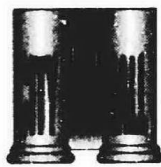


City able to settle on Cain



■ For the second time since Dave Rich quit seven months ago, the Plymouth City Commission has settled on a top choice to become the new city manager, picking former Fenton city manager Michael Cain.

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Plymouth city commissioners voted Saturday afternoon to offer the vacant city manager's position to former Fen-

ton city manager Michael Cain. Commissioners voted 5-2 to endorse Cain, with commissioners Colleen Pobur and Dan Dwyer voting against him. However, after the vote, Pobur made a motion to make the vote unani-

mous, with Dwyer supporting the motion, which passed 7-0.

Cain became the commission's compromise candidate when it appeared there was going to be a 4-3 vote in favor of either Michael Overton, city manager of Roosevelt Park, Mich., or Calvin Teague, former Van Buren County administrator.

The selection process almost resulted in a tug-of-war between two factions. Those in favor of Overton included commissioners Dwyer, David Byers

and Michele Potter. Mayor Dave McDonald, along with commissioners Bill Graham and Sean Fitzgerald supported Teague. Pobur would only say she could support either Overton or Teague.

Before Pobur was forced to announce her selection on a motion to offer the job to Teague, which would have resulted in a 4-3 vote, Potter suggested Cain as a compromise candidate.

"I was so uncomfortable with Teague

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Happy Couples

Wedding contributions are being sought for the February special section on weddings and anniversaries. Couples married 25 years or more are invited to send a wedding picture, a recent picture and a write-up on the secret for your marriage's success to special projects editor Ralph Echtenaw, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Ralph must have your pictures by Tuesday, Jan. 23. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you want your pictures returned. Call 953-2054 for more information.

THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY

New time, same place: The Plymouth Township board meets at its new time, 7 p.m., in the township hall meeting room.

WEDNESDAY

To tower, or not to tower: The Plymouth City Planning Commission meets at 7 p.m. at city hall, and the main topic on the agenda is the proposed cell tower at the Knights of Columbus property.

CALENDAR CHANGE

Miss the community calendar? The Community Calendar page has been shifted to Sunday's paper. You'll find it on Page A6 today.

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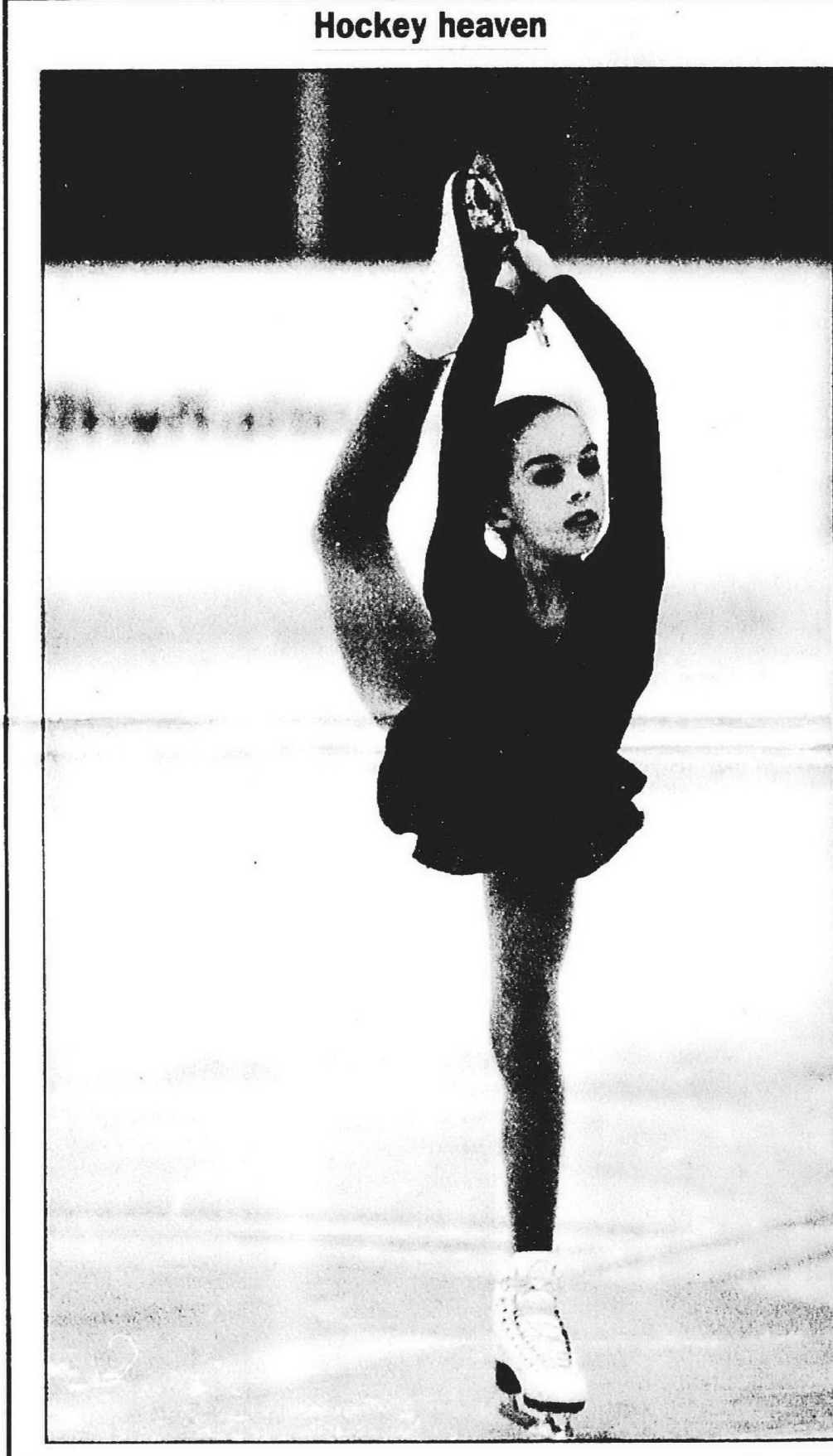
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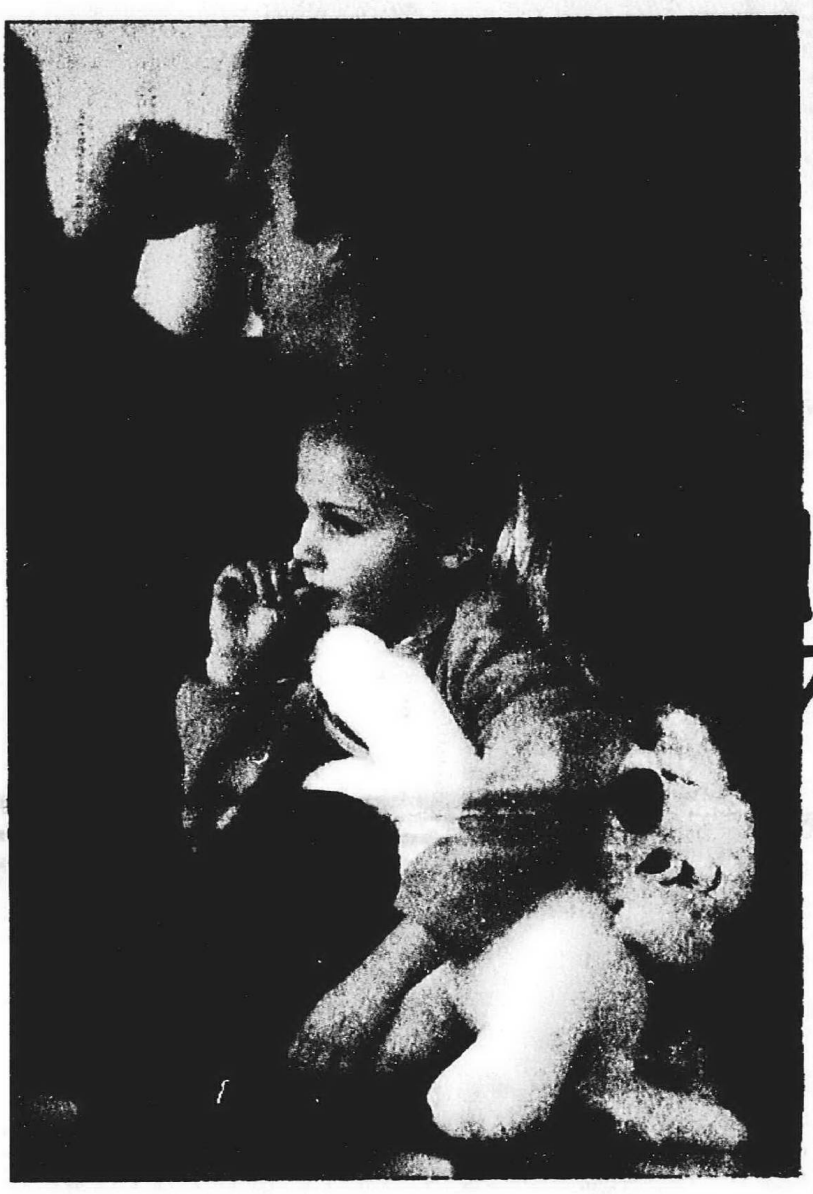
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Hockey heaven



On her toes: Erica Ransford (left) of Trenton, 10, performs a figure skating routine during an intermission in the Plymouth Whalers hockey game at Computware Arena in Plymouth Township recently. Ransford is a member of the Plymouth Figure Skating Club. Meanwhile (above) Julia Darin of Trenton, 6, and her dad Ken enjoy the game against the Sarnia Sting at Computware Arena in Plymouth Township Wednesday. Ransford is Julia's stepsister. For more on the game, please see page B1. Two Whalers players also made a pit stop for a group of youngsters at the Plymouth District Library this week. You can read about that on Page A3.

Police go higher tech

New computers hailed for immediate benefit

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Plymouth police officers have a new communication tool that allows them to make faster, better and safer decisions while patrolling the streets.

Five of the city's police cars have been equipped with Mobile Data Computers, which can immediately transmit information from the dispatch center to patrol cars.

"The biggest benefit of the new computers is getting information instantaneously," said Officer Tony Angelosanto. "We don't have to wait for information. If there's an officer safety issue, we have the information right at hand."

Angelosanto knows time is of the essence when making a traffic stop.

"If someone has a gun in the car or they're wanted by the law, you don't want to give them time to think about what they're going to do as far as getting away or fighting the officer," he said. "By the time I stop the car, I've already run the plate and I have all the information I need to know."

"The difference in time can be crucial," added Acting Police Chief Wayne Carroll. "A lot of what the officers do is instinctive. The



City of Plymouth Police Officer Tony Angelosanto works on his new in-car computer.

more information the officer has going up to a car, going on a run, or dealing with anybody, the better he can handle the situation."

The new computers, which cost approximately \$8,000 per vehicle, allow Plymouth

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Stamp-ede

Plymouth ready for postal hike

BY SUE BUCK
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The United States postal rate increase which begins today represents both a one-ounce, single letter increase of a penny to 34 cents as well as other increases.

The highest increase is express mail in which the cost of a 1/2-pound package goes up 50 cents to \$12.25, according to Ed Moore, manager of communications at the Detroit post office on Fort Street which oversees the Plymouth Post Office on Penniman and the Plymouth Township Post Office on Clipper.

"There are across-the-board increases," said Yvonne Rozier-Hayes, Plymouth postmaster.

Moore said a postal rate commission sets rates for the U.S. Postal Service, which is a quasi-governmental agency. Planning a rate increase can take a year. The last rate increase was in 1999.

"The post office is not allowed to make a profit," Moore said. "It is supposed to break even over time. Little money is made the first year of an increase. The cost of doing business has

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police to share information with other law enforcement agencies in a more efficient manner. They replace the old 1500 computers with 1500 new computers.

"The MDT's went down daily, and sometimes you didn't have communication with dispatch for hours," said Angelosanto. "This system is much more reliable. In the month we've had them, there's been only one problem."

"Plus, the MDT screen wasn't very big and we couldn't get much information from dispatch," he added. "The new screen allows for us to get all the information we need."

While Plymouth police continue to use mobile radios to communicate with the dispatch center, the computers allow for communication when the airwaves aren't available.

"If for some reason the radio is tied up because of an emergency,

or if we lose radio contact, I can still communicate on the computer and tell dispatch everything they need to know," said Angelosanto.

Plymouth police soon will be able to use the new computers to transmit or gather other data.

"About a year from now we will be able to type our reports in the car and transmit them to the command officer's computer," said Angelosanto. "In the future, we'll also be able to have Internet access in the cars."

Plymouth police, like other law enforcement agencies, have come a long way.

"I remember when we only had mobile units in the cars and had to leave a phone number where we could be reached when we went to lunch or got out of the car," said Carroll, a 27-year veteran.

Education tops Stewart's political agenda

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Plymouth Township resident John Stewart will be sworn in Wednesday as the 20th House District's state representative during ceremonies at the state capitol in Lansing.

Stewart, 51, an attorney for 26 years, believes he has finally reached his true calling.

"I worked a long time for this," said Stewart, who was president of his elementary school's student council. "I was hoping to get into politics after law school, but the environment was never right."

"I'm a supporter of term limits," added Stewart. "Other people have something to offer and contribute, and I wouldn't have had the chance without term limits."

Stewart will succeed Gerald Law of Plymouth Township, who after six years was term-limited from the 20th House seat.

Stewart, a Republican who comes from a family of teachers with strong ties to public education, said he will make amendments to Proposal A a top priority during his term. Figures released by Stewart indicate that while Birmingham and Bloomfield receive over \$11,000 per student in state foundation grants, Plymouth-Canton receives \$6,524, Livonia \$7,605

and Northville \$7,496.

"Education is at the top of my list, and we need to amend Proposal A to lift the bottom districts up," said Stewart. "I represent the sixth (Livonia) and seventh (Plymouth-Canton) largest school districts in the state, and we got stuck at the bottom end of the foundation grant."

"We want to maintain our property values, quality of life, quality of education and services to our residents," he added. "Not only through education, but through our businesses and recreation facilities."

Stewart also said that while the single business tax is being rolled back during the next five years, "as someone who has been

a 24-year self-employed businessman, I would like to see it rolled back a bit sooner."

Stewart is expected to have one of the largest contingents at the state capitol for his swearing-in ceremony. He has four buses transporting about 200 constituents from Plymouth to view the ceremony, and have lunch at the Michigan Historical Museum.

Anyone who would like to take the 10 a.m. bus to Lansing and participate in Stewart's swearing-in ceremonies and celebration can call (734) 455-8940 or (734) 459-8811. The cost is \$10 per person.

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increased for us."

Transportation, utilities and labor costs have increased, Moore said. "The one cent increase is below the rate of inflation," he said.

The post office has stocked up on penny stamps for those who still have 33 cent stamps. Many customers bought the new 34 cent stamps early, said Rozier-Hayes.

"We have a volume of one cent stamps — 20 million in the Detroit area," Moore said.

About 200,000 one cent stamps will be available at both the Plymouth and Plymouth Township location, according to Moore.

"We are prepared to handle

the increase," said Rozier-Hayes, who has been Plymouth postmaster since May. "In the past, we underestimated the customers' need. This time customers came in early and did better planning. We sold quite a few 34 cent stamps which were available Dec. 15."

The new stamps are available at postal stores, contract stations, community post offices and from self-service vending machines. They are also available online from the Postal Service website: www.usps.com.

Plymouth postal carriers deliver 125,000 average letter size pieces a day, Rozier-Hayes said.

House avoids 'ice dam' fire

Ice dams, the frozen water that builds up on roofs and inside gutters which can melt and leak inside homes, have caused several large house fires in metro Detroit as the water comes into contact with electrical lines.

The same thing almost happened to a Plymouth homeowner on Provincetown Thursday afternoon.

"Water from a frozen roof dripped into the house, to the basement and into the electrical fuse box," said Plymouth Community Fire Chief Larry Groth. "The homeowner heard a small explosion and called us. Fortunately, the fire was contained to the fuse box."

Groth said with the rising temperatures allowing for some of the ice to melt, he's surprised there haven't been more problems with ice dams.

"Homeowners should be particularly aware of where the water is dripping," said Groth. "If you notice water trickling inside the home, know exactly where it's dripping to make sure it's not coming into contact with electrical wires."

A Plymouth Township family wasn't nearly as lucky, losing their home and 15-year-old cat to a New Year's Eve fire.

An investigation revealed the accidental fire was caused by "discarded smoking materials that were not extinguished," said Plymouth Community Fire Chief Larry Groth.

All three fire stations, including three pumper, a rescue squad and 15 firefighters, responded to the blaze, reported at 8:22 p.m. "The basement was on fire," Groth said. "It started in the laundry room. It was a heavy fire in a quad-style house."

Property loss was estimated at \$80,000 along with a loss of \$50,000 in contents, he said.

Only some of the four family members were in the house at the time of the fire. All escaped safely from the house, Groth said.

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that Cain became much more palatable to me," said Potter. "No one had stated any animosity or concerns about Cain, so I thought it was the best way to get someone all seven of us could work with."

"Consensus is the essence of good government, that's why this makes the most sense for us right now," said Pobur. "In this circumstance, I thought it would be much more difficult moving forward with people opposed to a candidate than to go with the compromise consensus candidate. It's the best thing for the body."

The motion passed by commissioners gives McDonald the authority to negotiate with Cain and offer him up to \$75,000, the same salary as David Rich, Plymouth's previous city manager. Cain said he earned \$61,000 while city manager in Fenton. He's currently working as a special projects coordinator in Troy while continuing his search for a city manager's position.

Cain talked this week with FitzGerald, his biggest backer on the commission, and expressed thoughts about dropping out of the race.

"Mike very astutely noted during the interview process there wasn't a consensus becoming apparent," said FitzGerald. "He

expressed some hesitancy in coming here, in light of that."

"I've had a chance to work with Mike professionally, and I'm impressed with his organization and dedication."

Cain is the second person McDonald has approached for the position. Hazel Park City Manager K. Joseph Young turned down an offer of \$84,400 last month.

Comments by other commissioners included:

"In Cain, I see someone who is a consensus candidate and doesn't come in with a polarized commission," said Graham. "My biggest problem with Cain is his perceived management style. I will be watching closely."

"I had to be true to myself and vote for my first choice (Overton)," said Dwyer. "They were all excellent candidates and I could live with any of them."

"I think Cain will be a good candidate," said Byers. "I think he'll provide leadership, decision making, communication, and be an asset to the city."

"Cain is a compromise candidate. Not necessarily someone everyone wanted, but someone they could feel comfortable with," said McDonald.

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR January meeting Tuesday, January 16, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tape of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

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DATE OF HEARING: January 17, 2001
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Rd.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission has received a request to allow a dog day care facility, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance 83. The subject property is located at 1449 Ann Arbor Road, which is on the south side of Ann Arbor Road Corridor District. Application No. 1652/1100, Tax I.D. No. 059-03-0013-001. Questions regarding the request may be directed to the Community Development Department. Written comments concerning the request will be accepted prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port St., Plymouth, MI 48170 or call (734)453-8131 Ext. 37 during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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Jan. 17
 ■ Festival opens with display of 150 street sculptures downtown.
Thursday, Jan. 18
 ■ Celebrity Charity Carving Competition at 5:30 p.m. in the Gathering.
Friday, Jan. 19
 ■ Dinner dance, "2001 an Ice Odyssey," fundraiser 6:30-11 p.m. at St. John's Conference and Golf Center.
Saturday, Jan. 20
 ■ Amateur individual competition 9 a.m. to noon in Central Parking Structure.
 ■ Two-person professional team competition 2-8 p.m. in Kellogg Park.
Sunday, Jan. 21
 ■ Individual professional competition 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Central Parking Structure.
 ■ Two-person college and high school team competitions 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Kellogg Park.

Plymouth Ice Spectacular temperature highlights

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On the dotted line: Plymouth Whalers backup goalie Paul Drew, right, signs a jersey for fan Derek Draplin of Plymouth, 9, Tuesday at the Plymouth District Library.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Whalers 'give back' in chat with youngsters

BY BRAD KADRICH
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■ 'This is something that is very important to us. We're more than just a hockey team; we're part of the community.'

Scott Kelley
 —Whalers PR Director

Every night the Plymouth Whalers play a home game at Compuware Arena, thousands of fans show up to support their local junior hockey team. On Tuesday at the Plymouth District Library, a couple of Whalers gave back. Goalie Paul Drew and center/forward Karl Stewart, both first-year Whalers, spent time with more than a dozen youngsters, answering questions ranging from where they live to how to score a goal and how often they practice.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

The session was set up as a way to give something for school-age children to do during their winter break. The Whalers came within a game of winning the Ontario Hockey League title last year and are favored to win it all this season. Questions centered on their schedule, which included lots of road travel in the first half of the season. "We were on the road a lot because (schedulers) wanted to beat the weather," Drew told the kids.

Question and answer period: Plymouth Whalers center Karl Stewart and backup goalie Paul Drew talked with fans at the Plymouth District Library Tuesday. Most of the questions centered around the team's schedule. The youngsters got autographs and some free tickets.

The players, both Canadian natives, took a moment to extol the virtues of the Whalers organization in response to one youngster's question about how it was to play for Plymouth. "It's the best organization in the league, top to bottom," Stewart said. "Everyone you talk to says what a great organization it is."

The kids got a lot of enjoyment — and some autographs and free

Ice board hopes dinner will boost festival funds

BY BRAD KADRICH
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With sponsoring lagging and the deadline looming for the Plymouth Ice Spectacular, festival organizers are turning to an old stand-by to try and bolster faltering revenues. The festival's board of directors sponsors the first Plymouth Ice Spectacular Dinner Dance, scheduled for Friday, Jan. 19, at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's Golf and Conference Center. The \$100-per-ticket cost covers dinner, refreshments and dancing, along with the music of the Tom Loncaric Dance Orchestra. "There used to be a ball every year, but it got dropped a few years ago," said Ron Loiselle, the board's president. "We need to raise some money. We're having a hard time right now, because sponsors are backing out like crazy."

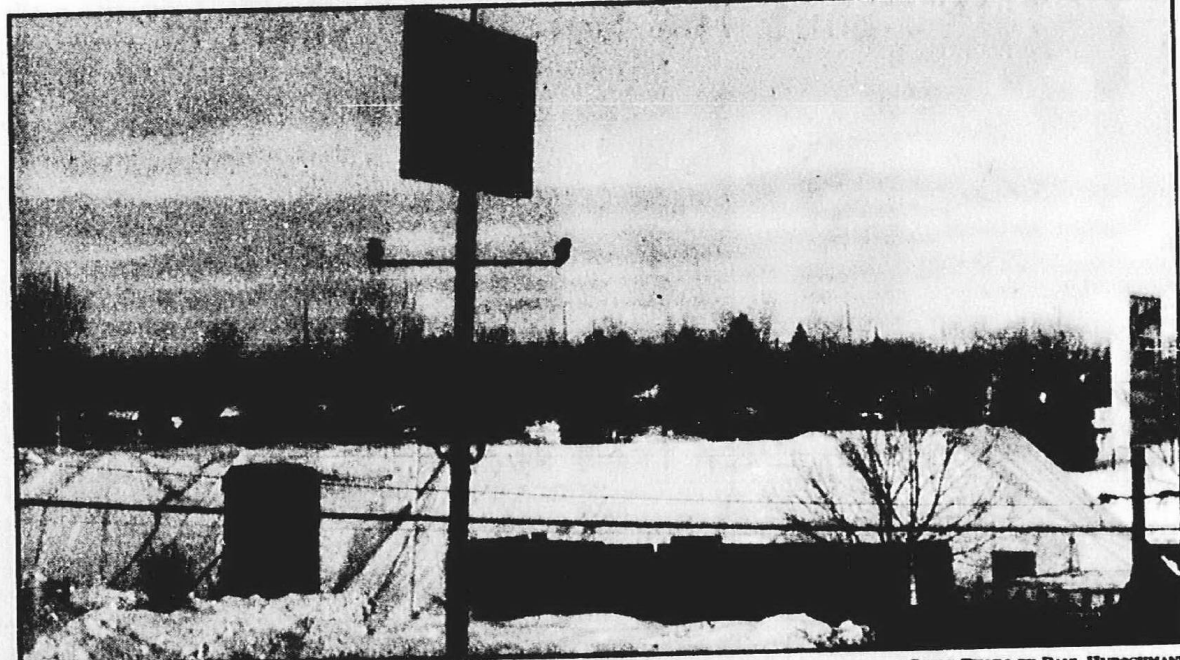
played with artists including Michael Feinstein, the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra and Freda Payne, as well as symphony orchestras from Flint, Saginaw and Ann Arbor.

He toured 50 U.S. cities this summer with Tom Maxwell and his band featuring members of platinum-selling recording artists Squirrel Nut Zippers and Ben Folds Five.

The dance takes place in the Atrium, the two-story, glass enclosed room at St. John's. The brand new facility is becoming a popular place for banquets, dances and other events, and should provide a perfect setting for this dance, according to Loiselle.

"People will have a great time," Loiselle said. "It'll be a great dinner, with dancing and a fine orchestra. It will be a great time with great people."

Tickets are \$100 per person and are available at Papa Romano's, Hands on Leather and Engraving Connection, or by calling Loiselle (459-9970), Watt's Up (459-8969) or Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards (354-3214).



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

No pressure: The Oasis Golf Dome deflated after losing pressure recently. Owners hope to have it back up next week.

Golf dome deflated by ice, snow

BY SUE BUCK
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Mike Ashley, operator of the golf dome at the Oasis Family Golf Center, is hoping for some good weather to inflate the dome, which collapsed under heavy snow and ice sometime during the night Dec. 18.

No one was inside the dome at the time of the incident, Ashley said.

The dome, which features an indoor driving range and an instruction area, provides golf lessons, has been located on New Hill in Northville Township for 18 years, Ashley said. He said a similar deflation occurred about 10 years ago.

"We're looking for good weather," Ashley said. "We're hoping to get it (Friday) but this wind is not helping. There's a lot of snow here."

Dan Smith, township engineer, said he's waiting for an official, and a structural engineer needs to be

done regarding why the dome collapsed before it can be reopened. That hasn't been done yet.

"There are several steps in the process," Smith said. "In a week we'll have more information."

The township wasn't notified immediately, he added. "The township has jurisdiction," he said.

Ashley, who hopes to reopen the dome next week, attributed the cause to a drop in pressure inside the dome.

Ashley prefers to refer to the incident as a deflation and not a collapse. He estimates it deflated during a five- to seven-hour period.

"A lot of people are referring to it as a catastrophic thing," Ashley said. "When we try to deflate it, it takes an hour."

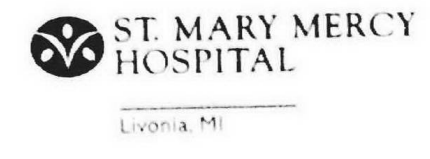
The additional snow which has fallen has slowed the evaluation, which will include an assessment of the materials, according to Smith. H. B. Daugherty, an expert structural engineer, hired by the company, is expected to also evaluate the situation, Smith said.

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OBITUARIES

MARY ELIZABETH FORRESTER
Services for Mary Elizabeth Forrester, 81, of Plymouth were held in Florida.

Mrs. Forrester was born March 20, 1919 in Rives, Tenn. and died Dec. 27 in Plymouth Township. She worked for Daisy Air Rifle Company from 1944 to 1958 and retired from Anchor Coupling Company in Plymouth after 15 years of service. She was a longtime Plymouth resident. She retired to Florida 20 years ago. She moved back to Plymouth in 1990. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Plymouth. She was also a member of Fairfield Baptist Church in Florida. She loved to chauffeur people any place, any time. She enjoyed visiting people and traveling. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard.

Survivors include sons Donald (Joyce) Forrester of Plymouth and Robert Forrester of Ypsilanti; six grandchildren; five great grandchildren; a sister, Charlotte Johnson of Ocala, Fla.; and a brother, Robert Cude of Crystal River, Fla.

Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

JOAN HELEN KINDREE
Services for Joan Helen Kindree, 70, of Plymouth were held Jan. 6 at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth with the Rev. James Skimins officiating. Burial was at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Mrs. Kindree was born Aug. 19, 1930 in Detroit and died Dec. 29 in Plymouth. She was a credit investigator. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth for 33

years. She was also a volunteer at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor for 12 years.

Survivors include husband, Jack Kindree of Plymouth; sons Mark (Patricia) Kindree of San Ramon, Calif., John (Cheryl) Kindree of Mesa, Ariz., Thomas (Judy) Kindree of South Lyon, and James Kindree of South Lyon; sister, Wanda Grimm of Livonia; and granddaughters Megan Kindree, Natalie Kindree and Jessica Kindree.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

MARLENE J. FAYBRICK
Services for Marlene J. Faybrick, 57, of Canton, were held Jan. 4 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Faybrick was born Feb. 1, 1943 in Detroit and died Dec. 30 in Canton.

Survivors include her hus-

band, Robert Faybrick; sons, Robert (Debbie) Faybrick, Donald (Ellen) Faybrick, and Daryl Faybrick; one sister, Bette Clarkson; and one grandchild.

Memorials may be made to The Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

RICHARD JOHN GORDON
Services for Richard John Gordon, 72, of Plymouth, were held Dec. 29 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph S. Mallia officiating.

Mr. Gordon was born Aug. 13, 1928 in Detroit and died Dec. 26 in Livonia. He was a lighting engineer for Ford Motor Co. for 38 years. He was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the U.S. Army. He was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth. He was an avid golfer and loved to fish. He had a breakfast club with his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son, Kevin John Gordon.

Survivors include his wife, Esther Gordon of Plymouth; son, Michael (Peggy) Gordon of South Lyon; daughters Peggy Susan (Chester) Pickens of Garden City, Cynthia Helen (William) Pickens of Wayne, and Kelly Anne (Kenneth) Carlson of Plymouth; sister, Susan (Richard) Kotlak of Milford; 17 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

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Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

ELVIN A. 'AL' TAYLOR
Services for Elvin A. "Al" Taylor, 85, of Plymouth, were held Jan. 5 at The Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Bryan Smith officiating.

Mr. Taylor was born April 12, 1915 in Trenton, N.J. and died Jan. 1 in Ann Arbor. He was the former owner of Plymouth Stamping Co. on Ann Arbor

Road in Plymouth. He started with the company in 1935 when it was located in the Markham-Daisy Air Rifle Building on Main Street. Mr. Taylor took partial ownership in 1951 and complete ownership in 1963. The company moved to the location on Ann Arbor Road in 1952. He graduated from high school in Detroit and came to the Plymouth community in the early 1930s. He was a graduate of Lawrence Tech with a degree in mechanical engineering. He was a former member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. He also was a member of the Plymouth Symphony and the University of Michigan Alumni Association.

He had a real passion for golf. He also enjoyed bridge, dancing and traveling. He was an avid reader as well.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene I. Taylor.

Survivors include daughter, Mary E. Taylor of Plymouth; son, Richard (Irene) Taylor of Plymouth; grandchildren Craig (Kim) Meyers of Pinckney, Mark (Marie) Meyers of Westland, Merrill (John) McArdle of Canton, Kristal (David) Smith of Canton and Geoffrey (Maureen) Taylor of Pittsburgh, Pa.; and seven great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute or the Alzheimer's Disease Association.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

DONELDA P. SASS
Services for Donelda P. Sass, 82, of Plymouth, were held Jan. 6 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Mrs. Sass was born July 13, 1918 in Hillsdale and died Jan. 2 in Ann Arbor. She was a homemaker. She was born and raised in Hillsdale. She came to the Plymouth community 25 years ago from Royal Oak, formerly of

Bloomfield Hills. She was an accomplished seamstress and former Girl Scout leader. She was a member of the Royal Oak and Pine Hill Congregational Churches and was active for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alvin W. Sass.

Survivors include daughter, Suellen Cometto of Plymouth; sons, Dale (Idelle) Sass of Ann Arbor, and George (Leslie) Sass of South Haven; grandchildren, Katherine (Christopher) Slicker of Ypsilanti, Jennifer Lynn (Bret) Fry of Saline, and Casey Sass of Chicago; great grandchildren, Madison Mary Fry and Kaitlin Grace Fry; brother, Ronald Stanton of Plymouth; sisters, Eldora Waters of Ft. Meyers, Fla., and Donna Jean (Carl) Seely of Zephyrhills, Fla.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease Association.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

ERNEST A. GARNER

Services for Ernest A. Garner, 88, of Canton Township were held on Jan. 5 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery.

Mr. Garner was born March 12, 1912 in Detroit and died Jan. 3 at Marquette House. He worked as an inspector for Ford Motor Co.

Mr. Garner was preceded in death by his wife, Helen.

Survivors include sons, Ronald E. (Diane) Garner, Joseph W. (Tricia) Garner, and Thomas (Cathy) Garner; daughter, Linda M. (Stanley) Grzebyk; nine grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

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Kay Beard re-elected vice-chair of county commission

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Kay Beard of Westland, the longest-serving member on the Wayne County Commission, was unanimously re-elected Wednesday by her peers to a fifth consecutive two-year term as vice-chair of the commission.

It happened during the annual swearing-in of the 15 county commissioners. The ceremony in the Wayne County Building drew an overflow crowd of 500, including commissioners' families, friends and fellow officials, some of whom viewed it via closed-circuit television.

Beard, a Democrat, has served in the county's legislative branch since 1978, when she was appointed to fill an unexpired term on the old Board of Commissioners. It became the Wayne County Commission in 1983 under the home rule charter — the only such in Michigan.

Despite her longevity, the 79-year-old Beard was sharp. When 18th District Court Chief Judge C. Charles Bokos of Westland, in giving Beard the oath of office, put her tenure at 23 years, Beard quickly corrected, "Twenty-two and three-fourths."

"And I've enjoyed the whole



Kay Beard

time," she said. "It's always been a challenge, but it's also been very rewarding."

She's "humbled" by voters' faith in her, said Beard, whose 12th District includes Westland, Garden City and Inkster.

Beard has been the commission's No. 2 leader since 1993.

Its No. 1 — Ricardo Solomon, a Detroit Democrat — also was re-elected to a fifth consecutive term as commission chair

Wednesday.

Although mentioned as a possible Detroit mayoral candidate, Solomon focused on leading the commission.

Done 'on time'

He vowed to help the county's juvenile justice program "work the way we want it to," promised to push for "on time" completion of the new midfield terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Airport and stated that, despite differences between the commission and county CEO Ed McNamara, "We all agree the operation of the airport should remain under Wayne County" and not be taken over by the state.

Re-elected to a second term as chairperson pro tempore was Jewel Ware, D-Detroit.

Lyn Bankes of Livonia, the commission's lone Republican, abstained from voting for Solomon because she is "disappointed" about things the commission didn't accomplish.

"With all the pressure Lansing is putting on the airport, why don't we pass a procurement document?" she asked, referring to one the commission has drawn up but has failed to act upon.

She also is upset, she said, that a rules committee "met two

years ago but no rules for (commission) meetings have ever been put up for a vote."

Bankes, whose 10th District includes most of Livonia, all of Plymouth and Plymouth Township and most of Northville and Northville Township, also said she had changed her mind about retiring after this term, her second.

She'd planned to do so, "But that was before I got the Hines Park project," which she doesn't think can be completed this term. It involves having district schoolchildren research and write the park's history as part of an historical automotive heritage project.

History made

Bankes made history of sorts Wednesday by taking the oath of office from two of her grandchildren, rather than from a judge, as is commission tradition.

She said it's a Livonia tradition to have family members participate in the swearing-in. "And besides, it will give my grandchildren such a historical education," she added.

Doing the honors were Lauren Bankes, 11, and brother Tom, 9, children of John Bankes II and wife Deborah of Walled Lake.



PHOTO BY JOHN BANKES II

Swearing-in: County Commissioner Lyn Bankes of Livonia is administered the oath of office by grandchildren Lauren Bankes, left, and brother Tom at the Wayne County Building on Wednesday.

The children will give reports at school, their grandmother said.

The other two western Wayne County commissioners — new 9th District Commissioner Philip M. Cavanagh and second-term 11th District Commissioner John J. Sullivan — took the oath while accompanied by their young children.

Cavanagh, whose district covers Dearborn Heights, Redford Township and eastern Livonia, was sworn in by U.S. District Judge Arthur Tarnow, for whom Cavanagh had clerked before running for office.

Sullivan took the oath from Chief Probate Judge Milton Mack.

Michigan Child Care challenge recognizes employer innovations

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Know of a company in Wayne County that helps its employees meet child-care needs through inventive ideas and solutions?

State Rep. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, is encouraging employees and managers of businesses both large and small to nominate their firms for the 11th annual Michigan Child Care Challenge.

The challenge recognizes Michigan employers that provide child-care benefit plans and other "positive alternatives," a spokesman said. There are seven

categories of nominations and the entry deadline is March 9, 2001.

All nominees will be recognized at the annual awards ceremony May 8 at the Michigan Chamber of Commerce in Lansing.

"We are seeing more families where both parents or a single parent is supporting the family," said Toy, a member of the sponsoring House Republican Task Force on Child Care.

"In these situations, child care is essential," she said. "I think employers are starting to recognize that and are working to provide

affordable care."

Toy and Lansing Rep. Susan Tabor are members of the task force, which is chaired by Rep. Pan Godchaux of Birmingham.

More than 400 organizations have been honored since the program began in 1989.

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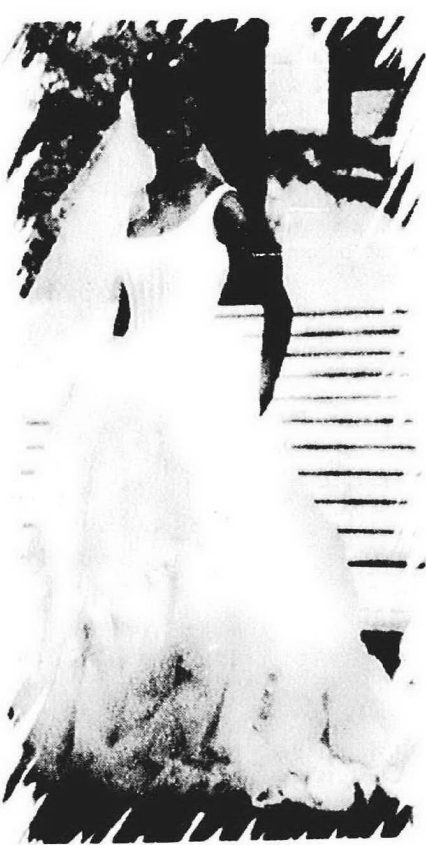
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BRIDAL SHOW

■ Fox Hills Country Club presents "Your Golden Moment" bridal show, 6-9 p.m., Jan. 10. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door. Included are light hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, prizes, and more than 24 vendors to help you with your wedding plans. Call (734) 453-7272 for further information.

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

NORTHVILLE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

■ The meeting will feature a talk on "Detroit and Wayne County Research." Ruth McMahon, will tell how to access genealogical records for your personal research and where to find those records. The meeting will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Jan. 14 at the Northville District Library. For more information, please call (248) 348-3006.

EASTERN MICHIGAN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

■ Senior Citizen Night for the game at 7 p.m. on Jan. 9. All Senior Citizens can get into the game for a discounted rate of \$2 and great prizes will be given away. At the 7 p.m. Jan. 17 game, an autograph session will take place after the game. In addition, two round trip airline tickets will be given away during the game. The team plays in the Convocation Center on Hewitt Rd. near U.S.-23 and I-94. For more information, please call (734)487-2282.

COOKIES AND MILK

■ At 11-Noon, Friday, Jan. 19 at the Golden Gate Shopping Center, Cookies & Milk, an indoor playground for ages 0-4 in Canton, will host a Milk Mustache photo opportunity. Join the ranks of your favorite celebrities and have your photo taken with the telltale 'stache.

WEST SUBURBAN STAMP CLUB

■ Giant Auction. Each club member is allowed to bring in three lots of their own and if it sells, the member gets to keep 100 percent of the winning bid. This takes place at 8 p.m. Jan. 19 at The Plymouth Historical Society.

GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

■ Come join us at Weigh Down Workshop and learn how to enjoy all foods without overeating. Free orientation 7 p.m. - Jan. 15 and 7-9 p.m., Jan. 22, at Geneva Presbyterian Church. For more information, call Diane Gaubatz (734) 397-1986 or the church office (734) 459-0013.

COUNTY CONNECTION CHORUS

■ Join the County Connection Chorus for a special guest night at 7 p.m. Jan.

9. This award-winning women's chorus is looking to fill open positions with dedicated ladies interested in singing a cappella music. The open rehearsal will be held at the UAW Hall, 8975 Textile Rd. in Ypsilanti. Please call (734) 480-8843 for further information.

CHIEFETTES VARIETY SHOW

■ The Plymouth Canton High School Chiefettes Pompon Squad presents their annual Variety Show at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Jan. 13, 2001 at the Salem High School Auditorium. Ticket are \$5 and can be purchased at the door prior to the performance, or from any member of the Chiefettes.

CAREER WOMEN

■ The West suburban chapter of The National Association of Career Women will host its monthly meeting 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Tuesday Jan. 9 at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Rd., Plymouth. The cost is \$18 per member and \$22 for non-members. Guest speaker will be Bonnie Fishman, owner of Bonnie's Patisserie in Southfield, a French style bakery and catering service. RSVP to Brenda Durling (734) 462-4670.

YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION

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

ROLLER SKATING CLASSES

■ Learn to skate at Skatin Station II in Canton for children or adults 7-8 p.m. every Sunday. Call (734) 459-6407.

OPEN HOUSE

■ New Morning School in Plymouth is hosting two opportunities for interested families to tour the school, meet the staff and have your questions answered. The dates are: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23; and there will also be a Student Museum/Open House 2-4:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 11. New family discussions will occur at 3:30 p.m. that day. New Morning is a state licensed and certified parent cooperative school covering pre-school through grade eight. Interested people can call the school at (734) 420-3331 or e-mail to newmorning@mediaone.net.

KINDERMUSIK CLASSES

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

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On stage:
Plymouth resident Tom Coffey, right, joins Lena Jensen of Birmingham, Karen Novak of Troy and Dave Mountz of Royal Oak in the cast of the comedy, "Sylvia," being performed by the Ridgedale Players. Coffey plays the triple roles of Phyllis, Tom and Leslie in the production, set to play Jan. 12-13, 19-21 and 26-28 at Ridgedale's playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, between Crooks and Livernois in Troy. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m.; Sunday shows are at 3 p.m. Tickets cost \$11. For more information, call (248) 988-7049.



■ The Plymouth Optimist Club is selling Entertainment 2001 Books. Proceeds will be used for children's causes throughout Southeastern Michigan. Books are \$40 and will be home delivered. Call Bill Von Glahn at (734) 453-8253.

MORE KINDERMUSIK

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

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

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

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■ This group meets at 7 p.m., every second and fourth Monday of the month at St. John Episcopal Church in Plymouth. This month, Jan. 8 and 21st. Develop your com-

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ASTRONOMY DISCUSSION GROUP

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

MOPS

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

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

■ Western Wayne County Genealogical Society is meeting at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 17 at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center Building, the topic is Researching at the UM Library with Bobbi Snow, UM Librarian, computer Genealogy and beginning genealogy classes begin at

6:30 p.m. Our meeting and classes are open to the public and are free of charge. For further information, please call Pat at (734) 425-3079.

CIVITAN CLUB

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

GOURMET DINING GROUP

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

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES

■ The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples Club meets 7 p.m. the third week of each month on alternating Mondays and Tuesdays. Play group meets twice a month on alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Call Pam Heestand at (734) 981-3341.

M.O.M.

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

M.I.T.I.

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

MOMS CLUB

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

HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP

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

PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS

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

WESTSIDE SINGLES

■ Westside Singles dances are every Friday night at the following locations: Dec. 22nd Christmas Dance and Dec. 29 at Burton Manor in Livonia. Admission is \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dressy attire, no jeans, D.J., 21 and older, budget bar, hors d'oeuvres.

YOGA CLASSES

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

MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS

■ The Plymouth Baptist Church MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 9:15-11:30 a.m. These meetings provide a time for moms to develop new friendships

with other moms. Special speakers, crafts and great food are some of the highlights at a MOPS meeting. Mothers, with their children, kindergarten aged and younger, are invited to attend. Childcare is provided. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-5534.

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■ The Community Literacy Council, a Plymouth-based not-for-profit organization, seeks part time volunteer clerical support for general office assistance. Basic computer skills helpful. A desire to make a difference a must. Flexible working hours. For information or to schedule a meeting call (734) 416-4906.

ARBOR HOSPICE AND HOME CARE

■ Arbor Hospice & Home Care is seeking volunteers interested in helping terminally ill patients and their families with activities such as meal preparation, errands, reading and eating. Arbor Hospice is also looking for volunteer office workers to help with mailings, filing and typing. A volunteer orientation will take place 9-12 Noon Saturday, Jan. 13 at the Arbor Hospice & Home Care office located at 331 North Center Street in Northville. To register or for more information, call the Volunteer Services department at (248) 348-4980.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

■ The American Cancer Society Discovery Shops are looking for volunteers to fill a variety of positions at all metro-Detroit Discovery Shops. Various days and times are available. Call (800) 925-2271.

ARBOR HOSPICE

■ Arbor Hospice & Home Care is expanding its services and looking for volunteers to help in many areas. Volunteers are needed to assist at their newly expanded office at 331 Center Street in Northville. To volunteer or for more information, contact Debbie Skotak at (248) 348-4980.

CALENDAR FORM

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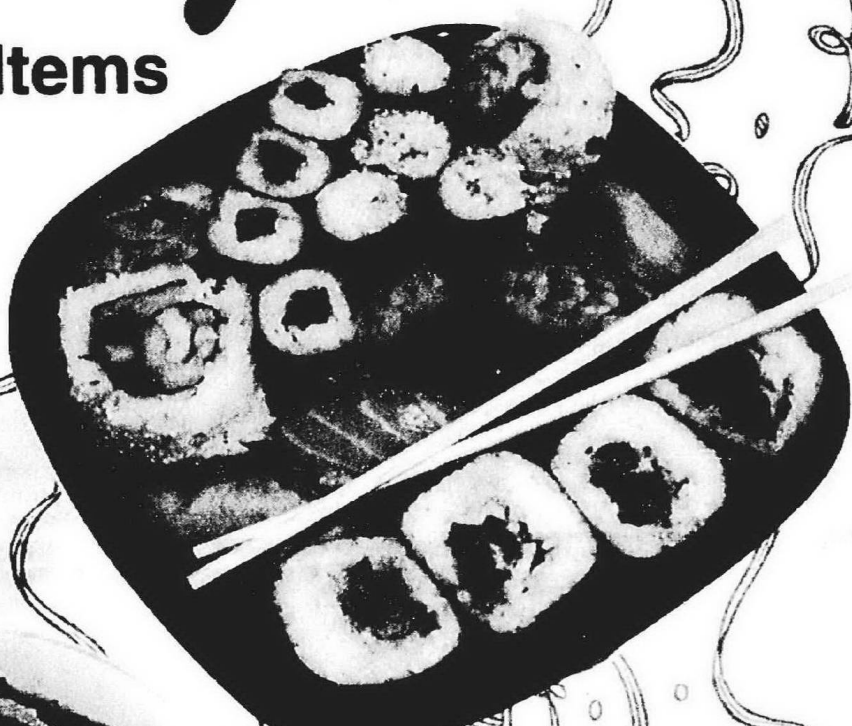
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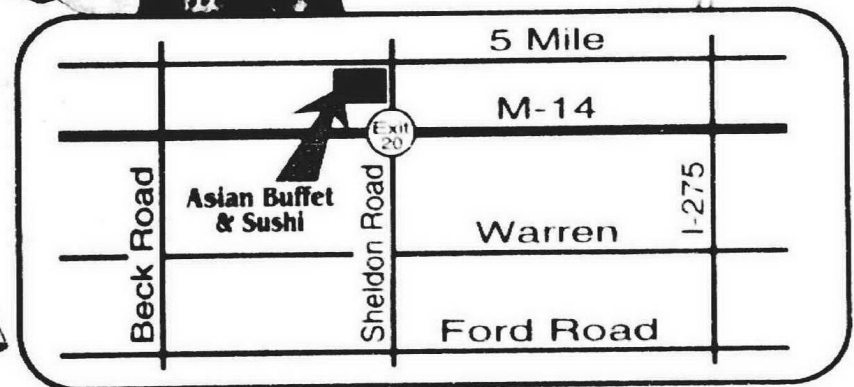


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Population shift will mean changes in county districts

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER
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Redistricting isn't on the agenda of Wayne County Commission members for 2001, but it's definitely on their minds.

The delicate balance of power on the 15-member commission — seven suburban districts, seven Detroit districts and one that is a combination — will get its requisite once-per-decade redrawing this spring by a special apportionment commission, after federal census figures for counties and municipalities are certified.

And with Detroit generally expected to have lost population and Canton Township and some other municipalities to have gained, there likely will be changes in who represents which communities.

There might even be some power-shifts between Democrats and Republicans, according to one commissioner.

"I think we could pick up one

or two Republican seats." 10th District Commissioner Lyn Bankes of Livonia stated, with a reasonable optimism.

"The Republicans are in charge of everything except the Wayne County government," said the lone GOP member on the Democrat-dominated commission.

Besides, "If the Republicans don't like" the way the district lines are redrawn, it "will probably be appealed."

"Ultimately, it goes to the Supreme," she said, referring to the state's highest tribunal, "and they are Republican. Not that they would ever be partisan."

Lyn Bankes
R-Livonia

Bankes thinks Canton and south Redford Township should be Republican. The latter is in incoming Commissioner Philip M. Cavanagh's 9th District.

No argument

Bankes gets no argument on Canton from 11th District Commissioner John J. Sullivan, a Democrat.

Although Sullivan won Canton by 10,000 votes in his November re-election bid, the largely GOP township was a major battleground for him and he could see losing part of it.

Sullivan's district is the county's largest in both size and pop-

ulation — "I have 20-30,000 more people than most of the other commissioners," he said — and he anticipates "losing part of something ... Something's going to have to be moved out of here."

He mentioned possibly losing his hometown of Wayne to another district and perhaps northern Canton to Bankes' district.

Overall, he said, "If the redistricting (countywide) is done fair," said Sullivan, it "would mean one more seat for the suburbs" which "makes a difference in how things get done."

However, he expects Detroit's commissioners to "fight tooth and nail to make sure they keep their power."

The Wayne County Charter states the districts must be redrawn within 12 months after the census is certified. The apportionment commission that will attempt to carry out the "one man, one vote" principle consists of the county clerk, treas-

urer and prosecuting attorney and the county's Republican and Democratic party chairpersons.

Ben Washburn, county commission counsel, said because Wayne County doesn't have a Democratic Party chair, the representative will be picked by the party's district chairpersons.

Within 30 days

The apportionment commission is to approve and file its plan with the county clerk and the secretary of state within 30 days after receiving certified census numbers.

"The districts shall be contiguous, compact and as nearly square as practicable, without regard to partisan political advantage," the charter states.

It also requires districts to be drawn so that each municipality "has the largest possible number of complete districts within its boundaries, and to assure proper and adequate representation of racial and language minorities

in the County."

Any registered voter in the county disagreeing with the apportionment may seek a ruling from the state court of appeals, according to the charter.

At present, only one commissioner — the 1st District's Christopher Cavanagh — represents both suburbs (the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods) and the city (far northeastern Detroit).

Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, thinks her district, which also includes Garden City and Inkster, "might stay the same. In the 1992 redistricting, it didn't change at all."

But then there's SEMCOG's estimates which, while claiming Westland lost only 139 people during the '90s, Garden City lost an estimated 2,600 and Inkster 3,300.

That gave Beard pause. "Who knows?" she said.

County takes applications for weatherization services

Applications for home weatherization services are being accepted by Wayne County.

The services for low-income eligible residents include weather-stripping, floor insulation, storm windows and other health and safety measures, according to the county's weatherization office, which is part of the county's jobs and economic development department.

Special funding from the federal government, available until March 2001, will allow qualified residents to have furnace repair and replacement and roof repairs also done on their houses at no charge.

Studies show that a 15-30 percent reduction in heating costs

are realized when homes are appropriately weatherized, an office spokesperson said.

Both renters and homeowners are eligible for repair services.

Residents living in mobile homes who meet the income criteria can also receive weatherization services.

Among those eligible to apply for services are low-income residents of Redford Township, Garden City, Livonia, Westland, Canton Township, both the city and township of Plymouth, Belleville and Van Buren Township.

For additional information or an application, call the Wayne County weatherization office at (734) 727-7297.

Madonna University holds summer teachers institute

High school and middle school humanities teachers from around the country will come together this summer at Madonna University in Livonia to study the 20th century American urban experience.

Madonna University is one of only 10 universities in the nation chosen by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to conduct a summer institute for school teachers for 2001. NEH has granted \$140,974 for this project. The four-week institute, "Forging the 20th Century Urban Identity: Teaching Detroit as Prototype of the American Industrial City," will be held July 1-27, 2001. This will be a collaborative effort, sponsored by Madonna University and Detroit 300.

"Madonna University's 2001 NEH summer institute for school teachers presents an excellent professional-development opportunity for teachers," said National Endowment for the Humanities Chairman William R. Ferris. "The city of Detroit and its

resources will provide institute participants with a broad array of resources for understanding the crucial role of the city in shaping the contemporary world."

For more information or to apply to the summer institute, full-time high school or middle school teachers in the humanities should contact either Dr. Richard Sax at (734) 432-5542 or Dr. Marjorie Checkoway at (734) 432-5653.

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The Kmart January 7, 2001 weekly ad circular on page 13, features the "Wonder Boys DVD." This item will not be available due to the studio's change of release date. Also on page 14, "Vanishing Point" game by PLAYSTATION is featured. This item will not be available due to the manufacturer's delay in shipping.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Goalie of the week

Chad Davis of the Compuware Ambassadors has been selected as the North American Hockey League's goaltender of the week for the final two weeks of December.

Davis earned the distinction by turning away 82 of 87 shots in three games for a 94 percent save average, with the Ambassadors winning two of the three games. One of those wins snapped the Soo Kewadin Indians 13-game win streak; Davis stopped 28 of 29 shots in the 3-1 victory.

Thus far this season Davis has played in 18 games, winning 12 of them with a 2.69 goals-against average and a 90.4 save percentage.

College standouts

■ Holy Cross University evened its women's basketball record at 7-7 Wednesday with a 79-69 win over host Hartford. Leading the way for the Crusaders was Amanda Abraham, a junior forward and a Plymouth Salem graduate, with 18 points.

For the season, Abraham is averaging 12 points, four rebounds, 2.5 assists and 2.3 steals a game, connecting on 45 percent on floor shots and 37.5 percent on three-pointers.

In the first weekend of December, Abraham was selected as the Most Valuable Player of American University's AU Tip-Off Classic in Washington, D.C. She scored 37 points in a pair of wins, 69-55 over Delaware State and 67-62 over host AU.

■ Wayne State's women's basketball team slipped to 4-7 overall and remained winless in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference at 0-4 with a 54-43 loss Thursday to Michigan Tech at WSU. Tiffany Grubaugh, a freshman from Plymouth Salem, led the Warriors with 13 points and seven rebounds.

For the season, Grubaugh is averaging a team-best 12.4 points a game; she is also grabbing 3.6 rebounds a contest. Her best game to date came during WSU's 74-71 win at Florida Tech Dec. 29 — she scored 33 points.

■ Alma College opened its Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association season with a 60-56 victory over Adrian last Wednesday at Alma. Janell Twittemyer, a sophomore forward from Plymouth Canton, scored 16 points, grabbed seven rebounds and had two steals as the Scots improved to 6-4 overall.

For the season, Twittemyer is averaging 11.9 points, 4.6 rebounds and 2.2 assists per game; she has converted a team-high 20-of-45 three-pointers (44.4 percent).

UDM hoop legends

The University of Detroit Mercy will help celebrate the city of Detroit's Tricentennial by presenting area fans with the opportunity to select the Detroit Titans' all-century teams in men's and women's basketball.

Winners will be announced prior to the Titans' game against Butler Feb. 8. Ballots are available in Calihan Hall at all Titan home games through the end of January. Also, fans may vote on the UDM Athletic web site: www.DetroitTitans.com.

Ballots contain stars from all generations of Titan basketball. Fans may also write-in names of players.

Now: Here are the top three UDM men's teams, as selected by long-time Observer sports editor Brad Emons.

■ **First team** — Dave DeBusschere, John Long, Terry Tyler, Terry Duerod, Spencer Hayward.

■ **Second team** — Joe Kopicki, Earl Cureton, Rashad Phillips, Dorie Murray, Archie Tullios.

■ **Third team** — Tony Tolbert, Bill Ebben, Guy Sparrow, Norm Swanson, Jermaine Jackson.

CCJBSA sign-up

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association will have spring registration from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20 in the main conference room at The Summit, and from 6-9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29 in Arts II at the Summit.

Boys and girls, 4-18 years old, are invited to register. New players must bring a birth certificate. Fees will vary from \$65-\$105 for tee-ball, baseball and softball; from \$325-\$350 for 10-18 travel baseball; and from \$175-\$250 for 10-18 travel softball.

For more information, call: Chris Angel (4-6 teeball) at 981-3007; Mark Caples (7-12 baseball) at 416-4233; Jay Obsniuk (13-18 baseball) at 981-3272; Karon Barnhouse (7-18 softball) at 454-7328; and 10-18 travel baseball/softball at 453-2040.

Good enough

Canton holds on to defeat Stevenson

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Canton was on the verge of giving away a comfortable, fourth-quarter lead in its Western Lakes Activities Association basketball opener against Livonia Stevenson Friday night before the Chiefs visited a place where many struggling, down-on-their-luck teams go when their backs are against the wall — the charity stripe.

Canton's Jerry Gaines and Brendan Murphy combined to drain five clutch free throws in the final minute to offset a surging Stevenson comeback and topple the host Spartans, 43-37.

The dramatic — but sloppy — victory improved Canton's record to 2-5. Stevenson dropped to 2-4.

"In our league this year, a lot of games are going to be up for grabs like this, so every win is critical," said first-year Canton coach Jeremy Rheault. "We're improving in a lot of areas, but we didn't execute as well as we can. We committed too many turnovers tonight (19) and we missed a lot of makeable shots."

"Defensively, I thought we played well. We forced a lot of Stevenson turnovers (24), but we didn't always take advantage of them like I would like us to do."

Stevenson coach Bill Dyer was proud of the way his team chipped away at the visitors' lead before finally succumbing in the final seconds.

"I like the way we hung in there and kept competing right to the end," Dyer stressed. "We have a young team that is improving every game. We're starting to make plays without thinking about it, which is something we weren't doing in our first couple of games."

"We missed a lot of lay-ups and free throws, but other than that, I thought we played hard."

Less than two minutes into the final quarter, Canton owned a 35-26 lead. However, the hustling Spartans took advantage of Canton's shaky shooting touch (3-for-21 from the field in the second half) to close to within 38-37 on Matt Bartnick's three-point shot with 59 seconds to play.

Murphy, who had missed his first four free throw attempts, was fouled with 48 seconds left and calmly sunk two shots from the line to make it 40-37.

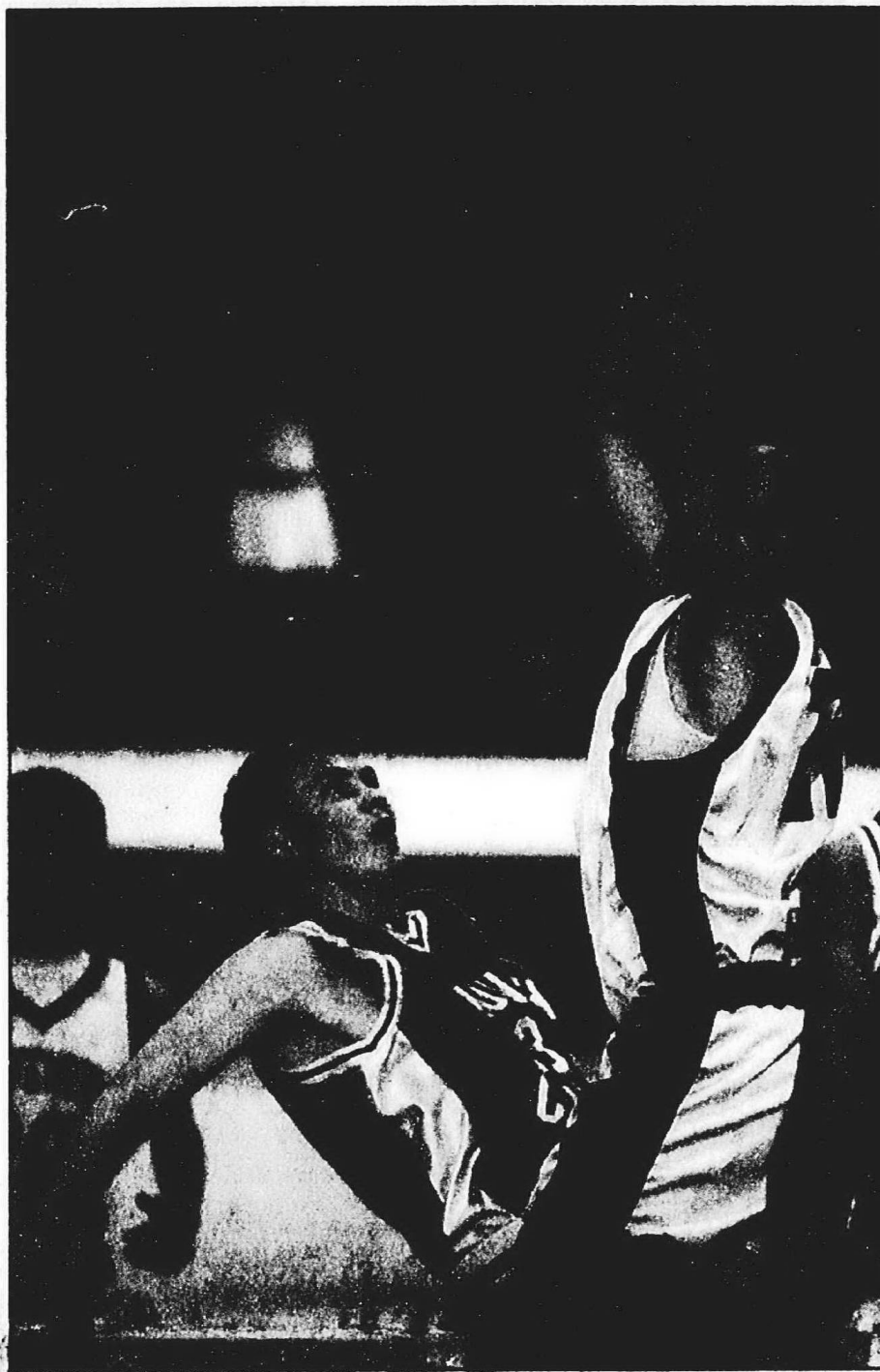
Following a Stevenson time-out, Bartnick hit nothing but air on an off-balance three-point shot with 29 seconds to go. Gaines snared the rebounded, was immediately fouled and hit nothing but net on his two free throws to put the Chiefs up 42-37.

Gaines, who paced the Chiefs in scoring (12 points) and rebounds (12), sealed the win with another rebound and subsequent free throw with five seconds on the clock.

Senior guard Nick Cabauatan netted seven points for Canton and Oliver Wolcott had six. Murphy finished with only four points, but he pulled down six rebounds.

"I thought our inside guys — Gaines, Murphy and (Andrew) Holmes — played well tonight," Rheault praised. "They pulled down some huge rebounds down the stretch."

Stevenson was paced by junior guard Lindon Ivezj, who poured in 12 points.



Standing in there: Canton's Andrew Holmes (left) withstood the charge of Stevenson's Peter Pinto in Friday's game. The Chiefs also withstood the Spartans late surge to earn the win.

Junior forward Chris Severson finished with nine points and nine rebounds.

"I thought Severson played a solid game for us," Dyer said. "He does a lot of the little things that don't always show up in the box score."

Canton jumped out to a 10-6 lead after the first quarter and led 25-15 at the half.

Stevenson carved its deficit to 30-26 at the end of the third quarter thanks to a last-second three-pointer by Ivezj.

Both teams' shooting regressed as the game progressed. After connecting on nine of their first 25 shots, Canton went in the tank in the second half, shooting just 14 percent (3-for-21) in the final two quarters. The Chiefs made 17-of-27 free throws (63 percent), including 8-of-10 in the critical fourth quarter.

The Spartans made 13-of-42 field goals (31 percent) and 8-of-17 from the line (48 percent).

Canton outrebounded Stevenson, 30-28.

Agape 57, Macomb Christian 22: Canton Agape Christian started strong and finished even stronger Friday at Macomb Christian.

The Wolverines outscored the host Crusaders 10-1 in the first quarter and increased their lead to 23-9 by halftime. But, after outpointing Macomb 10-7 in the third period, they really poured it on in the fourth with a 24-6 outburst.

The win kept Agape's record perfect at 4-0 and kept the Crusaders winless at 0-4.

"Defensively, we set the tone early," said Agape coach Chuck Henry of his team's man-to-man defense, "and we finished with a good fourth quarter."

Paul Anleitner's 17 points paced the Wolverines. Steven Tong added 15 and Josh Anthony scored 11 and grabbed nine rebounds.

Bob Wilkie topped Macomb with eight points.

PREP HOCKEY

Chiefs, Pats battle to a 3-3 draw

Plymouth Canton started fast. Livonia Franklin finished that way.

The end result in Wednesday's Western Lakes Activities Association hockey game, played at Edgar Arena, was a 3-3 draw.

The result left Canton at 7-3-2 overall, 3-3-1 in the WLAA and 2-1-1 in the Western Division. Franklin retained its unbeaten status at 4-0-4 overall. The Patriots are 3-0-3 in the WLAA and 2-0-2 and in first place in the Western Division.

Franklin, trailing 2-1 after two periods, knotted it at 2-all on a power-play goal by Adam Bierley 2:37 into the final stanza. Ryan Garbutt and John Nichol assisted.

But the Chiefs regained their lead less than three minutes later when David Bak knocked a shot past Franklin goalie Chris Garbutt at the 5:32 mark. Ryan McCabe and John Bockstanz assisted.

The goal that salvaged the tie for the Patriots came from Andy Garbutt, his second of the game, following a steal. His unassisted score and his third point of the night came with 5:02 remaining.

Canton took the early advantage, scoring the first two goals in the first 10 minutes of the game. Brad Wolf got the first at the 5:40 mark; Brandon Collop and Bockstanz assisted. Mike Carson scored the second at 9:52, from Wolf and Sean Depp.

Franklin managed to narrow the deficit to 2-1 after one period on a power-play goal by Andy Garbutt with 3:03 left, from Sam Dismuke and Bierley.

Canton goalie Brad Arsenov kept the Chiefs in the game, making 32 saves. Chris Garbutt had 19 stops for the Patriots.

Stevenson 7, Salem 4: The Spartans spotted the Rocks three goals and Christmas break before roaring back to win the Western Lakes Activities Association game.

"Plymouth had a very good game plan," coach Ed Shepler of Livonia said. "We started out slow. But our kids finally woke up a little bit from their two week layoff."

"They started playing disciplined hockey and came back strong."

Plymouth played its second game of the week while Livonia was taking the ice competitively Friday for the first time since the holiday break.

Salem (4-6-1, 1-5, 1-1 Lakes) scored three times in a span of 2:52 in the opening period to take a 3-0 lead.

But the Spartans (10-0-1, 5-0-1, 3-0) shaved two goals off that lead

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All tied up: The Whalers' Tomas Kurka finds himself on the ice after Sarnia's Kris Newbury gets his stick tangled in Kurka's skate.

Whalers knock off Sting

BY NICHOLAS A. GISMONDI
SPECIAL WRITER

SPLAT! Like a bug in the summer, the Sarnia Sting never saw the windshield coming Wednesday when they met the Plymouth Whalers in an Ontario Hockey League game at Compuware Sports Arena. The result was a mess no car wash could ever clean up, a 6-1 Whaler win — their third-straight over the Sting.

The Whalers hustled to take a 4-0 lead through two periods, an edge that kept them undefeated in 2001.

Stephen Weiss opened the scoring for the Whalers at the 5:38 mark of the first period, his 24th goal of the season, on an assist by Cole Jarrett.

At 8:38 of the second Stacey Britstone, third among the OHL's plus/minus leaders at plus-26, made it 2-0 with his first of two on the evening, assists going to Weiss and Rob McBride. Brit-

stone's power-play goal was the result of quick passing down low in the Sting's zone, leaving an uncovered Britstone who easily found the net for his 15th this season.

Rookies Gregory Campbell and Karl Stewart paired to make it a 3-0 game at 14:05 of the second period on a play that started with a turnover in the neutral zone. Stewart dished the puck to a waiting Campbell at the left side of the net, and he tipped it past Sting goalie Robert Gheron.

Britstone then finished the period the way he started it, scoring his second of the game and 16th of the season at 19:57 to give Plymouth a 4-0 lead. McBride and Ryan O'Keefe assisted. Through two periods, the Whalers had a 32-18 advantage in shots on goal.

The Sting averted a shutout when Julius Halfkenny got a goal at the 11:21 mark of the third period, narrowing Plymouth's lead to 4-1. But goals from former Mississauga Ice Dog Chad Wiseman and Stephane Gervais, each in their second game as Whalers,

scored in an 11-second span provided the Whalers with their winning margin.

Tomas Kurka assisted on Wiseman's goal at 12:24, his 18th of the season. Gervais scored his first OHL goal at 12:35, assisted by Campbell and Stewart.

"It was a good game for us tonight," said Whalers' coach Pete DeBoer. "We got things going offensively and the rest of the team filled in with good play defensively. Rob Zepp was strong back in net as well. It's always good when you can pick up two points within your division."

With the victory, the Whalers edged closer to the OHL lead, which is currently held by the Erie Otters. Plymouth improved to 25-6-4-1, good for 55 points and first place in the OHL's West division — two points behind the Otters.

More offense for 2001

The Plymouth Whalers acquired another player from the Junior A ranks in free agent

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COLLEGE SPORTS

Madonna jolts Eagles; SC rolls

Cornerstone University's women's basketball team had to be feeling pretty good about its chances after winning 13 of 16 games prior to its Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference opener Wednesday at Madonna University.

Certainly the Golden Eagles weren't feeling that way afterwards.

The Lady Crusaders simply shot down the Eagles in the opening half, converting 19-of-35 of their shots (54.3 percent) — including all four of their three-point efforts — to build a 15-point lead by halftime. That was more than Cornerstone could overcome, losing 82-71 at Madonna.

The Crusaders improved to 6-8 overall, 1-0 in the WHAC. Cornerstone is 13-4 overall, 0-1 in the conference.

While Madonna was putting 44 points on the board in the opening half, Cornerstone was limited to just 29 on 13-of-34 shooting (38.2 percent) — 2-of-10 on triple tries.

Four players reached double figures in scoring for Madonna, led by 19 points from

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Kristi Fiorenzi (from Plymouth Canton). She also had six rebounds and five assists.

Carissa Gizicki turned in a superb all-around game, collecting 17 points, seven boards, eight assists and five steals. Kathy Panganis added 16 points, eight rebounds and three assists, and Lori Enfield finished with 13 points, six boards and two steals.

Mahogany Fletcher (Farmington Harrison) and Michelle Miela added eight points each, with Fletcher grabbing six rebounds.

Cornerstone got 18 points from Julie Vogelzang, 15 from Laura Yonkers and 14 from Amy Popielarz.

Madonna trailed in the first half until a Gizicki three-pointer with 12:45 left. The game remained close for the next eight minutes, until a three by Miela 4:39 left got the Crusaders rolling. In the last 6:48, Madonna outscored Cornerstone 20-4.

The Eagles got to within four once in the

second half, a triple by Kami Main with 8:03 left narrowing the gap to 64-60. But Madonna answered with baskets by Panganis and Enfield to double its cushion, and Cornerstone never got closer than six after that.

Ocelots rout Alpena

Too much.

That's what Schoolcraft College had over visiting Alpena CC Wednesday. The Lady Ocelots opened up a 13-point lead by halftime and never relented, ripping the Lady Lumberjacks 77-51.

SC improved to 8-2 overall, 1-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference. Alpena is 1-9 overall, 0-1 in the conference.

Four players reached double figures in scoring for the Ocelots: Ra'Sheida Edwards with 17 points (and eight rebounds), Angelica Blakely with 15 points (and nine boards), Rachel Eley with 11 points (and 11 rebounds and nine steals) and Zalika Davis with 10 points.

Ocelots crush Alpena; Madonna falls

Defending champion Schoolcraft College took no prisoners in its Eastern Conference men's basketball opener Wednesday against Alpena.

The host Ocelots ran their overall record to 11-1 with a lopsided 112-72 victory over the Lumberjacks.

Bolstered by a 16-0 start, Schoolcraft raced out to a 56-22 halftime advantage and cruised to victory.

Sam Hoskin, a 6-foot-8 center, 260-pound center from Redford Bishop Borgess headed to DePaul University, led Schoolcraft with 26 points and eight

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rebounds.

Derrick Bird, a 6-4 guard from Ypsilanti, chipped in with 25 points, including 19 in the opening half when he connected on three triples.

Nick Evola, a 6-7 center bound for Western Michigan University, added 18 points, while point-guard Dave McGlown chipped in with 13. Colin Wilkinson and Keanan Weir each added nine points.

Second-year forward Dwight Windom pulled down 16

rebounds to pace SC.

Alpena, which slipped to 4-7 overall and 0-2 in the conference, got 14 points apiece from Justin Chapman and Josh Walker. Shawn Hines added 11.

Schoolcraft made 30 of 39 free throws (76.9 percent), while Alpena was 12 for 23 (52.1 percent).

CORNERSTONE 89, MADONNA 59: Things didn't go well for Madonna University (4-12, 0-1) in its Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference opener Wednesday in Grand Rapids against host Cornerstone (15-4, 1-0).

Five players scored in double figures as the Golden Eagles rolled to a 30-

point victory.

Cornerstone, which led 45-27 at halftime, got 18 points — all on three pointers — from guard Brad Gray. Center Mark Zichterman also scored 18 points.

Others in double figures included center Justin VandePol (15), guard John Lanser (12) and forward Andrew Swadling (11).

VandePol also grabbed 10 rebounds.

Narvin Russaw scored 19 points and grabbed eight rebounds to lead MU. Dan Kurtinaitis and Mike Massey added 14 apiece.

MU was just 23 of 64 (35.9 percent) from the field, while Cornerstone was 38 of 74 (51.4 percent).

Madonna was outrebounded, 50-31.

Rockers end their skid with win over Attack

At least they didn't bid farewell to the year 2000 without claiming another victory.

The Detroit Rockers used a strong fourth quarter to overtake the host Kansas City Attack and gain a 16-13 win on Dec. 29. The win snapped a 12-game losing streak for the Rockers.

Unfortunately, they were unable to build much on that victory. The following night in Wichita, they fell behind 11-4 by halftime and could not recover, suffering a 20-11 loss to the Wings.

The split left the Rockers with a 2-14 overall record. Wichita improved to 9-7; Kansas City fell to 4-11 with its loss to Detroit.

In the win over the Attack, the Rockers displayed the kind of diversified offense in the final quarter that coach Brian Tinnion had been hoping to see. Three different players scored goals as they overcame an 11-9 deficit after three quarters.

After Martin Nash knotted it for Detroit with a two-pointer 1:05 into the quarter, Kansas City's Wes Wade scored a deuce to make it 13-11 in the Attack's favor with 10:20 left.

The key goal came with 6:52 to play, when Marty Knowles scored a three-pointer to give Detroit the lead for good. Sean Bowers assisted. Joe Malachino added an unassisted two-pointer 1:17 later to boost the Rockers' lead to three.

Nash, acquired in the dispersal draft after the Edmonton Drillers folded, had his first big game for the Rockers, collecting a three-pointer and a two-pointer.

Malachino finished with two

two-pointers and an assist, and Bowers and Stuart Black contributed two-point goals. Dreo Callahan chipped in with two assists.

Dan Illie Diac gave up nine points and made 11 saves for the Rockers. Warren Westcoat allowed 16 points and had 15 saves for the Attack.

Against Wichita the next night, the Rockers showed very little offense as the Wings scored the game's first eight points and eventually built their first-half lead to 11-2 before Bowers scored with 24 seconds left in the half.

The Rockers did rally in the second half, closing to within 15-11 on a two-pointer by Neil Gilbert with 8:28 left in the fourth. But a triple by Braedan Cloutier — he had five points in the game — and a deuce by Jamie Harding clinched it for the Wings.

Bowers had a goal and two assists for four points to pace the Rockers. Dennis Brose, with a goal and an assist, and Knowles, with a three-pointer, had three points each. Joel Shanker also scored a goal for Detroit.

Illie Diac allowed 18 points while making 20 saves in goal for the Rockers. Jim Larkin allowed 11 points, making 14 saves for Wichita.

Andy Cyrus also had five points for the Wings.

The Rockers return to action with hopes of turning things around at 3:05 today when they host Wichita at Compuware Arena.

Salem gets some state cuts, but can't get a dual meet victory

Chuck Olson decided to tinker with his Plymouth Salem swim team in a non-conference meet and came away with mixed results.

Salem was nipped, 94-92, Thursday at Novi in a meet that had several highlights for the

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Rocks, now 1-1 in dual meets.

"We tried to move some people around (to different events)," the Salem coach said. "Then there

were vacations, some guys sick, things like that.

"We still should have won. But we didn't, so we didn't swim well enough."

Eric Lynn set a Novi pool record and coincidentally qualified for the state meet with a

54.80 in winning the 100-yard backstroke. Lynn produced a state cut time of 2:03.01 in the 200 individual medley.

The Rocks also got state-cut performances from Ben Dzialo in the 100 butterfly — a 55.39 — along with their 200 medley

relay team of Lynn, Matt Showalter, Dzialo and Aaron Shelton, who turned in a 1:44.76.

Salem's Jim Ross won the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:55.84.

Mike Johnson was a double individual-event winner, taking the 50 freestyle in 23.37 and the 100 freestyle with a 51.14 clocking.

Brian Mertens captured the

500 freestyle with a time of 5:11.51 while the Rocks also won two other relays.

Salem's foursome of Dzialo, Johnson, Dave Carson and Shelton turned in a 1:34.38 to win the 200 freestyle relay and the 400 freestyle relay quartet of Dzialo, Johnson, Ross and Lynn won with a time of 3:26.94.

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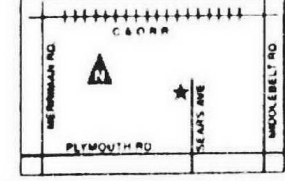
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Shamrocks repel Notre Dame charge **Hockey -- B1**

It was not the game that Redford Catholic Central basketball coach Rick Coratti really wanted to see.

Actually, it wasn't the game that just about any coach would want to see — his team squandering a six-point lead in the final minute.

But Steve Larkin's free throw with eight seconds left proved to be just enough to hold on as the Shamrocks held off Harper Woods Notre Dame, 83-82, in the Catholic League opener for both schools.

"It shouldn't have been that close," said Coratti. "We didn't play the end very well. They had two shots at the lead in the final seconds."

After the Shamrocks (5-2) led by six, the Irish (2-4) chipped away until Marcus Young's 3-pointer with 14 seconds left tied the score at 82-all. But Larkin, who wound up with seven points and 11 rebounds on the night, saved the day.

Four Shamrocks were in double figures as Ryan Celeskey had 23 points, while Mark Willoughby had 21, Anthony Coratti had 17 — including five 3-pointers — and Tom Jakacki had 13. Young had 33 points to lead Notre Dame, while Brian Biggs and Tom Mazzocco both had 10 each.

BASKETBALL

originally snowed out on Dec. 12. The make-up, played last Wednesday in Monroe, had Canton sloshing through a poor fourth quarter, and it led to defeat.

"We gave the game away," said Chiefs' coach Jeremy Rheault. "Or they took it from us. We didn't execute with the lead very well."

And the Chiefs did have a lead. After trailing 27-25 at halftime, they put together a strong third quarter to take a 41-35 advantage into the fourth.

"We turned it around in the third quarter, but then we didn't hang on in the fourth," said Rheault, reflecting on Monroe's 22-12 fourth-quarter scoring surge.

The Chiefs did well on the boards, out-rebounding the Trojans 28-24, but they didn't do well taking care of the ball, committing 28 turnovers.

Jerry Gaines paced Canton with 15 points and nine rebounds. Nick Cabautan added 11 points, including three three-pointers, and Jay Sofen scored 10.

Jake Loop topped Monroe with 19 points. Will Longworth contributed 12, eight coming in the fourth quarter.

guard Matt Mikel scored a game-high 23 points to lead host Farmington to the victory in the Western Lakes opener for both teams Friday.

Mikel made three three-point field goals and eight of nine free throws in helping the Falcons improve to 4-2 overall.

Curtis Tillman, who was 6-of-8 at the line, tossed in 14 points and Mike Griffie 10.

Farmington led all the way, holding leads of 14-8 after one quarter, 27-23 at halftime and 42-34 through three periods.

Mike Copeland scored 11 points and Joe Ruggiero 10 and eight rebounds for Franklin, 0-1 and 1-4.

The Falcons enjoyed a big advantage at the charity stripe. They made 19 of 28 free throws and the Patriots three of nine.

"Farmington is pretty athletic, but for us it came down to rebounding and execution," Franklin coach John Santi said.

"We played hard, but we didn't do a very good job defensively and we didn't execute and play smart against their 2-3 zone in the second half."

W.L. Central 79, Churchill 56: Unbeaten Walled Lake Central (6-0, 1-0) was hitting on all cylinders Friday, roaring out to a 42-20 halftime lead against visiting Livonia Churchill (1-5, 0-1) in a WAAA

encounter. Steve Horn led the victorious Vikings with 17 points, while Mark Bortz added 13.

Senior guard Will Pendergrass led and all scorers with 20. Brandon Dzikinski added 10.

"They jumped on us early and scored on every possession it seemed, they hardly missed," Churchill coach Rick Austin said.

Flat Rock 55, Lutheran Westland 41: Lutheran High Westland fell from the ranks of the unbeaten Friday at Flat Rock.

The Warriors couldn't recover from a 32-20 halftime deficit as the Rams gained a 55-41 non-league boys basketball victory.

Flat Rock, now 6-0 overall, got 12 points from Kyle Fater and 10 from Tom Oestrike.

"They have those eight seniors who play well together, play good defense and they do a good job of executing their offense," Lutheran Westland coach Dan Ramthun said. "They're a good team and this was a good test for us. Hopefully we learned something from it."

Luke Kasten and Brent Habitz scored 12 and 10, respectively, for the Warriors.

in a 28-second span before the period ended and added five in a row in the middle period to take a 7-3 lead into the final 15 minutes. Two of the seven came on power plays.

Bobby Zagata registered a hat trick in that seven-goal flood and Jamie Messer scored twice. Brett Vessey scored a goal and John O'Neill added a breakaway score to round it out for Stevenson.

The Rocks added a late goal on a power play.

Kevin Marlowe was in net for Livonia and stopped 20 shots while his teammates were putting 28 at Salem.

Salem 9, Riverview 2: Dan Valentine collected a hat trick for Plymouth Salem and Drew Styles, Brian Young and Mark Nagel netted two goals apiece to carry the Rocks to a non-league win over host Riverview Wednesday.

Steve Nagel contributed four assists, with Young and Mark Nagel adding three assists apiece.

Scott Stukel was in goal for the Rocks, who improved to 4-5-1 overall.

Monroe 57, Canton 53: This game was

Farmington 56, Franklin 43: Senior

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL
Monday, Jan. 8
 Zoe at Clarencville, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 9
 Huron Valley at Manocogan, 5 p.m.
 Milford at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 Harrison at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
 Farmington at W. Bloomfield, 7 p.m.
 Wat. Mott at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
 Wayne at River Rouge, 7 p.m.
 Edsel Ford at Garden City, 7 p.m.
 Woodhaven at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
 Trenton at Thurston, 7 p.m.
 C'ville at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.
 Agape at Franklin Road, 7 p.m.
 Redford CC at U-D Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.
 Borgess at DePomeres, 7:30 p.m.
 St. Agatha at Loyola, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 10
 C'ville at Inter-City, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 12
 Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 W.L. Central at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at Northville, 7 p.m.
 Salem at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Farmington at Harrison, 7 p.m.
 N. Farm. at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
 Willow Run at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 Redford Union at Wyandotte, 7 p.m.
 Crestwood at Thurston, 7 p.m.
 Inter-City at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.
 HVL at World Outreach, 7:30 p.m.
 Redford CC at Borgess, 7:30 p.m.
 Agatha at Holy Redeemer, 7:30 p.m.

Red. Unified vs. River Rouge at Redford Ice Arena, 7:45 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 12
 Redford CC at Cranbrook, 7 p.m.
 Salem vs. Farm. Unified at Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.
 Franklin vs. Northville at Novi Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
 Stevenson vs. Canton at Ply. Cultural Ctr., 8 p.m.
 Churchill vs. W.L. Central at Lakeview Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 13
 Ladywood at Cranbrook, 1 p.m.
 Churchill vs. W.L. Western at Lakeland Ice Arena, 5:20 p.m.
 Stevenson at Troy, 6:30 p.m.
 Redford CC vs. Trenton at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
 Red. Unified vs. Wyandotte at Yack Arena, 8:20 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING
Tuesday, Jan. 9
 Carman-Ainsworth, Romulus at Redford CC, 5 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 11
 Churchill at Northville, 6:30 p.m.
 Harrison at Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
 John Glenn at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
 Wayne at Fordson, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 13
 GC Novice Tourney, 9:30 a.m.

Redford CC Invitational, 10:30 a.m.
GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Monday, Jan. 8
 Edsel Ford at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
 Liv. Unified vs. Northville at Dickinson Center, 7 p.m.
PREP SWIMMING
Tuesday, Jan. 9
 Belleville at John Glenn, 6 p.m.
 Redford CC at Lahser, 6:30 p.m.
 Stevenson at Dexter, 6:30 p.m.
 Redford Union at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Allen Park at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 11
 Redford CC at Brighton, 6 p.m.
 Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 13
 Stevenson Invitational, noon.
 Walled Lake Invitational, 1 p.m.
 Cranbrook Invitational, TBA.
PREP SKIING
Tuesday, Jan. 9
 Redford CC vs. U-D Jesuit at Mt. Brighton, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 11
 Redford CC vs. E. Lansing at Mt. Brighton, 4:30 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday, Jan. 12
 Whalers vs. Mississauga at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 13
 Whalers vs. Windsor at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 14
 Whalers at Windsor, 6 p.m.
NATIONAL PRO SOCCER LEAGUE
Sunday, Jan. 7
 Det. Rockers vs. Wichita at Compuware Arena, 3:05 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 13
 Det. Rockers at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Jan. 10
 Tri-State (Ind.) at Madonna, 7 p.m.
 Flint Mott at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 13
 Schoolcraft at Oakland CC, 3 p.m.
 Madonna at Indiana Tech, 7 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Jan. 10
 Flint Mott at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m.
 Madonna at Tri-State (Ind.), 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 13
 Schoolcraft at Oakland CC, 1 p.m.
 Indiana Tech at Madonna, 3 p.m.
 TBA — time to be announced.

Whalers

Chad Larive is better than ever. A former member of the Compuware Whalers program, Larive played the last two years for Saint John's in the United States Hockey League.

After 34 games this season, Larive was seventh in the NHL in scoring with 11 goals and 25 assists (36 points). Last season, Larive collected 29 goals and 28 assists for 57 points.

The 2-foot-10, 170-pound right winger is a product of the Detroit area and played for the Whalers in the 1990s.

The World Junior Championship is underway in Canada and Larive is expected to lead the team in scoring.

The Whalers' season is expected to be a success. The team is currently in the playoffs and is looking to win the championship.

Whalers' coach, Dan Ramthun, said that Larive is a key player for the team and that he is confident that Larive will continue to perform well.

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CC, Mercy slalom to season-opening wins

Redford Catholic Central and Farmington Hills Mercy were the undisputed leaders of the pack as expected in their first skiing competitions Thursday.

Both teams, coached by Tom Gable, started the 2001 season with victories in a slalom meet at Mount Brighton.

Catholic Central, with senior Matt Gable leading the way, took first place in the boys division with 30 points to easily outdistance runner-up Brighton, which had 57.

Mercy, a little less of a favorite than CC entering the season, got



four top-10 finishes, including a third and a fourth by a freshman and sophomore making their varsity debuts, to finish first by a 20-63 margin over Brighton.

"That was absolutely astounding," Gable said. "The second-place team was 43 points behind them."

"That's amazing. They definitely made a statement on the hill. It was a real surprising result."

The Marlins' top finisher was freshman Elizabeth Kujula, whose combined, 39-second time was good for third place. Kujula, a product of the Central USSA ski program, turned in slalom runs of 21.55 and 17.45.

Sophomore Nicole Zaleski had runs of 22.74 and 18.22 for a fourth-place combined time of 40.96.

"That's two brand new high school racers, and their results are phenomenal," Gable said. "Our returners, Nikki Anderson and Laura Burek, came in nice and steady, fifth and eighth."

"That's quite a score for an opening meet. I believe they can hold their intensity level."

Anderson had a combined time of 41.96 while Burek clocked 42.49. Marcy Godlew was 15th with a time of 46.5, and Melissa Desautel finished 27th at 51.57.

"As with the boys," Gable said, "all six girls finished. As a coach, that's what you like to see."

The Catholic Central skiers saw Matt Gable finish first overall with a combined 31.54 in the slalom. His first run was 13.61 and his second 17.93.

John Goebel clocked 14.89 in his first run and 19.76 in his second for a combined 34.65 that was good for third place.

"The boys are odds-on favorites this season," Gable said. "They had a bit of a slow start but won the meet quite convincingly."

"Matt Gable skied well and John Goebel was right behind him."

Joe Murray finished 12th with a combined 39.41 on runs of 17.48 and 21.93, and Ryan

Boudreau was 14th at 40.15, turning in times of 17.01 and 23.14 on his two runs.

Che Martinez was 16th overall at 40.76, and Eric Sullivan 34th with a 40.76.

"There's a lot of pressure on these boys," Gable said. "I think they're going to have to learn how to handle that pressure and perform."

"Some of them can ski a little faster but they will. Murray and Boudreau will move up. Martinez did a good job in his first varsity race as a sophomore."

Ice fishing season hitting full stride

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



BILL PARKER

A brisk northeast wind lashed out at the side of my face as I tended to the duty at hand. Though my fingers and face were both half-frozen, I barely noticed the cold as I instinctively dialed in on the subtle, yet distinctive, tap on the end of my line.

I prefer to fish for panfish with my line running over my fingertips rather than through a spring bobber, although I admit spring bobbors do have their merit. It's just that old habits are hard to break, and I enjoy "feeling" the bite as opposed to "seeing" it with a spring bobber.

When that first slight nudge from down below was transferred from the end of my line to my fingertips, a surge of adrenaline shot through my veins like a thoroughbred leaving the gate.

There's something special about the first bite of the ice fishing season. It warms the soul and kindles the fishing spirit. After a long layoff from fishing

for the fall hunting seasons, the first bite of the ice fishing season is welcomed like a long-lost friend.

In my excitement, I tried to bully my quarry to the surface and the battle ended quickly as my two-pound test monofilament snapped like a brittle twig.

"Rookie!" I thought to myself. "Never caught a fish before?"

But all was not lost. A short distance away, my friend Steve Sims emerged from the warmth of a portable shanty and made a quick, but cautious, dash across the snow-covered ice toward the orange flag wavering in the distance. He gazed down into the hole for a moment to see of the fish was still taking line, then slowly raised his tip-up out of the water and took a firm grip of his 15-pound braided dacron line. After a quick tug and a short fight a beautiful 26-inch Northern pike was flopping in the snow.

While re-tying a tear drop to my line, I heard some commotion to my right and turned to see another friend, Tim King, reeling in a "slab" bluegill.

Ice fishing season is in full gear in southeastern Michigan. Most area lakes are covered with a solid layer of ice. But

still use caution when venturing out. Check with a local bait shop for updated ice conditions, especially if the warm weather we've had over the last couple days lingers.

It's been a long time since we've experienced a winter like we've had so far and there's no reason to stay cooped up in the house whining about it. The fish are biting. Get out there and enjoy the season.

Dove bill fails

In case you haven't heard, House Bill 6147, which would have changed the status of a mourning dove from a song bird to a game bird, which it really is, was defeated in the state Senate.

The bill, which would have opened the door for a dove hunting season in Michigan like there is in 39 other states, had already passed the House. It fell one vote short of passage when the Senate voted 19-15 in favor of the bill. It needed 20 votes to pass.

Representative Susan Tabor (R-Lansing), who sponsored the bill, vowed to bring the issue back to the legislature.

Turkey permit applications

available

It doesn't seem like time to start thinking about this year's hunting seasons, but if you want a crack at one of the 75,900 licenses the DNR is issuing for the spring turkey season the time is now. The application period runs through Feb. 1.

Permits are available at the 1,700 authorized license dealers statewide, at most DNR offices including the district headquarters in Livonia, and via the internet at www.michigandnr.com.

"This year, for the first time in modern history, at least a portion of every county in the Lower Peninsula has an area open to spring wild turkey hunting. Five counties in the Upper Peninsula also are open to spring hunting during the 2001 season," said Al Stewart, DNR upland game bird specialist.

(Bill Parker writes a weekly outdoor column for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Bill Parker, c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009)

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Soccer registration

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will take spring youth soccer registrations for the entire month of January from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the recreation office, located in the Plymouth Cultural Center at 525 Farmer.

Cost for 6-and-under, 7-and-under and 8-and-under players is \$45 for city of Plymouth residents and \$75 for non-residents. For 9-and-over and above players the cost is \$50 for residents and \$80 for non-residents.

For further information, call (734) 455-6620.

Roller hockey action

Several opportunities for those interested in playing roller hockey are available at Skatin' Station 11, located on Ronda in Canton.

For information on any of these classes, call (734) 458-4401.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36351 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7575.

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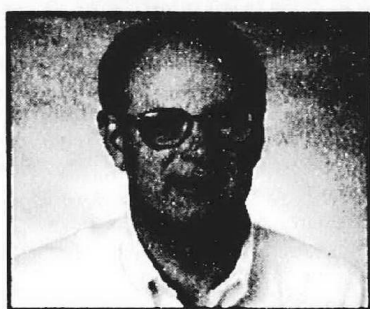
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RECREATION

NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

Bird feeders lure vast array of hungry flyers

Neighborhood birds sure are taking advantage of our feeding station. Black-capped chickadees are bouncing back and forth, from branch to feeder and back again. It has always been amazing to me how such a tiny ball of feathers can survive in such cold temperatures.

I was very pleased to see our Carolina wren the other day, too. In the past, winters with deep snow and prolonged cold temperatures have caused Carolina wrens to die. That is because they are more adapted to a warmer climate like that found in the southern states. Maybe a constant, easily accessible food supply, like my bird feeder, can provide enough energy to allow them to survive.

But one of my favorite feeder birds is the white-breasted nuthatch. This is the small bird that constantly goes headfirst down the tree trunk. They have a black or a gray cap to their head. Males have the black cap, females the gray cap. Their back is a blue-gray color and as their name indicates, they have a white breast. Below the bend of the wing there may be a smudge of rusty-orange.

A close cousin that visits southeastern Michigan from northern Michigan and Canada is the red-breasted nuthatch. It has a dark line that passes through the eye from the base of the bill to the back of the head. The white-breasted nuthatch has a large white cheek area with no black line.

White-breasted nuthatches are sedentary, they stay around all year, unlike the red-breasted that moves south during winter every two to three years. In fact, there are white-breasted nuthatches nesting in our yard, or very close. During the summer they visit our feeders regularly. They even bring their young to our feeders and show them what to eat and where they can eat.

Nuthatches nest in a small tree cavity made from a branch that broke off which created a hole where it was once attached. They may even use an abandoned woodpecker hole. I have watched them conduct minimal excavation on a cavity. Like the chickadee that nests in a cavity, they cannot excavate the new hole because their bill is not strong enough. They can only improve on an existing hole.

A nuthatch uses its bill to probe under the rough texture of tree bark to search for insect eggs, spider eggs, dormant insects or spiders, and any other small invertebrates. When they come to my feeder, they take a sunflower seed and wedge it into the bark where upon they proceed to extract the kernel from the husk. If they do not eat the seed they will secure it in a crevice and return later to eat it, if another bird does not find it first.

Their curious habit of searching tree trunks by moving down the tree is thought to improve their chances of finding food undiscovered by other kinds of birds. Woodpeckers and creepers typically move up a tree trunk. Nuthatches searching in the opposite direction may find food the other birds did not see.

To help them hang downward, nuthatches have an extra long nail on their backwards pointing toe. This nail provides extra purchase when there is only one anchor point that holds most of the weight.

Nuthatches are neat little birds. Their slightly upturned bill and stocky body reminds me of a feathered dart flying through the air toward my bird feeder. I hope you are enjoying those attracted to your feeders.

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Mother of all buck poles inspires this deer hunter

OUTDOORS COLUMNIST



KURT KUBAN

Monday marked the end of deer hunting season in Michigan. According to estimates from the Department of Natural Resources, this year generated the second largest deer harvest in the state's history.

A trip I took to a well-known buck pole in Dexter seemed to validate the DNR's claims. I visited the town that straddles the Huron River just west of Ann Arbor on Nov. 16, the day after opening day. Just downtown sits Dexter Sporting Goods, which erects one of the state's largest buck poles.

On the night of my visit there were about 50 deer hanging from makeshift wood beams. A number of the deer were the size of mules with incredible antler racks, some of which were 12 points or better. Just magnificent animals.

I'd never visited the pole before, but being a deer hunter I was curious to see it — not only for the large number of deer it holds, but for the crowd of anti-hunting protesters it normally attracts.

The night I was there, Dexter was flowing with hunters who came to catch a glimpse of an animal that eluded the vast majority of them. It was obvious many of the guys had just come out of the woods, still wearing their camouflaged clothing. However, a lot more were there with their families — not just sons, but wives and daughters.

The sight of such a large number of women and children, many of whom were taking photographs and video footage, was evidence many men are making hunting a family activity, which is great for the future of the sport.

I must confess, though, I was somewhat disappointed that no animal-rights activists were around during my visit. I always enjoy trying to understand why a certain aspect of society opposes hunting, and this buck pole would have provided a heck of a backdrop for such a discussion.

While the arguments against hunting vary, at the core of the opposition lies the notion hunting is a barbaric bloodsport. Most anti-hunters see the blood and death involved, and they must avert their eyes and turn their heads, because that is all they focus on.

In the process of taking the life of another animal to nourish ourselves, we humans have been participating in the ebb and flow of life since before we were small mammals with bushy tails.

During every second of every day, there are billions of predatory actions taking place on earth. Whether it be a pack of wolves taking down a moose, a spider eating a fly, a virus invading a cell, or even a hunter shooting a deer, everything is involved in the transfer of energy. While it isn't the most pleasant thought, we are nothing more than the foodstuff of tomorrow's worms.

Hunters accept it, but do the activists? To field dress and butcher a deer, a hunter's hands must get bloody. While that is true, the hands of all those who oppose hunting are far from clean.

Those who condemn hunting but eat meat are hypocrites. They cry foul when a hunter shoots a deer, but never bother to look at the deplorable conditions chickens endured to provide Chicken McNuggets. At least the deer runs free during its lifetime.

What about the vegetarians?
To grow the crops to fuel a vegetarian diet requires vast farmlands, which are plowed over and planted. The biodiversity that was once there is eliminated, as a single crop and a few weeds replace the natural vegetation. And the animals that once thrived there are replaced by species that have best adapted to man's manipulation of the environ-



ment. The deer is certainly one such animal.

And to support the comfortable lifestyles we all enjoy, constant economic growth is a necessity. This leads to such calamities as urban sprawl and global warming. Countless animals and whole ecosystems are destroyed in the process. Yet, few see the actual killing and fewer still raise their voices in opposition.

The fact is, hunters are easy targets. Stories like Bambi, which give animals human qualities, only exasperate this. Sure there are aspects of hunting that are less than perfect, but what in life is?

There is nothing honorable about trophy hunting or poaching, nor the activities of those who would commercialize hunting. But make no mistake, hunting is a sport, and there is great pride to be had in outmaneuvering an animal that has evolved with refined survival skills and instincts very unlike our own.

Ours have been lulled by such things as electricity and pre-wrapped fast food. To do the things necessary to make such a kill is a celebration of recapturing some of those instincts.

As I walked around that night in Dexter, I realized the buck pole offered a scene not unlike one within a meat packing plant, with the dead animals hanging about. Yet, I knew it was somehow different.

Men, young and old alike, stood around the pole and admired the deer not only for their beauty, but also for the fact that they allow us hunters to be participants in the natural world.

I can promise you, buying a Whopper or cooking up a veggie burger can never bring such a feeling.

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Weed family surrounds Harrison; Redford bowler will be missed

TEN PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

Last Friday night there were three generations of Weeds bowling right next to me, on both sides. Mildred Weed, the long-time secretary of the Greenfield Mixed League, was bowling with her grandson, Mike. Mike was filling in for an absent bowler. To my right, were Mildred's son, Bill, and his wife, Sandy.

Things got interesting as the night went on. The younger Weed, Mike, had the first 10 strikes, using his unusual no-thumb delivery. His attempt for the 11th one went astray and he settled for a 289 game which followed a nice 249 in game one.

His dad, Bill, bowling on my right, was also lighting them up, firing a 268 in the opening game, followed by his 225 and 247 for a 740 series, just shy of the 748 by his son, Mike.

Sandy Weed also got into the act with a 194 game and 547 series, not bad considering that she has been fighting leukemia for several years now and seems to have fully recovered.

Now we add Mildred to the equation, for one of her games was 189, a good 50 pins over her average. The league president is Katie Szonye, and she was bowling against Mildred and Mike and came up with a third game score of 277. The lanes were hot and all of the Weeds were hotter yet.

Uses for a gun

Have you heard about new gun law just passed in the Michigan State Legislature and signed by the governor? It will make it easier for people to obtain

concealed weapons permits. Maybe that's not a bad idea, after all. If you are bowling and the 1 pin stays up you could quickly whip out that .38 special and fire a quick shot at the pin before the rack comes down. There is no ABC rule that specifically forbids this. The bowling bags will be re-designed to have a holster compartment. There are numerous other good uses for handguns, like if you need to quickly drill a hole in something and can't find a drill, or you cannot locate the off button on the teenager's stereo.

Wiacek takes third

Richard Wiacek of Garden City has moved into third place in the Hamtramck Singles Classic, which is not in Hamtramck but Hazel Park. This score is in the handicap singles which carries a \$25,000 first prize. Joe Kassab, also of Garden City, maintains his position in first with 1,038. Michael Thiel of Royal Oak is second at 1,020, and Wiacek has 1,011 in the third spot. Rob Gaynor of Farmington Hills holds on to the top rung in the Eight Game Singles. For more information on this event which continues on through July, call (248) 546-0070.

The Greater Detroit Bowling association has called for its annual meeting at 1 p.m. Saturday Jan. 13, at the Royal Oak Senior Community Center, 3500 Marais Avenue north of 13 Mile Road. Every league which operates under the sanction of GDBA should have a delegate in attendance.

For the youth bowlers in the Wayne-Westland area, the 18th Annual Mach Memorial Youth Scholarship Tournament begins 1 p.m. today, Jan. 7, with check-in one hour before squad time at noon. So hurry on down to Westland Bowl on Wayne Road. Open to all high schoolers and college students who are

still age eligible. The fee is \$12. The Wayne-Westland Metro Bowling Association and Tri-City Women's Bowling Association announce the 29th Annual Mixed Doubles Tournament with a little more lead time as it runs 10 p.m. Feb. 3 and 10 and 1 p.m. Feb. 4 and 11. Reservations must be made by Feb. 2. Team fee is \$36 with 100 percent of prize fees returned. The site is Town-n-Country Lanes on Wayne Road in Westland. For more details or entry forms, call: (734) 722-5000.

Missing a friend
Harry Ackerman of Redford passed away last week, and bowling lost a true devotee. Harry never lost his enthusiasm for the game even though the years took their toll on him. He was bowling at the age of 82 in the Wednesday Senior Men's Classic and the Friday Morning Seniors at Mayflower Lanes in Redford when he was first sidelined by cancer a few weeks ago. Harry was a real student of the game. He read everything he could get his hands on, and he could tell you all about things like track flare, axis rotation, radius of gyration, core torque and more whether you wanted to hear about it or not. Harry understood all of this and seriously applied this knowledge to his game. Harry was a good bowler but not a braggart. He was a team player and a member of several winning teams. His conduct was exemplary. He showed a lot of class and never criticized or berated another player, because, above all else, Harry Ackerman was a gentleman. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Virginia and his two daughters, Anne Ackerman and Catherine Duncan.

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

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

RECREATION

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

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

ACTIVITIES

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Call (248) 478-1494.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

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

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

CLASSES/CLINICS

YOU HAVE MUCH TO LEARN
Henry Ford Community College offers a class in Soo Kung Fu 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays, Jan. 13 through April 7. Class meets at the Dearborn Heights Center on Ann Arbor between Warren and Outer. The cost is \$89. Call (313) 317-1500.

LEARN TO SKATE

Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills will hold Learn to Skate classes on Tuesdays from Jan. 16 through March 13. Snowplow Sam classes 1, 2 and 3 for skaters 6 and younger, as well as adult beginner classes will also be available. Call (248) 888-1400.

YMCA CLASSES

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

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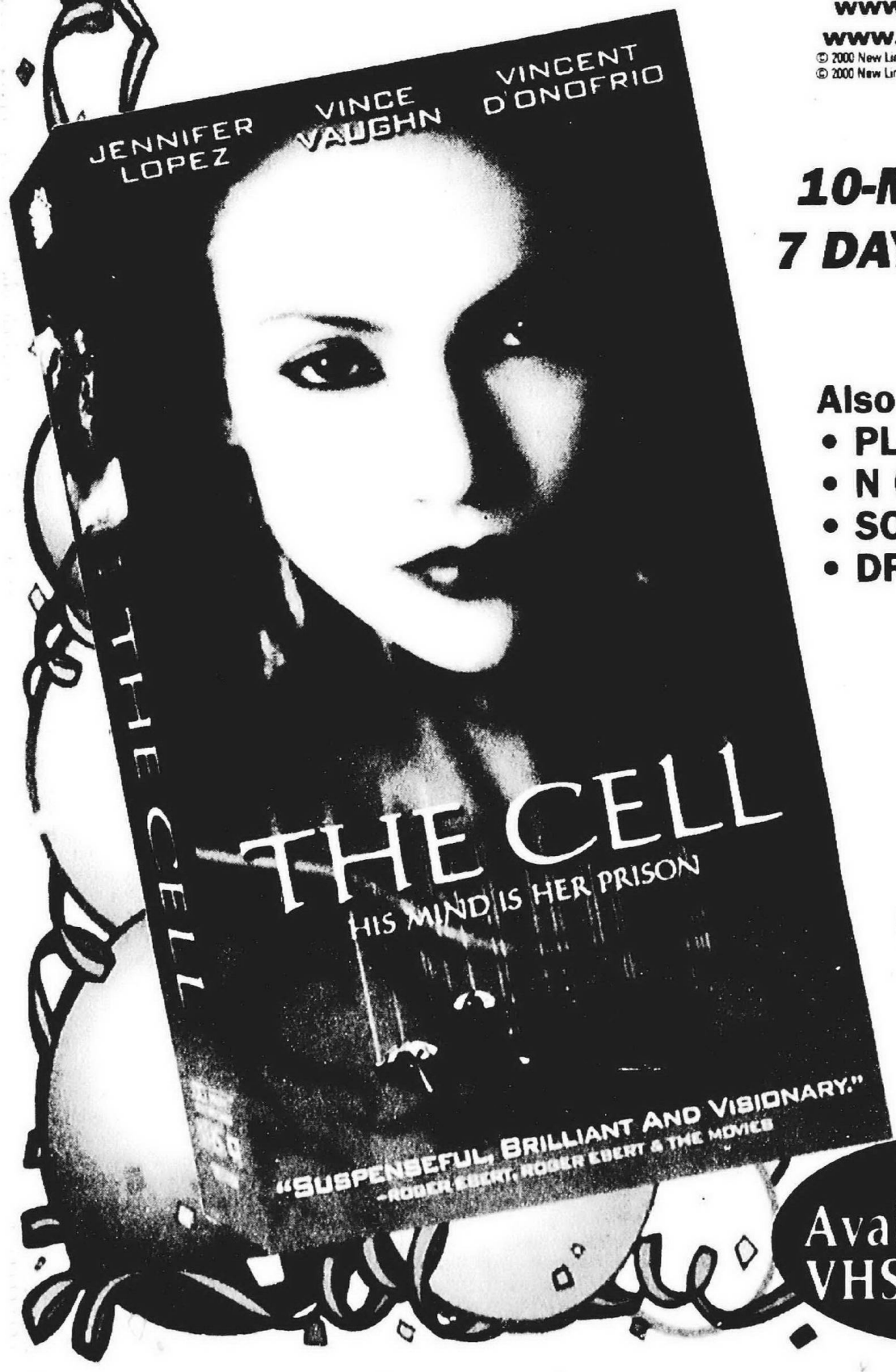
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Students design cars of the future

Sarah Dixon thinks young, and that's exactly the type of designer Ford Motor Company is trying to attract to its ranks. As a fourth year Industrial Design student at Center for Creative Studies, Dixon, a Livonia resident, is frugal with her money while keeping one eye on the future. Those qualities were what she and the 13 other students in Mollie Fletcher's Color and Trim class kept in mind when re-inventing a Ford Focus wagon last semester.

Ford donated the car to the school and gave students a free hand in redesigning the color, trim, interior and exterior of the vehicle. In keeping with the theme of sophistication, students named the car, the Ford Focus FAZE. It will be on exhibit at the North American International Auto Show Saturday, Jan. 13, through Sunday, Jan. 21, at the Cobo Center in Detroit.

"We wanted it to be a car you would use when you first get out of college and then start a family, sort of like a mini van but more stylish," said Dixon. "We chose a brown exterior to go with the theme and for the interior went with a palette of dark brown, light blue with accents of copper. With interiors you can be a little more conceptual."

"We tried to bring in something you don't see. You don't see many brown colors anymore and you never see copper accents. You see a lot of brushed metal and shiny steel or chrome but not copper."

Dixon learned about more than color and trim in the class, though. She experienced what it was like to work with a client and suppliers in addition to a design team.

"We learned how to work with people to do one project," said Dixon, a graduate of Churchill High School in Livonia. "Now I know what it's going to be like in the business world. It's hard to get 14 to 15 people's opinions. The majority won after a lot of talk and pushing your ideas on other people like a salesperson."

Concept cars

Having experienced what it was like to work as a team, Dixon is excited about seeing what professional Motor City designers have come up with this year. She tries to never miss an auto show because she likes seeing the concept cars.

"It's amazing to see not only the cars but the lighting and graphics," said Dixon. "You get a sense of what's new in design and colorwise. They determine colors four years back. We used a color palette that would be used by a car company in 2004. There's a lot of deep chocolate brown like Godiva, not much gray, and a vibrant orange and yellow. People are opening up more to color. Before now people were afraid to put

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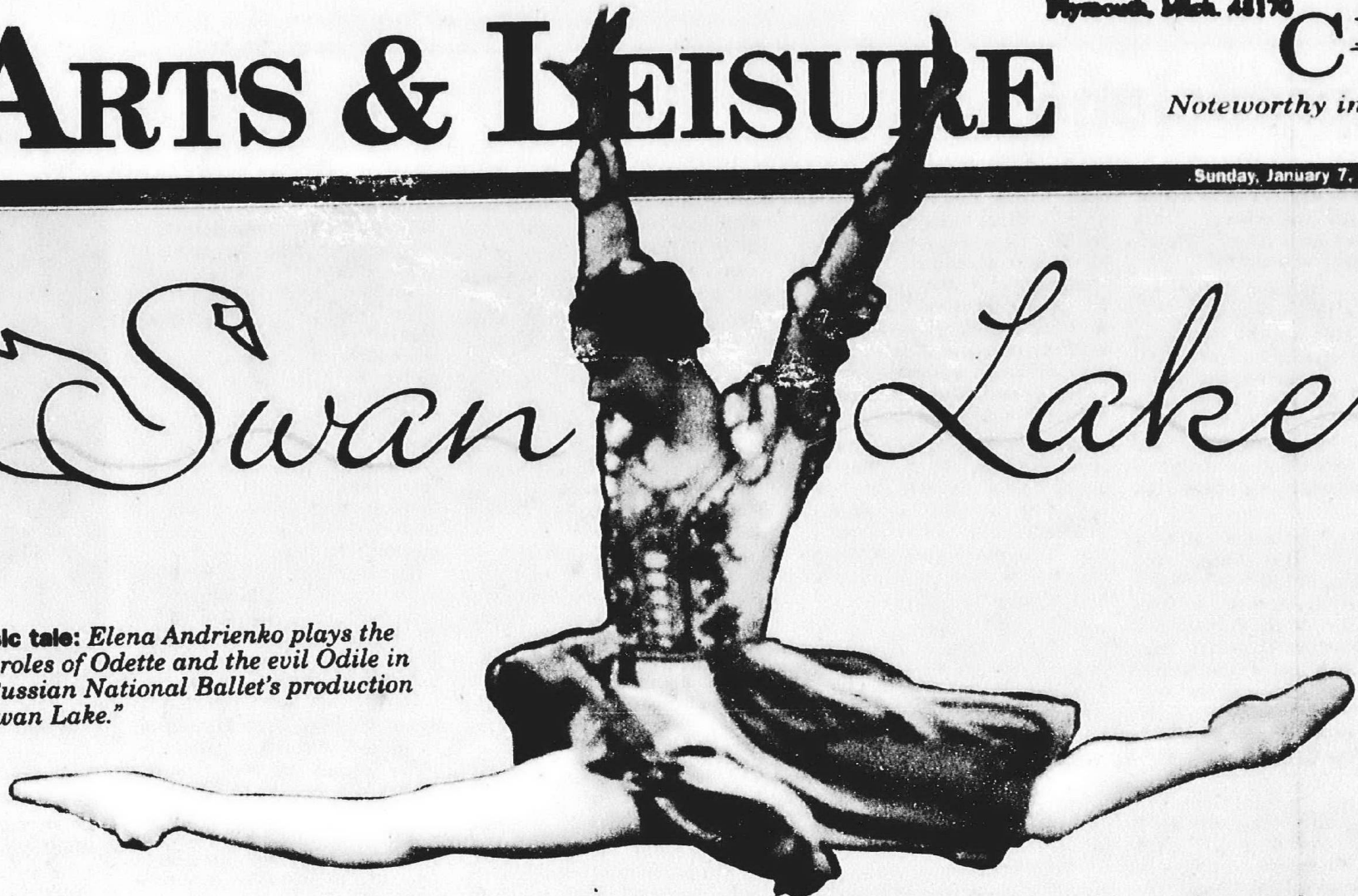


Sophistication: Sarah Dixon (right) and Cristin Richard go over color chips for the exterior of a Ford Focus wagon to be displayed at the North American International Auto Show Jan. 13-21.

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Swan Lake

Classic tale: Elena Andrienko plays the dual roles of Odette and the evil Odile in the Russian National Ballet's production of "Swan Lake."



Russian dancers turn to tradition for inspiration

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Romance never goes out of style. When the shimmering blue moonlight descends on the Russian National Ballet's production of *Swan Lake*, a hushed silence will follow as the classic love story unfolds. Ever since the ballet was first performed in St. Petersburg in 1895, audiences have packed theaters to see the choreography Marius Petipa and Lev Ivanov created for Tchaikovsky's beautiful score.

"It's a romantic story," said artistic director Sergei Radchenko who brings the Russian National Ballet to the Fox Theatre for two performances Sunday, Jan. 14. "We need a romantic story in our technology century to soften it a little bit."

English audiences especially love *Swan Lake* because of their conservative nature, said Radchenko. The Russian National Ballet began its tour Nov. 12 with 56 performances in London. They arrived in Wilmington, Del., Jan. 2 for a four-month tour of the U.S.



Love story: Evgeny Kern is Siegfried, the young prince who falls in love with and rescues the swan Odette (Elena Andrienko).

PHOTOS BY LAUREN PEDERCHUK

"I watch the reaction of audiences in England," said Radchenko. "They love the classics *Swan Lake*, *Sleeping Beauty* and *Nutcracker* and invite us back every year. New works come and go but these they will stay for a long time."

Radchenko is not tampering with success. He's returned to the original choreography for the company's second trip to America. The Russian National Ballet performed *Swan Lake*, *Sleeping Beauty* and *Carmen Suite* on a tour in spring 1999. Founded in Moscow in the late 1980's the company focuses on "upholding the grand national tradition of the major Russian ballet works and developing new talents."

"Our *Swan Lake* is traditional and purified," said Radchenko. "It's the classical story, absolutely traditional, without anything modern. The only new in this version is by the technicians."

"It opens with Prince Siegfried walking and meeting friends and then appears the evil Rothbart behind him. He is invisible to Siegfried then suddenly Siegfried sees Odette, one of the maidens Rothbart turned into a swan, and falls in love. I love everything about *Swan Lake*. The best is the second act and the third act. *Swan Lake* is one of my favorites next to *Carmen Suite*."

Radchenko danced *Carmen Suite* and *Swan Lake* when he was a member of the Bolshoi Ballet, Russia's premiere dance company. The spirit of the Bolshoi Ballet will no doubt be felt when the Russian National Ballet performs in Detroit. Several members of the Russian National Ballet come from the Bolshoi School. For more than 25 years, Radchenko danced with the passion and spirit for which the Bolshoi company is known. For the Detroit performances, he is flying in principal dancers Elena Andrienko and Evgeny Kern from the Bolshoi Ballet. Andrienko, who dances the role of Odette/Odile, joined the Bolshoi in 1991. An award-winning dancer, Andrienko was born in Kiev, Ukraine and is a graduate of the Moscow State Academy of Choreography and the Moscow State Institute of Choreography. Kern (Prince Siegfried) joined the Bolshoi Ballet in 1993 as a soloist. He is known for his breathtaking technique, powerful elevation and daring stage presence.



Lakeside scene: The shimmering blue moonlight descends on the dancers as they wait to be rescued from the evil sorcerer in Act II of "Swan Lake."

What: The Russian National Ballet performs the classic *Swan Lake*.
When: 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14
Where: Fox Theatre, Detroit
Tickets: \$27.50, \$37.50, \$45 and \$75, call (248) 433-1515

"I miss dancing and sometimes dreams (I'm still dancing) but now I'm dancing in my pupil," said Radchenko.

"Since (Perestroika) dancers are migrating from one company to another. Half the company has changed since it was founded. Dancers

like to emigrate looking for a better life. They better wages so I get the best dancers."

Radchenko also attracted his wife, Elena, and Andrienko. Working together helps the Radchenkos ease the loneliness and longing they feel for their home in Moscow while on the road. The couple, who were married more than 20 years ago, first worked together at the Bolshoi Ballet.

"We completely know the details of each other so we know what the other is thinking," said Radchenko.

Their closeness also shortens the long drive spent in rehearsals which began six months ago in Moscow. Dancers practice from 4-10 p.m. Each day city brings a rehearsal to learn the stage. Performances follow 45 minutes later.

"We always rehearse before performing," said Radchenko. "Each stage is different. Some are deeper. We must adjust dancers for this type of change. I try my very best to bring the best *Swan Lake* to the stage."

CONCERT

The Three Doctors perform classical music to benefit kids

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Drs. Joseph Kaufman and Tor Shwayder seem totally at home as they rehearse Beethoven's *Kreutzer Sonata* for a Jan. 14 concert to benefit the kids at Camp Discovery.

Their dedication to the music and children, attending the northern Minnesota camp, is matched only by their talent on piano and violin. Shwayder believes so strongly in the camp that helps children with serious skin diseases overcome the rejection they feel on a daily basis that he's volunteered his time for the last four years. He jokes, music lovers won't want to miss the afternoon concert of music by Beethoven, Mozart, Chopin and Liszt because it's an opportunity "to hear local talent at reasonable prices, and see physicians do something besides give you shot."

But a seriousness takes over as Shwayder begins to show slides of the children attending Camp Discovery. He's seen first hand the joy the week-long getaway brings to the children who are scarred and suffering from epi-



Afternoon sonata: Drs. Joseph Kaufman (left) and Tor Shwayder prepare to rehearse for a concert to benefit Camp Discovery.

dermolytic hyperkeratosis and epidermolysis bullosa.

On daily rounds as director of pediatric dermatology at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Shwayder deals with the children disfigured by diseases that cause their skin to blister, turn into scales or cost them their fingers and toes. He relayed the story about his experiences at the camp and as a doctor in *Call of the Loon*, which was published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* in October 1998.

"The camp is a time for being touchy, feely and just being accepted for themselves and not what their skin looks like," said Shwayder, a Farmington Hills resident. "There's arts and crafts, campfires, archery, and a skit night which gives them the opportunity to participate in activities like normal kids. A teen camp run the last three years is in jeopardy. Whether it continues this summer all depends on funding."

Which brings the doctors back to the subject of the Jan. 14 concert at Madonna University in Livonia. Joining them on stage will be Dr. Thomas Hornyak, a pianist and dermatologist

What: Drs. Joseph Kaufman, Tor Shwayder and Thomas Hornyak perform a concert of Beethoven, Franc. Chopin and Liszt.
When: 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14
Where: Kresage Hall at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia
Tickets: \$20, suggested adult donation. All proceeds go to the kids at Camp Discovery. Call (248) 788-1900

at Henry Ford Hospital. Please inquire about The Three Doctors because they are famous as The Three Tenors. It goes well though the concert could be an annual event that would make them make all their practicing worth it. Kaufman and Shwayder began playing classical music together a few years ago and except for infrequent performances before family and friends, they play for the pure pleasure of hearing Beethoven.

Both have studied their particular instruments for many years. Kaufman began playing piano at age 10 and took private lessons. He's been a guest pianist with the Redford Civic Symphony and the Novi Concert Band.

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a red chair in their living room. Now they realize it can be a focal point. Different materials are being used also. That's what I try to introduce to my art."

Dixson still hasn't made up her mind to go into the auto field. She also enjoys designing furniture. But she never would have even considered industrial design if it hadn't been for a teacher at the William D. Ford Technical Center where she took classes in architecture and visual communications during high school.

"Ed Hubert recommended that I go to CCS," said Dixson, who began taking art classes at age 8 at the Art Store and More in Livonia, D & M Studio and the Village Potters Guild in Plymouth. "Back then I didn't even

know what industrial design was. I took a welding class at CCS - Materials in Process which offers wood shop, metal shop, silk screening. I picked welding and ended up loving it. It's relaxing, stress free. I like making furniture and like to weld furniture plus also introduce different materials such as rocks, sand and coal into a design."

Mollie Fletcher thinks whatever field Dixson and the other students choose, they will be as successful as the car they designed. She especially was attracted to the 24 copper button tie-downs which craft students hand made for the project.

"The seats are really beautiful," said Fletcher, an adjunct professor of fiber design. "They

used sky blue and put a twist in it. It was a pretty daring color palette. They also put in an enormous sunroof.

"In a lot of ways the project was a trial by fire for anyone interested in working in the auto industry. They worked with suppliers and corporate, learned about the manufacturing process and saw how all the parts play and come together. They had deadlines and a short amount of turnaround time. It was career making or career breaking as far as if they would want to go into the field after that."

Have an interesting idea for a story? Call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

Artrain rolls back into town

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When it rolled into town in 1999, Artrain USA attracted more than 3,000 viewers to its Ann Arbor stop. This year, Debra Polich, president and CEO of the 30-year-old nonprofit gallery on rails, hopes to break that record.

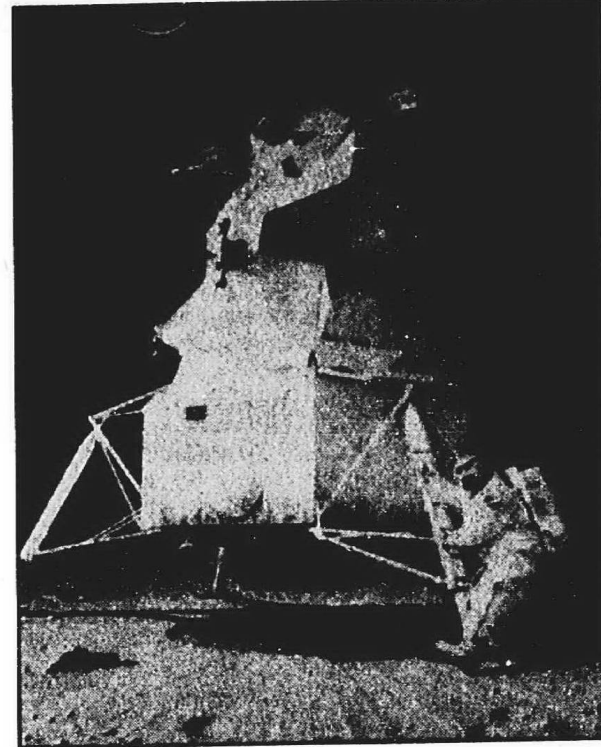
"When it was in late December, it was harder for schools to schedule visits because of vacation breaks. In early January, there are no holidays to compete with and things are generally quieter," she said.

Artrain USA will be touring school children through the train's exhibit, *Artistry of Space: The NASA Art Program*, Jan. 10-12. Then it will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 13 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14 at 1100 N. Main Street in Ann Arbor.

The exhibit features 78 works from NASA and the National Air and Space Museum that capture the wonders of the space program as seen through the eyes of some of the late 20th century's leading artists.

From Andy Warhol's kinetic *Moonwalk* (which later became an MTV icon), to Peter Max's candid oil painting of the *Man on the Moon*, to Henry Casselli's portrait of John Glenn as a 77-year-old astronaut on the Space Shuttle mission, the exhibit includes paintings, drawings, sculpture, music and fiber art created under the program between 1963 and 1999.

"NASA had always photographed its space missions, but in 1962, it realized the value of



One small step: Commissioned by Look magazine in 1966, Norman Rockwell's *Man's First Step on the Moon* is remarkable in its foresight.

What: Artrain USA presents *Artistry of Space: the Nasa Art Program*
When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14
Where: 1100 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor
Admission: No charge, donations are encouraged
Information: (734) 747-8300 or www.artrainUSA.org

inviting artists to the scene," said Laura Drew, communications manager of Artrain. "The camera could capture the scene,

but only through art can you capture the human side."

The exhibit is divided into three rail cars, which represent three eras of space exploration. The first, entitled *Power to Go*, opens with an oil painting by Norman Rockwell. In it, an astronaut is taking his first tentative step on the moon, much like the nation witnessed when Neil Armstrong took one small step on July 20, 1969. But the painting is dated 1966, which leads viewers to realize that Rockwell not only could capture idyllic American lifestyle, but predict it as well.

George Weymouth's watercolor *The Start* shows abandoned train tracks leading to the launch pad of Freedom 7. While linking the two modes of transportation, the 1963 painting clearly signals the dawn of a new era.

Section Two deals with *The Second Giant Step* - that is, the Space Shuttle program. Both the triumphs and sadness are represented here, most notably with Greg Mort's memorial to the astronauts of the *Challenger*, which exploded just minutes after its launch on Jan. 28, 1986.

The first musician to participate in the *NASA Art Program*, Jane Ira Bloom, captured her impressions of the Space Shuttle program's return to flight in 1988 with a composition for a 32-piece chamber orchestra with jazz musicians.

The music of *Rediscovery* is piped into the second rail car of Artrain for visitors to hear.

The third car is devoted to *Go for the Stars*. Here, missions of the *Mariner*, *Voyager* and the *Mars Pathfinder* are documented in works that have an increasingly abstract quality.

"Not only does the work reflect NASA's direction into deep space, but the artwork over 30 years shows a progression from more realistic works to abstract," said Drew.

As a 30th anniversary gift, Artrain, which is nationally sponsored by DaimlerChrysler, received new railcars. But Drew said it is still the biggest hitchhiker in America.

"We rely on railroad companies to supply the engines that move us from one community to another. Without them, Artrain would not be able to travel throughout the country," said Drew.

Norfolk Southern was responsible for helping bring the train back to Ann Arbor this year, and before 2001 is over, it will travel to nearly 40 cities, including stops in Waterford in the summer and Ferndale in the fall.

"You have to be a gypsy to have this job," said Kim Kapalka, Artrain's tour manager. "You live out of a suitcase, but in many small communities, we are the main attraction other than rodeos."

And that's always been the mission of Artrain - to take art to the residents of rural towns that may not otherwise have an opportunity to see original art.

In 30 years, the train has visited nearly 700 communities. Visitors not only have a chance to view art, but at nearly every stop, they get to see art in the making. In Ann Arbor, development assistant Megan Stanley will demonstrate fiber and book arts during the train's four-day stop.

More than 60 volunteers also help keep the Artrain events on track. Local financial support comes from Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, TCF Bank and Dobson-Mcomber.

When *Artistry of Space* ends on the West Coast in 2002, it will signal the end of a successful three and one-half year tour.

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"Playing all those years gave me a real love of music," said Kaufman during an interview in his Farmington Hills home. "We love the music and it makes it even better if it's for a cause."

"It's no labor to do something you enjoy," added Shwayder who earned a teaching certificate in violin from the Royal Academy of Music in England. He's been a member of the Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra for 13 years. "That goes for the camp and the music."

As Shwayder finishes showing the slides of the children, some of them wheelchair bound, there's one quality each of them

share - the ability to smile through their pain. That's what the camp is all about, smiling for a little while before returning to their homes all across America.

Founded by Dr. Mark Dahl, the former head of the Dermatology Department at the University of Minnesota, Camp Discovery brings children with disabling skin diseases to the country for camping, something they would not otherwise be able to do. Thanks to the generosity of the American Academy of Dermatology, 50 children, ages 10 to 13, have all their travel and camp expenses paid. The camp is staffed by volunteer nurses and

doctors who are the real heroes as they take on the roles of parents caring for these children. A child with epidermolysis bullosa requires 2 to 4 hours of time to bathe, soak off and then replace all the bandages.

If you'd like to read more about the children and volunteers of Camp Discovery in Shwayder's October 1998 article, visit the archives of the Journal of the American Medical Association at <http://jama.ama-assn.org>.

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CONCERTS

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALES
A program dedicated to the National Federation of Music Clubs is 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11 at the Birmingham Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. (248) 641-1705.

BRAVE NEW WORKS
Performance is 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14 at Cranbrook Church, Bloomfield Hills. For information call (248) 644-5210.

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

CLASSICS ON THE LAKE
Pianist Flavio Varani performs at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14 in the shrine chapel on the college campus at Orchard Lake and Commerce roads. (248) 706-5355.

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS AND STRINGS
Mozart Meets Millennium is at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7 at the Birmingham Unitarian Church and at 3 p.m. Jan. 14 at Fort Street Presbyterian Church. (248) 559-2095.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Joshua Bell performs with the DSO Jan. 11-13 at Orchestra Hall. The show also features the DSO debut of *Hell's Angels* written by resident composer Michael

Southfield, at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13 and 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14. For more information call Sara Greenberg, benefit auction coordinator at Park West Gallery at (800) 521-9654.

BENEFIT CAMP DISCOVERY
A chamber music concert to benefit Camp Discovery will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14 at Madonna University, Livonia. Drs. Tor Shwayder, Thomas Hornyak and Joseph Kaufman will play music of Bach, Beethoven and other classical composers. Camp Discovery is a safe haven for children with serious skin conditions. For information call (248) 788-1500.

JAZZY AFTERGLOW
Alexander Zonjic and Angela Bofill perform at a benefit for Barat Child and Family Services with an event that begins at 5 p.m., Friday, Jan. 12. The event is in conjunction with the North American International Auto Show. For information call (313) 963-3330.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
The event starring Vickie Winans is 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15 at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. (313) 983-6611.

FLINT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
The Art a la Carte series focuses on Asian art during the month of January. The weekly video series is free of charge on Wednesdays from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the FIA auditorium, 1120 E. Kearsley Street, Flint. Schedule is

Opens Friday, Jan. 12 — *In a Feminine Voice* through Feb. 8, 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-8004.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER
Opens Friday, Jan. 12 — The BBAC Faculty Show through Jan. 26. Opening reception is 5:30-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12. 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

CARY GALLERY
Opens Sat., Jan. 9 — Sarah Aslakson is the featured artist through Jan. 27. 226 Walnut, Rochester. (248) 651-3656.

CPOP GALLERY
Through Jan. 28 — Bask and Kurt Halsey Frederiksen. 4160 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-9901.

FORD GALLERY
Opens Tues, Jan. 9 — *Small Shrines and Tailsmen* through Feb. 2. Opening reception is 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9. Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. (734) 487-0465.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Opens Friday, Jan. 12 — *Surface, Line and Mark*, a juried exhibit showcasing the diversity of drawing as an art medium through Feb. 17. 407 Pine, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

REVOLUTION
Opens Saturday, Jan. 13 — *Achromatic*, a group show through Feb. 10. 23257 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 541-3444.

SCARAB CLUB OF DETROIT
Through Jan. 27 — 2001: *Abstract Odyssey*. 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250.

SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES GALLERY
Opens Friday, Jan. 13 — *Cutting Trees, Painting, Drawings and Wood Sculptures* by Michael Slaski and Ruth Andrews through March 17. Opening reception is 6-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13. 33 East Adams, Detroit. (313) 963-7575.

WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY
Through Feb. 3 — Jen Hollister: New York, ceramic sculpture and clay drawings. Opening reception is 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12. 215 East Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 761-2287.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

BIRMINGHAM SOCIETY OF WOMEN PAINTERS
Through Jan. 30 — The Oakland County's Office of Arts, Culture & Film sponsors the event at American House, 3741 S. Adams, Rochester Hills. (248) 858-0415.

CASS CAFE
Through Feb. 14 — *Love & Paint*, paintings by Camilo Pardo. 4620 Cass, Detroit. (313) 831-1400.

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY
Through Jan. 26 — Graduate works in progress. 150 Community Arts Building, Detroit. (313) 577-2423.

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET
Through Jan. 31 — Featured artist is Treg Silkwood. 4719 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 832-8540.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY
Through Jan. 31 — Quilt and fiber exhibition. 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-7641.

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

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

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY
The gallery has relocated to a temporary storage and office space. Hours by appointment only until the new gallery space is ready. Our new phone number is (248) 541-4700.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY
Through Jan. 20 — Fritz Mayhew: New Paintings. 107 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-3909.

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

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA
Through Jan. 18 — The Waterford Friends of the Arts. Oakland County Executive Building, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

POSTER GALLERY
Features theater posters and showcards at the Fisher Bldg., Detroit. (313) 875-5211.

THE SYBARIS GALLERY

Through Jan. 13 — *Figurative Suggestions: Woven, Knitted and Constructed Forms*. 202 E. Third Street, Royal Oak. (248) 544-3388.

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

WOODWARD GALLERY
Through Jan. 12 — Mark Yamin Art Exhibit. 1357 Davis, Birmingham. (248) 642-1357.

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

LECTURES

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER
Lecture by Hope Palmer is at 6 p.m., Jan. 13 is titled *Now's Her Time: Women in Art in the Last Decade*. 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-8004.

FARMINGTON ARTISTS CLUB
The club begins the new year with Angie Miller as a speaker at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10 at Spicer House, located in Heritage Park on Farmington Road. (248) 324-2525.

MUSEUMS

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

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
Through April 29 — *Electric Space: Bolts, Joists and Volts from the Sun*. 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANBROOK.

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
Annual Glancy Treas show is 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8. Sellers can purchase a table for \$15. Call (313) 893-6747. The Detroit Historical Museum is located at Woodward and Kirby, Detroit. (313) 833-1805.

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

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

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

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART
Through Jan. 28 — *Castling Shadows*. Photographs by Edward West. Through Jan. 21 — *Plant Life: Works from the Permanent Collection*. Through Feb. 25 — *Mark Rothko and the Lure of the Figure: Paintings 1933-1946*.

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
Through Jan. 21 — *For Honor and Valor: African Americans in the United States Military, 1775-1953*. Through March 30 — *Historical Themes, Tales and Legends: The Art of Jerry Pinkney*. 315 E. Warren, Detroit. (313) 494-5800.

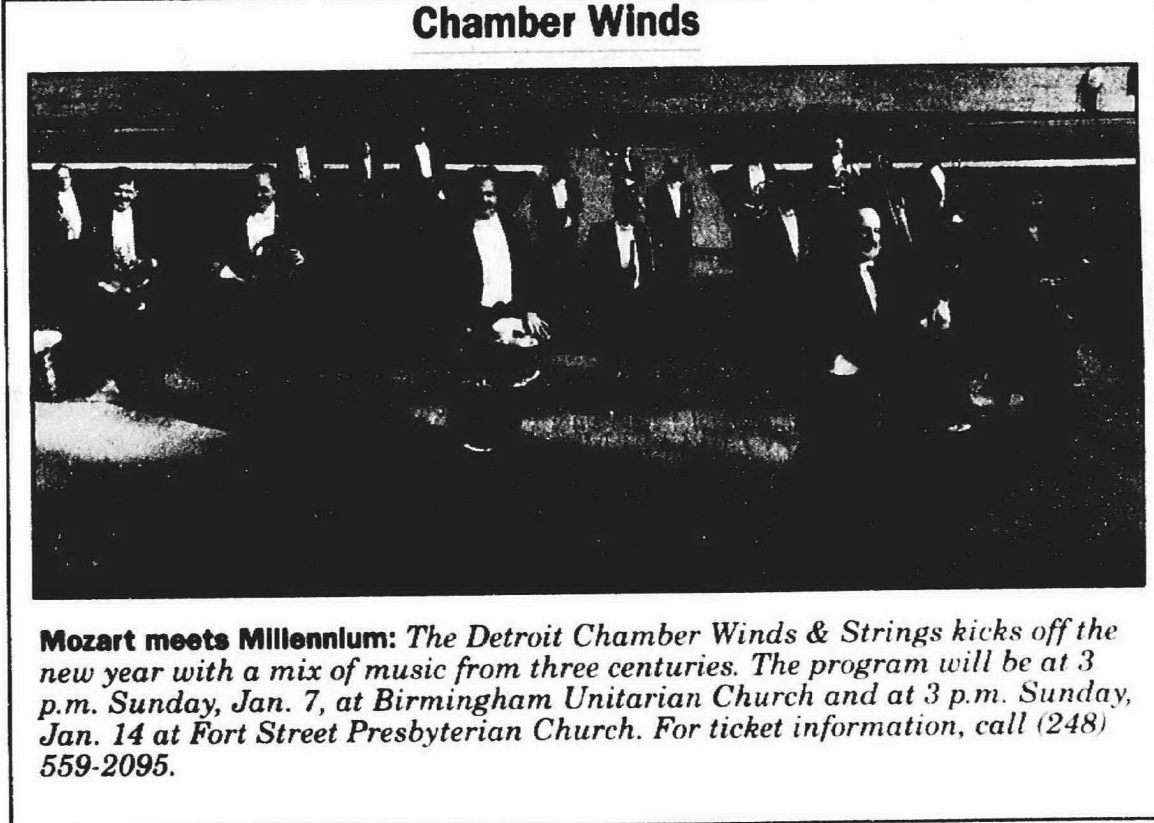
THEATER

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE
Moms Mabley: *The Naked Truth* by Reuben Yabuku featuring Linda Boston as Moms opens Jan. 11 to March 18. 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. (313) 868-1347.

GEM THEATRE
Late Night Catechism is through Feb. 11 Wednesday through Sunday nights. *The Tropical Pickle* will be opening Feb. 21 in the Gem. 333 Madison, Detroit. (313) 963-9800.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
Presents the Nancy Gurwin production of *Fiddler on the Roof* which opens Jan. 13 through Feb. 4.

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
The Lion in Winter by James Goldman Jan. 10-Feb. 4. Meadow Brook Theatre, Oakland University, Rochester. (248) 377-3300.



Chamber Winds
Mozart meets Millennium: The Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings kicks off the new year with a mix of music from three centuries. The program will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, at Birmingham Unitarian Church and at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14 at Fort Street Presbyterian Church. For ticket information, call (248) 559-2095.

(248) 960-0778. Keego Harbor area.

MADISON CHORALE
Auditions are at 7:35 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9 at Wilkinson Middle School, 26524 John R. Madison Heights. (248) 879-7444.

METRO DANCE
Teen/adult hip-hop for ages 16 and up. Also, boys-only classes offered in hip-hop and ballet. Fitness, strengthening and conditioning for skaters, gymnasts and dancers. Ballet and tap classes for adults. 541 S. Mill, Plymouth. (734) 207-8970.

MICHIGAN HOT GLASS WORKSHOP
Registration is now open for 10-week glassblowing classes starting Jan. 7. 1604 Clay, 2nd floor, Detroit. (313) 871-1798.

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

SENIOR ART CLASS
All levels of ability are invited to attend an introductory two-hour class from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9 at the Rochester OPC, 312 Woodward in Rochester. (248) 608-0275, ext. 148.

TOUCH OF LIGHT
Taking applications for fall glassblowing classes. 23426 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 543-1868.

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

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FIRESIDE INN JAZZ
Vocalist Ursula Walker and pianist Buddy Budson perform with the Matt Michaels Trio at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10. (734) 762-7756.

MICHIGAN CHAMBER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
The MCSO with Xiang Gao is at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13 at Seligman Family Performing Arts Center, Detroit Country Day School, 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills. (810) 694-7643.

ORCHARD LAKE SCHOOL OF MUSIC
The faculty recital is at Central United Methodist Church at 2 p.m. Jan. 14. 3882 Highland, Waterford. The recital also features the 200 Orchard Lake School of Music scholarships winners, Emily England, Shravani Mikkilineni, Erik Lenss and Kara Furman. (734) 455-4677.

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

VILLAGE MUSIC
Registering children for Kindermusik classes beginning the week of Jan. 22. Classes available for newborns through 8 years. Registration is also open for piano lab. 130 E. Liberty, Plymouth's Old Village. (734) 354-9825.

WEST BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY EDUCATION
Rita's music classes for parents and children ages 2 months to 4 years. For location and registration call (248) 539-2290.

DANCE

PILOBOLUS AND THE KLEZMATICs
The innovative dance troupe's performance includes a piece commissioned by UMS and the National Foundation for Jewish Culture. Performance is 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7 at the Power Center, 121 Fletcher, Ann Arbor. (800) 221-1229.

ART AUCTION
Original works of arts by Old and Modern Masters, and more than 30 contemporary artists will be put on the auction block to help support the Southfield Federation for the Arts. The fund-raiser will take place at the Southfield Center for the Arts. 24350

EVENTS

as follows: Splendors of the Ottoman Sultans is Jan. 10. Traditional Japanese Architecture is Jan. 17 and Discovering the Art of Korea is Jan. 24. (810) 234-1695.

FOR KIDS

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER
The center will be offering new youth courses for its winter session which begins Jan. 16. The new courses include My First Art Class, Cretaceous Creations, Potential Potters and Cartooning. 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-8004, ext. 101.

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

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GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENING)

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

National Amusements Showcase Cinemas Auburn Hills 1-14 2150 N. Opdyke Rd. Between University & Walton Blvd. 248-373-2660

Quo Vadis Warren & Wayne Rds 313-425-7700 Bargain Matinees Daily All Shows Until 6 pm

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ALL THE PRETTY HORSES (PG-13) 10:30, 12:30, 14:30, 16:30, 18:30, 20:30, 22:30, 24:30, 26:30, 28:30, 30:30

THURS (1:30-4:15) 10:00 A HARD DAY'S NIGHT (G) (1:15-3:45) 6:45, 9:30

BOOKS

'What do we do now?' Authors offer tips for estate administration

BY DOUG JOHNSON STAFF WRITER

A longtime Farmington Hills resident, Rob Downie, has co-authored a book on estate administration.

What Do We Do Now? A Practical Guide to Estate Administration for Widows, Widowers and Heirs gives you tips, checklists and easily understood guidance on administering someone's estate.

The book has wide margins for note-taking, many Internet resources, and short, sometimes humorous, references to court cases.

Icons alert you to time-sensitive actions (alarm clock) and to things to do to keep peace in the family (a dove in flight).

The whole thing is in layman's terms, utilizes excellent graphics, and includes copies of the numerous forms used in Michigan probate courts.

Downie's long experience at National Bank of Detroit trust tax department as a vice president, among other things, recently led him to join a major Detroit law firm, Barris, Sott, Denn & Driker.

There he specializes in estate administration. Downie is not an attorney but holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and a master's in business administration from Michigan State University.

Downie's co-author is an attorney at the firm, Robert Kass, a frequent speaker on tax topics, including appearances on CNN.

Downie's wife, Nancy, is an estate planning attorney and works in the Bloomfield Hills office of another firm, Dickinson Wright.

The tax liabilities estates create is one of the topics the congressional leaders and President-elect George Bush have said they will tackle this year.

At issue will be the current \$675,000 in assets (cash, homes, pensions, stocks, art, business interests, insurance, etc.) limit an estate holder can pass on before federal tax liability begins.

Downie and Kass demystify a hugely complicated process that includes gifts to your children and special things like Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax.

"Estate planning is heavily



Author: Rob Downie, co-author of 'What Do We Do Now? A Practical Guide to Estate Administration for Widows, Widowers and Heirs'

tax-driven," Downie said. "Tax laws and estate laws are closely meshed together. Congress may raise this exemption but they won't eliminate it entirely."

The current law sends the exemption gradually to \$1 million in 2006.

Downie said the book is not just about taxes but the entire process, and is useful for three types of situations:

Someone has died and now the clock is running.

Someone is terminal and planning should begin.

Someone is helping you plan for your eventual estate.

"The reason most people don't get around to planning is because it involves contemplating your own death," Downie said.

"People who do not plan are not well served. Heirs can't cash checks. They can't sell a house. They can't distribute the estate."

The book will not keep you from needing an attorney, a tax person skilled with estates and fiduciary forms, probably a financial planner, and other professional like Realtors and appraisers.

"The estate planning attorney is the quarterback," Downie said.

Although the book is not about making a will, Downie definitely feels a "simple will" will not serve most people. "Quite simply, there are other documents. A durable power of attorney. A health care proxy. You should come out of any meeting (about a will) with an attorney with a number of documents," he said.

He explains in the book that certain professional fees are an inevitable part of estates. "Consider them an investment," he says in the book, and don't begrudge those who do the work their due.

"In the end without them it will cost more. This is a highly specialized field with a lot of tax implications and probate law implications. This is not a do-it-yourself book. A person would be foolish to do this themselves," Downie said.

Among the book's endorsements are comments from the late Ira G. Kaufman, one-time chief judge of Wayne County Probate Court:

"This book is a detailed yet practical guide, in plain and simple language. People are perplexed and confused by the legalities... I highly recommend this book for all the answers, (it is) a valuable and complete source on estate administration."

Chapters include Getting Started, Funeral Arrangements, Notifying Key People, Grief Support, Gather Important Documents, Who Should Administer the Estate, Social Security Benefits, Veterans' Benefits, Where to Turn for Help, Inventory of Assets, Are There Liabilities, Keep the Beneficiaries Informed, To Probate or Not to Probate, Protect and Preserve Assets, Putting the Horror Stories in Perspective, The Tax Man Cometh, Should You Take Fiduciary Fees, Transfer Remaining Assets to Beneficiaries, Avoiding Loose Ends, and Financial and Estate Planning for Survivors and an extensive appendix of addresses for reference including Michigan probate courts.

Downie and co-author Kass will sign copies of the book during an appearance 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, at Borders Books on Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. The book is reviewed on the Barnes and Noble Web site, and can be ordered directly from Carob Tree Press, 211 West Fort Street, 15th floor, Detroit, MI, 48226 or purchased at the Farmington Hills Borders.

Downie can be reached at his office at (313) 965-9725.

BOOK HAPPENINGS

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

BOOKED FOR LUNCH

William Ian Miller, Thomas G. Long Professor of Law at the University of Michigan Law School will discuss his recent book, The Mystery of Courage, 12-10-1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9 in the Multipurpose Room of the Main Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor. The book is described as a "fascinating, moving, critical and witty examination of what it means to be courageous and how it defines masculinity." Coffee and tea provided by the Friends of the Ann Arbor District Library. Call (734) 327-4560 for information.

LUNCH AND A BOOK

Bring your sandwich to the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11 to discuss this month's selection, Three Women by Marge Piercy. Lunchtime book discussions are offered on the second Thursday of each month, noon to 1 p.m.

Martin Luther King Day Celebration

Performer Debbie Mitchell returns to the Ann Arbor District Library 7-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12 to honor Martin Luther King Day and to unveil new poetry celebrating the African-American experience in her performance poetry presentation A Mountain Top Experience in the

lower level Multi-Purpose Room of the Main Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor. Mitchell uses the performing arts to help develop self-esteem and inspire people from all walks of life. She is the author of From the Abundance of the Heart and Touch Softly, and the owner of All Things Inc., a performing arts and publishing company. Call (734) 327-4560 for details.

SHAMAN DRUM BOOKSHOP

Reception with James Porter Associate Professor of Classical Studies and Comparative Literature at the University of Michigan. He will discuss Nietzsche and the Philology of the Future 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18 at the Shaman Drum Bookshop, 311-315 S. State Street, Ann Arbor, (734) 662-7407.

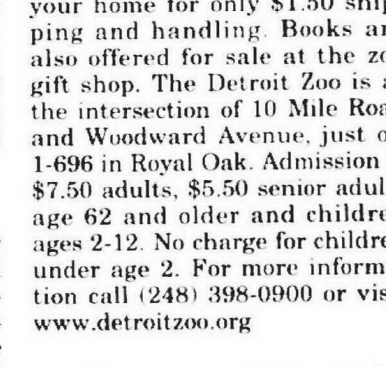
FAMILY BOOK TALK

The group, sponsored by the Canton Public Library, meets 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24 to discuss Greg Pyle by Eleanor Estes. Copies of the book are available at the library, call (734) 397-0999 for information. Family Book Talk discussions are designed for children in grades 4-6 accompanied by a parent.

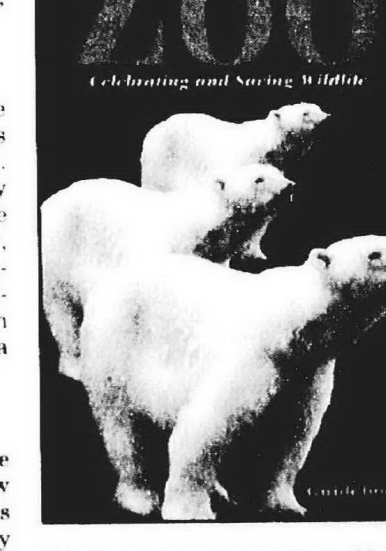
GUIDEBOOK

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

The guidebook costs \$6 for the general public and \$5 for zoo members. Contact the Detroit Zoological Society office (248) 541-5717 to have one mailed to your home for only \$1.50 shipping and handling. Books are also offered for sale at the zoo gift shop. The Detroit Zoo is at the intersection of 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, just off 1-696 in Royal Oak. Admission is \$7.50 adults, \$5.50 senior adults ages 62 and older and children under age 2. For more information call (248) 398-0900 or visit www.detroitzoo.org



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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.

OPENING RECEPTION (Madonna University opens its newest exhibit, *Art in Response to Universal Violence Against Women* with a reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12 in the Exhibit Gallery on campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

The exhibit brings to light the social injustice of violence against women and young girls. The reception will include a poetry reading by Kalimah Johnson of the Detroit Police Rape Counseling Center and author of *Women Who Survive*, a book of poetry.

Twenty-seven artists, including Amy Alley of Livonia, Nora Chapa Mendoza, West Bloomfield and Patricia Izzo, exhibit paintings, sculpture, drawing, photography, and clay. The works will remain on display through Saturday, Jan. 27.

The Exhibit Gallery is located in the library wing at the university. Hours are 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 7 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call project director Nancy Payton at (734) 432-5782.

ART CLASSES The Visual Arts Association of Livonia begins classes in watercolor, figurative drawing and painting, and pastel beginning the week of Jan. 8 in room 16 of the Jefferson Center, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia.

Farmington Hills artist Edee Joppich will again be teaching her popular *Creative Approach to Watercolor* class mornings and evenings.

Workshops in mastering color, creating watercolor monotypes, and painting springtime landscapes will be held from February through April. Madonna University painting professor Marge Chellstorp will instruct students in how to use white on white to paint a winter scene.

Classes range in price from \$48-\$93 for members, \$53-\$98 non-members. Workshops (2-5 days) are available from \$50 to \$93 for members, \$55-\$98 non-members. For information or to register, call Mary Ann Adams at (734) 455-9517.

ALL ABOARD FOR ARTRAIN

Come explore the NASA Space Program Saturday-Sunday Jan. 13-14 when Artrain USA chugs into the New Center, 1100 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor. School tours (reservations required) will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 10-12. Hours for public viewing are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14.

Admission is free thanks to generous support from Daimler-Chrysler, Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, Ann Arbor Art Center, and Norfolk Southern but donations are encouraged.

Artistry of Space: The NASA Art Program is an exhibition of 78 artworks that explore and celebrate the history of the American space program as seen through the eyes and imagination of artists. Curated from the collections of NASA and the National Air and Space Museum, the exhibit features the work of Norman Rockwell, Andy Warhol, Peter Max, Robert Rauschenberg, Robert McCall, and other artists. Car 1 covers NASA's formative years during the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo mission. Car 2 explores the mystery of the Space Shuttle and Car 3, the solar system and distant areas of the universe.

For more information, call (734) 747-8300 or visit the Web site at www.artrainUSA.org.

ACTING CLASSES

Genitti's is offering a 6-week children's acting class beginning Saturday, Jan. 13 at the restaurant/theater, 108 E. Main Street, Northville.

Timothy Campos, writer/director of Genitti's adult and children programs, will teach the class. Campos has been performing children's theater for more than 10 years as well as writing, directing and teaching. Classes will be divided by age: children 7-9 from 10-11:30 a.m., ages 10-12 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and ages 13 and up 1-2:30 p.m., plus an additional 30 minutes for lunch for each class. The cost is \$150 and includes lunches. For information or to register, call (248) 349-0522.

ART WORK UNVEILING

Wayne County Council for Arts, History & Humanities will hold their first Vernissage - a special unveiling of this year's Best of Show purchase award from the *Artists Among Us* competition which was on exhibit at the Plymouth Community Arts Council last fall. The event takes place 5-6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8 in the first floor atrium of the Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit.

The painting, *Lighted Path*, by Livonia artist Barbara Demgen, will be added to the permanent

collection of art at the Wayne County Building. The event also features poetry readings by Liberty Daniels and Michael Barney, and a performance by the Dearborn Youth Symphony. For information, call (313) 943-2190.

DIA LECTURE

Linda Wells, a docent for the Detroit Institute of Arts, will give a lecture/slide presentation *Spiritual Beings: Angels and their Counterparts* noon Tuesday, Jan. 9 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon.

The cost is \$5 members, \$8 non-members. Call (734) 416-4278 for information.

VOCAL COMPETITION

The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan is looking for entries for its 7th annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition for Michigan High School Students. Held in cooperation with the Italian American Cultural Society, the competition encourages and helps develop young amateur vocal talent and promotes appreciation for Italian music and language.

Deadline for submitting tapes is Saturday, Feb. 17. Ten finalists will be chosen from cassette audiotape auditions submitted through their respective high schools. Each finalist will receive



Comfort of children: Patricia Izzo took this photograph titled "Little Comfort." It is one of more than 40 art works featured in "Art in Response to Universal Violence Against Women" which opens Jan. 12 at Madonna University.

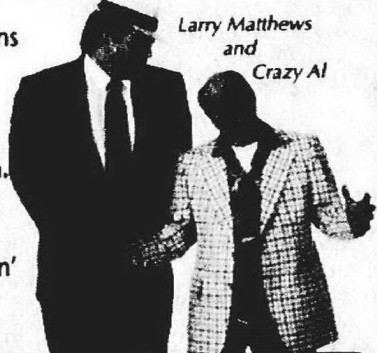
a cash prize ranging from \$50 to \$1,000 in addition to the opportunity to perform before a live audience at the final concert 4 p.m. Sunday, May 6 at the Italian American Cultural Center in Warren.

For more information, call

John Zaretti, president of the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan, at (734) 455-8895.

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For those who have made resolutions to make exercise a more integral part of their new year, finding gear on the Net promises to be no sweat.

Whether diving into kickboxing, yoga or Pilates, looking for something specific, or just in the market for a new work-

out outfit, let me steer you to a few useful web sites with products designed and geared for women.

With its bra search function and whimsical fashion illustrations, *lucy.com*, is as refreshing and fun to read as your favorite issue of *Made-moiselle* magazine. The site suggests the proper workout gear and bra for every sport and offers a choice selection of clothes that fit and flatter different body shapes.

You can also search by activity, making this site a great source for warm weather gear, if a trip to the beach is in your forecast.

In addition to giving style and fit tips, don't miss the link where year-end indulges are reduced in price. There are free returns and exchanges here - an important feature when buying such body-conscious clothing.

If you or someone you know plans to exercise during pregnancy, *mothers-in-motion.com* is a mega site of must-have knowledge. With links to suggested books and videos, and articles published on practical exercise during pregnancy, this well organized site founded by mothers-to-be, includes great tips and honest testimonials.

The "on-line maternity catalog" icon leads you to dozens of adorable, practical pieces guaranteed to give your maternity closet a makeover.

The only virtual negative here is the return policy. Mothers In Motion will exchange any item for the same in-stock item in a different color or size, but the guarantee does not include sale items.

Also, items must be in original condition (not laundered or soiled - makeup, body lotion, perfume and deodorant included). Hang tags must still be intact, and returns must be made in the original protective poly-bag used for shipping. The company will refund the garment purchase price minus a \$2 restocking fee, but can not refund shipping and handling fees. While the return policy is a bit of a drag, workout clothes that fit well and free advice for pregnant women is still just a click away.

Cari Waldman of West Bloomfield is a free-lance writer and stylist. Please send your Internet shopping questions to Cari at OECYBERSHOP@AOL.COM.

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Highlights: The site connects to the *Yoga Zone* television exercise show on Web MD Television/The Health Network. Hosted by *Yoga Zone* founder Alan Finger, *Yoga Zone* airs at 7:30 a.m. Monday-Friday. Click on the "TV Show" portion at the top of the site, and view actual clips from the show, which is shot in sunny Jamaica.

Navigation: Browse through the sites - 11 departments - like "Gifts" for journals, incense and "Meditation" for music to benches. Whether a newcomer to the sport or a seasoned yoga junkie, this site gets you in the mindset to relax and release last year's toxins. It also leaves you feeling inspired to stick to your fitness resolutions. The only Net negative here: no posted return policy.

Retailing women

It's not just fun, it's a business



STAFF PHOTOS BY JERRY ZOLINNEY

Among friends: Cheryl Hall Lindsay, Saks Fifth Avenue's regional director for fashion, publicity and special events, hugs a man-nequin at the retailer's Troy store at the Somerset Collection. She has been with the company since 1979.

Story by Nicole Stafford

For the first in a three-part series about local women in the retail industry, we sat down with Cheryl Hall Lindsay, Saks Fifth Avenue's regional director of fashion, publicity and special events.

As a veteran retail executive, active member of the community, former model and devoted wife and mother, Cheryl Lindsay Hall, 44, has a unique perspective on women working in retail.

"When I first started here we were still writing out our sales checks," says Lindsay Hall, who lives in West Bloomfield where she grew up and attended high school.

Her career at Saks started early as a "Teen Girl" for the Troy store and Junior Department model. She also worked as a professional model for many years.

After earning her bachelor's degree in advertising from Michigan State University, she returned to Saks as an executive trainee in 1979. She soon became Teen Fashion Coordinator and, in 1983, was promoted to director of fashion, publicity and special events for Saks' Fairlane Town Center store in Dearborn. The retailer appointed her to the same position at the Troy store in 1986. She became regional fashion director in 1992.

Her job's focus has changed in recent years, she says. "The focus of the public relations position is more of a community liaison. My job is to communicate the trends both to my associates here in the store and to the community and do it in a way that provides good visibility for Saks Fifth Avenue not just as a good corporate citizen but also as a retailer that wants to help you fit fashion into your lifestyle."

In 1999, Hall Lindsay was honored as the area's Stylemaker of the Year by the Fashion Group International's Detroit group. Among her volunteer work, she is a lifetime member of Project Hope, which awarded her a Michigan Woman Lifetime Achievement award last June.

Q: Historically, the retail industry has been very open to women. Is that still the case?

HL: It is still very friendly towards women. For instance, there are five top-level executives in this store. Three are women, including the highest level executive, our vice president and general manager.

Are more men in retail? The answer is absolutely yes.

Q: In the past, the retail industry was viewed as a catch-all for women who wanted to work. Has that image changed?

HL: I do think one of the reasons that retail attracted women when I joined the company and before was that it offered flexible hours. Today, there's less focus on whether there are flexible hours or not or whether fashion is something that attracts you or not. There's more of a focus on the business of retail and the financial opportunities, if you like that environment.

Q: Is work in retail more of a chosen profession for women today?

HL: Absolutely right. It's a business. We're not in the business of filling our hours with people who just want to work but with quality people who want to be here and who want to handle their position like a small business.

Q: Since other industries are now more open to women has the retail industry had to change to continue to draw and keep women?

HL: I think the workplace in general has

changed, and women who were in other kinds of jobs like banking and finance are saying "you know what? I only want to work three or four days" and so it's becoming more flexible on that side. I think other industries are catching up. ... We're learning to take some cues from other industries, but more often than not I think other industries are taking cues from us.

Q: Women can do anything today, why choose retail?

HL: It offers the opportunity to be creative and still be very much involved in the bottom line. ... We have to be in contact with our clients, the trends, our city and what's going on in our industry and that's very exciting. I don't know how close you would be to the community in other industries. If you took a job at one of the Big Three, how close would you be to the beat of the city? It's also like running my own business. A retail store is like its own business even if you're part of a big chain. You are running a business. So for the most part we are women running a business, and it's almost like a family.

Q: Women are increasingly being recognized as an important target market, has that affected your job or women's role in the business of retail?

HL: I think that it has. It's more women in key positions. It's more women in marketing, more women closer to advertising campaigns. I've seen tremendous growth for women in all the areas that relate directly to the public and corporate image.

Q: Do women bring a specific perspective or set of strengths to the retail industry?

HL: First and foremost, we are shoppers and shop more than our male counterparts. We have a whole realm of experience before we even get here and that helps a lot. But I also think we have a better sensitivity to our core client - women. We know what we want, we know how we want to be treated. ... From my perspective, I'm out there in the community, I'm a career woman. I'm also raising children. I'm also a volunteer.

Q: Would a man do your job differently?

HL: I think it would be a very different position. If a man was in it, you would lose the networking and the community to a certain extent.



Taking stock: Hall Lindsay walks through the women's departments at Saks Fifth Avenue in Troy.

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

JANUARY SIDEWALK SALE
 Break the Winter Blues with incredible savings at Livonia Mall's January Sidewalk Sale through Jan. 15. For more information, call (248) 476-1160.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

BRIDAL/HOME REGISTRY
 Art Van Furniture hosts shows for its First Home Together wedding registry program through Jan. 21. The gift certificate program enables newlyweds to

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request and receive new furniture for wedding gifts and helps new couples make home furniture purchasing decisions. Information about the program will be available at the following bridal shows: Novi Expo Center, Novi, Jan. 13-14; and McCalmley Plaza Square Hotel, Battle Creek, and Whiting Auditorium, Flint, Jan. 21. For additional information, call your local Art Van Furniture store.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

MALL ENTERTAINMENT
 African Drum & Dance Troupe performs at Livonia Mall at Seven Mile Road and Middlebelt in Livonia with hands-on opportunities for mothers and children, 2 p.m. For details, call (248) 476-1160.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

Children's attire for spring
 Jacobson's hosts the Posies Spring 2001 Collection for children at their stores in Rochester Hills, 3-6 p.m., and Rochester (Laurel Park Place), 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Children's department. For information, call the Rochester Hills store at (248) 651-6000 and the Livonia store at (734) 591-7696.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

WHERE'S YOUR MUSTACHE?
 Cookies & Milk at the Golden Gate Shopping Center, 8515 Lilley, south of Joy Road, in Canton, holds a "milk mustache" photo opportunity for kids. Cookies & Milk is an indoor playground for children through age 4. For additional information, call (734) 207-1655.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate retail merchandise that's difficult to find through reader feedback.

If you have a request or information about where a product is sold or service is available, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number.

Please be patient about your requests and feedback; we receive an overwhelming number of phone calls. If you don't see information about your request, we couldn't find it. Requests are published twice.

WHAT WE FOUND:

- Walnut oil for wood furniture can be purchased through Grisley Industrial Inc., (800) 523-4777 or on the Internet at www.grisleyindustrial.com
- The requested type of fruit cake can be purchased from Hollingwood, Texas, call (800) 292-7400. Shipping is available to anywhere.
- To have a set of chair backs repaired, try Guardsman Wood Pro. Call (800) 966-9772 for a store referral near you.
- For brass re-plating and polishing and repairs on an old silver tea set, call House of Renew at 251 East Merrill Street in Birmingham, (248) 642-0363.
- A child's parachute for play and games can be purchased through the Back to Basics company, at 1 Memory Lane, Ridgely, MD 21865-8783. The company can be reached by phone at (800) 356-5360.

- For repairs on wooden chairs, call Daviddi Antiques & Restoration at 30365 West 10 Mile Road in Farmington. The store can be reached at (248) 426-7755.

- Also for wooden chair repair, call Larry, a local woodworker who does repairs. Contact him at (734) 762-9980.

FIND & SEARCH NOTES

- Old greeting and Christmas cards (front only) can be sent to St. Jude's Children's Ranch at 100 Saint Jude's Street, Department EMIB, Boulder City, Nevada 39006-0100. St. Jude's Children's Ranch also accepts Campbell soup labels.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

- A store that has high-quality black leather pants marked down or sold at a discount.
- A store where quality, unfinished wood furniture is sold especially armoires and entertainment centers that are simple in design.
- A store or business that sells good quality and interior designer type furniture at a discount (could be on the Internet).
- A store that sells Chinese ginseng tea powder (in packets that are added to hot water to make tea).
- A store that sells the album *The Littlest Christmas Tree* by Red Skelton on vinyl for Karen of Westland. The album was recorded by Columbia Records.
- A store that sells coffee mugs with names in different languages on them for Rick. Meijer stores formerly sold the mugs.

- A store that sells rulers with red decimals points on them (half-inch and so forth) for Rick of Westland. The rulers are typically sold at teacher's stores.

- A store or business that will transform a wood king size headboard into a queen size headboard for Joanne of Troy.

- A store where the right side of an almond color, leather, Emerson, waterfall sectional can be purchased.

- A store that sells intimate perfume or cologne for Janet.

- A store or business that makes teddy bears out of old fur coats for Rita.

- A store where a stirring spoon with a hook for hanging on the edge of a pot can be bought for Connie, who resides in Livonia.

- A store that sells 8-inch, stainless steel pie an cake pans for Cindy.

- A store that sells Barnes Hinde Comfort Care cleaning tablets for ridge, gas-permeable contact lenses for Dianne, a resident of Plymouth Township.

- A store that sells Charles of the Ritz products for Eleanor of Livonia.

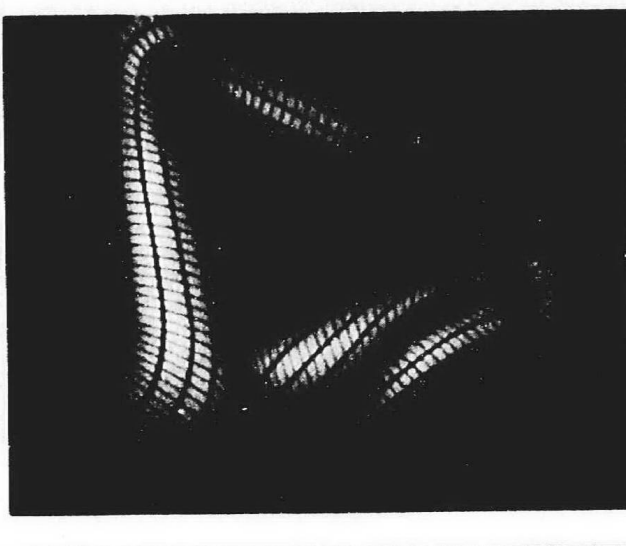
- A store that sells Hall's Zinc Defense dietary supplements with caffeine for Marian, who lives in Clarkston.

- A store that sells the Parker Brothers/Tonka game "ELEFUN" for Sue.

- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

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STUFF WE CRAVE



Hot legs: Keep warm this winter in a pair of stylish tights. Details, embellishments and the use of color and texture on leggings and hosiery was a prevalent trend in runway shows of fashion designers' 2000-2001 fall and winter collections. Austrian leg, body and swim wear maker Wolford combines red and black in their red- and black-lined Epsilon tights, \$42, Wolford boutique, the Somerset Collection in Troy.

Tiffany & Co. trophy exhibit visits local store

Tiffany Sports Trophies: Celebrations of Victory, an exhibition of some of the most exalted icons in American sports, is coming to the retailer's store at the Somerset Collection in Troy.

The exhibit will be on view January 12 through February 4. Comprised of 17 custom awards, it includes such famed trophies as the National Basketball Association Larry O'Brien Championship Trophy and the WNBA Championship Trophy.

As new sports were developed in

the 20th century, Tiffany & Co. was commissioned to design presentation trophies that immortalized the winners on the field, track and court.

One of the best known of these trophies is the Vince Lombardi Super Bowl Trophy currently with the National Football League for presentation to this year's Super Bowl winner. Tiffany & Co. has produced the coveted Super Bowl award since the first game in 1967. In 1970, the trophy was renamed after Vince Lombardi, the late

Green Bay Packers coach.

Tiffany & Co. designed its most elaborate trophies for the sponsors of yachting races, so the exhibit includes the legendary Golet Cups for Sloops yachting trophy. Also included is an interactive video to inform visitors about the design ingenuity and standards of Tiffany awards.

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Feel like newlyweds again with trip to France

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I knew I was in trouble when every man in Allard's restaurant was wearing a tuxedo but me.

It was 8 p.m. on New Year's Eve in Paris, France, and my wife, Carol, and I were celebrating our 10th wedding anniversary in a grand, traditional French kitchen where English was not on the menu.

We were greeted like the first guests at a party with *bon jour* and wide smiles all around. I had never had occasion to visit an eatery that offered a \$900 dollar bottle of wine, so the fact that we were the only customers in the place was cause for concern. Two thoughts came to mind: Either I had inadvertently committed financial suicide by renting the whole place or the locals thought it wasn't worthy. I silently hoped for the latter as we were escorted to our table.

With great flair, our waiter gave us a menu with a maneuver that he had obviously perfected in front of a mirror. *Aperitif?* He asked. Carol recognized the word (she took French in college) and gave me a tacit nod that said an aperitif was a splendid

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idea. After several painful minutes of me talking at the waiter and he not understanding a word, he brought us each a drink and begrudgingly uttered his first and last words of English for the evening — GIN FIZZ.

Language

Until now our tenuous grasp of the native language hadn't caused many problems. We had been in France for five days and managed to see the Louvre, the Eiffel Tower, that Big Arch (the Arc de Triomphe for you purists) the gardens of Palais de Luxembourg and the great cathedral, Notre Dame, with little trouble. That very morning we had toured Louis XIV's house — Chateau de Versailles — without

incident because the velvet ropes and lasers that herded tourists through room after garish room chanced nothing.

Unfortunately, the Allard's menu and wine list were not so helpful. Carol scoured the pages for *Poulet* (chicken) and I looked for *Boeuf* (beef) but neither were part of the seven-course culinary extravaganza we were about to experience.

The fixed menu was a relief but ordering wine when you don't know what you are about to eat isn't easy. I tried to convey my trepidation to the waiter and he quickly summoned his boss like a baseball manager calling for an ace reliever with the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth. He easily understood we were partial to white grapes and suggested two bottles that would be suitable for the meal. I chose the more expensive (\$90) figuring it had to be good.

Since much of the wine I consume is of the boxed variety, my endorsement could easily be called into question, but this wine was better than good, and I was content with our decision to spend whatever it took to celebrate our big night in style.

Soon after our first glass was empty other people began to arrive. By 8:30 p.m. every seat in the house was filled with natty attired couples. Carol struck up a conversation with the only other Americans in the place who just happened to get the table next to us. They were Texans who had been to Paris last year and they navigated the menu with ease.

Best friends

They were our best friends for the next four hours as course after course of delectable but unfamiliar food was served. As I ate lobster bisque, pheasant and a mystery meat bathed in cognac, I periodically gazed into the pyramid of sliced potatoes and beets before me and wondered whether I could ever eat a \$3 fast-food sandwich again.

By the time dessert was served it was 11:30 and we had intended to see the fireworks at the



Royal grounds: A trip to the Palace of Versailles wouldn't be complete without a stroll through Louis XIV's back yard.

Place de la Concorde, the very spot where thousands of people had lost their heads to the guillotine including Louis XVI, Marie Antoinette and Mme du Barry, who reportedly went kicking and screaming the entire way.

After settling *l'addition* (the bill) we ran the four blocks to our hotel and changed into jeans and sweatshirts. It was raining so we grabbed our umbrella and raced to the spotlights that encircled our destination two miles away. Traffic on the city's streets was

at a standstill.

Just as we approached a bridge crossing the Seine, a bunch of revelers poured out of a tiny car like clowns in a circus. They each had a bottle of champagne and they were shaking them with vigor. The motion had the desired effect as bubbles and foam soon chased corks into the Paris sky.

It was surely too soon — we were still a mile away from the spotlights but drenched people were kissing in the streets and

on sidewalks and bridges. Boat horns blared and fireworks launched so we paused for a kiss and a few well wishes with the locals before proceeding.

The rain washed out the fireworks but we eventually joined the thousands of people at the Place de la Concorde who were bringing in the new year with a light show, music, dancing and hundreds of bottles of champagne. In a mere 15 hours Carol and I were home.

We went straight to Arby's.



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Weighty decisions: what works and what doesn't

Have you wondered why after following your "diet plan" to the letter, you're still having a hard time losing weight? Let's find out why.

"Diet plans" don't work. What may work for some, may not work for others. Everyone has different body chemistry and needs to use it to their advantage.

Beth Stone, 40, of West Bloomfield was a carbohydrate junkie. She read that a high carb diet knocked the weight off one, two, three. After three months of little progress, she switched to a moderate carbohydrate diet focusing on whole grains, lean protein foods such as chicken and fish, and eliminating all refined sugars. If a product lists more than 7 grams of sugar on the label, she leaves it on the shelf.

Stone has also eliminated wheat and corn products from her diet because of her suspected sensitivities.

"I feel great," she said. "I don't have that insulin rush from all of those 'carbs' so I am not crashing after meals. I am now making progress and even got rid of my heartburn."

Cut the hunger

Eating yogurt and salad for lunch just doesn't cut it. Many individuals skip on lunch in attempts to eat light. At around 3 - 4 p.m., they become ravenous and binge out on anything in sight.

Jenny Shebib, 38, of Birmingham used to eat only Greek salads with pita bread for lunch. Now she eats a variety of Middle Eastern foods such as hummus, lentils, baba ganouj and filling sandwiches or soups. "I looked at dieting as eating salads," says Shebib. "I figured that if I was eating salads and gaining weight, it was not a good thing." Now that she stopped dieting and eats satisfying lunches, she is moving toward her weight goal.

Trying to lose weight without exercising is futile. When you cut back on calories, your body compensates by holding on to its fat reserves because the body thinks it's starving. The more you cut back on calories, the more your metabolism slows.

Never too late

Theresa McDonald, 59, of Livonia says it's never too late to start an exercise program. "If you can move you can exercise. All through my life, I have done little exercise, but in past year I have worked harder on my exercise program than I ever have in my life."

Since McDonald has started working out on a treadmill and working with weights, she has noticed her waist is getting smaller as her clothes are getting baggier.

Don't be in a hurry to shed those pounds. Remember slow and steady wins the race. Too many people focus on the numbers versus the process. If you don't change your eating habits, you will never maintain your weight loss on a long-term basis. As you learn to eat different, you will feel better about your accomplishments - and when you turn around, you will be at your weight goal.

Shirley Brown of Southfield has taken the time to change her eating habits. She is not starving herself, but eating foods that she likes in moderation. She is not a "yo-yo dieter," but has steadily lost one pound per week.

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Raise a toast to the roast

la Beef

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Ginger Broome of Canton loves to put a pot roast in her slow-cooker or oven, and just let it go for several hours.

"I love pot roast. It's one of my favorite family meals," Broome said.

What meat lover doesn't enjoy the smell of cooked beef? That slightly husky, musty smell of aged beef married with onions, potatoes and

What's your beef?

When buying beef, select beef with a bright red cherry color without any grayish or brown blotches. The exception is vacuum-packaged beef which, in the absence of oxygen, has a darker purplish red color and turns bright red when exposed to air.

Look for beef that is firm to the touch, not soft.

Make sure the package is cold and has no holes or punctures. Choose packages without excess liquid. Be sure to buy before the "sell-by" date.

Know your labels! Prime beef has the most marbling. It is produced in limited quantities and usually sold to fine restaurants and specialty meat markets. Choice falls between Prime and Select. Of these three, Select has the least marbling, making it leaner, but often not as tender, juicy or flavorful as the other two top grades. Most markets today offer a selection of Choice and Select cuts.

When cooking beef, leave the thin layer of fat on steaks and roasts to preserve juiciness, then trim fat after cooking.

Partner your beef with a variety of flavors without more calories, such as lemon juice, hot and sweet peppers, onion, garlic, tomatoes and ginger.

Beef is one of the best sources of iron and zinc. Zinc helps you maintain a healthy immune system and iron gives you energy and helps prevent you from feeling run down and fatigued.

Source: The National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

carrots and spices in a favorite roasting pot permeates a kitchen, tickling your sense of smell, sending family members scrambling to dig out the forks and knives, a silent acknowledgment of our Neanderthal ancestors.

Many of us knowingly grin about our carnivorean ways.

It's easy

Roasting beef is easy. Season it, place it in a pan, surround it with a colorful array of vegetables and shut the oven door. Or you can use braising, stewing or simmer the roast in liquid if you buy a less-tender cut of beef.

Recipes vary on how to cook the roast, but a basic recipe calls for using one envelope of onion soup mix for a 3-pound boneless chuck roast with 6-8 small redskin potatoes, one medium quartered onion and one package of peeled baby carrots.

Barbara Scholl, who won a cooking competition last month at Oakland Community College, uses chili sauce, a bay leaf and thyme in her recipe. Valerie Boguslawski of Farmington Hills, who participated in the same competition and is also an OCC student, uses garlic powder, cayenne pepper and paprika. "Sometimes I'll stick in some thyme," Boguslawski said.

You can also make sauces and gravies with the meat, and there's so many different ways and methods, depending on what you want to put in it," Boguslawski said. Deglaze the cooking or roasting pan with wine and saute shallots in it, or make a cream sauce and add spices.

Creating a roux with flour and butter also makes an excellent basic gravy, Boguslawski said.

Different ovens vary in temperature, so they may run hotter or colder than indicated on the unit's thermometer.

"I use a meat thermometer to help me out," Boguslawski said. (To use a meat thermometer correctly, insert it into a roast so that the bulb of the thermometer rests in the center of the thickest part of the meat. It should not rest in the bottom of the pan or touch bone.)

Broome, who has taught adult education cooking classes in Plymouth-Canton community schools, recommends using the round-bone pot roast, instead of the blade or arm cuts of beef.

"I recommend getting the largest one or two smaller ones, because the whole idea is to cook once, then serve twice or even three times," Broome said.

Great leftovers

Broome isn't afraid to use canned mixes in her cooking. For the roast, she mixes cream of mushroom soup with dry onion soup mix for the roast or adds a jar of brown gravy.

"It's great for leftovers, too. You can cut it up and use it for stew or scrape off the top of it and cook green bell peppers, onions and barbecue sauce with it. Barbecue beef on a bun is awesome."

"If I have a busy day, I like to set it up the night before," said Broome. Leftover beef can be placed in the freezer for yet another meal and stretches that food dollar even further.

For Broome, pot roast is, well, awesome.

"Pot roast in a Crockpot is awesome. When it permeates through the air, it's awesome."

See more recipes inside Taste.

BEEF POT ROAST

1 3- to 4-pound beef chuck pot roast

All-purpose flour

3/4 cup water, beef broth, dry wine, beer or tomato juice

1/2 teaspoon dried basil or thyme, crushed

1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

2 medium potatoes or sweet potatoes, peeled and quartered

4 carrots, cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces

Pot Roast Gravy

Trim excess fat from meat. Coat all sides of meat with flour. Brown meat slowly in about 2 tablespoons cooking oil on all sides or about 10 minutes. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Add water or desired liquid, basil or thyme, and Worcestershire. Cover, and bake in a 325° F oven for 1 to 1 1/2 hours.

Add vegetables, and continue baking about 45 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Prepare Pot Roast Gravy as follows:

Remove meat and vegetables to platter, and keep warm. Four meat juices into a large glass measure, and skim fat. Measure 1 1/2 cups juices and return juices to Dutch oven. Stir 1/2 cup cold water with 1/4 cup flour, stir into pan juices. Cook and stir until thick and bubbly. Cook and stir about 2 minutes more. If desired, add several drops Kitchen Bouquet. Season to taste.

Makes 8 servings.
Recipe courtesy of "Better Homes and Gardens New Cookbook."

Sonoma county's old vine zinfandel is red hot

FOCUS ON WINE



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Though wine disappeared from most American tables during the early part of the 20th century as a result of Prohibition and the Depression, vineyards planted in the late 19th century have survived, even flourished, and continue to produce excellent wine grapes to this day.

Most survivors are zinfandel vineyards, planted by Italian immigrants, the first to grow grapes and make wine in California. We owe Sutter Home Winery for saving these vineyards by using the grapes to make white zinfandel in a time, not so long ago, when red zinfandel fell out of favor. Now red zin is red hot!

Saucelito Canyon vineyards are in the Arroyo Grande appellation of San Luis Obispo County south of the Edna

Valley. William Greenough bought these vineyards in 1974 and discovered they had been planted in 1882. A 120-year-old vineyard is still producing.

Sonoma County

Today, most "old vine" zinfandel comes from Sonoma County, especially the appellations of Sonoma Valley, Russian River Valley and Dry Creek Valley. We recently met with the winemakers from several of the best old vine zin producers who use Sonoma County fruit.

Put these names on your shopping list: Ridge, St. Francis, Fanucchi, DeLoach, Alderbrook, Ravenswood, Dry Creek, Joseph Swan and Eric Ross.

According to these wineries, old vine zin is from 40- to 110-plus-year-old vines that are dry farmed (no irrigation). These vines produce balanced

fruit that makes great red zinfandel. Most age the wine in American oak that offers a bit of spice.

Old vine zin descriptors include blackberry, raspberry, cassis, currant, pepper, chocolate, clove, licorice, plum, mint and leather. Although the wines are delicious when released, they age well for about eight years.

We believe that you should drink them when you like them best. On the other hand, try to cellar a couple of bottles to judge how the aromas and flavors mature after a few years.

Most old vine zin producers use blending grapes. When questioned, they admit that many of these old vineyards were originally interplanted with other, complementary varieties such as carignane, petite sirah, mataro (mourvedre) and alicante bouche.

If a back label says the wine is a "blend," that may mean that the

identity of the complementary varieties is unknown.

Picks of the pack

We recently tasted many old wine zins from 1997 and 1998. The following are our top picks. Some require a search, but it will be worth it. Prices are approximate retail.

1998 Dry Creek Vineyard Old Vine Zinfandel, Sonoma County, \$22, includes plums, dark cherries, all imaginable black fruits plus brown spices and pepper. The big mouth feel and structure call for grilled meats.

1996 Massocco Zinfandel, Cuneo & Saini Vineyard, Dry Creek Valley, \$22, isn't labeled old vines, but they are 85 years old and qualify in a wine with elegant black fruit flavors and long, pleasing finish.

1997 Ravenswood Monte Rosso Vineyard, Sonoma Valley, \$29, is a fruit bomb of blackberry, black cherry

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Beef pot roast warms up kitchen, your family during winter months

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BARBARA'S POT ROAST

- 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 pound beef pot roast (Chuck, Blade, or Arm)
- 5 cloves garlic, cut in slivers.
- Salt and pepper
- 3 to 4 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 cups beef stock or 2 cups water mixed with 1 large onion, sliced thin
- 1 package Lipton Onion Soup mix
- Chili sauce, 1/2 jar
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 teaspoon thyme, or 2 teaspoons fresh thyme
- Potatoes, carrots, celery - chopped in large pieces.
- 4 tablespoons oil or margarine
- 4 tablespoons flour

Preheat the oven to 275° F. Stud roast with garlic slivers; salt and pepper both sides.

Place the roasting pan on the stovetop and heat until hot. Add the vegetable oil then sear the roast on each side.

Add enough beef stock to the roasting pan so it comes half way up the roast.

Add the onion, bay leaf, and thyme to the stock. Brush the top of the roast with chili sauce.

Cover the pan tightly with foil or a lid, then cook for 2 hours at 275° F.

After 2 hours, add the vegetables. Re-cover and cook for 1 more hour, or until the meat is fork tender.

To make gravy/sauce, place the margarine (or oil) and flour in a small saucepan. Cook over medium heat stirring constantly until the mixture forms a light brown paste.

Gradually stir in roast juices (approximately 1 1/2 cups) until the sauce reaches the desired consistency. The sauce will not thicken until it is almost at the boiling point. Allow the sauce to simmer for a few minutes (as you continue stirring) to cook out the flour flavor.

Presentation: Slice the beef against the grain. Place slices on the plate with vegetables on the side. Pour gravy/sauce on top and enjoy.

Recipe courtesy of Barbara Scholl of Oakland Community College.

BASIC HOMESTYLE POT ROAST

- 1/4 cup flour
- 3/4 cup water
- 1 envelope (1 ounce) onion soup mix
- 3 to 3 1/2 pound beef chuck pot roast
- 6 to 8 small whole redskin potatoes
- 1 medium onion, quartered
- 1 package (16 ounces) peeled baby carrots
- 1 oven bag (Reynolds, large size, 14-by-20-inch)

Preheat oven to 325° F. Add flour to oven bag. Place in 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking pan. Add water and soup mix to oven bag; stir to blend in flour.

Place beef in oven bag. Spoon sauce over beef. Arrange potatoes, onions and carrots around beef in oven bag. Close oven bag and vent following package instructions. Bake 2 1/2 to 3 hours or until beef is tender. Makes 7 to 9 servings.

Recipe courtesy of Reynolds Wrap.

Don't like pot roast and want something a little more extravagant? Try this Rosemary Rib Roast, courtesy of Certified Angus Beef, a subsidiary of the American Angus Association.

ROSEMARY RIB ROAST

- 5 pound rib roast
- Balsamic vinegar for brushing
- 2 tablespoons minced garlic
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme or 2 teaspoons dried
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary or 1 teaspoon dried
- 2 tablespoons salt
- 1 tablespoon olive oil

Preheat oven to 450° F. Place roast fat side up on a rack in a shallow roasting pan. Brush entire roast surface with balsamic vinegar. Combine garlic, thyme, rosemary, salt and olive oil to make a paste. Coat top, ends and sides of roast with herb paste.

Place beef in oven and roast for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 350° F and continue roasting for 2 hours for a medium degree of doneness. Internal temperature should be 160° to 170° for medium. Remove from oven and allow roast to stand 5-10 minutes; slice across the grain. Serves 10-12.

Cut the fat with lo mein noodles, vegetarian quesadillas and salsa

Recipes courtesy of Beverly Price. Soba noodles, tamari and texturized vegetable protein are available at health food stores. See related column on Taste front.

SPICY VEGETABLE LO MEIN

- 8 ounces soba noodles
- 2 teaspoons hot chili oil
- 2 teaspoons minced ginger root
- 2 cloves minced garlic
- 3.5 ounces shitake mushrooms
- 1 medium red bell pepper, cut into thin strips
- 2 cups chopped bok choy, leaves and stems
- 1/2 cup canned vegetable broth
- 6 ounces sugar snap peas
- 2 tablespoons tamari
- 2 tablespoons seasoned or regular rice vinegar
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 1/4 cup chopped cashews

Cook noodles according to package directions. Meanwhile, heat oil in large skillet over medium heat. Add ginger and garlic; cook 30 seconds. Add mushrooms, bell pepper, and bok choy; cook 3 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add broth and sugar snap peas; simmer until vegetables are tender-crisp, stirring occasionally, 3 to 5 minutes. Add tamari and vinegar. Drain noodles; add to skillet with vegetables.

Add sesame oil; cook 1 minute, tossing well. Sprinkle with cashews. Makes 6 servings.

MINI TVP QUESADILLAS

- 8 whole-wheat lavash
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 large bell pepper (red, yellow or green)
- 4 roma tomatoes, chopped

- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- Pinch of black pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro
- 2 cups texturized vegetable protein (TVP), sauteed in 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 8 ounces shredded tofu cheese
- 2 cups fresh salsa

In a large skillet, saute green pepper and garlic until softened, about 3 minutes.

Add tomatoes, cumin, cayenne, and black pepper, cilantro and TVP. Cook, stirring about 3 minutes more.

Divide the mixture among the 8 tortillas.

Fold the tortillas and place in a hot skillet. Saute until the tortillas are browned. Remove and cut into quarters.

Serve with a garnish of low fat sour cream and salsa. Yields 34 quesadilla triangles

SALSA

- 4 roma tomatoes, cut into chunks
- 1 large green pepper, cut into chunks
- 1/2 large onion, cut into chunks
- 1/2 cucumber, cut into chunks
- 1/2 cup chopped cilantro
- Juice of 1-2 lemons
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon Tabasco sauce
- Salt and pepper to taste

Place tomatoes in a food processor and process till smooth. Place in a bowl.

Repeat with remaining vegetables and place in same bowl. Add remaining ingredients and stir to combine.

Health policy focuses on vegetables

(AP) - The year 2001 will see an increasing interest in vegetables and fruits in the nation's homes, restaurants and food markets, say health specialists at the American Institute for Cancer Research.

This reflects the new prominence these foods are enjoying in public health policy, they say.

Heart specialists joined cancer specialists in placing consumption of fruits and vegetables first on lists of dietary guidelines for disease prevention. The USDA's "Dietary Guidelines for Americans" were revised to lend added emphasis to vegetable and fruit consumption.

The National Cancer Institute

reviewed the 5 A Day program (which encourages Americans to consume five or more daily servings of fruits and vegetables) and called for its expansion.

The AICR's New American Plate program recommends that at least two-thirds of a person's plate feature vegetables, fruits, whole grains and beans.

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since August. "I eat three meals and two snacks. I have learned how to read labels carefully, interpret nutrition information from articles, and really immerse myself into what I am doing."

Brown added that she does not deny herself a small portion of something that she really likes, but while enjoying that food, she does not regress into old habits, either.

Once you understand that weight management and healthy eating behaviors is a team effort

between you and your health care provider, understand that weight loss is process and not product-oriented, and that you the client is the CEO, this sets the stage for a successful outcome.

Beverly Price, a registered dietitian and exercise physiologist, operates Living Better Sensibly, a private nutrition practice in Farmington Hills that offers programs for individuals and corporations. Visit her website at www.nutritionsecrets.com.

Look for her column on the

first Sunday of each month in Taste.

Price offers over 17 years of realistic solutions to your nutrition concerns specializing in eating disorders, weight and food issues, women's health issues (pregnancy, PMS, menopause and osteoporosis), autoimmune disorders (lupus, scleroderma, fibromyalgia), breast and prostate cancer along with diabetes and hyperlipidemia. Call (248) 539-9424.

See related recipes on D2.

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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.

Clarification

The list of winners of the People's Choice Awards for Oakland Community College's student holiday food competition was inadvertently omitted from the Jan. 31 article on holiday appetizers.

Barbara Scholl won first place for her Oriental Seafood Cakes with Spicy Mango Sauce. Jim Moschini finished second for his Tournedos Wellington, while Saad Matti and Bernice Bouldin placed third for their respective dishes of Herb Cheese in Puff Pastry and Shrimp Toast.

Dessert winners were Fruit Tiramisu by Anthony Cox, first place; French Pastry Platter, Mohammad Chowdhury, second place, and Assorted Truffles by Darren Stowell, third place.

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INTERNATIONAL DINNERS
Enjoy a gourmet five-course meal prepared by second-year culinary students in the International Cuisine class in the American Harvest Restaurant in the Waterman Center at Schoolcraft College on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia. Courses are prepared from five different regions under the instruction of award-winning chefs. Wine will be served with each meal. Dinner is served at 6:45 p.m. and costs \$28.95 plus tax, per person, except for French, which is \$31.95 per person. Dinners are scheduled as follows: regional American, Jan. 11; Mediterranean, Jan. 18; authentic Mexican, Jan. 25; Italian, Feb. 1; French, Feb. 8; German, Feb. 15; South American, Feb. 22; Vietnamese, March 1; Russian, March 15; French, March 22; Italian, March 29; Poland, April 5; regional American, April 19, and French, April 26. Call (734) 462-4488 for information or reservations. Seating is limited. Credit cards accepted.

MASTER CHEFS DINNER
Diners can enjoy a truly memorable dinner Friday, Feb. 2, prepared by chefs at the top of their profession. Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts Department will present a nine-course meal prepared by the school's master chefs and invited chefs. The dinner, to raise funds for a culinary student resource center, will begin at 6:45 p.m. in the newly renovated American Harvest Restaurant in the Waterman Center on the Livonia campus. Individual tickets to this gourmet feast are \$225, with approximately half of that sum tax deductible. The chefs are donating their time to prepare the dinner. They are: Certified Master Chef Leopold Schaefer, chef instructor alumnus at Schoolcraft; Certified Master Chef Kevin Gawronski, Schoolcraft instructor and International Culinary Olympics gold medal winner; Certified Master Chef Jeffrey Gabriel, Schoolcraft instructor and owner

of The Farm restaurant in Port Austin; Certified Master Chef Daniel Hugelier, Schoolcraft instructor, coach of the U.S. International Culinary Olympics 2000 team and member of three U.S. International Culinary Olympic teams; Certified Master Chef Joseph Decker, Schoolcraft instructor, one of three Certified Master Pastry Chefs in the U.S. and a member of World Cup Pastry teams. Also, Brian Polcyn, Schoolcraft instructor, owner of Five Lakes Grill in Milford and culinary consultant to Northwest Airlines; Certified Master Pastry Chef Chris Northmore, executive pastry chef at the Cherokee Country Club in Atlanta; and Certified Master Chef Edward Janos, owner of Cook's Fresh Market in Denver. Madeline Trifon, master sommelier and wine director of Matt Prentice's Unique Restaurant Corporation, will serve as the evening's sommelier, and Eoen Connors, maitre d'hotel at The Lark restaurant, will fill that role for the dinner. The menu will include hot and cold appetizers, soup, fish, sorbet, a roast or braise dish, a light salad with cheese, dessert and sweets, petit fours and chocolates. The \$225 price includes tax and gratuities. Tickets must be purchased in advance, by credit card, are nonrefundable, and will be available from the Culinary Arts Department. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

LEARN ABOUT COOKING
Here is the schedule for Continuing Education classes at Schoolcraft College in Livonia for the winter semester:
■ Winter Soups & Stews, 6-10 p.m., Monday, Jan. 15;
■ Cooking Light, 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 23;
■ Quick Easy Meals, 6-10 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 25;
■ Thai & Vietnamese Cuisine, 6-10 p.m., Monday, Jan. 29;
■ Heart Smart@ Make & Take, 6-10 p.m., Monday, Feb. 5;
■ Cakes, Tortes, and Flans, 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 13;
■ Making the Cut-Learning Cuts of Meat, 6-10 p.m., Monday, March 12;
■ Herb-a-mania, 6-9 p.m., Thursday, March 22;
■ The Incredible Edible Mushroom, 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, April 3;
■ European Bread Making (two weeks), 5-10 p.m., Thursday, April 5 and 12;
■ Outdoor Grilling & Entertaining, 5-10 p.m., Thursday and Friday, April 26 and 27;
■ Four Course Meals to Go (one day only but offered three different dates), 6-10 p.m., Monday, Feb. 19, March 19 and March 26.

ServSafe Sanitation classes also are offered to prepare students for the final examinations administered by the Educational Foundation of the National Restaurant Association. The exam is given in the class. These classes will be held 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 6 and April 3. Also, Understanding California Wines will be 5-7 p.m. Monday, beginning Feb. 5 for five weeks. An Italian wine class is scheduled for 5-7 p.m. for five weeks beginning Monday, April 2. Anyone interested in more information regarding these classes, they can call Schoolcraft College Continuing Education at (734) 462-4448.

M-FIT CLASSES
Don't let the cold, harsh days of winter drag you down. The M-Fit Culinary team of the M-Fit Community Health Promotion Division has released the winter class schedule for its nutrition education program. The first class scheduled is Comfort Cuisine, featuring meat loaf, mashed potatoes and mushroom gravy; chicken pot pie; perfect roast chicken with lemon and herbs, creamy fettucini with prosciutto and bread pudding. The class runs from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the East Ann Arbor Health Center Demonstration Kitchen, 4260 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. Individual class fees are \$30, \$50 for a two-person fee, and \$80 for a series of three classes. Nutrition education class fees are \$20. Pre-registration is required. Register online at www.mfitnutrition.com or by e-mail at community.nutrition@umich.edu. Call Nicole Goyarts at (734) 975-4387, Ext. 236 to register by phone. Other classes include: Building Better Sandwiches, 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 17, and Winter Soups to Warm Your Heart and Soul, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24.

Finish the roast dinner with this dessert

Valerie Boguslawski of Farmington Hills offers this recipe for banana cream pudding as a nice "comfort food" for winter or to end your pot roast dinner with a great dessert.

BANANA CREAM PUDDING

Sauce:
1/4 cup light Karo syrup
1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
1 tablespoon butter
1/4 cup heavy cream
1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract
4 bananas, peeled and diced
4 tablespoons almond slices, toasted

In a small saucepan, stir together Karo syrup, brown sugar, butter and cream over medium heat. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Cool 5 minutes, then stir in vanilla, bananas and almonds. Reserve for use later.

Pudding:
1/2 cup sugar
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour

4 tablespoons cornstarch
2 large eggs
2 cups warm milk
6 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract

In a large mixing bowl, whip together sugar, flour, cornstarch, and eggs until smooth and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Slowly pour in warm milk. Then pour the pudding mixture into a large saucepan and whisk constantly over medium heat until it comes to a boil. Immediately remove from the heat and whisk in the butter and vanilla.

To assemble, spoon half the pudding into a serving bowl. Spoon the banana caramel sauce on top. Finish with the remaining custard. Chill.

To garnish just before serving, whip 1-cup heavy cream until 90 percent whipped. Then add 2 tablespoons sifted confectioners sugar and continue whipping until cream forms into soft peaks. Smooth the whipped cream over the top of the pudding. Serves six.

Enjoy quick and easy garlic mashed potatoes on the side

Enjoy side dishes like garlic mashed potatoes, courtesy of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

GARLIC MASHED POTATOES

2-2 1/2 pounds all purpose potatoes, unpeeled, quartered

16 cloves garlic, halved
3/4 teaspoon salt
Water
1/2 cup milk
1/4 cup butter, softened
1/3 cup finely chopped green onions or chives

oven, place potatoes, garlic and salt; add enough water to cover. Bring to a boil; cover and cook 10-12 minutes or until tender. Drain.

Mash potatoes and garlic until smooth. Add milk and butter, beating until light and fluffy. Stir in green onions.

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Hospital volunteers

To attract more volunteers to the Garden City Hospital Guild, the hospital will hold a "Coffee Break" 12:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, in the Garden Cafe, located in the main lobby of the hospital. Free coffee and cookies will be served while the benefits of volunteering are explained.

Almost as old as the hospital itself, the Guild was formed in 1949. Guild members work in various settings throughout the hospital, such as the gift shop, Garden Cafe and other fundraising venues managed by the Guild.

Volunteers also are needed to help at the surgical desk and deliver patient mail. The Guild's biggest yearly fundraising event is the Garden City Hospital Strawberry Festival, which attracts hundreds of people each summer.

All funds raised the Guild are donated back to the hospital. Such items as medical diagnostic equipment and patient care supplies have been purchased by the Guild over the years.

For more information, contact Bonnie Barringer, executive assistant to the president/CEO, at (734) 458-4421.

Flu shots

It is not too late to receive adequate protection from influenza. Michigan's peak flu season doesn't occur until late January or early February. Persons vaccinated in the coming weeks will not only help protect themselves and loved ones from the peak season, but from the chances of infection in early spring.

According to Michigan Visiting Nurses, many doses are now available. They urge the public to be patient, but persistent in their efforts to get flu vaccine. There is now a sufficient amount of vaccine for all person seeking vaccination against the influenza disease.

MVN has announced its updated public calendar for influenza and pneumonia immunization. Call the office at (800) 880-0020 or check the MVN Home Page (www.UMVN.com) each week for a complete list of sites and locations.

Flu shots are \$10 and pneumonia vaccinations are \$25.

Note: The MVN is unable to vaccinate those under 18 and those who are or may be pregnant regardless of a physician's orders.

Chemotherapy

The side effects of chemotherapy — nausea, infection, neutropenia and hair loss — are more manageable than ever before. Gilda's Club, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and the biotechnology company Amgen are sponsoring a free open forum on how to improve the chemotherapy experience 5:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, at Gilda's Club, 3517 Rochester Road, Royal Oak.

Oncology experts from the Detroit Medical Centers, Dr. Roy Baines, director of bone marrow transplant and professor of medicine and oncology, and Kathy Moreland, RN, MScN, will discuss how to prepare for chemotherapy, managing the emotional and physical side effects, and resources for patients and caregivers. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions throughout the program.

Patients, their families and medical professionals are invited. This program is a supper/lecture and space is limited. To RSVP, please call (248) 577-0800.

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Datebook (upcoming calendar events); Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field); and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies).

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Friendly chat: Mary Twardus, 87, of Dearborn clenches RN Tracey Ryckman's hand while laughing Tuesday morning. Mary is a patient in Oakwood Hospital's NICHE unit.

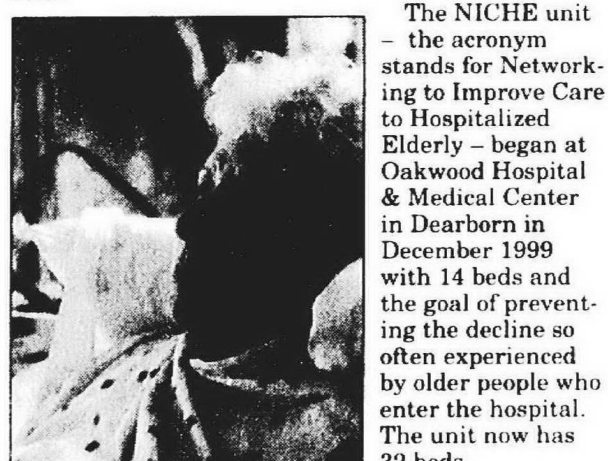
NICHE units result in shorter hospital stays for elderly patients

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Welcome to the NICHE unit on the ninth floor of Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center in Dearborn, one of the friendliest, most inviting spots in town. Two wing-back chairs mark the entranceway, vases of flowers sit on desks and Norman Rockwell paintings line the hallways and adorn the rooms.

For the unit's elderly patients, it's a temporary home away from home.

"The people are very kind and very attentive. Beautiful pictures. It feels more like a home than a hospital," said patient James Henry, 83, of Dearborn.



Resting: Marilyn Damian, 73, takes a moment to rest before lunch Tuesday in the NICHE unit at Oakwood Hospital.

The NICHE unit — the acronym stands for Networking to Improve Care to Hospitalized Elderly — began at Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center in Dearborn in December 1999 with 14 beds and the goal of preventing the decline so often experienced by older people who enter the hospital. The unit now has 32 beds.

There are also NICHE units at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne and Oakwood Heritage Hospital in Taylor. Each unit has its own specialty: Oakwood Dearborn specializes in acute confusion and

falls; Oakwood Heritage deals with functional ability; and Oakwood Annapolis focuses on skin care associated with immobility and poor nutrition.

The goal of the NICHE units is to recognize and respond to the special needs of older adults, who often experience a decline upon entering the hospital.

"We're trained to immediately identify anxiety, feelings of powerlessness, family stress and loneliness," said Marnie Renwick, a veteran geriatric nurse at OHMC-D. "When someone is attentive to them, it can make all the difference."

Something as simple as a blanket warmer may enhance recovery. The warmth not only has a therapeutic effect, it also connotes comfort, especially for the elderly, who often feel cold. When they're given a warm blanket, many do not need sleep medication, say unit nurses.

Dr. Cecelia Hissong, chief of the Department of Family Practice at Oakwood in Dearborn praises the care her patients receive in the NICHE unit.

"Really, they are much more in touch with each patient's needs. They do really make an attempt with each patient to see what their interests are rather than making something that fits everybody," she said.

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Encouragement

Most of the NICHE unit patients suffer from debilitating conditions common to old age: dehydration, sepsis, and pneumonia. Some patients are recovering from strokes. All have mental and emotional needs as well as physical. All are vulnerable.

Research shows the elderly often suffer from acute confusion upon being admitted to the hospital. The sudden change in environment and routine can be overwhelming. Many elderly are reluctant to even go to the hospital for fear they will not be able to maintain the former level of independence.

In a traditional hospital setting, this fear was sometimes justified.

"Usually we put these people in the bed and raise the side rails as their mobility declines, their mental function declines and their nutritional status declines. Everything starts to slide down, even after only a day of hospitalization," said Renwick of the standard treatment of the elderly in most hospitals.

In the NICHE unit, nurses encourage their patients to sit up, get out of bed and move, even if they feel weak and tired. Regular movement and good skin care prevent bedsores, a major complication among the hospitalized elderly.

"They really encourage you to get up and walk around," said patient Marilyn Damian, 73, of Dear-



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born. "They are really great here," said Damian. "You're not a number. You're a real person. I guess it's just the caring. They're just so warm."

Patients also are encouraged to visit the family lounge, which has a television and a stock of vintage movies, Big Band tapes, stuffed animals for cuddling and games and puzzles designed for low-vision needs. Also, families can buy dinner in the hospital cafeteria and bring it to the lounge to share it with patients.

"The lounge provides an opportunity to bring the little kids in to see the patients in a less threatening environment," said Monna Kay, clinical manager of the NICHE unit.

Details

If NICHE personnel seem more traditional in their dress, it's true. There are no flowered smocks; instead the staff wears white lab coats since the elderly associate white with nursing care.

In addition, doorframes and baseboards in the NICHE units are painted a deep, contrasting color to help patients with depth perception, and different colors designate different room functions. Each room has a large clock and calendar to track time and a rocking chair to provide more relaxed seating.

There are also shades on patient room windows

Please see CARE, D5



In training: Student nurses (right to left), Nilsa Kaspar, Trina Johnson, and Phaedra Martin prepare injections and daily procedures in the hallway of the NICHE unit. All three are students at Henry Ford Community College.

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.

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Come do your walking in a climate controlled mall. Livonia Mall, located on Seven Mile Road and Middlebelt, is open to walkers 7 a.m. Monday-Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday. Blood pressure check offered by Botsford Hospital Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2001 by the garden area by Sears.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday and Sunday, Garden City Hospital (north entrance), 5254 Inkster Road. Alanon meeting Sunday only. Call (248) 541-6585 or (734) 776-3415; Noon Tuesday and Thursday, Providence Medical Office Center, 39500 W. 10 Mile (at Haggerty), Novi; Call (248) 348-9362. Noon Wednesday, Livonia Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 953-1188.

IMPOTENCE

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

CAREGIVERS

The Caregivers Support Group meets 7-8 p.m. the last Wednesday of the month at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Auditorium 14555 Levan, Livonia. Call (734) 655-8940.

FREE PROSTATE SCREENINGS

Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital will offer free prostate screenings on the fourth Thursday of each month in the radiology oncology department at the McAuley Cancer Care Center in Ypsilanti. Call the Saint Joseph Mercy HealthLine at (800) 231-2211.

MANIC DEPRESSIVE

The Manic Depressive-Depressive Association (MDDA) of Metro Detroit meets 7:30 p.m.

the first and third Wednesday of every month, Novi/Providence Medical Office Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Road (at Haggerty), Novi, MI 48375. Call (248) 960-1288. They also meet 2-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Providence Medical Office Building, 33133 W. Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 542-0430.

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.

ANXIETY DISORDER

Ward Presbyterian Church, corner of Six Mile Road and Haggerty, Northville, sponsors a Panic Attack & Anxiety Disorder Support Group meeting 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month. Call (734) 420-8175.

HEADACHE SUPPORT GROUP

Meets 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at Providence Medical Center, 30055 Northwestern, Farmington Hills, (248) 647-0614. Headaches suffers and family members.

GILDA'S CLUB

Gilda's Club Metro Detroit will sponsor a series of free supper lectures during January. Monday, Jan. 8 - "Monoclonal Antibodies," for people dealing with lymphoma; Thursday, Jan. 11 - "Treating Leukemia"; Wednesday, Jan. 17 - "Advancements in Treating Childhood Cancers" and "Improving the Chemotherapy Experience"; Monday, Jan. 22 - "Relationships," for young adults with cancer; Thursday, Jan. 25 - "Treating Lymphedema For All Types of Cancer." Supper provided. Call (248) 577-0800 for exact times and to RSVP. Gilda's Club Metro Detroit is a free, non-profit cancer-support community located at 3517 Rochester Road, Royal Oak.

JANUARY

STOP SMOKING

The City of Livonia will sponsor Better Living Seminars' Stop Smoking Program, conducted by Dr. Arthur Weaver. This free program, held at Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Rd., east of Farmington, runs Jan. 8-12, and finishing Jan. 16. All sessions run from 7:30-9 p.m. Call (734) 466-2535 Mondays through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5

p.m. or e-mail jtreff@ci.livonia.mi.us.

MON, JAN. 8

THYROID SUPPORT

The Michigan Thyroid Disorder Support Group will meet at the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main Street at 6:30 p.m. with speaker at 7 p.m. Dr. Irene Metro, Plymouth Integrative Medicine Center (www.doctormetro.com/index.html) will discuss fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue, thyroid disorder and other autoimmune diseases. For more information or to make reservations, call Tracy Green (734) 453-7945 or e-mail mtsg@mediaone.net

WED, JAN. 10

SLEEP APNEA

Dr. Leonard Gliniski will discuss surgical options for the treatment of sleep apnea at 7 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, Medical Office Building, Classrooms 3 and 4 in the lower level, 6255 Inkster Road, Garden City. The A.W.A.K.E. meeting is hosted by the hospital's Sleep Disorders Center. Free. Call (734) 458-3330.

HEALTHY EATING PROGRAM

University of Michigan Canton Health Center will offer a 10-week Healthy Eating Program designed to help you get off the "diet roller coaster." The program, HUGS, will help you change the way you think about your body size, your weight, your relationship with food and what you consider to be exercise. A free information sessions will be held at the Canton Health Center, 1051 N. Canton Center Rd., Canton Wednesday, Jan. 10 from 6:30-7 p.m. in room 1513. Call (734) 936-4399.

THUR, JAN 11

NERVOUS SYSTEM DISORDERS

Michigan Specific Chiropractic will offer a complimentary workshop on "The Nervous System" 7-8:15 p.m. A nervous system screening will be conducted with the lecture, which will be held at 7276 N. Sheldon Road, Canton. Pre-registration required. Call (734) 416-2442.

COMMUNITY HEALTH AWARD

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan will conduct its third annual Community Award Recognition Luncheon at

11:30 a.m. at The Heathers Club of Bloomfield Hills, 900 Upper Scotsborough Way, Bloomfield Hills (north of Square Lake Road, east of Opdyke Road). This year's recipient of the Isabelle Thomas Community Health Award will be Lila Lazarus, WDIV News 4 health reporter and noon anchor. State of Michigan Attorney General Jennifer M. Granholm will be the featured keynote speaker. Call (248) 967-6000.

WED, JAN 17

DYSLEXIA AND MATH

Dr. W. H. (Dutch) Weidlich, director of the Michigan Dyslexia Institute's Flint Rotary Center, will explain how to identify clues that indicate which operations of arithmetic should be used to solve story problems. Parents, professionals, students, and adults with dyslexia are invited. Discussion takes place 7-9 p.m. at the Michigan Dyslexia Institute-Detroit Metro Center, 30230 Orchard Lake Road-Suite #130, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 737-0044.

THUR, JAN. 18

FIBROMYALGIA

Michigan Specific Chiropractic will offer a free lecture, "Fibromyalgia: The Clinical Syndrome," by Dr. Barry Hobbs at 7276 N. Sheldon Road, Canton. Pre-registration required. Call (734) 416-2442.

MON, JAN. 22

RITALIN/ADHD

Michigan Specific Chiropractic will offer a free, interactive workshop, "Ritalin: Is it safe; is it necessary?" 7 p.m. at 7276 N. Sheldon Road, Canton. Pre-registration required. Call (734) 416-2442.

JAN. 29- MARCH

FIBROMYALGIA CONFERENCE

A three-session Fibromyalgia Conference will be held at Arthur's Place, 47659 Halyard Drive, Metro West Technology Park (near Beck Road and M-14), Plymouth Township. Dr. Martin Tamler will present current research and treatments for fibromyalgia and discuss self-management techniques. Cost is \$10. Call Ronnie at (734) 254-0500 or (248) 288-2210.

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Public relations

Gabriel Werba of Farmington Hills, a founding principal of the public and financial relations firm of Durocher-Dixson-Werba, LLC, based in Detroit and Fort Lauderdale, has been elected to a second term as chairman of the Financial Communications Section of the Public Relations Society of America.



Werba

Werba, a past president of the Detroit Chapter of PRSA, was elected to the society's prestigious College of Fellows in 1992.

He is active in civic, cultural and charitable organizations, currently serving on the board of trustees of Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall, the Detroit Institute of Arts' Exhibit Committee, the boards of directors of The Children's Center and Common Ground Sanctuary, and the Advisory Board of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Detroit.

Financial group VP

Jason R. Marx has joined Farmington Hills-based Kaufman Financial Group as vice president of operations. He formerly served as managing director of Dules, VA-based Ultraprise Corporation, a technology solutions for the financial services industry.



Marx

Marx earned his MBA in finance from DePaul University in Chicago. He has BA degree in economics from the University of Michigan. He currently resides in West Bloomfield.

Community foundation

Deborah I. Dingell has been elected to the board of trustees of the **Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan**. She is president of the General Motors Foundation and executive director of GM's National Corporate Activity.

The Foundation is governed by a board of community leaders and makes grants to support outstanding charitable projects in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Washtenaw, St. Clair and Livingston counties. The foundation has assets of more than \$300 million and has distributed more than \$100 million through nearly 12,900 grants to nonprofit organization throughout the seven counties.

FCI Automotive

FCI Automotive - North America of Livonia, a designer and manufacturer of electrical connectors for the automotive industry, has named **Paul E. Berger** as market segment manager-global multimedia interconnections.

"His skills will help immensely as FCI Automotive draws on its own expertise - and the expertise of other FCI divisions - and moves forward aggressively into the new field of multimedia and telematics interconnects," said Thomas Schilling, vice president and general manager of FCI Automotive - North America.

Prior to joining FCI Automotive, Berger was national account manager for Oram Sylvania Automotive Connector Products.

J. R. Thompson

Farmington Hills-based J. R. Thompson company announced the following staff positions:

Heather Rote joined the company as client service coordinator. She formerly was the marketing and promotions department of the Michigan State University athletic department. She has a B.A. in marketing from Michigan State University.

Jeff Mirek was appointed client service coordinator. He is a graduate of Michigan State University with a B.A. in advertising. **Jim Bur** was appointed client service manager. He has a B.F.A. from Wayne State University.

Gail (Jahn) Coy was named proofreader and copy quality assurance editor. She previously was an administrative assistant for Maritz Marketing Research Automotive Group in Southfield. She holds associate degrees from Oakland Community College.

Grant Thornton

Katie Woodruff of Farmington recently joined the Southfield office of Grant Thornton as marketing director. In addition, she was appointed the firm's national construction industry marketing director. She has a bachelor of arts degree in communication and a master of arts degree in public relations from Michigan State University.

Real estate award

Dan Elsea of Real Estate One, Inc. in Farmington Hills has been named among the top luxury megabrokers in the country by Unique Homes, a global resource of luxury real estate. As a recipient of this honor, he is featured in the Megabrokers of the Midwest/January issue of the December/January issue of Unique Homes, currently on the newstands worldwide.

Health care

Judith Gilbert Caroselli, director of operations at Westland Convalescent Center, has been elected to the board of directors of the **Health Care Association of Michigan**, a statewide trade association representing 300 nursing homes and 125 assisted living centers in Michigan.

Caroselli has been director of operations at the center since 1977. The facility was honored with HCAM's Facility Excellence Award in 1979.

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instead of institutional blinds since the elderly are more familiar with shades. "They like to pull their shades down at night before they're tucked in," said Monna Kay, nurse manager of the unit. "Everything here has been research based."

But the NICHE unit is much more than white coats, rocking chairs and shades on the windows. It's a philosophy of care for the elderly.

The NICHE interdisciplinary care team includes physicians; nurses; physical, occupational and respiratory therapists; pharmacists (if there are more than 8 medications involved); dietitians; case managers; social workers; and special volunteers. The team makes its rounds daily.

Results

The Oakwood NICHE units are based on models developed at New York University and the University of Iowa. Although the objective in establishing the units was to improve care, they have turned out to be cost effective as well.

Within the first six months, the average hospital stay for NICHE patients declined from six to three days, the number of falls has declined, and more

patients are discharged to home or an assisted living facility, rather than to a nursing home.

The use of restraints also has been cut dramatically, said Kay. "We use 1 percent of what we formerly used." (Sensory tapes placed on beds alert the nurses desk if a certain amount of weight is not detected after a five-minute delay.)

Patient Mary Twardus, 87, of Dearborn has enjoyed her stay in the NICHE unit. She's felt secure. "It's perfect. I get good service in anything. You see, I even have a maid," she said, affectionately grabbing the hand Tracey Ryckman, assistant nurse manager.

Dr. Abraham Slaim, NICHE medical advisor at Oakwood Heritage Hospital, says programs like the NICHE units are important because the elderly have specialized needs.

"Just as you don't treat a pediatric patient like a small adult, you can't treat an elderly adult the same way you would a middle-aged person," he said. "They usually have multiple medical problems... The staff need to be trained to deal with these problems. They also need a little more tolerance and patience."

Dr. Cecelia Hissong, chief of

NICHE needs your help

The staff of Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center's NICHE unit know their patients would enjoy the aroma of freshly baked bread wafting through the hallways. Surely, it's Betty Crocker's version of aromatherapy.

It can happen ... if only they had a bread machine.

Music also is therapy, especially played on the piano. The NICHE unit family lounge is just the place to put one. If you would like to donate a bread

machine or a piano (new or used), please contact Barbara Lewis at (313) 791-1419.

Like other successful hospital programs, NICHE needs volunteers to complete its caregiving team and provide patients with that extra bit of attention.

"I'll take them seven days a week, any shift," said Monna Kay, clinical manager.

If you're interested in volunteering, call (313) 593-5865.

the Department of Family Practice at Oakwood in Dearborn, said, "Really, they (nurses and staff) are much more in touch with each patient's needs. They

do really make an attempt with each patient to see what their interests are rather than making something that fits everybody."

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THIS WINTER AND ARTHRITIS

By the indications to date, this winter promises to be cold, long, and hazardous. If you have arthritis, you will need to take precautions to avoid making the next three months even more harsh than nature intends. You must expect an increase in aching. The extreme cold causes blood vessels to constrict to preserve heat to core organs such as the heart, lungs and brain. However, such protection occurs at a cost. The body, by diverting blood supply usually allotted to the muscles and joints, brings on the stiffness you attribute to the cold. When you have arthritis, the stiffness comes on faster and lingers longer than if you had no impairment.

The extreme cold forces you to wear mittens, boots, and thick jackets. Putting on all this clothing strains arthritic joints, and carrying the extra load burdens them. Prolonged sitting in cars as you work through traffic jams and snow covered roads is the source of additional joint strain.

Taking more arthritis medicine will not counter the stress of winter. Your best response is to change your attitude so that you accept that it will take more time to accomplish less work. You need at hand an exercise regimen you can do indoors at home for those days when the wind, cold, snow, and ice make outdoor walking or traveling inadvisable.

You should keep in mind, that your goal is to be ready for spring, not just survive to reach it.

Sometimes they can't just snap out of it.

Melissa is nearly 13 and she's having a hard time. For the past few months she hasn't been sleeping well and she has no desire to see her friends. Mostly she spends time in her room listening to music and lying on her bed. Her normally good grades have dropped and she doesn't seem to care. She says she wishes she'd never been born.

If this sounds like a child you know, he or she may be depressed. As many as five percent of young people today suffer from serious depression. He or she may be eligible for a nationwide research study that seeks to test the safety and effectiveness of an investigational antidepressant medication that is currently approved for use in adults.

If your child is between 7 and 17 years old, he or she may be eligible for this investigational research study. Those who qualify will be under a doctor's supervision and receive study-related physical exams, mental health assessment and study medication.

To learn more about this study, please call the toll-free number below:

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Francine Friedman, M.D.
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Farmington Hills, MI

BUSINESS CALENDAR

TUES, JAN. 9

CAREER WOMEN MEETING
The West Suburban Chapter of the National Association of Career Women will host their monthly meeting 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Featured speaker Bonnie Fishman, owner of Bonnie's Patisserie in Southfield, will present "How Busy Working Women Can Make Good Meals From Scratch." \$18 for members and \$22 for nonmembers. RSVP to Brenda Durling (734) 462-4670.

SCORE
The Service Corps of Retired Executives will hold a Pre-Business Workshop 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at One Stop Capital Shop, 2051 Rosa Parks Blvd., Detroit. \$40. Call SCORE at (313) 226-7947 weekdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WED, JAN. 10

ENTREPRENEURS MEETING
The Greater Detroit Entrepreneurs Network will meet 7:30 a.m. at the Excilbur Banquet Center, 28875 Franklin Road, near 12 Mile Road and

Northwestern, Southfield. Drew Pesler, CEO of Davidson Automotive Trim (winner of four Chrysler Pentastar Awards and the Ford Motor Total Quality Award) will present "The Two Golden Rules to Build and Grow Your Business By." Members free; guests \$35; students \$10. For reservations, call (248) 689-6443.

INCREASE BUSINESS SALES
The Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center will offer the seminar "Increasing Your Sales Through Better Quotes" 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the MMTC Advanced Technology Center, 47911 Halyard, Plymouth. \$45 per person. Companies can register for this seminar (and others through January) by calling the Events Hotline at (888) 414-6682 or by visiting www.mmtc.org/events.

THUR, JAN. 11

CAREER WOMEN MEETING
The National Association of Career Women-Metro Detroit Chapter will meet 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Steak and Ale Restaurant, southeast corner of Twelve Mile and Orchard Lake

in Farmington Hills. Rich Levinson, president and founder of RHL Associates, will discuss how to develop an effective referral base. Cost is \$19 for members and \$10 for nonmembers and guests. For reservations, call Carolyn or Martha at (248) 851-8130. Visit the NACW Web-site at www.nacwonline.org and click on chapter meeting dates.

WED, JAN. 17

SCORE
The Service Corps of Retired Executives will hold a Small-Business CEO Counseling Series 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bloomfield Township Library, 1099 Lone Pine Road at Telegraph, Bloomfield. \$150 per person. Call SCORE at (313) 226-7947 weekdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

BUILDING INDUSTRY
The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's Sales and Marketing Council will host a breakfast and brainstorming session 9-10:30 a.m. at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills. Registration fees, including continental breakfast, are

\$10 for SMC members, \$15 for BIA members and \$25 for nonmembers and guests. Call (248) 862-1033.

THUR, JAN. 18

SCORE
The Service Corps of Retired Executives will hold a Business Plan Workshop 8:15 a.m. to 12 noon at One Stop Capital Shop, 2051 Rosa Park Blvd., Detroit. \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door. Call SCORE at (313) 226-7947 weekdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WED, JAN. 24

BUSINESS COMMUNICATORS
The Detroit chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators begins its 2001 programs with a joint program with the Public Relations Society of America and the Society of Professional Journalists. Edsel B. Ford II, who chairs the non-profit organization Detroit 300, will address the combined groups at the program that begins at 11:45 a.m. at the Hotel St. Regis in Detroit. Call Nancy Skidmore at (248) 546-5490.

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Clark Hill PLC

The Executive Committee of Clark Hill PLC has elected J. Thomas Lenga of Plymouth as CEO of the firm. He has served on the committee for the last two years. In his 32 years of experience at the trial bar, Lenga has represented to jury verdict a wide variety of national and international companies. His practice has focused on both commercial disputes and product litigation defense.

Lenga was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers in 1994. A recent Past President of the State Bar of Michigan, he served on the State Bar's Board of Commissioners for seven years. For 20 years, he has served by appointment of the Court on the Michigan Supreme Court Standard Jury Instruction Committee. In 1996, Governor John Engler appointed him to the Trial Court Assessment Commission.

Olympia Entertainment

Michael Healy of Canton has been named senior director of parking services for Olympia Entertainment. In his new position, he will oversee all Olympia Entertainment parking facilities, which include the Fox Theatre and Comerica Park areas and Joe Louis Arena. Healy joined Olympia in 1997 as parking manager. He is a graduate of Michigan State University where he earned a degree in communications with an emphasis in business and public relations.

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Training services

Lizabeth Lush, a professional trainer, facilitator and motivational speaker for 14 years, announced the formation of

Providence Training, a Farmington-based provider of training and facilitation services for corporations and not-for-profit organizations. The company specializes in non-technical training programs on career development, customer service, communication, and priorities management, as well as group facilitation for team-building exercises and executive retreats.

Lush has a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in clinical psychology from Eastern Michigan University. In addition to her corporate training experience, she is a licensed psychologist and has been guest contributor to local radio station WMUZ.

She can be reached at (248) 471-1642, fax (248) 471-9511 or e-mail at lushl@providenet.com.

Hella North America

David Martin of Livonia has been named vice president of NAFTA Sales and Marketing for Plymouth-based Hella North America, Inc. He will oversee business relations with DaimlerChrysler as well as Japanese and European customers.

Prior to joining Hella, Martin held sales and marketing positions at Takata Holdings, Inc., where he initiated and developed the firm's airbag, seat belt and electronics business with Ford Motor Company.

He has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Eastern Michigan University and a master's degree in business administration.



Lush



Healy



Martin

Leisure, restaurant industries offer interesting investment opportunities

Michael D. Smith, CFA, a leading equity analyst with First of Michigan, a division of Fahnstock & Co. Inc., sees considerable movement and several interesting opportunities in the leisure and restaurant industries.

■ Panera Bread Company (PNRA-OTC) - PNRA, whose stock is rated "BUY" owns and franchises bakery cafes under the Panera Brad and Saint Louis Bread Co. names. Smith reports that the stock price has tripled this year and is "in excellent financial condition with virtually no long-term liabilities and \$84.0 million in shareholders equity. Our 12-month target price is \$32. This constitutes an Enterprise Value to EBITDA ratio of 12.5 based on our F2002 estimate. We continue to recommend purchase."

■ CBRL Group, Inc. (CBRL-OTC) - operates 433 Cracker Barrel family restaurants and 70 Logan's Roadhouse stores throughout the United States. Smith rates CBRL a "HOLD." He notes the company reported first-quarter earnings for F2001 ahead of expectations. "Cracker Barrel is the most significant operation of the CBRL Group, and results indicate management is well on its way towards correcting problems that surfaced in late F1998 at these units. We are maintaining our 'HOLD' recommendations due to problems at the company's Logan's Roadhouse units," 19 of which are facing competition from new market entrants.

■ Darden Restaurants, Inc. (DRI-NYSE) - Darden owns and operates casual dining, industry-leading restaurants throughout North America. Red Lobster and

The Olive Garden each are the largest in their particular casual dining segments. A newer concept, Bahama Breeze (opening soon in Livonia), in introducing Caribbean flavors to the line, and a fourth chain, Smokey Bones BBQ Sports Bars, is in the incubator phase. Smith says this company continues to outperform expectations and rates its stock as a "BUY." Darden has provided earnings comparisons above expectations for over a year. "Based upon these increases, coupled with the company's higher profile as a member of the S&P 500, we have a 12-month target price of \$34," says Smith.

First of Michigan, a division of New York-based Fahnstock & Co. Inc., members of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), was founded in 1933 and provides Michigan brokerage ser-

VICES with 25 offices located throughout Michigan. Michael Smith can be reached at (816) 832-8080.

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NEW HOMES & REAL ESTATE

Sunday, January 7, 2001

Treat ice dams now

This winter has produced conditions unlike those we have seen for many winters. The usual freeze-thaw cycle and smaller quantities of snow have prevented this type of extreme condition - until last month. This winter, we've had just a few moments of above-freezing temperatures, with most days much colder.

These result in "ice dams." The condition is caused by heat escaping from our homes, warming the attic enough to cause partial melting of snow on the roof, only to have the water refreeze when it reaches the colder overhang.

Even roof color causes melting. Dark colors, used on most roofs, increase the heating on sunny days.

As technology has progressed, an "ice and water shield" layer has been added below the shingles. These help but do not provide an ironclad guarantee of eliminating leaks. Just as the use of "seal tab" shingles has cut the amount of wind-related damage, they are only effective some of the time.

Contrary to other articles I've read, ice dams will occur regardless of whether you do or do not have gutters.

If you have lots of ice, don't wait, act now before the damage occurs. That ice usually has a pool of water sitting behind it, unable to drain off the roof. It will eventually find its way through the shingles and into your home.

Do not attempt to clear this up yourself. Hire a roofing, gutter or even a painting contractor, any contractor accustomed to working on ladders.

The best short-term cure is to remove the snow from the first few feet of roof and spread calcium chloride on the ice. Roof rakes are available and can be used on single-story homes.

The best long-term solution is to install electric heat tapes in a repeating V pattern in the problem areas. The tapes only need to be plugged in for enough time to melt a path for the water to run off.

Some insurance companies may cover the damage, after a deductible. Others do not cover an owner for this type of damage. New home warranties do not cover this type of damage.

Larry Cohen of West Bloomfield has been a residential home builder for nearly 30 years.

Subdivision offers up its prettiest lots

Would-be buyers may now place deposits on the last and perhaps best lots at Lakewood Knoll, the Hills portion of the residential development in Genoa Township.

"This is probably the nicest piece of property here," said Paul Del Giudice, president of AMP Building. "This piece should remain secluded with the lake on one side, golf course on the other and slices of wetlands here."

The 15 lots, which average half an acre in area, range in price from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

The Lakewood Knoll community, on Laton north of Grand River (Exit 141 off I-96), also offers attached condominiums and houses on smaller lots.

A house plus lot in the Hills probably will start at \$400,000 to \$500,000, Del Giudice projected.

Any of seven floor plans offered by AMP Building in the single-family part of the sub probably could be built in the Hills, he said.

Those plans range in price from \$208,400 for a ranch of 1,650 square feet with three bedrooms and two baths to \$288,900 for a 3,000-square-foot colonial with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths.

All include at base price two-car garage, first-floor laundry, basement, fireplace, range and dishwasher, wood foyer, ceramic baths and carpeting throughout.

Ranches are selling especially well now, he said.

The Parkwood, a ranch under construction, features a den that could be converted to a bedroom, great room/dining area and kitchen with breakfast bar open to the great room.

The ranch also showcases a master bedroom with vaulted ceiling, separate tub and shower, double vanity, dressing table and two wall closets, a second bedroom and a full bath on the main floor.

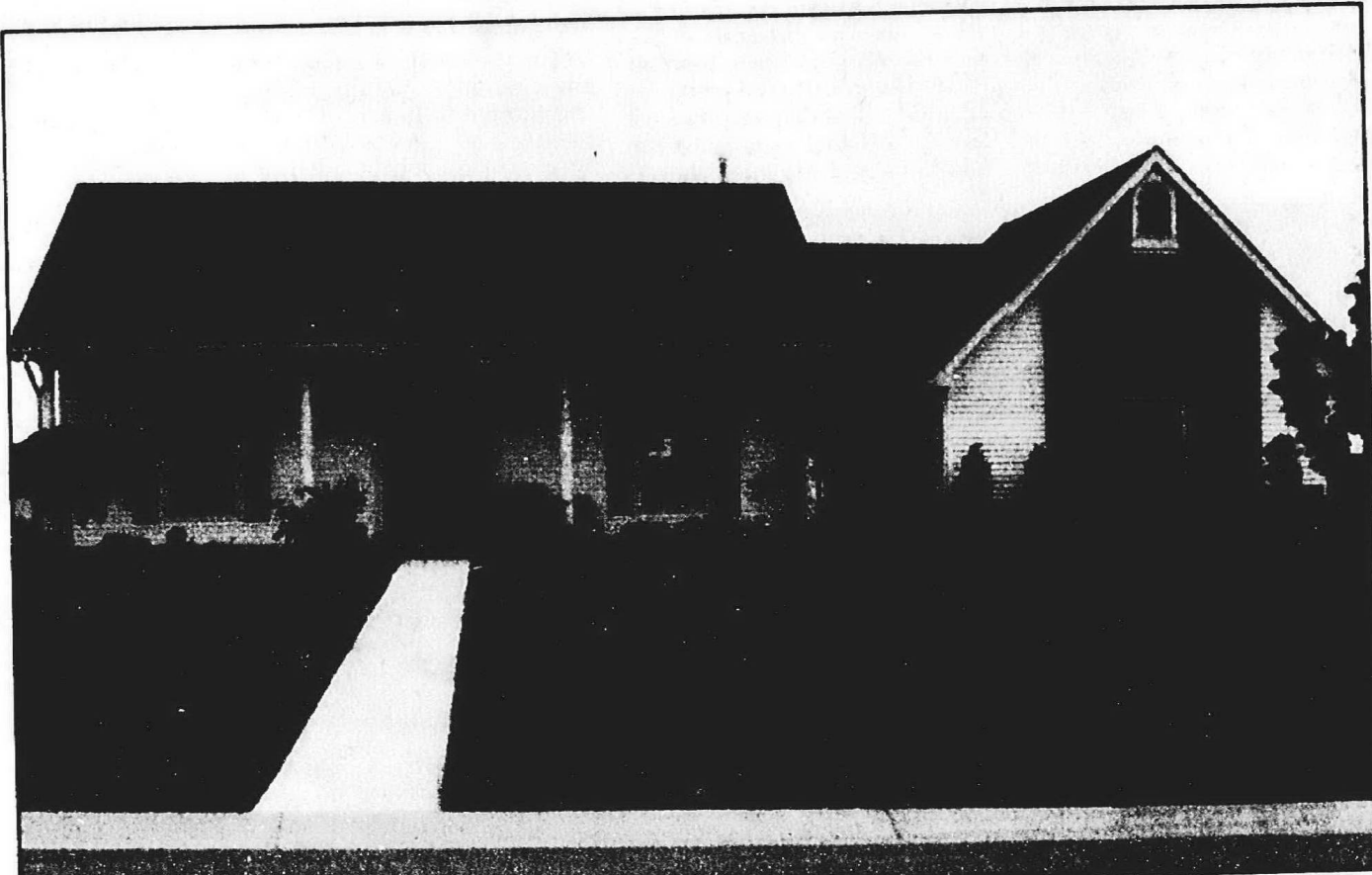
Del Giudice plans to finish the lower level walk-out of the Parkwood to include a great room, bar, exercise room, two bedrooms and two baths.

The house - 3,100 square feet - would run about \$330,000 without lot, he projected.

About a dozen lots, most with walk-outs, are still available in the single-family section of Lakewood Knoll. Just under 100 were laid out.

Also, about 10 units in the attached condominium portion of the community (a partnership between AMP and Uniland) remain to be sold.

They range in price from \$148,850 for a standard townhome of 1,300



Parkwood Model: AMP Building is constructing a ranch similar to this at Lakewood Knoll. The ranch will include four bedrooms, four baths and a lower-level entertainment center.

square feet with two bedrooms and 1-1/2 baths to \$238,695 for a ranch of 1,645 square feet with three bedrooms (one upstairs) and three baths.

Both plans include at base price two-car garage, first-floor laundry, basement, air conditioning, range, dishwasher, carpeting throughout and textured ceilings.

Vinyl siding and brick are primary exterior materials at both the houses and condos.

Genoa Township has been discovered since ground was first broken at Lakewood Knoll, the principals there maintain.

"You can get everything you need in this community - medical facilities, plenty of restaurants, plenty of shopping, plenty of churches," said Rex Rosenhaus, Uniland vice president.

Lakewood Knoll is about halfway between Brighton and Howell with their quaint downtowns, he added.

"You can't get closer to modern conveniences - access, location - to shopping and the expressway," Del Giudice

said. "The big attraction is space - there's breathing space," said Anita Blender, sales and marketing director for Uniland.

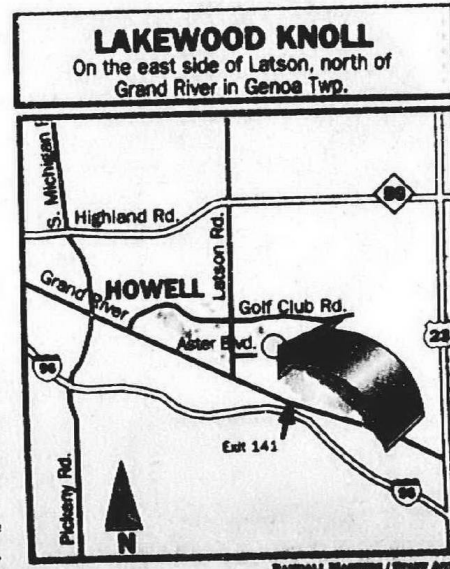
"There's a beautifully wooded area, a lake. You're accessible to things you need - expressways, shopping, restaurants - but it's not crowded," she said. It's not "Torture Lake."

Lakewood Knoll is served by city water and sewers. It's within the Howell school boundaries.

The property tax rate is \$20.18 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price for new construction. That means that the owners of a \$500,000 house in the Hills there would pay about \$5,000 the first year.

The monthly association fee at the condos, which includes water, is \$95. The association fee at the platted sub and projected for the Hills is \$100 initially, then \$50 per year.

The sales office/models at the condos, (517) 545-0600, are open noon to 5



p.m. daily, the platted sub, (517) 548-0020, noon to 6 p.m. Saturday through Wednesday, closed Thursdays and Fridays.

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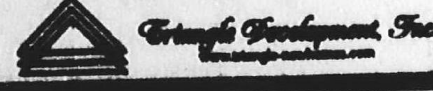
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Sunrooms provide flexible space for changing needs

(IHT)-With today's ever-changing family, many new demands are put on the home. From elderly grandparents joining the fold to college students who return home after graduation, to blended families with wide-ranging age gaps among children, the family has never looked so different. On top of that, many household heads are earning their wages at least partly from

their home. These changes are requiring more flexibility in the design and function of the home. One remodeling choice that is increasingly popular is the sunroom addition. It meets the demands of the new millennium home because it is highly versatile and cost effective. Glass enclosures cost less than full construction additions and are wise choices

because their uses can evolve as the family does. According to Patio Enclosures, Inc., today's family is putting sunrooms to good and creative uses. **We get letters** "We often receive e-mail from our customers telling us how the simple addition of a sunroom solved their unique family situation while adding a fresh look to their home," explains Rick Jones, president of Patio

Enclosures, Inc., an installer of custom sunrooms. "During the holidays, we never seem to have enough room. We decided the most economical and appealing way to expand our home was to add a sunroom. Now I use the room as my home office - it's to fulfilling not to use everyday," says Dori Smedley. "While my daughter and grandson are living with us, the sunroom has become a much needed respite from the additional commotion in the house now," says Ilene Jones. "We added a sunroom for a family that practically lives on a runway. The enclosure became a personal aviation

watchtower and a great place for family and friends to relax and observe," said Darrell DeVantier of DeVantier Construction, a Patio Enclosures Inc. dealership in El Paso, Texas. From romantic spas and dining areas to playrooms and home offices, sunrooms are beautiful, airy rooms that can easily and cost effectively adapt to the changing demands on the home and family. Sunrooms can be added onto a home, typically off the side or back. A more cost effective option is to convert an existing deck or patio into usable space. Solariums, the most dramatic sunroom style, are all glass

with a curved or angled roof and can be used year round. Three-season and year-round insulated rooms can have a solid gable or single slope style roof with glass roof panels for a view of the sky. All options add much-needed living space with uses that are as unlimited as the families who enjoy them. Whichever options or style of sunroom you choose let your imagination enhance how you use your room. You can see many different styles of sunrooms by checking out the photo gallery at www.patioenclosuresinc.com or by calling (800) 480-1966 for a free booklet about sunrooms.



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Don't leave the door open to crime when you leave home

(NAPSA)-Thanks to a strong economy and ease of travel, nearly 45 million people hit the roads during the winter holiday season. In other words, millions of homes, newer and older, were left empty, unsupervised and waiting for burglars. Each year in the United States, five million homes - one out of 10 - are burglarized. That's one every 13 seconds. Because 90 percent of these crimes are preventable, Lowe's Home Safety Council suggests that you take some basic home security measures. "In our survey, The State of Home Security In America, we found that home security and crime prevention is an issue important to consumers," said David Oliver, executive director of Lowe's Home Safety Council. "However they need more useful information to keep their home safe from break-ins." According to the safety council, homeowners can greatly reduce the risk of being burglarized by taking simple steps while spending a small amount of money.

Who's at the Door?

- Install a peephole or wide-angle viewer in all entry doors so you know who is at the door before opening it.
- All outside doors should be metal or solid wood. A good lock on a weak door defeats any effort to improve your locking system.
- If your doors don't fit tightly in their frames, install weather stripping around them.
- Keeping Intruders Out Look at your house from the outside and think about how you would break in.
- Burglars avoid bright lights. Install outside lights and keep them on at night.

Lock Up

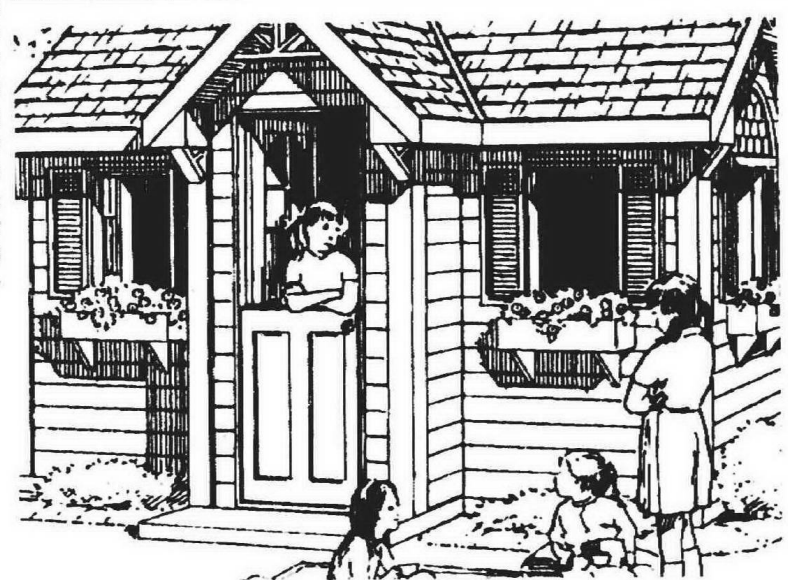
- Did you know that in almost half of all residential burglaries, thieves simply breezed in through unlocked doors or crawled through unlocked windows?
- Make sure every external door has a sturdy, well-installed dead bolt lock. Key-in-the-knob locks alone are not secure.
- Secure sliding glass doors by installing locks or placing a broomstick or dowel in the inside track to jam the door. To prevent the door from being lifted off the track, drill a hole through the slide door frame and the fixed frame. Then insert a pin in the hole.
- "Pin" double-hung windows by drilling a small hole at a 45-degree angle between the inner and outer frames, and then insert a nail that can be easily removed in the event of a fire.

ment after dark.

- Keep your yard clean. Prune back shrubbery so it doesn't hide doors or windows. Cut back tree limbs that a thief could use to climb to an upper-level window.
- If you travel, purchase timers that will turn lights on and off in different areas of your house throughout the evening. A consistently dark house signals an empty house.
- Manage your mail. Call the post office to stop delivery while you are on vacation or have someone collect it.

While home crimes are down slightly, you should still do what you can to protect your home. In fact, some security experts say the reason for this reduction in crime may be that Americans are more involved in home safety. For additional information about home security and other home safety topics, plus free brochures, consumers can call (800) SAFE-HOME or visit loweshomesafety.com.

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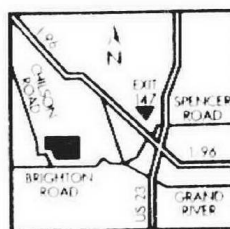
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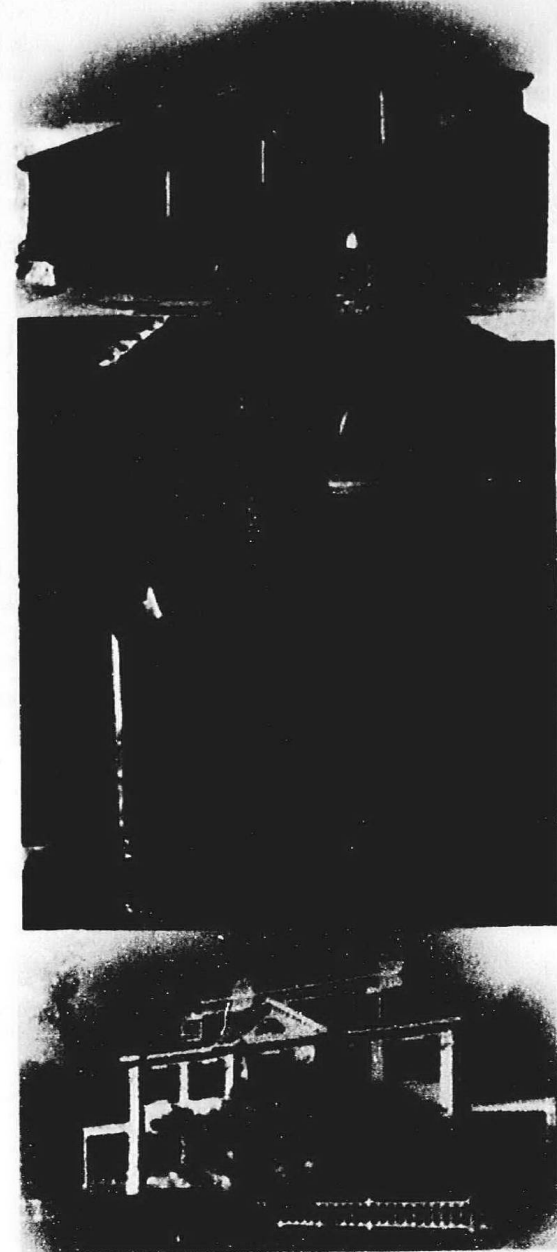
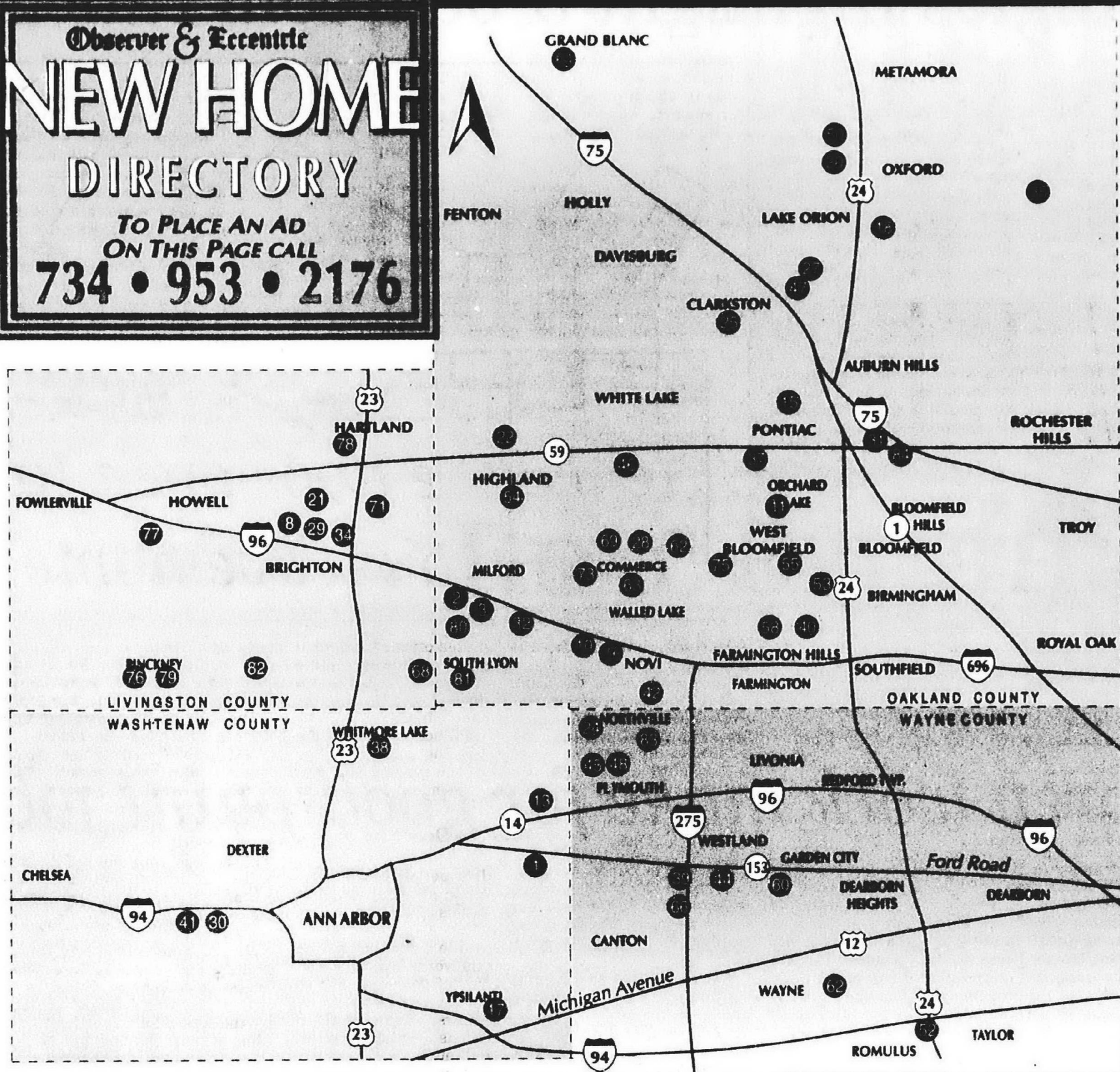



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Interesting angles highlight 3-bedroom ranch

Angles accent the shape of the Rooks (407-14) and add to the unique look.

Numerous windows and a large three-car garage provide a contemporary look for this 2,147-square-foot home.

Entry into the Rooks opens into a large vaulted great room with a rear dining room, also vaulted. There is a center fireplace and many windows bathing the area in sunlight.

The dining room has a door that opens onto a verandah in the rear. The vaulted nook overlooks the verandah as well. The kitchen angles off the nook

in the rear.

It has a centrally located walk-in pantry, along with a center island containing the cook top and an eating bar. Over the double sink is a garden window, ideal for growing herbs or flowers.

The entire left side of the Rooks is dedicated to bedrooms and the utility room. Around the corner from the kitchen is a linen closet with a full bath across the hall.

Bedrooms 2 and 3 are adjacent to the master suite, which doglegs out on the rear of the home. Each bedroom has its

own wall closet and large windows. A hall closet for storage is located next to the closet for bedroom 3.

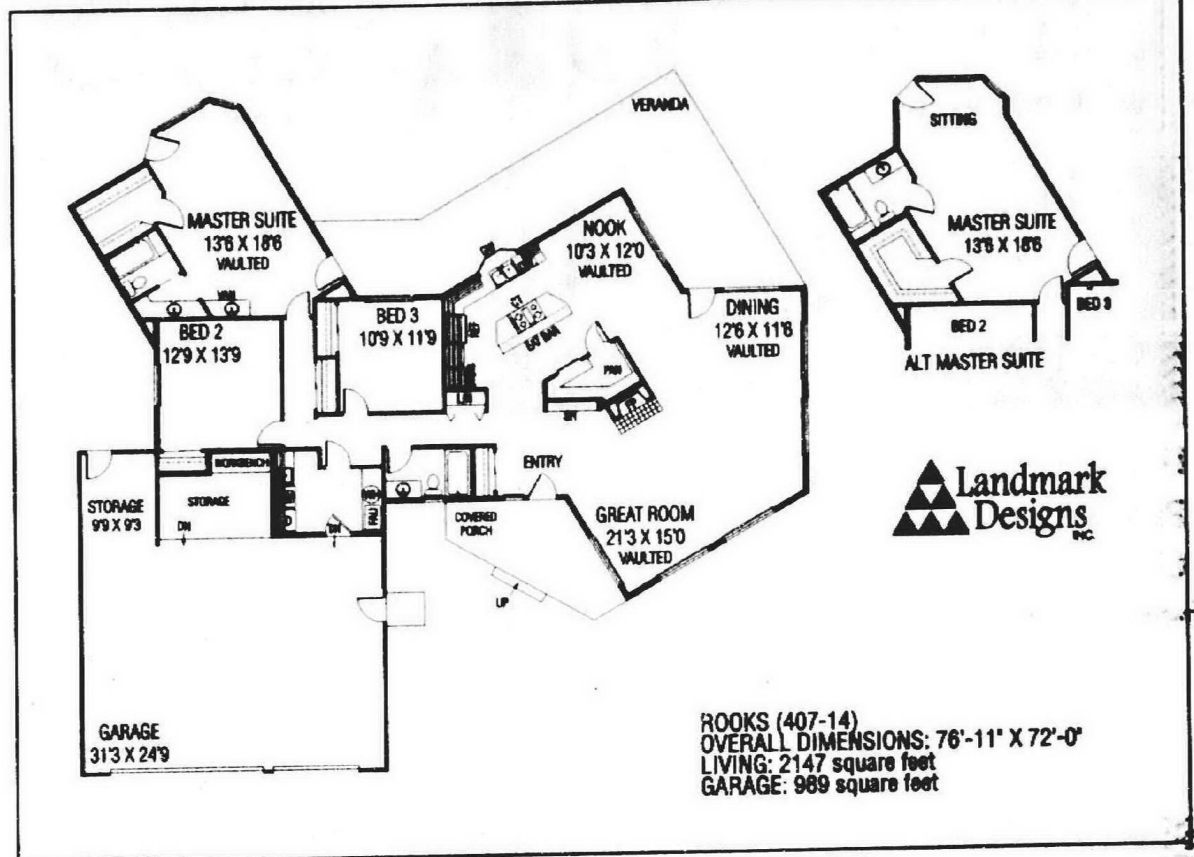
Down a hall between the two spare bedrooms is the master suite.

As it is laid out on the floor plan, it is vaulted with a vanity and single sink along one wall, extending into the tub room. Behind this area is a large corner walk-in closet. The windows form a bay with a door opening into the backyard. There is also another door that opens onto the verandah.

As an alternate plan, the bedroom would have full sitting room in the rear, a larger walk-in closet in the front, and a corner bath in the rear. This plan would no longer include the vaulted ceiling nor the vanity.

The utility is located across from the two spare bedrooms and is large in width. A door opens to the three-car garage, which has two separate storage areas.

One storage area has a workbench and could be used as a shop. The other storage area is ideal for keeping lawn mowers, tillers, or bikes, as it



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That new home won't always be new. Here are some tips on painting woodwork. Things we'll look at here include brushes, buckets, rollers and preparing the woodwork.

For quick touchups, use a small, inexpensive foam brush. Avoid the wide foam brushes because they tend to drip when loaded with paint.

Consider brush shape when you're buying your supplies. A sash brush with its bristles cut at an angle is designed for painting thin areas and getting into hard-to-reach corners. It's

your best choice for cutting in (painting up to a line) and painting windows. A square cut brush is best for painting door panels or wide trim. Brushes with a long pencil-style handle give you a good grip and provide balance.

You should own at least three brushes: a 1-inch and a 2 1/2-inch sash brush and a 2 1/2-inch straight brush. Buy the best brushes you can afford. Properly cared for, they will last indefinitely.

You can use a paint roller to work wide sections, such as flat doors. Use a roller with a nap length recommended on the paint can.

Open paint cans by prying around the lid with a wide-tip screwdriver. Pour the paint into a paint pail or a clean paint can and stir it to make sure it's evenly mixed. You can pour some of the paint back into the paint can and work out of that, or work out of the pail. If you use the can, don't fill it back up right to the rim.

It's a messy and inefficient way to work. Also, puncture the lid of the can in several places using a 4d finish nail to help drain the paint back into the can.

In preparing the woodwork, keep in mind that paint sticks better to a dull surface.

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Right tools, prep work make for good paint job

floor and surroundings with a dropcloth. Wear old clothes and protective glasses.

Let the gun heat up and hold it about a foot from the paint. When the finish bubbles up, scrape it away with a paint scraper. Move the gun slowly forward, and you can keep the paint hot without burning it. Keep a fire extinguisher handy when using a heat gun, and never set it down on a flammable surface.

Apply chemical strippers with an old paintbrush. When bubbles appear, use a scraper and steel wool to remove it.

Clean off the residue on the scraper using the sides of a sturdy cardboard box. A second application is often required. Let the surface dry, then sand lightly.

Most trim has some cracks and holes in it that should be filled with spackle or wood filler before applying paint. Spackle, premixed or 2-part fillers are applied with a small putty knife. Just overfill the hole or crack, smooth the filler and let it dry. Sand the filler flush, and it's ready for paint. You might have to use two coats on large repairs as some fillers shrink.

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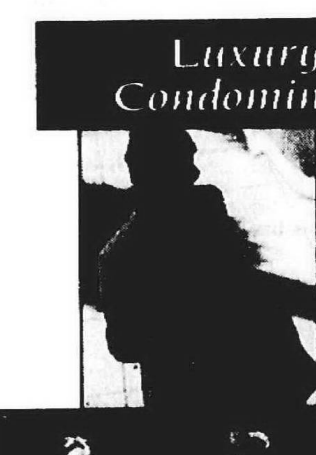

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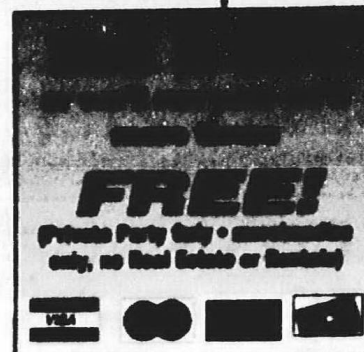
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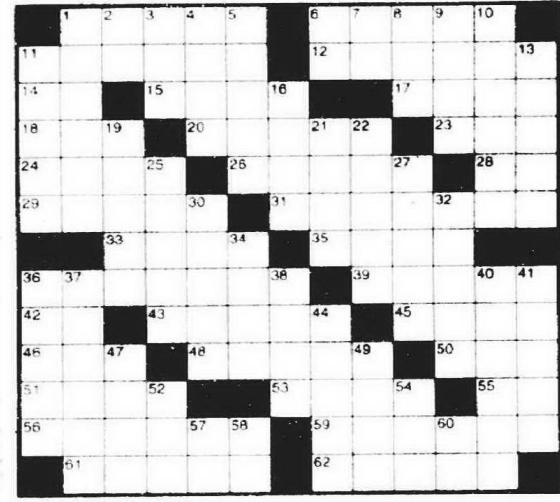
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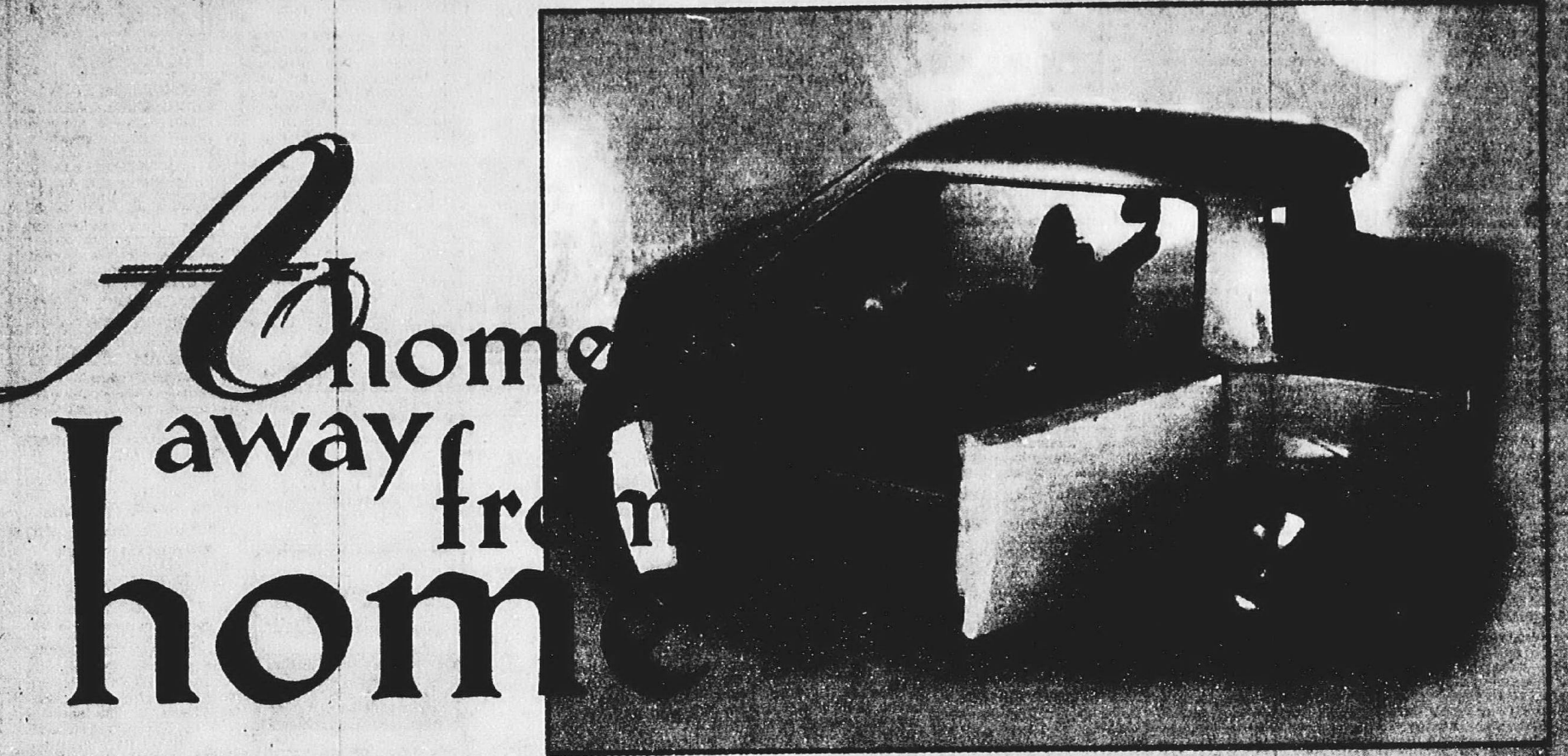
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Kion concept car debuts in this year's auto show

By EILEEN MCCARVILLE
STAFF WRITER

The new Kion has enough gadgets to make anyone exclaim, "What a concept!" That's exactly the right word for it. The Kion is one of 34 concept vehicles premiering at this year's North American International Auto Show, which begins Saturday at Cobo Center in Detroit. The Kion was unveiled in October, at the Mondial de l'Automobile show in Paris.

"This is its North American debut," said Debbie Lacey, communications specialist for Johnson Controls, a global automotive interior supplier with its world headquarters in Plymouth. The company developed and designed the car in Europe.

Most of the concept vehicles will be available for public viewing, said a spokesperson for the auto show, although the Kion will be housed in a private room, for by-invitation only showing. Access is limited because the Kion is advanced technology and a prototype, Lacey said.

"We're actually the only complete interior supplier that exhibits at the show. We're really selling our interiors as opposed to a vehicle," Lacey said, adding that other concept cars at the auto show are displayed by automobile manufacturers.

Nevertheless, the Kion could become the car of the future.

The concept vehicle is designed to "blur" the lines between car and home, with Internet service, video games, TV, telephone and more. According to Johnson Controls, the goal is "enhanced comfort, functionality and flexibility" for small to mid-size vehicle users.

The company conducted extensive research, including polling its European users on what they most want to do in their cars. It also eyed the future, considering tomorrow's society will be more fast-paced than ever. Thus, the Kion is an extension of the home or office. It suits the needs of global networkers, or those who simply want to relax while traveling, as sort of a "mobile home."

"We have investigated how people will live, work and spend their leisure time and used those insights to create Kion," said Thomas Patzelt, general manager of product business development for Johnson Controls. "We developed a concept car interior which believe will meet both the fundamental requirements and desires of consumers in the near future."

What's most unique about the Kion is its "coffee table" concept, which acts as the social and electronic hub of the car — a veritable living room with a curved, back-seat "sofa" and lighted pillars in each corner which resemble living room lamps.

Each of the four infotainment system communication pillars — located to the left and right of the instrument panel and on the sides of the rear seat — create links inside the car and to the outside world. Each pillar is equipped with a display monitor, microphone, loudspeakers, laptop computer and electronic notepad connection ports.

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Novi agency seeking full-time person with good written and oral telemarketing skills. Wage plus benefits. Fax resume to: 248-675-2550.

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For Redford Twp. credit union. Includes light clerical duties. Call Ed Walsh (313) 265-4900.

503 Engineering
CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
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504 Help Wanted-Dental
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503 Engineering

APPLICATION ENGINEER

The North American office of a "World Class" Italian Machine Tool Manufacturer of CNC Turning Milling and Boring Mill Equipment is hiring for the position of Technical Application Engineer. Experience in CNC programming with General Machining and Die/Mold applications, a willingness to learn, and a desire to improve your career path are the qualifications. Are You That Person? Submit resume to: Attn: Human Resources, FFT North America, 7517 Baron Dr., Canton, MI 48187. Fax (734) 459-8982. email: office.ftna@voyager.net.

Our Dearborn Plant is a Tier-1, QS-9000 supplier to the automotive industry. We are seeking a qualified person to fill the following position:

ENGINEERING CHANGE COORDINATOR
Must be able to handle engineering changes, resource coordination, outsourcing, production liaison, as well as maintain bill of materials, routings, and item masters with the computer system.

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Director of Human Resources
SYSTRAND MANUFACTURING CORPORATION
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Brownsport, MI 48183
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504 Help Wanted-Dental
DENTAL ASSISTANT - Experienced wanted for FRIENDLY Garden City practice. 30 hours per week. 734-422-5480.

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DYNAMIC individual to join our state of the art dental team 3 days a week. Call (248) 852-8400.

504 Help Wanted-Dental

DETROIT CITYSEARCH CareerCenter

PROGRESSIVE DENTAL practice in W. Dearborn searching for an experienced Dental Receptionist. Great patients, great doctors, great staff. Call for interview: 313-563-2610.

WE UNDERSTAND THE VALUE OF SUPERIOR TALENT
We are seeking to add both an outstanding Office Coordinator and a Dental Assistant to our existing staff. Do you have exceptional ability to be loving and professional on the telephone? Do you have an exceptional eye for detail and organization? Do you have computer experience and want to be part of an exciting & fun loving professional team?

Please fax resume to: (248) 332-7734
Farmington Hills

DENTAL ASSISTANT
CDA/RDA or experienced w/opportunity for growth, challenge, & fulfillment. Quality care standards in an atmosphere of excellence. We value your clinical and organizational skills, enthusiasm, & good communication. M-Th, Benefits, Livonia. Call (248) 474-0100 or Fax resume: 248-474-1588.

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504 Help Wanted-Dental

DENTAL ASSISTANTS
Canton dental office, expanding to meet area growth, needs dental assistants. Will train. Excellent opportunity, benefits. Please send letter and/or resume to:
Box #2919
Observer & Eccentric Newspapers
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Livonia, MI 48150

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Dynamic individual sought for Bloomfield Hills general practice. Part time, no weekends. 248-645-9797.

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Energetic, experienced person for part-time Assistant position in our friendly, caring SE Livonia dental office. (734) 522-5520.

DENTAL ASSISTANT
For busy Southfield general practice. Experience only need apply. Excellent salary & benefits. No weekends. 3 evens/wk. Call Pam (248) 559-1559.

DENTAL ASSISTANT FULL-TIME
needed in busy Ann Arbor practice. Experienced necessary. Excellent pay and benefits available. Call Danielle (734) 996-9966.

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Brighton office seeks bright, energetic, dental assistant. No experience necessary. Will train. Good salary & benefits. Call Heidi Wed. or Fri. at 248-540-9193.

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Exc. opportunity for a career oriented person. If you have experience & are looking for a positive change, call us. Our outstanding staff is rewarded w/great compensation: Medical Benefits, Blue Cross, Paid Vacations & Holidays, Paid Sick Days, Daily & Monthly Bonuses, Retirement Plans, No evens/no weekends. Call Karan 248-559-8618.

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Dental software company seeking individual to provide software and computer system telephone support. Position requires dental office background as well as experience with any dental computer system. Experience with DENTECH a plus. Send resume to: Brian McKenna, Softech, Inc., 28104 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 100, Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

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DENTAL HYGIENIST
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DENTAL HYGIENIST
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DENTAL HYGIENIST NEEDED
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504 Help Wanted-Dental

DENTAL HYGIENIST
Needed for acrylic processor in our Denture department. Experience preferred, but willing to train. We offer competitive wage and benefits. Call Doug at: 248-844-8105.

DENTAL HYGIENIST
Rochester preventative practice. Tues - Thurs, alternate Sat. Call: (248) 651-4863.

DENTAL HYGIENIST
Good wages & benefits. You must be dedicated, personable, hardworking and a team player. Please call (248) 473-4410 to arrange interview.

DENTAL OFFICE RECEPTIONIST/BUSINESS ASSISTANT
(full-time) a caring, dependable person with excellent communication skills in person and on the phone. Bookkeeping, insurance and patient contact experience are needed for our professional practice team. Must have dental experience and be dedicated to detail and follow-up call (248) 855-5212 to schedule an interview.

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Patient Coordinator
Hygienist
Office Manager

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Invitation to a dedicated, enthusiastic self-starter to join our progressive dental team. We are willing to train the right person. Excellent opportunity with benefits. 10 hrs & 30 hrs. Call Pam (248) 354-9544.

DENTAL HYGIENIST
Professional position for Detroit office. Dental exp. preferred. Flexible hours. P.M.

504 Help Wanted-Dental

DENTAL TECHNICIAN
Immediate opening for acrylic processor in our Denture department. Experience preferred, but willing to train. We offer competitive wage and benefits. Call Doug at: 248-844-8105.

ESTABLISHED TROY dental office seeking mature, caring individual to help us continue to provide optimal dental health to our patients. T. Degehhardt DDS and Team 843-6551.

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Are you kind, compassionate, people-oriented and motivated to succeed? Progressive Canton office seeking a full time person with minimum one year experience in dental office. Friendly, socially stable and health centered in life-style. Competitive salary/benefits. Call: 734-981-5455 for appointment.

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Novi, full-time a growing dental practice, beautiful, new facility, benefits, experience preferred. Join a great team (248) 786-1402.

FRONT DESK PERSON
Downtown Plymouth modern and exciting dental office seeking experienced, dynamic, person oriented individual to represent our practice and help run our office. Duties include patient relations, reception, billing, staffing, and computer work. Salary and benefits negotiable and depend on experience. Call for interview: 734-959-8000.

FRONT OFFICE
Livonia general dental office with holistic health philosophy seeking an individual, person oriented individual to represent our practice and help run our office. Duties include patient relations, reception, billing, staffing, and computer work. Salary and benefits negotiable and depend on experience. Call for interview: 734-959-8000.

HYGIENIST
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HYGIENIST
Dearborn dental office is seeking a part-time hygienist for Friday only. Must possess in quality patient care and have fun at work. Call Kim: 313-881-3987 or fax resume to: 313-881-3980.

HYGIENIST
Experienced in busy, established dental practice, 10-15 hrs. Full-time - 4 days. Excellent benefits. Call: 248-354-9544.

CRITICISM ASSISTANT
Needed for dental office. Must have dental office background and be able to work with patients. Call: 248-354-9544.

DENTAL HYGIENIST
Professional position for Detroit office. Dental exp. preferred. Flexible hours. P.M.

504 Help Wanted-Dental

RECEPTIONIST
FOR busy oral surgeon's office with multiple locations. Full-time, 1 year dental background and computer experience necessary. Call (248) 293-5500 extension 300 or fax resume to 248-293-5505

SURGICAL DENTAL ASSISTANT/EXPERIENCED RECEPTIONIST
For periodontal office in Southfield. Full or part-time. Call Mon., Wed or Fri., 9-5pm: 248-350-2220.

WE ARE looking for a part-time Dental Receptionist, 20-25 hrs/wk. Dental or medical exp. required. You will enjoy working with our staff. Please call 734-459-5370

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Medical office seeks experienced Receptionist. Full-time. Excellent pay & benefits. Ann Arbor/Plymouth area. Fax resume to: 734-996-8767

ADMISSION COORDINATOR
Hartland Hospice is accepting applications for Admissions Coordinator. Successful candidate will have current RN MI license and prior marketing experience. Please fax resume to: 248-945-3333 Attn: Marsha EOE.

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Quest Diagnostics

506 Help Wanted - Medical

Heartland Healthcare - Ann Arbor, a state-of-the-art health care facility, is currently seeking a skilled candidate to fill our accounts receivable position. This is a Mon-Fri day shift position consisting of 40 hrs/wk.

The successful candidate will have computer experience, the ability to learn quickly, and play an active role in business office operations. Previous data entry, accounts receivable, and medical billing experience REQUIRED.

We offer a competitive salary and full benefits package. Please send us your resume with salary requirements to:

Heartland Health Care Center
4701 E. Huron River Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48105
FAX: 734-677-5857.

506 Help Wanted - Medical

CARE SPECIALISTS SHIFT SUPERVISORS

We need competent, reliable, dedicated and experienced people to provide services to older adults in our beautiful Assisted Living Residence and Shift Supervisors. Full Time & Part-Time. Full time employees are eligible for medical and dental insurance. E.O.E. Apply in person: 3280 Walton Blvd, Rochester Hills, Michigan (between Adams Rd. & Squirrel Rd.) or call (248) 375-9864

CENA's - Afternoons Part Time

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CENA's All shifts available, full-time. Apply in person: West Trail Nursing Center, 395 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI 48170.

CENAS

Currently accepting applications for full/part-time positions, days & afternoon shifts. If you enjoy working with the senior population in a team-oriented environment where quality patient care is promoted then come join the team of healthcare professionals. We offer an excellent benefit package including medical, dental, life insurance, retirement and tuition reimbursement.

Starting salary for qualified candidates: \$15.00/hour. Benefits include: medical/dental, 401K/profit sharing, paid holidays/vacation, tuition reimbursement.

Qualified candidates please mail resume to:

HR Dept.
P. O. Box 395
Farmington Hills, MI 48332-0395
E.O.E.

CENA

50 Bed nursing facility in West Bloomfield/Commerce area in need of full/part-time afternoon CENA's. Low stress. Top pay. Learn more - 248-360-4800. E.O.E.

506 Help Wanted - Medical

EMTS - PARAMEDICS

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Local industrial distributor and manufacturer is seeking a qualified, full-time Executive Assistant to support the Vice President of Sales & Marketing.

Qualified candidate will have an Associate's degree in Secretarial Science (will consider equivalent work experience), 3+ years experience in similar role (preferably at Executive level), advanced PC skills (Microsoft products preferred), and excellent organization and communication skills.

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Qualified candidates please mail resume to:

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Full time with good pay and benefits. Join our dedicated, caring staff in a beautiful, clean environment with excellent rates. Apply to: WALTONWOOD OF ROYAL OAK, 3450 W. 13 Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073.

MA, LPN, RN

Are you a patient-oriented person with a nursing background? Our pediatric practice, located near downtown Rochester, would like to hear from you. Please send resume to: (248) 656-8504

506 Help Wanted - Medical

MEDICAL ASSISTANT/RECEPTIONIST

Experience needed. 20-36 hrs/wk. For busy internal medicine practice in Livonia. Salary & benefits depend on experience. Fax resume to: (734) 484-9797

MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Full time. Energetic and a team player needed for busy family practice in Plymouth. Good pay with medical benefits. Experience preferred. Fax resume to: 734-455-3405. Attn: Shannon

MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

Assist with surgery in beautiful Royal Oak Beaumont Bldg. Rochester office seeks MA who enjoys working with children. *NUCLEAR MED TECHS *OPHTHALMIC TECH (COT) *RECEPTIONISTS to 114HR. Livonia (MBS preferred), Waterford (surgical scheduling a plus). Royal Oak Beaumont Bldg (Windows experience required) & Southfield openings.

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Medical

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506 Help Wanted - Medical

MEDICAL RECORDS COORDINATOR (JOB CODE MRC)

Blue Care Network, a statewide leader in the managed care industry, is currently recruiting medical records coordinators.

Will process requests for medical records to and from BCH departments. Will maintain records in a system which provides access to authorized staff while protecting confidentiality of medical records according to federal and state regulations.

Requirements: Must be an Accredited Records Technical (ART) or will consider two years of full-time college credits with a minimum of two years of experience in medical records in a health care setting. Must have a minimum of one year of experience in medical records, medical office or health care related activities. Must be familiar with word processing and spreadsheet applications.

We offer excellent salary and benefits. Interested applicants may submit a resume along with job code and salary to:

Blue Care Network
HR Dept. (JOB CODE MRC)
25225 Telegraph Road
Southfield, MI 48066-5043
Email to: hansen@bcn.com
Fax to: (248) 799-6979
E.O.E.

506 Help Wanted - Medical

PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDE

Part-time. Some medical background needed. Will train. Fax resume to: 248-539-8447

PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDE

Excellent student experience. Training provided. AM position. No weekends. Walcom clinic. Call 248-926-5828. Fax 248-926-5830

PHYSICAL THERAPY TECHNICIAN / AIDE

Part-time, 20-25 hrs per week to assist physical therapist in outpatient orthopedic clinic in Novi. Late in the morning/afternoon hours. Experience helpful, but will train the right individual. Call Joanne: 248-380-3550

PODIATRY OFFICE seeking front desk help. Willing to train. Experience a plus. (734) 455-3669

RECEPTIONIST FOR doctor's office. Call: 734-729-1040 Or fax resume: 734-729-1009

RECEPTIONIST

Full-time for friendly office environment. Knowledge of computer helpful. 248-647-8200

RECEPTIONIST FULL-TIME Birmingham. Necessary. Fax resume 248-642-1396 Attention: Debbie

RECEPTIONIST Part-time/Full-time experience for Troy Internist (248) 879-7732

RECEPTIONIST

Pediatric office in Rochester is seeking a Receptionist to work 2-3 days a week. Willing to train the right applicant. If interested, fax resume to: 248-556-8504

RECEPTIONIST

position available in a Livonia family physicians office. Full-time. Call (734)464-9200

RECEPTIONIST

With MA skills preferred. Full or part time. Call (734) 522-8590

REFERRAL CLERK

experienced only need apply. 3 days per week. Good salary. Call Delores (248) 354-9666 extension 9200

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Part-time & weekend coverage. Primary day shift. Excellent hours. Plus, excellent benefits. Small 37 bed facility. Northville/Novi area. No Medicare, low stress. Call (248)348-8145 for more info.

506 Help Wanted - Medical

RNs \$19-21/HR LPNs \$16.50-18.25/HR 12 Hour Shifts!

Are you a dedicated professional who has a positive attitude and a love for nursing? If so, you would fit perfectly with our current nursing team at Heartland Health Care Center of Ann Arbor. We are seeking individuals with strong leadership skills and a team approach to nursing care. We have openings for full-time part-time and evening staff on our skilled, dementia, and long-term care units. We offer medical, dental, 401K, paid vacation/personal time, weekend premium, holiday pay, life insurance, long term disability, tuition assistance, and sign-on bonus.

Apply in person or fax resume: Human Resources Heartland Health Care Center
4701 E. Huron River Dr. Ann Arbor, MI 48105
FAX: 734-677-5857
PH: 734-975-2600.

SKIN CARE SPECIALIST/TECHNICIAN

Skin Care Treatment Center in West Bloomfield @ Maple & Orchard Lake is seeking Esthetician or any medical license individual to perform the following functions: Microdermabrasion, Endermologie, a pulsed Light System & Lasers for non-invasive skin treatments. Experience a plus, will train and promote the right individual. An excellent opportunity for advancement. Pay based on experience. Please call 248-360-4800 for more info. EOE

506 Help Wanted - Medical

X-RAY TECHS

We have opportunities for X-Ray Technicians w/ARRT certification Temp or perm positions. Various Wayne & Oakland locations. Call Alena or Sue at MSD MATCH: 1-800-769-8530 or fax resume: 248-651-2748

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FAX: 734-677-5857

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FRONT OFFICE STAFF

Looking for career minded individual to work in a busy alternative health Chiropractic office. Experience in a fast paced medical office a plus. Send resume: DHS, 39595 W. 10 Mile, Suite 112, Novi, MI 48375, attn: Pam.

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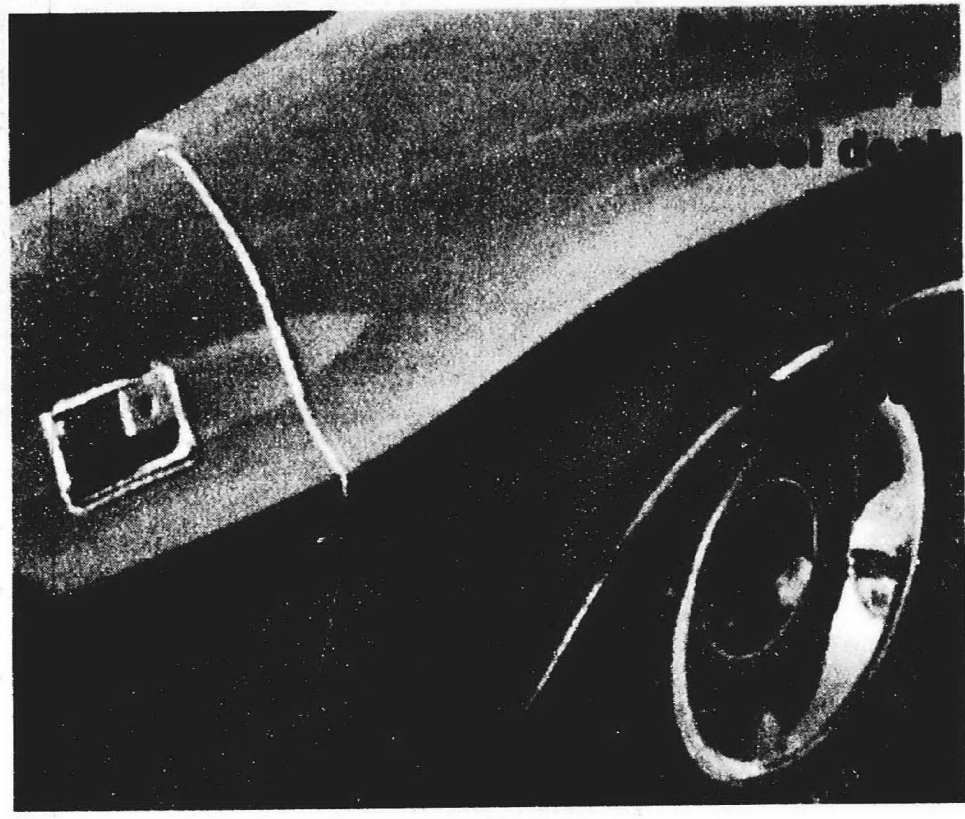
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