The one thing that's really helping right now is that the girls have a nice attitude," said Hughes, entering his 11th season at the helm of the Churchill program. "We're very small (the biggest girl is 5-foot-6). So in order for us to do well we'll have to play defense. If we play excellent defense, play well as a team and do all the little things, we'll be OK."

Middle-hitter Christina Grady (5-8) is the only returning starter from last year's team. Janine Polega, a 5-8 senior hitter, Alyssa Belaire, a 5-7 junior hitter, Stephanie Speen, a 5-3 junior hitter, and Amy Baron, a 5-3 junior setter, all return to the team after seeing limited action last year.

Kelly Musallam, a 5-7 junior hitter and Keri Hawkins, a 5-7 junior hitter, move up from the junior varsity squad and are expected to fill in starting roles.

Junior Jackie Hebert, Jill Hutton, Lori Place, Janine Sproul, Fran Pribe and Becky Sharrah will also help the team.

Churchill is currently 3-0 on the season and travels Jan. 9 to Walled Lake Central for a rematch of last year's conference championship match.

**WALLED LAKE WESTERN**  
Second-year coach Shannon Miller is excited about Walled Lake Western's potential to be a contender in the upcoming season.

"We have the ability to win," said Miller, who came to Western last year after playing four years at Central Michigan University. "The girls that I have are really hard workers and want to win. I came into a really good program. Last year was my first year, but this year the girls know the program and what I expect from them."

The Warriors only lost two starters from last year's 28-31 team which finished second in the Lakes Division behind Churchill. Miller is looking for leadership from her four returning starters.

First-year coach Jacques Merrifield has a task confronting her. She must build a successful volleyball program around two returning starters.

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Seniors Shanna Schilling, a 5-7 hitter, Angie Gilbert, a 5-7 hitter, Amy Schuman, a 5-7 setter, and Laura Call, a 5-10 middle-hitter return to anchor the team. They'll be joined in the starting lineup by senior Tina Gardner and sophomore Dawn Godfrey.

Seniors Monica Cottrell and Jenny Du-Lac will help the Warriors some depth.

**FARMINGTON HARRISON**  
The Hawks were young last year and struggled through a 5-24 campaign. Things don't appear to be much improved over last year as Farmington Harrison heads into the 1990 season with just one senior and two returning starters.

"We had a young team last year and we're even younger this year," admitted seventh-year head coach Ronald Shott. "We're trying kids at different positions and we'll have to see how they do."

Senior Kristen Skibinski, a 5-3 hitter, and junior Melanie Alcantara, a 5-7 hitter, are the only returning starters from last year's team.

They'll be joined on the floor by juniors Shelby Bouwens, a 5-7 setter, Lisa Vasek, a 5-5 setter, and Carrie Hentim, a 5-10 hitter.

Others expected to fill in for the Hawks include freshman Julie Heist, sophomore Stephanie Sprague and junior Kari Hardner. Sprague and Hardner both transferred to Harrison and are ineligible until Jan. 15.

**LIVONIA FRANKLIN**  
Brenda Bulmanki steps into the head coaching position at Franklin this year after coaching the junior varsity last season. Bulmanki, an '86 Franklin grad, returned to the Franklin program last year after playing for the Chargers in the 1985 season at the helm of the Churchill program.

"All three of my returning starters can put together a season where they can earn (postseason) recognition."

The three girls Lubienicki is referring to are 5-8 senior hitter Courtney Knapp, 5-10 senior hitter Vikki Seamons, and 5-7 junior hitter Eve Clear.

Any Post, a senior setter, also returns after taking over the setting position last year late in the season. Junior Dana Botwick and sophomore Karen Sermet are also battling for the top setting position.

Senior Julie Whiteman, sophomore Karen Miller, and junior Christy Kral (5-11) will add spark off the bench as will sophomore Sara Lungren and senior Lori Wiegand.

**WALLED LAKE CENTRAL**  
The Vikings set a school record for the best win-loss record last year when they finished the season at 31-9. They finished second to Livonia Churchill at the league tournament, won the district title and advanced to the regional before bowing out of postseason play to Portage Northern.

With four starters returning from last year's team, eighth-year coach Mike Lindstrom feels this year's squad has a solid chance to contend for the league championship.

"I think we have a real good chance in our conference and a real good chance to be around at the end of the league tournament," said Lindstrom. "We're a solid team. I don't think the girls realize their potential. I think we're going to win."

"I think we're going to win," said second-year Farmington coach Sharon Hecker. "Our goal is to improve our record. I don't see us as a powerhouse, but I think we can upset some teams. We'll surprise some people."

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## LIVONIA STEVENSON

The Spartans return a solid core of starters from last year's 10-18 team which finished fourth in the Lakes Division.

For coach Lee Cagle it was the first losing season in his 10 seasons at the helm of the Stevenson program.

But Cagle hopes to combine that experience and a strong work ethic from this year's team and turn the Spartans back into a winning team.

"These girls have an incredible work ethic," explained Cagle. "They challenge each other and they like practicing. They have the potential to become a very good team."

Returning starters Renea Bonser, a 5-10 setter/hitter and sophomore Teresa Sarno will anchor the team. They'll receive support from juniors Sue Bell, a 5-7 hitter and Laura Zatorski, a 5-8 hitter. Juniors Andrea Wittrock, a 5-7 hitter, Jenny Melia, a 5-10 hitter and Collette Rockwell, a 5-9 hitter will add strength to the Spartans lineup.

Nicole Cibor and Chris Holowicki, sophomore Alicia Smith and freshman Patty Diamond.

"At this point we don't have any pit bulls," Cagle said. "We have a lot of show dogs, but we want to find out if we have any pit bulls."

**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN**  
The Rockets lost seven players from last year's 12-18 team but their team coach Linda Jimenez has her team working to improve on that mark.

"The team is working hard to develop into a solid defensive team with aggressive serves," Jimenez said. "Our spiking and blocking need much work, but the potential is there. Attitude is fantastic. It will be an enjoyable season."

Leading the way for the Rockets will be returners Michelle Meyers, a senior setter, Kerry Solano, a senior hitter, and Lynne Ross, a senior hitter.

Newcomers expected to fill in include senior Kim Constantino, junior Jennifer Massey, junior Kara Beery, junior Pam Murray, junior Lori Agius, junior Heather Lulek, sophomore Karen Olack, sophomore Kristi Zimmer and sophomore Niki Wojcik.

**FARMINGTON**  
After finishing at 5-24 last year, the Falcons are hoping to improve on that mark in the 1990 season.

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Seniors Christine Dean and Diana Santiago, junior Nan Dunsand and sophomores Wendy Wolski and Stacy Barrett.

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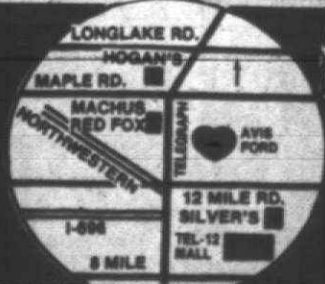
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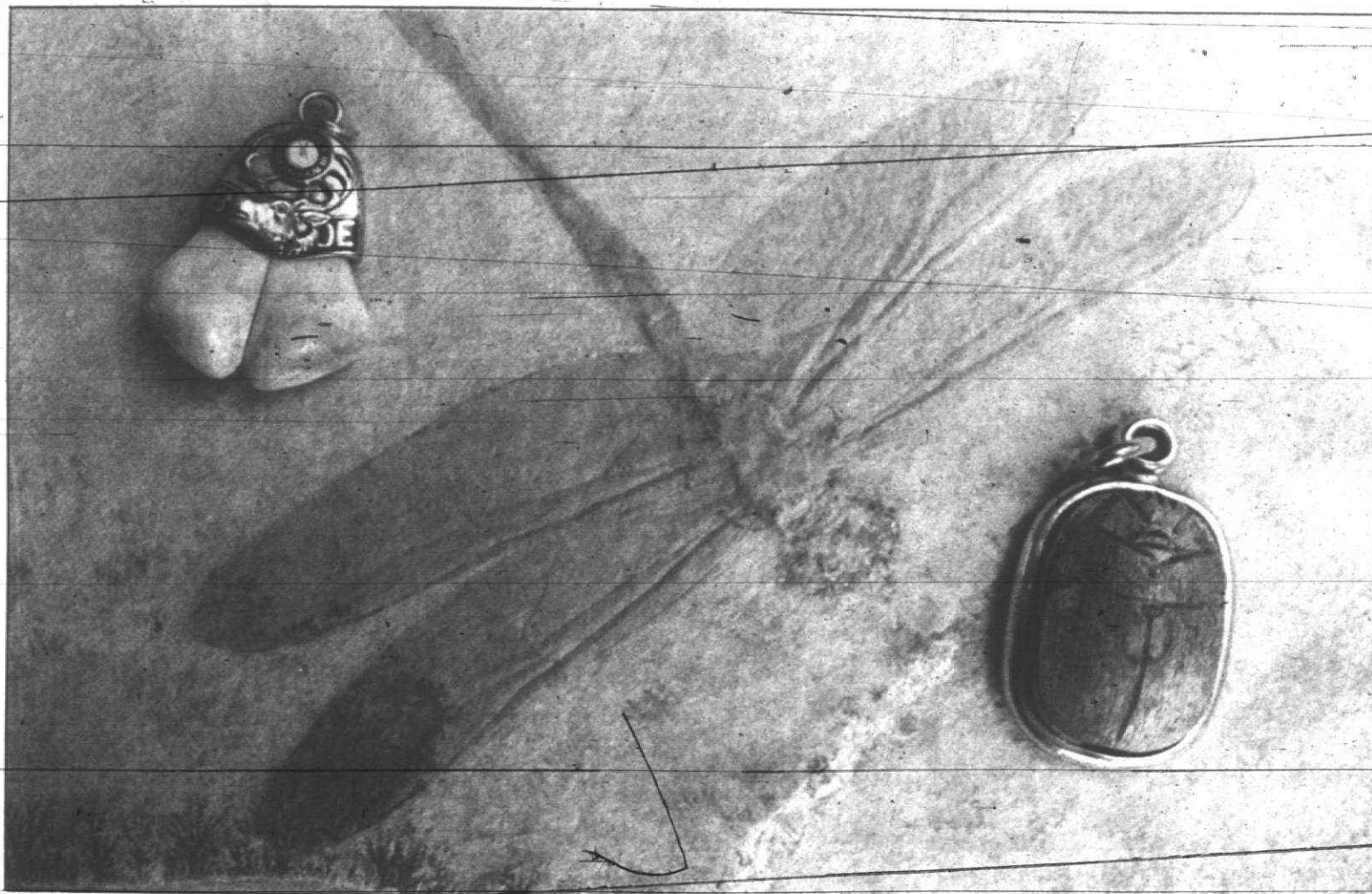
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## Interest in stones increases

By Debbie L. Sklar  
special writer

When it comes to illnesses, doctors are usually the experts; if it's a bank loan you're interested in, you go see a banker; but, if it concerns the unknown, chances are you should probably pay a visit to your local psychic.

"The reason people are so into crystals and gemstones," said Birmingham psychic Korry, "is because they are trying to balance their lives."

Korry said this phenomenon is nothing new because "the use of crystals dates back to the Old Testament. It's just becoming a part of pop culture."

For those who didn't know, the same crystals that many people are carrying or wearing around their necks are the same crystals that can be found in computers and watches.

"Quartz crystals are in the heart and soul of our technology," Korry said. "You see crystals have always been out there. It's only in the last few years that people have discovered their value. Crystals aren't anything new under the sun."

On a personal level, Korry said he wears two stones, a topaz and a diamond.

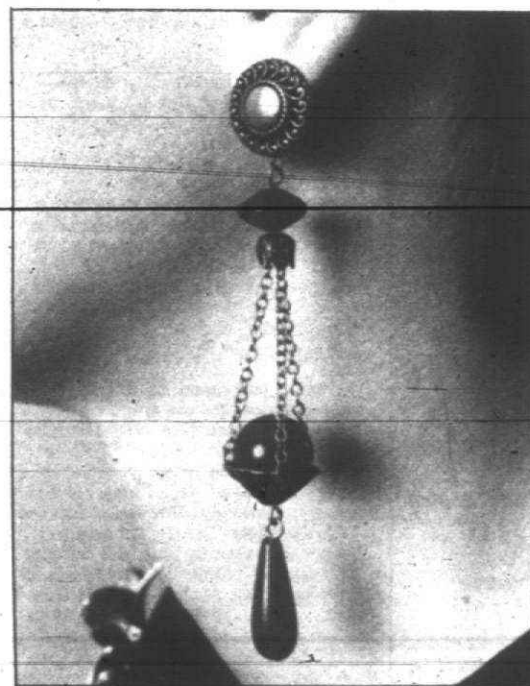
"Being a Scorpio, the topaz calms me down and the diamond soothes me," he said.

He said people are flocking to stores to buy anything that has a symbol or sign printed on it.

"People are looking toward anything that they think is going to make them feel better," he said. "This is one of the most stressful periods in history and people are basically grasping at straws to make them feel better."

"Gemstones, crystals or anything with a hidden symbol or meaning is definitely an aid to faith."

Carnelian is a stone reputed to grant good health and even possess antidotal qualities. Here it is used in this pair of "Eternal Light" earrings, made from an Egyptian design.



## Stone Age Discovering the hidden meaning

By Debbie Sklar  
special writer

All right, you can blame it on actress Shirley MacLaine, if you want to. After all, she's the one who got us hooked on crystals, didn't she?

But now it seems that everyone and his grandmother has his own crystal or personal gem stone.

According to experts, believers and authors, crystals and other gem stones have power.

"Precious and semi-precious stones have many qualities beyond their physical attributes," writes George Frederick Kunz, author of "The Curious Lore of Precious Stones."

"They have remarkable monetary value and in the opinion of most mankind from the earliest recorded times to the present, they have abilities and characteristics that can only be termed magical."

The "agate, for instance, was believed to cure insomnia. Ancient Greeks thought amber was the fossilized tears of Indian birds. Amethyst once was believed to prevent drunkenness and to cool sexual passion," Kunz said.

In the Middle Ages, beryl was thought to help one in battle or law suits, rendering one amiable, intelligent and diligent. Rubies were divided by the ancients into male and female stones. It was believed, they could make water boil and protect fruit trees from tempests as long as they were uncontaminated.

A recent trek through our suburbs uncovered a

riety of unusual jewelry, each with its own hidden meaning.

"SURE QUARTZ crystals are still popular, but the newest craze is colored gems," said Elaine Lewis of the Michigan Metaphysical Society in Berkley. "A lot of the customers already have a piece of jewelry that contains a quartz crystal, but now they're coming into the store and buying colored stones to add to the quartz."

Some of the more popular stones, Lewis said, are amethyst, hematite and lapis.

"Here's a perfect example of wearing colored stones in jewelry," she said, pointing to her own wrist wrapped with five beaded bracelets, each containing a different colored stone.

Why would someone want to wear a particular stone?

"It has been said that each stone has different power; each holds a different energy."

The Michigan Metaphysical Society, which has been in business for more than 20 years, sells loose stones as well as those set in pendants, earrings, rings and other accessories. Loose stones cost as little as 50 cents a piece.

"A few years ago, young girls would come in here and ask for an attractive pair of earrings they could buy. Today, they come in and specifically ask for a colored stone."

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R.U. Syrius

Karlos Barney



Karlos Barney ©1991

Trends of the Nineties: Salon head-shrinking for fuller, thicker-looking hair.

## Plan the honeymoon and let it snow

By Iris Sanderson Jones  
contributing travel editor

"Oh the weather outside is frightful . . ."

Is that why my phone is ringing off the hook with questions about honeymoon destinations? The fire may be so delightful, but it can't compare with dreams of a sunny beach somewhere.

"And since we've no place to go . . ."

Why not go to Jamaica, where you can buy a week in an all-inclusive resort (a couples resort like Sandals), with all your food, drink, recreation and entertainment covered by one package price, Club Med style?

Sandals prices start at about \$2,000 a week per couple. Since you've paid for your bed and board anyway, the resort will put on your wedding — at a minimal cost — and invite all the resort guests to the festivities.

"It doesn't show signs of stopping . . ."

But that doesn't matter to Jim and Carol of Redford, who want a nice cold, snowy destination for a

January honeymoon. They want to buy some corn for popping and let it snow!

"No ski resorts," Jim said, "although we wouldn't mind a little

cross country skiing."

That's an easy one. Chateau Montebello, in the village of Montebello, between the cities of Montreal and Quebec. Lots of snow.

The great log hotel is on what was once a seignury given by the Bourbon kings of France centuries ago, so there are 100 square miles of snow-covered land for cross country skiing, walking, hunting, etc.

THE CHATEAU IS a lazy comfortable place by day, but you dress up for the dining room, so it's a great honeymoon choice. You can take the train 40 miles west to Ottawa, Canada's capital city, or 80 miles east to the history and discos and great food of Montreal.

"When we finally kiss good night, how I hate to go out in the storm . . ."

But if you go to Chateau Montebello, you can stay inside and let it snow.

I'll never sell Julie and Bob of Birmingham on that idea, however, they're planning a March wedding, and they want someplace warm.

How about the islands that surround Florida and southern Georgia? The Florida Keys. Marco or



MICKY JONES

Honeymooners can soak up the sun or head out to sea in a sailboat at Cloister Beach on Sea Island, Ga.

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# MOVING PICTURES



Tom Cruise stars as Ron Kovic in "Born on the Fourth of July," an autobiographical film about Kovic's experiences as a Marine veteran who is paralyzed.

## 'Fourth of July' kicks off a new decade of movies

A very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year to you all. Everybody's coming through the '80s for their best-things-or-best-of-the-decade, so I thought I'd spare you one more trip through other people's pleasures and tip you off to some of the coming attractions that hold great promise for the new year. "Born on the Fourth of July" opens next week and appears to be more than "just another Vietnam film," starring Tom Cruise as Ron Kovic in an autobiographical work about Kovic's experiences as a Marine paralyzed during fighting in Vietnam.

The traumas visited on all Viet veterans when they returned is synthesized and symbolized in Kovic's story. Based on Kovic's book of the same name, "Born on the Fourth of July" was directed by Oliver Stone ("Platoon") who co-authored the script with Kovic. Willem Dafoe also appears in what looks to be a major motion picture.

"Glory" and "Roger and Me" are the best bets for the week of Jan. 12. Everybody's heard about Michael Moore's sardonic look at General Motors, but "Glory" hasn't had the same level of pre-release publicity. Matthew Broderick stars as Col. Robert Gould Shaw, the commanding officer of the 54th Massachusetts Regiment, the first black fighting unit recruited in the North during the Civil War.

The 54th Regiment's valor in battle undermined Northern opposition to arming blacks who eventually totaled more than 180,000 members of the Union Army. "Music Box," with Jessica Lange, opening Jan. 19, rounds out the new films this month. Lange is an attorney defending her father against charges that he was a notorious and vicious Hungarian secret police officer during World War II. The film examines the questions of guilt and innocence during the Holocaust.

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### Grading the movies

A+	Top marks - sure to please
A	Close behind - excellent
A-	Still in running for top honors
B+	Pretty good stuff, not perfect
B	Good
B-	Good but, notable deficiencies
C+	Just a cut above average
C	Mediocre
C-	Not so hot and slipping fast
D+	The very best of the poor stuff
D	Poor
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F	Truly awful
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## ALTERNATIVE VIEWING

### Alternatives offered in '89

By John Monaghan  
special writer

Controversy and box office receipts thrived in 1989, while some classics got a new life. Here's a look back at some of the year's most significant alternative film events.

• Spike Lee's "Do the Right Thing" had a healthy run in mainstream theaters but was still the most thought-provoking alternative film of the year. Some critics thought Lee's ambiguous moral tone would provoke riots, but audiences found themselves much more stirred up by the controversial violence in "Harlem Nights."

• The highly overrated "sex, lies and videotape," which overshadowed Lee's film at Cannes, was nevertheless an intelligently written drama by 28-year-old director Steven Soderbergh. It was one of the year's many rags-to-riches stories.

• "Heathers," produced by schlocky New World Pictures and written by a former video store employee, poked fun at high school mores in the nastiest — and cleverest — way possible. Some saw it as a glorification of teen suicide, but dark comedies never play by the rules anyway.

• In the Soviet-made "Little Vera," a young woman longs for excitement in a dead-end industrial town. This fascinating film, a sort of "comrades without a cause," has been called the most honest film of the Glasnost era.

• Spain's Pedro Almodovar, the "bad boy" of European cinema, had three memorable films premiere on area screens this year. His "Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown" was so popular that it left audiences begging for more — and they got it.

Almodovar's "Matador" (1988), a steamy satire of sexism, provoked women's groups to protest in front of the Detroit Film Theatre. If anyone figured out that "Dark Habits" (1984) was about a sect of drug-crazed nuns, there would have been trouble, too, but it played in relative anonymity.

• The Detroit Film Theatre held an ambitious 13-film tribute to wide



Steven Soderbergh's "sex, lies and videotape," which won acclaim at the Cannes Film Festival, stars Peter Gallagher, Laura San Giacomo, Andie MacDowell and James Spader.

screen films this past fall. Poor attendance may have led to the upcoming winter season having just a small handful of vintage titles. It's still the best screen in town.

• The Tele-Arts Theatre, meanwhile, kept plugging away in Grand Circus Park, bringing in decent premieres such as "The Navigator" and "Alice." It's a great place to see movies, though insiders wonder how it's survived this long.

• Senior citizens continue to flock to the Redford and free morning screenings at Livonia Mall.

• Certainly, the most talked-about film locally continues to be "Roger and Me." Journalist-turned-filmmaker Michael Moore's hard look at hard times in Flint was a hit at film festivals. Moore was courted by several studios before deciding to let Warner Bros. distribute it.

Think about it: a grainy, low-budget documentary about lay-offs in a Michigan auto town given the big push by a major film company. I can't think of a more encouraging sign for filmmakers — local, alternative or otherwise — in the new decade.

## SCREEN SCENE

LIVONIA MALL CINEMA, 29415 Livonia, 26600 Evergreen Road, Southfield. Call 354-9100 for information. (free)

"Elmer Gantry" (USA - 1960), 10 a.m. Jan. 2. Burt Lancaster shines in this heavy-handed adaptation of Sinclair Lewis' novel. He plays the unscrupulous title character who joins a charismatic woman's (Jean Simmons) traveling salvation show. Part of the mall's month-long tribute to Lancaster.

MICHIGAN THEATRE, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Call 668-8397 for information. (\$4 regular, \$3.25 students and senior citizens)

"Laputa" (Japan - 1988), 5:15 p.m. Jan. 2, 4:30 and 5 p.m. Jan. 3. A Disney animated feature about a woman chased around the galaxy for the magical amulet around her neck. With a mystical floating world, roughly based on a chapter from Gulliver's Travels.

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"Distant Voices Still Loves" (Britain - 1989), Jan. 2-4 (call for show times). The shots look like old color photographs in this intentionally slow, stilted, extremely stylized look at a British working class family in the 40s and '50s. A memorable, at times extremely moving, film experiment.

"Dangerous Liaisons" (USA - 1988), 9:10 p.m. Jan. 2 and 4 and 9:40 p.m. Jan. 3. John Malkovich, Michelle Pfeiffer and Glenn Close team up in this fantastic story of sexual politics in 18th-century France. Directed by Stephen Frears.

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## VIDEO VIEWING

By Dan Greenberg  
special writer

The flood of videos for home viewing pleasure continues unabated as the New Year dawns. In case you missed a few of the less publicized ones, let's start the new year by looking back over some interesting tapes that appeared under the radar last few months.

HBO presented six films from Hollywood's early years entitled "Legendary Silents." This collection has something for everyone — two swashbuckling adventures, "The Thief of Bagdad" (153 minutes) and "The Thief of Baghdad" (153 minutes) with Douglas Fairbanks and "The Eagle" (81 minutes) with Rudolph Valentino, and three comedies, "Our Hospitality" (75 minutes) and "The General" (77 minutes), both with Buster Keaton, and "The Strong Man" (78 minutes), starring Harry Langdon.

Langdon is little known these days despite great success during the silent era. Then he was ranked with Chaplin, Keaton, Harold Lloyd, Fatty Arbuckle and Ben Turpin although he faded from view quickly when the sound era began. He has not been revived as widely as the others.

In "The Strong Man," he stars as Paul Bergot, a Belgian World War I veteran traveling in America as a circus strongman. Bergot is searching for the young girl whose letters during the war helped buoy his spirits.

"The Strong Man" was directed by Frank Capra, better known at this time of year for "It's a Wonderful Life" as well as his other sound films, including "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" with Jimmy Stewart.

a railroad locomotive in the south during the Civil War. Keaton is its engineer, Johnnie Gray, who wants nothing more than to run his engine and court his girl (Lillian Gish).

But the Civil War gets in the way. Keaton successfully deadpans his way through the Armies of the North and South, outwitting the machines of war, and of man, as he goes. He does so with some of the finest comic routines ever devised.

There are lots of other excellent films available at your local video store. The "1990 Video Source Book" should be on local libraries' reference shelves in the next few weeks. It promises to be even thicker than its 1989 predecessor which listed 54,000 titles.

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## STREET BEATS

# Gories: Pounding out their own R&B sound

By John Logie  
special writer

Two minutes into a performance by the Gories, an astute observer can easily determine which audience members are seeing the band for the first time.

The first-timers wear what Gories lead singer and guitarist Mick calls "the grass-eater look" — that look that wildebeests get before the pack of lions pounces on them.

"People who haven't heard us are generally taken aback," he said. "I don't know what it is about us. I'd like to think it was the noise level, but I know we're not that loud."

Indeed, it is not the band's volume that prompts the weak to go glassy-eyed and bovine. It is the band's sound.

For the past three years, Mick and his partners in crime, guitarist Dan Kroha and drummer Peg O'Neill, have played a grungy, snarly brand of rhythm and blues which is startlingly unlike anything this side of Bo Diddley's worst lost weekend.

Mick says the sound "generally reminds me of a Marmaduke cartoon, where Marmaduke and this kid are hiding, but looking over the fence at the milkman, and the kid looks at Marmaduke and says, 'OK, Marmaduke, bark real loud right now!'"

A basso back, the sound of breaking glass and crying over spilled milk, are all elements of the Gories' sound, but there's a lot more to the band.

MICK is nothing if not manic. Clad in sharkskin and sunglasses, he claws his Kent guitar and rants into the microphone with unsettling fervor.

Dan bolster's Mick's guitar lines with a steady stream of bashed-out bar chords. Peg pounds a tom-tom with a maraca and generates more noise than one person with a sorely limited drum set, including a non-functional bass drum.

You'd expect a band like the Gories to spring from twisted roots, but were it not for occasional perversities, the Gories' genesis would be uncomprehendingly like an old Mickey Rooney/Judy Garland "we can have a show of our own" barnyard musical.

"We were sitting around one night listening to an LP called 'Scum of the Earth, Volume 1,'" Mick recalls, "and Dan was poling, where Gidget is. I looked at him and said, 'You know, we could do this just as good as these guys.' And Dan said, 'You know, you're right. Why don't we form a band?'"

THE BAND'S NAME came "from an episode of Gidget, where Gidget is a flat broke socialite who makes a wealthy stockbroker (Claude Rains) only to realize her real love for him years later. Shown on large screen video.

"Mr. Skeffington" (USA - 1944), 7:30 p.m. Jan. 4. Epic Warner Bros. soap opera stars Bette Davis as a flat broke socialite who makes a wealthy stockbroker (Claude Rains) only to realize her real love for him years later. Shown on large screen video.

TELE-ARTS, 1540 Woodward, Detroit, 963-8690. (\$2)

"Drugstore Cowboy" (USA - 1989), Jan. 4-8 (call for show times). Matt Dillon leads a quartet of larcenous junkies in the early '70s. Instead of simply depicting the horrors of drugs, the film also shows their appeal — a subversive thought indeed for the late '80s.

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Before forming the Gories, Kroha's entire playing skills consisted of strumming one chord during a song in his previous band, the Onset. Mick never picked up a guitar seriously. And because O'Neill happened to be sitting next to Kroha, she got to play drums.

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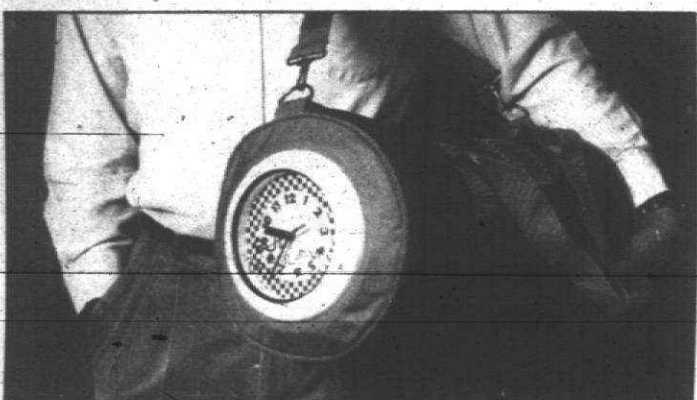
## STREET SEEN

Our intrepid Street Scene reporter is always looking for the unusual and welcomes comments and suggestions from readers and entrepreneurs. Send those to this column in care of this newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or call 591-2300, Ext. 313.



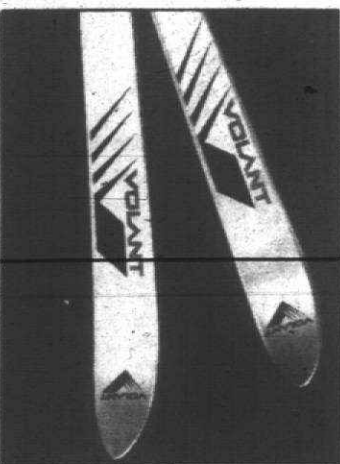
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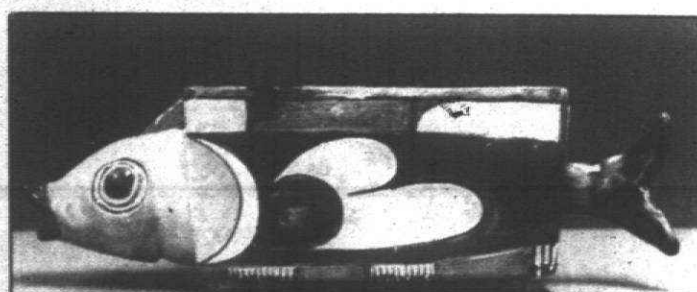
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## FEAR & LOAFING

### For suburbanites, I predict . . .

What does the new year hold for suburbanites? To prepare you for 1990, our staff goes back to the future with next year's news:

#### (1) Fashion Trends

Women's hemlines will go down below the knee, but this move towards modesty will be more than offset by a switch to transparent fabrics. The new "see-through look" will lead to a sharp increase in men walking into parking meters. Cosmetic dentistry will offer more than just style. For diners who love their steaks extra rare, fully functional fangs will save valuable time at those power lunches.

Body piercing will be the next craze in jewelry. It started with earlobes, then spread to noses for a daring few. This year, anywhere you can grab a pinch of skin will be pierced and decorated. Instead of sweating at the gym to lose those "love handles" and "spare tires," fashionable folks will use them to dangle their bangles.

#### (2) Diet and Health

High-fiber foods will grow even more popular. However, as people consume increasing amounts of oat bran, their bodies will become highly flammable. Colon cancer will be virtually eliminated, but death by spontaneous combustion will skyrocket.

Fad diets will be replaced by a simple surgical procedure — having

your taste buds removed. When everything you eat tastes like and old mattress, you'll automatically lose weight. A cheap alternative to having your tongue scraped will be to lick a car fender at 10 below.

#### (3) Real Estate

Detroit suburbs will pass tough new zoning laws, requiring one strip center for every 10 residents. For city approval, each mall must contain a party store, video rental, sun-tan parlor, frozen yogurt, pizza carryout and sensory deprivation flotation tank. Nicknamed "East Meets West," the project calls for one continuous strip center stretching from St. Clair Shores to Ann Arbor by 1991.

#### Business and Industry

Early in 1990, the Big Three automakers will unveil bold new marketing. Instead of cash-back rebates, buyers will receive a free Japanese car with every purchase. American engineers will counter foreign technology by adding more design operations like eel skin pedals, leather tail pipes and vibrator seats. As sales slump, buyer incentives will escalate with free gas, free insurance and a chance to live in the dealer's home for five years or up to 50,000 miles.



Karl Nilsson

#### (5) Media Scoop

Detroit TV stations will file for a joint operating agreement by claiming their top execs are forced to deliver newspapers in their bare feet just to pay the rent. Switching to one simulcast channel will cut overhead, and the rating wars and drive ad rates up. Viewers will also benefit from the JOA's take-it-or-leave-it programming policy of non-stop "Mr. Ed."

#### (6) Leisure and Recreation

Boat marinas and public docks will be filled beyond capacity next

year. Faced with no place to launch their second mortgages, hundreds of families will turn to dryland boating. Special parking lots will be set aside for boaters to trailer their boats around with their families aboard. Wavy sections of pavement will simulate choppy conditions, while the crew enjoys the sun and wind just like before. Ski boats will pull skiers on skateboards and fishermen can cast into specifically stocked chuck holes.

#### (7) Cultural Trends

Cigarette smoking will finally be banned in all public and private places. Children will be paid to turn in parents who light up and nicotine screening will occur at every workplace. However, to subsidize the economy of tobacco producing states, lobbyists will pressure Washington for alternative uses for their cash-crop. By the end of 1990, millions of leftover cigarettes will be fed to students as part of the government's school lunch program.

Speaking of schools, the local smut patrol will allow "Catcher in the Rye" back onto library shelves after discovering students can no longer read words with more than three letters.

Ha Pee Nu Yir!



## Don't let weather dampen planning

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Sanibel Islands on Florida's gulf coast. Sanibel is low-lying, residential and has the third-best shelling beach in the world. Neighboring Captiva has a huge resort called South Seas Plantation. Marco is high-rise and beachy.

Or go north and east to the Atlantic, and you get a similar (if slightly cooler) ambience on Amelia Island, which has the Amelia Island Plantation at one end (ask for a pool room) and a funky fishing town at the other.

Or go north across the Georgia border to the Sea Islands. Each island has its own ambience.

GREG AND SALLY of Farmington are also getting married in the spring. Sally said, "Greg likes cities, and I like islands. We both like it warm."

There is one Florida island that will do all that: Key Biscayne, which is across a bridge from Miami. You can do beach life at a contemporary hotel, bike, spend some time in the state park at the end of the island, climb an historic lighthouse, enjoy a fairly populated island and drive across the bridge into the city any time.

Well, the fire is slowly dying, and there's one more couple trying to say goodbye to winter. "We love staying in historic houses and wandering around historic areas. Someplace warm, please." That's Sue, who will marry John in April.

Try Charleston; Savannah or San Antonio, which will be warm, warmer, warmest, as you drive south. Historic Charleston was not damaged by Hurricane Hugo and fits the bill.

So does Savannah. Stay in one of their marvelous historic inns in the restored downtown area and walk, walk, walk.

San Antonio has the Alamo, the Spanish missions, a restored river front and lots of warm southern gaiety.

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## STREET CRACKS

### Brannan: Laughing success

By Larry O'Connor  
staff writer

Lost in a bet? Lazy typist at the hospital? "Traded" for an extra letter in his last name?

Hey, Jef Brannan, where's the other F?

"That's the way it is on my birth certificate, with two Fs," said Brannan, 29, who lives in Auburn Hills. "But I let it down to one. It looks better and two Fs is rather redundant."

When you're a comedian, every letter counts. So does every engagement as the Rochester High School grad has found. Brannan is entering his ninth year as a stand-up comedian, not including the year he took off to go to Florida so he could become a "beach bum."

Life is on the A-side for Brannan. He recently was featured on Showtime's "Comedy Club Network" and has a slew of upcoming headline engagements, both nationally and locally.

And this is from someone who didn't think he was any more funny than the other cut-ups at Rochester High, a person who first viewed comedy as something of a hobby, not a way to make a living. Some \$50,000 a year later, Brannan has found out otherwise.

"That's the reason why I'm telling you," he said about yearly income, which doesn't include expenses. "The I.R.S. already knows."

Brannan knew he was hooked on stand-up comedy after seeing one show.

"I DIDN'T think you had to write material. I used to think all that funny stuff came out of their heads," Brannan said. "Then I went to a comedy show. I liked it so much I went back there the next night and he was telling the same jokes. I thought, (heck), I can do that."

Brannan started writing jokes on 3-by-5-inch index cards before graduating to spiral notebooks. He did his first stand-up gig at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, which then was one of the only comedy clubs around. He bombed.

Undaunted, Brannan kept practicing and writing new material. Then came the major turning point in his career. "When people started offering to pay me money," a club owner in East Lansing offered Brannan \$25, gas money (an additional \$5) and dinner to perform on weekends.

When you're talking about up and coming comedians, there's Jef — with one F, thank you — Brannan, a Rochester High School graduate

who has been honing his laughability for nine years.

From there, Brannan was on his way. His sarcastic and sometimes dark humor found appreciative ears in clubs in the East and South along with the Midwest. He is a regular headliner at Detroit area clubs.

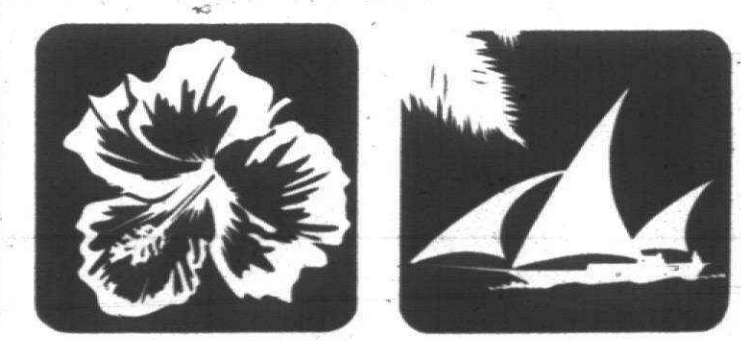
His act has been honed to appeal to all audiences, no matter the region. "You can't be from New York and do subway jokes in Iowa," Brannan said. "I try not to deal in a whole lot of that humor. I kept my act where I don't have to do that."

Brannan's act was recently captured live on Showtime. He admits being a little nervous at the first of two tapings, the first taking place at the Punchline in Atlanta, Ga. The second time went much better. That performance aired.

The experience of watching himself on TV was a new one.

"YOU TEND to become highly critical," he said. "I saw some things I thought I could do better. But, overall, I was pleased with it."

Brannan's trying to set up some other television appearances to go along with his busy club schedule. A planned move to Los Angeles next year won't hurt in that pursuit, either. Once there, he hopes to cut his travel itinerary from three weeks out of a month to only one week.



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#### Bea's Comedy Kitchen

Tony Hayes, Stuart Johnson Theatre and Downtown Tony Brown will perform Friday through Saturday, Jan. 5-6, at Bea's Comedy Kitchen, 541 Larned, Detroit. Show times are 8:30 and 11 p.m. For information, call 961-2581.

#### Chaplain's East

Norm Stutz with Rico Diaz and Harry Artin will perform Thursday through Saturday, Jan. 4-6, at Chaplain's East, 34241 Groesbeck, Fraser. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call 792-1902.

#### Chaplain's West

Tim Walkoe, with Danny Gray and John Deacon will perform Tuesday through Saturday, Jan. 2-6, at Chaplain's West, 16890 Telegraph, south of Six Mile, Detroit. For information, call 533-8866.

#### Mainstreet

Stuart Johnson Theatre will perform Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 3-4, and Downtown Tony Brown will perform Friday and Saturday, Jan. 5-6, at Mainstreet Comedy Showcase, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday and 7, 9 and 11 p.m. Saturday. For information, call 996-9080.

#### Joey's Livonia

Bob Haney will perform along with Mike Green and Ken Brown Wednesday through Saturday, Jan. 3-6, at Joey's Comedy Club, 36071 Plymouth, east of Levan, Livonia. Show times are 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Saturday. For reservations, call 261-0555.

#### Joey's Allen Park

Brannan will perform along with Keith Raff and Steve Mitchell Wednesday through Saturday, Jan. 3-6, at Joey's Comedy Club and Sports.

Jef Brannan will perform Wednesday through Saturday, Jan. 3-6, at Joey's Comedy and Sports Emporium in Allen Park. For information, call 382-7041.

Emporium, Southfield Road, Allen Park. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call 382-7041.

#### Holly Hotel

Tim Lilly will perform Thursday through Sunday, Jan. 4-6, at Holly Hotel, 110 Battle Alley, Holly. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Thursday and 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call 634-1891.

#### Miss Kitty's

Paul Kelly and Tim Rowlands will perform Thursday-Sunday, Jan. 4-6, at Miss Kitty's Comedy Club, Long Branch Restaurant, 595 N. Lapeer Road, Oxford. Show times are 8 p.m. Thursday, 8 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call 626-6500.

#### Looney Bin

Brent Cushman will perform with special guests Pyramid and Tim Herot will perform Thursday-Sunday, Jan. 4-6, at the Wolverine and Looney Bin Restaurant and Comedy Club, 1655 Glenway, Walled Lake. Show times are 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 8 and 10:15 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 669-9374.



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Jane Fedrigo of Livonia went to Florida to find furnishings for her 1,000-square-foot back yard deck in Livonia and ended up the owner of two patio furniture stores, named after Palm Beach, Fla.

## Palm Beach: Closer than you think

By Darrell Clem  
staff writer

You don't find many black plastic Christmas trees in a patio furniture shop.

Come to think of it, you don't find many black plastic Christmas trees anywhere.

But in a patio store? Especially, one that takes its name after Palm Beach, Fla.?

The idea might seem strange at first — but not after talking with store owner Jane Fedrigo. Then it starts to make good business sense.

"It's kind of hard to sell patio furniture in the winter," said Fedrigo, the 30-year-old Livonia resident who owns Palm Beach Patio Furniture stores in Waterford Township and Novi.

And anyway, this fast-talking, quick-witted entrepreneur who laughs often and smokes cigarettes can hardly be described as traditional.

"She cares more about her back yard than she does about the inside of her house," said Fedrigo's mother, Gwen.

Perhaps that's why Fedrigo started her patio business 5½ years ago after a shopping spree in Florida. She went south to find furnishings for her 1,000-square-foot back yard deck in Livonia because she didn't see what she wanted in the Detroit area. She ended up having 40 sets of patio furniture — a truckload — shipped north. "I was just looking."

FEDRIGO, WHO had quit college because she didn't believe she was getting her money's worth, didn't even have a home for her patio inventory. Never mind that she had no retail experience. Or loyal customers. Or even a cash register.

Those details would be worked out. However, even her family questioned her decision, at age 24, to start a patio business.

"But nobody talks Jane out of what she believes in," her mother said. "She had definite ideas, and she would not be discouraged. She has a lot of drive."

Nine of 10 businesses fail in the first five years. Fedrigo observes with a twist of wry humor that after

5½ years in business, "the odds are now only 30 percent that I'll fail."

She must be doing something right though. She has kept a Waterford Township office and last March opened her second store — the one at Novi Town Center. She wants more stores.

Even so, there was a time when Fedrigo wanted nothing more than to own a restaurant, although she concedes that her first love — cooking — is seldom practiced. But she did once beat 25 competitors in a state chili cooking contest. And she jokes — or does she — that she might one day open a restaurant.

"I'm halfway to the restaurant business now. People will come in the store, sit down on the patio furniture and get comfortable. Now all I need is a little kitchen in the back room and I can start serving food."

ALTHOUGH SHE sometimes works 60 hours a week, Fedrigo travels to places such as San Francisco, Dallas, Atlanta, Chicago and New York to keep abreast of the latest styles of patio furniture. The furniture she buys has been shipped

from as far away as Costa Rica.

Next summer, the most popular colors for patio furniture will be black, dark green and white, she said, while yellow is expected to decline in popularity. One of the top styles will be large, awning-type stripes.

Palm Beach Patio Furniture carries such brands as Brown Jordan, Allibert, Samsonite and Tropitone. The patio sets vary from wrought iron to wood to steel to polyvinyl chloride. The stores offer wall art, table settings and — of course — Christmas trees.

Fedrigo stocks such a variety because she believes her store is like a doughnut shop, "and who wants to walk out of a doughnut shop with a dozen of the same doughnuts?"

Many people buy patio furniture on the spur of the moment for graduation parties or family reunions, Fedrigo said. When the patio business slows in the fall, Fedrigo turns to the Christmas season.

She decorates 20 trees at her Novi store and 30 at the Waterford Township outlet. White lights and silver tinsel look especially good on the

black plastic trees, she said. She chooses a wheat — yes, wheat — tree decorated with aqua, pink and purple lights for her home.

"I REALLY GO for the avant-garde. These trees are just so contemporary."

Fedrigo, the fourth of five children, said she probably will settle down someday and have a family of her own. In fact, she alludes to a marriage but won't say when it might occur.

But she'll never be domesticated, she said, because she plans to stay in the patio business.

"I love patio. I will probably never get out of it."

She will, however, have to consider expanding the 200-square-foot patio built onto the Farmington Hills house to which she plans to move soon. The patio is one-fifth the size of her current patio.

"That's OK," Fedrigo said, puffing on a Carlton. "My new place is on a corner lot. I've got plenty of room to expand the deck. And I'll need to. I've got a lot of patio furniture."

## When a stone isn't just a stone

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"I think people in general are doing more research about a particular stone before they make a purchase. The stones have taken on a whole new meaning for a lot of people."

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- For middle back discomforts — Bloodstone, amethyst or smoky quartz.
- For upper back discomforts — Rose quartz, amethyst or bloodstone.

In a quaint jewelry shop in Farmington Hills, fossil jewelry is all the craze.

"What we've done is taken fossils and made wearable jewelry out of them," said Anita Collins, co-owner of Your Jeweler's Bench. "People

***'A few years ago, young girls would come in here and ask for an attractive pair of earrings they could buy. Today, they come in and specifically ask for a colored stone. I think people in general are doing more research about a particular stone before they make a purchase.'***

— Elaine Lewis  
Michigan Metaphysical Society

love it because they're unique and they don't see themselves coming and going like they do with other jewelry."

Your Jeweler's Bench has fossil jewelry ranging from necklaces made from cephalopods, shells permeated by iron pyrite to Egyptian scarab pendants, which meant good luck in those days. The petrified sand dollar neck pieces are sure to start conversations.

COLLINS ALSO has some antique jewelry with its own history. For example, there's a Bloody Bucket ring. Made of sterling silver, it dates from World War II.

"It belonged to one of the soldiers from the British brigade in Eng-

land; they called themselves the Bloody Buckets. It was like their signet ring."

Other items include jewelry made from human hair — real collector's pieces, according to Collins — and genuine elk's teeth pins.

"People are generally fascinated with these items. And because they have a story behind them, that makes them all the more interesting."

Fossils range in price from \$150-\$2,500. Mounted prices begin at \$22 for a gold-filled trilobite pendant.

In Southfield, where busy streets and strip malls abound, there is one shop where peace and tranquility still reign.

Presence II on the lower level of the Claymore apartment complex

off of Franklin Road in Southfield can be described in one word — romance.

Jewelry with hidden meaning has "been around for centuries," artist/shop owner Leslie Pilling said.

Pilling's store, which opened last June, carries everything from lavish picture frames adorned in lace to home interior accessories to "jewelry with deep meaning."

"I've done a lot of research on this topic. It appears that the Egyptians and Mayans were the first to use different shapes, designs and colors to give something a particular meaning."

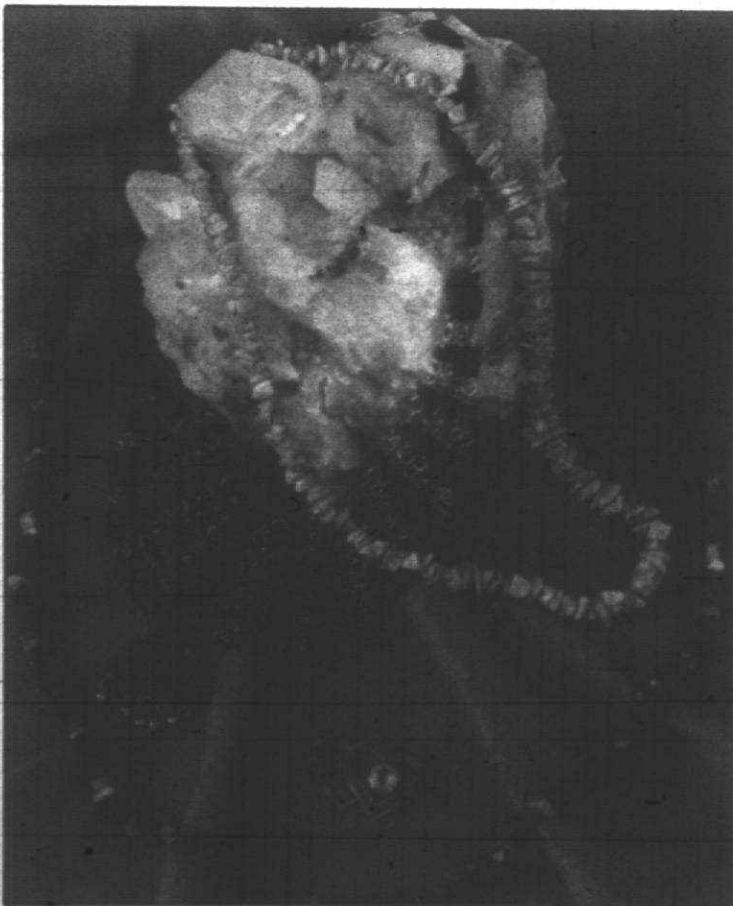
IN ANCIENT Egyptian hieroglyphics certain animals had certain meanings behind them. The fish meant good luck, the bird freedom, the elephant's trunk good luck, the heart love and the bear power, Pilling said.

Pilling has several pieces of jewelry that carry those signs. There is also a pair of earrings that has been made to look like grapes and vines.

"I asked the artist what the significance was. She told me that they should be worn by someone who wants to have a baby because they represent fertility."

Other earrings have astrological signs engraved on them, and there are necklaces adorned with charms that have their own meanings.

"Over the past few years, people have really gotten into this hidden meaning stuff. Personally, I think the more unusual and eerie something is the more people want it."



BILL HANSEN

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## New decade brings new choice options

Happy New Year!

As always, the New Year is a time for New Beginnings, especially since we are also starting a new decade. It's a time to look back at what has been happening in our lives, to ponder if our lives have taken the direction we've wanted, to look forward to what is ahead.

Many of us have been with relatives for the first time in a while, or perhaps we've missed being with our families and became nostalgic. It may have been a time of remembering, of recreating a feeling for what our lives used to be, of the standards and values, with which we were brought up.

A lot of us have broken away from the way we were reared. This happened with great purpose for some; for others it has been unintentional. We may have floated away from what was important in our families, to being caught up in an excessive materialistic society. We may have lost the habit of taking time to keep in touch, to pray, to do good for others. Or perhaps we feel good that we really have helped others during this holiday season and we'll do it again — next year.

NOW IS A TIME to become introspective. It is a time to imagine what we want to be in the future — 5 or 10 years down the road — and how we will get there. What is most important to us? What are we driven by? Do we want to be Mr. or Mrs. Success? Is money what we are after? Title? Position? Will even more possessions give us peace of mind? Or would we like to recapture a little



organizing

**Dorothy Lehmkuhl**

of the past? Would we like to evaluate the importance of faith in our lives?

If we feel religion is worthwhile but we've not taken the time to practice it, perhaps this would be a good time for a new beginning. Rather than waiting for the next Easter, Hanukkah or other religious holiday, perhaps now is the time to begin praying more, to attend our places of worship regularly, to treat others the way we feel our God teaches.

Too many of us lament that, while we do believe, we "don't have time" for religion. What we must remember is that there are 24 hours in our day — just as there is for everyone else. Even some of the busiest, most important and influential people in our country regularly take time for their spiritual life. Lack of time is no excuse at all. What we must admit is that we chose to spend our time doing other things.

This is not intended as an argument with those who do not believe in religion; rather, it is to stimulate those who do feel faith is important, but whose actions do not mirror their beliefs.

Dorothy Lehmkuhl is owner of Organizing Techniques of Birmingham 48010.

## In winter, there's garden work, too

Even as the New Year opens, there are things that can be done in the garden. If you haven't secured upright growing evergreens such as yew, upright junipers and others that might be broken down by heavy snow, it isn't too late to do it.

Tap three tall pieces of dowl-type wood into the ground around the trees and wrap twine or heavy cord around them; they will appreciate it. Wind barriers are best made of burlap or fabric that will breathe. If plastic is used, the temperature can get quite hot in the winter sunshine under such coverings and the plants can be damaged by the heat generated.

Although many communities have now begun to compost Christmas trees, you may want to use yours as a snow fence or sun and wind shield for broadleaf trees and shrubs that are in an open area. Or, you may enlist several neighbors and tie your trees together to make a safe winter haven for the birds in severe weather.

When I was a child we often made a tree for the birds after Christmas. This might be a project for the children on a cold winter day. Strings of unsalted popcorn, cranberries, and peanuts in the shell will provide a welcome treat, as well as decoration. Pine cones can be rolled in a mixture of no-salt peanut butter which has been diluted with suet or other oils.



down to earth

**Marty Figley**

A home-made recipe called "Marge's porridge" that birds seem to love can be made. Two parts each of ground suet, corn meal and sugar, one part flour, water. Mix ingredients with water (not over 1/2 part) and cook in a double boiler (covered) until quite thick, about 25 minutes, stirring several times while it is cooking.

This mixture, after it cools, can be put into a cage made from hardware wire or packed into orange or grapefruit shells. After the mixture sets up in the shells, punch four holes evenly around the edge of the shells and up through the suet mixture.

Tie a cord at each hole, leaving the ends long enough to meet at the top so that they can be tied together. Now tie this feeder on a branch of a tree and watch the birds go for it. The shells can also be set in a crevice of a tree or at ground level. Have fun with these ideas.

I hope the New Year brings health, peace and joy to all of you.



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**THIS ...**

Interior designer Judy Hewes (left) and real estate agent Theresa Levett in the furnished living room in the house that is serving as a pilot project involving houses for sale due to relocations.

**VS. THIS**

An empty room in the same house left vacant when the family moved due to relocation.

## Sales tactic

Designer poses a question: empty vs. furnished house?

By Cathleen Collins Lee  
special writer

N OBODY has lived there since last April, but it would be hard for a visitor to this contemporary Rochester Hills house to tell.

A small Oriental rug lies on the dark wood floors in the entryway and a variegated ficus tree stands near the stairs.

The kitchen table — a glass top set on slabs of marble — is ready for lunch, with navy blue placemats and colorful napkins.

Mauve and gray contemporary love-seats are set at right angles to each other in the family room, while books and knick-knacks fill the shelves on either side of the fireplace.

While this house may lack only a stray sock or a few days' supply of newspapers to look completely lived in, it actually is the product

of a 72-hour decorating blitz by area interior designer Judy Hewes.

Hewes is working with Chamberlain Realty's Relocation Department on a pilot project to temporarily and inexpensively decorate houses that are vacant because the homeowners have been transferred.

SELLING AN EMPTY house, no matter how attractive, can be difficult because buyers have a hard time imagining it furnished.

So Hewes, who heads her own firm, Continental Interior Design, persuaded Theresa Levett, director of Chamberlain's Relocation Department, to let her use rental furniture and a few accessories to brighten up what might otherwise be a sterile-looking house.

This is an attempt to sell a Traveller's relocation home that's been on the market since April," Levett said.

"It's a nice home, but there's tremendous competition with new construction houses sold through model homes."

"Judy Hewes has been calling me every month with this idea," Levett said, laughing. "And I'm glad she kept after me, because I think it could work."

WHEN A relocation company acquires a house, they normally have it painted and carpeted in neutral colors — at a cost of approximately \$6,000, according to Hewes.

For an additional \$1,200 or so, she can improve the house's appearance dramatically — and help it sell more quickly, she said.

"We did something similar with a house in Ohio that had been on the market for a while — and it sold in two weeks," Hewes said. "We do it on a shoestring — we gear it so the realty company can afford to do it."

WHAT DOES \$1,200 buy? Hewes' approach is to rent furniture for a few key areas — the kitchen, living room and family room — and buy some inexpensive accessories, such as used books and pottery.

Chamberlain bought the Oriental rug, the ficus tree and a brass fireplace screen to use in other houses.

In rooms that weren't furnished, such as the den and bedrooms, Hewes hung attractive prints and positioned flower arrangements on shelves and windowsills.

The prints were loaned for a month by Aardvark Custom Framing in Farmington Hills and the silk flowers were provided by Victoria's in Brighton.

THIS PARTICULAR house had attractive window treatments, but if it hadn't, Hewes would have used inexpensive valances.

She can also add color to a room



JIM RIDER/staff photographer

by installing wallpaper borders with double-sided tape.

"I want to stress that it takes one totally committed designer to accomplish this," Hewes said.

"It took a good 72 hours of work. Everything was hand-coordinated — every house we do would be totally different. But if you stick with it, you can transform a house pretty quickly."

IN ORDER to make sure area real estate agents saw the change in the home, Chamberlain hosted a luncheon there, complete with a drawing for a car phone.

Approximately 50 real estate agents attended, and many seemed favorably impressed.

"I've never seen a house professionally decorated to be sold like that," said Suzanne Clark, a sales associate with ERA Meadowbrook. "It's very effective. I have shown several vacant homes and not sold any of them. This might help."

The house represents an exciting new approach to selling relocation homes — and also some risk, Levett said.

BECAUSE Traveller's Relocation, which owns the house, was unwilling to pay for anything more than the customary painting and carpeting, Chamberlain has invested in the additional decorating itself.

"If we lose the listing — which expires in a month — and if this

house doesn't sell, it's an expense I'll have to eat," Levett said.

"But we wanted to show Traveller's that we're extremely committed to selling relocation houses and will promote them to the best of our abilities."

Levett hopes that if this house sells fairly quickly, relocation companies will be more willing to pay for design services in the future.

BUT THE approach is only worthwhile in certain situations, she said.

For one thing, the price of the house has to be high enough to justify the expense of decorating. This particular one in Rochester Hills is listed at \$198,900.

Secondly, decorating a house would be more useful in an area like Rochester Hills or West Bloomfield, where real estate agents are competing with new houses.

And finally, this approach makes most sense when the real estate market is soft and houses are taking longer to sell.

WITH THOSE reservations, Levett is optimistic that between them she and Hewes can pioneer a creative approach to selling relocation homes in the Detroit area.

In fact, she already has Hewes working on another project — an unusual, contemporary house in downtown Birmingham.

## exhibitions

### ● SOMERSET MALL

Thursday, Jan. 4 — "A Thousand Years of Roman Fashions, 500 B.C. to A.D. 500," presented by Norma Goldman, is on display through Jan. 14. Goldman, professor at Wayne State University, has recreated Roman fashions down to the last seam after intensive on-site research. Open during regular Mall hours, Big Beaver and Coolidge, Troy.

### ● LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY

Thursday, Jan. 4 — Etchings, serigraphs and embossed prints by Canadian artist Mathias Muleme are on display to Feb. 3. Closing reception 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 29 W. Lawrence, Pontiac.

### ● JOY EMERY GALLERY

Friday, Jan. 5 — Paintings and prints by Michigan artists Stephen Duren, Dick Goody, Ann Mikolowski and Lucille Nawara are on display through Feb. 3. Hours are 11 a.m. to

6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, until 8 p.m. Thursday, 131 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

### ● SYBARIS GALLERY

Saturday, Jan. 6 — Sculpture by Margaret Keelan, Tony Natsoulas, Frank Ozereko and Susan Martin is on display through January. Reception 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 301 W. Fourth, Royal Oak.

### ● ROCHESTER HILLS CITY HALL

Paintings by Dorothy Foly of Bloomfield Hills are on display through February. The exhibit is sponsored by Paint Creek Center for the Arts. Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 1000 Rochester Hills Drive, off Avon Road, Rochester Hills.

### ● ARC GALLERY

"Visual Dialogues/Emotional Spaces," paintings by Dale Sparage of Southfield are on display through JAN. 27. Reception 5-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday-Saturday, 1040 W. Huron, Chicago.

### ● RATTLESNAKE CLUB

Photographs by National Geographic photographer William Albert Allard are on display in the Grill Room through Jan. 20. This is his only non-museum show and many of the works are for sale, 300 River Place, Detroit.

### ● BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART ASSOCIATION

Sunday, Jan. 7 — "Letters, Our Legacy," is the annual, juried exhibit by Michigan Association of Calligraphers. Continues through Jan. 27. Reception 4-6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham.

### ● ART LOFT GALLERY

"Images From Italy" — works on paper and sculpture by Corinne A. Ragheb of Birmingham continue through Feb. 3. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, until 8:30 p.m. Thursday, 124 S. Woodward, Suite 3, second floor, Birmingham.

### ● RUSSELL KLATT GALLERY

Newly released serigraphs by

American Impressionist Henry Plisson, John Powell and Christian Title and new works by regular gallery artists are on display, 1467 S. Woodward, Birmingham.

### ● GARDEN CITY

Works of several local artists are on display, including oils, acrylics, watercolor and pen and ink. Hours noon to 5 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, 30116 Ford Road, Sheridan Square, Garden City.

### ● CHAMELEON

Watercolors by Peggy Brown, stained glass by Diana Blanchard and other contemporary works by local and Australian artists through December. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, 370 S. Main Street, Plymouth.

### ● ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM

Stoney Creek Christmas Toyfest continues through Jan. 27. The toys span the 20th century. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Admission

charge, 1005 Van Hoosen, Rochester Hills. For information, call 656-4663.

### ● MCA GALLERY

"Realism" includes works by seven Michigan artists. Continues through March 16, 1200 Sixth St., Detroit.

### ● GALLERY 22

Christmas art show has works by Yoko Moro, Jim Osthoff, Charles Gale and others. Continues to Jan. 13. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and Friday, until 9 p.m. Thursday and 5 p.m. Saturday, 22 E. Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills.

### ● BELIAN ART CENTER

Objects d'art as well as art and ready to wear jewelry are on display to Jan. 14. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 5980 Rochester Road, Troy.

### ● RUBINER GALLERY

Holiday show features works by Burkert, Shaler, Summers, Thayer, Jerry and Milton. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 7901 Orchard Lake, West Bloomfield.

### ● DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

"Furniture by Wendall Castle" continues through Feb. 4. The DIA is originating this show which will travel to five museums in the United States. Objects by Carol Ann Carter and constructions and drawings by Thom Bohnert make up the ninth exhibit of the Ongoing Michigan Artists Program (OMAP) which continues through Jan. 28. Open free of charge 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, 5200 Woodward, Detroit.

### ● COUNTY GALLERIA

The Surface Designers of Michigan, 21 in all, have an exhibit of dimensional art through Jan. 12. Open to the public. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, Executive Office Building, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac.

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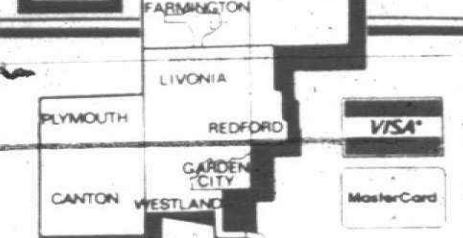
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# Building Scene

Marilyn Fitchett editor/591-2300



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## 1st-time house buyers eligible for state trust

By Gerald Frawley  
staff writer

Past, wanna buy a house?—  
No, really—This isn't a scam — it's  
got the backing of the state of Michi-  
gan.

Gov. James Blanchard has a possi-  
ble solution for first-time house  
buyers who are unable to save  
enough money for a down payment.

HOST, or Home Ownership Sav-  
ings Trust, is a guaranteed invest-  
ment program similar to the educa-  
tion trust established last year, ac-  
cording to Michigan department of  
treasury public affairs director Robert Kolt.

Future first-time house buyers  
will make monthly purchases of var-  
iable-rate, Michigan quality of life  
bonds for a specified period of time  
based on the down payment needed.  
Voters approved the sale of \$800  
million in bonds in November 1988.

The savings trust created by the  
deposits will be tax-exempt.

Reactions to the program by  
builders and real estate agents have  
been favorable, Kolt said.

Builders Association of Southeast

Michigan (BASM) president James  
Bonadeo said that Governor Blanc-  
hard has tentatively agreed to meet  
with association members to discuss  
the program, but no date has been  
set.

On the surface, the HOST program  
appears to be beneficial to builders,  
Bonadeo said, but he has yet to ex-  
amine the program in detail. "Any-  
thing that helps young people to save  
for a home is a good thing."

BONADEO SAID even developers  
who build apartments may not be  
opposed to the HOST program. Resi-  
dential builders have diversified in-  
terests and many build single-family  
and apartments.

"I own apartments, and some-  
times I'll talk to a tenant who has  
been living in an apartment for four  
or five years and ask him why he's  
still there," Bonadeo said. "He'll usu-  
ally say, 'Don't you want me in your  
apartment?'"

"Don't get me wrong, I do want  
them there, but don't they want to  
build equity in a house?" he asked. "I

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— Doug Courtney  
Western Wayne Oakland  
County Board of Realtors

can always get someone to fill the  
apartment.

"Besides, you may vacate one of  
my apartments, but you might buy  
one of my homes."

Western Wayne Oakland County  
Board of Realtors president Doug  
Courtney said it is premature to pass  
judgment on HOST because no one  
has had a chance to carefully evalu-  
ate it. "We're excited at this point,  
but it's hard to say."

"I believe some first-time-home  
buyers are looking forward to this  
program, but there may be draw-  
backs," Courtney said. "It could  
defer home ownership."

"If a person is interested in buying  
a home, he may wait because of this  
program even though it's not neces-

sary," Courtney said. With a Federal  
Home Mortgage (FHA) loan or spe-  
cialized private mortgages, a house  
can be purchased for far less than  
many people realize, he said.

A person who buys a house today  
will build equity and could be in a  
second house before a HOST partici-  
pant gets into his first house, he said.  
"If we talked about this in several  
years, my guess is that you (the per-  
son who bought today) would be fur-  
ther ahead."

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ple who have a difficult time saving,  
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KOLT SAID most of the quality of  
life bonds will be sold at a fixed in-  
terest rate, but approximately \$40  
million worth will be sold as vari-  
able rate bonds with an interest rate  
equivalent to Michigan's annual  
housing inflation rate, he said. Mon-  
ies from the bond sales will be used  
to clean up contaminated sites  
throughout the state.

The application period for the pro-  
gram begins Jan. 2. A cutoff date has  
not been set yet, although like the ed-  
ucation trust, applications will be  
accepted again in the future, Kolt  
said.

Applicants will be asked four basic  
questions: the approximate value  
of the desired house, the number of  
years in which the purchase will be  
made, the down payment amount,  
and where the house will be pur-  
chased.

Using these four factors, Kolt said  
the state will be able to design a sav-  
ings program with specific monthly  
principal and interest payments to  
generate a down payment on a  
house.

KOLT SAID for participants who  
are uncertain of the house's location  
the average inflation rate on house  
prices will be used. That has been  
historically near 7 percent.

If a house is bought in an area  
where property values exceed the  
average state inflation rate, the par-  
ticipant will need to come up with  
the additional funds, he said.

Kolt said that regions, in contrast  
to exact cities, will generate a more  
accurate savings program than the  
state average.

Typically, bonds are sold on Wall  
Street in denominations of \$5,000 or  
more, Kolt said, but the state is mak-  
ing an effort to sell bonds to Michi-  
gan residents for as little as \$100.

Participants can collect from the  
program early and still obtain the  
same interest rates if they intend use  
the money to purchase a house, he  
said. Money withdrawn for other  
reasons is not guaranteed to grow at  
the same rate as housing inflation.

Instead, participants will earn a  
rate of return equivalent to a one-  
year, tax-exempt investment made  
at the time of joining the program.

## Builders ignore winter weather

By Doug Funke  
staff writer

Ask builders here what they do  
during the cold winter months, and  
you get a simple, direct answer.  
They build.

"We'll be busy all winter," said  
Fred Capaldi, owner of Capaldi  
Building Co. of Rochester Hills.

He has nine houses under con-  
struction in Orion Township, Bloom-  
field Hills and Farmington Hills.

Once you get out of the business  
for even a couple of months, it's dif-  
ficult getting ready mentally to re-  
turn to work, said Capaldi. His fa-  
ther started the company in 1945.

"I like to keep in touch with sub-  
contractors so I'm current in prices.  
If I drop out of the rotation, they  
might get another builder to fill the  
slot," Capaldi said.

"If you're going to be a profession-  
al, I think you have to tough it out  
whether you like it or not," he said.

IT GENERALLY takes a little  
more time, depending on weather,

and more money to build in winter  
than during more temperate months.

An excavator who charges \$100  
per hour may take five or six hours  
longer depending on the frost line to  
dig a basement after the ground has  
frozen.

Some suppliers charge upward of  
5 percent more to treat, heat and de-  
liver concrete from November  
through mid-April. Then there's the  
added cost for straw and tarps used  
to keep foundations and basements  
warm.

"We're not talking significant dol-  
lars — two, three, four thousand,"  
said Mark Guidobono, president of  
Cambridge Homes of Northville.

"Customers have asked, 'Should  
we hold off to save?' We say, 'No, we  
get hit with price increases for  
materials.'"

Cambridge keeps one five-person  
crew of subcontractors busy all year  
long, a second six-person crew occu-  
pied most of the year and a third  
crew that works a little less, Guido-  
bono said.

The company currently has 14

houses under construction in Michi-  
gan, including Bloomfield Hills,  
West Bloomfield and Farmington  
Hills.

"THE BIGGEST thing cold weath-  
er affects is putting concrete in the  
ground," Guidobono said. "You can't  
put in driveways or any kind of con-  
crete on top of frost."

Where builders might have taken  
the winter off some years ago, they  
generally don't now, said Paul Rob-  
ertson Jr., president of Robertson  
Brothers Co. of Bloomfield Town-  
ship.

"I think builders have become  
more sophisticated and, with the  
cost of money, you can't afford to be  
open only eight months a year," he  
said.

It's common to excavate base-  
ments and pour concrete driveways  
and sidewalks at several homesites  
late in October and November so  
that carpentry and finishing work  
can continue through the cold weath-  
er months, several builders said.

"Everything else you do pretty

much do all year around," Robertson  
said.

"TIMING FOR house orders often  
dictates winter construction."

"Spring and summer is when peo-  
ple are putting down deposits and  
making decisions," Guidobono said.  
"It takes three months to develop  
plans and specs. You can see where  
it builds up so we have a lot of  
work."

Masons generally can't work when  
the temperature dips below 30 de-  
grees and sometimes, snow and ice  
will delay roofers. Experienced con-  
struction crews, however, are pretty  
bardy.

"Roughing carpenters are a pretty  
tough bunch," Capaldi said. "I've  
seen them working on days you and  
I won't go out for anything."

"The last few winters have been  
mild," Guidobono said. "My rough  
carpenters lost two days last year."

"The only thing you have to worry  
about that can screw you up is con-  
crete," said Dean Duke, secretary of  
Duke Contracting of Farmington  
Hills. "If you want to make money,  
you keep going through the winter."

## Activity centers separate

The master suite of the Emerald 2  
is a world unto itself on the home's  
second floor. But the main level is an  
assemblage of activity centers  
where a family with diverse inter-  
ests can come together.

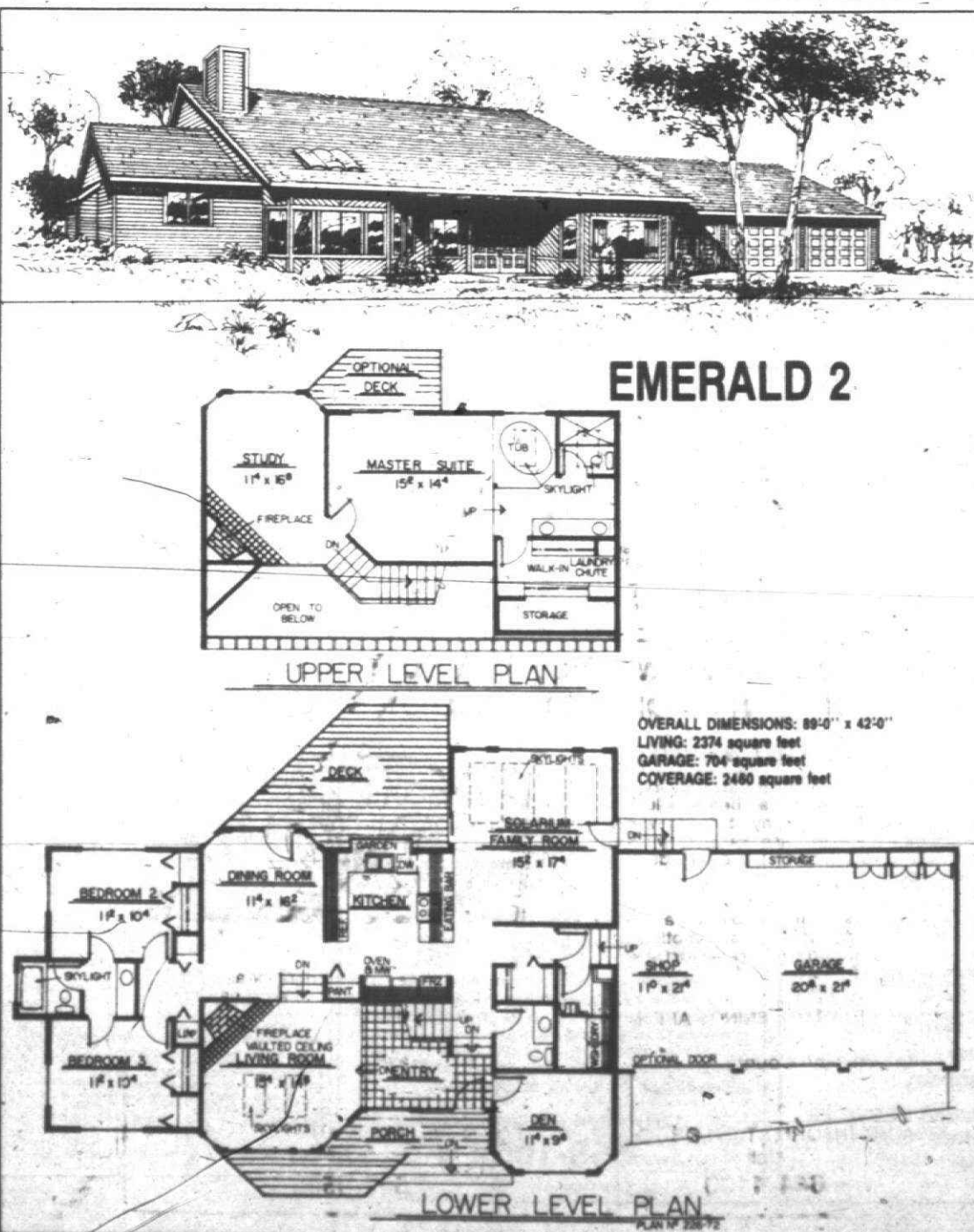
To the left of the front entrances  
is a sunken living room with  
skylights in its vaulted ceiling, a cor-  
ner fireplace and a symmetrical ar-  
rangement of narrow and wide win-  
dows in a modified bay. To the right  
is a den with a bay window. Up a few  
steps is a half bath. A utility room is  
found near the steps leading down to  
the garage.

Around a corner is a 15-by-17 fam-  
ily room. Sliding glass doors open to  
a rear deck. The adjacent kitchen of-  
fers a clear view of the deck from a  
garden window over the clean-up  
station. A wide counter open to the  
adjacent dining room can double as  
an eating bar with the addition of a  
few stools.

The bedrooms on the main floor  
are isolated from the home's activity  
centers and are identical in size  
separated by a shared bathroom. Both  
have step-in closets and built-in  
shelving, vaulted ceilings and large  
windows.

The second story is dominated by  
a high-ceiling master suite and adja-  
cent study, which boasts a bay win-  
dow and fireplace. The sleeping  
area, with sliding glass doors to a  
private balcony, measures 15 by 14  
feet. A step up leads to the bath,  
equipped with a combined spa/tub,  
double sinks and a separate shower.

For a study plan of the Emerald 2  
(226-72), send \$5 to Landmark De-  
signs, P.O. Box 2307, Eugene, Or.  
97402 and specify plan name and  
number.



## Obligations vs. assessments

Why do I have to pay assessments  
to my condominium association  
when they refuse to cut the grass  
and haven't repaired my unit, which  
is their obligation? What's going on  
in Lansing to allow a thing like this  
to happen?

You are correct in your perception  
that there is a condominium statute  
that obligates you to pay assess-  
ments to the condominium associa-  
tion, notwithstanding the fact that  
you may have a complaint concern-  
ing the services provided by the con-  
dominium association. That as-  
sumes, of course, that the underlying  
assessment was legally levied. As to  
what's going on in Lansing, there is a  
public policy that requires that con-  
dominium associations be compen-  
sated for their assessments, even  
though certain co-owners may be in  
disagreement concerning the quality  
or extent of the services. You have a  
basis to pursue a counterclaim  
against the association for its inability  
to meet its legal responsibilities  
under the condominium documents,  
and you should consult with counsel  
with respect to your rights, as well  
as your obligations.

I am an owner of a cooperative  
unit that has 15 townhouses in the  
cooperative association. I have re-  
cently discovered that I have ter-  
mites in my townhouse. Do I have an  
obligation to notify the cooperative  
and the prospective purchaser con-  
cerning this situation?

Yes. You obviously want to notify  
the cooperative association as it  
more than likely has the legal re-  
sponsibility to take care of the ter-  
mite problem. You are not the owner  
of the building and should notify the  
cooperative association as to the  
condition of the premises so that  
they can take the appropriate legal  
measures to correct the problem.  
You are obligated to disclose the in-  
formation to the extent that you



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have information or knowledge con-  
cerning the physical condition of the  
premises, which would be of materi-  
al interest to the purchaser. If you  
fail to do so, you may be liable for  
misrepresentation by omission.

Should we take serious the forms  
that are sent to us by mortgage com-  
panies regarding the number of units  
that are being rented in the condomi-  
nium? Our association management  
company is very lax in filling out  
this form and sometimes just turns  
it over to the president to take care  
of. Do you have any comments?

The following is a quotation from  
the Near North News, published in  
Chicago on Saturday, October 21,  
1989, in an article authored by Bill  
Caldwell. "Some condo board mem-  
bers and managers are likely to be  
going to federal prison, the Associa-  
tion for Condominium Education  
warned this week. The group said  
that secondary money markets such  
as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac  
have guidelines restricting transac-  
tions if condo associations have  
more than 30 percent renters."

"Some boards and managers have  
been certifying less than 30 percent  
renters when they know renters far  
exceed this amount. The FBI is in  
final stages of investigation and will  
report to the justice department.  
'Look for indictments by next year,'  
the association said." Need I say  
more?

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