

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

Trial resumes: Testimony continues at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in the trial of Azizul Islam (see story), the Plymouth man accused of killing his wife.

TUESDAY

Township board: The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees holds its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Plymouth Township Hall, at the corner of Ann Arbor and Lilley Roads. Among the items expected to be discussed is Proposal 2, the home-rule amendment to the state Constitution.

School board: Following ground-breaking ceremonies for the third high school at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and a reception in the Salem High School cafeteria, the P-CEP Board of Education conducts its meeting at 8 p.m. in the Salem High School media center.

COMING UP

More chili: Didn't get your fill of chili during the recent Fall Festival? You get another chance Sunday, Oct. 1, with the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off. Chili and food booths open at 11 a.m., with live bands starting at noon.

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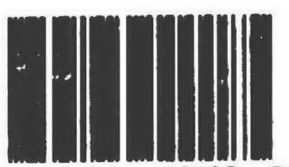
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Sniping lawyers upstage trial

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Confrontations between the defense attorneys and prosecutors were more lively than the testimony Thursday in the first degree murder trial of Azizul Islam of Plymouth, accused in the murder and dismemberment of his wife last December.

Islam's attorney, Michael Schwartz, believes the prosecution is moving too slowly, with too many witnesses, in developing its circumstantial case against Islam. At one point, he let the judge know his feelings.

"It's been two weeks today that we began this trial and they haven't shown one iota of evidence against my client," pleaded Schwartz to Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Patricia Fressard.

Assistant Wayne County prosecutor Michael Lehto objected to Schwartz's comment.

"If you're afraid of its magical powers, I'll put it back on the desk."

Michael Schwartz
—Defense attorney

"He has no right to object to us putting witnesses on the stand," he shouted back.

"The testimony is cumulative and doesn't go to the issues," added Schwartz. "The jury will see how much time we're wasting."

After testimony was completed for the day, the two sides sparred over a ceramic frog that Schwartz placed on the podium he uses.

"It's not appropriate court demeanor to put a frog at the end of the podium," said Kelly Gleason, another assistant Wayne County prosecutor handling the

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Talking it over: Defense attorney Michael Schwartz consults with paralegal Suzy Sandner during a recess in the murder trial of his client, Azizul Islam.

Royal heritage



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Her Highness: Plymouth Salem student Amber Williams, 17, of Canton is surrounded by legions of cheering friends and fans after being named Queen at Friday's Homecoming game between the Rocks and Livonia Stevenson, won by Stevenson, 54-48. For more on the game itself, please turn to Page B1. (Left) Ryan Haydon and Andy "Tex" Sugg, both 17 of Plymouth, braved the cold temperatures and threatening skies to show their school spirit before the game.



Road closures could help traffic

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Northern and Oakview streets are expected to be closed pending approval from Wayne County in connection with Sunshine Honda's expansion.

That will both buffer Green Meadows residents from truck traffic on those streets and facilitate truck circulation on the dealership property.

Owner Tom Bohlander wants to expand the existing new and used car dealership that fronts Ann Arbor Road to accommodate more storage and parking. He has acquired residential lots to the south of his business for that purpose.

The lots on which the expansion is proposed were recently rezoned Ann Arbor Corridor District. It was the first such rezoning under the new zoning

district shared by the Plymouth on the north and Plymouth Township to the south to present visual consistency.

"The question was brought up whether a pedestrian access, a sidewalk passageway, was desired at that location," said architect Dave Schaff of Architects and Planners Inc. in Plymouth.

While residents want to keep truck

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Ruling keeps lawyers off 35th District Court ballot

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It appears 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe is home free in his bid for reelection in the Nov. 7 general election.

The Michigan Court of Appeals, in a one line ruling, told two local attorneys seeking to get their names on the ballot they can have their day in court; however, it's unlikely it will come before for the election.

Northville Township attor-

ney William Selinsky and Plymouth Township attorney Peter Bec petitioned the Court of Appeals to reverse a May ruling by Wayne County Circuit Court Chief Judge Michael Sapala which kept them off the primary election ballot.

The attorneys claim they failed to get the proper number of petition signatures to be put on the primary ballot because of a mistake by the Secretary of State's office, a mistake admitted by the Elections Bureau. However, Sapala ruled he had no juris-

diction to put the pair on the ballot, and chastised the two for failing to know the law.

In its ruling the Appeals Court said it would grant a motion for immediate consideration; however, it would not rescind the opinion of Sapala without a hearing.

"The court denied a motion for immediate reversal, though they indicated they would hear the case," said Selinsky. "However, I think it's over for this year's election. It's an unfortunate decision, but there's nothing more I can do. I'm disappointed because I

think the people should decide elections, not the courts," he added. "That's what our system is all about. Whether the court agreed or not, it should have been the people's choice."

Bec's attorney, John Cibrario, said Bec received the same ruling, but he's not sure the issue is over yet. "They granted the motion with immediate consideration ... it's not over until it's over," said Cibrario. "I wouldn't rule out anything. Quite frankly, the Appeals Court might order a special election and order the state to pay for it."

Whether it's likely or not ... " Cibrario said he would discuss with Bec whether to pursue the issue.

As for Lowe, who continues to run unopposed in the November election, he would have liked the court to come up with a final ruling.

"I would have like a ruling that was more definitive of the law," said Lowe. "I would consider this a victory by final. I do think in the end the courts would have upheld the law and the two would not have been put on the ballot."

Work on new school could go 'to the wire'

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Even as Plymouth-Canton school administrators plan Tuesday's ground-breaking for the new Plymouth High School, there are already indications the building won't be completed in time for classes in August 2002.

"It will be down to the wire," said Bill McCarthy, senior project manager/vice president for McB/EV Consultants and Construction Managers in Redford Township, who will oversee construction of the building in the summer, and we'll be constructing in the fall and winter, which is very tough.

"We will shoot for a partial occupancy," added McCarthy. "There are key spaces you need to have, like classrooms, the music area and cafeteria. Less critical spaces, like the media center and gymnasium, may not be open at the start."

"With Discovery (Middle School) we knew it was going to be close in getting it completed in time for the opening of school, but we knew it was doable," said McCarthy. "This will be even more exciting than that."

However, Superintendent Kathleen Boher isn't too concerned, noting work on Discovery continues even though classes have already begun.

"It's fairly customary to open a building without all the spaces completed," said Boher. "It's a tough calendar, but our construction management team knows that. They'll direct the contractors to get the critical areas done first so we can move in."

"This is a particularly aggressive building schedule," added Boher. "But with the updates we'll be getting from Bill McCarthy and his staff, we'll

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"With Discovery we knew it was going to be close ... This will be even more exciting than that."

Bill McCarthy
—Project manager

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case. "I would ask that he wouldn't do it further."

Schwartz, appearing antagonistic, got in a few words of his own.

"A frog is one of nature's finest specimens, a barometer of environmental health," he said. "But, if you're concerned about its magical powers, I'll put it back on the desk."

Fresard wasn't amused at the exchange, noting the trial is moving too slowly for her liking.

"We're in trouble. We told the jurors this would take about three weeks. Hopefully we won't lose some jurors," she said.

Jury selection began Sept. 7, with testimony the following week. Prosecutors say they have another 17 witnesses, about half their case. Schwartz indicated earlier he would have approximately six witnesses. Indications are Islam will not take the stand in his own defense.

After the outbreaks in court, neither side would let up outside the courtroom.

"This is a circumstantial case,

and as in all circumstantial cases you need to be very deliberate," said Gleason. "We have to prove beyond a reasonable doubt."

Prosecutors are also angry with Schwartz because he won't discuss with Islam about letting Tracy Islam's sisters take the victim's remains back to London, England for burial.

"I've asked him twice to talk to his client and he won't give me an answer," said Gleason. "The family will be going back to England next week and they would like to have an answer."

"At some point before the trial is over I'll talk to him," said Schwartz. "Tracy is his wife. He is entitled to do what he wants with her remains."

Prosecutors are hoping to finish their case next week. Azizul Islam is charged with killing his wife and then dismembering her body, dumping arms and legs in an A&W Restaurant dumpster in Dearborn and her torso in a northeast Ohio field last December.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBBARD
Azizul Islam stands as the jury enters the courtroom.

Tracy Islam left her family in August 1999, moving back to her native England. She returned Dec. 16 for an eight-day visit to see her children and finalize a

divorce.

Prosecution witness Mustafa Ramlawi testified that Azizul Islam "wanted me to find a female to parade in front of his kids so the kids would tell her (Tracy) and provoke her to come back. I told him if he wanted her back so badly he should go to England."

Lisa Kost, a travel agent at World Travel in Plymouth, testified Azizul Islam called to change Tracy's return ticket to an earlier flight back to England.

"He said he needed to get her back as soon as possible," said Kost of the 10:30 a.m. telephone call on Dec. 20.

At about 12:30 p.m. Kost said Islam called back to say "He would think about it and call me back."

Tracy Islam went to bed about midnight Dec. 20. When her two children woke up about noon that day, Tracy Islam was nowhere to be found, and was never seen again.

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traffic out of their subdivision, they still want to be able to walk to and patronize Ann Arbor Road businesses.

Schaff represented Bohlander at the Sept. 20 meeting of the Plymouth Township Planning Commission, which approved the use subject to special conditions.

Bohlander will be responsible for the Northern and Oakview turnarounds, which will prevent motorists from driving north on these streets to gain access to Ann Arbor Road. He will also handle associated road and utility modifications, installation of screening wall, fences and land-

'Customers test drive cars through the neighborhood. Employees illegally park on side streets.'

*Arlene Karell
—Corinne Street resident*

scape improvements.

A new detailing building and entrance addition to the main building and showroom are proposed along with expansion of the service and part areas. The rear portion of the site includes service vehicle storage, vehicle

unloading, new vehicle storage and new and used vehicle displays.

Among conditions discussed, planning commissioners wanted no outdoor washing or vacuuming of vehicles; that hours of delivery will remain the same; and no major repairs other than what is already being performed.

Keeping overhead doors to the building closed was also addressed. Residents want to keep out the noise. However, Commissioner Kay Arnold was also concerned about the comfort of employees on hot days.

Neighbors have consistently complained about truck traffic

down their streets

"Sunshine Honda is not a good neighbor," said Arlene Karell, a Corinne Street resident. "Customers test drive cars through the neighborhood. Employees illegally park on side streets."

Following her discussion with Bohlander, she learned he has tried to make improvements. They include delivering new vehicles off site so there are fewer car haulers and putting up small posts with chains along side streets. Fewer vehicles are being washed outside.

"It's a little too little, a little too late," Karell said.

Rotary rummage sale

The Canton Rotary Club is planning its first Scholarship Rummage/Bake Sale Saturday, Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Mettetal Airport.

Community individuals interested in donating items for the sale can contact Canton Rotary President Mary Beardsley at (734) 981-2139.

"We are proud to give scholarships annually to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' seniors to continue their education," Beardsley said. "We hope the community will donate household items, clothing, tools, furniture and anything that is in working order for the sale. We hope to give more scholarships with the funds earned from this sale," Beardsley added.

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Breast cancer walk

The American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk takes place Oct. 14 on Belle Isle.

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President's appearance raises funds for Democrats

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Touting Michigan's slate of Democratic candidates and joking that his new title is Cheerleader in Chief, President Bill Clinton rallied the party faithful in Livonia Thursday night.

Onstage with U. S. Senate candidate Debbie Stabenow, Congressional hopefuls Dianne Byrum and Matt Frumin and veteran politicians Edward McNamara, John Conyers and others, Clinton said "the best stuff is still out there" - if Democrats are elected in November.

"You need this crowd behind you," said Clinton, his arms outstretched. "You need all of them."

Clinton's appearance at Laurel Manor was a fund-raiser for Michigan Victory 2000, the state party's campaign for Democratic candidates. The event raised \$400,000, said Chad Clanton, Michigan Victory 2000 spokesman.

Local Democrats, nibbling on barbecued chicken wings and miniature quiches and taking advantage of an open bar, said Clinton's visit generated a lot of excitement.

"I think this is going to be a Democratic year in Michigan," said Kay Beard, a Wayne County Commissioner from Westland. "Democrats are really upbeat about it."

"He's obviously very committed to this election, and Michigan's a very important state," said David Baker of Detroit, political director for the Service Employees International Union in Michigan.

The crowd, diverse and sometimes boisterous, included local politicians wearing suits, African Americans in kente cloth and parents with small children in tow.

Labor was well-represented, including an SEIU contingent from New York in jackets and shirts emblazoned with a union logo, some sporting buttons showing support for Hillary Clinton in her Senate bid. A band played rhythm-and-blues favorites.

"When the president comes to town, everybody turns out," Wayne County Circuit Judge Edward Thomas, a candidate for the state supreme court, told the crowd.

Democrats pegged attendance at 1,000, but the crowd seemed smaller than at the 1999 Livonia Prayer Breakfast, which was also held at Laurel Manor and was attended by about 530 people.

Clinton touched on some of his administration's accomplishments, particularly in the area of research into alternative fuels, and suggested the Democrats' presidential ticket, Vice President Al Gore and Sen. Joseph Lieberman, will continue that work.

Michigan's demographics, Clinton said, are representative of the country, and the state will be a political battleground between Democrats and Republicans in the weeks before the Nov. 7 election.

Natalie Firment of Garden City, a Laurel Manor banquet captain who wore a Gore/Lieberman campaign sticker, said she made sure she was in the hall before a security lockdown.

As Clinton mingled in a crush of people after his talk, she shook his hand - twice, she said.

Firment said she liked the speech, particularly Clinton's emphasis on smaller class sizes. With a son who just started pre-school, "I'm all for that," she said.

Fun didn't take a back seat to issues and campaign contributions, however.

Clinton led a rendition of "Happy Birthday" for county executive Edward McNamara, who turned 74 and blew out the candles on a cake brought to the stage. The president took a ribbing for the effort.

"He is a much better president than he is a singer," McNamara said.

Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, who introduced Clinton, had a list of top 10 reasons to be thankful for his presidency, including that he "made the (McDonald's) drive-through politically correct" and that "Michigan Republicans have had someone to complain about other than me."

■ 'He is a much better president than he is a singer.'

Ed McNamara
-Wayne County Executive

■ 'You need this crowd behind you. You need all of them.'

Bill Clinton
-President

VICTORY



Oval podium: President Clinton speaks at the Democratic National Party rally held in Livonia on Thursday.

EPA cites Plymouth business for asbestos

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The Environmental Protection Agency has listed Plymouth-based Zebrowski & Associates Inc. with 10 other companies and the City of Detroit for alleged clean-up violations.

The EPA, referring to these as preliminary findings, alleges that Zebrowski & Associates failed to comply with federal regulations on asbestos, a hazardous air pollutant, when it demolished a former commercial building at 5601 Michigan Ave in Detroit.

"We do not do asbestos removal," said Uldis Mednis, president of Zebrowski & Associates Inc., located on Pearl Street. "We do demolition. It's a procedural matter. We follow procedure. Usually the asbestos is removed by the time we get there. In this case it was not. Some had not been removed. It's not a big matter. Sometimes you find something."

This is the first time in 35 years his company was mentioned in this manner, Mednis said.

Costs are always a factor and Mednis questioned whether it's realistic to expect a "hospital-room" type of situation during demolition.

A conference call with the EPA and Wayne County Air Pollution next Tuesday will allow the Plymouth contractor to present his position in this case, according to Andrew Bielanski, an EPA spokesman based in Chicago. The county is the local enforcement agency for federal regulations. A county inspector determined a problem in March.

"This is part of a larger situation with the City of Detroit," Bielanski said. "The way the Asbestos National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants Act is written, it names everybody who participated. Once we have our conferences we will determine if one party is more responsible than the other."

Airborne asbestos fibers present a health concern, he said.

"This is after the fact, to make sure they comply with future situations," Bielanski said.

Asbestos removal evaluations are made by site, by job, Bielanski said.

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be able to plan ahead for those areas that aren't completed on time."

Thus far the bids have come under budget for the \$50 million high school, the third at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"The earthwork, site utilities, asphalt paving for the roads and parking lots, and the concrete have come under budget," said McCarthy. "We have another bid package out for bid right now, which will include the footings and foundations, the concrete flat work and the structural steel. Sometimes we're a little under budget, sometimes a little over ... and hopefully the overall package will come in a little underneath."

Site work on the 314,000-square-foot building has already begun, although McCarthy said the ideal situation would be to start construction in the spring.

"We're beginning in September, the start of the fall rainy season, which can affect the pouring of concrete footings and foundations," he said. "If we have a decent winter, that can help us out a lot."

p.m. Tuesday at the Educational Park. A reception will follow in the Salem High School Cafeteria. The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education will hold its regular board meeting in the Salem media center at 8 p.m.

"A school district doesn't often get a new building, and less frequently a new high school," said Bocher. "This is a special opportunity to celebrate something unique."

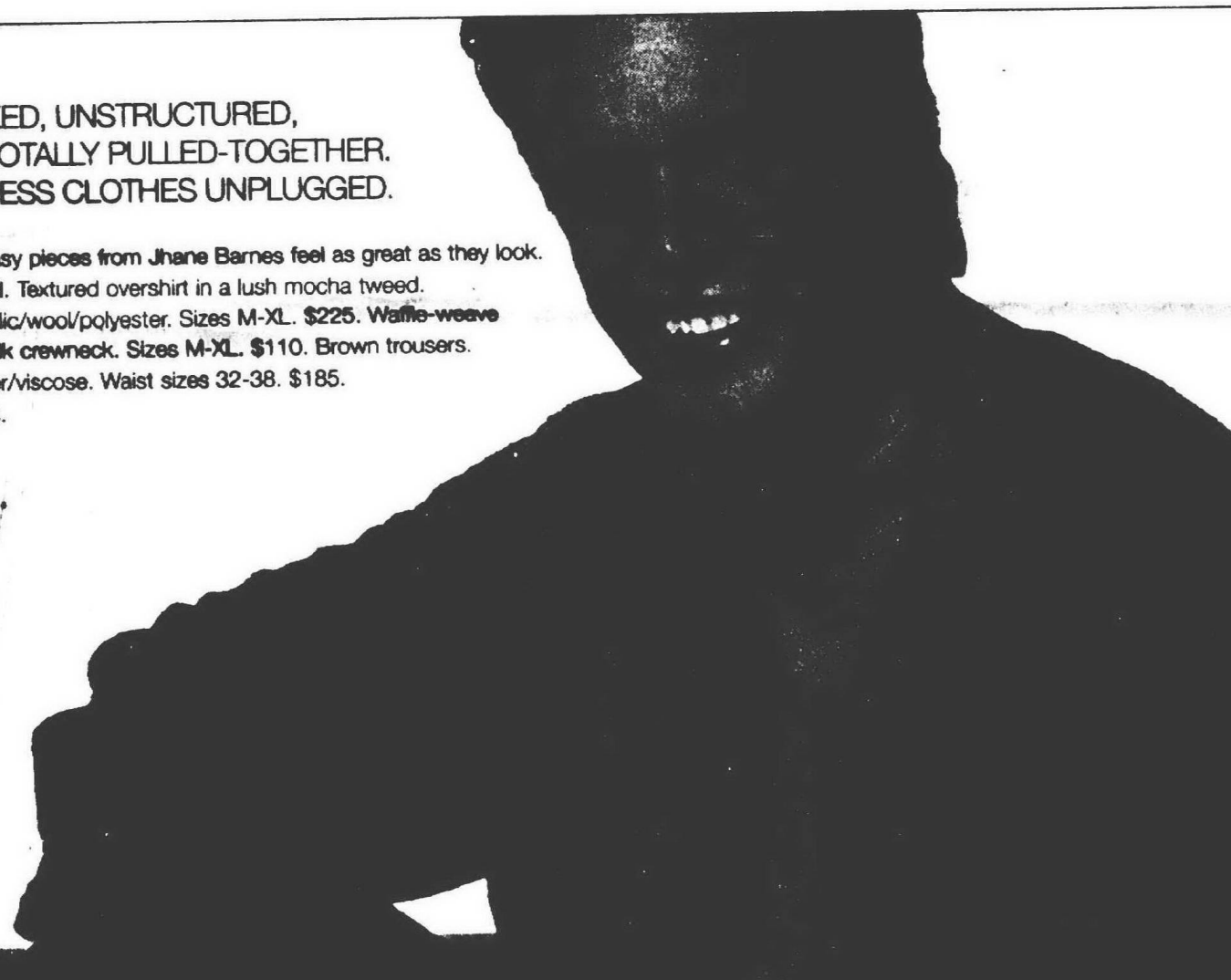
"Our two current high schools are working hard under heavily crowded circumstances," she added. "We have far too many people in a space designed for smaller numbers."

Bocher predicts that by the time Plymouth High School opens, there will be 6,000 students attending high school at the campus. She notes the new school will be a boon for teachers as well as students.

"We have some teachers who have been in the business that have to move around to meet different needs," she said. "Teachers are going to be able to stay in one place and be able to be

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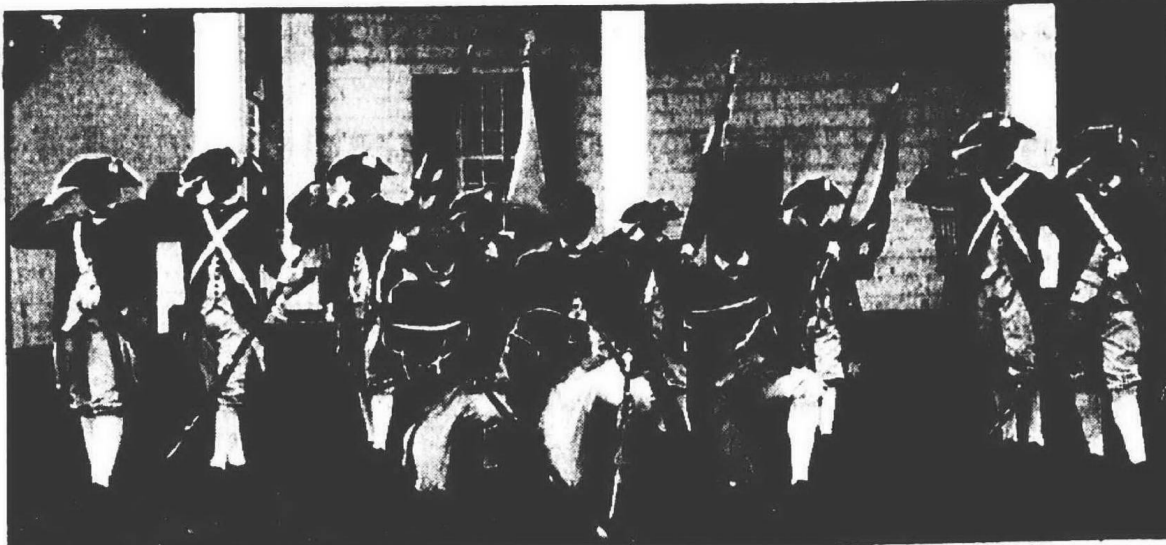
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The intersection will be built in two, part-width sections, starting with the northwest quadrant, followed by the northeast quadrant on or about Sept. 30.

"There will be no left turns to Ann Arbor Road from northbound or southbound Main Street," according to a joint press release from Paul Sincock, assistant Plymouth city manager and Jim Anulewicz, Plymouth Township director of public services.

A Nov. 1 completion date is still on target, officials say.

— Sue Buck



Travelling show: The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps was on tour in Washington, D.C., last season, including this appearance at Mt. Vernon.

Fife, Drum Corps seeks members

The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps is looking for a few good ... fife and drummers.

The Corps is currently recruiting young people 12 to 17 years old for the 2001 season. In an effort to recruit more members, the Corps will hold a meeting Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. in Room 1316 at Salem High School.

The Corps, led by Drum Major Jim Peoples and Guard Commander Dan York, is made up of members ages 12 to 18 from Plymouth/Canton and neighboring

communities. The Corps plays music typical of the 18th Century and traditionally associated with the War of Independence.

The Corp's 2000 season featured some 40 performances throughout Michigan. The Corps received numerous ribbons and trophies for performances in Plymouth, Northville, Greenville, Charlevoix and other community parades and festivals.

The group also performed the national anthem at the Jeff Daniels Celebrity Golf Jam in

Ann Arbor. The group also had a memorial tour of the Washington, D.C., area, including concerts at Fort Pitt, Mt. Vernon, the Vietnam Wall, and Yorktown, Va.

Plymouth Fife and Drum is a non-profit organization funded entirely by donations and membership dues.

For more information, call Colleen McKeegan, 459-5870, or email cmckeegan@mckee-ganequip.com.

Project officials search for vandals

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The site superintendent for Metro Plymouth LLC, a proposed 80-acre, light industrial park in Plymouth Township, is asking passersby to notify the police if they see any suspicious nighttime activity after discovering damage to the project done Wednesday.

Some person or persons took the heavy construction vehicles — three track-type excavators and two bulldozers — for a joy ride Wednesday night, disturbing the grade and ruining the work done a day before on the site, said Larry Stobbe, project site superintendent. Typically the vehicles are parked in an orderly fashion at the end of the workday.

The property is west of I-275 and east of Haggerty. The area is north of Unisys and Durr Industries, both on Plymouth Road.

Workmen are currently grading and installing underground utilities.

"It looked like Vietnam when we got here this morning," Stobbe said. "The amount of destruction can be significant. It's abuse of the equip-

ment." Meanwhile, the Plymouth Township police department is stepping up patrol around the area. "We can't patrol 24 hours a day," said Jamie Senkbeil, Plymouth Township community resource officer.

There's costs involved in maintaining and repairing the vehicles, Stobbe explained. Environmental consequences could also result if fuel tanks are destroyed and fuel leaks on the ground, he said.

Though Stobbe said vehicle keys are locked up, he thinks someone may have a general manufacturer's key to the vehicles.

There was a similar joy-riding incident last month at the same site, which ended up with a Caterpillar wheel loader being driven into a retention pond, Senkbeil said.

In May, a storage trailer was broken into and chain saws were removed. There was also some illegal dumping, Stobbe said.

The industrial park, which expects to be home to about two dozen businesses, is being developed by Dembs Roth Gyselink in partnership with the DeMattia Group.

The project is awaiting final plat approval.

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Project will celebrate county's auto heritage

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Creation of a tourist attraction about Michigan's history as world automotive capital is to begin in earnest this fall.

And western Wayne County will have a major part in it — just as it did earlier this century when entrepreneur Henry Ford turned numerous small grain mills along the Rouge River into little manufacturing plants in which parts and tools were made for his big Rouge Complex further downstream.

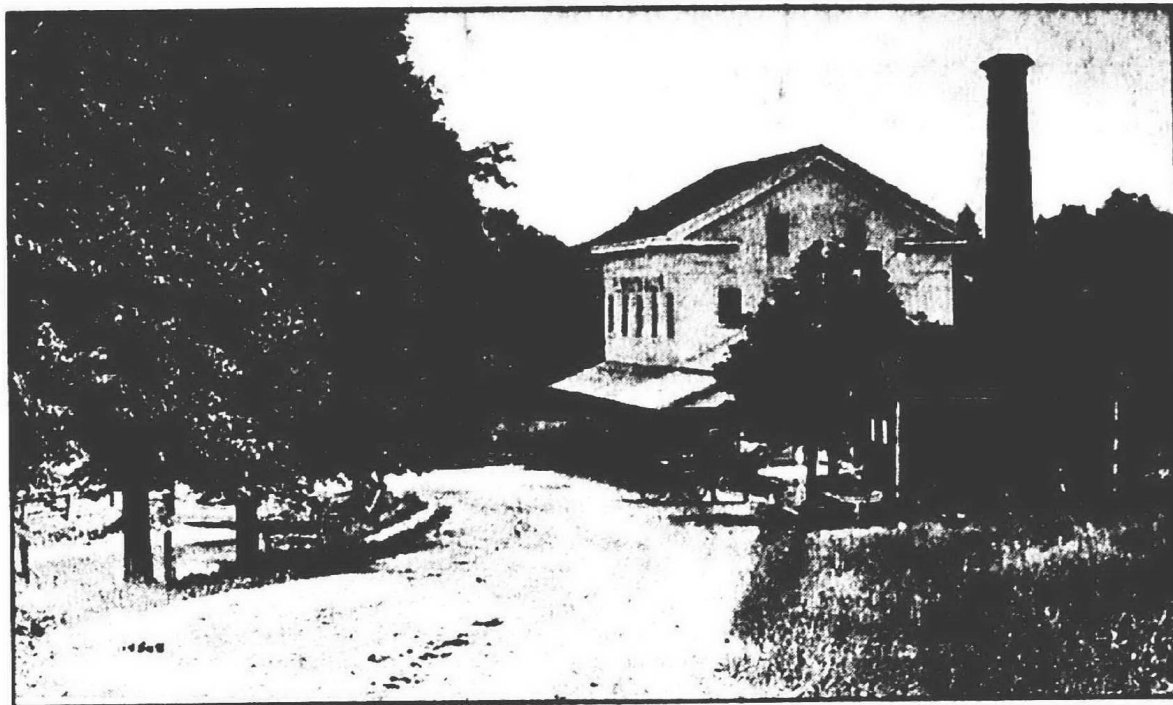
"I think this is an excellent project," said Beth Stewart of Plymouth Township, who earlier this month was elected treasurer of the Rouge Corridor Chapter of the newly created Automobile National Heritage Area (ANHA).

"It's trying to focus on all the wonderful auto tourism things we have had in southeastern Michigan for a number of years," said the director of the Plymouth Historical Museum.

The Rouge Corridor is one of six comprising the ANHA, which was created last November by the U.S. Congress and President Bill Clinton to recognize the area's significance nationally and worldwide.

Five others

Three of the other five corridors run along the Detroit River, Woodward Avenue and U.S.



Picture perfect: This postcard from 1912 shows the Wilcox Mill in Plymouth, one of the many mills built along the Rouge River. The postcard is from the Plymouth Historical Museum collection.

Highway 12 (Michigan Avenue and the Chicago Road), Lansing and Flint round out the five.

The ANHA is one of 18 U.S. "heritage areas." All are affiliated with the National Park Service, which defines a heritage area as a place where natural, cultural and historic resources

combine to form a distinctive landscape.

"Everybody who lives in this area," whether they're auto industry employees or descendants of them, "all are affected and touched by (the industry) in some way," said Stewart. "It's the thing that makes us unique."

"The Rouge is what united us along here, with all the little water-powered mills Henry Ford owned. It's things like that — where our parents or other relatives or friends may have worked — that unites us and pulls us together," Stewart said.

"It's a very exciting effort," she

said, noting all the different professionals involved: historians, state tourism staffers, government officials, auto industry executives and union leaders — even environmentalists from the state Department of Natural Resources and members of the Rouge Rescue, which works to clean up the once-terribly polluted river.

Also excited about the project is Wayne County Commissioner Lyn Bankes. The Livonia Republican, a former state legislator, said she is meeting with officials in her district — made up of most of Livonia, the Plymouths and the Northvilles — to encourage their support of ANHA.

Kids to research?

Bankes also hopes district school children will be encouraged to research and write papers about the auto-history sites along the corridor, which include bridges and other structures as well as Ford's plants.

ANHA's goal is to preserve, interpret and promote "the region's rich automotive heritage," said Constance Bodurow, the non-profit group's executive director.

ANHA's motto is "Michigan made auto history. We want to make more of it."

Bodurow, a Dearborn native who returned from Boston to take ANHA's reins, said the group's efforts "will strengthen

education, increase tourism and encourage capital investment and economic development."

Those objectives are supported by an honorary leadership council that is a "who's who" of Detroit, including current or past presidents of Ford, General Motors, DaimlerChrysler, and the United Auto Workers, plus such government leaders as U.S. Reps. John Dingell, D-Dearborn, and Joseph Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Hills, and Michigan Secretary of State Candice Miller.

This fall, ANHA is to begin a yearlong, public process of developing a management plan. Its focus will be on visitor program development, auto heritage information and historic/ environmental preservation.

"The region is filled with auto-related attractions, sites, organizations and events," Bodurow said. "All of them are being inventoried and arranged" into the six major corridors.

The plan is due at the U.S. secretary of the interior in November 2001, said Nancy Darga, chief of design for Wayne County Parks, who was elected Rouge Corridor Chapter president.

Other Rouge corridor officers are Bruce Pietrykowski of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, as chapter vice president, and Debra Wake-Williams of the Auto Hall of Fame, as secretary.

County Commission passes resolution against voucher proposal

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Three of four western Wayne County commissioners Thursday joined the majority in opposing Proposal I, the school voucher amendment.

Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, and Commissioners Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, and John J. Sullivan, D-Wayne, joined eight other commissioners in the 11-0-1 vote approving the resolution against Proposal I that was introduced by Commissioner Bernard Pfitzer, D-Detroit.

Commissioner Kathleen Husk, R-Redford Township, abstained.

She could not be reached for comment by press time.

Under Proposal I — a state constitutional amendment which will be on the Nov. 7 general election ballot — \$3,100 tuition vouchers would automatically be granted in Detroit and other school districts having a four-year graduation rate of less than two-thirds.

"Vouchers have not been proven to be successful in providing a higher quality of education for all children equally in the states that allow vouchers," Parker said in explaining the opposition to Proposal I.

"This proposal does not help children whose parents cannot

afford to pay the additional costs of private education or who may not be able to find transportation to a private school.

"Proposal I is very likely to turn back the clock to the days of 'separate and unequal' education."

Other reasons for opposing Proposal I in Parker's resolution:

- it violates United States and state constitutional principles on separation of church and state;
- it does not provide any provision for removing so-called failing public districts from mandatory voucher districts when those public districts improve graduation rates; and
- it does not make the same

requirements of private and public schools — for example, while there are rigorous standards for public schools, private schools could get vouchers even if they hire non-certified teachers and refuse admission to students.

Also voting with Parker were Chairman Ricardo Solomon and Vice Chair Pro Tempore Jewel Ware and Comms. Alisha Bell, Robert Blackwell, Christopher Cavanagh, Susan Hubbard and Joseph Palamara. Palamara also represents some Downriver communities.

All are Democrats, with Solomon, Ware, Bell, Blackwell and Palamara representing mostly Detroit. Cavanagh repre-

sents the Grosse Pointes while Hubbard has Dearborn and western Detroit.

Not present for the vote, which came at the end of the meeting, were Comms. Edward Boike, D-Taylor, and George Cushingberry Jr. and Ilona Varga, both Detroit Democrats.

The county commission meeting was held at the Riverview City Hall.

Commissioners hold meetings outside of the Wayne County Building twice each year; the second such meeting will be in October at Romulus City Hall.

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Burton Manor hosts Senior Day

State Rep. Laura Toy and Sen. Thaddeus McCotter will host the sixth annual Western Wayne County Senior Celebration Day on Friday, Oct. 13.

"Previous Senior Celebration Days have been tremendously successful, and many senior adults look forward to this event each year," said Toy, R-Livonia. "We know that our local seniors are once again looking forward to learning about and discussing issues affecting themselves, their families and their neighborhoods."

The event takes place at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, in Livonia from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. More than 50 exhibitor booths will be set up with free samples and information on health and senior issues.

A game room will provide entertainment and prizes. A free

lunch is included.

Tickets are \$2 and must be bought in advance from senior centers in Redford, Livonia, Plymouth and Northville.

Will be limited to the first 1,000 persons wishing to attend.

"The event is first-come, first-served, so I encourage everyone to buy their tickets as soon as they go on sale," Toy said.

The event is sponsored by Toy, McCotter and two local non-profit organizations, Senior Citizen Achievement Needs and the Livonia Community Foundation.

Local businesses or merchants interested in buying a booth for the event may call Sue Muccino in Toy's district office at (734) 953-0860.

OBITUARIES

RAYMOND W. PHELPS

Services for Raymond W. Phelps, 77, of Westland were held Sept. 20 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Fred Weaver officiating.

Mr. Phelps was born on April 19, 1923 in Fairgrove Township, Mich. and died Sept. 18, 2000 in Wayne. He was employed by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools as a custodian. He was a member of Abundant Life Church of God.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret L. Phelps of Westland; three sons, Tom (Caroline) Phelps of Britton, Dale (Millie) Phelps of Ypsilanti, Jeff Phelps of Westland; one brother, Harold (Marion) Phelps of Plymouth; four grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Abundant Life Church of God, 2100 Hannon, Canton, MI 48188.

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

KENNY WAYNE TOTH

Services for Kenny Wayne Toth, 48, of Redford were held Sept. 19 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Roy G. Forsyth officiating.

Mr. Toth was born on Nov. 2, 1951 in Detroit and died Sept. 15, 2000 in Redford. He worked on the assembly line for an automotive supplier. He came to the Redford community in 1995 from Plymouth. He loved his Harley Davidson motor cycle and his '89 Cadillac.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Toth.

Survivors include his mother, June Toth of Mesa, Ariz.; two brothers, John (Kathy) Toth of Phoenix, Ariz., Dave (Mary Ann) Toth of Canton; and two sisters, Karen (Bruce) Hirth of Plymouth, Darleen Toth of Florida.

Memorials may be made to the family c/o: Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Hospital comes close to blood drive goal

BY THE MARCH 2000

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The goal was 100 pints, and Garden City Hospital came close during its two-day Community Blood Drive.

American Red Cross volunteers worked from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday collecting 75 pints from staff members and walk-ins.

"It's been pretty steady, about average," said head nurse Nancy Rowe, who was working at the blood drive Wednesday.

By mid-afternoon Wednesday, 25 people had rolled up their sleeves and given the gift of life. Many were hospital employees, but some were walk-ins like one woman "who drove by and saw the sign," Rowe said.

Munching on a cookie in the canteen, donor Cyndi Jackson was there because she thinks it's important, "very important."

"I do this as often as I can," she said. "I'm working on my third gallon, so I do it as often as I can. I know how important it is to the community. I have a family and I'd like to know the supply is there if they get hurt."

A cardiology nurse from Westland, she planned on returning to her department to drum up business for the Red Cross nurses.

"I was told they used to get 200 pints," she said.

The blood drive comes at a critical time. The American Red Cross recently issued a blood emergency, citing the shortage as one of the worst in its history.

The shortage is so acute that elective surgeries have been canceled in Los Angeles, Philadelphia and Atlanta, while Los Angeles, Baltimore, Detroit, St. Louis and Philadelphia are in urgent need of blood donations.

So far, surgeries haven't been affected by the shortage at Garden City Hospital, according to hospital spokesman Terry Carroll.

Of the Red Cross's 36 regions, 32 are on appeal because they have less than a day's supply of blood available or have an inadequate supply to meet hospital demand.

Nationally, the American Red Cross tries to maintain a three-day supply of each blood type. Local demand is so great that southeastern Michigan targets a 36-hour supply; currently, its type O blood is at a 18-hour supply.

The American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Blood Services distributes about 230,000 units of blood to 60 hospitals and outpatient centers in the five-county area of Wayne, Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, and St. Clair. In August, it distributed 20,600 units of blood to local hospitals. Only 16,598 were collected locally.

Greg Vasse, executive director of the American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Blood Services, said the metro Detroit area remains vulnerable to the shortages elsewhere in the country because it relies on other Red Cross regions to supplement local collections.

Donations can be made by calling 1-800-GIVE-LIFE, or visiting the Donor Center at the Bell Creek Office Plaza, 20001 West Six Mile Road, Suite 100C, Livonia, or at the Village Plaza, 23400 Michigan Avenue, Suite 100, Dearborn.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the Purchase of Computer Workstations and Printers. Specifications and Bid Packets will be available for pick-up at the front desk of the E. J. McClendon Educational Center located 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI, during regular business hours. Technical questions should be directed to Jim Casteel, PCCS Director of Technology, at (734) 416-2708. Sealed bids are due on or before 3:00 p.m., Monday, October 2nd, 2000. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
JUDY L. MARDIGIAN, Secretary

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the Purchase and Installation of Shaw Carpet Tiling for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools E.J. McClendon Educational Center. Specifications and bid forms will be available at the MANDATORY "walk-through", scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 26th, 2000 at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center located 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan. For further information, please phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. Sealed bids are due on or before 3:00 p.m., Monday, October 9th, 2000. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

JUDY L. MARDIGIAN, Secretary
Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS

The Charter Township of Plymouth is accepting sealed proposals for the purchase of 33 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Units With Associated Accessories, in accordance with the bid documents and specifications.

The complete "Request For Proposal" including specifications may be obtained at the Charter Township of Plymouth Clerk's Office, 43360 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. until 4:30 P.M.

Any particular questions related to the specifications may be directed to Lieutenant James Haar, Plymouth Community Fire Department at 734-364-3221.

All bids are due in the Clerk's Office by Thursday, October 5, 2000 at 3:00 P.M., at which time all sealed bids will be opened.

The Township reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, either in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities within.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk
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State surprised by extent of sewer backups, overflows

By Mike Malott
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Every sewer system can have a spill from time to time. A broken pipe, a blockage or a malfunctioning pump can lead to backups that result in overflows. The result may be sewage backing up into a resident's basement, or an overflow onto land or into surface water.

But when such breakdowns occur frequently, it is sign of an inadequate sewer system and a source of pollution.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has been gathering information since May on sanitary sewer overflows, or SSOs, in a new push to correct those problems.

And the number of overflows it has uncovered is surprising.

"We knew that some were occurring," said Phil Argiroff, a unit supervisor in the Livonia Surface Water Quality office of the DEQ. "But I don't think we realized the extent to which they

are occurring."

By the latest count, 149 communities have reported SSOs within the past five years, and the count is growing, according to the DEQ. Many are minor, one-time occurrences.

But some chronic trouble spots are showing up.

Among those are the Walnut No. 1 lift station, operated by the Oakland County Drain Commissioner's office, on Inkster Road north of Fourteen Mile in West Bloomfield, which has 19 reported overflows in the last two years. The largest known spill occurred this June when 122,500 cubic feet of raw, untreated sewage flowed into the Rouge River watershed over 17 hours. A 72 hour spill occurred in April of 1999, but the amount released is unknown.

Another hot spot is the city of Lansing, which reported 339 SSOs in the last five years. Most were basement backups, but 24 cases involved "bypass" pumping and discharged sewage to the

local watershed, which flows downstream through Lansing's suburban communities.

Macomb County has several hot spots. Clinton Township was fined by the DEQ earlier this year over the frequency of its discharges. But the DEQ has learned the cities of Fraser and Centerline are also experiencing frequent overflows.

A description of some local SSOs reported by communities to the DEQ follows:

Wayne County

■ Garden City reported six SSOs in total over the past five years. Four of them occurred in March of 1997 in a single heavy rain storm. An estimated 330,000 gallons were released. Another discharge occurred a year later when a maintenance access cover blew open. The amount discharged was not known.

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Grading may be best solution for sewerage overflow problem

By Mike Malott
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"If you really want the solution to these sewage overflow problems, the cities would have to tell homeowners that they need to do the grading around their homes," says Environmental Engineer Jack Patel of the Livonia office of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. "If you go into these older neighborhoods, you'll see that the grading just isn't there."

He admits that is a solution that is not likely to be used. And it might seem unrelated to the number of sanitary sewer overflows occurring in southeast Michigan, but Patel says there is a direct connection.

The degree of the sanitary sewer overflow problem in Michi-

gan came to light earlier this year when the DEQ learned Clinton Township in Macomb County was allowing sewers to overflow and discharging the raw, untreated effluent directly into surface waters. Clinton Township has already been fined, but the DEQ also asked other communities to report how many sanitary sewer overflows, or SSOs, they have had.

So far, 149 municipalities have fessed up to some release of sewage to surface waters. Most are minor, one- or two-time occurrences resulting for system breakdowns.

But the DEQ is finding some chronic hot spots, too. The Evergreen-Farmington Sewage Disposal System in West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills is one, reporting 28 overflows in the last

two years, 19 from a single pump station known as Walnut No. 1. Lansing, Fraser and Centerline are also reporting frequent overflows.

In many sewer districts, the Evergreen-Farmington system included, the problem is often related to the grading around individual homes, Patel explained.

Sanitary sewer systems are supposed to handle waste water only. Rain runoff is supposed to be handled by a separate storm sewer system. So the sanitary sewers are not built for the heavy flows that result from downpours.

But, Patel explained, in many older communities, house footing drain tiles and basement sump

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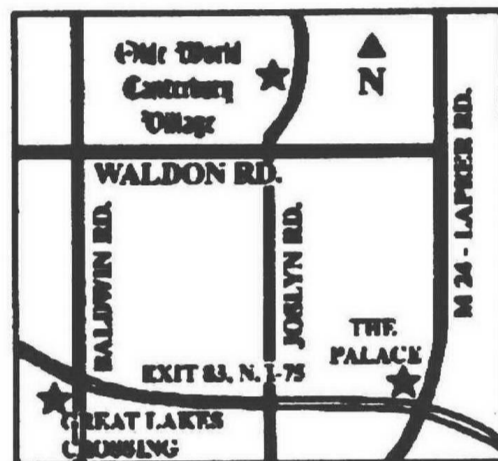
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Sewers from page A7

■ Livonia reported to the DEQ on Aug. 2 that it had to discharge sewage as a result of heavy rains in order to relieve basement flooding in the area of Pickford and Fremont. Over an hour and a half, 29,700 gallons were discharged.

■ The Western Townships Utilities Authority - which serves Northville, Plymouth and Canton - reported 12 overflows dating back to 1994. Most were the result of blockages, from grease or roots, in sewer lines. The largest was a 10,000

gallon release on Pickford Avenue in Northville back in May of 1997. The most recent was last May on Hines Drive in Plymouth when a "plug stuck during cleaning" and 3,000 gallons were released.

Oakland County

■ Evergreen-Farmington Sewage Disposal System in West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills, operated by the Oakland County Drain Commissioner, "has a chronic problem," according to DEQ Environmen-

tal Engineer Jack Patel.

Argiroff said it is a system-wide problem in which the sewers simply do not have the capacity to handle the amount of sewage being put through them. The DEQ and the county drain commissioner's office have attempted twice to fix the problem already but the problem remains. Patel said they'll try again in October to find a solution. It might be construction of a holding tank or diversion of some of the sewage to another sewer line.

County declared disaster area; flood relief expected next week

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The efforts of Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara in behalf of several communities hard-hit by flooding - including his buttonholing President Bill Clinton about it Thursday night - may result in Clinton's making federal disaster relief available early this week.

Torrential rains Sept. 10 and 11 resulted in flood damage to 10,284 homes and 324 businesses and an estimated \$50 million in personal property losses in the communities of Taylor, Allen Park, Wyandotte and Southgate.

McNamara declared a state of emergency early this past week and requested state and federal

aid. That triggered Gov. John Engler to proclaim a state of disaster on Wednesday, which will "allow the state to seek federal aid for individuals whose homes have been damaged," Engler said.

But McNamara was expected to broach the subject with Clinton Thursday night during the president's visit to the Atheneum Hotel in Detroit and Laurel Manor in Livonia, according to McNamara spokeswoman June West.

"Mr. McNamara has made every effort he possibly can to get assistance," she said.

But "We probably won't know until early next week if federal assistance will be available,"

West said.

McNamara noted that "Many homeowners don't have flood insurance coverage."

"We are working to provide as much assistance as possible so everyone can get their lives back to normal as soon as possible," he said.

West said the county had to ask for assistance before the governor could ask the president for aid.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is filing reports and the Michigan State Police emergency management division and the state department of transportation are assisting communities with damage assessments.

Grading from page A7

pumps are connected to sewers. So, if the landscaping is not graded to move rainwater away from the foundation, it will end up in those footing drains and could well overwhelm the sewer system.

The problem is not new. In fact, for homes built in the 1960s and earlier, it was legal to connect those tiles to sewers. The law has since been changed, but older homes are "grandfathered" in and those connections legally remain, Patel said.

Phil Argiroff, unit supervisor in the Surface Water Quality division of the DEQ's Livonia office, said he believes the sewer overflows have been occurring all along, but simply weren't being reported. Patel contends

that until the past few years, communities by and large didn't care. The occasional overflow was expected.

That changed, in the wake of revelations about Clinton Township's overflows, when state lawmakers passed a bill, sponsored by state Sen. Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, requiring public notification when an SSO occurs.

The DEQ launched into a program of correcting the problems that cause overflows this past May. While SSOs are illegal, the state asked communities to report their overflows by the end of August. To encourage reporting, the DEQ said it would be less likely to fine communities for SSOs if they were reported voluntarily. Those discovered

later will get harsher treatment.

Peter Ouslund, supervisor of Surface Water Quality in the DEQ's Shiawassee district, said the state is still analyzing the results. With 149 communities coming forward, DEQ employees need to review the reports to see if the communities are taking the appropriate steps to fix the problem.

Until the analysis is done, he was unwilling to identify any communities as chronic trouble spots or say whether they were making the appropriate efforts to fix the problems.

Still, Ouslund said communities won't get sanctions "as long as they have not been recalcitrant in their response."

Ford traffic sweep nets 144 citations

Some 182 traffic stops resulted in 144 citations being issued during stepped-up police patrols of traffic along Ford Road last Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

While no drunken driving arrests were made, there were

six arrests plus 148 verbal warnings.

The special effort focused upon, among other things, driving under the influence, transporting open alcohol containers, speeding, driving aggressively

and violating safety restraint laws.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police Metro South Post in Taylor joined officers from Canton Township, Westland, Garden City, Dearborn Heights and Dearborn in the sweep.

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It was quite an experience



The 2000 Olympics are over for Livonia's Shahe Taormina.

It's time to come home. And she's more than ready. Since her sixth-place finish in the women's triathlon, it's been hectic couple of days for the former Stevenson High All-Stater and University of Georgia All-American.

"Before my race I felt so rested and healthy, now I feel kind of tired and sick," she said with a raspy voice via phone from the Olympic Village. "Actually it's been 'go-go-go' since the race."

"I'm going to sleep when I get home, read my mail, do my laundry and pay off some of my bills."

Most people would be sick and tired after a grueling two-hour race, which includes a 1,500-meter swim, 24.9-mile bike and 6.2-mile run.

Ironically, Taormina has been able to enjoy being a spectator instead of a competitor. She's caught a couple sessions of swimming and some weightlifting. She also took a trip to Bondi Beach, while her 22-member family entourage took in the tourist spots in and around Sydney.

She was especially looking forward to watching the women's 4 x 300-meter freestyle relay Wednesday night, the same event in which she won a gold medal and helped set an Olympic record during the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, Ga.

Gold eluded Taormina in the triathlon, but her performance was golden considering how far she has come being a virtual rookie in the sport.

Obviously nothing replaces winning a gold, but her sixth-place is quite an accomplishment and certainly rivals her Atlanta showing.

Competing and being a part of the Olympic experience always mattered more to Taormina than winning a medal.

And having her family in attendance meant the world.

"I feel like I'm one of the luckiest athletes," she said. "They were jumping up and down just as much, if not more, than when I won a gold medal in Atlanta."

The Taormina family was packed 200 miles away from home to watch the triathlon.

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Fast start boosts Salem; Canton stumbles in OT

Once Plymouth Salem got its offense in gear, there was no stopping the Rocks.

A 9-4 first quarter got Salem started in its non-league girls basketball game Thursday at Salem. The second quarter doomed the Highlanders, with Dawn Allen and, off the bench, Amy Szawara combining for 15 points.

The result was a 13-point half-time lead that led the Rocks to a 54-29 victory.

"The second quarter was huge," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "We really had a nice quarter. They couldn't guard Allen inside."

The Rocks outscored Howell 19-11 in the period to go up 28-15 at the intermission. A 17-10 Salem surge in the third period, making it 45-25, sealed the Highlanders' fate.

The win pushed the Rocks' record to 5-1. Howell slipped to 4-4.

Three players reached double figures in scoring for Salem. Kelly Jaskot led the way with 15 points; Allen and Jenna Van Wagoner had 12 apiece. Szawara finished with seven.

Ashlee Larson topped Howell with 12.

Flint Northern 48, Canton 39 (OT): One miracle followed another Thursday at Canton.

The Chiefs had a five-point lead over the Vikings with just 37 seconds to play, but a desperation three-point bank shot by Sheena Bates — with two Canton players guarding her — went through the basket, tying the game and, eventually, leading to defeat for the hosts.

"It was kind of a prayer answered," said Canton coach Bob Blohm.

The loss left Canton at 4-3 overall. Northern improved to 3-4.

It was a tight game all the way, with the Vikes up 7-6 after one quarter and the score tied at 18-apiece at the half. Northern was up 30-27 after three quarters, but the Chiefs rallied and controlled play in the fourth — until Bates' miracle shot. After that came four scoreless

minutes of overtime for Canton as the Vikings pulled away to the victory.

Janine Guastella's 10 points paced the Chiefs. Angie Neu contributed eight. Shawanna Stubeblefield led Northern with 14 points; Bates had eight.

Ladywood 60, Divine Child 66: Livonia Ladywood found two reasons to celebrate Friday night.

First, Ladywood pulled away from visiting Dearborn Divine Child in the fourth quarter for a 60-50 Catholic League victory.

And second, Michelle Harakas committed to Illinois State, given a full scholarship to the NCAA Division I member of the Missouri Valley Conference.

"It's kind of hard for me," Coach Andrea Gorski of the Blazers said. "I went to Bradley. "But it's a good place and I good opportunity for her."

The Falcons spent the farm to stop Harakas and her sister Melissa. It worked — sort of.

Junior center Liz Obrecht scored 25 points and had 10 rebounds and junior guard Jana Buemel scored eight.

Senior guard Maria Jillian scored 16 points to lead Divine Child (5-3, 0-2).

The Blazers (6-2, 2-0) were a little tentative in the first half and took a 25-21 lead into the locker room.

They made it 39-33 after three periods and controlled the ball in the fourth, maintaining a 5-7 point margin throughout.

"In the second half," Gorski said, "we started attacking their press. Obrecht hit some layups and short jumpers."

"Jana really attacked their press and we passed over it. Our freshman guard, Amber Willoughby came off the bench and really attacked their press in the fourth quarter."

"She made good decisions and made good passes for layups."

Ladywood went 20-for-26 from the free throw line to 17-for-30 shooting for Divine Child.

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Former MSU star looks for return trip

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Shawn Respert will tell you Italian food served in the states is not quite the same as it is over there.

Respert, now 28, has had a lot on his plate since he left as Michigan State's all-time leading scorer in men's basketball.

The 6-foot-3 guard spent last season playing in the First Division of the Italian League for Adecco Milano, teaming up with former NBA journeyman point-guard Pooh Richardson.

Respert, a Redford Bishop Borgess High graduate, was signed after Lee Nailon came back to the NBA and inked a pact with the Charlotte Hornets.

"It's Kobe Bryant's team," said Respert, who has been working out recently at Schoolcraft College. "We went from last place to making the final eight in the playoffs."

"I came in late October (1999) and it was a big culture shock. It's amazing what you learn. People are more intellectual, they're more into fine arts and fashion. Everyone is bilingual. I learned enough Italian to get me around."

What turned Respert off about Italy? "Everybody's smoking," he said. "It took awhile to get adjusted to that. It's just not healthy culture."

Respert found the Italians employ different

training methods and treat injuries differently than in the NBA.

Plantar fasciitis slowed Respert's game down for almost nine months. The foot injury remains a concern. Respert is not sure if he'll accept an NBA preseason camp invitation this fall unless he's completely over the problem. He's talked with Vancouver and the Knicks, but has not committed.

With only two Americans allowed per team in the Italian league, Respert felt the pressure of producing.

"They expect you to do a lot, the expectation level is so high," he said. "You're supposed to win, and if you lose, the fans get on you pretty good."

During his stint last year in Italy, Respert watched from afar as his beloved MSU Spartans captured the National Championship.

"I was excited, but we were right in the middle of our playoffs at the time," he said. "I knew they had a great chance of winning it all. They definitely jelled at the right time."

At MSU, Respert is the all-time leader in scoring (2,351 points), field goals made (866) and free throw percentage (.857). As a senior, he was named Player of the Year by the Sporting News and was a first-team All-America.

Originally selected with the eighth pick

overall pick of the 1996 NBA Draft, Respert was acquired by Milwaukee in a draft-day trade with Portland for Gary Trent and a 1996 first-round pick.

He remained with the Bucks until February of 1997 when he was traded to Toronto in exchange for Acie Earl.

The 1996-97 season, shortened by the owners lockout, proved to be a disaster for Respert.

"I was one of six or seven players who had a one-year deal and I lost half my salary that year," he said. "The lockout was a bad deal. I guess they could only hold out for so long, but like anything else it's a business. Guys in the middle salary range got hurt by that deal, it only protected the guys on the high end. I wish I had signed a multi-year deal."

With Toronto, Respert averaged 5.6 points and 5.5 points in two seasons. He twice had career-high 20 points, including his first NBA start against New Jersey.

Respert then migrated to Dallas in 1998 for a 12-game stint and Phoenix (1998-99) for a 12-game stint.

During the off-season, Respert worked out near Houston with such players as Avery Johnson, Sam Cassell, Nick Van Exel and Hakeem Olajuwon.

He is currently building a home in Cady, Texas, and plans to get married. Both of his parents are retired and the family plans to all move to Texas.

Salem football from page B1

momentarily bobbled the ball before picking it up on his own 18 and racing 82 yards to the end zone. Spartan kicker Mark Radley booted the extra point to make it 7-0.

Salem scored first on its second possession when Ellison capped a time-consuming, 11-play drive with a 7-yard TD run. James March's extra-point attempt was wide, leaving the score at 7-6.

Stevenson regained some breathing room minutes later when running back Frank Longordo broke free on a fourth-and-1 play and ran untouched 44 yards to paydirt.

The Spartans' special teams made it 21-6 with 4:37 left in the first half when senior defensive tackle Jeff Vermillion smothered the ball in the end zone after March failed to handle a high snap on a punt. March tried valiantly to swat the ball beyond the end line, but he couldn't knock it out of Vermillion's grasp.

Salem regained the momentum heading into the half on

Kneiding's 61-yard run on a reverse with just 2:38 left in the second quarter. Hoskins ran in the two-point conversion to make it 21-14 at the intermission.

There was no scoring in the 67-point second half until the 8:31 mark of the third quarter when took a Hoskins pitch and raced 60 yards on a sweep to make it 21-21.

However, the flood gates, as they say, were opened.

It took two plays for Stevenson to regain the lead: a 5-yard run by senior running back Bill Marsack and a 60-yard Casey-to-Wilson aerial. Casey hurled a perfect strike to Wilson as he was being chased by a trio of Rock defensive linemen. The extra-point attempt was no good, leaving Stevenson's lead at 27-21.

Vermillion recovered a fumble on the Rocks next play from scrimmage. The turnover set up Wilson's 4-yard TD run two plays later.

Trailing 33-21, Salem did not panic. Instead, it engineered a 14-play, 75-yard scoring drive which was climaxed by Ellison's

1-yard TD run. The ensuing kickoff deflected off a Spartan and into the hands of Salem's Kyle Sitariski at the Stevenson 47-yard line.

The Rocks capitalized on the Spartans' misfortune seconds later when Kneiding snared a screen pass from Hoskins and booted 49 yards for a TD to make it 35-33 Salem with 11:50 left in the game.

Faster than you can say "white lightning," Wilson answered for Stevenson, returning the ensuing kickoff 84 yards to put the Spartans up, 40-35.

Salem scored the next two touchdowns on passes from Hoskins to Kneiding and senior tight end Barry Flavin to grab a semi-comfortable 48-40 lead with 5:28 to go.

Undaunted, Stevenson calmly pieced together a 55-yard drive that ended on Marsack's 2-yard TD run. The Spartans' first attempt at a game-tying two-point conversion was no good. However, the Rocks were penalized for having 12 men on the field. Longordo then bulled over

from the 1-and-a-half-yard line to tie the game at 48-48.

The Spartans' defense then forced Salem to three plays and a 26-yard punt, which gave Stevenson the ball at the Rocks' 34 with 1:32 left.

Four plays later, Casey lofted a 20-yard spiral to senior wide receiver J.P. Culloty, who snagged the ball just over the goal line in front of the Rock defensive back, making it 54-48.

"These games aren't as near as much fun to coach as they are to watch from the stands," sighed Gabel. "Because when you look up at the scoreboard and see 48 points for them, you know you've had a number of breakdowns. But we'll take the win and move on."

Both teams' quarterbacks played well. Casey completed all four of his passes for 91 yards while Hoskins connected on 7-of-17 passes for 151 yards and three scores.

PREP FOOTBALL		Salem at Churchill, 7 p.m.	
Thursday, Sept. 28		Franklin at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.	
John Glenn at Farmington, 7 p.m.	Harrison at Stevenson, 7 p.m.	N. Farmington at Canton, 7 p.m.	
N. Farm. at Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.	Canton at W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.	W.L. Central at Farmington, 7 p.m.	
W.L. Central at Salem, 7:30 p.m.	Friday, Sept. 29		
Lincoln Park at Wayne, 7 p.m.	Garden City at Wyandotte, 7 p.m.	Allen Park at Redford Union, 7 p.m.	
Luth. W'sid at Luth. North, 7 p.m.	Bishop Borgess vs. O.L. Lakes at Waterford Mott, 7 p.m.	Luth. East at Clarencville, 7:30 p.m.	
Churchill at Northville, 7:30 p.m.	Melvindale at Thurston, 7:30 p.m.	Saturday, Sept. 30	
St. Agatha vs. Mt. Carmel at RU's Kraft Field, 7:30 p.m.	Sunday, Oct. 1		
Redford CC vs. U-D Jesuit at Pontiac Wisner Stadium, 1 p.m.	GIRLS BASKETBALL		
Tuesday, Sept. 26			
Luth. W'sid at Luth. N'west, 6:30 p.m.	Farm. at Clarencville, 7 p.m.	Canton at Salem, 7 p.m.	
N. Farm. at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.	Mercy at Ladywood, 7 p.m.	Bishop Borgess at Marian, 7 p.m.	
Garden City at Wayne, 7 p.m.	River Rouge at Thurston, 7 p.m.	Redford Union at Fordson, 7 p.m.	
St. Alphonsus at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.	PCA at Oakland Christian, 7 p.m.	Huron Valley vs. World Outreach at Marshall M.S., 7 p.m.	
Thursday, Sept. 28			
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Thurston at Tay. Kennedy, 7 p.m.	Redford Union at S'gate, 7 p.m.	Agape vs. Greater Life at Wayne (Old Gym), 7 p.m.	
Friday, Sept. 29			
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Madonna vs. Aquinas at Ladywood H.S., noon.			
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Schoolcraft at Delta, 1 p.m.			
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Wayne Co. at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.			
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LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Orchestra corrals ponies for benefit

It's been a long time since most Livonia Symphony Orchestra supporters have ridden a carousel, but that won't stop them from taking a spin on the ponies Sunday, Oct. 8.

That's when *Sunday, Songs & Symphony*, the orchestra's annual fundraiser, turns Wonderland Mall into a fantasyland of food and fun. The event features a taste of more than 20 restaurants, bakeries and markets; a silent auction, light classical and pops music by the orchestra, and carousel rides.

"We're really excited about the location and the new restaurants joining us," said event chairwoman Pat Sari. "We're excited to be back at Wonderland. We've had a positive response to the mall which has undergone extensive renovation and added a food court. And part of the proceeds from the carousel rides will go to the symphony. It's an exciting evening of music, wonderful food and the fellowship of others who enjoy this music."

Sari hopes chocolate lovers will come out to help raise this year's goal of \$25,000. The amount will go a long way to attaining the \$130,000 needed to produce the orchestra's 2000-2001 season.

Sunday, Songs & Symphony
What: The fund-raiser features a taste of silent auction and light classical and pops music by the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.
When: 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8
Where: Wonderland Mall, Plymouth Road at Middlebelt, Livonia
Tickets: \$25 in advance, \$30 at door, call (734) 427-4113, (734) 426-4855 or (734) 421-1113



Guest soprano: Barbara Pierce will sing light classical and Broadway tunes at the annual benefit for the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

Godiva Chocolates is one of 7 new businesses, including Emmett's Casual Dining and Sandtraps on Five, which will offer savory samples of pastries, entrees and salads. Returning are Buca di Beppo, Champs Americana, Macaroni Grille, Chimento's, Busch's and Westborn Market, Great Harvest Bread Co., Heritage Bakery, Thomas Wedding Cakes, and the Michigan Star Clipper Train.

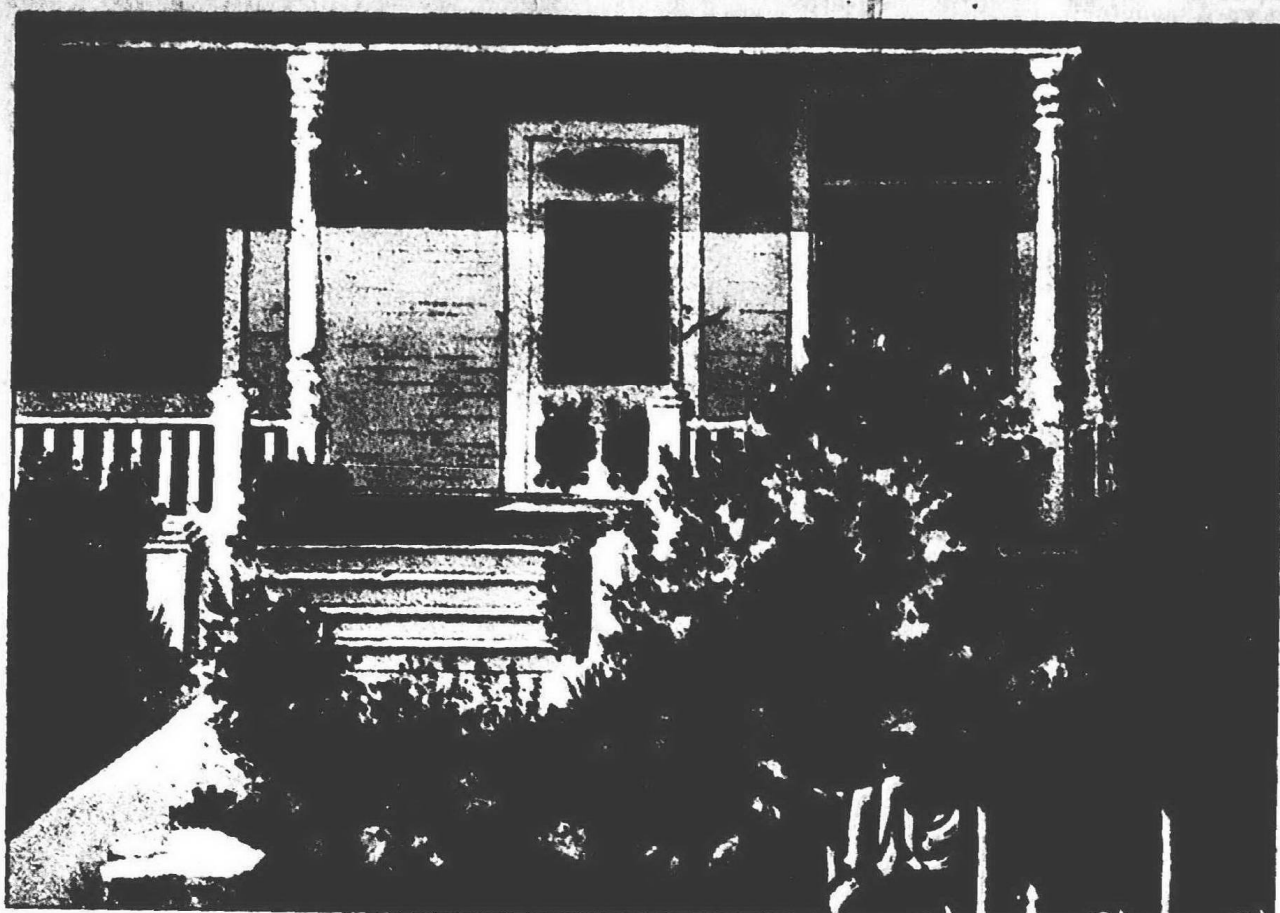
Supporters will also have the opportunity to place bids on dozens of silent auction items, including tickets to fly Northwestern anywhere in the continental U.S., dinner at Gennitti's Hole in the Wall, and an engine ride on the Michigan Star Clipper Train.

"Symphony orchestras are really a gift to the community," said Sari. "People involved with music use the left and right side of the brain. Music really enriches our lives."

Guest soprano

Barbara Pierce knows firsthand the difference music can make in the lives of students in Livonia Public Schools' Creative and Performing Arts program at Churchill High School. That's why she's volunteering to sing an aria from *La Boheme* and selections from *Oklahoma* with the orchestra on Oct. 8. She believes in the magic of music. Pierce's own love for music grew from hearing her parents sing Italian opera and folk songs. By fifth grade,

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Porch time: Eleanor O'Connor shines the light of a "Summer Morning" on this watercolor.



Bygone era: Plymouth watercolorist Gordon Eddy captures this vintage scene on "Main Street-USA."

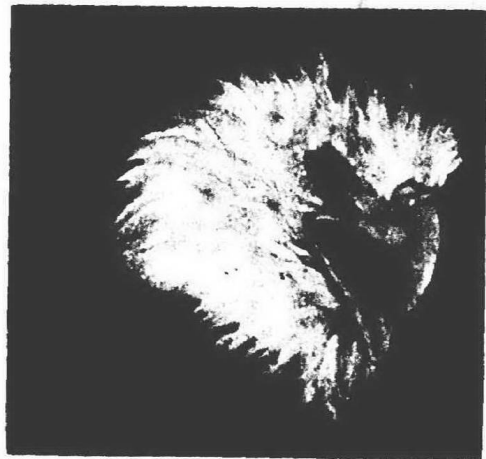
BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Sharon Dillenbeck enthusiastically flips through the slides chosen for the *Artists Among Us* exhibit continuing to Friday, Oct. 13, at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts in Plymouth.

"Wonderful," she exclaims as Irene Kallas' bowl of apples and Florence Constable's *Prime Roses* flash on the makeshift screen set on a box in the back of Dillenbeck's D & M Art Studio in Canton. "I love the figurative work by Byron Reed of Canton because it shows fluid movement."

One by one, Dillenbeck divulges the reasons for selecting the 41 pieces for the fourth annual show presented by the Wayne County Council for Arts, History & Humanities. This inside look at the jurying process illustrates the care with which Dillenbeck made her decisions. The watercolor, pastel, oil, acrylic, pen and ink, collage, color pencil and graphite works

What: The Wayne County Council for Arts, History & Humanities present the fourth annual *Artists Among Us* exhibit featuring painting and drawing.
When: Through Friday, Oct. 13.
Where: Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. For more information or exhibit hours, call (734) 416-4278



American eagle: Livonia artist Sherry Eid used color pencil to create this symbol of American pride.

Artists Among Us Wayne County spotlights local works of art

by artists from Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Westland, Garden City, Dearborn and Grosse Pointe represent the best in the county.

"I'd like people to take the challenge to come and look beyond the process and to feel what the artist felt when they produced the image," said Dillenbeck, an art teacher at Our Lady of Victory in Northville. "There's a lot of break through to excellence. I juried the work on a scale of 1 to 5 based on the use of color, composition, value, texture, design, and how well it evokes a feeling, how they treat an object whether it's detailed or simple. I'm looking for the message."

The critical method Dillenbeck uses for weeding through entries is one of the reasons she was chosen to judge the competition and award a Best of Show (\$500), Award of Merit (\$200) and 3 Honorable Mentions of \$50 each. Her standards correspond with the arts council's mission to promote arts in the county.

"We want to highlight the great diversity and talent in the county and to give people in communities the chance to see what other communities are doing," said Emma-Jean Woodyard, who recently completed her term as president of the Wayne County arts council. "We showcase artists in venues throughout the county - Grosse Pointe, Belleville, Hamtramck, Plymouth. That's what makes it so neat. We realized there are artists from all over and one community might not know about the other community. There is so much going on. We want to network and be of assistance to the arts groups throughout the county."

Gene Hammonds joined the
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MUSIC

Workshop plays on exotic instruments

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Ara Topouzian founded American Recording Productions in Farmington Hills with one thought in mind - to preserve Armenian music - and in so doing the history of a grandmother who fled the 1915 massacre in Turkey, a country he lovingly refers to as Old Armenia.

What: An Armenian folk music workshop for ages 8-18. To register, call (248) 661-9228.
When: Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14
Where: Armenian Community Center, 19510 Ford Road, Dearborn
Featured event: An 8 p.m. concert features the workshop musicians.
Tickets are \$10 adults, free for children, and available at the door or by calling (248) 661-9228

Now at age 40, the Bloomfield Hills producer would like to pass on his knowledge and love of the music to a younger generation. On Saturday, Oct. 14, Topouzian will host an Armenian folk music workshop for ages 8-18 at the Armenian Community Center in Dearborn. An 8 p.m. concert by Topouzian and workshop presenters Joe Zeytoonian, Leon Janikian, Myriam Eli, and Ken Kalajian will feature dance and folk music, including selections from Topouzian's new CD *Whispers of Ellis Island*.

Proceeds from the workshop will go to the Armenian Youth



Music workshop: Kanun player Ara Topouzian is inviting all youth to find out more about Armenian folk music at a workshop where he and other musicians will demonstrate their instruments.

Foundation based in Boston. Topouzian received a grant for the workshop from the foundation. If all goes well on Oct. 14, children on the East Coast will

soon learn more about the exotic looking instruments of Armenian music.

Troubadours and melodies

"Armenian music dates back hundreds of centuries," said Topouzian. "There are 3 forms of Armenian music - liturgical, folk and classical. We'll be concentrating on the folk music of Armenians who predominately lived in Turkey until the 1915 massacre perpetrated by the Turkish government. Those that did escape brought the music with them to America. It's folk and dance music talking about a pretty Armenian girl or a river or mountain."

The workshop is something Topouzian wanted to do for a long time. He's afraid that as the Armenian culture evolves and grows further from its roots, the music will be forgotten. Topouzian grew up listening to the music an older brother played on the Middle Eastern lute called an oud but today's youth may not have the same opportunity. School music programs focus on traditional band and orchestra instruments. Topouzian almost ended up playing the cornet he learned in Birmingham Public Schools but Armenian and Middle Eastern music kept tempting him with its lyrical sound.

Before long he was playing the 78-string laptop harp known as the kanun. Over the years, Topouzian

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A reinvention of culture or just another tax?

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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It's a short walk from the 3D screen at the IMAX Theatre inside Henry Ford Museum to the historic promenade and watchtower undergoing renovation for the first time in 70 years.

If there's a striking symbol of the relentless push of high-tech and the persuasive pull of tradition, it's here on the grounds where the legacy of invention and the American entrepreneurial spirit are revered.

Like nearly every other cultural institution in the region, Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village in Dearborn is at a crossroads. In the digital age, the challenge is profound: To make history and the study of culture as compelling as a sojourn to the high-tech wonderland of Disney.

It isn't easy. And it isn't inexpensive.

The rub, of course, is that the region's 17 cultural institutions weren't founded on the dictates of the marketplace. For many years, bottom-line realities of supply and demand didn't enter their curatorial world.

The days of elitism and curators setting the agenda, however, are long gone.

Accessibility, building audiences and marketing are the buzzwords to live by.

Yet while the region's cultural institutions are fundamentally changing to appeal to audiences conditioned by the interactive age's push-button mentality, questions abound.

For instance: Should the appreciation of art, history and culture be made "easy" or reducible to the lowest common denominator? And, what should be the public investment in sustaining a thriving culture? In the days of multiculturalism, whose "culture" is to be preserved anyway?

Since cultural institutions are non-profit, public places, the hot-button question comes down to this: How can the region's defining places of culture remain fiscally viable and continue to change with the times?

It's a question rooted in a 10-year struggle set off by drastic state funding cuts in the early 1990s.

The answer, some believe, is a vote "Yes" on Proposal A.

Before the voters in Oakland and Wayne counties deliver their answer on Nov. 7, there's an immediate objective - clarifying the intent and details of a proposal at risk of suffering from an identity complex.

Making the case

With about six weeks before the election, little is known - or understood - about the details of the proposed half-mill assessment with revenues earmarked for cultural institutions and local cultural and recreational use.

On the surface, Proposal A means a consistent 10-year revenue stream for a list of 17 cultural institutions. Yet beyond that, there's an intricate web of details - the result of a 3 1/2-year struggle to win the support of the county commissions in Oakland and Wayne, and the Detroit City Council. Their approval was necessary to place on the ballot the proposal to impose the millage.

"If the election were held today, I think it'd be close, but we'd win," said Steven Hamp, director of Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village. "The

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board of the Wayne County Council for Arts, History & Humanities because he wanted to be part of the effort to draw together arts organizations promoting cultural life in the county. Hammonds served as president of Canton Project Arts, the township's arts organization, before his nomination to the Wayne County arts council 18 months ago. Founded in the early 1990's, the Wayne County arts council consists of a 21-member board - 7 appointed by Wayne County executive Edward McNamara, 7 by the Wayne County Commission, and 7 by board members. In addition to the *Artists Among Us* exhibit, the council presents its annual recognition awards. Among the recipients is Plymouth Community Arts Council founder Joanne Winkleman Hulce.

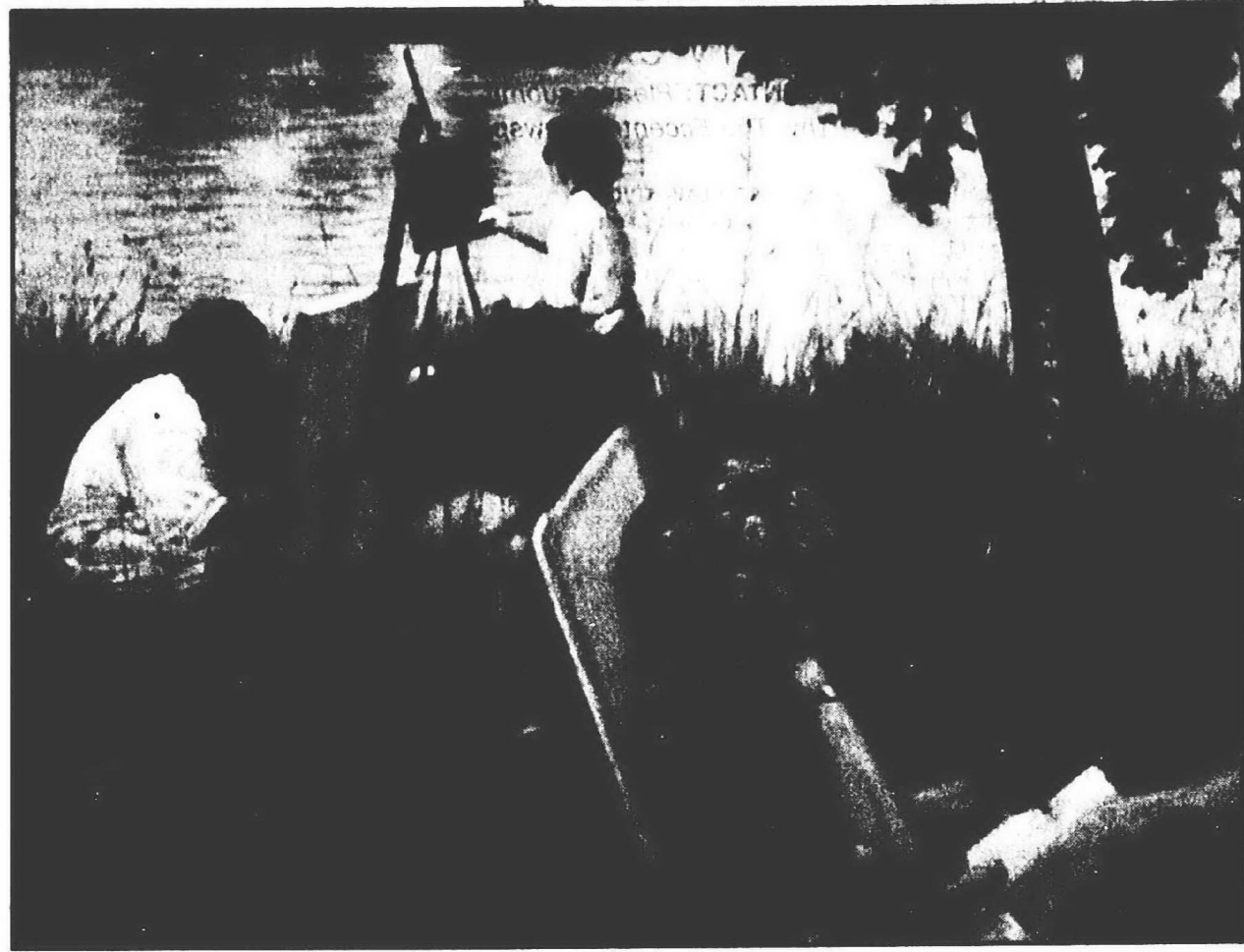
"I wanted to expand my role in the arts environment beyond Canton Township and bring those experiences back to Canton Township," said Hammonds. "We want to present Wayne

County artists and to give them an opportunity to exhibit their work and to award monetary prizes for the best work. We travel to different locations because we don't have a home."

The challenge of developing the fledgling arts council into a leading organization is exciting to Hammonds. Currently working within a \$10,000 budget funded by Wayne County, the council is in negotiations with the county to increase its budget. That would allow the board to move ahead on projects such as documenting historical sites in the county.

"We eventually want to hire a director and find a permanent home with a central location," said Woodyard, "but we're reluctant to take on these big projects until we get the funding we need."

In the meantime, the council will continue presenting exhibits that show Wayne County talent can compete with the best of them.



On location: Julie Sabit painted this oil of "Three Artists."

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ian's musical abilities grew as did audiences for the music. He's performed at the Chicago World Music Festival, Arab International Music Festival in Detroit, the Farmington Chamber of Commerce and with the Detroit Chamber Winds. His music is featured in the PBS documentary *Armenian Americans* first aired in New York in March and scheduled for broadcast in Detroit this winter.

"There seems to be a lack of understanding of what Armenian folk music is, especially in Armenian youth," said Topouzian, whose recording company produces 5-6 albums of Armenian and Middle Eastern music a year. "Music is an important aspect of the culture. I want to create an awareness of the folk music and the instruments. We're playing instruments that can be considered exotic. The kanun is the granddaddy of piano dating back to

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Ara Topouzian,
musician

the fifth century. Most of the Middle East use the instrument and it's still used in Armenia today."

While most families don't have kanuns or ouds lying around the house, tambourines and even pots can create sound. Topouzian

is encouraging youth attending the workshop to bring them. The experts will provide the Armenian and Middle Eastern instruments. Zeytoonian, who's played or recorded with Gloria Estafan and Jon Secada, will bring his oud from Florida. Janikian, a clarinetist and music professor at Northeastern University in Massachusetts; Eli, a percussionist, and Kalajian, a Rhode Island guitarist, will join him.

"This is not music they would hear in elementary school; they don't need that experience," said Topouzian. "We'll be showing them songs not scales. We just want them to bring whatever they can to make a sound, something to bang on - a tambourine, dumbeg or cooking pot. Later in the day we'd love to get some of the kids on stage. I think they'd be tickled to do that. That's the goal to get them involved with the music."

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Pierce and her father were involved with civic theater near their Connecticut home. Later, she went on to earn a bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut and master's degrees in music education and vocal performance from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. This is her second year as a voice teacher in the

Creative and Performing Arts program. Pierce has also taught vocal music for Ann Arbor Public Schools, Eastern Michigan University and Spring Arbor College.

"I'm nervous but I'm looking forward to it," said Pierce, who's husband David (a music professor at Eastern Michigan University) frequently subs with the

Livonia Symphony. "It's the first time I've sung with an orchestra in years and it's something I'd like to continue to do."

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case is strong when we have an opportunity to explain." Hamp is also the president of the Cultural Coalition, a consortium of the region's 17 cultural institutions campaigning for the passage of Proposal A.

In the public attention span already cluttered with Olympic coverage, the tit-for-tat rhetoric of tightly contested presidential and U.S. senate races, not to mention the school voucher debate, finding an "opportunity" to make the case for Proposal A is challenging.

Until now, the political strategy could be characterized as "Preaching to the choir."

Proponents have handed out leaflets at art festivals. And each of the 17 cultural institutions continue to circulate campaign material outlining the merits of Proposal A, noting that ultimately, the initiative is about "educating our children."

While hyperbole is commonplace in a campaign, it's not a case of looking for a handout, said Hamp.

"We have pulled up our socks and become more entrepreneurial," he said. "And now we need a more stable formula for funding. We're trying to redefine what culture means to our communities."

Proponents offer a simple formula to make the point that Proposal A is a tax increase in name only. It's anticipated that if passed, the half-mil assessment on property owners in Oakland and Wayne counties would generate \$44 million in tax revenue.

Basically, the assessment means the owner of a \$150,000 home will pay \$37.50 a year — the equivalent of \$3.13 a month. Or as the campaign material proclaims: "Just four cents per day."

Of the total revenue, \$29 million would be shared among 17 institutions. No institution would receive more than \$4 million. Meanwhile, the remaining \$15 million tax revenue would go back to municipalities, townships and villages to be used for local cultural and recreation programs.

Source or substitute?

Several local art centers have expressed wariness about whether Proposal A could possibly create an unwelcome layer of politics to a process whereby nonprofits are already in fervid competition for public funding.

"We're concerned that whatever comes back to the local level could eventually replace our Michigan Council for the Arts

Local share of anticipated tax revenue

The following is a list of the revenue municipalities, townships and villages would receive if Proposal A is approved.

The funds can be used only for cultural and recreational activities.

Numbers are calculated based on 2000 taxable value.

Wayne County
Garden City - \$86,100
Livonia - \$846,933
Plymouth - \$64,283
Plymouth Township - \$28,221
Redford - \$175,078
Westland - \$270,329

Oakland County
Beverly Hills - \$70,676
Birmingham - \$213,922
Clarkston - \$5,843
Farmington - \$54,609
Farmington Hills - \$556,119
Lake Orion - \$13,390
Lathrup Village - \$23,003
Oxford - \$17,443
Oxford Township - \$60,989
Rochester - \$80,421
Rochester Hills - \$434,443
Southfield - \$488,313
Troy - \$728,845
Walled Lake - \$28,674
West Bloomfield - \$487,351

grant," said Anne Blatte, director of Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester.

In the current fiscal year, Paint Creek received \$23,000 — its largest grant — from the state. The funds go to the center's exhibitions program.

In theory, the tax revenue is a supplement to state funding. Yet that does little to assuage Blatte and other smaller organizations that survive by relying on volunteers and patching together a budget with fund-raisers.

The message

In the month since the wording and interworkings of what had been known as the "culture tax" was approved, the Cultural Coalition and the "Yes on A Committee" have taken aim.

Apparently, they figure their best shot is to make the campaign a referendum on how cultural institutions can be used as an adjunct resource to K-12 curricula.

The message: Proposal A is more than support for the arts, it's public money for education and a way to improve the quality of life in the region.

"We want to give every student (in Oakland and Wayne counties) a chance to go through every cultural institution and learn hands-on about art, science, nature," said Bettie Buss, policy project director at Detroit Renaissance.

The civic organization, founded in the aftermath of the 1987 riots, took up the issue five years ago as a way to foster regional culture.

Months ago, as part of sweetening the appeal to the culture tax proposal, many of the cultural institutions set forth a plan to offer free or reduced fees for the 600,000 students in Oakland and Wayne, and increase teacher training.

Timing is crucial

While the emphasis is on finding an on-going source of public money to support the region's cultural institutions, the success of Proposal A could depend on whether small and medium-size cultural organizations realize a benefit.

"There is so much going on in schools and at the community level — at libraries and local historical societies," said Barbara Kratchman, executive director of ArtServe Michigan, which began as Concerned Citizens for the Arts after the state funding cuts drastically reduced public support for culture in the early 1990s.

Concerned Citizens conducted the original research on drafting a plan for a stable source of public funding.

In Oakland and Wayne counties, Kratchman estimates there is more than 1,000 local cultural organizations. Before the election, ArtServe will hold informational meetings throughout the area.

"The easiest selling point is to talk about the educational component," said Kratchman. "This stream of revenue will mean children will be involved in arts

education in the schools. Parents desire to have their children to be exposed to the arts."

The timing of Proposal A is crucial. Supporters conceded that the issue could have had a better chance if on the August ballot. There is no turning back.

Proposal A has been a 10-year preparation for the big game.

"We're taking it to the grassroots," said Talbert Spence, director of the Cranbrook Institute of Science, who assumed his duties last fall. Spence is one of several new directors in the region, joining Graham Beal at the DIA and Christy Matthews at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.

Foremost, according to Spence, cultural institutions must think of themselves as public educators.

"First it's about educating students, then families," he said. "The metro area is rebuilding, and the public needs to see that cultural institutions play a part in economic vitality."

Simply put, Spence noted it's difficult to attract businesses — and top executives — to a region known as a cultural wasteland. In a world economy, the reputation of a region could be the difference between maintaining a competitive edge and making outdated widgets.

And at the grassroots, the message is that culture is accessible.

Beyond elitism

Perhaps no other cultural institution embodies accessibility and an absence of elitism as the Detroit Zoo.

"Many kids growing up don't go to the symphony, but they all want to come to the zoo," said Darrell McFadden, chief operating officer of the Detroit Zoological Institute. "Because of public funding these institutions can remain accessible, not elitist."

Ironically, it doesn't necessarily help the cause that there is no organized opposition. There is no raging debate, rather a simmering conversation.

In the weeks ahead, the success of Proposal A will likely depend on whether voters view themselves as citizens in a shared cultural region. Thinking

beyond county boundaries hasn't come easy.

While the 17 institutions that form the Cultural Coalition meet regularly, there haven't been signs to be optimistic about regional cooperation.

Initially, the culture tax, some will recall, included Macomb County. But the notion to many Macomb County commissioners

that their tax money would go to institutions not in their county was tantamount to larceny.

And it's worth noting, said Hamp of the Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, that the Oakland and Wayne commissioners came together with the Detroit City Council to discuss a collaborative approach to support regional culture.

ART BEAT

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

CALLING ALL DANCERS

Earth Angels will hold auditions for boys and girls (ages 9-11) for its entertainment/dance group Friday, Oct. 6. No dance experience is needed for boys; girls must have 2-3 years of jazz/hip-hop.

For more information and an audition time, call (734) 326-5469.

ACTING WORKSHOP

Tinderbox Productions will present an acting workshop which begins 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7 in the Cathedral Theatre in Masonic Temple, Detroit.

The 6-week program for grades k-12 costs \$150.

Students will have fun improving their acting skills and performing 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18 in a production with a scary stories theme.

For a registration form, call (313) 535-8962.

ARTS CLUB MEETINGS

Artifacts Art Club meets 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26 in the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

Guest speaker will be Livonia artist Nancy Hurd who will present her color pencil works created from slides taken in Africa.

For more information, call Peggy Gray at (734) 522-5989.

DANCE CONCERT

Jazz Dance Theatre opens its 2000-2001 season with a concert

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 29-30 in the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre in Ann Arbor.

The dance company, under the direction of Adam B. Clark and Lisa Darby Clark, will perform an eclectic collection of jazz styles.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 students/seniors. Call (734) 996-4242 or (810) 227-3069.

CELTIC MUSIC

Kelly's Heroes Showband will perform 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 29-30 at the Ancient Order of Hibernian Hall in Detroit.

Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door, and available by calling (313) 535-4110 or (734) 522-5989.

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY GETAWAY

Music lovers purchasing a season subscription to the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's 2000-2001 season not only will be enjoying the finest concerts but may win a weekend getaway to Niagara Falls, Chicago or Toronto.

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In addition, season subscribers also receive a discount on special events such as *The Nutcracker* and *Pops Concert*.

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SHOP TALK



NICOLE STAFFORD

As always, the fall season has brought a flurry of activity on the retail and fashion scenes. Then again, designers and retailers know just when to zero in on their targets; it's no secret that changes in the weather prompt many of us to embark on deranged makeover journeys.

While enrolling in a class, starting a new diet and exercise program and taking up a new hobby are sure signs of progress and change, nothing, and I mean nothing, aids the revamping process more than a shopping trip.

True, true, I'm suggesting an easy fix, a quintessentially American solution: Buy a few sweaters and a handbag, prop up a new image and restore your self-confidence.

But, let's be realistic. The sad fact is that clothing — and the cumulus of other material things in our lives — affect state-of-mind. And, identity is particularly susceptible to the clothes in which we wrap ourselves. Otherwise, why view fashion as self-expression, articulation of larger cultural influences?

It's probably more practical to accept ourselves as shallow Americans with a psychic dependence on material things and find a compromise, something between revving up the self image and soulless materialism.

From my point of view, it boils down to a little planning and re-thinking.

Shopping, it seems to me, falls into two categories: Shopping for fun and shopping for need. I suggest, instead of labeling and compartmentalizing, we toss both in the same bowl and blend?

Together, the necessary becomes fun and the decadent, well, almost practical. I admit that's heavy-duty rationalization on my part, but isn't it worth a shot? Why feel badly about buying a hot pink cashmere sweater when you're feeling frumpish and unsuccessful; it's not our fault the advertising industry has us convinced the sweater will make all the difference?

So, plan to indulge yourself — just a little, within reason. Prepare yourself to purchase a couple of fun and frivolous items, the kind you don't really need, when you're out searching for those "practical wardrobe" pieces you really do. You're less likely to make impulsive purchases, and the labor, if that's what it's called, involved in beginning a new season won't wear you down.

The only remaining matter is timing. I don't know about you, but the slightest chill in the air sends me into a revamping frenzy. It's as if suddenly, everything I do, own and believe is under review and in need of doctoring. For others, the change of season and the mental reflection that accompanies it, surfaces on particular dates, perhaps after a yearly autumn event.

They say white is off-limits after Labor Day, but what's probably more important is determining when you really change colors?

By the way, I'm glad to be back exploring our malls and mainstreets and the joys and sorrows of fashion and shopping.

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Fall Spectacular Hometown girl is putting on world class show



Preparing for their run: Birmingham native Mariana Keros (center) and two local models present a few of the looks going up on the Birmingham Fall Spectacular runway. Keros is a seasoned fashion expert and regular at international runway shows. For many years, she coordinated Detroit's *Fash Bash*. Each Birmingham fashion retailer featured will see its name in lights (above) during the show.

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Birmingham's annual Fall Spectacular fashion show promises more new looks than those generated by the season's trends.

That's because Birmingham native Mariana Keros has come home and brought her more than 20 years of experience in the fashion industry with her.

Keros, who attended Seaholm High School, has been traveling between her current home in Minneapolis and Birmingham twice each month as fashion show director for this year's event, the 11th Birmingham Fall Spectacular.

"It will be very straight and simple, very much

like a New York fashion show without a lot props and gimmicks," said Keros, who studied her first passion, theatre, at New York's American Academy of Dramatic Arts before pursuing her second love, fashion and retail. "The show is the clothes. Beautiful clothes and beautiful people."

Slated at 6 p.m. Wednesday Sept. 27 under tents in downtown Birmingham, the festive, up-town event is dear to the hearts of both cancer survivors and fund-raisers at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Funds from the event, which also features a strolling buffet of gourmet eats created by Birmingham area restaurants, silent and live auctions, cash bar and coffee and dessert, benefit the hospital's Beaumont Pediatric Cancer Survivors Scholarship Fund.

Patron tickets are \$150 and general admission is \$50 in advance or \$60 at the door. Benefactors pay \$250 and receive VIP seating and other perks. Tickets can be purchased at the Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce office, 124 W. Maple, or at Astrein's Jewelers, Tender and Imelda's Closet, all in downtown Birmingham.

That Keros' current home is Minneapolis — she plans to make Birmingham her permanent home again shortly — is clue in guessing where this year's runway director obtained some of her fashion savvy. After all, Keros isn't the only metropolitan Detroit native who picked up and moved with Hudson's.

In fact, Keros began her career with the retailer, working in fashion and merchandising for the company for over 10 years. As Director of Special Events and Publicity, she was involved in several Detroit cultural events, including the International Freedom Festival, the Michigan Thanksgiving Parade and the Detroit Institute of Arts *Fash Bash*.

Keros, a regular at fashion runway shows in Paris, London and Milan, later became National Public Relations Director for The Limited, owners of Abercrombie & Fitch, Victoria's Secret and Express.

Most recently, she served as Director of Trend Merchandising and Product Development for Target, Dayton's, Hudson's and Marshall Field's. As trend director, she not only forecasted trends in fashion, home and lifestyle but also coordinated and selected looks for Detroit's annual *Fash Bash* runway show.

Streamlining and simplifying the Fall Spectacular runway show was only Keros' first objective. Her other goal was to feature only the strongest runway trends of the fashion season. Though such a proposition might sound tough with only a handful of local stores from which to get clothing, Keros' mission was effortless. "The people in the Birmingham area are very global and very aware of the fashion scene," she said, adding, "I'm very attracted to the sensibility here and think the stores in Birmingham are very current."

Keros' show will also be a little shorter than in the past — about 30 minutes — and play with such trends as designers' current love affair with leather, the return of patterns, from classic tweeds to gutsy geometric prints, as well as the influence of rock 'n' roll on fashion and the Hollywood-style revival of elegance, glamour and dressing-up.

"Lady-like dressing, ladies who lunch, Park Avenue princess," those are some of the labels being bantered about by fashion watchers, said Keros. And, that's exciting, added Keros. "I say that because for quite a few years we haven't had a dressed-up look. It's the whole idea that you can dress up, go out and also celebrate the feminine form."

Dressing up: Leather and furs are among the strongest season trends and speak to the return of glamour in fashion.



Birmingham Jacobson's prepares to celebrate 50th anniversary

Boy, has Jacobson's been in downtown Birmingham for a long time, 50 years to be precise.

The downtown department store may be getting older but it's not losing its edge.

And, to prove it, they're throwing a 50th anniversary bash. Set for Wednesday, October 4 in the Birmingham store, the event features an appearance by jewelry designer Kenneth Jay Lane, a Best of Jacobson's Fashion Show, food and entertainment.

Lane, a Detroit native and graduate of the University of Michigan, will greet guests at a cocktail reception beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The runway show, one of several slated there this year to showcase the store's new and recently acquired designer collections, begins at 7:30 p.m. Among the

designers featured in the show are Celine, Michael Kors, Giorgio Armani, Yves St. Laurent, Kate Spade, Anna Sui, Missoni and Thierry Mugler.

Jacobson's first Birmingham retail store opened in 1950 at the corner of Maple and Bates. Their home store was established in 1953 at 325 North Woodward, formerly the site of Kroger.

In 1955, the home store was doubled in size, and Jacobson's had opened a beauty salon and restaurant. Over the years more space was acquired, additional stores opened and the rest is history.

Benefactor tickets for the 50th anniversary gala, which include cocktails with Lane, are \$75. Patron tickets with cocktails at 7:30 p.m. are priced at \$50.

Proceeds benefit the Women's Committee for Hospice Care. For more information or to reserve your ticket, call (248) 645-8534.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

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FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

Join Judy Hata, renowned master of Ikebana floral arranging, as she creates a dozen arrangements using Hoya crystal at Hudson's, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 1-3 p.m. Call (248) 816-4000.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

DESIGNER VISITS

Meet Ellen Tracy designer Linda Allard and view her collection for fall 2000 at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, Sport Shop, second floor. For schedule and other information, call (248)

643-3300.

KORS FOCUS DAY

Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts a Michael Kors Fall 2000 Focus Day with a special representative, Casual Sportswear, second floor. For an appointment, call (248) 614-3385.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

CHANEL MAKEUP ARTISTS VISIT

Explore fall's color palette and new looks with a Chanel makeup artist at Jacobson's in downtown Birmingham, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. To schedule a consultation, call (248) 644-6900.

STILA ABC EVENT

Nordstrom, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts cosmetics maker Stila's 60-minute, hands-on workshop for makeup application and color selection, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Cosmetics, first floor. To book an appointment call, (248) 616-5100, ext. 1085.

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

MONDAY, SEPT. 25

ARMANI WOMEN'S SHOW

The Giorgio Armani Black Label Trunk Show featuring women's wear for fall and winter visits Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Sportswear, third floor. Call (248) 643-3300.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

ART SHOW

Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield hosts the Tri-County Fine Arts Show & Sale featuring Michigan artists' works and demonstrations through Oct. 1, Mall center court. For hours and other details, call

Breathtakingly beautiful Sedona worth a visit

BY MARY BARBERO
SPECIAL WRITER

Located in the center of Arizona at an elevation of 4,500 feet, Sedona lies surrounded by the most magnificent, the most beautiful, colossal red rocks I have ever seen. At mid-morning they might appear violet, but by afternoon, they come alive with vibrant reds and oranges. Even their names are colorful - Coffee Pot Rock, Bell Rock, Cathedral Rock, Courthouse Rock, Elephant Rock, Submarine Rock, and Two Nuns - to name just a few of the many. There's even one called Snoopy Rock and another called Lucy, and yes, the resemblance is remarkable.

Sedona has something for everyone - golf, tennis, hiking, biking, many fine restaurants, shops and boutiques including the upscale Tlaquepaque (pronounced "T-laca-pocky"), and numerous art galleries featuring works that run well into five figures. For lodging, Sedona offers world-class resorts, quaint inns, elegant bed and breakfasts, and small family-run motels.

Charming inn

We opted to stay in Uptown Sedona where we were completely charmed by the Rose Tree Inn. The Inn boasts only five guest rooms, but all are quite cozy, clean and spacious. Most include a kitchen or kitchenette and fireplace. Ours was the end unit right next to the outdoor hot tub (great for relaxing after a day of exploring, hiking, or tennis).

Cityscape:

Red rocks in the background tower over the city of Sedona below.



Planning your trip

■ Sedona is 100 miles north of Phoenix, 110 miles south of the Grand Canyon, 30 miles south of Flagstaff. From the nearest major airport of Phoenix Sky Harbor, drive north on I-17 to exit 298 onto Arizona 179 and proceed 15 miles north to Sedona.

■ Lodging - Sedona has 2,900 motel, hotel, resort, and B&B rooms, including all the major chains. There are more than 200 RV camping sites. Since it's the second most visited site in the state after the Grand Canyon, it's best to make reservations.

■ Climate - Sedona enjoys four mild seasons. June, July and August temperatures do reach the 90s, but the nights sink to the 50s and 60s. Peak tourist seasons are March-May and September-October.

For more information:

- Sedona Chamber of Commerce - (800) 288-7336 or (520) 282-7722 or write Box 478, Sedona, AZ 86639
- www.sedonachamber.com
- www.arizonaguide.com/sedona
- www.sedona.net (links to sites covering lodging and activities)
- www.rosetreerinn.com or toll free 888-282-2065

Side trip suggestions

■ Jerome - 37 miles west of Sedona. Perched precariously on the side of Mingus Mountain, Jerome grew from its modest beginnings in 1876 to a rollicking, wicked mining town of 15,000, and then became a ghost town after the mines closed in 1953. It is now showing signs of rejuvenation.

■ Montezuma Castle National Monument - 20 miles south of Sedona. Five-story, 20-room cliff dwelling built by Sinagua Indians in 1150 and abandoned by them in the 1400s for reasons unknown. Small admission fee. Nearby is Montezuma Well, a natural sinkhole and lake.

■ Grand Canyon - 110 miles north of Sedona. The South Rim draws the most visitors and is separated from the North Rim by 10 miles as the crow flies and 215 miles by land. For more information call, Grand Canyon National Park, (520) 638-7888, for information about accommodations inside the park, call (520) 638-2401.

Gary, the innkeeper, was friendly, courteous and always ready to offer suggestions and guidance. Rosie, the resident cat innkeeper, was also friendly and

very receptive to a few kind words and a scratch behind the ears. From the patio, we could catch a glimpse of Snoopy Rock and could throw a stone to the many shops, galleries, and restaurants Uptown. The roses were blooming, the hummingbirds were humming, and the Inn couldn't have been more enchanting.

We were told that the best way to capture Sedona's true beauty is by airplane, helicopter, or hot air balloon, but there certainly are other modes, including the many jeep tours. We chose hiking. But that presented a problem. Our stay would be for a mere nine days and there were over 120 trails to choose from. We explained our dilemma to our innkeeper and were quickly



MARY BARBERO

Scenic: Cathedral Rock is one of the colorful, colossal rocks you'll see in Sedona.

supplied with maps and advice.

Hiking

Starting off with a few easy hikes, we moved on to moderate ones and left the more strenuous for our next visit. Climbing and scrambling, down into canyons and up onto cliffs, we were rewarded with fantastic views, beauty, serenity, and plenty of clean, fresh air.

Exploring Uptown Sedona was also a delight. From the Rose

Tree Inn, we sauntered a mere two blocks to browse the shops and galleries, perhaps stopping at one outdoor cafe to sample the crab dip and at another for a smoothie. No matter which of the many sidewalk bistros we chose, we invariably ended up at the Black Cow Cafe for exceptionally creamy homemade ice cream. Be warned that on Saturdays, Sedona does enjoy a bit more tourist traffic, and you might have to stand in line, but it's worth the wait. People

watching can be a lot of fun. My choice for lunch was Sedona Memories Cafe. The chicken salad made with cream cheese, cashews, sprouts and avocado on rye was by far the best sandwich I've ever had.

My Sedona memories (besides the delectable chicken salad sandwich), will definitely be the breathtakingly beautiful red rocks. I eagerly await our next visit.

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Wine Picks
■ Olympic pick: 1997 Penfolds RWT Shiraz, Barossa Valley \$65 and it's fair dinkum (absolutely true), mate, this is one sensational wine!
■ Petersons Australian wines are recent newcomers to Michigan, priced at \$22 each, they are stylish additions to the growing number of Australian wines. The 1998 Petersons Chardonnay, Hunter Valley, is well-balanced with

■ Petersons Merlot, Mudgee, is the nicest merlot from Australia we've tasted. 1998 Petersons Shiraz, Hunter Valley, has rich fruit with spice and mint notes. 1998 Petersons Cabernet Sauvignon, Mudgee, is a lighter cabernet for those who prefer a mellow style without chewy tannins.

Wines bearing a single Geographical Indicator (GI), such as Coonawarra, or a designated vineyard such as Penfolds Magill Estate, have decidedly unique and noticeable characteristics. Like wines produced in the U.S., Aussie wine labels state the grape varietal and growing region. Unlike the U.S., which has a 75 percent varietal law, Australia exacts 85 percent to be varietally labeled. When more than one grape variety is in a blend, such as Shiraz-Cabernet Sauvignon, the higher percentage grape is listed first.

Brands and regions to know

Producing seven Shiraz-based wines, Rosemount Estate has become a clear leader in showcasing the multiple faces of Shiraz. Lindemans, the top-selling Australian wine brand in the U.S., ranks there because of sensible pricing for everyday drinking wines.

Mudgee is a GI gaining greater recognition. Northwest of Sydney, at elevations up to 2,000 feet, it is a dry, warm growing area with hot summer days. Absence of ground water makes irrigation nearly impossible, translating to very low yields, perfect for Bordeaux varietals.

"It is the source of the inky dark, rich berry fruit in Rosemount's Mountain Blue Shiraz-Cabernet Sauvignon," noted Rosemount's winemaker Phillip Shaw. Look for Mudgee as a GI on other brands.

Making an impact

In Victoria's Goulburn Valley, two wineries make an impact. Mitchelton is a modern winery with show-stopping wines. Marsanne from Mitchelton has garnered global recognition. Chateau Tahbilk is an historic property with 2.5 acres of underground aging cellars, and perhaps the oldest Shiraz vines in the world, dating to 1860. In addition to Shiraz, the 1998 Chateau Tahbilk Marsanne \$14 with delicate apricot and white peach flavors is a standout.

The McLaren Vale District, 24 miles south of Adelaide, is home to d'Arenberg. Winemaker Chester Osborn is fourth generation carrying on tradition established in 1912. Whether it's Custodian Grenache, The Dead Arm Shiraz or Footbolt Old

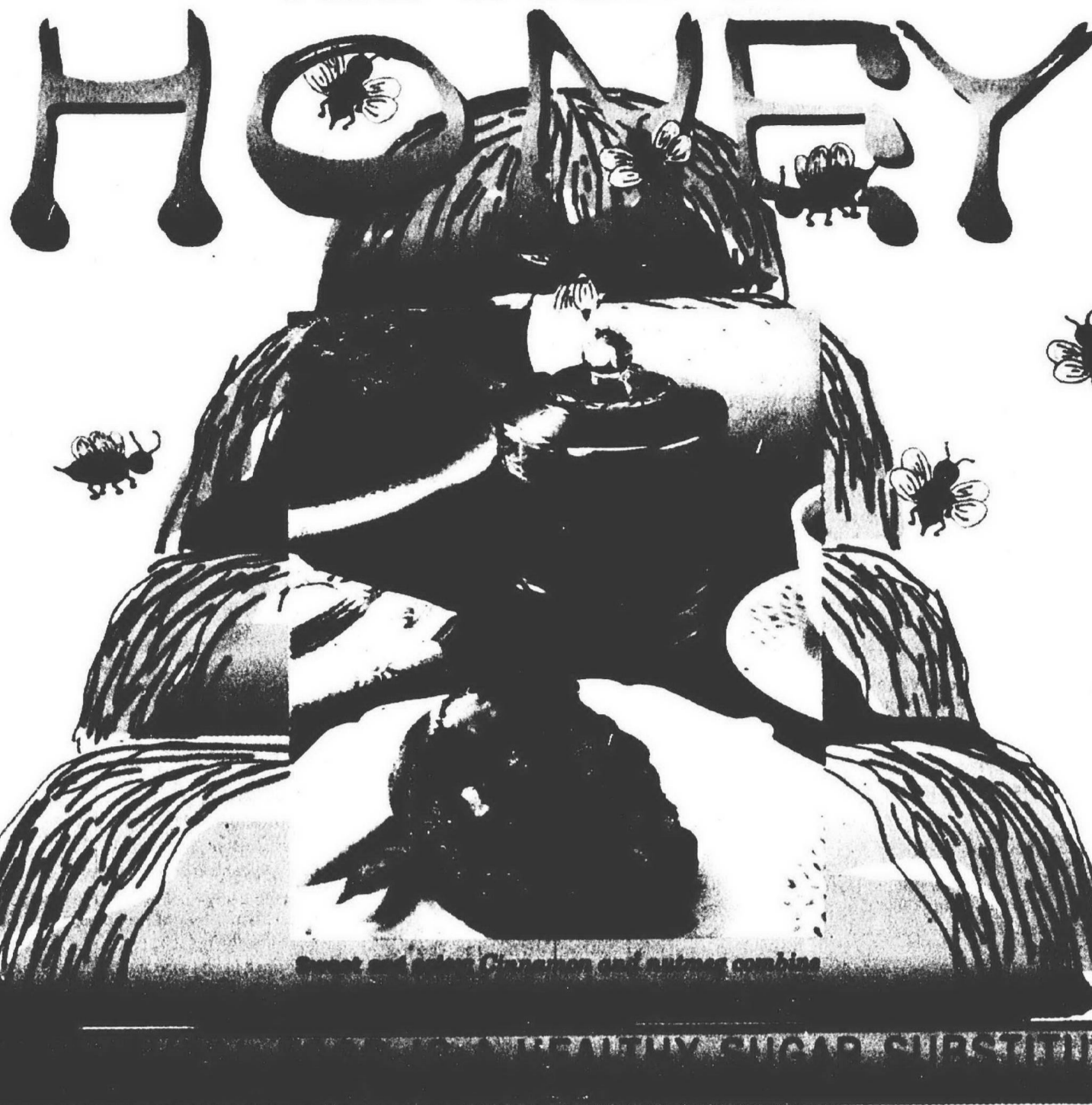
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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- U-Pick Pumpkins
- Living Better Sensibly

THE BUZZ ON



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Winnie the Pooh once said: "The only reason for being a bee that I know of is making honey... and the only reason for making honey is so I can eat it."

We agree. Baked in breads, cakes and muffins, mixed into dips, salad dressings and barbecue sauces, or simply drizzled over a stack of homemade pancakes for a Saturday morning breakfast, honey tastes like bottled sunshine.

Oh, to bee or not to bee, thank goodness that's never been the question... at least not in Michigan.

Our state ranks eighth in the nation in honey production with our busy bees having churned out 6.2 million pounds last year. Our apple, blueberry, cherry and cucumber crop is dependent on honey bee pollination.

"Just before the blooms are opening, we bring in the bees, about 28 hives, and let them go about their business," said Mary Emmett, owner of Plymouth Orchards and Cider Mill in Superior Township.

The bees do their job well during their two-week stay at Emmett's orchard, helping Mother Nature produce bushels of apples - Cortlands, Empires, Golden Delicious, Spartans, MacIntosh and Jonagolds "the size of grapefruits."

Yummy honey

The color and flavor of honey differs depending on the nectar source, or blossoms. According to the National Honey Board, there are more than 300 types of honey available in the United States, each originating from a different source. Honey color ranges from nearly col-

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orless to dark brown, and its flavor varies from delectably mild to distinctively bold, depending on where the honey bees buzzed.

Honey comes in many forms, including liquid, whipped or comb. Americans prefer crystal-free liquid honey, while in many other countries around the world, the finely crystallized whipped or "creme" honey, with its rich, buttery texture, is the preferred form. Comb honey is honey that comes as it was produced - in the honey bees' waxed comb, which is edible.

According to the National Honey Board, honey can be substituted for sugar in some baking recipes with experimentation. Just following these simple tips:

- Reduce the liquid (water, milk) in the recipe by 1/4 cup for each cup of honey used.
- Add about 1/2 teaspoon baking soda for each cup of honey used.
- Reduce oven temperature by 25 degrees to prevent over-browning.

"If I want a crispier, chewier chocolate chip cookie, I'll substitute some honey (for the sugar)," said master pastry chef Joseph Decker, a culinary arts instructor at Schoolcraft College.

Store honey at room temperature. Storing honey in the refrigerator accelerates crystallization, the process by which honey becomes a solid. If your honey crystallizes, place the honey jar in warm water and stir until the crystals dissolve.

Healthy honey

As the great Greek philosopher Democritus (460 B.C. to 351 B.C.) said: "The secret of my health is applying honey inside and outside."

The old guy (he lived to 109) could have applied honey on his outside, too. Hands, elbows and heels can be made a lot smoother by applying a mixture of 1 teaspoon honey, 1 teaspoon vegetable oil and 1/4 teaspoon lemon juice. Leave it on for 10 minutes.

Honey is a rich source of simple carbohydrates, supplying fuel for our working muscles at 64 calories per tablespoon. In addition, it contains several vitamins, such as B-6, thiamin, niacin, riboflavin and pantothenic acid. It also contains several compounds that function as antioxidants - chrysin, pinobankin, vitamin C, catalase and pinocembrin - which help slow down the oxidation of our cells and tissues.

And when it comes to curing the common cold, remember grandma's lip-puckering honey, lemon juice and whiskey remedy? Karin Keim of Canton continues to douse her children, Katie, 15, and Jonathon, 19, with a similar concoction at first sign of a cough.

"I use about a teaspoon of honey and six ounces of pear juice and heat it until warm. I always keep a bottle of pear juice around in the winter. The honey makes it smoother and helps coat the throat."

Honey remains an elixir for good health and good taste. Now is the time to pay tribute to the honey bee's season of hard work by stocking your cupboards with jars of honey. As King Solomon said (Proverbs 24:13): "Eat honey, my son, for it is good."

See related recipes inside Taste.

RECIPE TO SHARE

Banana muffins bring memories of friend

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When Doris Kelley of Garden City bakes her Best Ever Banana Muffins, she thinks of her friend Sandy Setlock, who died of cancer several years ago.

Both women worked together in the Canton Township treasurer's office.

"Sandy was a very intelligent person," Kelley said. Kelley remembered Setlock for her ability to make quick and smart decisions regarding the township's investments.

As Kelley worked alongside her through Setlock's illness, she realized she how special Setlock was.

"She was so brave. We knew she was in pain, but she did not ever complain. Everybody still adored her."

Kelley still works for Canton Township and has for 31 years. Today she's employed in the clerk's office.

Kelley bakes the muffins "anytime she has bananas and doesn't eat them"

as she overripens them to prepare them for the muffins.

"They smell so good when they are baking, and they are just so moist and delicious," Kelley said. "And they don't take long at all."

Kelley said the muffins are good for a brunch or lunch.

Kelley cited the monthly Recipe to Share feature as a reminder for her friend to send in the muffin recipe. "You wanted recipes that remind you of someone or a memory," Kelley said. "These muffins bring back memories of my friend Sandy."

"I think of her every time I make them."

Everyone knows the best recipes are the ones you share. Send us your favorite original recipe, and it's chosen to be featured in the Recipe to Share on the third Sunday of the month in Taste, we'll send you a cookbook.

Send recipes for consideration in Recipe to Share to Ken Abramczyk,

Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (734) 691-7279, or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net


Please include a daytime phone number and the best time to call, so we can

contact you about your recipe. Try to be as specific with recipe details such as can and package sizes.

BEST EVER BANANA MUFFINS

3 large bananas
 3/4 cup white sugar
 1 egg
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 1/2 cups of flour
 1/3 cup melted butter

Place paper cups in muffin tin or grease cups. Mash bananas, add sugar and slightly beaten egg. Add the melted butter. Add the dry ingredients. Bake at 375° F for 20 minutes. Yield: 12 muffins.



Please your honey with these dishes

If you want to please your own honey, try these recipes compliments of the National Honey Board. See related story on Taste front.

HARVEST HONEY SPICE CAKE

- 1 cup honey
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1/3 cup strong coffee
- 3 eggs
- 2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1-1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 3/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups peeled chopped tart apples
- 1/2 cup toasted slivered almonds
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- Powdered sugar
- Toasted sliced almonds

Using electric mixer, beat together honey, oil and coffee. Beat in eggs. Combine dry ingredients; gradually add to honey-egg mixture, mixing until well blended. Stir in apples, almonds and cranberries.

Pour into lightly greased floured bundt or tube pan. Bake at 350° F for 35 to 40 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Remove from oven; cool on wire rack. Dust with powdered sugar; garnish with sliced almonds if desired. Makes 12 servings.

HONEY SHAKE IT UP

- 1-1/2 cups milk
- 1-1/2 cups strawberries, sliced
- 1 cup vanilla yogurt
- 1/4 cup honey
- 5 ice cubes

Combine all ingredients except ice cubes in a blender and blend until thick and creamy. Add ice cubes one at a time and blend until smooth. Serves 4.

PUMPKIN MUFFINS WITH CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 cup solid-pack pumpkin
- 1 cup honey
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 2 eggs, at room temperature, slightly beaten
- 1/4 cup low-fat buttermilk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

In a large bowl, stir together flour, cinnamon, baking soda and salt. Stir in walnuts. In a separate bowl, blend pumpkin, honey, oil, eggs, buttermilk and vanilla until smooth. Pour pumpkin mixture over dry ingredients. Stir just until mixed. Spoon batter into paper-lined muffin cups, filling each to just below the rim.

Bake at 350° F for about 25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center of muffins comes

out clean. Let pan cool on rack for 5 minutes. Remove muffins from pan and let cool on rack completely. Frost with Cream Cheese Frosting, if desired. Serves 12.

Cream Cheese Frosting: In a small bowl, with an electric mixer, beat 8 ounces cream cheese (softened to room temperature) with 1/3 cup honey until fluffy.

SESAME GINGER CABBAGE SALAD

- Dressing:**
- 2 teaspoons Oriental sesame oil
 - 2 teaspoons minced fresh ginger
 - 2 tablespoons rice vinegar
 - 2 tablespoons peanut butter
 - 2 tablespoons honey
 - 2 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce
- Salad:**
- 2-1/2 cups thinly sliced green cabbage
 - 2 cups thinly sliced red cabbage
 - 2 Gala or Red Delicious apples, cored and chopped
 - 2 green onions, chopped

Make sesame-ginger dressing: In a small skillet heat sesame oil over low heat. Add ginger, cook 1 minute. Transfer to a small bowl and whisk in vinegar, peanut butter, honey and soy sauce. Set aside.

Prepare salad: In a large bowl combine both cabbages, apples and green onions. Add dressing and toss to coat. Let stand 5 minutes. Toss once again and serve immediately. Serves 6.

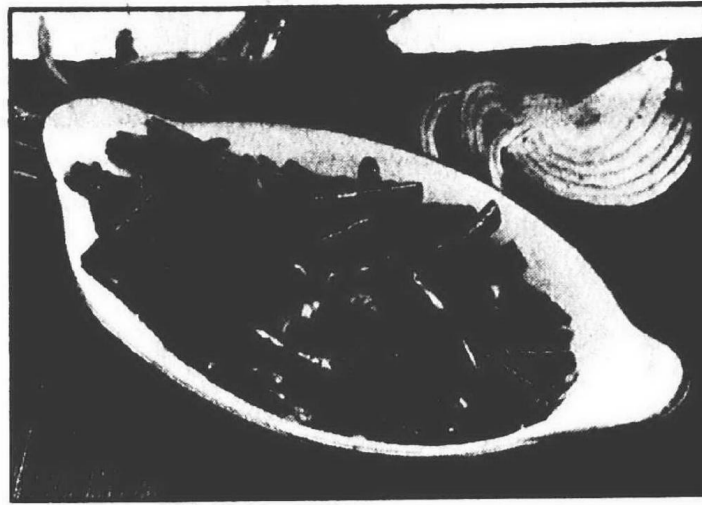
HONEY APPLE TURNOVERS

- 1 tablespoon dried currants
 - 3 tablespoons finely chopped walnuts
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon, plus additional for dusting
 - 6 tablespoons honey, divided
 - 2 large baking apples
- Prepared pie dough for two single-crust 9-inch pies (purchased or homemade).

In a small bowl, combine currants, walnuts and 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon. Stir in 3 tablespoons of honey. Peel apples and cut each in half lengthwise. Trim away stem and blossom ends. Scoop out core from each half with a melon baller, making a wide hole for filling. Divide honey mixture evenly between apple center.

Divide pie dough into 4 balls. Roll each ball into a 6-inch circle and about 1/4-inch thick. Lay 1 piece of dough over each apple half with filling-side up. Tuck and wrap dough around each apple half. Trim dough to fit. Pinch the edges of dough underneath apples to seal entirely.

Combine 1 tablespoon honey with 1 teaspoon steaming hot water. Stir until honey dissolves. Brush mixture over tops of turnovers; dust with additional cinnamon. Transfer turnovers to an ungreased baking sheet. Bake at 375° F for about 35 minutes, until turnovers are golden. Remove from oven and drizzle with remaining 2 tablespoons of honey. Serve warm or at room temperature. Serves 4.



AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Dilly beans: Today, briefly cooked fresh green beans dressed with a dill-and-chive vinaigrette provide all the refreshing, sweet, clean flavor of dill, with just a few minutes of preparation.

Dress up salad with dill

Dill is associated with the dishes of certain countries. It is an important seasoning in the sun- and spice-warmed cooking of Turkey and Iran. But perhaps its taste is most often associated with cooking in Scandinavia and much of Eastern Europe.

Scandinavians use dill in many dishes, but it is essential in gravlax, the dry marinated salmon that is a defining dish of Norway. Russian borscht, too, misses something fundamental without a few floating sprigs of dill. In America, the flavor of dill is associated mostly with commercially produced pickles, even though bunches of fresh dill are usually heaped beside the parsley in most supermarkets.

DILLY BEAN SALAD

- 3/4 pound string beans, trimmed at both ends
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped red onion
- 1/4 cup tarragon vinegar
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground pepper
- 1 teaspoon extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill
- 1 tablespoon snipped chives

Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Fill a large bowl with cold water. Add 1 tray of ice cubes, about 2 cups, to the bowl and place near the stove.

Plunge beans into the boiling water for 3 minutes or until tender crisp. With a slotted spoon, transfer beans to the ice water. When completely cooled, drain them well.

Place beans in a bowl. Add the onion.

Whisk together vinegar, sugar, salt and pepper in a small bowl. Whisk in oil. Mix in dill and chives. Pour dressing over beans and toss to coat with the dressing. Serve immediately, or cover and refrigerate. (This salad is best served the day it is made.)

Nutritional information: Makes 4 servings, each containing 42 calories and 1 gram of fat.

Recipe courtesy of Dana Jacobi of the American Institute for Cancer Research

Chili cookoff warms up autumn air

The city of Plymouth will host another chili cookoff, the fifth annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff and Salsa Competition, and a Motorcycle Show, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1 at Kellogg Park.

The winner will advance to the World Chili Cookoff the following Sunday, Oct. 8, in Laughlin, Nev.

The day will feature a Ride-In Motorcycle Bike Show where anyone can enter. There are 15 different classes of competition and even the ugliest bike will win a prize. The event is sponsored by Motor City Harley-Davidson of Farmington Hills.

Bikes can be registered between 10:30-11 a.m. Trophies will be awarded. Music from Benny & the Jets will be performed.

Chili samples will be served at 3 p.m. for 50 cents a sample, with proceeds going to The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan.

The Restaurant Chili Challenge features chili from E.G. Nicks, Boulders, Zack's, Grecian Cafe, Jack Dunleavy's Bar & Grill and Ray's Diner. At \$2 a bowl, chili lovers can taste and vote for their favorites. Restaurant chilis will be ready at 11 a.m. and served all day.

All proceeds from this event will support the Make A Wish Foundation.

For information, call (734) 455-8838.

Wine from page D1

Vine Shiraz, d'Arenberg's unusually-named wines are serious, fabulously fruity, with big mouthfeel, great structure, and balance.

Seaview, also located in McLaren Vale, is the largest selling wine brand in Australia and gathering a head of steam in the U.S.

South Australia's best-known winegrowing district is the Barossa, high-tech home of Penfolds winemaking, with sensational wines such as St. Henri Shiraz, Cabernet Shiraz Bin 389, Kalimna Shiraz Bin 28 and Coonawarra Shiraz Bin 128. Penfolds adherence to style makes the wines consistent winners.

Winemaking is in Kym Tolley's blood line. His mother was a Penfold and Tolley considers himself the last Penfolds family member still making wine. The name of the winery, Penley, is a contraction of both family names. Penley Cabernet Sauvignon sports berry fruit, good structure and well-integrated oak. Penley Shiraz Cabernet illustrates the merit of blending Coonawarra fruit with that from other districts to achieve an individual style.

The Healds are Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, food, and dining for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. To leave them a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047, mailbox 1864.

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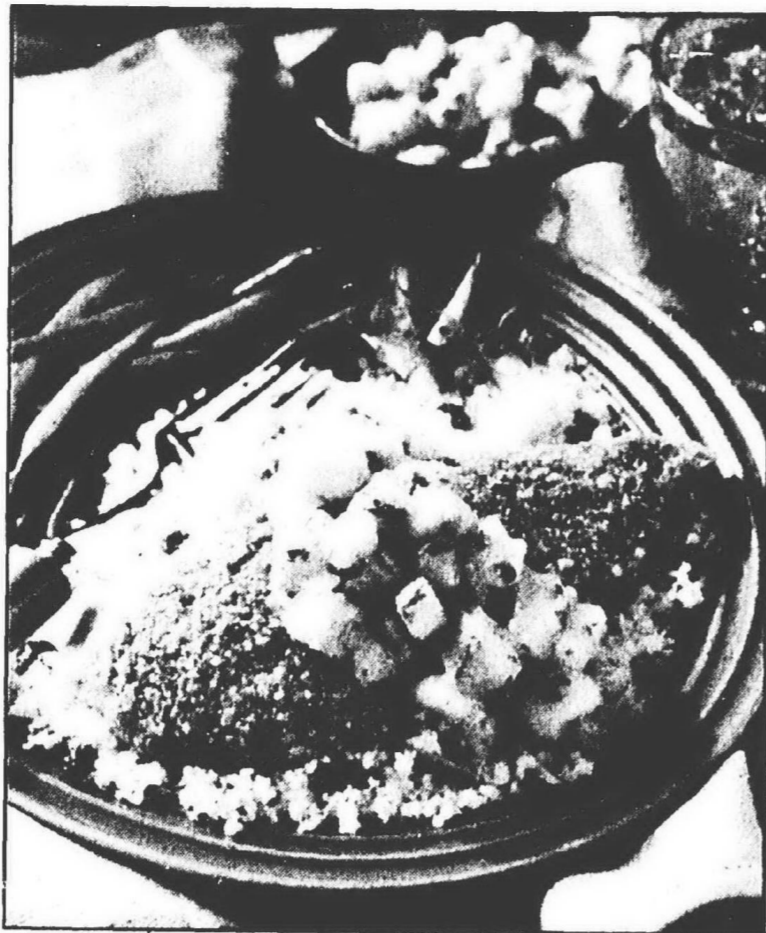
A limited number of tickets are expected to be available today at Schoolcraft College's Culinary Extravaganza.

Scheduled from 2-5 p.m. at the Waterman Center, the benefit will raise money for student scholarships.

Tickets are \$40 each or two for \$75.

The lineup includes Ashby's Sterling Ice Cream; Beans & Cornbread; Bonfire Bistro & Brewery; Busch's; Cadillac Coffee Company Carvers Steak & Chops; Cascades Restaurant - Embassy Suites; Central Distributors of Beer, Inc.; Cleveland's Gill & Grill; Confectionately Yours Bakery; EG Nicks; Emily's; Excalibur Restaurant; Five Lakes Grill; Goonbah Pizzeria; Holiday Market; Iridescence - MotorCity Casino; La Bistecca Italian Grille; Local Color Brewing Company; Mama Mucci's Pasta; Michigan Grape & Wine Council; Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train; O'Leary's Tea Room; Pelee Island Winery; Pillsbury; Ritz-Carlton and Rocky's of Northville.

Spicy Chicken Madras wins grand prize



Winning recipe: Helen Conwell of Fairhope, Ala., created Spicy Chicken Madras With Banana Chutney, and was named the Grand Prize winner for her efforts.

A veteran contestant who starts her day with a sprinkle of wheat germ on her cereal has taken top honors in the seventh Annual Kretschmer Wheat Germ "Healthy Eating Made Easy & Delicious" Recipe Contest.

Helen Conwell of Fairhope, Ala., created Spicy Chicken Madras With Banana Chutney, and was named the Grand Prize winner for her efforts.

Conwell entered many recipes in this year's contest, most of them inspired by foods her family enjoyed while living overseas for many years. Her grand prize-winning recipe is a variation of a dish she first tasted while living in Trinidad at the home of Indian friends.

Boneless, skinless chicken breasts feature a garlic, cumin, ginger and cayenne-spiced toasted wheat germ coating. Cooked in a small amount of olive oil - considered a "good" fat - the spiced chicken breasts are served with a cooling banana-mango chutney. The onion and cilantro-spiced chutney is spiked with fresh lime juice.

Conwell, a retired anesthesiologist who recently celebrated her 78th birthday, characterizes her everyday cooking style as "Southern more than anything else." Many of the meals she and her husband, David, enjoy feature the area's abundant seafood.

Conwell's "Southern" food embraces ingredients and techniques gleaned from around the world, updated to include modern, more healthful cooking methods and newly available ingredients. In addition to the Grand Prize, three \$1,000 first prizes, three \$200 second prizes, three \$50 third prizes were awarded in the contest. Fifteen honorable mention winners received cookbooks. Recipes were entered in three categories - Breads, Cookies and Other Desserts, and Main Dishes - and were judged on the basis of taste, the use of healthful ingredients, convenience and originality.

SPICY CHICKEN MADRAS WITH BANANA CHUTNEY

- 2 large garlic cloves, minced
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 4 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 6 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (about 1-1/2 pounds)
- 1/2 cup Kretschmer original toasted wheat germ

Chutney

- 2 medium-sized ripe bananas, peeled and coarsely chopped
- 1 medium-sized ripe mango, peeled and cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1/3 cup finely chopped red onion
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped cilantro
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice

1. For chicken, combine garlic, cumin, ginger, salt and cayenne pepper in small bowl. Stir in 2 tablespoons of the olive oil; mix well. Rub spice mixture over all sides of chicken pieces. In shallow dish, place wheat germ. Dip chicken into wheat germ, coating completely. Let stand 20 minutes.

2. For chutney, combine all ingredients in medium bowl; mix gently. Set aside.

3. In large nonstick skillet, heat 1 tablespoon olive oil. Add half of chicken; cook over medium heat 5 minutes; turn and continue cooking 5 to 7 minutes or until no longer pink in the center. Remove to serving platter; keep warm. Repeat with remaining olive oil and chicken. Remove to serving platter. Spoon chutney over chicken and serve immediately. 6 servings.

COOKING CLASSES

Send items for Taste calendar at least two weeks in advance of event to Ken Abramczyk, Taste Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

LUNCH PLANS

Four out of five children at the age of 10 are afraid of being fat. Almost half of American elementary school students between the first and third grades want to be thinner. Call Beverly Price, registered dietitian and Cheri Frink, educational consultant, at (248) 539-9424 to find out how you can implement special meals or an eating disorder awareness and prevention program at your school.

AMERICAN HARVEST OPEN

Enjoy a gourmet meal prepared and served in Schoolcraft College's student-operated restaurant, the American Harvest, in the Waterman Campus Center on campus at 18600 Haggerty in

Livonia. Lunch is served 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. Reservations are suggested. Call (734) 462-4488.

M-FIT CLASSES BEGIN

Fresh Ideas for Fast Weekday Meals begins the M-Fit Culinary School and Nutrition Education class schedule. Super Foods will be taught 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27. Other classes with instructors include: The Lighter Side of Dining Out, Catherine Fitzgerald, noon-1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3; Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension, Kathy Goldberg and Lizzie Burt, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, and Fast and Fresh from the Sea, presented by Monahan's Seafood Market, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, and Swift and Simple Suppers, Kathy Goldberg and Lizzie Burt, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1. Super Foods for Super Health is scheduled noon-1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7. You'll learn Five Fast and Festive

Party Trays of smoked salmon platter, steamed asparagus wrapped in prosciutto, rosettes of sweet potatoes, garden vegetable crudite and Grand Marnier marinated strawberries at a class scheduled 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, from Peter Julian, Busch's chief executive chef. Dazzling Holiday Desserts are on the menu 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, by Kathy Goldberg and Lizzie Burt. Dishes include cranberry apple crisp, poached pears with raspberry sauce, fragrant orange bundt cake, pavlova with custard filling and fruit and chocolate dipped berries. Classes are held at the East Ann Arbor Health Center Demonstration Kitchen, 4260 Plymouth Road, in Ann Arbor. Individual class fees are \$30, while a two-person fee is \$50, and a series of any three classes is \$80. Call Nicole Goyarts at (734) 975-4387 Ext. 236 for more information or register online at www.mfitnutrition.com.

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Cider lists available

(PRNewswire) - Looking for a great place to go to pick Michigan apples? How about finding a place that sells fresh Michigan apple cider, or freshly baked Michigan apple pie?

Michigan farm markets, U-pick farms and cider mills are listed on the Michigan Apple Committee's World Wide Web homepage, <http://MichiganApples.com>.

Consumers can "point-and-click" on a Michigan map that will connect them to regional directories of markets and mills that offer fresh apples, apple cider, apple pie and other products for sale.

The directories include information about the markets such as location; phone number; sea-

son, days, and hours of operation; a description of apple varieties and apple products sold; and on-farm family-oriented activities. Each individual farm market, U-pick farm and cider mill provided the information for its respective listing.

A wealth of information about Michigan apples can be found on the Michigan Apple Committee's homepage, including: numerous apple recipes; statistical facts about the Michigan apple industry; an overview of traditional and new varieties; a review of the processing side of the industry; as well as information about apple festivals, apple nutrition and a listing of other sources of information about apples.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for Taste calendar at least two weeks in advance of event to Ken Abramczyk, Taste Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

CHILI COOKOFFS

A second chili cookoff, the Great Lakes Regional, is scheduled in Plymouth for Sunday, Oct. 1, with a Harley-Davidson Motorcycle ride-in show. The winner of this event advances to the world championship cookoff. For information, call Annette Horn at (734) 455-8838.

WHISKEY LECTURE

Amanda Pedlow will conduct a lecture presentation on "Whiskey Through the Ages" at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward, north of Lone Pine in Bloomfield Hills. The donation is \$5, and refreshments will be served. For information, call (248) 540-6687. (Please do not call the church.)

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE CONTINUING EDUCATION

BEYOND THE BASICS
Do you wonder what chefs keep in their kitchen cupboards to help them create exquisite meals on the spur of the moment? This class will expand on the staples that every home cook can use to add international flair to each meal. You will learn which items to keep on hand, where to buy them, and how to use them in a variety of recipes. Many dishes will be demonstrated and sampled, and an extensive recipe packet will be included. Separate classes are offered 6-10 p.m. Wednesdays for Asian (Oct. 4); Mediterranean (Oct. 11); and Italian pantries (Oct. 18). For information, call (734) 462-4448.

JAPANESE CUISINE

Sushi doesn't always mean raw fish. Learn to prepare delicious and beautiful Japanese cuisine including tempura, marinades, grilling techniques and vegetarian meals. You'll get tips for shopping for ingredients, too. The two-week, three-hour class begins 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9. For information, call (734) 462-4448.

BUFFET AND HORS D'OEUVRES

Prepare hors d'oeuvres, salads and entrees and entertain with a flair with the ease and elegance of a buffet. Cook with master chef Jeff Gabriel for time-saving tips and flavorful recipes. On the last night, celebrate your culinary skills by inviting a guest to dine and enjoy the wonderful dishes you've prepared. (Students should bring a chef jacket, which can be purchased from the Continuing Education Services Department, or a white shirt and comfortable shoes. Bring your own set of knives. Class is scheduled 5:30-9:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 19, and Friday, Oct. 20. For information, call (734) 462-4448.

EUROPEAN BREADMAKING

This course will highlight the art of European-style breads along with the preparation of sour-dough breads. Students will participate in hands-on production of yeast doughs, quick breads and roll-ins. Class is scheduled 5-10 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, and Wednesday, Oct. 25. Call (734) 462-4448.

WINTER SOUPS AND STEWS

Learn to prepare a wide variety of winter-warming soups and stews and many ethnic origins. Students will learn techniques to make delicious soup stocks with quick and easy production tips. Spice up your winter season. Expect lots of warm and wonderful things to taste. Class is scheduled 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28. Call (734) 462-4448.

THAI AND VIETNAMESE CUISINE

Enjoy some of today's most popular and nutritious cuisines from the Pacific Rim. These dishes are full of flavor and easy to prepare. Learn new and exciting recipes. Taught by master chef Jeff Gabriel and chef Jeff Oppat, the class is scheduled 6-10 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30. Call (734) 462-4448.

KITCHEN GLAMOR

COOKING CLASSES
Kitchen Glamor begins its fall schedule of classes this week. For information on a class schedule or a class series card (\$25 for six classes), call (800) 641-1252. Here are some of the classes scheduled:

TATERS AND ONIONS

Michelle Miller-Fuller instructs sessions on preparing autumn potato and onion dishes, namely creamy leek quiche, potato fresh-mushroom casserole, savory sweet potato hash with red onion and caramelized onions. Classes are at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, at the Novi Town Center southeast of the Novi and the I-96 exit in Novi and Wednesday, Sept. 27, 26770 Grand River in Redford.

CHOCOLATE, CHOCOLATE

Kathleen and Andrew Sheridan, mother and son culinary team, will instruct a class on a favorite nibble food — chocolate. Kathleen Sheridan has passed her company, Something Chocolate, on to her son, a graduate of Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts Program and a dessert specialist. Class is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, in Novi and Wednesday, Oct. 4, in Redford.

PUMPKIN AND GINGER

Mary Spencer will instruct a class highlighting autumn ingredients, including lentils; lentil and pumpkin soup; pumpkin, chickpea and banana curry and cranberry and pumpkin cheese-cake. Class is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, in Novi and Wednesday, Oct. 11 in Redford.

DEEP DISH PIES

Linda Kay Drysdale gives tips and techniques for luscious fillings and perfect crust tips. Learn about seafood-vegetable casserole with a puff pastry crust, pear pie with cheddar crust and peanut butter and chocolate deep dish dessert. Class is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. for Tuesday, Oct. 17, in Novi and Wednesday, Oct. 18, in Redford.

HOLIDAY COOKIES

Dolly Matoian will teach how to make lunettes, chocolate ganache and simits. Class is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, in Novi and Wednesday, Oct. 25, in Redford.

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CAJUN COOKING

Some of the best and most fun

food in the world is found in New Orleans. Cajun food is not difficult to prepare, but sure to impress friends and guests. The instructor will demonstrate how to make gumbo, jambalaya and pecan pie. Students will sample the dishes. Scheduled for 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25.

CAKE DECORATING

You will learn to frost and decorate beautiful cakes for all occasions. Create delicious birthday memories for your family, complete a seasonal theme cake, and learn the art of writing, borders and flowers. Lots of helpful hints and fun will be shared in class. Supply list the first night of class. Seven-week class begins 7-9:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25.

DINNER FOR TWO

Using the same basic recipes you can quickly prepare a fine evening meal, or with a little more time, prepare something really special. The instructor will demonstrate the classic saute for chicken and steak as well as some impressive sauces to really dress up your dinner. Simple, yet delicious, side dishes will also be presented. Students will sample the dishes. Scheduled for 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4.

BAKE A PIE

Think making pies from scratch is hard? Think again! Come learn how to make homemade crust, and how to use all-ready prepared and frozen varieties available at the grocery store. Fillings are a snap and aren't just desserts. This class is just in time for the up-coming holidays. Bring an apron if desired. Scheduled for 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2.

HORS D'OEUVRES AND APPETIZERS

It's back! Now offering you your choice of two dates for this very popular class! Award-winning instructor will offer you some "old favorites" and also wonderful new recipes that are sure to become your favorites, too. You'll assemble a number of extremely simple recipes, then join other class members to sample the finished dishes. Come hungry and ready to cook. Scheduled for 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, or Thursday, Oct. 19.

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Grief support for children

Community Hospice & Home Care Services, Inc. of Westland will offer a six-week series for grieving children and their parents suffering a loss through death.

"Connections," for ages 5 through 16, will be held 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays Oct. 3, 10, 17 and 24 and Nov. 7 and 14 at the CHCS Westland office located on the corner of Warren and Venoy Roads.

Through this series, children are offered a safe and sharing environment to voice and explore ideas and concerns, ask questions about death, and learn how death affects their lives. The children are divided into age-appropriate groups, and the parents and guardians meet separately.

Adults will learn coping skills and how children grieve.

There is a \$20 registration fee with sponsorships available as needed. For more information, call Sandy Smith at (734) 522-4244.

Breast Health Expo

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System in Ann Arbor will present the eight annual Southeast Michigan Breast Health Expo 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11 at the Marriott at Eagle Crest in Ypsilanti, 1275 South Huron Street just north of I-94.

Nancy Brinker, founder of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and Race For The Cure, will be the guest speaker. After losing her sister, Susan, to breast cancer in 1980, Nancy resolved to fulfill her sister's last request and lead the crusade against breast cancer. From its inception in 1982, the foundation has raised more than \$210 million for breast cancer research. In 2000, a record-breaking 109 cities and approximately one million people will participate in the Race For The Cure series.

In addition to advice and health information from several SJMHS experts, attendees will also receive a unique gift to help them with breast self-exams. There is no cost for the Expo but attendance is limited. Register by calling the Saint Joseph Mercy HealthLine at (800) 231-2211.

Mind, body & spirit

Want to get a better grip on managing your emotions?

Learn how to focus your mind and manage the stress in your life using an alternative approach during the first week of Botsford Health Development Networks' "Mind, Body & Spirit Wellness Program" 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3.

Additional sessions of the series include instruction in time management, meditation, relaxation and yoga. Weeks two and four will take place at the same time on the following Tuesdays, Oct. 10, 17 and 24.

"Botsford General Hospital is offering this series to introduce individuals to the concept of 'integrative medicine,'" said Caroline Smith, Health Programs Coordinator. "What is known as 'alternative' medicine can enhance rather than replace conventional approaches to health and wellness."

You may register for one week or the entire series. The cost of the program is \$45 per session or \$75 for the entire series. Call (248) 477-6100. The Health Development Network is located at 39750 Grand River Avenue in Novi.

Who needs this?

There are several reasons why you should consider this program. It is designed for people who are looking for a way to improve their health and well-being. It is a comprehensive program that covers a wide range of topics, including nutrition, exercise, and stress management. It is a great way to take control of your health and live a healthier, more active life.

What you will learn:

- How to eat healthy and lose weight
- How to exercise safely and effectively
- How to manage stress and improve your mood
- How to improve your sleep and energy levels
- How to prevent chronic diseases and stay healthy

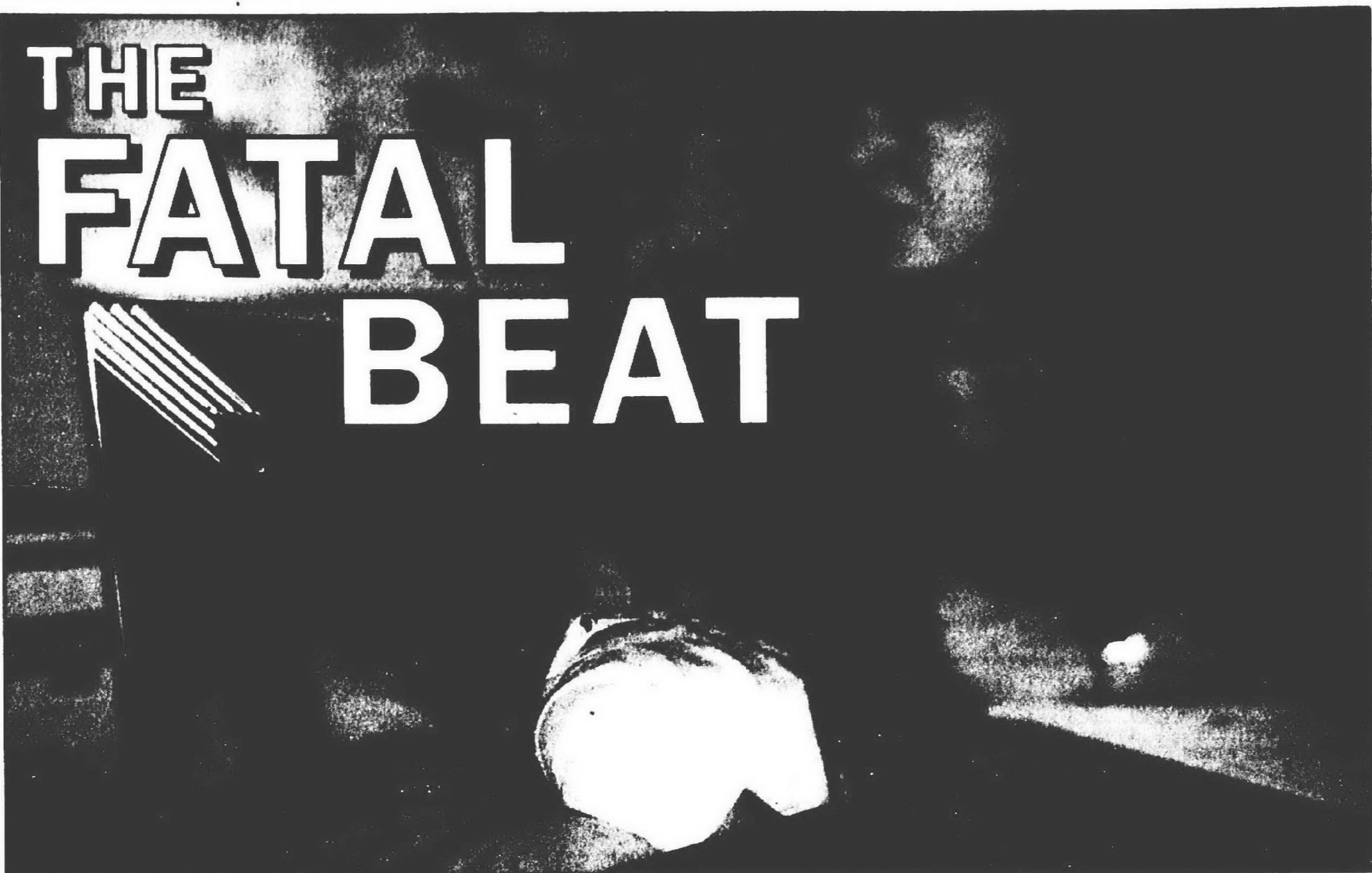
Who should attend:

- Anyone who is looking to improve their health and well-being
- Anyone who is looking to lose weight and get in better shape
- Anyone who is looking to manage stress and improve their mood
- Anyone who is looking to improve their sleep and energy levels
- Anyone who is looking to prevent chronic diseases and stay healthy

Cost: \$45 per session or \$75 for the entire series.

Location: Botsford Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Avenue, Novi, MI.

Contact: (248) 477-6100



Remembering: Denise Falzon keeps alive the memory of her son, Brian, who died of sudden cardiac arrest, by informing people of the research being done by the Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndrome Foundation. Brian is pictured here in his dorm room at Michigan State University a few days before he died.

Syndrome causes thousands of deaths by cardiac arrest

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When Denise Falzon's college-age son suddenly collapsed and died of cardiac arrest with no warning seven years ago, the Orchard Lake resident could make no sense of the tragedy.

After all, Brian Falzon was a healthy, vibrant 19-year-old student at Michigan State University who enjoyed sports and had no known medical history that offered clues to his death. He had simply stepped outside the computer lab where he had been cramming to finish a paper for some fresh air and died.

No known clues.

Bryan most likely died of Long QT Syndrome, a genetic abnormality of the heart's electrical system. Defects in the heart muscle cell structures called ion channels predispose affected persons to a very fast heart rhythm. The defects can cause the heart to beat erratically and trigger arrhythmia under certain circumstances — physical activities such as swimming, running and competitive sports settings; emotional stresses such as anger, embarrassment or test-taking; as well as startling noises from an alarm clock, loud horn or ringing phone.

The result is loss of consciousness followed by incoherence or even cardiac death. Unfortunately, until tragedy strikes, LQTS is seldom diagnosed.

"Sometime the first warning is death," said Denise. "When a child dies like that and an autopsy doesn't find anything, it's probably Long QT Syndrome. Sometimes the first warning is death."

However, in Brian's case, there were warnings. There were clues.

The year before, during a weight-lifting class at West Bloomfield High School, he had a fainting spell. Denise took him to the emergency room, where he remained incoherent for much of the time. Both drug testing and a spinal tap came back negative, and the attending physician diagnosed low blood sugar. No EKG, an electrocardiogram — the most likely diagnostic tool for LQTS — was taken. No EKG was taken at a follow-up physical a few days later.

"Why didn't they?" Falzon asks. But hindsight is always 20-20. Hindsight is torment.

Electrical waves

A heartbeat is an electrical wave that moves from the upper chambers (atria) to the lower chambers (ventricles). In an electrocardiogram, the term "QT" refers to the time it takes for the heart to recover from one beat and prepare for the next. In people with Long QT Syndrome, the start of Q wave to the end of the T wave is abnormally long.



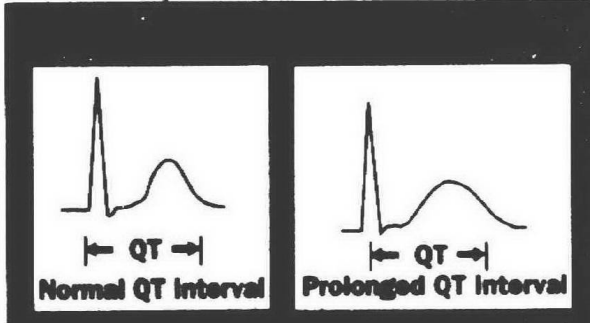
Teaching: Dr. Michael Lehmann, director of the U-M Electrocardiography Laboratory, explains Long QT Syndrome.

■ It is estimated that 1 in 7,000 people may have Long QT Syndrome, and 3,000-4,000 children and young adults die of LQTS each year.

"When the QT interval is prolonged it predisposes the ventricle heart muscle cells to electrical instability," said Dr. Michael Lehmann, a clinical professor of internal medicine and director of the Electrocardiography Laboratory at the University of Michigan. He also practices out of the U-M Health Center in Livonia.

Potassium is a key player in the recharging the heart, as is calcium and, to a lesser degree, sodium. These ions move across cell membranes, "flowing through beautiful molecular gates, conduits that allow only these ions to pass," explained Lehmann.

Genetic coding determines these chemical channels, and mutations can result in a dysfunctional channel, making the recharging process much longer. A normal QT interval is perhaps four-tenths of a second, said Lehmann. An interval of five-tenths of a second can pose problems.



In a prolonged QT, electrical oscillation gives rise to extra beats. It can lead to a new heart beat that comes from the cells and not from the upper chambers. "Oscillation can result in a few premature beats to a whole salvo of events," said Lehmann.

A prolonged QT can cause a person to faint or go into ventricular fibrillation, a potentially life-threatening condition in which the electrical signals move chaotically through the ventricles, preventing the heart from beating properly.

This is what happened to Brian Falzon, his mother believes. He collapsed in a courtyard outside the computer lab and wasn't found for thirteen minutes.

Diagnosis

According to the Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes Foundation, LQTS is not rare. It is estimated that 1 in 7,000 people may have LQTS, and 3,000-4,000 children and young adults die of LQTS each year.

The symptoms most commonly manifest themselves in pre-teen to teenage years, but they may be present from a few days of age to middle age.

According to the SADS Foundation, the syncopal episodes (loss of consciousness) are often misdiagnosed as the common faint or seizure.

"In young people we have to respect fainting, especially in sports. That requires a medical evaluation that includes an EKG," said Lehmann. However, "no one is advocating the wholesale EKG screening of students in sports," he added.

But EKGs should be done based on a medical history of seizures, faintings, heart murmurs and drownings. (There have been families with a number of unexplained drownings, said Lehmann. He questions if swimming, which he considers highly aerobic, could have triggered LQTS.)

The SADS Foundation recommends that all chil-

dren and young adults with unexplained syncope, or loss of consciousness, should have an EKG as part of their evaluation. In about 10 percent of LQTS patients, the QT interval on the initial EKG is normal, and in about 40 percent of the cases, the QT interval is borderline, not prolonged enough to make a clear diagnosis.

In these cases, an exercise EKG or a "Holter" EKG (a monitor worn for 24 hours) is recommended.

Still, an accurate across-the-board diagnosis is difficult. About 1/3 of the patients who inherit this condition never have any fainting spells, and about 30 percent of the people who die from LQTS have never experienced previous symptoms. Also, 10-15 percent of known gene carriers can have normal QT intervals.

Prevention

While LQTS is neither preventable nor curable, it can be controlled with medication. Beta blockers — the standard medication for cardiac arrhythmias — are most often prescribed. In patients who do not respond to medication, the insertion of a pacemaker or the automatic defibrillator can be used. There's also a surgical procedure, cervico-thoracic sympathectomy, in which certain nerves in the neck are cut.

In addition, certain drugs should be avoided: adrenaline (epinephrine), Propulsid (cisapride, used for esophageal reflux), and some antihistamines (Claritin and Allegra are safe), antibiotics, heart medications, antifungals, psychotropics, and diuretics (cause potassium loss).

According to the SADS Foundation, genetic testing will become the main diagnostic tool in the future. However, it is not yet widely available. However, a negative result does not exclude LQTS since not all of the genes have been identified.

Falzon now campaigns for the Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes Foundation carrying her message into high schools, to parents and before charitable groups: Insist on an EKG as part of your child's regular physical and have a cardiologist look at it for Long QT.

Many doctors will consider parents "overreactive," she says and many HMOs will not pay for an EKG when there are no symptoms. Then pay for the EKG out-of-pocket, she urges. Her mission in life is to keep the memory of her son alive and prevent as many senseless deaths from LQTS as possible.

"There are so many simple remedies if it was just diagnosed correctly," she said. "To lose a child by any means is tragic, but to have a child just collapse — there's no sense."

For an updated list of medications to avoid, contact SADS at 1-800-STOP SADS. A list is also contained in their newsletter, Heart to Hearth.

SADS Foundation

The SADS Foundation is a national organization dedicated to the prevention and treatment of Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndrome (SADS). We provide support, resources, and information for families affected by SADS. Our mission is to raise awareness, promote research, and improve the lives of those who have lost loved ones to SADS.

What we do:

- Provide emotional support and counseling for families.
- Offer financial assistance for medical expenses.
- Conduct research into the causes and treatments of SADS.
- Organize public awareness campaigns and fundraisers.
- Provide educational materials for schools and the general public.

How to get involved:

- Join our mailing list for updates and newsletters.
- Attend our annual conferences and seminars.
- Participate in our fundraising events.
- Volunteer for our various programs.

Contact Us:

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail rskoglund@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

ONGOING

AA & ALANON
Alcoholics Anonymous & Alanon meet Wednesdays and Sundays 8:30-9:30 p.m. at Garden City Hospital North Entrance, 5254 Inkster Road. Call (248) 541-6565 or (734) 776-3415. Everyone's welcome. Alanon meeting Sunday only.

IMPOTENCE
The Impotent Anonymous Support Group meets 8 p.m. the last Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital, Marian Professional Building, 14555 Levan, Livonia (Pavilion Conference Room A). For information, call (734) 462-5858.

FOOT SCREENINGS
Foot screenings for all ages are held 8:30 a.m. to noon every Tuesday and Friday at Botsford Hospital, South Professional Building, Suite 200. For an appointment, call (248) 473-1320 weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

HEADACHE SUPPORT GROUP
Meets 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month at Providence Medical Center, 30055 Northwestern. Free. Family members welcome. Call (248) 647-0614.

CAREGIVERS
The Caregivers Support Group meets 7-8 p.m. the last Wednesday of the month at St. Mary

Mercy Hospital, Auditorium 14555 Levan, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 655-8940.

MANIC DEPRESSIVE
The Manic Depressive-Depressive Association (MDDA) of Metro Detroit meets 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of every month at the Novi/Providence Medical Office Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Road (at Haggerty), Novi, MI 48375. Call (248) 960-1288.

ADULT ADD
The Adult Attention Deficit Disorder Support Group meets 7 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road (at Taft), Northville. Call (734) 427-5692 or (248) 553-2923.

MON, SEPT. 18
COCAINE AND CRACK ADDICTION
St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will offer a seminar on cocaine and crack addiction 6-7:30 p.m. in West Addition B. The seminar will discuss the biological, psychological and social aspects associated with the treatment, addiction and relapse of addiction. Call (734) 655-2944 or (1-800) 494-0277 for out-of-area callers.

THRU OCT. 12

DIABETES
St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will offer a program titled "Taking Charge of Living With Diabetes" for those age 18 and over. Classes are held from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36425 Five Mile Road, Pavilion A. Use the Levan Road entrance. The series is \$85, or \$76.50 for people 55 and over. Pre-registration is

required. Call (734) 655-8940.

SEPT. 20 TO OCT. 4

ARTHRITIS
St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 34675 Five Mile Road in Livonia, will offer a three-week course, "Arthritis Self-Help," 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Participants will learn the proper use of exercise and nutrition, facts about medications and strategies for decreasing pain and dealing with depression and stress. Pre-registration required. Cost: \$20. Call (734) 655-8946 or 1-800-494-1650 (for out-of-area callers). Use Levan Road entrance.

SEPT. 26- OCT. 24

CARDIAC CARE
St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia continues to offer "Be Wise... Heart Wise" classes 7-8:30 p.m. in the hospital's first-floor classroom. The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile Road. Call (734) 655-8940.

WED, SEPT. 27

REFLEX ANALYSIS
Dr. Darren Schmidt will offer a free, hands-on workshop on contact reflex analysis 7-8:15 p.m. at the Canton Center Chiropractic Clinic, 6231 N. Canton Center Road (between Ford and Warren), Suite 109. Registration is required. Call (734) 455-6767.

THURS, SEPT. 28

HEADACHE
The Henry Ford Headache Clinic will sponsor a lecture, Headache

101, 7 p.m. in the lower level of the Henry Ford Medical Center, 9401 Hubbard Drive, at Evergreen in Dearborn. Discussion will focus on diagnosis and treatment, including alternative therapies and research updates. To register, call (313) 982-8384.

DIABETES SCREENING
Oakwood Hospital is offering free diabetes screening at Cherry Hill Internal Medicine, 42287 Cherry Hill, Suite D, in Canton at the corner of Cherry Hill and Lilly Road. Call (734) 981-1086.

STRESS REDUCTION
Oakland Physical Therapy will present "Exercises and Techniques in Stress Reduction" 7 p.m. in the Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue (near Beck), Suite B124, Novi. Free. Call (248) 380-3550. RSVP appreciated.

SAT, SEPT. 30

DON'T DIET, THINK TRIM
"Think Trim," an alternative to dieting, will be presented 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Room LA 470, Livonia. The fee is \$57. To register, call the college at (734) 462-4413.

MON, OCT. 2

ORAL CANCER
St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer oral cancer screening in the office of Dr. Richard Stoler, Marian Professional Building, 14555 Levan Road, Suite 206, Livonia. Pre-registration is required by Friday, Sept. 29. Call the Community Outreach Department at (734) 655-8940 or 800-494-1650 for out-of-area callers.

TUES, OCT. 3

SUPPORT FOR BEREAVED TEENS
New Hope Center for Grief Support will sponsor a free six-session series on "Issues of Grief" for teens ages 13-19 who have experienced the death of a relative or friend. The group will meet at Risen Christ Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road (1/2 mile east of Beck Road at the corner of McClumpha and Ann Arbor), Plymouth on Oct. 3 and 17, Nov. 7 and 21, and Dec. 5 and 19. Call (248) 348-0115.

WED, OCT. 4

SMOKING CESSATION
Providence Hospital will present a two-hour smoking cessation program involving hypnosis 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Center-Livonia: Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 7 Mile Road (at Newburgh), Livonia. First 45 minutes are free; \$59 for complete session. Call 1-877-345-5500.

OCT. 4 & 5

GRIEF SUPPORT
Arbor Hospice & Home Care will offer two "New Pathways" support groups meeting 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4 to Nov. 22 and 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5 to Nov. 30 at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville. Call (734) 662-5999.

THURS, OCT. 5

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES
Oakwood Hospital is sponsoring "My Voice - My Choice," an

award-winning program on how to prepare advance directives for medical care, 10 a.m. in the Dearborn Senior Center, 5277 Calhoun (east of Schaefer and south of Michigan), Dearborn. Call 800-543-WELL.

WEIGHT REDUCTION
Providence Hospital will host two weight-control sessions including hypnosis from 3-5 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Center - Livonia: Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 7 Mile Road (at Newburgh), Livonia. First 45 minutes are free; \$59 for entire session. Call 1-877-345-5500.

THURS, OCT. 19

BLOOD PRESSURE
Oakwood Hospital is offering free blood pressure screenings at Cherry Hill Internal Medicine, 42287 Cherry Hill, Suite D, in Canton at the corner of Cherry Hill and Lilly Road. Call (734) 981-1086.

TUES, OCT. 24

JOINT PAIN
The Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center-Deerborn will offer "Joint Pain Prevention and Relief," a free seminary presented by Dr. Eric T. Silberg, orthopedic surgeon, 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Kalman Auditorium. Pre-register by calling 800-543-WELL.

CHOLESTEROL SCREENING
Oakwood Hospital is offering free cholesterol screenings at Cherry Hill Internal Medicine, 42287 Cherry Hill, Suite, D, in Canton at the corner of Cherry Hill and Lilly Road. Call (734) 981-1086.

Women's Health Network hosts a day of spas

The Women's Health Network of Michigan will host "A Taste of Michigan...Spas" 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27 at the Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road (between Inkster and Middlebelt), Livonia. Tickets are \$35 and will be available at the door.

The first of its kind event will allow attendees to sample the "wares" of seventeen spas and salons from throughout metropolitan Detroit. Women will learn more about everything from the better known therapeutic massage, facial and reflexology to the lesser known chakra, shiatsu and temple touch face relief.

The event will honor three women who have made a differ-

'The various forms of massage are not only relaxing, but are being recognized, along with other forms of complementary and alternative medicine, by the medical community...'

Nancy Hauff
—chairwoman, Women's Health Network of Michigan

ence in women's health: Laura Hess, senior consultant, International Union, UAW; Joan Rodney, regional director, Southeast Michigan, General

Motors Health Care Initiatives; Gloria Smith, vice president, W. K. Kellogg Foundation.

"This is a great way to say thank you to our fine honorees and for women to unwind at the end of the day in a place where they can experience all of the different forms of stress relief available to them," said Joan Budden, WHN board member and co-chair of the event.

"So many women today work two jobs - one at the office and then taking care of their families. They deserve some time for themselves to relax."

"The various forms of massage are not only relaxing, but are being recognized, along with other forms of complementary and alternative medicine,

by the medical community and insurance companies as well," said Nancy Hauff, chairwoman of Women's Health Network of Michigan.

"Women will be able to enjoy and learn more about these procedures and the mission of the Women's Health Network at the same time."

Sponsors for the event are The Accident Fund Company, Arab American and Chaldean Council, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, General Motors, Health Alliance Plan, Homedics, MESSA, Nextel Communications, Providence Hospital and Medical Centers, and St. John Health Systems.

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Prescription drugs available at low cost

Is your medication too expensive for your budget? If so, information in a new booklet might help.

The Cost Containment Research Institute in Washington, DC has just published a 32-page booklet, "Free and Low-Cost Prescription Drugs." The revised fourth edition booklet gives information on how and where to get free and low-cost prescription drugs.

"Many major drug companies provide free or low-cost medication but rarely, if ever, publicize the programs," says Gary Nave, director of the institute. Consumers can receive a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of print, postage and handling to: Institute Fulfillment Center,


Booklet #PD-370, P.O. Box 210, Dallas, PA 18612-0210.

Prescription drug forum
The League of Women Voters of Livonia and Dearborn/Dearborn Heights will sponsor a forum titled "Prescription Drug Coverage for Seniors and Other Medicare Eligible Americans" 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28 at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn.

Four panelists will discuss the prescription drug crisis with perspectives on state legislation, the Republican and Democratic plans, pharmacy issues and patient's problems due to high drug costs.

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ULNAR DRIFT
You may notice that the hands of some individuals with rheumatoid arthritis have an unusual slant and angle. Their fingers, at rest, do not point straight ahead, but are off to the side. Physicians call this deviation ulnar drift.

Hands with this deformity cannot hold bottles properly, readily button shirts, or easily grasp a pencil. Using braces or supports to correct the position of the hand does not work. The braces are clumsy and defeat the purpose of improving hand function. Furthermore, as soon as you release the support, the hand falls back into ulnar drift. Neither medicine nor physical therapy reverses the condition. Exercising the fingers only worsens the condition. Hand surgery can reverse the deviation but does so at the price of losing the function the hand possessed before operation.

The reason why ulnar drift occurs, and resists therapy relates to the small muscles of the hand called the intrinsic muscles. This set of muscles originates in the palm of the hand and creates a balance between the forces on the top and palmar surfaces of the finger joints, particularly at the knuckles. In rheumatoid arthritis, the effect of inflammation is to destroy this balance. Then gravity pulls fingers in and the outward slant that eventually becomes ulnar drift.

At present, the best way to deal with ulnar drift is to prevent it. Therefore, physicians treating rheumatoid arthritis do not hesitate to bring out their best regimens early and take them to their maximum soon.

St. Mary Mercy recognized as healthy workplace

St. Mary Mercy Hospital has been selected by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports as a recipient of the 2000 Gold Healthy Work-

place Award. Knowing that "the combination of poor diet and lack of physical activity results in more

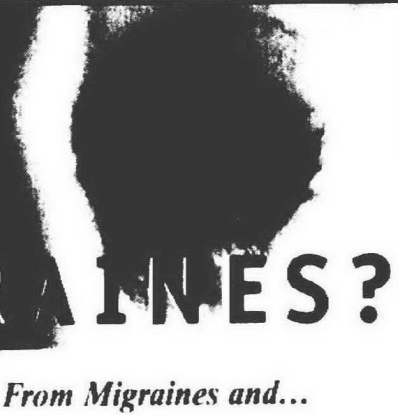
deaths than alcohol, firearms, infections, toxic agents, sexual behavior, motor vehicles and illicit drug use combined," according to the Michigan Fitness Foundation, health experts at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia developed an employee wellness program called Wellness Workz.

Wellness Workz is available to all St. Mary Mercy Hospital employees and volunteers. Participants are involved in educational sessions, wellness fairs, and scheduled events such as group exercise sessions.

HONOR

"Hospital administration is to be commended for their support of the employee wellness program in both their participation and concern for the health and well-being of St. Mary Mercy employees and volunteers," said Marianne Simacek, director of community outreach for St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

The award presentation will be held at the Lansing Center on Monday, Oct. 16



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MIKE WENDLAND

If there were ever any doubts about the incredible impact the Internet is having on the automobile industry, look no further than Austin, Texas and the annual state-of-the-direct-sales-computer industry meeting staged by Dell Computer.

This year's keynote speaker was none other than Jacques Nasser, president and CEO of Ford Motor company.

Nasser called technology "the moving assembly line of the 21st century." The high-powered auto exec talked powerfully about the sweeping changes that high-tech and the Internet has brought.

In the Internet economy, said Nasser, "knowledge assets are becoming more and more valued over physical assets."

He said: "The idea of a company or a strategy that is based on a stand-alone product is over. The next wave of economic growth will come from products that are wrapped in services in the new world. Everything will be intelligent, everything will

be connected, and literally everything can be considered as a platform for the delivery of services."

The Ford CEO said the old rules of the automobile business no longer apply, and that even the old distinctions that define what a company does are becoming more difficult to outline.

"Technology and networks in particular determine the shape of everything else," he said, claiming that even his job description has changed. "Am I the CEO of a motor company, or am I building wireless, mobile consumer services?" he asked, telling the high-tech audience that he expects the Net to add a big time - to the car company's bottom line.

It's all about convergence, "equipping" everything, including cars.

Fueled by what has been dubbed the "infotronics Revolution," automobiles are turning into mobile communications and entertainment centers, with high-tech video games, Internet access, and even satellite radio and digital telephone services filling up the dashboard.

All these extra high-tech doodads are raising new issues. As consumers crave new conveniences in their cars, what affect

will all these gizmos have on safety as they compete for driver attention?

Some six thousand auto execs will meet in Detroit Oct. 16-18 to wrestle with these convergence issues at a conference and exhibition.

You'd expect CEOs from Ford and General Motors to be there... and they will. But, as proof of how much technology is driving the auto industry these days, just as Nasser attended last week's computer meeting, so will CEO's from Sun Microsystems, Hewlett-Packard, Sega Enterprises and AT&T be visiting this Detroit gathering next month.

It's a whole new ballgame for car makers as Silicon Valley meets Gasoline Alley.

Sleazy new tactics

The estimated \$3 billion-a-year, 200,000-site Internet porn industry has become so competitive that some are resorting to guerilla programming techniques that literally seize control of your Web browser.

The sites lure visitors with "click here" free offers that open up a new page without any of the traditional menubar controls at the top, meaning you can't use the back button or close the window by clicking the "x" at the top

right. The programming makes it impossible to exit without shutting down the computer or forcibly closing the window by pressing the Control-Alt-Delete keys all at the same time. And that's a practice that can adversely affect the hard drive and system files, say experts.

Besides the guerilla programming tactics, consumer protection groups also say many of the sites are involved in massive credit card fraud, pretending to use credit card numbers to verify age but in actuality using them to process monthly access fees that are very difficult to remove.

But it gets even worse.

Last week, the U.S. Federal Trade Commission won a \$37.5 million verdict against an adult Web site operation that repeatedly placed charges on consumers' credit cards for X-rated Internet visits they had not made and services they didn't order.

Indeed thousands of those billed for visiting the Web sites did not own computers. The porn site operators bought access to lists from a California bank that provided the account numbers for more than 3 million valid Visa and MasterCard credit cards.

Rather than use the lists to confirm that potential customers had valid cards, the defendants just started debiting the cards for Web site services the cardholders had never used.

Who needs the CueCat?

Here's my biggest gripe about technology: Unnecessary devices that greedy corporations try and pass off on the public as cutting edge convenience.

So it is with a silly little thing called CueCat, a sort of mini-scanner that two big national magazines, Forbes and Wired, have been sending out free to subscribers. Radio Shack has also been offering them to customers.

The idea is that people will plug these CueCats into their PCs, then use them to scan special bar codes printed on magazine advertisements, which will then open up the computer's Web browser and take you directly to the advertiser's Web site.

The company that came up with this idea calls it... I kid you not... "the biggest computer innovation since the mouse."

What most amazes me is that supposedly sophisticated executives at Wired and Forbes thought their readers would

actually use these things, which are balky to install and cumbersome to use.

Besides, how many of us want to be forced to read magazines an arm's length from our PC? And what's so hard about typing in a Web site address if we're really that interested in getting more information?

Truly, I see absolutely no compelling need for this device. But its questionable usefulness has been compounded by a colossal security breach. See, before this thing works, you first have to register with the CueCat people.

Guess what? About 140,000 people who signed up last week had their e-mail addresses exposed through a security flaw that leaves them vulnerable to be bombarded with unsolicited e-mail, or Spam. The company says it's plugged the security hole.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newschannel stations across the country. He is the author of a series of Internet books. You can reach him through his Web site at www.pcmike.com and hear him Monday through Friday at 8:26 p.m. on NewsRadio 950, WWJ, and on Saturdays from 4-6 p.m. on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT.

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Senior VP

The board of directors of Municipal Financial Consultants of Grosse Pointe Farms elected Dale E. Deis of Redford Township senior vice president. He joined the firm in 1986 and in 2001

will obtain a master's in business administration from Walsh College. In his current position, Deis performs complex quantitative studies for municipalities.

Michigan Bankers

Robert P. Heinrich, president and chief executive officer of Metrobank in Farmington



Deis

Hills, was elected vice chairman of the Michigan Bankers Association. He is a director of the Farmington Downtown Development Authority and past president of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce. In 1997, he received the Citizen of the Year Award from the Farmington Jaycees.

Financial advisor

Michigan Financial Companies, a full-service financial and estate planning firm in Farmington Hills, announced the addition of David T. Nanes as a financial advisor for business owners. He is a registered representative offering securities and financial planning through WS Griffith and Co., Inc., a registered broker/dealer and investment advisor. He can be reached at (248) 626-9000.

Freudenberg-NOK VP

Freudenberg-NOK of Plymouth announced the appointment of Phillip A. Damaska as vice president and general manager of Latin and South American operations. Prior to joining the company in 1996, Damaska spend four years with AlliedSignal in Providence, R.I. He has a bachelor's degree in accounting from Albion College and a master's degree in finance from the University of Detroit. Photo



Damaska

Perfect voting record
The Small Business Association of Michigan recently presented Rep. Laura Toy (R-Livonia) a plaque in recognition of her 100 percent voting record in support of small business issues.

Rep. Toy was honored during the last legislative session on

small business measures such as elimination of the Single Business Tax, Brownfield economic development, and telephone/electricity deregulation.

Award: Rep. Laura Toy (R-Livonia) receives a plaque from Colleen Siembor (left) of Cardwell Florists in Livonia.



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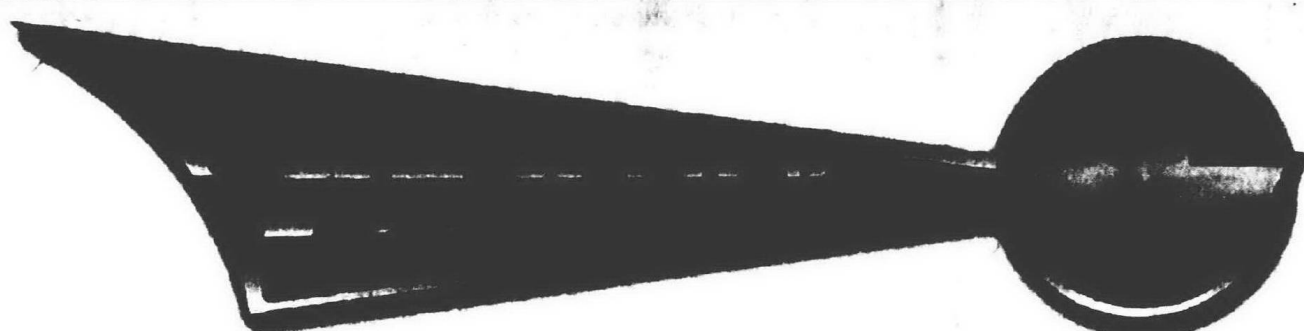
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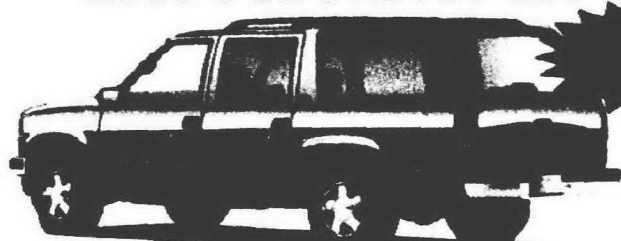
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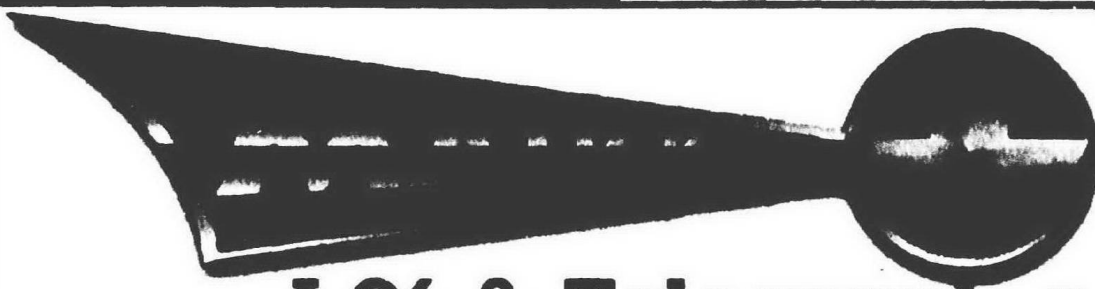
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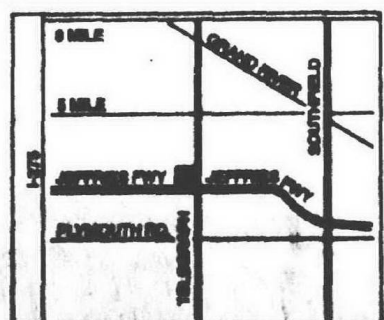
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Resellers lease or buy capacity on other people's networks, either CLECs or an "incumbent local exchange carrier" (ILEC), which is a former phone utility like Ameritech.

As the ability to send and receive information becomes vital, the cost of an interruption rises. That means your office needs redundancy. Smart businesses spread their voice and data traffic across two or three providers using different physical networks, both fiber and wireless.

If you split your traffic between your ILEC and a CLEC reseller that uses the ILEC's network, all your information travels on a single network. If that network goes down, your business goes down. If you choose a reseller, identify the physical routes that transmit your information.

Major buildings often house POPs from different communication carriers so their tenants can arrange redundancy. When inquiring about space, ask the leasing agent for names of telecommunication/data carriers with a POP in the building. Then verify it.

Creating redundancy, if you don't have it, can be a challenge. You may be able to contract with a provider to build what you need.

A telecommunications or e-business consultant can help you find the best fit. A consultant can also help you determine optimal placement of wiring and equipment throughout your space to maximize your business' voice and data transmission capabilities. Involve the consultant early on, as you plan the tenant improvement construction, for the best results.

Rachele Downs of Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW)-Detroit, is vice president of Farmington Hills-based Paragon Corporate Realty Services.

These condos a mile from Telegraph

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About a dozen attached ranch condominiums remain at Scott Lake Cove on Scott Lake Road between Elizabeth Lake Road and Pontiac Trail in Waterford.

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"That's a big factor - no steps," Spizizen said. "It has a two-car garage, first-floor laundry room, very open space."

"They (visitors) are impressed with the floor plan, decor," added Marianne Harris, sales assistant. "They like the openness, cathedral ceiling. Very modern."

The units - 1,200 square feet - are attached four to a building.

Each also includes at base price air conditioning, two full baths, basement, and dishwasher, refrigerator and range in the kitchen.

Ceramic tile is standard in the foyer and baths, vinyl in the kitchen and laundry, carpeting throughout the rest of the unit.

Ceiling fans/ lights are standard in the great room and master suite.

A fireplace (\$2,900) and cedar deck (\$2,100-\$2,400) are upgrades.

Base price is \$152,900 for end units, \$147,900 for middle units. Middle units don't have a kitchen window, but they do have more cabinet space.

"We make it simple," Spizizen said. "A lot of retirees, younger people, too, want a finished unit. It comes with all the appliances. All you need is a washer, dryer and blinds."

"Older people feel safer with an attached unit," Harris said. "Neighbors are close to keep an eye on things."

"Younger people work so hard, they have no time to take care of a yard; older people don't want to," Spizizen said. "But they want ownership."

"Location is a factor," Harris added. "It's convenient to highways here, I-75, Telegraph, M-59. I'm hearing that people are coming in here because it's so centrally located to family, children, grandchildren, friends."

"It's also close to shopping - Summit Crossing and Oakland Pointe,"



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Spizizen said.

The model features a cathedral ceiling over the kitchen/ nook and great room/ dining area. One bedroom is decorated as a sitting room. The master, with studio ceiling, has a shower and walk-in closet.

The basement steps are carpeted.

Brick and vinyl siding are primary exterior materials.

Scott Lake Coves is served by city water, sewers and sidewalks. It's within the Waterford school boundaries.

The property tax rate is now \$27.16 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price for new construction. That means the owners of a \$153,000 unit there would pay about \$2,100 the first year.

The monthly association fee, which includes water, insurance, trash

removal, grass cutting and snow plowing, is \$100.

"I think it's a terrific bargain," said Doris Ebey, who bought a condo in the community. "It's a nice place. I'd recommend it to anyone."

"I like its openness, stairways to the basement. It's so unlike what I've lived in. The high ceiling in the master is just wonderful. I almost feel like a princess in there with my cat," she said.

Carolyn Newton also is buying in Scott Lake Coves.

"I'm from the area. I was to the point where I felt I needed an easier life, not all the work of a house," she said. "I fell in love with the floor plan - high ceiling, openness. It has things I need, like a laundry on the



The sales office/ model at Scott Lake Coves, (248) 681-2896, is open noon to 5 p.m. daily, closed Thursdays.

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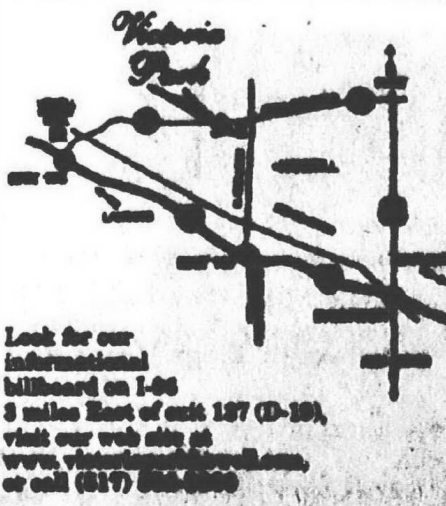
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Attention to simple maintenance detail can boost your home's value

Since your new home is one of your most valuable investments, it makes sense to keep it in tip-top shape.

Regular maintenance not only helps prevent major problems from arising, it also keeps your home looking and working its best, year round.

To help get the most from your investment, try these tips recommended by home maintenance expert Sid David in his new book, *Adding Value to Your Home* (Creative Homeowner Press).

Yard Maintenance. The outside of your home is one of the first things people see, so keeping it neat and attractive is a must.

Healthy, green lawns are the basis for an attractive landscape. Be sure to correct

problem areas such as burnt patches and weeds.

Unightly utility boxes and transformers can be an eyesore, so plant shrubs and hedges around them to block them from view. Keep trash containers on the side of the house, toward the back, and always keep your yard free of debris.

Driveways/ Walkways. The high visibility of these two features makes them very important to maintain. Whether you have concrete or asphalt, deterioration is quite common, so be sure to caulk or repair cracks as soon as they appear, and fill potholes immediately.

Doors and Windows. They add light, security and beauty to your home, but unfortunately doors and windows seem to

be the most neglected areas of the home.

Be sure your front door is in good condition, both physically and aesthetically. Paint, refinish or replace an old door, and make sure the locks are in working condition.

Replacing obsolete windows not only adds value to your home, but also results in significant savings on your heating and cooling bills. Use lubricant on all window tracks and hinges to keep them operating smoothly.

Roofing. A leaky roof can wreak havoc in your home, costing much more than timely repair and maintenance.

To avoid problems, inspect your roof at least twice a year. Look for signs of excessive wear and tear, including cracked, curled, or dried-up shingles; cracked caulk around vents, pipes and valleys; worn or cracked metal flashing; and patches of mold and mildew.

Gutters and leaders are crucial to roof drainage. If they are clogged, missing or damaged, it may result in leaks and rotting. Repair or replace them immediately.

Flooring. The condition of your flooring, rather than the type of flooring you have, really illustrates the value you place on your home. Water damage, food spills, pet stains, dirt and scratches can take their toll on all types of floors.

Assess the flooring in all the rooms in your home, and work on them one by one.

If you have wood flooring, be sure to replace water damaged, scratched or stained flooring, and have the floor refinished, if necessary.

Replace worn, damaged or outdated carpeting with something new and fresh.

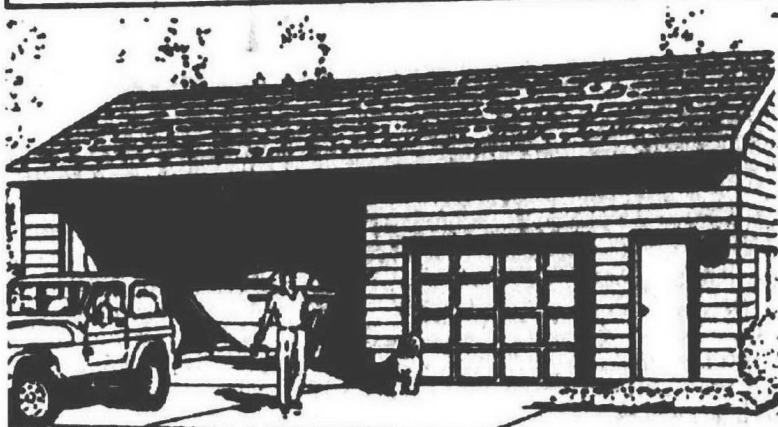
Pull up vinyl flooring that is yellowed or curling at the edges. Immediately repair any cracked or broken ceramic tiles before the damage spreads.

Keeping up with common household maintenance adds an immeasurable value to your home. But, the book reveals that there are certain types of home improvement projects and renovations that can give you a higher yield on your investment.

For example, did you know that renovating your kitchen is worth more than adding a deck onto your home? By focusing on those improvements that yield the most in return, in addition to performing scheduled maintenance, you can be sure you are safeguarding a valuable investment, as well as enhancing your home's value.

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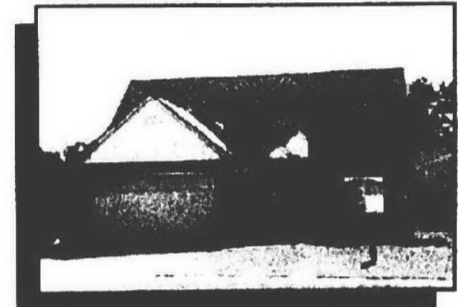
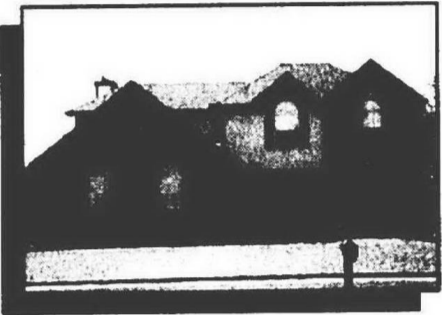
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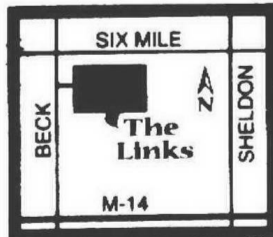
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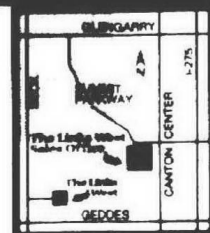
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The entry of this home has etched glass in one side and the security system control box on the other.

A great room and formal dining room are open to the kitchen. A rear corner kitchen contains as many amenities as possible. Facing the

great room is a long eating bar. An appliance center in one corner under the cabinets and a Lazy Susan in the other add to the conveniences.

The dual sink has a trash compactor on one side and a dishwasher on the other. A garden window over the sink looks out into the backyard.

Skylights have been used throughout this spacious home. In the rear corner of the great room is a raised gas fireplace with an entertainment center over it. Stairs to the basement are located in the great room as well.

Two bedrooms separated by a full bath make up the right side of the Avatar. Each bedroom is spacious and well lit by large windows. There are two linen closets convenient to

each room. The water heater is tucked away in a closet in this area also.

Completely across the home is the master suite, isolated from the other two bedrooms. This large suite is the daydream of dreamers.

The rear of the suite is a large bathroom with a vanity, his-and-her sinks, a huge walk-in closet, a private area for the toilet and an oversized tub and shower.

A door off this room opens onto the patio that runs across the back of the house.

On the other end of this unique suite is an exercise/theatre room, complete with an entertainment center.

French doors open into the great room, providing easy access.

To the back of the exercise/theatre room is a full utility. It has a sink, along with room for a freezer. A door to the two-car garage opens at one end.

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Vinyl tile floors can be an easy installation

BY JIM NEIDNER
 FOR NEWS USA

(NUE) - That new home isn't always going to be new.

Keep in mind that at some point during ownership, new flooring can make you feel like you're in a whole new room.

These days, it's easy to do it yourself. Try vinyl tiles for a great look.

First, consider the current floor. If it is in poor condition, a new subfloor may be necessary. You can do that by covering the floor with 1/4-inch plywood, nailing it every four inches.

If a subfloor isn't necessary, prepare the base by removing dirt, grease and

wax. Make sure the floor is level and smooth. Fill in low spots or rough areas with floor leveler. Then screw down squeaky boards and fill holes. Replacing base molding will make it easier to install the floor and give it a professional touch.

Now plan the layout of the tile. Make your own paper template as a pattern to cut around oddly shaped objects such as pipes and vents. Using a tape measure, find the center point of the room. Draw a chalk line in each direction forming a cross at the center point. You should test fit a row of tiles from the center point to each wall. Adjust the center point so that the tiles against the opposite walls are the

same width.

If you're laying self-stick tile, peel off the backing. Set the tiles carefully - once placed, they are difficult to adjust. Press the tiles tightly against each other. Starting at the center point, lay the tiles one piece at a time, working toward a corner.

Repeat from the center toward other corners.

If your choice is dry back tile, you will need vinyl tile cement. Apply the cement in a four-square-foot area at a time, using a notched trowel. Allow the cement to partially dry until it is tacky to the touch.

Then begin laying tiles, starting at the center point. Again, lay the tiles

tightly against each other.

Finally, it's time for trimming and clean up. Cut tiles to fit into the spaces near walls and around pipes. Clean up any excess cement. Now you're ready to move furniture back into your "new" room.

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Try renewing damaged concrete surfaces

BY JOSEPH TRUINI
TODAY'S HOMEOWNER MAGAZINE

AP - In the past, when a concrete patio or driveway started to show serious signs of aging, using a jackhammer or bringing in a bulldozer were the only repair options.

Today, there are more practical alternatives. Polymer-based cement resurfacers are formulated to transform cracked, spalled, weathered concrete to like-new condition.

The top dressing we used, Ardex All-Purpose Concrete Resurfacer, is made of portland cement and high-performance polymers.

It's mixed with water and applied with a steel trowel, squeegee or push broom to a thickness of only 1/16 inch. One 20-pound bag coats about \$25 and covers 50 to 60 square feet. (The average concrete driveway is about 500 square feet.)

Besides patios and driveways, Ardex can be used to resurface concrete stairs, sidewalks, garage floors and most vertical surfaces. For our project, we resurfaced a 9,527-foot driveway and 3,518-foot walkway using six bags of Ardex. It took two people five hours to complete the job.

The work isn't particularly difficult, but the pace is frenetic.

Once the water is mixed in, you've got less than 30 minutes to apply the concrete dressing. For optimum results, work on a day with low humidity, no rain and an air temperature ranging between 70 F and 75 F. The surface temperature of the existing concrete must be at least 50 F.

Preparing the surface
Ardex will only bond to clean, dry surfaces.

First, rinse the concrete with a garden hose or, better yet, a pressure washer. Then use a stiff-bristle push broom to sweep away all dirt, dust and debris.

Clean off grease and oil stains with TSP (trisodium phosphate); don't use any sort of solvent, sealer or primer. Allow the surface to dry completely.

Next, patch all cracks, crevices and holes to ensure that the resurfaced concrete will be completely smooth.

For hairline cracks up to one-eighth inch wide, mix four parts of Ardex to one part water. Force the thick paste into the cracks with a putty knife. For larger cracks up to 1/2 inch wide, use concrete-repair caulk.

Squeeze the caulk into the cracks with a caulking gun, and smooth it with a putty knife. Fill cracks wider than 1/2 inch with masonry mortar mix (\$3 per 60-pound bag). Large concrete slabs are typically divided into sections by expansion joints, which help control cracking.

The 1/2-3/4 inch wide joints are usually filled with asphalt-saturated felt, a wood 1-by-4 or a plastic channel. These joints

must remain exposed to allow the slab to expand and contract; don't cover them with the cement top dressing. Mask each expansion joint with a strip of duct tape.

Surfacing steps
Ardex must be mixed quickly and then applied immediately.

Use a 650-rpm, 1/2 inch drill motor and a heavy-duty mixing paddle to mix the concrete dressing to a smooth consistency. Pour exactly 2-1/2 quarts of water into a clean 5-gallon bucket. Dump in a 20-pound bag of the resurfacer and mix continuously for two minutes.

Lift out the paddle and stand it in a bucket of clean water. Pour the dressing onto the slab and immediately spread it; have a helper mix the next batch.

For small areas, like walks or stairs, use a flat steel trowel.

Press down hard to force the dressing into every tiny hole and crevice.

Next, draw a medium-bristle broom across the wet area to create a textured, slip-resistant surface.

When working a larger area, like a patio or driveway, spread the dressing with a long-handle squeegee. Again, press down hard to fill all surface imperfections.

Follow up with the push broom. Pull up the tape from the expansion joints immediately after sweeping the surface. The surface can be walked on after about two hours, but don't drive your car on it for at least six hours.

After 24 hours, protect the new surface with a clear, waterborne masonry sealer.

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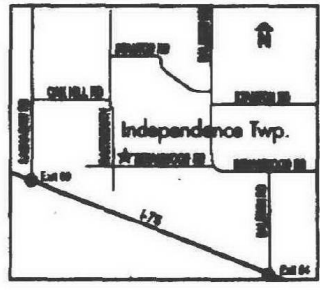
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New homeowners will now have the capabilities to simultaneously check e-mail and talk on the phone and increase Internet surfing speed. To build the thoroughly connected home and networked family, Pulte Corp. is making structured wiring a standard in its homes built across the United States.

In a new agreement, Leviton Manufacturing Co. will provide Pulte homes with Leviton Integrated Networks, a home system consisting of low-voltage wiring products.

Leviton's products support everything from satellite and digital TV to whole-house Internet and networking, multi-room audio and video, home automation and home security applications. Graybar Electric Co. will be the primary distributor of Leviton's products throughout the country.

"These systems are becoming 'must-haves' for customers to participate in the digital revolution, allowing them to work or do school-work at home, or even use the TV as a baby monitor and start the oven by using the phone," said Alan Laing, Pulte's vice president of e-business development. "Your home can become obsolete without the necessary communications infrastructure to automate your home," added Laing.

"In 1998, 38,000 new homes had some type of structured wiring. That number more than doubled to 90,000 new homes in 1999, and this year the figure is predicted to reach 200,000 outfitted with structured wiring. The need to 'future proof' a home is becoming more and more necessary as consumers do office work and kids surf the Internet for homework," said Bill Marshall,

Leviton's vice president of marketing and product management.

"It is an honor to be associated with Pulte and to be the first in the homebuilding industry to collaborate with a national homebuilder to provide customers access to leading-edge technology."

Structured wiring, which provides Internet service will become the fourth utility, alongside electric, telephone and gas service, Marshall said. As these systems get installed into more homes, they will become a critical selling point when homes go onto the resale market. In just a few years, buyers of existing homes will expect homes to be networked.

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Pulte Corp. (www.pulte.com) is the parent of the Pulte group of companies. Pulte Home Corp. has operations in 41 markets across the United States and Puerto Rico. The company is also the fifth largest builder in Mexico. Over its history, the company has constructed more than 250,000 homes.

Leviton Manufacturing Co. is a North American manufacturer of electrical and electronic wiring devices. The company offers residential, commercial and industrial wiring devices.

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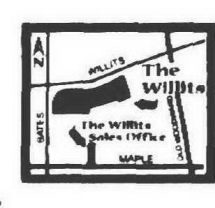
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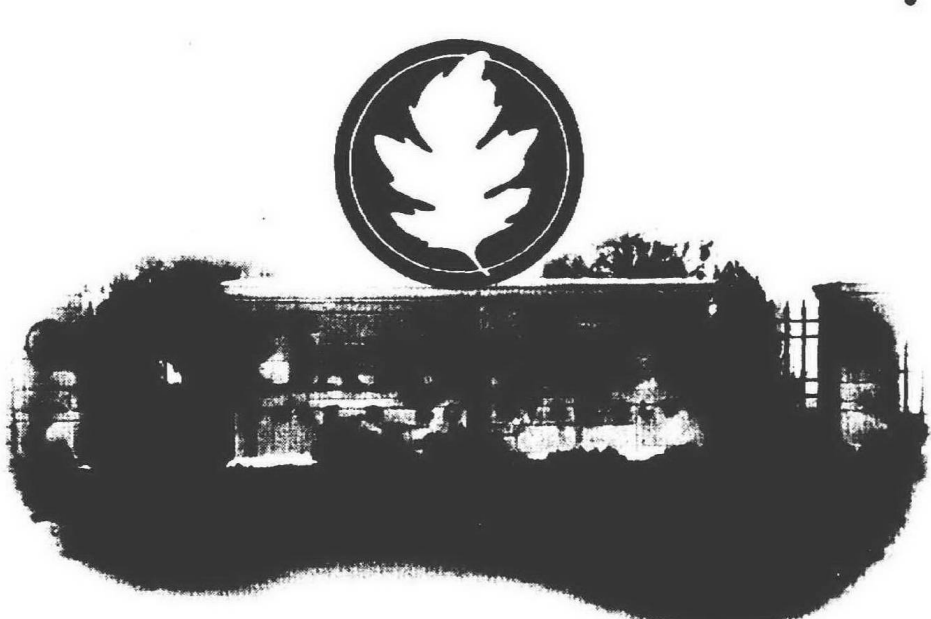
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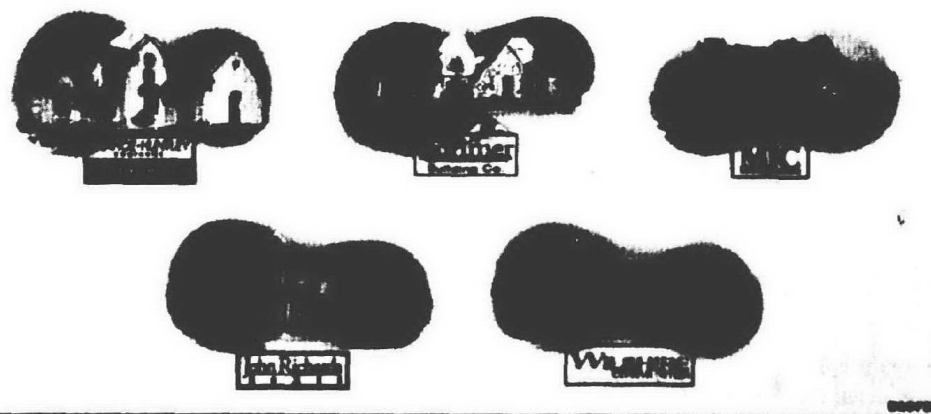
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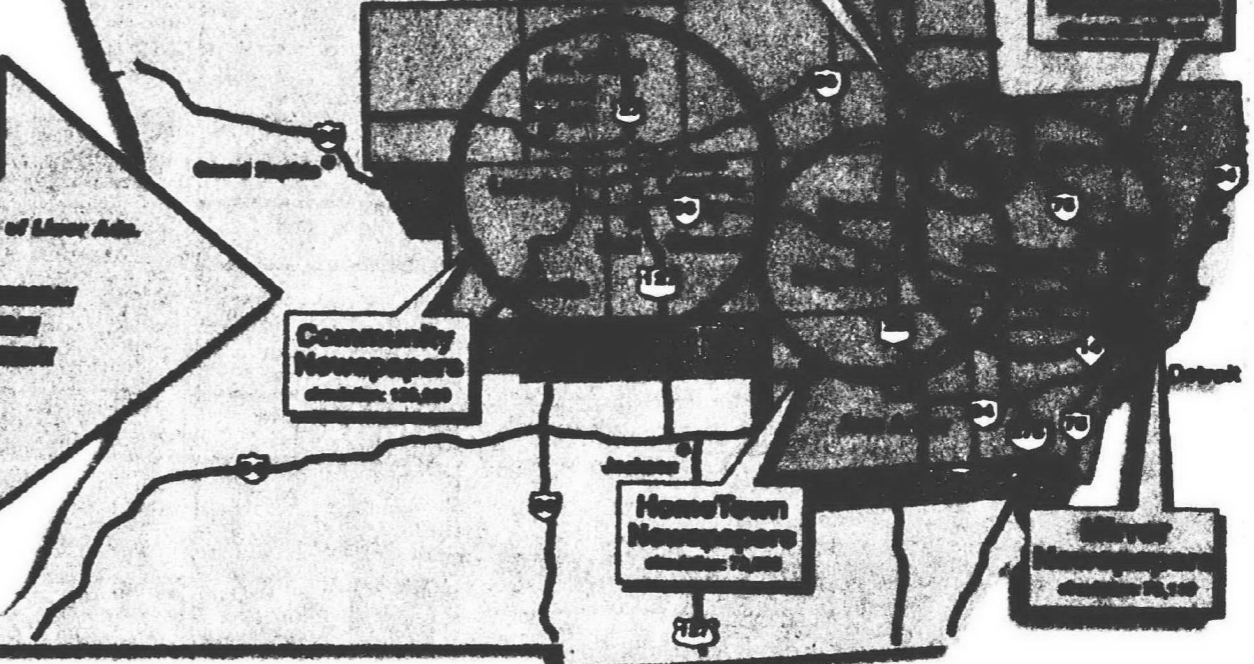
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Sunrooms extend the day, add resale value to home

(NAPS) - Wet, cold weather and pesky bugs can cut outdoor plans short. But with the addition of a sunroom, activities don't end until you want them to.

Sunrooms offer protection from the elements while still providing that out-of-doors feeling.

When biting insects come out but the party isn't ready to end, a sunroom is the perfect place to move the festivities inside.

A glass-enclosed room keeps the environment fun and garden-like, with hanging plants and the nighttime sky overhead.

"People who enjoy entertaining are making the most of it by adding a sunroom," said Rick Jones, president of Patio Enclosures Inc., one of North America's largest designers and installers of custom sunrooms.

The company works with homeowners to design all types of glass-enclosed rooms, from simple porch enclosures to three-season rooms and year-round, all-glass solariums.

"Sunrooms are great additions because they not only satisfy a need for more space, but also for more sun and nature, with protection from the elements," Jones said.

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With a sunroom, activities are endless. Kids can "camp out" until dawn. Dinner can be served without the evening bugs. And weather is never a problem.

To imagine what you can do with a sunroom, Patio Enclosures, Inc. offers these ideas for a summer filled with parties, sleepovers and romantic nights:

- Nighttime planetarium. When the kids have a sleepover, have the children camp out in the sunroom. The view is spectacular and with the addition of a telescope, they can enjoy - and learn about - the stars. Have each child bring their favorite book about the constellations, or provide some of your own. You'll create a learning experience that's also lots of fun.

Themed parties. Gather the neighbors and celebrate the night. Create a theme for

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However you choose to extend your summer fun, sunrooms are an ideal family-friendly addition. Not only are they practical, they are economical. According to Time magazine, homeowners recouped at resale a reassuring 71 percent of the \$22,000 average cost of a sunroom addition.

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Research links poor indoor air quality with poor health

(NAPS) - The next time you get a headache on the job, it may be more than stress. Poor indoor air quality has made the Environmental Protection Agency's list as one of the top five health risks. Widely known as "sick building syndrome," poor indoor air quality is responsible for headaches, viruses, allergies, restlessness, and an inability to concentrate - plus a growing number of environmental illness lawsuits.

Worse yet, poor indoor air quality also pervades our schools. A study of Massachusetts schools estimates that 50 percent of all illnesses are caused by poor air quality. And in the book, "Is This Your Child's World?" Dr. Doris Rapp cites numerous studies supporting the claim that "about two-thirds of the millions of children diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) for example, simply have an environmental illness and/or a food sensitivity, not a Ritalin

deficiency." Historically, building ventilation (the replacement of stale air with fresh air) occurred through drafts, leaks and open windows. But the 1973 oil embargo forced many office buildings and schools to seal windows and add heavier insulation in order to conserve energy. Today, new offices, schools, and homes must follow strict guidelines to be airtight. Unfortunately, the lack of fresh air makes these buildings traps for viruses, toxins, chemicals, and other harmful substances.

But there is a solution - energy-recovery ventilators. Such a ventilator exhausts stale inside air and replaces it with fresh outside air. The energy-saving trick is to preheat the incoming cold outside air with the heat from warmed inside air.

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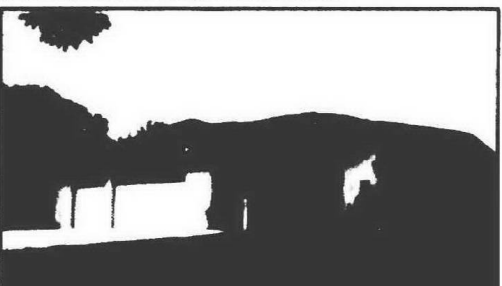
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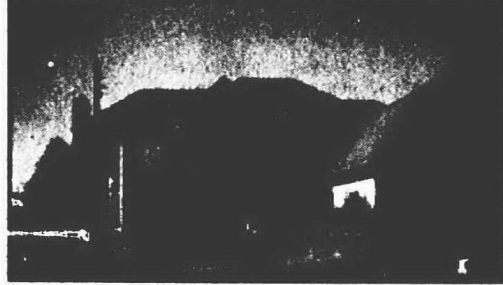
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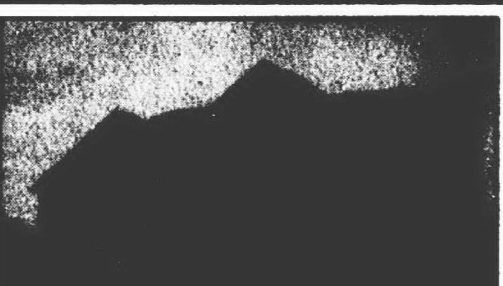
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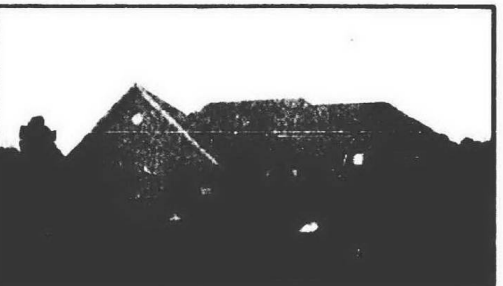
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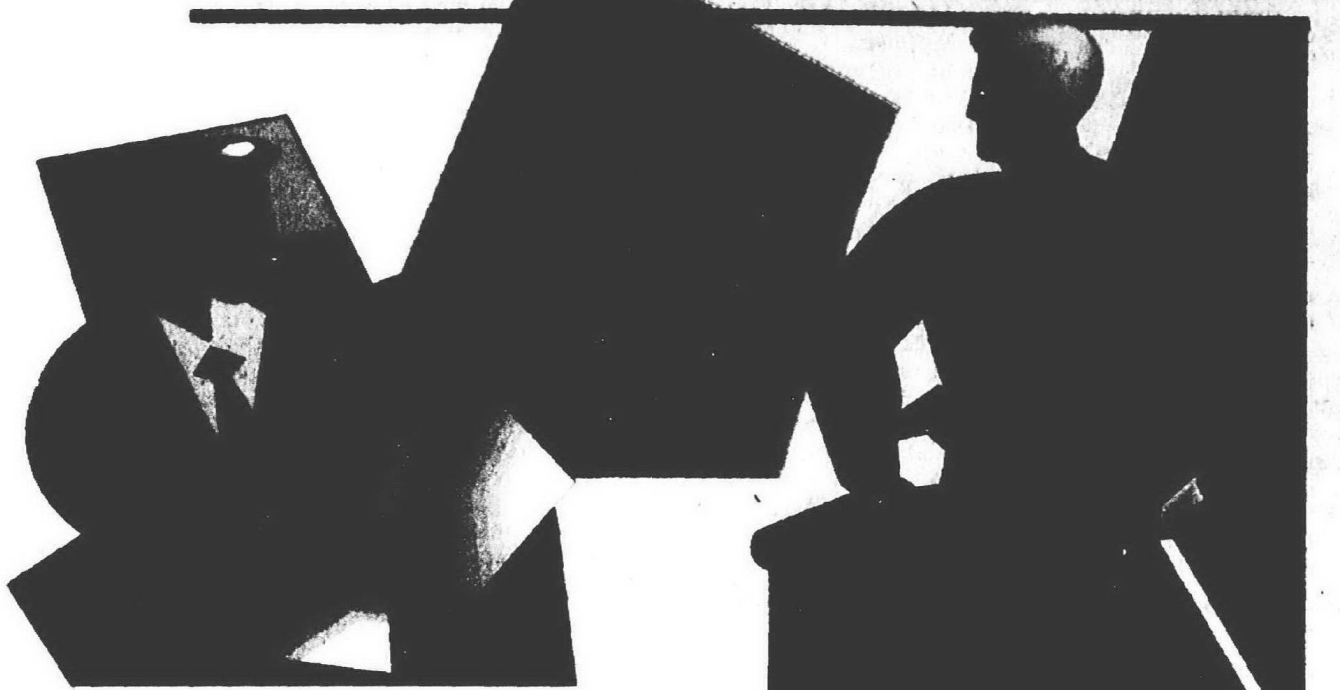
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Future Prospects

New book offers tips on job interviewing

BY PAM FLEMING
SPECIAL WRITER

Your heart starts to race, and your palms become a little clammy. You're about to go on a job interview-one of the most stressful situations in life. However, according to a new book by career management firm Bernard Haldane Associates, "Haldane's Best Answers to Tough Interview Questions," knowing a little about the dynamics of the job interview can help. Jerry Weinger, chairman and CEO, Haldane Associates, says that candidates should realize that, "An interview is really an elimination process. The main goal of the candidate is to avoid

being eliminated from the contest. Try to respond to their needs not your needs. Try to stay on the playing field and not get charged with a 'foul.' If an employer points out a negative, focus on one of your accomplishments," he said. Weinger, who has led Haldane Associates since 1989, said the book was a collaborative effort by several members of the firm. A native New Yorker with a bachelor's degree in business and a master's degree in education, Weinger noted that job hunters should think about "staying within the boundaries of the playing field. Don't get caught stealing (a base), so to speak. You want to be totally prepared. It's not just showing up-it's doing a lot of research about the

company and the industry." Learning about the company before the interview may reveal information that will help you in the interview. Weinger recalled that his son, a graduate of Syracuse University, once did some research on a company prior to an interview. "He found out that the president was also a graduate of Syracuse and mentioned this during the interview. The interviewer was impressed by the fact that he knew this about their president." Weinger said that too many job hunters write wonderful resumes, and then blow it during the interview. Some

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Give time out of work a positive spin

Q. I agreed with the fundamentals of your answer to R.J., the unemployed person who let an employer think he had lured him away from his job in order to get leverage in salary negotiations. However, I disagree with your comment that you "wouldn't have cared if the person was unemployed" in considering him for new employment. Like R.J., I have been unemployed since February. It seems the second question out of a recruiter's or prospective employer's mouth is "Are you working now?"

In a full employment economy, what positive answer can a candidate give that is truthful without diminishing the employer's interest?
W.T.

A. The labor shortage can work either for or against candidates who have been out for a while. Whether it's a plus or a minus probably depends on how hungry an industry is for a candidate's particular set of skills and the perspective of individual employers.

In general, the unusual high demand/low supply situation has made the market slightly more forgiving. It is still true that most hiring authorities view employed candidates more positively than unemployed candidates. Today, however, we can clearly see the inverse relationship between a company's need for specific types of workers and how picky it is likely to be about non-skill issues.

Some employers are desperate to find highly skilled employees and largely ignore continuity questions, particularly when they have been searching for months. Journeyman-level machine repair people and nurse anesthetists probably fall into this category. I have

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2000 CONVERSION VAN 20 Conversions Available Tormentor red, AMFM stereo, w/cassette/lock, anti-lock brakes, remote keyless entry V6 engine, air/air-ride, O.D. speed control, tilt steering wheel, power locks, power windows, auxiliary A/C and heat, bay windows, 12" overhead LCD TV package, running boards, Niro wheel upgrade. Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member WAS \$32,743 NOW \$24,295 ^{95*} A-PLAN 24 MO LEASE WITH RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$361.97** \$1500 DOWN \$296.04** (per mo)	2000 MUSTANG 24 MUSTANGS Available TWO DOOR COUPE Laser Red tinted clearcoat, medium graphite cloth, air, power group, power windows & locks, remote keyless/tilt entry, 3.8L EFI engine, auto overdrive trans, rear spoiler, conven group. Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member WAS \$19,880 NOW \$16,105 ^{45*} A-PLAN 36 MO LEASE WITH RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$271.66** \$1500 DOWN \$223.98** (per mo)	2000 EXPLORER EDDIE BAUER 4x4 FOUR DOOR Deep Wedgewood Blue clearcoat, medium Praline Tan sport bucket/leather, 4.0L SOHC V6 engine, 5 speed auto overdrive, side air bags, heated seats, power mirrors, trailer towing package, rear load leveling, sled plates, mach audio system. Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member WAS \$38,125 NOW \$29,354 ^{80*} A-PLAN 36 MO LEASE WITH RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$377.00** \$333.00** (per mo)	2000 F-150 REG. CAB 4x4 STYLESIDE 4.2 liter V6 engine, 5 speed manual overdrive, P255/70R-16 CL all-season tires, sliding rear window, remote keyless entry, cast aluminum wheels, air-ride CD changer, air/F/C-les, four wheel ABS brakes. Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member WAS \$22,435 NOW \$22,737 ^{80*} A-PLAN 36 MO LEASE WITH RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$322.00** \$256.00** (per mo)

MODEL	Down Payment	Total Due At Acceptance
2000 EXPLORER SPORT 4x4	\$1800	\$3000
2000 UNIVERSAL CONV. VAN	\$1800	\$2100
2000 F150 4x4 REG. CAB	\$1800	\$1970
2000 WINDSTAR LX WAGON	\$1800	\$414
2000 FOCUS SE FOUR DOOR	\$1800	\$281
2000 MUSTANG COUPE	\$1800	\$1981
2000 F-150 4x2 REG. CAB	\$1800	\$1982
2000 EXPLORER EDDIE BAUER	\$1800	\$690

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Landscape architect... work various phases...

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Wanted for large, newer Ocean View... Must have at least three years...

ROUTE STOCKING
Livonia firm needs... dedicated & efficient person...

SECURITY \$500 sign-on bonus
The Western Corp. has openings in Ann Arbor... \$11,200 sign-on bonus...

SHIPPING & RECEIVING
International company based in... shipping/receiving...

TEACHER & ASSISTANTS
Needed for Livonia Children Center... Full or part-time...

TEACHER
Elementary/intermediate... Full-time, 8:30-3:30...

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For Teaching Hills... Full-time, 8:30-3:30...

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QUALITY CONTROL INSPECTOR \$8.25/hr.
Plymouth Area... Must have some experience...

ORDER PICKER
Taylor Area... Experience is a must...

RUBBER LINERS & GENERAL LABOR
Apply Mon-Fri... 8am-11am & 1pm-5pm...

SALES ASSOCIATE
Friendly, nice atmosphere... 35-40 hours/week...

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Fast growing distribution company... Full-time position...

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QUALITY CONTROL
Northville company seeking a dependable, self-motivated individual...

STORE MANAGER DOWNRIVER
Excellent opportunity for an experienced retail store manager...

SALES SUPPORT CLERK
The Economic Newspapers is seeking a part time sales support clerk...

SHOP ASSISTANT
Full-time, days, will train. Must be dependable, self-motivated...

SHOP LABORER/DRIVER
40 hours. Work in shop when not driving. Must have chauffeur license...

TECHNICAL SUPPORT REP. (TSR)
Time Warner Cable is seeking part-time TSRs for its Broadband Service Centers...

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Livonia based automotive supplier... Entry level. Assembling GA Dept...

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Kurtis Kitchen & Bath Centers has Entry level full-time sales trainers available in 8 Metro Detroit locations...

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REAL ESTATE MANAGER
A large local Metro Detroit real estate company is looking for a real estate manager to lead its real estate management positions...

RETAIL POSITIONS
Sally Total Finesse has retail positions available at several locations... Up to \$9/hr. Free workout while employed...

ON CALL CUSTODIAL WORK
On-call custodial help wanted for night shift... Courteous, hardworking, dependable, organized and steady individual...

SHIFT MANAGER
Auto parts packaging firm is seeking a responsible individual with supervisory experience in Warehousing...

STYLIST
with clientele needed for Birmingham salon. Rental. Free parking. 248-648-1413

TELEPHONE RESERVATIONISTS
Will be trained to book air, car, & hotel reservations... Excellent customer service skills...

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RECREATION City of Livonia
The City of Livonia is seeking qualified applicants for part-time Temporary employment opportunities for the following Winter Parks & Recreation positions:

RECEIVING CHECKERS
Auto parts packaging firm seeks responsible individuals. Duties include: Checking receipts, slips, and bills of lading to the goods received, labeling products...

RETAIL PRODUCE MARKET
has a full-time Receiver position available. Prior market experience is helpful. This full-time position includes: health care and vacation. Please apply in person.

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RECREATION AIDE
Scorekeeper for basketball/volleyball games. Attendants at ice rink (must be able to skate)

RETURN GOODS/RECEIVING CLERK
Full time position in our Livonia Kitchen & Bath center. Duties include: processing returns, unloading, computer processing of vendor invoices, processing of intercompany transfers and job materials...

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD
The Charter Township of Redford is accepting applications for the position of SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD in the Redford Union School District (north end).

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RECREATION LEADER
85.76/hr.-86.95/hr. Cashier
86.96/hr.-87.00/hr. Aquatics Lifeguards, Assistant Supervisor of Aquatics

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National companies offer excellent benefits and growth opportunities. One-on-one training. Call for personal interview Monday-Thursday, Employment Center Agency (248) 989-1899

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REPAIR PERSON
No experience necessary. We train. Must be able to read a tape. Call Ray, 734-25-1158

ROOFERS NEEDED
Must have commercial & residential experience. Free estimate. Call 734-25-1158

SECURITIES SALES ASSISTANT
Preferably Series 7 licensed. Seeking highly motivated individual with 1 to 2 years of experience in securities sales.

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Community in W. ...
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	\$239** per mo.	\$319** per mo.

RATES UP TO \$300 **LARGEST MARKDOWNS OF THE YEAR!**

2001 F150 SUPER CREW XLT
Automatic, VB, sliding rear window, keyless entry, power windows & locks, speed control, tilt.
Was \$31,285 **3 at this Price**
Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member **\$25,446***

130 F-SERIES AVAILABLE!

A-PLAN 36 MONTH LEASE	10% Down \$2,611	\$263** Per Month	WITH RENEWAL	\$219** Per Month
	Zero Down	\$377** Per Month		\$333** Per Month

2000 TAURUS SES
Loaded! Automatic transmission, air conditioning, dual air bags, power windows, power mirrors, ABS, power driver's seat, power locks, keyless entry, speed control, stereo cassette.
Was \$20,570 **3 at this price**
Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member **\$16,406***

240 TAURUS AVAILABLE!

A-PLAN 36 MONTH LEASE	10% Down \$1,800	\$214** Per Month	WITH RENEWAL	\$185** Per Month
	Zero Down	\$267** Per Month		\$237** Per Month

2000 E150 CARGO VAN
VB, automatic transmission, work bins. Stock #553
Was \$22,735
Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member **\$16,416***

PARCEL DELIVERY VANS
TO HOME DELIVERED
15' WITH 1500 LB. CAPACITY

2000 MUSTANG SPORT
5 Speed, Sport app. group, ABS, all speed traction control, MACH 460 AM/FM CD, power windows & locks, speed control.
Was \$19,285 **2 at this price**
Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member **\$15,590***

A-PLAN 36 MONTH LEASE	10% Down \$1,691	\$238** Per Month	WITH RENEWAL	\$222** Per Month
	Zero Down	\$292** Per Month		\$276** Per Month

2000 FOCUS ZTS
Automatic, air, power windows, ABS, speed control, CD player.
Was \$16,610 **5 at this Price**
Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member **\$14,362***

120 FOCUS AVAILABLE!

A-PLAN 36 MONTH LEASE	10% Down \$1,482	\$190** Per Month	WITH RENEWAL	\$169** Per Month
	Zero Down	\$255** Per Month		\$233** Per Month

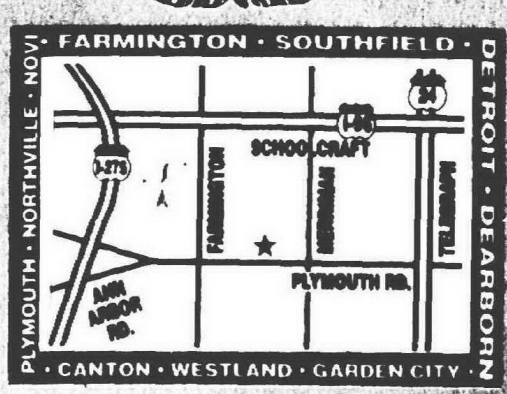
2000 RANGER XLT
Dual media, chrome wheels & air conditioning.
Was \$15,715 **5 at this price**
Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member **\$10,847***

190 RANGERS AVAILABLE!

A-PLAN 36 MONTH LEASE	10% Down \$1,294	\$97** Per Month	WITH RENEWAL	\$75** Per Month
	Zero Down	\$152** Per Month		\$131** Per Month



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F-150	10% Down	\$200	\$225
CON. VAN	10% Down	\$200	\$225
MUSTANG	10% Down	\$200	\$225

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More people like the go-anywhere, go-anytime capability available with four-wheel-drive.

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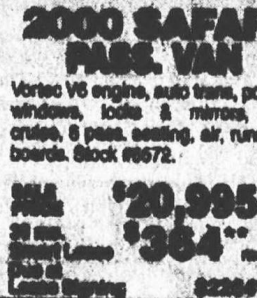
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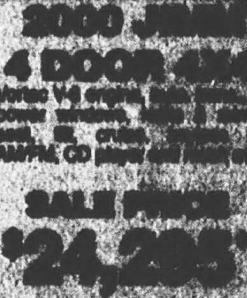
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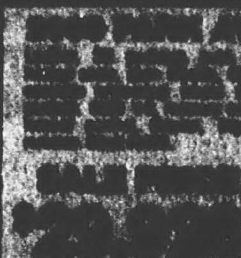
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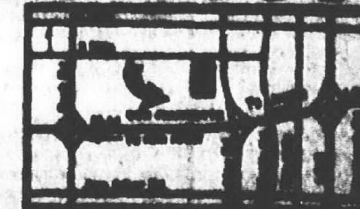
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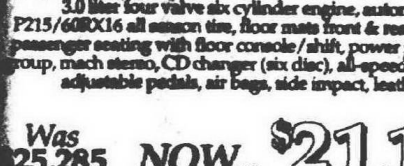
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