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School board: The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education also meets at 7 p.m. at the E.J. McClen-don Educational Center.

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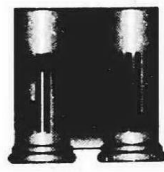
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Teague, city agree on pact



■ There are still questions, principally about just how strong at least one opposing commissioner's feelings are, but Calvin Teague and Plymouth Mayor Dave McDonald have agreed in principle on just about everything else.

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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After a little wining and dining, Plymouth finally has a new city manager.

City commissioners voted Tuesday to hire Calvin Teague, 51, the former administrator of Van Buren County, to fill the position that's been vacant for nearly seven months. Mayor Dave McDonald and Commissioner Bill Gra-

ham met Teague for dinner Thursday night at Jack Dunleavy's Grill on Main Street to extend the offer.

"I passed Mr. Teague a piece of paper offering him \$72,500," recalls McDonald. "He took a bite of his steak, thought it over, then indicated he would like to see something more, considering what we offered two previous candidates.

"I took a bite of my steak, wrote down \$75,000, and gave the paper back to him," continued McDonald. "He

looked at it and said it was a deal."

If all goes well, Teague will begin his duties Jan. 22. He met with McDonald again yesterday to dot the i's, cross the t's, and iron out any other concerns. McDonald said he's hoping to introduce Teague to the public at Tuesday's regular meeting.

"I've contacted all the commissioners and the feedback is we're all glad the search is over and are looking forward

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First day: John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, waves to supporters in the gallery at the State Capitol, as wife Beth looks on. Stewart participated in his first session on the state House floor as the newly elected 20th District representative.

House in order

First-day session gavels in Stewart's new career path

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It certainly was a celebration, the likes of which Lansing hasn't seen in a long time.

Usually, when state legislators are sworn into office, they request a few floor passes for the members of their immediate family so spouses and children can be a part of the swearing-in ceremonies.

It was a different story for newly elected 20th House District Representative John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township. Not only did Stewart have his wife and two daughters with him as he took the oath from Michigan Supreme Court Justice Elizabeth Weaver during the opening session of the 91st Legislature, there were nearly 180 others who rode buses from the Plymouth Historical Museum to watch the ceremonies from television

screens on the second floor of the state Capitol.

"I'm so excited that this many people came to enjoy this day," said Stewart after talking the oath with his new colleagues. "It's a dream come true.

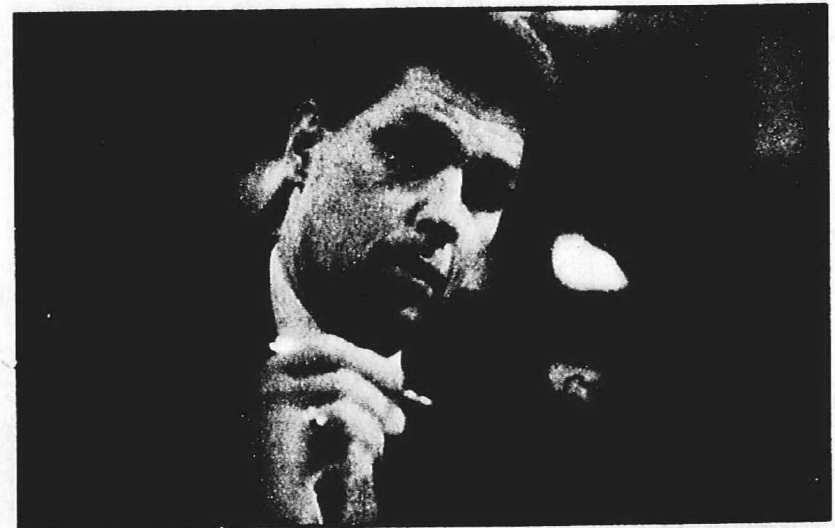
"I think with (Bruce) Patterson, R-Canton, as majority floor leader, we should be able to do some good things for our constituents," he said.

While most of the state representatives had luncheons in the Capitol for their close friends, Stewart's unusually large contingent was bused to the nearby Michigan Historical Museum for a luncheon and tour.

As if that weren't enough, Stewart's bash was bi-partisan, which made some political waves when Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara, the county's top Democrat, visited the Stewart party.

"Politics makes strange bedfellows,"

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STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHELMANN

Stewart takes notes during his first session as State Representative for the 20th District.

Observer photos highlight Plymouth Township calendar

Plymouth Township, with significant help from the Plymouth Observer, has put out its 2001 calendar, chock full of information, phone numbers and points of interest for township residents.

The calendar was recently mailed to all Plymouth Township residents. The 32-page glossy calendar features a map of the township, an explanation of the duties of the various township officials, and facts and figures about places and events around the township.

Many of the photos used in the calendar were shot by Plymouth Observer photographer Paul Hurschmann and provided courtesy the Observer Newspapers.

"It's an excellent calendar full of great information and, not surprisingly, great photos," said Susan Rosiek, publisher of the Observer Newspapers, including the Plymouth Observer. "The calendar matches the Observer's mission of providing 'news you can use,' and we obvi-



ously believe Paul's photos contribute greatly to the overall effectiveness of the calendar.

"We're honored to have been asked by the township to play such a significant role in the publication of its calendar," Rosiek added.

For more information on the calendar, or if you didn't get one, call the township, (734) 453-3840.

Board questions decision made in snow emergency

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Though it's been nearly a month since about 12 inches of snow fell in the Plymouth area, the white stuff was still on Plymouth Township board members' minds during the Jan. 9 board meeting.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann declared a snow emergency Dec. 14 with the concurrence of Clerk Marilyn Massengill following a hefty snowfall that began Dec. 11.

He authorized a private contractor to remove snow from residential streets within the township at a cost of \$18,311.26. The money came from the general fund. The streets had been untouched by Wayne County to that point, he said.

Wayne County is responsible for snow removal, grading and salting

of public roads. The county's snow removal priorities are, in order:

• state highways and trunk lines such as I-275, I-96, M-14 and Ann Arbor Road

• Wayne County primary roads including Beck, Sheldon and Haggerty Roads; Wayne County secondary roads like Canton Center, McClumpha and Ridge Roads

• school bus routes; and all other county routes.

"Emergency services were forced to make special accommodations in order to traverse residential streets," Mann said. "This consisted of the police department utilizing 4-by-4 vehicles and the fire department sending a pumper ahead of the rescue unit on all residential rescues."

During the night of Dec. 13, when an additional 4 to 5 inches topped

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Lions boost Army past Red Kettle goal

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When the Plymouth chapter of the Salvation Army finished counting its pennies in the annual Red Kettle drive, they came up about \$500 short of last year's goal of \$113,000.

When some Plymouth Lions Club members found that out this week, they took care of it, coming up with contributions that lifted the Salvation Army over the top.

"Those guys really came through for us," said Capt. Steve Hull, the Salvation Army commander. "And we can't say enough about the people who helped man our bell-ringing posts and the people who so graciously gave to support our cause."

The total collected by bell

ringers throughout Plymouth, Canton and Northville was \$112,407. Once Canadian currency and coins were exchanged, they inched closer. The Lions' generosity put the drive over the top. The fundraising effort officially ended Dec. 23.

Because of the cold weather and December snowstorm, the Salvation Army was behind by \$38,000 in reaching the Red Kettle goal with less than a week to go. Hull said groups like the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs helped make up the difference by manning the kettles the final two weekends.

The money is used to buy food, clothing and holiday gifts for needy families in the area.

For the entire campaign, Hull said there were 2,041 volunteers who donated an average of two hours each ringing the bells at the kettles.

Registration starts for community ed

Registration for Plymouth-Canton community education courses begins 8-10 a.m. Saturday in the Canton High School cafeteria.

Walk-in and mail-in registration for high school completion and adult or youth enrichment classes will also be available at the Starkweather Education Center. District residents will receive a brochure detailing winter and spring classes in the mail.

The semester begins Jan. 29 for high school completion classes. Call (734) 416-4901 for information on high school completion classes and (734) 416-2937 for information on enrichment classes.

Ice Fest dance

The Plymouth Ice 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.

The Tom Loncaric Dance Orchestra plays music from the 1930s to the 1960s, specializing in swing, R&B and rock and roll. Loncaric has played with artists including Michael Feinstein, the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra and Freda Payne.

The dance takes place in the Atrium, the two-story, glass enclosed room at St. John's.

Tickets are \$100 per person and are available at Papa Romano's, Hands on Leather and Engraving Connection, or by calling Ron Loiselle (459-9970), Watt's Up (459-6969) or Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards (420-2949).

New leadership

The Plymouth City Planning Commission has new leadership. Ron Loiselle, a former city commissioner,

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was elected the new chairman, replacing Doug Miller. Richard Moyer is the new vice-chairman.

Soccer registration

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking spring soccer registration through January at the recreation office during business hours, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The office is located in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. All registrations require a birth certificate. The fee for 6-under, 7-under and 8-under is \$45 for city residents, \$65 for non-residents; fee for 9-under and above is \$50/\$80.

For more information call 455-6620. More information and registration forms can be found on the 'Net' at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

EMU alumni

The Office of Alumni Relations hosts a reception for alumni and friends of Eastern Michigan University from 5 to 7 p.m. Jan. 20 at the Convocation Center Stadium Club.

Tickets for the reception are \$4 for alumni, \$6 for non-members. Tickets for each game are \$10 for reserved seats and \$8 for general admission.

Tickets can be purchased by calling alumni relations at (734) 487-0250 or by email at alumni.relations@emich.edu.

Auxiliary convention

Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Auxiliary to Post No. 6695, Veterans of Foreign Wars President Lorraine Nelson will be among the people taking part when National President of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary attends the Michigan Mid-Winter Conference Jan. 25-27.

National President Patricia Jankowski, a Garden City resident and member of Northville Post No. 4012, will attend. Since she holds the highest office in the Ladies Auxiliary, there will be an aisle of honor with Color Bearer flags.

Nelson and sisters from Post No. 6695 will take part in the ceremony.

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off already existing high snowfall, Mann said, "Residential streets which had not yet been groomed from the snowfall of Dec. 11 were now impassable. By the morning of the 14th, we had already experienced emergency vehicles becoming stuck while enroute to calls for service."

Mann authorized the Department of Public Services to secure a private contractor for snow removal. MAAS Enterprises accepted and performed the work over a period of about 36 hours.

"I understand the situation but I have two points," said trustee Chuck Curmi. One is that Plymouth Township pays more Wayne County property taxes than any other single tax. "They should be plowing the roads."

The second point is those residents who don't have confidence in the county pay to have their roads plowed privately, he said. "My neighborhood does it and I don't have an association," Curmi said. "My concern is that we are subsidizing other people in the township and it is also redundant because the county should be doing it. I'd rather not see this being done in the future."

Curmi added he personally benefited because his mother's street in the township was plowed. "But, it doesn't matter, she shouldn't be receiving snow removal," he said.

Trustee Kay Arnold told Curmi if an emergency vehicle couldn't get down that street, Curmi wouldn't be happy.

"I might not be happy but I am not asking other people in the township to subsidize her street," Curmi said.

Trustee Abe Munfakh agreed with Curmi but noted the unusual situation this year.

This won't be a routine situation but there was no alternative, Mann said. Massengill asked Plymouth Township attorney Tim Cronin if the township could pass an ordinance requiring subdivisions to plow their streets. "It would probably cost them about \$2 a year," Massengill said.

Because the township's roads are county roads, Cronin didn't believe he could give any legal provision allowing the township such authority. Subdivision can voluntarily hire private plowing contractors, Cronin said.

Massengill received about 50 angry phone calls during the mentioned snow period from people complaining about the

unplowed streets. "Green Meadows doesn't have a homeowners association, yet most of the calls I got came from the Green Meadows subdivision," Massengill said. She questioned why they wouldn't want to pay a couple of extra bucks each year to get their streets plowed out.

The Green Meadows area is located south of Ann Arbor Road between Main and Sheldon Roads.

Arlene Karell, who resides in the Green Meadows area and who was in the audience, commented that taxes go to the county to provide such a service. She shouldn't have to pay twice.

Sometimes there's difficulty getting enough subdivision residents to voluntarily pay for snow removal and a few residents end up footing the bill, or not have it done, trustee Ron Griffith said.

"As long as we have emergencies, we are going to let somebody make the judgment," Griffith said. "I agree with trustee Curmi that the county should be doing it."

The township hired a contractor two years ago, Curmi said. By law, the township isn't required to plow the streets.

Most subdivision associations in the township contract for private snow removal.

To find out who your association contacts are, contact the Supervisor's office at 354-3201. Not all subdivisions have active associations.

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY'S POPULAR PICKS

Every week the Plymouth District Library staff provides the Observer with their list of "Best Sellers" based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library 453-0750.

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- 1) The Bear and the Dragon, Tom Clancy
 - 2) The Mark, Tim LaHaye
 - 3) Roses are Red, James Patterson
 - 4) Code to Zero, Ken Follett
 - 5) The Constant Gardner, John Le Carre

- NONFICTION**
- 1) The O'Reilly Factor, Bill O'Reilly
 - 2) Beatles Anthology, The Beatles
 - 3) Maestro, Bob Woodward
 - 4) Darwin Awards, Wendy Northcutt
 - 5) My War, Andy Rooney

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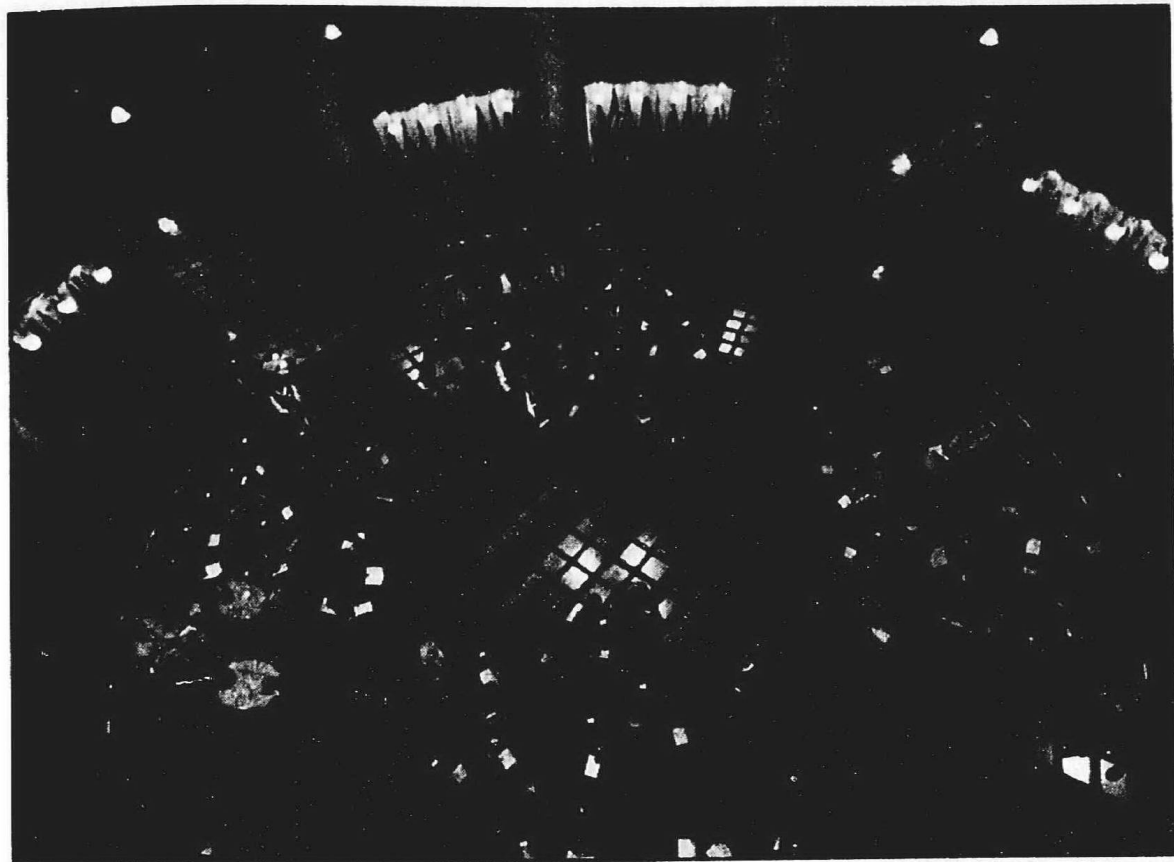
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On hand: A contingent of Stewart supporters gets a history lesson in the Capitol Rotunda.

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and I'm plagued with mostly Republican representatives," joked McNamara, a resident of Plymouth Township. "John has shown to be a moderate person, not a strong party person. We've sat and discussed the issues, like the airport and health care."

Education is a top issue of many, especially those who live in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

"I hope he gets more money for our schools because it's (the state foundation grant) ridiculously low," said Nancy Remick of Plymouth Township, who rode one of three tour buses to the ceremony. "John's an honest man. That's what we need in government."

After taking the oath of office, Stewart took part in the tradition of selecting seat assignments on the House floor. Being a freshman lawmaker, by the time Stewart's selection came, most of the 110 seats were already chosen. Stewart took seat number 2.

"I want to be right up front, where the fight is," said Stewart.

However, his wife, Beth, tells the real story.

"Our daughter, Laura, said 'Dad, you always tell me to sit in the front of the class,'" said Beth.

Hence, history was made.



Showing support: John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, applauds newly sworn House Speaker Rick Johnson, R-Traverse City.

Racetrack developers eye Salem

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Salem Township Supervisor Fred Roperti is fielding calls and questions about a proposed horse-racing complex in that township.

Roperti admits he has had no contact with Magna Entertainment, which is believed to be eyeing a site at M-14 and Gotfredson Road that the Taubman Co. once considered for a shopping mall. Salem Township is located between Plymouth and Ann Arbor and has about 5,600 residents.

Township leaders have fiercely staved off development as they have sought to preserve a pristine environment.

Roperti points out the proposed project area is without water and sewer and there's concern about traffic and noise. "There are major issues to overcome," Roperti said.

News reports which surfaced last month brought the issue home to Salem.

"We heard the rumor," Roperti said. "There's been no communication between the (Magna) planners and the township board."

Richard Wallington, general manager of Great Lakes Downs in Muskegon, a thoroughbred race course which is owned by Magna Entertainment, said nothing is definite. Magna Entertainment is a subsidiary of the Canadian conglomerate Magna International, which is an auto parts company.

"There's nothing concrete," Wallington said. "I

don't know if the deal ever closed. The company has plans to get back into the western side of the state. There is no live thoroughbred racing on the western half of the state. It's one of the few markets left in the United States. They are astute businessmen in Toronto."

A horse racing complex could entail a thoroughbred turf course and harness racing, Wallington said.

As for competition from Northville Downs, which features harness racing about eight miles away from the Salem site, Wallington said, "there are a number of ways to address it."

Meanwhile, Roperti is putting the final touches on the township newsletter that will be mailed to residents next week with updated information on the subject.

Residents have expressed both positive and negative viewpoints about horseracing, Roperti said.

Roperti had urged them to express their opinions about horseracing, in general, and SB 1214-1215 which were introduced by Senators George McManus Jr. (R-Traverse City), Harry Gast (R-St. Joseph), Leon Stille (R-Grand Rapids), Walter North (R-St. Ignace), Don Koivisto (D-Ironwood) and Joe Young Jr. (D-Detroit).

The bills, dealing with horseracing which would have allowed simulcasting, telephone account wagering, and off-track betting, didn't pass during the last legislative session.

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to working with Mr. Teague," said McDonald. "There are a number of pressing issues, and he needs to pick the ball up and run with it. There's not much time for a honeymoon period."

Teague said some of his immediate concerns include hiring a new police chief and putting together next year's fiscal budget.

"I want to sit down with each of the commission members to talk about what they believe is needed," said Teague. "If I do start the 22nd, I will be meeting with the staff and explaining my expectations and management style. I'll hit the ground run-

ning." Teague isn't short on confidence, saying he believes he was "the best candidate all along with his experience, management style and creativity as a problem solver."

When asked if he had concerns that he was the commission's fourth choice to succeed Rich, Teague was candid.

"Certainly. Wouldn't anyone?" Teague answered. "However, at the same time, I know I didn't have a good first interview. But, I'm confident in my abilities and know I can do the job."

And, being hired by commissioners by a 4-3 vote doesn't

exude confidence. But, Teague believes he can overcome the split vote and work well with all seven commissioners.

"I want to do that," said Teague. "My biggest concern is I don't want to become a wedge between the community, the staff and the commission. We all need to work as a team."

Teague said he plans to move to Plymouth, as soon as he sells his home in Lawton. For the time being, he'll spend a lot of living with his mother in Garden City, where he grew up. Teague also has a brother who lives in Canton and another who lives in Westland.

Commissioners to developers: 'Get Wilcox down to 60 feet'

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Plymouth planning commissioners have finally told developers how high a building they'll allow to be constructed on the Wilcox property across from Kellogg Park.

D&P Ventures of Detroit shifted its initial plans for a single-structure, seven-story condominium building on the 2.5 acre site by presenting revised plans calling for two five-story buildings on the site. One is proposed for construction along Union Street housing 28 condos, with a second building on Elizabeth Street accommodating nine units.

At their Wednesday meeting, commissioners were pleased the revisions included dropping the height of the structure from 78 feet to 63.5 feet high. However, planning commissioners finally told developers they would be more inclined to look favorably at a building that was no more than 60 feet tall.

'I consider this the most significant project in this town in many years, and we want to do it right.'

Tom Pomarolli
—Developer

"We're giving them guidelines on what we think would be a positive step forward," said Commissioner Tamara Buswinka. "Whether they choose to take it or not is up to them."

However, it appears D&P Ventures can live with the new height guidelines presented to them.

"I consider this the most significant project in this town in many years, and we want to do it right," said developer Tom Pomarolli. "This project will be as vibrant as it needs to be to complement this city."

Pomarolli acknowledges that to make up for the loss of height, his group expanded the footprint

of the project, added a second building, and will not be able to save the 150-year-old Copper Beech tree.

However, the nearly 100-year-old Wilcox house is not destined for the wrecking ball.

"No one wants the house more than we do," Pomarolli added. "It belongs where it is."

Pomarolli's partner, Stan Dickson, said despite the height restrictions they will make the project fit.

"We'll make it a viable project," he said. "We're all trying to do what's best for the community. We'll get there."

At their Oct. 16 meeting, city commissioners approved an ordinance that restricts new construction around Kellogg Park to a height of 50 feet, which is generally four stories. However, the condo project by D&P Ventures, came to the planning commission as a Planned Unit Development, which allows for disregarding the height ordinance in exchange for giving the city more input into the site plans.

Plymouth company on display as Auto Show opens downtown

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Mention car interiors and Johnson Controls has concept design and solutions.

Plymouth Township-based Johnson Controls, which specializes in automotive systems and facility management and control, has a 9,000-square-foot exhibit in room D2-15 at the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center which runs through Jan. 21.

The company is a major supplier of seating, interior systems and batteries. Its sales for 2000 totaled \$17.2 billion, according to company information.

Concepts highlighted at the auto show are:

■ LEGO InMotion, developed in an exclusive partnership with LEGO Company. With this concept, the company touts its ability to interpret consumers' wants and translates them into innovative products for families on the go. It focuses on what families need and want in their vehicles.

"Parents have long sought to find new and absorbing ways in which to keep children engaged on long journeys, by road," said Peter Eio, president of LEGO System Inc. in company material.

The front passenger zone of LEGO InMotion was designed with adults in mind, the second and third row areas are geared toward children of all ages. The first-row floor is made of luxurious materials, while the floor in the second- and third-rows are comprised of an easy-to-clean, rubber-like materi-

al. Customers who visit the LEGO InMotion display can provide feedback to Johnson Controls and help the company determine the appropriate design and features for future versions of the concept.

■ LEGO Go Pad For Kids on the Move — This provides Johnson Control's removable Auto Vision video entertainment system DVD player with the LEGO Go Pad and a LEGO digital camera. The Go Pad provides a child-friendly interface for several functions, including a DVD control panel for playing DVD movies or video games; an electronic postcard to create audio and video postcards from trips; Internet access, for downloading LEGO games and sending camera images and a LEGO digital camera which activates a screen showing images as seen through the digital camera's lens.

A second AutoVision station is installed in the liftgate so that families can watch movies at rest stops or campgrounds.

■ Kion is a concept which provides a vision of what a vehicle interior looks like when the consumer's voice drives the development process, officials said.

"The goal was to find how people live, work and spend their leisure time and then create an integrated interior solution that blurred the lines between the home and car," said Bill Fluharty, vice-president of industrial design.

The Kion communication center is equipped with Johnson Controls' portable AutoVision video entertainment system with an integrated touch-screen feature.

Cops warn residents about scam artists

BY SUE BUCK
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A telemarketer informs you that you've won a prize.

A co-worker invites you to get involved with a plan that will make you both millionaires.

How can you know for sure whether these are legitimate opportunities or just the latest scams?

Ask Plymouth Township Officer Jamie Senkbeil.

Senkbeil, the community

resource officer, along with the entire police department, wants residents to know the difference.

Police are offering to do a presentation to organizations such as, but not limited to, block meetings, civic and community organizations, church meetings and gatherings.

"Participants will learn the tip-offs that a con job is under way as well as how to identify potential con artists and how they target their victims," Senkbeil said. "The program will include a viewing of a new video

called, 'The Fraud Files: How to Spot Scams, Cons and Crooks.'"

Senior citizens should consider attending a program, according to Senkbeil.

"Nine out of 10 scams target seniors, especially elderly women living alone," Senkbeil said. "However, increasingly we're seeing that everyone, even the individual who thinks of himself as being street smart, is vulnerable where fraud and con artists are concerned."

For more information, call Senkbeil at (734) 354-3243.

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Station offers class

WSDP, owned and operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, is offering an introduction to radio class for middle school students. The class is offered through the districts community education program.

The class will be held 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Jan. 30 and will run for seven weeks (with no class on Feb. 20). It will be taught at the WSDP studios at Salem High School. Topics to be covered include news, production, on-air announcing, and promotions.

The class was first offered in 1996. Three of the students that took the class eventually joined the WSDP staff. "It's a great chance for students to get hands on experience in radio before they get to high school," said Keith.

The class is limited to 10 students. Each one that completes the class will receive a WSDP T-shirt and certificate. Registration is \$50. Interested students can register beginning Sat. Jan. 13 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Canton High School Cafeteria. Following that date, registration will take place at the Community Education office at Starkweather Center. Call (734) 416-2937 for more information.

SHURGARD OF PLYMOUTH 41889 JOY ROAD CANTON, MI 48187 734-459-2200

Notice is hereby given that the entire contents of the following storage units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of an open bid on FEBRUARY 20, 2001 at approximately 9:00 a.m. at Shurgard Storage Centers located at 41889 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Unit #435, TIM EDWARDS, Chairs, couches, lamps, household items, Unit #9137, GERARDO SINDICI, 100 Boxes of antique items and toys.
Publish: January 14 & 21, 2001

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 22, 2001 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

TRINTEL COMMUNICATIONS ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT (01-1)

Consider request from TrinTel Communications, MIOP, Inc., 29150 Buckingham St., Livonia, MI 48154 to amend the following sections:

Section 6.02, Site Development Standards Applicable to Specific Uses, sub-section S, Radio, Television and Cellular Towers (Commercial and Public) providing for additional siting standards for cellular and personal communications systems (PCS) towers;

Section 9.02B, RA, Rural Agricultural District, Special Land Uses Residential District, Special Land Uses

Section 10.02B, RE, Residential Estate District, and Rural Residential District, Special Land Uses

Section 11.02B, R-1 through R-5, Single Family Residential Districts, Special Land Uses

Section 12.02B, R-6, Single Family Attach Housing District, Special Land Uses

Section 13.02B, MR, Multiple Family Residential District, Special Land Uses

Section 14.02B, RMH, Mobile Home Park District, Special Land Uses

Section 15.02B, C-1, Village Shopping District, Special Land Uses

Section 16.02B, C-2, Community Commercial District, Special Land Uses

Section 17.02B, C-3, Regional Commercial District, Special Land Uses

Section 18.02B, C-4, Interchange Service District, Special Land Uses

Section 19.02B, MRD, Mid-Rise Development District and HRD, High-Rise Development

Section 20.02B, O-1, Office District, Special Land Uses

Section 21a.02B, RP, Research Park District, Special Land Uses

adding cellular and personal communications systems (PCS) towers as a Special Land Use in the above districts, subject to the provisions of Section 6.02S.

(*Note: Replaces Text Amendment 00-4)
Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, January 18, 2001 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

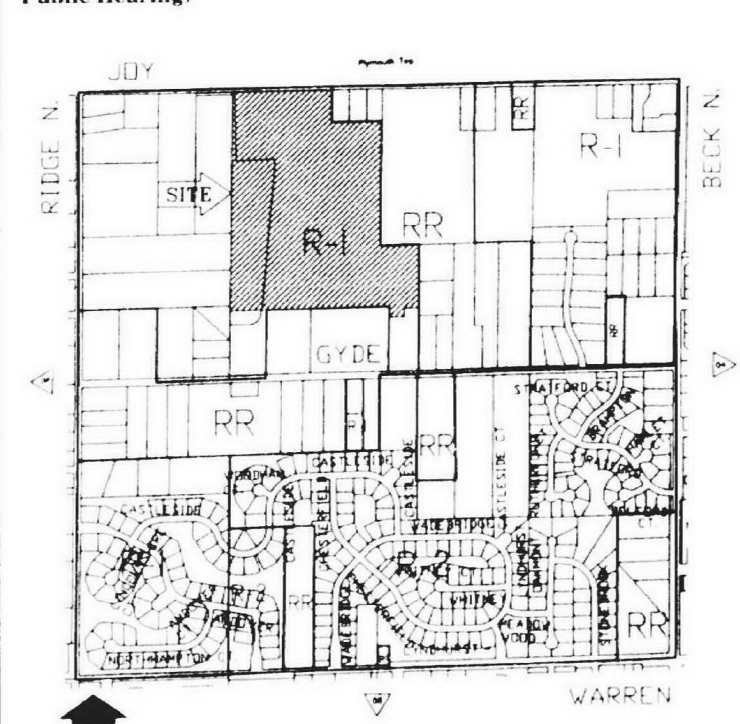
VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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THE RAVINES PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - PRELIMINARY PLAN. CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS. 018 99 0004 701 AND 018 99 0005 000*. Property is located on the south side of Joy Road between Ridge and Beck Roads. *Note - Plan revised to include additional acreage. (First Public Hearing)



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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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Credit union opens main office in Plymouth

Michigan Educational Credit Union recently opened its new main office in Plymouth.

Located at 9200 Haggerty Road, just south of Ann Arbor Road and west of I-275, the new MECU facility features six drive-through lanes, three ATMs, ample parking and a lobby with teller windows, member services area and the loan department.

Both MECU members and non-members can use the financial planning and investment services available through Michigan Educational Financial Services, located on the main floor of the building.

"Serving our members' financial needs has always been our primary objective," said Bill Brunton, president and CEO of MECU. "The addition of the Plymouth office will help us achieve this basic goal. We have thousands of members living in the Plymouth area. The new location will enable us to better serve their needs, while the larger facility has been designed to accommodate our growing staff."

MECU's previous main office, located at 9373 Middlebelt Road in Livonia, will remain open as a branch office, along with the Ann Arbor branch office.

Established in 1942 as Wayne Out County Teachers Credit Union, the credit union changed its name in January 2000. MECU currently serves more than 33,000 members and has assets exceeding \$300 million.



Grand opening: Michigan Educational Credit Union's new main office in Plymouth officially opened for business recently. On hand for the ribbon-cutting ceremony were, from left, Alonzo Gaze, director; James Edwards, supervisory committee chairperson; Susan McAmmond, director; Michael Riley, board chairperson; Bill Brunton, president and CEO; and Adelard H. Raby III, treasurer.

Membership is open to employees of schools located in Wayne and Washtenaw counties, as well as their families. For more information, call (734) 455-9200 or visit MECU's website at www.michedcu.org.

Plymouth men charged with sexual assaults

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Two Plymouth men and one former Plymouth man have been charged in two separate incidents with having sex with underage teens.

Plymouth police Commander Wayne Carroll said Charles Lock and Chad Henderson, both 21 and from Plymouth, were arrested Wednesday in connection with a case which stretches back to July 27. Both were arraigned Thursday on charges

of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, a 15-year felony, in front of 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe.

"The two girls, from the Plymouth community, ran away from home and ended up at the apartment of Henderson," said Carroll. "There was liquor involved."

Carroll said the mother of one of the girls allegedly found incriminating photographs, which helped lead police to the men. Both were given \$5,000 bonds and required to face a preliminary exam Jan. 22.

A 20-year-old former Plymouth man, who now resides in Westland, has been bound over to stand trial on charges of having sex with two 15-year-old teens last August.


Roderick Regan Caster was charged with one count of criminal sexual conduct in the first degree, and one count of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, before his preliminary exam Friday. After the exam, two additional charges of third-degree criminal sexual conduct were added.

According to police reports,

Caster allegedly had sex with the two underage teens, one from Northville and the other from South Lyon, at his Virginia Street home. One of the girls allegedly became pregnant and had an abortion, police said.

Caster is being held in the Wayne County jail in lieu of a \$100,000 cash bond. If convicted of first degree criminal sexual conduct, he could receive life in prison. The third-degree charges carry 15-year prison sentences.

Got an interesting story to tell? Tell it to YOUR hometown newspaper by calling (734) 459-2700 or by email at bkdrich@oe.homecomm.net



CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 25, 2001 for the following:

TROPHIES

Specifications and proposal forms are available at the office of the Administrative Services Director, 201 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170 during regular office hours.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

CAROL STONE
Admin. Services Director

Publish: January 14, 2001

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
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McNamara will seek 5th term in 2002

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara said he's feeling like a million bucks, and that's the main reason he's decided to run for a fifth term in 2002.

"I was feeling run down and thought it was time to bail out," said McNamara, 74, a Plymouth Township resident. But, after my quadruple bypass heart surgery last year, I feel like I've got new life. I'm feeling great."

McNamara underwent surgery Oct. 23 at Royal Oak's Beaumont Hospital, and said, "I've always heard you feel much better after an operation like this, and it's really true. I have a lot more energy."

And he may need it, because the list of projects he wants to accomplish keeps growing.

"We're considering a new water park on the west side," said McNamara. "Northville has shown some interest, so has Plymouth Township and Southgate."

"We've got a commitment from the City of Detroit to build a new athletic fieldhouse on the grounds of the old Herman Gardens apartments," he added. "And, we have 350 homes in Highland Park that we want to renovate and put back on the market."

But, when it comes down to it, McNamara is most excited about the \$8 billion expansion of Detroit Metropolitan Airport

which is scheduled to be completed late this year, plus another plan to demolish and re-build the current terminals.

"The new terminal will open on time and under budget, and the fourth runway will be open this year," said McNamara. "That leaves the old terminal. I would like to build a new North Terminal. I've been talking with Northwest (Airlines) and hopefully early next year we'll work on replacing the Davey and Smith terminals."

"And, I'd like to make some improvements at the Eloise Campus in Westland," he added.

"I would like to see satellite offices of the clerk and treasurer housed there."

McNamara said he's told all his department heads to put together five-year plans, which will stretch into his fifth term.

"There are a lot of fascinating things going on. It keeps me out of the pool hall," said McNamara with a laugh.

McNamara said that despite recent criticisms concerning the airport expansion and contracts dealing with parking and limousine service, the county is in much better shape than when he took over 14 years ago.

"When we took over, the county owed \$135 million, and it reached \$200 million before we stemmed the tide of red ink," he recalls. "But, with the help of then Senate Majority Leader John Engler, we've had a balanced budget the last 12 years."

McNamara said he hasn't decided yet on a campaign manager, but feels confident the new airport terminal will bring him the votes he needs to win.

"Maybe I'll just let make sure everyone goes through the new airport terminal, then I won't need a campaign manager," he said.



County Executive Ed McNamara

Flu vaccine available at clinic

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Wayne County will offer the long-awaited flu vaccine to high-risk western Wayne County residents during a one-day clinic in Livonia on Friday, Jan. 19.

Vaccinations will be given walk-ins on a first-come, first-serve basis from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Sheldon Park Senior Center, 10800 Farmington Road. The center is just south of the Farmington and Plymouth Road intersection.

A \$9 donation for the flu shot and \$16 for the pneumonia vaccine is requested, but no one will be turned away for inability to pay.

Since the vaccinations are covered under Medicare, county health workers will ask for Medicare cards at inoculation, so that the services may be billed.

The county health department recommends that both those 65 years of age and older and those at high risk for pneumonia consider immunizing against both illnesses.

Flu vaccine shipments to metro Detroit were delayed due to manufacturers' problems, causing the county to postpone its clinics.

But now, said Dr. Donald Lawrenchuk, county public health medical director, his department "has received a limited number of vaccine (doses) to deliver to our community flu clinics."

"We recommend that individuals at increased risk for complications from influenza and (those in close contact with them) get vaccinated first," he added.

The 1,300 doses received by the county just before Christmas was the final shipment of the county's order, said Sandra Collins, public health department spokeswoman.

Some doses were dispensed before the holidays, Collins said. The balance is being split between the Livonia clinic and those scheduled for Taylor Center High School in Taylor on Monday, Jan. 22, and at the Lincoln Park Senior Center on Friday, Jan. 26.

For further information, call (734) 727-7000.

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ADD/ADHD WORKSHOP

Is your Ritalin or other drugs for ADD/ADHD safe? Do you think your child might have ADD/ADHD? Are you looking for alternatives to drug therapy? Attend this special workshop on ADD/ADHD, Ritalin facts and alternative choices. Interactive community workshop sponsored by the National Wellness Foundation at Summit on the Park, 7 p.m., January 18. The workshop is free. Call (734) 416-2411 to register.

ANN ARBOR RANGERS

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

PLYMOUTH CHILDREN'S NURSERY OPEN HOUSE

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

HATHA YOGA

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

**P/C COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Watch for your "Community Education Winter/Spring 2001" brochure which is presently being delivered to all Plymouth/Canton residents. First day of registration is 8-10 a.m., Jan. 13 at the Canton High School Cafeteria, on-going walk-in and mail-in registration at Starkweather Education Center. Call (734) 416-2937 regarding enrichment classes. (734) 416-4901 for high school completion.

DADDY-DAUGHTER VALENTINE'S DANCE

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

GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The senior high youth at Geneva Presbyterian

Church will be hosting a pancake breakfast from 8-11 a.m. on Jan. 20. All you can eat pancakes, sausage, orange juice, milk and coffee. The cost is \$3 for adults, children under 5 are free. This is a fund raiser for the senior high mission trip to New York City.

PLYMOUTH TOY SHOW

Plymouth's Collectible Toy Show returns from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Jan. 21 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The show will feature vendors and collectors selling new, used, antique and collectible toys of all kinds from the 50's to this years "hottest" collectibles. Admission for adults is \$5, kids under 10 are free. For show or vendor info, call (734)455-2110.

DANCING CUCKOOS

The Dancing Cuckoos, the Michigan Chapter of the Sons of the Desert, a Laurel & Hardy appreciation organization, invite all Laurel & Hardy fans to attend its next meeting at 6 p.m. for the dinner, 8-10 p.m. for the meeting and movies, Jan. 18 at Mama Mia's in Livonia. For information, contact Don Channing at (248) 626-9039 or e-mail ChanningDandD@aol.com.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH RECREATION

The City of Plymouth is now taking registration for its Children's/Tots Gymnastics Dance, Arts, Jump-A-Rama, Tao-Kwan-Do, Personal Development, Aerobics and much more. For more information, call the recreation division at (734)455-6620.

ANN ARBOR POWER SQUADRON

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

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

Historical perspective



Dressing up: Patricia and William Foster of Bloomfield Hills, from left, Susan and Jay Harris of Plymouth and Leigh Foster donned period costumes for their trip to the State Capitol, as they joined the bus tour to Lansing for the swearing-in ceremony of newly elected State Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township. About 180 people, perhaps the largest contingent ever for a swearing-in, made the trip in three buses to witness the event at the State Capitol.

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.

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) 459-6107.

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.

EVOLA MUSIC

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

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

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.

CREATIVE MUSIC CENTER

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

NEW MORNING SCHOOL

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

K OF C BREAKFAST BUFFET

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

TAI CHI

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

CLUBS

SUBURBAN REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

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

WESTSIDE SINGLES

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

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Every second Tuesday at noon you're invited to bring your lunch and learn about art with the speakers from the DIA. The cost is \$5 for members and \$8 for others. Thanks to a grant from Ford Motor Co., these lectures are now free to senior citizens.

Winter 2001 classes for children-acting, singing, drawing, sketching and painting. For adults-photography, mandala, drawing, sketching, watercolor, salsa dance, and figure drawing with models. Classes begin the week of Jan. 15.

ART or DRAMA Birthday Parties or Scout Workshops custom designed for your group (any age) at the Plymouth community Arts Council. For information on any of the above activities, call (734)416-4278.

KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

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

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL (TI)

Develop your communications and leadership skills through the friendly practice of public speaking. Guests welcome. No pressure to speak. Please call (734)459-0715 for location. This group is meeting at 7 p.m., Jan. 22. After January it will meet every first and third Monday of the month.

ASTRONOMY-SPACE DISCUSSION GROUP

This group meets 7 p.m. the third Monday of the month at the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth. Ages 6-11 are welcome with an adult accompanying. Door prizes, handouts, videos, slides, lecture, questions and discussion. Call astronomer Mike Best at (734) 459-2378.

BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL

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

Coney Island on Plymouth Road at Stark, Livonia. Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

ASTRONOMY 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/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.E.

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.

CALENDAR FORM

The Plymouth Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Plymouth Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48179, or by fax to 734-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Thursday for the following Sunday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional Info.:

Use additional sheet if necessary

OBITUARIES

JOYCE ARLENE TUCKER

Services for Joyce Arlene Tucker, 58, of Livonia, were held Jan. 10 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Phil Rogers officiating.

Mrs. Tucker was born June 15, 1942 in Detroit and died Jan. 8 in Livonia. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Avon Arlene Miller.

Survivors include husband, Cecil E. Tucker of Livonia; father, Thomas Miller of Detroit; daughters, Terri (Edward) Malen of Livonia, Becky (Robin) Hinton of Livonia, and Cindy (Todd) Smith of Plymouth; brother, John (Carol) Harrison of Dearborn Heights; sister, Debbie Gable of Detroit; four granddaughters; and three grandsons.

Memorials may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Arrangements made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth.

HOWARD R. MACKIE

Services for Howard R. Mackie, 90, formerly of Plymouth, were held Jan. 12 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery.

He was a former FBI employee, worked security for the Ford Motor Co. and owned his own business, a car dealership.

Mr. Mackie was born Nov. 10, 1910 in Broken Bow, Neb. and died Jan. 9 in Westland.

Mr. Mackie's attachment to his Nebraska roots was always on display as he treated family members to many an entertaining story of childhood exploits in Broken Bow. He also attended his Broken Bow High School reunions up until his death. He graduated from the University of Nebraska and had a keen interest in sports. He enjoyed playing golf regularly with friends in Plymouth and would, if asked, tell the story of his hole-in-one at Brooklane.

After moving to Michigan, he became a staunch supporter of University of Michigan football.

Mr. Mackie was very proud of having worked for J. Edgar Hoover during the formative years of the FBI. His work at Ford was at the Willow Run Bomber Plant. During that time he met and married a Detroit woman, Edna Manacke. They moved to West Maple where they raised four children, Janet, Diane, Brenda and Art.

Mr. Mackie was the owner/operator of the Mackie Mercury car dealership and also worked as a manufacturer's representative in the automotive industry.

Mr. Mackie remarried to his current wife, Gwynn.

The couple spent time with grandchildren John, Adam, and Eric.

Mr. Mackie was a member of the Elks and the Masons. Every morning for over 40 years he could be found strolling into the downtown post office for his morning paper and mail.

Mr. Mackie was preceded in

death by his wife and mother of his children, Edna.

Survivors include his wife, Gwynn of Westland; daughters, Janie Mackie of Ann Arbor, Diane (Paul) Merrithew of Amhurst, N.H., and Brenda (Curt) Irish of Dexter; son, Arthur (Jan) Mackie of Belleville; step daughter, Sue (Loren) Klevering of Northville; grandchildren, Adam, Eric, and John; and step grandchildren, Kris and Jeff.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

MARY LEANNE FRENCH

Services for Mary Leanne French, 83, of Garden City, are being held in Pennsylvania, with burial in Greenlick Cemetery in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. French was born Nov. 10, 1917 in Pennsylvania and died Jan. 8 in Plymouth. She was a Licensed Practical Nurse at Wayne County Hospital.

Survivors include daughter, Sandra (Kim) Wahtera of Plymouth; daughter, Sharon (Ronald) Halvin of Tecumseh; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

MARY MC MURRAY

Services for Mary McMurray, 90, of Ionia were held Jan. 12 at St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Ionia with the Rev. Melvin Fox officiating. Burial will be in the Spring at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Mrs. McMurray was born Aug. 14, 1910 in Plymouth and died Jan. 9 in Ionia. She married in 1932 and moved from Wayne to Ionia in 1954. She was a member of St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Ionia and a member of the Alter Rosary Society.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John.

Survivors include her son, Charles (Barbara) McMurray of Plymouth; daughter, Kathleen (Bud) Bollinger of Ionia; grandchildren, Debra (Steve) Walter of Ionia, Cindy (Karl) Munsch of Aiken, S.C., Steve Bollinger of Carson City, Nev., and Karie David of Warren; and nine great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ionia Co. Commission on Aging.

Arrangements made by Rich St. Chapel of Cook Funeral Home in Ionia.

THOMAS D. KENNEDY

A memorial service for former Livonia resident Thomas Kennedy, 59, of Milford was Jan. 13 in Highland United Methodist Church, Highland. Officiating was the Rev. James Kummer.

Mr. Kennedy was born Jan. 14, 1941, in Plymouth, and died Jan. 4 in Detroit. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1958, went on to college and entered the Air Force in 1960.

After his discharge from the Air

Force, he and his wife, Susan, moved to Livonia. He was a systems analyst for Ford Motor Company and took an early retirement in 1991.

While in Livonia, he was a member of Newburg United Methodist Church and served as an usher. After moving to Milford, he was a member of Highland United Methodist Church where he joined many groups, volunteered his help and took classes.

Tom's greatest joy was his family and they made many trips to one of his favorite spots in Northern Michigan: Pickeral Lake. He enjoyed animals and wildlife.

Surviving are his wife, Susan; children, Todd of Portage, Thomas (Lisa) of Hazel Park and Kristyn Sue (Edwin) Burry of South Lyon; brothers, Robert (Joyce) Grieve of Spring Hill, Fla. and Hugh (Beth) Grieve of Texas; and three grandchildren, Tiffany, Melissa and Amanda.

Mr. Kennedy was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, and an infant son.

Memorial tributes may be made to Michigan Humane Society or American Heart Association of Michigan.

Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

ROBERT CLARK

Services for Robert Clark, 80, of Plymouth, are being held today, Jan. 11, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Mr. Edward L. Palmer officiating. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mr. Clark was born April 5, 1920 in Detroit and died Jan. 8 in Plymouth. He was an electrician for Detroit Edison. He retired in 1982 after 35 years of service. He and Dorothy were married for 57 years. He came to the Plymouth community in 1970 from Livonia. He was a member of the Plymouth Church of Christ. He was a member of the Detroit Edison retirees and the Democratic Party. He enjoyed playing golf and did stained glass work. He served as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Corp during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy, and brother, Lloyd Clark.

Survivors include daughter, Cynthia (Dennis) Saulsberry of Plymouth; son, Robert D. (Brenda) Clark of Nashville, Tenn.; grandchildren, Clark D. Saulsberry of Plymouth and Rachel Clark of Nashville, Tenn.; great-grandchild, Kristina A. Saulsberry; sister Dorothy Clark of St. Petersburg, Fla.; brothers Morris Clark of Taylor, and Kenneth Clark of Royal Oak.

Memorials may be made to Arbor Hospice.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Red Cross extends blanket deadline

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the Red Cross has extended its annual Blanket Days for the Homeless campaign until Jan. 31 due to the increasingly bitter cold weather.

Six service centers will continue to collect new, twin-sized blankets until the end of the month.

The Red Cross is collecting blankets for 75 shelters in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Assisted agencies include COTS, Detroit Rescue Mission and Alternatives for Girls.

Through the Red Cross' Blanket Days for the Homeless campaign, 180 local schools, businesses, churches and municipalities have collected blankets to meet the needs of these shelters.

"The community has generously supported our

campaign," said Mike Maslyn, interim CEO for the Michigan Chapter. "With the expansion of the campaign, we hope to exceed our 7,000 blanket goal and meet the need for more blankets."

Service center locations are:

■ Livonia — 29691 Six Mile, west of Middlebelt

■ Bloomfield — 2388 Franklin Road, north of Square Lake and east of Telegraph

■ Dearborn — 23400 Michigan Ave., Suite 100 in the Village Plaza at Outer Drive

■ Detroit — Mack at Woodward

■ Southgate — 19170 Eureka Road, east of I-75

■ Macomb — 13280 Eureka Road, south of I-75

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Sullivan appointed chairman of public service committee

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Commissioner John J. Sullivan, D-Wayne, said his appointment as chairman of the Wayne County Commission's newly created public services committee bodes well for the county's west side.

Noting that the committee oversees the county's roads and parks and related planning, engineering and construction services, the 11th District commissioner - whose district includes Canton Township - said his appointment last week "should be really helpful for us in western Wayne County because it means I will have a little more pull to make sure projects get done in our area."

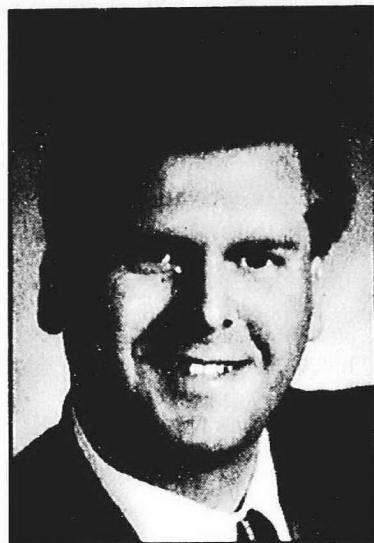
Sullivan's appointment was part of a commission shakeup by Chairman Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit, who reorganized the former committee on roads, airports and public services - long known by the humorous acronym CRAPS - into two separate committees: public services and airport operations.

The latter, Solomon said, will oversee the county's two major air facilities, Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (Detroit Metro) and Willow Run Airport.

Solomon also announced a new standing committee on technology and new responsibilities for the general government committee, which will be renamed "government operations" and will be expanded to oversee the register of deeds, county clerk and county treasurer offices.

Those changes and committee appointments, all effective immediately, are designed to meet "the increasing challenges and demands for oversight and efficiency in county government," Solomon stated.

Solomon said the 15-member commission, which is the county's legislative branch, "is committed to making sure that all county operations are productive and represent an effective use of taxpayer dollars."



Commissioner John Sullivan

The restructuring "enables us to better execute" the branch's duties "to provide budget and fiduciary oversight, to ensure effectiveness of programs and services and to serve as a check and balance."

'Since Day One'

Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, said Solomon's reorganization is "something I've advocated from Day One."

"It makes a lot of sense" due both to expansions and improvements at Detroit Metro and Willow Run and to Wayne County's having no elected roads commissioner - county commissioners oversee that, too.

But, she noted, increasing standing committees from eight to 10 means "we're going to need more staff workload increases."

"People are going to have to understand what a big government we are," Beard said. "They are just going to have to come to grips that we're going to have to have more people to analyze things for us and do research for us."

"We serve more people than (do) 17 states" nationally, Beard said. "We are a very large, complex, technically sophisticated operation."

Beard also retained her position as audit committee chair for a second consecutive term.

Under the new system, all airport matters will be handled by the airport operations committee, chaired by Third District Commissioner Robert B. Blackwell, D-Detroit, who formerly chaired CRAPS.

Same members

The rest of the old committee - Sullivan, in whose district both airports lie; and Edward A. Boike Jr., D-Taylor, Christopher F. Cavanagh, D-Grosse Pointe; Susan L. Hubbard, D-Dearborn; and Bernard Parker and Jewel C. Ware, both Detroit Democrats - are on the new one.

Blackwell also will be vice chair of Sullivan's public services committee. Other members are Beard, Chris Cavanagh and Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia.

Bankes, whom Solomon demoted from vice chair of the committee on health and human services but appointed chair of the Task Force on Emergency 911 Services, said she wasn't bothered.

"Overall, it sounds very challenging," said the sole Republican commissioner.

"The chairman did not punish me as much as I thought he was going to," said Bankes, who had abstained from voting for Solomon as commission chair to protest his administration.

On Thursday, she called Solomon "a man of his word" for reorganizing CRAPS. She said he "has shown some innovation" and that the new committees "appear to be in the best interests of the people ... Let's see what happens."

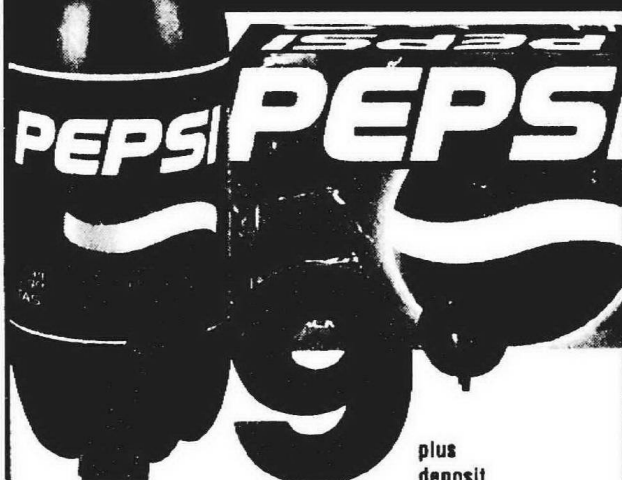
As public service chair, Sullivan said he plans to "keep a closer eye on things ... through the year" and make sure the budget is "spread out for emergencies" such as heavy snows.

Citing the Morton Taylor Road project in Canton, he said he aims to "be sure we get those things (done) in a timely manner."

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Scholar athlete

Four members of Eastern Michigan's women's soccer team have been named to the NSCAA/Adidas College Scholar Central Region soccer team, and one of them is Emilie Meier, a Plymouth Canton graduate.

Meier, a senior defender, was named to the Central Region's third team. Meier scored the only goal of her collegiate career in her final game at EMU, against University of Detroit Mercy.

An elementary education major, Meier has a 3.54 grade-point average. She was a Mid-American Conference Honor Roll member and was selected to the 1999 MAC All-Tournament team.

Hockey winners

The Garden City Youth Athletic Association held its third-annual Christmas hockey tournament from Dec. 16-23, involving 24 teams in six divisions. The winners were: Mite B — Westland Bulldogs, Plymouth Powerhounds, runner up; Mite A — GCYAA Gold Wings, RFB Kings, runner up; Squirt A — GCYAA Gold Wings, RFD Kings, runner up; Pee-Wee House — Livonia Kings, Westland Panthers, runner up; Pee-Wee AA — Trenton, 21st Century, runner up; Midget — Plymouth Stingrays, Redford Timber Wolves, runner up.

Women's officials clinic

The Michigan High School Athletic Association will hold a one-day clinic for women interested in becoming officials from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 at DeWitt High School.

The program title Two-Dae, Trained Women Officials: Dedicated, Accomplished, Educated, will provide insight, encouragement and training to become an entry-level candidate to launch a career as an MHSAA official. All 12 MHSAA sports are offered.

The \$30 registration fee includes continental breakfast, lunch and a gift. The clinic is being held in conjunction with the MHSAA's annual Women in Sports Leadership Conference, Sunday-Monday, Feb. 4-5 at the Sheraton Lansing Hotel.

For more information, call the MHSAA at (517) 332-5046.

Toughman entrants

The 2001 Original Toughman Contest series returns at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 2-3 at Detroit's Cobo Arena.

Among the local heavyweight division entries include 6-foot-1, 215-pound Tony "the Tiger" Collins, 34, of Westland, and 6-3, 220-pound Chris Gibbons, 34, of Farmington Hills.

Entries in the light-heavyweight division include 5-10, 180-pound Kevin "Silky" Sullivan, 26, of Westland; 5-6, 160-pound Matt Christopher, 21, of Garden City; 5-8, 165-pound Danny "Bad Boy" Bashe, 21, of Redford; and 5-11, 175-pound Ken Krzyzanowski, 33, of Livonia.

Tickets are \$25 (VIP tables and chairs), \$20 and \$12 on sale at Joe Louis Arena and Fox Theatre box offices, along with all Ticketmaster locations.

For more information, call the Olympia Entertainment event hotline at (313) 983-6616.

Boys hoop tryouts

Tryouts for the Downriver Mustangs, a seventh-grade boys basketball travel team, will be from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15 at Dunn School in River Rouge.

For more information, call (313) 554-0616 or (313) 849-0549.

Winter baseball camp

Total Baseball, located at 30990 Wixom Road, will be staging a baseball camp from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, Feb. 19-21.

Instructors include college and high school coaches along with former professional player.

Fundamentals of hitting, pitching and fielding will be covered. Player will be clocked on a radar gun and given individual tips to improve their game.

The cost is \$115 per player (\$100 discount for second child).

To register, call (248) 668-0166, or e-mail totalballwixom@aol.com.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

Canton holds off Salem

Gaines' basket insures Chiefs' win over Rocks

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The last thing a winless team needs in the closing minutes of a tight game is to have an opposing player pull off a play only Kryptonite could stop.

But that's exactly what happened to 0-7 Plymouth Salem Friday night in its annual showdown with cross-campus rival Plymouth Canton.

With 47 seconds left and the Chiefs clinging to a 57-53 lead, Canton senior forward Jerry Gaines missed an uncontested lay-up that could have cemented the win. Instead of sulking, Gaines hustled to the opposite side of the basket, snared the rebound and converted the putback while being fouled.

His ensuing free throw completed a three-point play that propelled Canton to a 62-56 triumph.

"That was a Superman-like play by Jerry," said Canton coach Jeremy Rheault, whose team improved to 3-5 (2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association).

"Jerry was mad at himself when he missed the lay-up. But he's such a competitor that nothing was going to stop him from getting the rebound and going back up with it. That was a mammoth effort on his part."

Gaines' extraordinary play helped put the brakes on what was turning into a heroic comeback by Salem, which trailed 49-32 when Canton guard Rian Barker banked in a driving lay-up with 2:00 left in the third quarter.

"We never quit," Salem coach Bob Brodie stressed. "We just had a hard time knocking down some big free throws down the stretch, and we didn't box out (on rebounds) like we should have. We're 0-7, but we're not playing awful basketball. We just need to put four quarters together."

"I thought Canton played extremely well," Brodie continued. "They shot well, they played good defense and they took care of the ball. I can't think of one thing they did poorly tonight."

Gaines paced all scorers and

rebounders with 16 points and 11 boards. Senior guard Jay Sofen contributed nine points for the Chiefs while Barker, Jason Priebe and Andrew Holmes rounded out Canton's balanced attack with eight points each.

Sophomore forward David Hoskins led the Rocks with 11 points, five coming at the free-throw line. Senior guard Jeff Haar added 10 points, while Nick Tochman and Ryan Haydon each recorded eight.

"I was very pleased with our offensive execution, especially in the first half," Rheault said. "It was nice to see us knocking down some shots after we shot just 25 percent in the second half against (Livonia) Stevenson last week. "We need to learn to play better when we have the lead. Instead of letting down with a big lead — which we've done the past two games — we need to keep coming at the other team. We also need to make better decisions with the ball. But we're improving, which is encouraging to me."

Players from both teams seemed to be energized in the first quarter by the near-capacity crowd in Canton's Phase III gymnasium. Hoskins epitomized the energetic play when he threw down a vicious slam-dunk the first time he touched the ball with 1:30 left in the opening stanza.

After the first quarter ended with the score tied, Salem grabbed its only lead of the game when senior forward Barry Flavin converted a strong inside move to make it 15-13 30 seconds into the second quarter.

However, Canton bounced back by outscoring Salem 21-3 over the next six minutes to take command. Gaines led the onslaught, scoring six points while yanking down three rebounds.

The Rocks scored the final four points of the quarter, but trailed at halftime, 34-22.

The Chiefs heated up after the intermission, sinking 7-of-11 field goals in the third quarter to grab a 49-35 advantage with eight minutes left to

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Taking aim: Canton's Nick Cabautan drives past Salem's Ryan Haydon (left) and Ryan Williams for a shot.

Chiefs can't stop Spartans

BY C.J. RISAK
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There are so many ways to analyze the difference between good and great. Capitalizing on opportunities is certainly high on that list.

On Friday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, Plymouth Canton's hockey team had its chances against unbeaten Livonia Stevenson, ranked third in the state. But the Chiefs could manage just one goal — and as their coach, Dan Abraham, said so succinctly:

"You can't win with one goal." Canton gave it a battle, to be sure, taking a 1-0 lead after one period and

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clinging to a 1-1 tie after two. But the Spartans were the dominant team in the final period, scoring twice to gain a 3-1 triumph.

The win boosted Stevenson's record to 12-0-1 overall, 7-0-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Canton fell to 8-4-2 overall, 4-4-2 in the WLAA.

"We started (the game) with very poor transition play," said Stevenson coach Ed Shepler. "We had a lot of turnovers in the neutral zone — 11 of them, and that was just in the first period."

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Whalers rip Mississauga



Guess those new fellows are going to fit in real well.

Friday's game at Compuware Arena, against the Ontario Hockey League's worst team — the Mississauga Ice Dogs — wasn't exactly a major test for the Plymouth Whalers, who remain one of the OHL's best.

The Dogs did get the game's first goal, but three of the Whalers' newcomers — forwards Chad Wiseman, obtained from Mississauga, Chad LaRose and Preston Mizzi — were all

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Fired-up Salem splashes by Canton

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In a sport like swimming, timing is everything. On Thursday at Plymouth Salem, the timing did not favor Plymouth Canton.

Not just the stopwatch variety, either. Salem figured to be favored to win this annual showdown between cross-creek rivals anyway; indeed, the Rocks — ranked fifth in the state — could handle all but a handful of teams in the state.

But this year's meet happened to come at a bad time for Canton, which two days earlier had routed Ann Arbor Huron in its first dual meet of the season. Salem was coming off a somewhat mediocre showing against Novi a week earlier, a showing that resulted in a two-point defeat.

"I don't think the boys were too pleased with their performance last week," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "And they're always focused for Canton, anyway."

"Not every loss is a positive one, but I think last week's was."

It seemed so against Canton. The



Double-qualifier: Salem's Eric Lynn bettered state-qualifying standards in a pair of individual events, winning both. Lynn qualified in the 100-yard and 200-yard freestyle.

Rocks won every event in swamping the Chiefs, 117-69.

"We swam well," said Canton coach Ed Weber. "They just swam really well."

Among Salem's winning swimmers were a pair of state-meet qualifiers by Eric Lynn. Lynn won the 200-yard freestyle in 1:48.19 and the 100 free in 49.18, both state cuts.

There were a couple of other qualifiers for the Rocks. Ben Dzialo, who had already made the state cut in the 100 butterfly, beat it again in winning in 56.95.

And the 400 free relay team of Dzialo, Mike Johnson, Aaron Shelton and Lynn beat the qualifying standard in winning in 3:21.90.

Dzialo also won the 200 IM (2:07.84).

while Shelton was a winner in both the 500 free (22.83) and 100 backstroke (57.76).

Other winners for the Rocks were Greg Kubitski in the diving (352.10 points, 11 dives); Mertens in the 500 free (5:08.53); and Matt Showalter in the 100 breaststroke (1:07.75).

Shelton, Showalter, Dzialo and Dave Carson combined for a first in the 200 medley relay (1:45.68), and Lynn, Carson, David Woodard and Mike Johnson teamed for a first in the 200 free relay (1:35.13).

Although the Chiefs didn't win an event, they had several strong swims, according to Weber. Matt Wisniewski was second in both the 200 (1:53.27) and 500 (5:15.05) free; Blake Brunner was second in diving (291.20 points); Yuhei Uno was second in the 100 fly (1:01.00); and Brad Nilson was second in the 100 back (58.70).

But perhaps the most intriguing — and surprising — race of the meet was in the 100 breast. Four swimmers clocked under 1:09.7, with Salem's Showalter outdueling Canton's Jon Heiss (1:08.15) and Eddie Lindow

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CC overcomes injuries, tips Borgess in OT

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

BASKETBALL

There are times when the cost of victory can be measured.

Redford Catholic Central won a game Friday night — defeating Redford Bishop Borgess in overtime, 79-74 — but lost two players in the process.

One, center Steve Larkin, suffered a serious right ankle injury. Just how serious was not known after game time but the ankle was immobilized and he had to be put in a chair to be taken off the court.

The other, a left ankle sprain suffered by leading scorer Ryan Celeskey, wasn't as severe but he left the game after the first period and did not return.

Celeskey sat in a chair for the remainder of the game but hobbled away from the Bishop Borgess gym unaided. "I'll play next Friday," he vowed.

CC withstood the twin second quarter blows and fought through a valiant comeback by a Borgess team it had hammered by 40 points on Dec. 30 in their first meeting.

"We came up short down the stretch," Spartans coach Chuck Albright said. "But the boys played hard. I'm pleased, but I'm getting tired of saying the same thing."

"It was a lot of patchwork," CC coach Rick Coratti said. "We had a lot of kids fill in. Losing Celeskey put a 25-point hole in our lineup."

Mark Willoughby came up big in the overtime for CC, scoring nine of his 25 points.

Willoughby snapped a 72-72 tie with a deadeye three from

the right wing with 1:32 to play, then added four sealing free throws in the final 15 seconds after Borgess had pulled within one on a baseline drive by Harvey Johnson with 1:23 to play.

Tom Jakacki drove the lane for a layup to break the 68-68 tie that overtime began with. George Toles sank two free throws to re-tie the score and the Spartans forged a brief 72-70 lead with solitary free throws by Mario Peoples and Brandon Jennings.

Johnson's baseline shot with 27 seconds to play created the 68-68 tie that sent the game into overtime.

Isaac Knight led Borgess (2-5, 1-2) with 16 points while Toles had 13 and both Darien Bynum and Jose Kincannon scored 10 apiece.

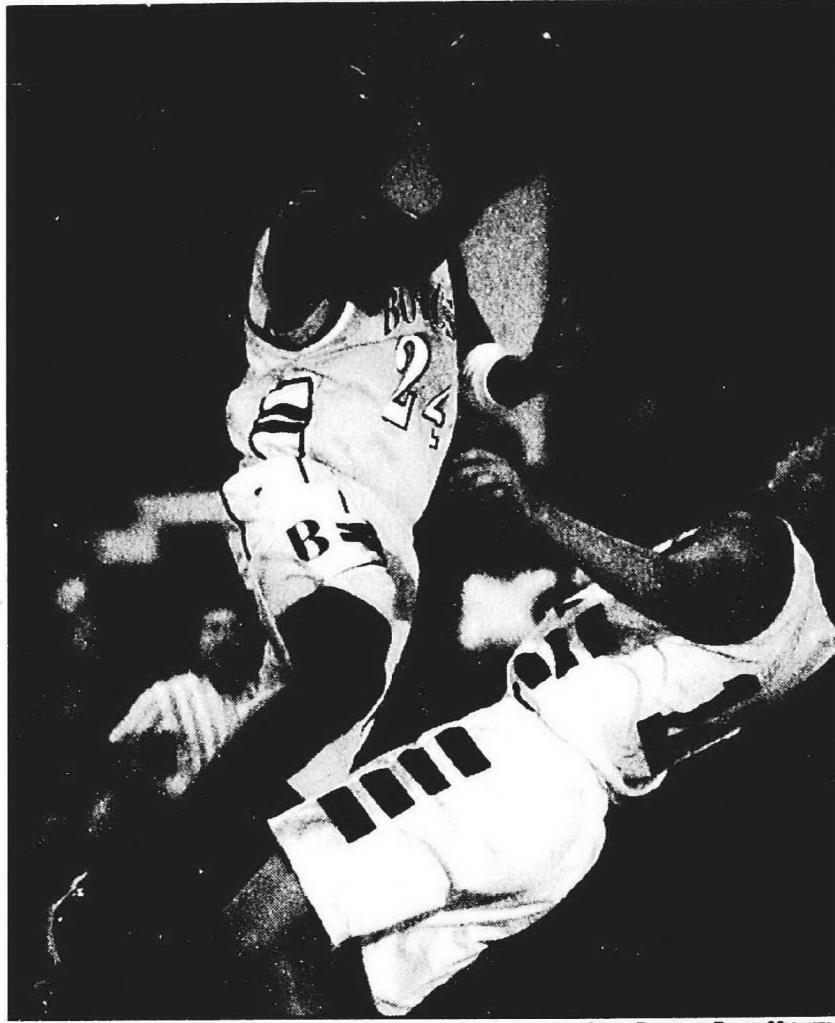
Ryan Clark backed Willoughby with 14 points, Jakacki scored 11 and Larkin 10 for Catholic Central (7-2, 3-0).

"The guy who did a real great job was Ryan Murphy," Coratti said. "He usually plays about eight minutes a game."

CC normally lives and dies with the three-point shot but this time it lived without it.

The Shamrocks made just four triples in the game out of at least 19 attempted.

"We usually make about nine threes a game," Coratti said. "That hurt us. We can shoot the ball."



Driving his point home: Borgess' George Toles (left) runs into CC's Anthony Coratti enroute to scoring two of his 13 points in a game that featured physical play.

Catholic Central started out with Larkin and Celeskey doing all the scoring in the first period, which ended with Borgess holding a 19-17 lead.

The Shamrocks took a 27-23 lead on the play where Larkin got injured. He made a nifty reverse layup on a baseline drive but came down on someone's foot

and rolled his ankle severely with 4:49 to play. Play was stopped for a good 15 minutes while he was taken care of.

CC held a 36-31 lead at the half but Borgess chipped away until tying the score at 45 with 51 seconds left in the third period. The Shamrocks got a free throw by Jakacki and a rebound basket by Clark to take a 48-45 lead into the fourth quarter.

The final period was tight until the Shamrocks took a 65-59 lead with 4:20 to play. However the Spartans got back into it with a 7-2 run.

"We're improving," Albright said. "That's a Class A team and we're just a little Class D school."

"A lot of the people we've lost to are ranked. But they all knew they were in a game. Everybody who plays us knows they were in a fight."

"Our goal is still to win the Detroit Catholic League and the state tournament."

Fouls hurt the Spartans, who lost Bynum midway through the fourth quarter and Kincannon in the overtime.

Catholic Central did a nice job of fighting through fatigue in the final quarter and overtime with its depleted roster.

"They played good defense and they didn't turn the ball over," Albright said. "They have a lot of kids with experience. Even though we have seniors, they don't have a lot of experience."

"Bishop Borgess played a strong game," Coratti said. "We beat them a couple of weeks ago

and they came back hard at us. Give them credit."

W.L. Central 44, Franklin 37: Livonia Franklin put up quite a battle Friday against unbeaten Walled Lake Central, but the visiting Vikings pulled out a 44-37 boys basketball triumph.

Central is now 7-0 overall and 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Franklin drops to 1-6 and 0-2.

Central led 21-20 at halftime, but opened up a 33-25 lead after three quarters, only to have the Patriots pull within three, 40-37, with just under two minutes to go.

Joe Ruggiero, who led Franklin with 16 points and eight rebounds, made a steal and tried a three-pointer in an attempt to tie it, but the shot rang off.

Mike Copeland added 10 points for Franklin, while Craig Smith contributed seven points and six rebounds.

Mark Bortz, a 6-foot-8 senior, led Central with 15. Steve Horn added 10.

"We had our chances, that's for sure," Franklin first-year coach John Santi said. "We played hard."

Northville 67, John Glenn 53: Aaron Redden poured in a game-high 32 points Friday, leading the host Mustangs (4-3, 1-1) to the WLA victory over Westland John Glenn (2-5, 1-1).

Northville jumped out to a 42-24 halftime lead and coasted home.

Anthony Harrell and Mike Goree each scored nine points in a losing cause.

SWIM RESULTS

PLYMOUTH SALEM 117 PLYMOUTH CANTON 69

Thursday at Salem

Dual-meet records: Salem, 3-1 overall, 1-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association; Canton, 1-1 overall, 0-1 in the WLA.

Event results

200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Aaron Shelton, Matt Showalter, Ben Dzialo, Dave Carson), 1:45.68; 2. Can-

ton (Brad Nilson, Eddie Lindow, Jon Heiss, Steve Van Proyen), 1:48.80.

200-yard freestyle: 1. Eric Lynn (PS), 1:48.19 (state cut); 2. Matt Wisniewski (PC), 1:53.27.

200-yard individual medley: 1. Ben Dzialo (PS), 2:07.84; 2. Brian Mertens (PS), 2:11.50.

50-yard freestyle: 1. Aaron Shelton (PS), 22.83; 2. Mike Johnson (PS), 22.98.

Diving: 1. Greg Kubitski (PS), 352.10 points (11 dives); 2. Blake Brunner

(PC), 291.20.

100-yard butterfly: 1. Ben Dzialo (PS), 56.35; 2. Yuhei Uno (PC), 1:01.00.

100-yard freestyle: 1. Eric Lynn (PS), 49.18 (state cut); 2. Mike Johnson (PS), 50.90.

500-yard freestyle: 1. Brian Mertens (PS), 5:08.53; 2. Matt Wisniewski (PC), 5:15.05.

200-yard freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Eric Lynn, Dave Carson, David Woodard, Mike Johnson), 1:35.13; 2. Canton (Joe Le, Shawn Bernard, Yuhei Uno, Ryan Ahern), 1:39.96.

100-yard backstroke: 1. Aaron Shelton (PS), 57.76; 2. Brad Nilson (PC), 58.70.

100-yard breaststroke: 1. Matt Showalter (PS), 1:07.75; 2. Jon Heiss (PC), 1:08.15.

400-yard freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Ben Dzialo, Mike Johnson, Aaron Shelton, Eric Lynn), 3:21.90 (state cut); 2. Canton (Matt Wisniewski, Joe Le, Ryan Ahern, Brad Nilson), 3:33.13.

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Jan. 16

Huron Valley vs. Franklin Road at Marshall M.S., 7 p.m.

C'ville at Lutheran East, 7 p.m.

Liggett at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at Franklin, 7 p.m.

W.L. Western at Salem, 7 p.m.

Monroe at Wayne, 7 p.m.

Garden City at Redford Union, 7 p.m.

River Rouge at Borgess, 7:30 p.m.

Churchill at Milford, 7:30 p.m.

John Glenn at Howell, 7:30 p.m.

N. Farmington at Oak Park, 7:30 p.m.

Ply. Christian at Roper, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 18

Agape vs. Akiva Day School at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 19

Northville at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Franklin at Harrison, 7 p.m.

Farmington at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

N. Farm. at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

W.L. Western at Canton, 7 p.m.

Salem at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

Woodhaven at Garden City, 7 p.m.

Edsel Ford at Redford Union, 7 p.m.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Gib. Carlson at Thurston, 7 p.m.

Luth. W'sid at Luth. North, 7 p.m.

Light & Life at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.

Oak. Christian at PCA, 7:30 p.m.

DeLaSalle at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.

Divine Child at Borgess, 7:30 p.m.

Huron Valley vs. Macomb Christian at Marshall M.S., 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, Jan. 15

Riv. Richard at C'ville, 5:30 p.m.

DePorres at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.

Borgess at St. Alphonsus, 7 p.m.

HVL at Macomb Christian, 7 p.m.

W.L. Central at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Farmington at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Canton at Salem, 7 p.m.

Northville at Harrison, 7 p.m.

Wayne at Garden City, 7 p.m.

Thurston at Redford Union, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 16

H.W. Regina at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m.

Marian at Mercy, 6:30 p.m.

S'field Christian at PCA, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 17

Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Franklin at Northville, 7 p.m.

Harrison at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

W.L. Western at Canton, 7 p.m.

Salem at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

N. Farm. at Farmington, 7 p.m.

Garden City at Redford Union, 7 p.m.

Belleville at Thurston, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 18

Huron Valley vs. Franklin Road at Livonia St. Paul's, 6 p.m.

Luth. W'sid at Harper Wds., 6:30 p.m.

Ladywood at Riv. Richard, 7 p.m.

Mercy at Notre Dame Prep, 7 p.m.

St. Agatha at Det. Urban, 7 p.m.

Benedictine at Borgess, 7 p.m.

Roper at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 20

Bedford Invitational, 8 a.m.

M.H. Madison Tourney, 8:30 a.m.

Saginaw Valley Tourney, 9 a.m.

UM-Dearborn Tourney, 9 a.m.

Northwood Invitational, TBA.

PREP HOCKEY

Wednesday, Jan. 17

Ladywood vs. G.P. South at Det. City Center, 5:30 p.m.

Churchill vs. Franklin, Stevenson vs. W.L. Central at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.

Farm. Unified vs. W. Bloomfield at Cranbrook, 7:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, Jan. 18

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

Friday, Jan. 19

Churchill vs. Salem at Edger Arena, 6 p.m.

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

Franklin vs. Farm. Unified at Farm. Hills Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Stevenson vs. W.L. Central at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 20

Canton vs. Chelsea at A.A. Ice Cube, 7 p.m.

Churchill at Trenton, 7:30 p.m.

Red. Unified at Allen Park, 8 p.m.

Redford CC vs. P.H. Northern at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

Ladywood vs. H.W. Regina at Great Lakes Center, 8:10 p.m.

GIRLS SYNCHROSTICS

Monday, Jan. 15

Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.

Farmington at Salem, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 16

Liv. Unified at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 20

Canton at Holland Invitational, 10 a.m.

Salem at Farmington Invitational, TBA

Adrian Invitational, 1 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Wednesday, Jan. 17

Clarencerville at Lathrup, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 18

Lake Orion, Troy Athens at Redford CC, 5 p.m.

Luth. W'sid at Country Day, 6 p.m.

Canton at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.

Salem at N. Farmington, 6:30 p.m.

Franklin at W.L. Western, 6:30 p.m.

Farmington at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.

W.L. Central at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.

Annapolis at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 20

Jackson NW Invitational, 9 a.m.

Redford CC Super Dual, 10 a.m.

Luth. W'sid Invitational, 10 a.m.

Hartland Invitational, 10 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Tuesday, Jan. 16

Wayne at Southgate, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 18

Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.

Salem at Harrison/Farmington, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

N. Farm. at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 19

Way. Invitational, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 20

Wayne Invitational, 1 p.m.

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

PREP SWIMS

Tuesday, Jan. 16

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

Thursday, Jan. 18

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

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Jan. 17

Delta at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.

Madonna at Spring Arbor, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 20

Henry Ford at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.

Madonna at Siena Hts., 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Jan. 17

Delta at Schoolcraft, 6:30 p.m.

Spring Arbor at Madonna, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 20

Henry Ford at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

Siena Hts. at Madonna, 3 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Sunday, Jan. 24

Whalers at Windsor, 6 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 26

Whalers at S.S. Marie, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 27

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Madonna jolts nationally-ranked Tri-State

Go up against a team ranked 23rd in the nation and you know you have your hands full — especially if your team only has four wins in its previous 17 games.

About the only factor favoring Madonna University's men's basketball team last Wednesday when it hosted Tri-State University was the home court. But by the mid-point of the second half, more than just the game's location was favoring the Crusaders.

With 7:39 left in the game, lightning struck the Thundering Herd when Madonna's Narvin Russaw took a pass from a driving Aaron Cox and slammed it home, pushing the Crusader lead to

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49-38. It was never close again, as Madonna claimed its biggest victory of the season, 67-54.

Madonna improved to 5-13 overall, 1-2 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Tri-State fell to 12-8 overall, 2-1 in the WHAC.

The Crusaders took command early, going up 8-5 and never trailing. They led 34-28 at the half.

The difference was visible: turnovers. In their previous 17 games, they averaged nearly 18 turnovers a game; they made just 13 this time.

They also shot the ball much better, connecting on 24-of-50 shots from the field (48 percent); their season average was just 42.5 percent. Madonna also converted 7-of-15 of its three-pointers (46.7 percent); its season average was just 33.5 percent.

Mike Massey paced the Crusaders with 22 points; he also had seven rebounds. Russaw totaled 14 points and 12 boards, and Chad Nadolni collected 12 points. John Bennett (from Livonia Churchill) came off the bench to score eight.

Tri-State was plagued by poor shooting in the second half. The Herd hit just 6-of-28 shots after the intermission;

they were 17-of-52 (32.7 percent) for the game, including just 7-of-24 (29.2 percent) on three-pointers.

Chad LaCross led Tri-State with 16 points and 11 rebounds. Luke Amstutz chipped in with 13 points.

Lady Crusaders tumble

A terrible start led to a bad result for Madonna University's women's basketball team Wednesday at Tri-State University.

The Lady Crusaders connected on just 8-of-28 shots from the floor in the first half (28.6 percent), falling behind 37-22 by halftime. They played the Thundering Herd evenly after that but it didn't

matter; Tri-State won easily, 78-63.

Madonna fell to 7-9 overall, 2-1 in the WHAC. Tri-State is 14-5 overall, 2-1 in the conference.

Mahogany Fletcher (from Farmington Harrison) paced the Crusaders with 15 points and four steals. Kristi Fiorenzi (Plymouth Canton) added 14 points and Kathy Panganis had 13 points and eight rebounds.

Tri-State got 17 points from Crystal Hardesty, 12 from both Krista Brockway and Chiara Chambers, and 10 from Karen Reinhart.

A 16-6 run by the Herd to start the second half boosted their lead to 53-28 and sealed Madonna's fate.

Canton gets dual-meet win at Western

Posting a good record is one thing. Posting a good record against quality opponents is something far more impressive.

Last Thursday, Plymouth Canton's wrestling team traveled to Walled Lake Western for what could only be considered a major dual meet in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division.

"Our guys were really pumped," said Canton coach John Demsick. "They were ready to wrestle. Walled Lake Western always has a strong team. We respect them and were careful not to underestimate them."

That shouldn't have been a big problem, considering it's been perhaps a decade since the Chiefs have beaten Western. That's not true any longer; Canton won nine of 14 weight classes, including six out of seven in

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one stretch to pull away from a 15-15 tie, to post a 49-24 victory.

That makes Canton 4-0 in WLAA dual meets.

If there was a match that gave the Chiefs the edge, it came early, when Kyle Pitt went up against unbeaten Ryan Beech at 119 pounds.

Make that previously unbeaten. Pitt beat Beech, 6-4.

"Kyle sent our team through the roof," said Demsick. "I knew he could do it and I made sure Kyle knew I felt that way."

"Kyle is a top quality wrestler and is one of the best in the state. It was exciting seeing

him get a win over another quality wrestler. (That) really got the momentum going."

Seven of Canton's wins came on pins. The first was by Rob Schnetler at 103 pounds; others were recorded by Doy Demsick (130), Greg Musser (140), Shahein Rajae (160), Scott McKee (171), Phil Rothwell (189) and Ozzie Wagner (215).

The Chiefs' other win was a decision by Mike Siegrist (145).

"It would appear the whole team is raising up the level of their wrestling," Demsick said. "They seem undaunted at facing some of the toughest teams in the state and have come away averaging 10 out of 14 wrestlers placing at any given tournament."

Canton wrestles next at WLAA rival Livonia Churchill at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

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Brad Arznov and Stevenson's Kevin Marlowe. The Spartans, however, were the team to assert themselves.

"They've got great team speed," said Abraham of Stevenson. "I thought we controlled the play in the first period and through most of the second."

"It was up and down in the third period, but they controlled the puck down low and we can't allow that."

The tie-breaking goal came off the stick of Bobby Zagata with 7:40 left in the game, with assists from Tommy Zagata and David Mifsud. The Spartans added an insurance goal a minute later, scored by Dave Bonello (assisted by Latzman) with 6:36 to play.

If there was a difference in the

third period, it was on defense. While Stevenson scored twice, Canton was having trouble even getting off a shot.

"They didn't get a shot on goal in the third period until there was 3:10 left," said Shepler.

That kind of defense made it easier for the Spartans.

Farmington 7, Salem 1: Devin Baker scored twice for the Flyers and five others scored one each as Farmington avenged an earlier loss to Salem Friday at Farmington.

The Rocks' only goal was scored by Steve Nagel late in the third period, making it 6-1.

Salem fell to 4-8-1 overall, 1-7 in the WLAA and 1-2 in the Lakes Division. Farmington is 5-4-2 overall, 2-2 in the division.

WRESTLING RANKINGS

OBSERVER MAT RANKINGS

103 pounds: 1. Nick Naber (Westland John Glenn); 2. Jacob Davis (Garden City); 3. Jacob Garbutt (Livonia Franklin); 4. Dan Clement (Livonia Churchill); 5. Brian Mervyn (Plymouth Salem).

112: 1. Chris Smith (John Glenn); 2. Scott Massey (Garden City); 3. Pete Bobee (Salem); 4. Charlie Rabaut (Livonia Stevenson); 5. Gent Abduljalil (Churchill).

119: 1. Kyle Pitt (Plymouth Canton); 2. Mike Goethe (Salem); 3. Brian Clement (Churchill); 4. Tim Mulroy (Redford Catholic Central); 5. Jason Fischer (Stevenson).

125: 1. Jesse Stevens (Redford Union); 2. Doy Demsick (Canton); 3.

Rob Harding (Garden City); 4. Billy Bullock (Stevenson); 5. Paul Goyt (Wayne Memorial).

130: 1. Lee Warren (Franklin); 2. Brandon Sammut (Salem); 3. Phil Perry (John Glenn); 4. Nick Smith (Churchill); 5. Chris Usher (Redford Thurston).

135: 1. Nate Rodriguez (Redford CC); 2. Lev Mergian (Churchill); 3. Aaron Turk (Farmington); 4. Chris Hoseny (Canton); 5. Tony Kinard (Salem).

140: 1. Greg Musser (Canton); 2. Bryan Marsh (Wayne); 3. Mike Werner (Redford CC); 4. Matt Radley (Stevenson); 5. Brandon Templeton (Garden City).

145: 1. Jay Abshire (Redford CC); 2. Chris Coopridge (Stevenson); 3. Chris Hopkins (RU); 4. Mike Siegrist (Can-

ton); 5. Adam Schaefer (Salem).
152: 1. Chris Wolfgang (John Glenn); 2. Joe Faraoni (Canton); 3. Joe Jamieson (Stevenson); 4. Jeff Potter (Livonia Clarenceville); 5. Nick Belsky (Farmington).

160: 1. Imad Kharbush (Stevenson); 2. Steve Wallace (Wayne); 3. Brian Jones (Churchill); 4. Casey Hilliker (Redford CC); 5. Mike Murtland (Farmington).

171: 1. Ryan Rogowski (Redford CC); 2. Eric Kelley (RU); 3. Craig Medos (Garden City); 4. Scott McKee (Canton); 5. Matt Navarro (Franklin).

189: 1. Phil Rothwell (Canton); 2. Steve Rotenheber (Clarenceville); 3. Blaic Naismith (Redford CC); 4. Alex

Murray (Churchill); 5. Tim McCarthy (Stevenson).

215: 1. Zack Jenson (Salem); 2. Ozzie Wagner (Canton); 3. Ollie Muscarella (RU); 4. Nick Renton (Wayne); 5. Thom Vandenbosche (Churchill).

Heavyweight: 1. Aaron Parr (Redford CC); 2. Kevin Packard (Lutheran Westland); 3. Derek McWatt (Canton); 4. Carl Lalonde (Thurston); 5. Tony Martinez (Franklin).

TEAM: 1. Catholic Central; 2. Canton; 3. Stevenson; 4. Salem; 5. Churchill.

Note: This year's Observerland wrestling rankings are put together by a panel of area coaches including Jim Carlin (Redford Union), Marty Altounian (Livonia Churchill) and Dave Chiola (Livonia Franklin).

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multi-point producers as Plymouth skated to a 9-2 victory.

The triumph pushed the Whalers' record to 26-7-4-2 overall, first in the OHL's West Division. Mississauga fell to 3-29-6-1.

The Ice Dogs scored just 28 seconds into the game, but Bryan Thompson erased that deficit less than a minute later with the Whalers' first goal. Kris Vernarsky then put Plymouth ahead, scoring on the short side on a pass from LaRose.

It took just 20 seconds for the Whalers to push their lead to 3-1, this goal coming from Damian Surma with assists from Greg Campbell and Karl Stewart.

The Whalers' lead was 6-2 by the end of the second period, and they coasted home from there. LaRose finished as the game's top star, collecting two goals and two assists.

Mizzi, obtained in a trade with Sarnia last Wednesday, contributed two goals and Wiseman had three assists.

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Kent, Orion lakes provide great winter fishing



BILL PARKER

Just when I thought we'd have an exceptional ice fishing season, the weather service went and rained on my parade. With rain and warmer temperatures reaching into the lower 40s through the beginning of the week, ice fishermen are again advised to use extreme caution if venturing out on are lakes.

Temperatures are expected to dip back into the 30s during the day and teens in the evening by the end of next week, so conditions should improve by next weekend.

When deciding on which lake to hit for hot winter action a couple lakes come to mind.

Kent Lake, located in Kensington Metropark near Milford, holds one of the best inland lake walleye populations

around The Department of Natural Resources annually stocks Kent Lake with walleye fry, which provide a good year-around fishery.

Fish in the 15- to 20-inch range are caught with regularity, and the DNR estimates there is an average of three fish per acre.

"We nearly over did it (on Kent Lake) with the walleye," said Gary Towns, fisheries supervisor at the DNR's District 10 field headquarters in Livonia.

"The walleye are doing very well, but the blue gill have kind of taken it. Crappie and pike fishing is still pretty decent."

Walleye are a low-light fish and the best action usually occurs early in the morning and late in the afternoon. During the winter months the deeper holes are especially productive since the Huron-Clinton Metropark Authority drops the lake level three feet each winter.

Walleye and pike lurk off the drops near the deep holes by the dam at the southern end of the lake. A good spot for crappies is in front of that dam in 15 to 20 feet of water.

To check on ice conditions and get fishing updates call the park at (248) 685-1561 or (800) 24-PARKS.

Lake Orion is another good winter destination. With a ton of points, islands and bays, there's no shortage of potential "hot spots" to check out.

While pike and pan fish are the mainstays in Lake Orion, the lake should also see the benefits of a walleye stocking effort the DNR began a few years ago, although there have been few reports of walleyes being caught so far.

Pike anglers have good success fishing with tip-ups and in spearing shanties between Park Island and the eastern shore of the lake along M-24. Be sure to check the edges of the dropoff along the shoreline just south of the dam, which empties into Paint Creek.

Some of the best blue gill fishing occurs in the bay in front of the boat ramp off Indian Lake Road, and on the eastern end of the lake in the bay in front of Snug Harbor Marina. Blue gill are also plentiful in the bay west of Belleville Island, which also runs parallel to Heights.

For current fishing updates and ice conditions call Hook, Line and Sinkers (248) 814-9216.

Reward offered

Late last summer, some thugs broke into a taxidermy in Fowlerville and stole approximately 25 sets of antlers that were in the taxidermy to be mounted. Each one of those racks had sentimental value to the hunters who had worked hard to harvest them. No money can replace them, but photographs taken by the owners of these antlers can be used to identify many of them.

The Michigan Chapter of Whitetails Unlimited and the DNR are offering a

\$1,000 reward for any information that may lead to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for this crime.

Information may be forwarded to Detective John Jurcich of the DNR Wildlife Resources Protection Unit at 800-292-7800, or Detective Todd Luzod of the Livingston County Sheriff's Department at 517-546-2440. All information will remain confidential.

Authorities think that with the increased interest in whitetail trophies, mounted antlers and antler art, that there is a viable market today for such items.

(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)

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Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

ACTIVITIES

DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS

Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. membership meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X, 6177 Chicago Road, in Warren. The public is welcome. More information can be obtained by calling Ed Wilczek at (810) 757-7365 or club President Ray Banbury at (810) 598-0310.

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 for more information.

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 for more information.

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.

FISHING BUDDIES
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

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

285-0843 for more information.

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 for more information.

SOLAR
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

ICE FISHING FOR SCOUTS
Ice fishing for Scouts will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20 at the Nature Center of Kensington Metropark. This is a chance for scouts to learn about ice fishing. Bring ice fishing poles and dress for the weather. Pre-registration is required. Call (248) 685-0603 or 1-800-477-3178 for registration information.

MAKE AND TAKE BIRD FEEDERS
Make a bird feeder at the Nature

Center of Kensington Metropark on Saturday, Jan. 27 at 1 p.m. There is a \$1 participation fee and pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-477-3178 for more information.

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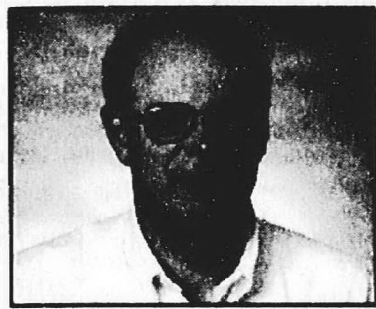
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NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

Why can't a bird feeder be more like a man?

One of the most fascinating aspects of bird banding is holding a wild bird in your hand. There is something about holding an animal that has the freedom of flight that allows them to avoid capture. It also allows a person to look closely at details that are not readily visible from a distance. My wife still recalls with delight the times we helped friends capture and band wild birds.

Capturing birds to band requires permits from the state and the federal government. Banding is not just to satisfy the delights of those who want to hold a wild bird in their hand. It is a process that requires training and has resulted in some interesting information on bird biology.

But if you want to delight in a bird in the hand, here is a suggestion. Build a mannequin to serve as a bird feeder and erect it in your back yard. The principle used here is that the birds get used to a feeder that looks like a human. After they use the mannequin feeder for a few days they will not be surprised when a real human arrives.

About a week ago, I went downstairs and made a stick figure mannequin out of some scrap pieces of wood. I cut out a flat piece of plywood that I later rubber cemented a magazine picture of a woman's face onto. Then I attached the face board to a 5-foot long section of a piece of 2 x 2. At the bottom I attached four 8-inch long sections of 2 x 2 to serve as a base for the stick figure.

Now that the foundation was constructed, I put a piece of used molding across the main post just below the head to serve as the shoulders. Angling down from one shoulder I made an arm that bent upward at the elbow so I could attach a piece of wood that looked like a hand. I even gouged a depression in the palm of the hand so the bird seed would be contained.

My mannequin looked very crude at this point. I had to also add an extension onto the back of the face board so I could put a hat on the head. After the addition of an old shirt and a pair of pants I put it outside near the existing feeders.

Within two hours black-capped chickadees were eating from the mannequin's hand. Chickadees are the most intrepid species I've encountered. They are the first to explore new objects in their surroundings and are undaunted by these new objects.

It was not long after I saw chickadees using the hand, that tufted titmice began using the mannequin. Soon thereafter white-breasted nuthatches and house finch were using the new feeder.

After only three or four days, my son took the time to stand next to the mannequin with seed in his hand after a group of chickadees arrived at the feeders. It was not long before a live bird landed on his hand. The effect is best when no glove is used. That way you can feel their claws grab your fingers, but even though they are attached to your hand, there is no sensation of weight. They quickly grab a seed and fly off to a branch to extract the kernel from the husk.

Feeding birds by hand is a wonderful experience, but feeding mammals by hand can be dangerous. People have been bitten by unpredictable squirrels and other animals. Don't spoil a fun activity in your back yard.

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Snowboarding adventure
Michigan's good, but Colorado's something else

GUEST COLUMNIST



NICK GISMONDI

It's often said things look better on paper — think it through logically and it will make for an easier transition.

Not true for snowboarding. You tightly strap both feet to a waxed (for optimal speed) fiberglass board. While attached to this device you speed

down a snow-covered mountain looking for jumps so you can attempt difficult combinations of flips and spins, all in sub-zero temperatures.

OK, so it doesn't look so good on paper. But it sure is a thrill.

Getting the hang of it is exceedingly difficult. The day after my first attempt at the sport doesn't rate with my fondest memories.

But a few years later, I can't get enough of snowboarding. In our area we have a lot of choices on where to snowboard: Alpine Valley, Mt. Brighton, Mt. Holly and Boyne Highlands.

For the last few years I navigated those hills, all the while yearning for a more difficult challenge. A few weeks ago, I found it.

On a recent trip to visit with my close friends, Kelly and Jacki Skinner, who live in Colorado Springs, I took my board with plans to do some snowboarding. This excited me since chances to ski out west aren't common.

But what I encountered was like nothing I had ever seen before, or remotely experienced. Knowing only the hills of Michigan (which might top a few thousand feet), what Colorado offered was astonishing.

After spending some time in the Springs, Kelly, his brother Kurt, Tyler Mance and I made the hour drive to the base of Breckenridge.

We arrived at dark, so all I could make out initially was a looming, dark black shadow that extended up further than I could see.

The town — that was something else. Breckenridge was alive with shops, chalets, equipment vendors, everything you think of when you think of a ski town. People wandered about bundled in thick winter coats, some still wearing their boots from a long day of navigating tough terrain.

The night was spent in front of a fire talking about what lay ahead the next day. Tyler, a student at Central Michigan, and I were the most excited. We were accustomed to Michigan skiing. This Colorado experience seemed to us like a chance to conquer the world.

As we turned in for the night, I



A long way down: Once dawn broke, Nick Gismondi found out just how different it was snowboarding at Breckenridge, Colo., compared to anywhere in Michigan.

took one more peek out the window at that looming, dark shadow. I was filled with anticipation.

Morning came quickly. The chair lifts of Breckenridge opened at 8:30 a.m., so a quick bowl of cereal sufficed as breakfast. The process of putting all the gear on, with multiple layers of clothing, seemed to take forever.

The short drive from the condo to the mountain was a visual spectacle like no other, with trees as far as you could see and a mountain range that went on forever.

I hurriedly exited the car and just gaped at the mountain, 14,000 feet high, the peaks engulfed within thick cumulus clouds. All I could do was stare.

Until we got to the lifts, the next few minutes were a blur. I hardly remember purchasing a ticket or walking to the mountain's base, but the initial chairlift to the top remains, and will always remain, vivid.

A cold wind blew through my body, though it did not stop me from shedding my gloves and snapping some photos as we ascended to what would turn out to be the time of my life. I fumbled quickly to put my camera away and hustled to pull my gloves on as the end of the lift approached.

My heart raced. I shuffled off the lift and settled at the edge of the hill,

the point of no return and your last chance to avoid the uncontrollable tug of gravity.

Kelly, Ty and Kurt, who were skiing, pulled up along side as I strapped my foot into my snowboard. "Ready Gis?" asked Kelly.

And then he was off, swooshing down the hill. After one more deep breath I followed.

In the first run I just got the hang of navigating the 20-25 inches of fresh powder, while trying to keep an eye on Kelly's red jacket so I wouldn't get lost.

I made it down safely, and I was proud of myself for that, but I was exhausted. This was nothing like Michigan skiing. I told the rest of the group that it was great, but tough. "Tough?" said Kurt, an expert skier. "That was only the intermediate hill. I'll take you to tough."

And off we went. I slowly progressed during the day to what now is the pinnacle moment of my snowboarding life.

Before breaking for lunch, the rest of the group agreed that I was ready for Chair Six, which would lead to Peak Eight. The 15-minute chair ride emptied into the Horseshoe Bowl, a 12,141-foot double-black diamond run with lots of powder — and not a lot of oxygen.

I was winded.

After a deep breath and a quick prayer I shoved off. I made it, but the near vertical drop was the biggest rush of my life.

After a lunch break, it was back for Round Two. A light snow had begun to fall, which served to enhance the experiences of the day.

Never in our eight hours on the mountain did we snowboard/ski the same run. There was always a different avenue to explore.

The snow accumulated quickly and as it got heavier, there were countless times I became stuck in powder drifts that came up to hips.

As the sun began to set, it was time for us to exit. One last run, slower than the rest for me. I was trying desperately to not let it end, to take my time and just enjoy snowboarding in Colorado.

After one more look at the mountain, I plopped into the car, and by the time we backed out, I was out. Fatigue had finally caught up to me; the adrenaline in the tank had expired.

Michigan skiers/snowboarders don't get the opportunity to experience something like Breckenridge very often. It's a memory I plan to recapture every year.

As my trip came to an end, leaving Colorado was terribly difficult. One thing is certain: Next year can't come fast enough!

A do-it-all, from drilling to filling

TEN PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

Steve Klein has been around the local bowling scene for many years, first as a member of the Men's All-Star League at Thunderbowl Lanes, later as owner and operator of the All-Star Grille, running the food service for at Cloverlanes in Livonia, Plaza Lanes in Plymouth and Cherry Hill Lanes in Inkster Road.

As if that wasn't enough, he opened the Pro Shop at Plaza Lanes. Now you could get your ball drilled and your tummy filled by one and the same, Steve Klein.

Klein is expanding the scope another step further at Plaza Lanes with more news coming soon. Now as if that was not enough, Steve was fortunate to have picked the right ladies team to sponsor, for as you would have already known by now that his All-Star Grille team is the one and same which bowled the 3,600 series at Cloverlanes Nov. 20 to stake a claim to a new world and WIBC record three game series for a ladies team. By the way, next time you are in one of the All-Star Grilles, be sure to order yourself the "Al Harrison Burger," what a treat!

Last Tuesday marked the first time that an all-female team has joined the Men's All-Star League at Thunderbowl. They will compete right there along with some of the finest male bowlers in this entire area, many of whom had even gone out on the PBA Pro Tour.

Are they breaking with nearly 70 years of tradition? Yes. Are they in over their heads? No, absolutely not. This is the "All-Star Grille II" team which is composed of mainly the same record-setting players, Cyndi Black, Renee Palmer, Julie Wright, Carmen Allen, Lisa Bish-

op and Tamika Glenn, but also bolstered by the addition of Aleta Sill, Novella White and Michelle Mullin to the roster. There have been individual ladies competing in the All-Stars previously, but only individually and not as a team. In their first night of competition they won their first game but lost the next two.

Mark and Diane Voight of Farmington Hills have expanded their already substantial chain of bowling centers again with the recent acquisition of four more bowling centers. Classic Lanes in Rochester Hills, Shelby Lanes in Utica, Kingswood Lanes in Clinton Township and Van Dyke Lanes in Sterling Heights are now part of Community Bowling Centers, as the group is known. This group was formerly owned by Eric Bogedin and had been known as Bowling Fun Headquarters. It now brings the total number of Voight's bowling centers to 22.

Every bowler has had to face up to the nasty 7-10 (snake eyes) split at some time or other. Along comes a magazine article that tells how to make that split, it happens to be the February 2001

issue of Men's Health.

Jeff Briggs, a certified USA bowling instructor tells how with pictures and diagrams on page 30. You can buy or browse the magazine at many of the larger news stands and bookstores in the area.

If you are a woman senior bowler (age 55 and up) and would like to participate in the 26th Annual Michigan Women's Senior Tournament this year, it will be held at Monroe Sport Center, 15425 South Dixie Highway in Monroe. It is a doubles and singles event. The dates are May 9 to 12 and May 16 to 20. There are five age class divisions, "AA" 75 and over, "A" 70 through 74, "B" 65 through 69, "C" 60 through 64 and "D" 55 through 59. Reservations are due by Feb. 17. Entries close March 24. It is a doubles tournament for men and women. The entry fee is \$10 per event. There are separate tournaments for men and women, but they are held at the same time, an advantage for married bowlers. For entry forms, call Shirley Steele at (734) 453-7718.

More good news for the kids: New programs begin in February at Westland Bowl with "Kids Stuff" at 4 p.m. Monday or Thursday for \$5 per bowler per week starting Feb. 12 or 15. Two games of bowling, recorded averages, free shoe rental, trophies and end of season party. Pee Wee Bumper Bowl for age 3-7, same dates and times, \$4.25 per week, includes one game of bowling, recorded averages, shoe rentals, light weight bowling ball to use, trophies and end of season party.

Family Affair: One adult and one child at 6 p.m. Sundays starting Feb. 11 for 16 weeks, \$7 per person, includes three games of bowling, recorded averages, shoe rental, trophies and tickets to a Tiger ball game. Stop in at Westland Bowl on Wayne Road or call (734) 722-7570 for more information or entry forms.

Honor scores

SUPER BOWL (CANTON)
Super Tuesday: Steve Mushinski, 245-289-289/803
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Wednesday Night Merchants: Floyd Niederfer, 299; Yves Szumansky, 299
Airlines: Brian Yates, 300; Jerry Venters, 300
Good Sports: Mike Nesbitt, 300
Saturday Mixed: Ron Brusseau, 300
WESTLAND BOWL
Men at Play: Dean Huntoon, 300
Twin Pariah: Bob Schmidt, 300
Friday Men's Invitational: Mike Cuevas, 296
Sunday Sleepers: Bryan Masek, 300; Terry Tesarz, 300

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play. Salem's Scott Discher laid the groundwork for the Rocks' gutsy comeback attempt when he opened the fourth quarter the way he ended the third — by burying a long three-point shot to cut Canton's lead to 49-38.

Led by Tochman and Hoskins, Salem then proceeded to chisel away at Canton's lead until Tochman's fade-away, 10-foot jumper with 1:55 to go made it 54-51.

Canton's Priebe countered the run with a huge three-point shot with 1:30 remaining to put the hosts up 57-51. Hoskins then hit two free throws before Gaines' clutch three-point play suffocated the valiant rally.

Both teams shot well from the field. Canton nailed 24-of-46 shots (54 percent) while the visiting Rocks converted on 21-of-46 field goals (46 percent).

The Chiefs weren't as steady at the line, connecting on just 10-of-18 free throws (55 percent). Salem was slightly better at the charity stripe, swishing 8-of-13 free throws (61 percent).

Led by Gaines, Canton outrebounded Salem, 29-21. Tochman and Pat Abraham led Salem with six rebounds each.

Despite constant man-to-man pressure at both ends of the court, turnovers weren't a major factor. Canton threw the ball away 12 times while Salem committed 10 miscues.

A.P. Inter-City 66, PCA 55: For three quarters, this was a very close ball game. Then Josh Claypool, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist's junior point guard, found his range.

Claypool nailed seven three-pointers, five of them in the fourth quarter, to help the Chargers pull away from Plymouth Christian Academy Friday at PCA. Claypool finished with a game-high 26 points.

"We played great," said Eagles' coach Doug Taylor, his team 1-4 overall, 0-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. "We just came up short at the end. We had some nice scoring balance, I was real happy with that."

Tyler Williams paced PCA with 13 points. James Bauslaugh added 11 and six assists, and Clay Welton and P.J. Woodman each scored eight, with Welton grabbing seven rebounds.

Ben Dawson added 10 points for Inter-City, now 5-1 overall and 1-0 in the MIAC.

The Chargers led 15-8 after one quarter, but PCA battled back to within four by halftime, 26-22. The Eagles narrowed that gap even further entering the fourth quarter by outscoring Inter-City 16-13 in the third, making it 39-35.

But PCA couldn't find an answer for Claypool's sharp-shooting in the fourth quarter.

Inter-City 65, Clarenceville 55: Host Allen Park Inter-City Baptist slapped a press on from the start and scored the first six points of the game. They never trailed again.

Inter-City's Ben Dawson scored 22 of his game-high 28 points in the first half. Josh Claypool scored 14 points for Allen Park (4-1) and Jeremy Raeburn added 10.

Scott Wion led Clarenceville with 21 points and also had 12 rebounds while Tim Shaw scored 15 points and had a team-best 15 rebounds plus six blocked shots.

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(1:08.95) for the win.

"They're breaststroker came out of nowhere," said Weber.

The victory gave Salem a 3-1 overall dual-meet record, 1-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Canton is 1-1 overall, 0-1 in the WLAA.


On Tuesday, it was Canton that was the dominant force in its dual-meet win over Huron. The Chiefs won every event but diving.

Wisniewski and Nilson each won two individual events. Wisniewski finished first in the 200 free (1:54.0) and 100 fly (56.4), while Nilson won the 200 IM (2:09.0) and 100 free (52.66).

Dennis Speck took the 50 free for Canton (24.7). Joe Le captured the 100 back (1:06.5). Heiss was a winner in the 100 breast (1:08.7) and Ryan Ahern took top honors in the 500 free (6:19.0).

Canton swims against the combined Harrison/Farmington team Tuesday at Farmington and hosts Livonia Franklin Thursday. Salem faces the combined Harrison/Farmington squad Thursday at Farmington.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Draw on your creativity, take a class

After the holidays it's hard to find the energy to do more than just click on the TV. But instead of sitting there uninspired, why not expand your mind with art classes?

There's no doubt cold, snowy days bring on the urge to hibernate during the first three months of the year. That's why it's a perfect time to cultivate your creativity. And you don't have to be artistic to enjoy drawing or dancing. It's not as difficult as you might think. Just ask Cathy Dyer. She hadn't taken an art class since junior high but was determined to make a gift for her mother. Now she's teaching the art of drawing mandalas at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Many arts organizations and businesses around town are offering the opportunity to learn how to salsa dance, take better photographs, or paint wintry white scenes. Dyer's class gives students a way to express themselves.

Expression

"I wanted to trace my son's and my own hand as a gift for my mother, so I went to a book store and found Judith Cornell's *Mandala*," said Dyer, a Plymouth resident who formerly taught at Northville High School. "I bought the book and began drawing. Mandala is the Sanskrit word for circle. It's used in Tibetan culture for integrating parts of yourself for healing. Tibetans make their mandalas out of sand similar to the way the Navajos do. Carl Jung, the psychologist, used them with his patients.

"For me it's getting to other parts of myself instead of writing in a journal to find what creative message I have for myself. You put down whatever image you're thinking about."

After learning the basics of creating mandalas, Dyer put her knowledge to work to teach a class at her church. The drawings begin on black paper with a white pencil to bring out the light while working within a circle.

"People came up to me saying they didn't think they could create anything and had pulled creative messages out of themselves."

Dyer's mandala class is one of several offered by the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Ivan Kendle will show students how to draw by observing a live model. Connie Randall, co-owner of ConLen Productions in Plymouth, will teach an eight-week vocal/drama workshop for grades three-eight that culminates in a performance April 3. ConLen Productions put on the opera *Hansel and Gretel* before the holidays.

"We're always happy to have teachers return like Pam Grossmann for drawing (ages 6-14) and Amy Alley for beginning drawing for teens and adults," said Jennifer Tobin, arts council executive director. "Todd Marsee's class is new. He'll teach students how to use bubble wrap and old nylons in experimental watercolor techniques."

Photography

Paul Hurschmann teaches a photography class on basic lighting. Students will learn how to use studio lighting and natural light on location. Hurschmann joined the photography staff of the Observer Newspapers 2 1/2 years ago. He previously worked as a photo editor and photographer for the Associated Press in New York City and Detroit.

"I'm excited about Paul Hurschmann's class," said Tobin. "He's taught for us before, but this time the class will be student driven. He'll focus on what they want to learn whether it's portraiture in a studio setting or outdoors. He's designing it to what they want to do."

Dimas and Maria Caraballo teach students how to move to Latin salsa for eight weeks instead of four because the class has proven so popular with dancers.

"A lot of the students said to me it was over too soon," said Tobin. "We were just getting hot."

Courses run four to eight weeks and range in price from \$50 to \$120.

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Damaged Child: A broken image of a child lies on the floor in Patricia Izzo's photograph. Children are the innocent victims of domestic violence.

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Patricia Izzo's photograph of a shattered doll's head moves the viewer to look deeper into the image for meaning. Izzo's powerful portrayal of domestic violence reminds viewers that children are the innocent victims.

Cathy Dyer draws on her inner self to explore the process a woman goes through to find herself after suffering abuse in a marriage — but then she's been there. Her colorful drawings show there is hope even if the journey to reach the light is fraught with obstacles.

Art is a great communicator of experience and emotion. That's why Nancy Paton chose to exhibit more than 40 paintings, drawings and sculptures in the gallery at Madonna University. The exhibit is her personal response to a news broadcast, which showed graphic images of abuse including female genital mutilation, after UNICEF issued a report to the United Nations indicating "Violence against women and girls continues to be a global epidemic that kills, tortures and maims — physically, psychologically, sexually and economically." Art in Response to Universal Violence Against Women speaks to the crimes perpetrated on women around the world.



100 ways: Amy Alley mirrors the fragmented feelings women go through in this mixed media work titled "A Difficult Issue."

Big need

"It took a lot of time to put the exhibit together but there's a big need for this," said Paton, exhibit project director and supervisor of supplemental instruction at Madonna University. "That's what surprised me. I've had people coming up to me to tell about people they know in abusive relationships."

Dyer is one of the women who suffered emotional and physical abuse in a marriage and needed to express her feelings about the devastating experience. But a journal wouldn't do, so she turned to art.

Paton gave amateur as well as professional artists the opportunity to exhibit their work. Dyer hadn't drawn since Junior High but that didn't stop her from creating *Without Voice* and *Voices Awakening*, kind of a before-and-after of women suffering and then escaping abuse.

"It creates shame and shuts down self," said Dyer, a Plymouth resident and former Northville High School teacher. "My salvation was when I started talking to someone. It's important for people to talk about it and not be hidden away. This is something we have to talk about. And it's a universal problem. When I was in Mexico recently I saw a commercial where three Mexican women are tied together and the voice-over says, 'you need to talk to someone.' I hope that women who might be experiencing abuse might see there's a way to express what they're going through and there is hope. Eventually I went to First Step."

First Step, a nonprofit organization with offices in Plymouth, helps women, children and men rebuild their lives after suffering domestic violence or rape. A shelter for women and children provides a temporary safe place while one-on-one and group therapy sessions build self confidence and help vic-

tims regain control of their future. For more information or help, call First Step at (734) 416-1111.

"People need to be aware that there are places they can call," said Dyer.

Finding your way

Amy Alley believes victims do need help in finding their way after becoming a victim of abuse. She watched a friend "make her way out of a violent domestic situation." Alley, a Livonia resident and student in the fine arts program at Madonna University, mixed mediums to relay her feelings about

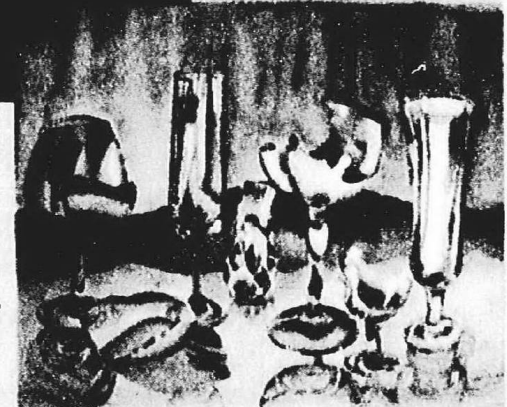
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Violence Against Women

Exhibit provokes powerful emotions



Voices Awakening: Above, Cathy Dyer explores the process a woman goes through to find herself after suffering abuse. At right, Donna Andruccioli-Vogelheim painted this watercolor that shows the fragility of a victim of violence.



CONCERT

Young pianist grows note by note into maturity

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Joshua Cullen has traveled far in the last eight years. Not just to Japan and the Czech Republic to concertize with orchestras, but in becoming a young man.

He's grown from an 8-year-old piano prodigy debuting with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra and performing with the Moscow Philharmonic at 9, to graduating in late April from the University of Michigan School of Music at 16. Quite a journey for one so young but he's handling it with grace.

What: The Livonia Symphony Orchestra spotlights the talent of 16-year-old pianist Joshua Cullen
When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20
Where: Churchill High School, 6800 Newburgh, north of Jay Road, Livonia. Tickets \$15, \$40 students, call (734) 422-4686 or Ticketmaster (800) 848-8686.
Note: Free parking lot space is limited due to construction. Arrive at least 45 min. in advance.

The death of his father, Calvin, from cancer in June caused him to question his ability to become a performing artist only briefly. Calvin and his wife, Mona, instilled a love of music in the young pianist that's unshakable. By early December, Cullen was back in Prague recording Beethoven's third concerto with the Czech National Symphony conducted by Paul Freeman. Four weeks later he performed at the White House.

Homecoming

On Jan. 20, he'll be playing a homecoming concert with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

"My dad traveled with me everywhere," said Cullen. "It's been difficult adjusting to the change and doing most of the traveling on my own."

Mona's faith in Cullen will surely see him through to fulfilling his destiny to become a well-known classical pianist.

"I was worried how was he

going to handle his father's death," said Mona Cullen. "He said, 'I don't know how to do this. I'm so used to Dad telling me how to play the music. I said, you're 16 now and you're a professional.'"

Calvin Cullen instilled that sense of professionalism in his son. In 1998, he told the *Observer* it was a challenge to maintain a normal childhood while nurturing the talent that would eventually end up on world stages.

"You want to try to keep him as normal as possible and do as much as you can to make sure he enjoys doing the same things as other kids his age," said Calvin Cullen. "On the other hand, you have to encourage his talent. Sometimes that balance can be difficult to handle. It's like having a child with Olympic potential. You have to provide the opportunities, training, to expose them to different experiences and that can be expensive. I don't want to



Piano prodigy: Joshua Cullen returns for a fourth performance with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra. Cullen debuted with the orchestra at age 8.

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For more information or to register for classes, call the arts council at (734) 416-4278.

D & M Studios

If you're interested in learning the basics of painting and drawing, D & M Studios in Canton makes it fun. Sharon Dillenbeck and her staff teach everything from cartooning to ceramics for people aged 6 to adult. Prices range from \$11 per class to \$72 for a six-week pastel class with Jim Riopelle. Homeschool classes are available Wednesdays and Fridays.

"What's most exciting is the exploration we're doing in all of our classes," said Dillenbeck. "We're using new mediums. Instead of watercolor and oil, we're experimenting with gouache and tempera. We're doing impressionistic paintings on floor cloths, and miniatures. We've also been researching the background of Australian art in preparation for our summer camps. The aborigine call their

art dreamings. They do dot paintings on bark. Every bit of aboriginal art tells a story."

For information about winter classes or summer art camps, call D & M studios at (734) 453-3710.

Visual Arts Association of Livonia

VAAL specializes in watercolor, figurative drawing and painting, and pastel classes for adults. Day and evening classes and two-five-day workshops are available 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*. Workshops in mastering color, monotypes, and painting springtime landscapes will be held from February to 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 cost \$50 to \$93 for members, \$55-\$98 non-members. For information or to register, call Mary Ann Adams at (734) 455-9517.

"We have a lot of workshops," said Marge Masek, spokeswoman for VAAL. "Edee Joppich's classes and workshops fill up very well. March 8 Bob Blanchard and Jim Riopelle will be offering classes in figurative drawing and painting (with live models), and pastel."

So now there's no excuse to sit there on the couch watching the world go by. You can draw, act or dance with the best of them. You have your own style. Get creative.

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A Difficult Issue. The work features the face of a woman, her eyes blackened. Painted in fragments, the 25 5-by-7-inch canvases mounted on a 3-by-3-foot canvas depict how a victim is torn between her present life of darkness and a bright future.

"I did that just to portray the feeling that there are 100 different ways for a victim of violence to go and it's a difficult choice," said Alley. "I also covered the work with copper wire to represent the bondage. I think a lot of people think you can just leave, but it's not that easy. You think it's only one instance and that it will never happen again."

"This is the first piece I had a lot of emotional ties with. The issue is so complex. The first time is usually a slap. Most people don't want to throw away a marriage after one slap but the violence usually progresses to something worse."

And when the level of violence

progresses, it can leave emotional and physical scars that last a lifetime. At least that's been the experience of Erik Mayer, the only male artist in the exhibit. He paints a watercolor focusing on a woman lost in a maze.

"I grew up in an abusive environment and saw the effects it had on my mom and continues to have on my sisters in their relationships to this day," said Mayer, a faculty member in the College of Technology at Bowling Green State University. "But women need to know despite the walls that people put around you, there's a way out. And guys need to know about this too. The male students in my classes think it's funny. Somehow we have to get through to them before it's too late."

Nora Chapa Mendoza couldn't agree more. The West Bloomfield artist has two works in the exhibit including *City Nights* which shows a young woman

looking out a barred window with fear in her eyes.

Good concept

"The concept for the show is really good," said Chapa Mendoza, who's exhibited at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, Woodland Indians Trading Center and Gallery in Redford, and through the Livonia Arts Commission at the Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery in Livonia. She'll exhibit her work at a Lake Orion gallery, the Art of Living, in May. Chapa Mendoza has championed the rights of migrant workers and women in her paintings for years.

"It should have been done years ago. Back then women were battered or abused and were ashamed to tell their family and neighbors. Now it's out in the open. It's good because it will help women to get out - and seeing it visually is a form of healing."

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emphasize the expense because we'd find a way to do it no matter what. And you have to do it. Just because you have the talent doesn't mean people will come knocking on your door with opportunities."

Schedule

Cullen isn't waiting for opportunity to knock on his door. He loves his music too much. His nonstop schedule of recording and performing includes children's concerts featuring Camille Saint-Saens *Carnival of the Animals* with pianist Rebecca Harding and the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra March 8-9. In June, he returns to Prague to record Beethoven's fourth concerto. Cullen's third CD will be released later this year.

"Even though playing the piano takes a lot of concentration and discipline, it's really about allowing yourself to become

engaged in the music and allowing the music to take over your soul," said Cullen. "Once you're into the music, the emotions and feelings just come out naturally. Of course the technique to do it has to come first."

"Music's always been an important part of my life, even though my perception of and involvement in the music has changed so much for me over the past few years, as I become more emotionally mature."

Attending a university at such a young age has no doubt influenced Cullen's development musically and emotionally. Now in his seventh year of studying with Arthur Greene at the University of Michigan, Cullen is cutting back on his teaching schedule in order to spend more time with his music. He is applying for graduate school at University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and the Juilliard School

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Volodymyr Shesiuk

Livonia Symphony Orchestra conductor

and Eastman School of Music in New York.

But in the meantime, he's playing more chamber music at school. On Jan. 20 he will perform Edvard Grieg's *Concerto in A Minor* with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra. Cullen performed the same concerto in Japan on Aug. 20 with the Otsu Memorial Symphony Orchestra.

Special

"I've been performing with the LSO since I was 8. My first real concert was with them so it's always been special to me," said Cullen. "It's fairly well known, your traditional romantic piano concerto written in the 1800s."

Grieg's concerto is but one part of the Scandinavian-themed program featuring works by Hugo Alfreid and Jean Sibelius. Soprano Maria Nazaronko will sing a selection from Grieg's *Peer Gynt Suite No. 2*. But Cullen's performance will undoubtedly be the highlight of LSO conductor Volodymyr Shesiuk's evening.

"It's a beautiful program," said Shesiuk, a Garden City resident who immigrated to the U.S. from Ukraine in 1991. "Joshua doesn't need to hear extra compliments from the conductor about how he's not only excellent in technique but has such a deep feeling and spirit. We love him."

Swingtime makes fans of local arts educators

It's easy to get John Bloom reminiscing about the annual Swingtime dance which raises money for local arts education programs.

After all, the executive director of the Fanclub Foundation for the Arts has helped organize the fund-raising dance for more than a decade, and has seen it grow from a few hundred people to more than 1,400.

"Young, old, black, white, urban, suburban, gay, straight, everybody loved it," said the Southfield resident, reminiscing about when Swingtime was held at the Guardian Building in Detroit. "We would go to the top of the building and look out on the city. It was like being in New York. It was magic."

Certainly none of the magic has been lost and because Swingtime gains more participants each year, it moved to the Fisher Building several years ago.

This year's fun starts at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 20. "We use all of the first floor and the lobby of the Fisher Theatre," said Bloom.

Food

Not only does that accommodate the diverse crowd of "swing kids" that comes to dance, but also for the food supplied by more than 30 restaurants, drinks supplied by eight bars and entertainment provided by Paul King and the Rhythm Society, Alma Smith and Friends, Jack Earl and the Jimbos Rock-a-Billy Band.

This year's Swingtime also features a silent auction, and an art gallery with works from Royal Oak's Ariana Gallery and the Padded Cell, as well as from student artists from Walled Lake Central High School.

"The students are very excited to be showing their work for the evening, and in return, they get to see artists giving back to the community," said David DeLuca, the head of the school's art department, director of its National Art Honor Society

What: Fanclub Foundation for the Arts presents Swingtime
When: 7:30 p.m.- midnight, Saturday, Jan. 20
Where: The Fisher Building, Detroit
Admission: \$50 advance purchase, \$60 at the door
Reservations: (248) 584-4150.

Chapter and also the grant chairman for the Fanclub Foundation. "The philanthropy modeling by Fanclub members is priceless."

Grants

As Bloom explains it, Fanclub Foundation is a "pass-through" organization that collects money and gives grants.

"We don't have bricks and mortar, we don't cure diseases or save people from calamities, nor are we directly involved in the rebirth of Detroit," said Bloom. Yet, he said, "We are the only organization in the Detroit area that raises funds directly for arts education programs. Maybe someday we'll be like the United Way of arts education."

Last year, nine community and school art programs received donations on proceeds from Swingtime, which totaled \$32,000. Donor recipients included the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center's summer arts camp, the Michigan Opera Theatre's community outreach program and Orchard's Children's Service.

DeLuca would like to see that number doubled this year. "We got a record number of applications this year, and we're looking to find the really worthwhile programs in arts education."

And Bloom is looking to get a record number of people at Swingtime to make that happen.

"The more we have, the more we can give away," he said. "Fanclub's motto is to 'Open the doors to the arts.' You could take that a step further and say it opens the door to life."

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CALL FOR ARTISTS & AUDITIONS

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

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

GLOBAL EXPRESSIONS
Call for artists for the all media exhibition at the Scarab Club. The purpose is to recognize diversity. Entries must be postmarked by Jan. 15 with exhibition Feb. 1-24. For an entry form or information call (313) 831-1250.

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

OPEN AUDITIONS
Avon Players announces auditions for *Noises Off*, a comedy by Michael Frayn. Audition dates are at 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14 and 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15. Performances will be March 9-24, 1185 Washington, Rochester Hills. For information call (248) 651-7389.

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

VILLAGE PLAYERS
Auditions for Agatha Christie's *Witness for the Prosecution* are at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21 and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23 at the Playhouse, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. Performance dates are March 9-24. Discussion on roles will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15 at the Playhouse. For further information call Lee Rosender (248) 855-1573 or Helen Moultrup (248) 554-1312.

CLASSES
CENTER FOR CREATIVE STUDIES
Fall continuing and community education classes are at the CCS campus in Detroit and at the Civic Center in Novi. Classes begin Jan. 22. For a schedule of classes or more information, call (313) 664-7456.

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Adult art classes 9 a.m. to noon every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Woodcarving classes at 9 a.m. Monday-Friday. 15110 W. Ten Mile, Oak Park. (248) 967-4030.

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

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

CONCERTS
ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
The Carols of the Burt Family and Wibia Hutson is at 4 p.m. Jan. 21 at the church on the corner of Williams and Pike streets, Pontiac. (248) 334-4571.

BELIAN ARTS MUSICALES
A program of Mozart, Beethoven

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

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

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

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

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. Jan. 14 at Fort Street Presbyterian Church. (248) 559-

Rackham Auditorium, 915 East Washington, Ann Arbor. (800) 221-1229.

EVENTS

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 Southfield at 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.

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Canton. (734) 455-4677.
HUNTINGTON WOODS LIBRARY
Friends Day event featuring the Stagecrafters Youth Theatre production of *Hansel and Gretel* is at 1 p.m. Jan. 21, 26415 Scotia, Huntington Woods. (248) 543-9720.

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.

LIVONIA MALL
At 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14 the African Drum & Dance Troupes will perform at the mall located at Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads, Livonia.

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.

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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.

CARY GALLERY
Through Jan. 27 - Sarah Aslakson is the featured artist. 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester. (248) 651-3655.

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

CITY OF OAK PARK
Through Jan. 31 - Artist of the month is Anne Hearsen. 14200 Oak Park Blvd, Oak Park. (248) 691-7480.

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

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

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Through Feb. 10 - 2001-An Art Space Odyssey. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac. (248) 333-7849.

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.

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

PEWABIC POTTERY
Through Feb. 24 - Figure Figurine. 10125 East Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 822-0954.

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

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

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

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

WOODS GALLERY
Through Feb. 15 - Peruvian cultural exhibit. Lecture and slide presentation with Percy Salazar is at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21. 26415

Scotia, Huntington Woods. (248) 543-9720.

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

LECTURES

BROWN BAG LECTURE
Spiritual Beings: Angels and their Counterparts is at noon, Thursday, Jan. 18, at Oakland County Information Technology Auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

EDEL & ELEANOR FORD HOUSE
A lecture about antiques by Larry DuMouchelle is 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Jan. 20. 1100 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores. (313) 884-4222.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
The JCC in Oak Park presents Fred Stubbs from the Detroit Historical Museum in a lecture about the Past and Present Black Historical Sites in Detroit at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15. 15110 West Ten Mile, Oak Park. (248) 967-4030.

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, Joits and Volts from the Sun. 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANBrook.

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

EXHIBIT MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
The Way People Live. Year two of a five-year family reading/science collaboration with the Ann Arbor District Library is 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.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART
Through Jan. 28 - Casting 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 through 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* opens Feb. 21 in the Gem. 333 Madison, Detroit. (313) 963-9800.

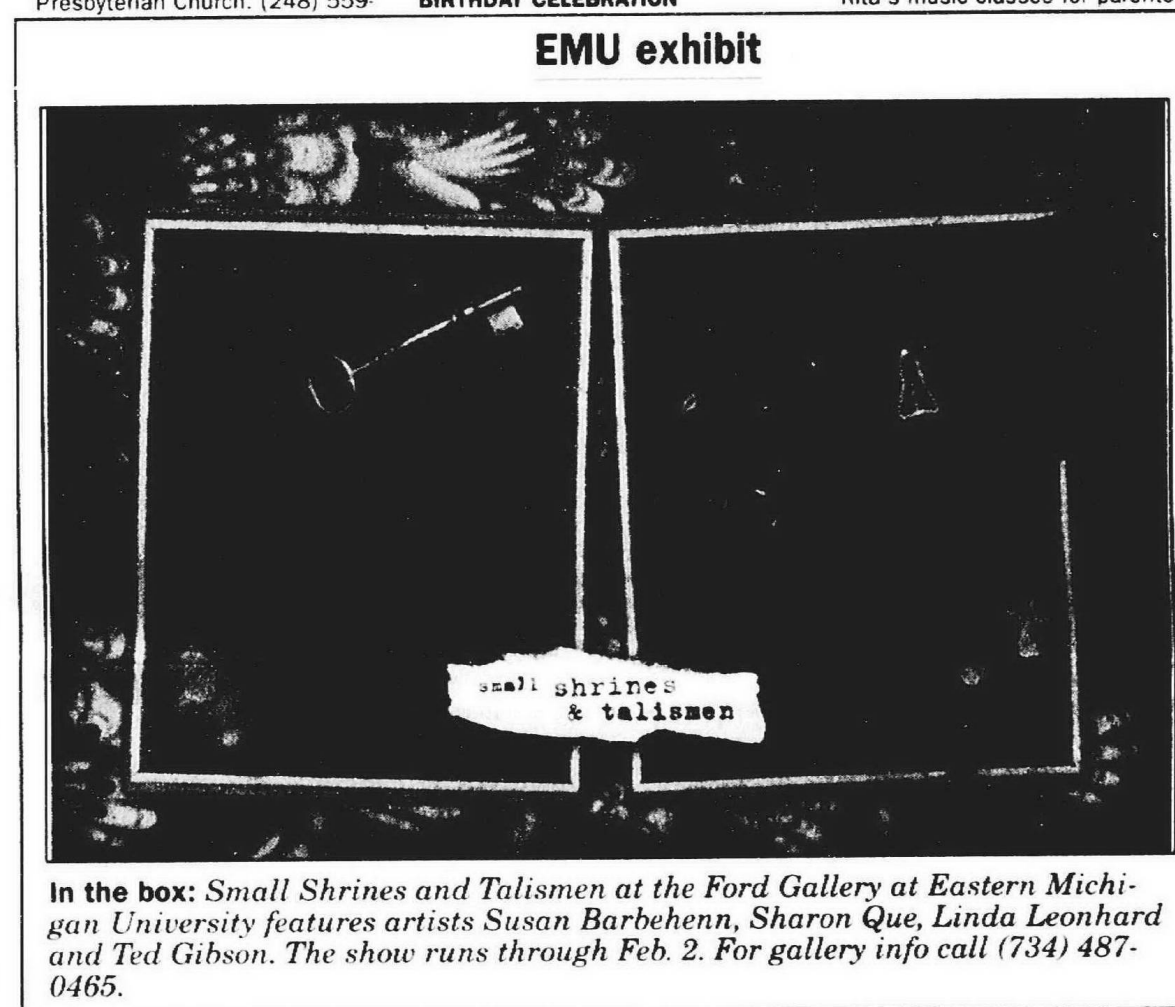
GROSSE POINTE THEATRE
Communicating Doors Jan 18-Feb. 4 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore Drive. (313) 881-4004.

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

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

PLANET ART
Buried Child by Sam Shepard is Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. Sundays at 2 and 7 p.m. 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 365-4948.

VILLAGE PLAYERS
The Sound of Music runs through Jan. 28. Friday and Saturday evening performances at 8 p.m. Sunday performances at 2 p.m. 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. For tickets, call (248) 644-2075.



In the box: *Small Shrines and Talismen at the Ford Gallery at Eastern Michigan University features artists Susan Barbehenn, Sharon Que, Linda Leonhard and Ted Gibson. The show runs through Feb. 2. For gallery info call (734) 487-0465.*

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Jazz guitarist John Pizzarelli brings his trio to Orchestra Hall on Friday, Jan. 19 at 8 p.m. (313) 576-5111.

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John Trudell performs with the Matt Michaels Trio at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17. 28937 Warren, two blocks east of Middlebelt. (734) 762-7756.

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

MUSIC AT MEMORIAL
Four Detroit area composers present music at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms. (313) 882-5330.

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

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.

SONNET QUARTET
Oakland University presents the group at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14 in Varner Recital Hall, Rochester. (248) 370-3013.

UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY
Presents Mingus Big Band: Blues and Politics at 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15 at Hill Auditorium, 825 North University, Ann Arbor and the Michigan Chamber Players at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21 at

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 East Kearsley, Flint. Schedule is as follows: Traditional Japanese Architecture is Jan. 17 and Discovering the Art of Korea is Jan. 24. (810) 234-1695.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIR
The 4th annual fund-raiser for On My Own of Michigan is on Saturday, Jan. 20 at Erhard BMW, 4065 W. Maple, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 649-3739.

PLYMOUTH ICE SCULPTURE
The largest ice carving event in North America runs Wednesday, Jan. 17 to Sunday, Jan. 21. The hotline number is (734) 459-9157.

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.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER
Register for BBAC Winter Break Art Camp on Jan. 16 & 17. The camp will be from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Feb. 19-23. Classes are designed for grammar school through junior high. 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

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

and children ages 2 months to 4 years. For location and registration call (248) 539-2290.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENING)
CENTER GALLERIES
Opens Saturday, Jan. 20 - Activating Space through Feb. 17. Opening reception is 6-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19. 301 Frederick Douglass, Detroit. (313) 664-7800.

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET
Opens Friday, Jan. 19 - Colorforms through March 9. Opening reception is 6-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19. 4719 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 832-8540.

FARMINGTON CITY HALL
Opens Tuesday, Jan. 16 - Kegang Tazian art exhibit through March 30. 28600 W. Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 473-1856.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY
Opens Monday, Jan. 15 - Dogs and Conchs: The Surreal World of Margie Guyot through Feb. 24. Opening reception is 7-10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17. 6. North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6716.

MARYGROVE GALLERY
Opens Sunday, Jan. 14 - Jeanne Bieri & Sherry Moore: Tapestry through Feb. 6. Opening reception is 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14. 8425 W. McNichols, 4th Floor, Detroit. (313) 927-1336.

MISSION GALLERY
Opens Wednesday, Jan. 17 - Into the Minds of Three Artists through Feb. 23. Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. (313) 845-6485.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)
ANN ARBOR ART CENTER
Through Feb. 8 - In a Feminine Voice. 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor.

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CASTAWAY (PG13)

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DRACULA 2000 (R)

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FAMILY MAN (PG13)

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MON-THURS. 4:15, 7:15, 9:40

WHAT WOMEN WANT (PG13)

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PROOF OF LIFE (R)

6:30, 9:20

VERTICAL LIMIT (PG13)

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102 DALMATIANS (G)

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RUGATS IN PARIS (G)

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EMPEROR'S NEW GROOVE (G)

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WHAT WOMEN WANT (PG13)

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Showcase Pontiac 6-12

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ALL THE PRETTY HORSES (PG13)

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102 DALMATIANS (G)

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MON-THURS. 4:55, 7:00, 9:15

VERTICAL LIMIT (PG13)

SUN. 1:35, 4:15, 6:50, 9:25
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WHAT WOMEN WANT (PG13)

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FAMILY MAN (PG13)

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MISS CONGENIALITY (PG13)

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CHOCOLAT (PG13)

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DRACULA 2000 (R)

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RUGATS IN PARIS (G)

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YOUTH ARTIST COMPETITION

These are the final days to enter the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's Youth Artist Competition for middle and high school students. Deadline for applications, which are available through the Plymouth Symphony, is Jan. 15.

Each year the Plymouth Symphony recognizes young orchestral talent from the greater Plymouth-Canton and surrounding communities with scholarship awards. This year's competition will be held Sunday, Feb. 4, at Evola Music in Canton. Comprised of three divisions: Senior instrumental (grades 10-12), senior piano (grades 10-12), and junior division (combined instrumental and piano grades 7-9), the competition awards \$1,350 and possibly an opportunity to perform with the Plymouth Symphony. Applicants must be piano, band or orchestra students in the school districts of Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren (Belleville), Wayne-Westland, or be students at Evola Music. Past participants are encouraged to reapply, however, musicians are eligible to win only one first prize in each division. For an application or more information, contact Darlene Dreyer at (734) 451-2112 or by e-mail at plymouthsymphony@aol.com. Applications are also available by visiting the Web site www.plymouthsymphony.org.

GLASS BEADMaking WORKSHOP

Learn to craft beads by winding molten glass onto metal rods during a 10-week workshop beginning Friday, Jan. 19 at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn. Livonia glass beadmaker Don Miller teaches the workshop that covers the history and basics of beadmaking, characteristics of various glasses, and a wide range of decorating techniques including use of gold and silver leaf.

The cost is \$250 and includes all instructional and material fees. The class meets 6-9 p.m. Friday or 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. For more information, call Miller at (313) 593-5262.

CALL FOR SINGERS

The Northville Concert Chorale is holding auditions for its performance of Mozart's *Requiem* 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 20 at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main Street, Northville.

The concert (7 p.m. Sunday, March 18) is part of the church's Fine Arts Series which sponsors concerts and a juried art show in

fall. The 50-member chorale will perform the *Requiem* with soloists and the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra of Ann Arbor. To schedule an audition, call Darlene Kuperus at (248) 349-0911.

OPENING RECEPTION

Farmington Hills ceramist Elizabeth Lurie is exhibiting her work in *Into the Minds of 3 Artists* Wednesday, Jan. 17 to Friday, Feb. 23 in the Sisson Gallery at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn.

Meet the artists at an opening reception 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17.

Lurie's pottery will be on exhibit with sculpture by Lee Yiu-Keung and prints by Jenny Schmid. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 8 p.m. Wednesday. For information, call (313) 845-6485.

AUDITIONS

The Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford is holding auditions for *The Fantastiks* 7 p.m. Sunday-Monday, Jan. 21-22 at the theater, 15138 Beech Daly, one block south of Five Mile.

Roles are available for 6 men, one young girl and a mime. Performance dates are March 23-24 and 30-31, and April 1 and 6-8.

For information, call (313) 531-0554.

VISIONS OF THE SACRED

More than 40 photojournalists from around the world have donated their work of the online auction *Visions of the Sacred*. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

Photographs can be viewed online at www.visionsacred.org and at the Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn through Sunday, Jan. 21. Bids can be placed anytime online or at Fairlane 4-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Each photographer has donated two matched prints: one for the auction and a second to be hung in the soup kitchen. Photographs will be on display at Fairlane during mall hours. Images will rotate during the exhibit with 40 prints being shown each day.

Founded in 1929, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen serves the disadvantaged people of the metro Detroit area by providing emergency services including food, clothing, furniture, and appliances. For more information, call (313) 579-2100, ext. 201.

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

Canton Project Arts will hold its third annual Storytelling Festival Saturday, Jan. 27 at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

A family performance, recommended for ages 4 and up will take place at 1 p.m. The cost is \$3. An adult performance is

scheduled for 7:30 p.m. for \$5. Syd Lieberman, Craig Roney and Corinne Stavish will tell a variety of stories sure to appeal to everyone. Advance tickets are recommended. For information, call Debby Bradley at (734) 397-6450.

MIDDLE EASTERN DANCE

Cedena Boukraa demonstrates the fine points of sword dance as well as other Middle Eastern dances 2-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21 at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland.

Boukraa is an instructor at the Navel Academy in Westland. For more information, call the library at (734) 326-6123.

JAZZ LEGACY SERIES

The Jazz Development Workshop, left by trumpeter Marcus Belgrave, will present a third concert in a series honoring Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18 at the Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren, Detroit.

Freddie Cole (Nat King Cole's younger brother) will perform with his quartet.

Tickets are \$25 and available by calling (313) 494-5870 or (313) 494-5808.

SPIRIT OF ART

Celebrate the creative spirit during an evening of art and music 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26 at St. Barbara's Church, 13524 Colson at Schaefer, between Ford Road and Michigan Avenue, Dearborn.

Tickets are \$15. For reservations, call (313) 886-3224, (248) 594-4594 or (313) 884-2125.

The evening begins with a concert by Assumption Grotto Church's Rev. Perrone, his 14-piece orchestra, and soprano Gina D'Alessio. Following the performance, artist Daniel Cascardo will describe the images and inspiration for his murals on the side altars of St. Barbara's church. A reception follows the lecture and a musical interlude with vocalist Anna Maria Mastostefano.

ARTS MEETING

Artifacts Art Club is meeting 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

Chris Pegg will talk about decorative techniques in oil. The public is welcome.

SINGING VALENTINE

Nothing says you care like a singing valentine. A barbershop quartet from the Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society will serenade your sweetheart at home, at work, or anywhere else in Westland, Wayne, Garden City, Plymouth, Canton or Livonia.

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Prince of flowers: Reza took this photograph of an Afghanistan boy in April 1993. Until that time no journalist had been able to get through since Kabul fell to Soviet forces in 1979. It is one of more than 100 photographs up for bidding in an online auction to benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.



Time Machine: Donald Winslow took this photograph on a rural Ohio highway which is more apt to carry Amish horses and buggies than a classic Pontiac Firebird. Winslow designed the Web site to auction off photographs to help the Capuchin Soup Kitchen provide services for disadvantaged people in the metro Detroit area.

alized Valentine's Day card. The quartet will even deliver a special gift from you. The cost is \$40. Schedule

singers for between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. for Feb. 10, 11 and 14 by leaving a message with your name, phone number and when

to contact you at (313) 438-2364. Orders will be taken until Feb. 9.

BOOK HAPPENINGS

Send news leads to Keely Wygonik, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net.

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 *Ginger Pye* 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.

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How can you achieve that? Begins at the sales racks.

January is the month for great sales, so now is the time to visit your local clothing stores for merchandise to get you through the rest of winter.

The key is to find a good salesperson who is willing to assist you in selecting the best items of clothing. If you brave it on your own, you may end up standing in the middle of the store wondering how you'll ever escape from the sea of clothes.

Sales associates are there to help you and will know how to find good items and smart investment pieces.

Still not sure where to start?

The lady-like look continues to reign, so take a vintage shirt and mix it with a tailored skirt or pant.

Geometric prints and feminine elements will remain strong throughout winter and into spring.

And cashmere sweaters with half-sleeves look great with knee-length skirts and boots.

(Had enough of salt-stained footwear? Purchase a couple new pairs of boots and take your old ones in for a facelift. After all, you can always tell a person by their shoes.)

While you may feel compelled to comb the racks for basic black, the transition season calls for splashes of color. The trick is to integrate color into your existing wardrobe.

While we've enjoyed unseasonably warm weather during the past few winters, we're experiencing those good old Michigan cold snaps once again. And, though it may be a while before we can break out the cotton-candy pink tank tops and turquoise flip-flops, you can add splashes of spring color now and still dress appropriately.

When searching for a new color wardrobe piece for winter-to-spring transition, select a thinner ply that works as a layering piece for colder months or alone when warmer weather arrives. A lightweight cashmere sweater in tangerine is stylish under a suit but will keep you warm in cold weather.

Think of color as something to layer into your wardrobe.

A basic black dress looks fresh with cayenne leather boots and a multi-colored beaded bag. A bright ruffled top with a geometric print can be paired with a camel-colored suit and snakeskin pumps.

Find a light-colored pant to mix with black in your transition to spring, or give outer wear a boost with colorful gloves and scarves accented with beads and stitched detailing.

Whether it's a new sweater, scarf or coat, just adding a simple pop of color brings a little sunshine to a snowy, Michigan overcast day.

Every where you turn, you'll see colored leather, and it's an ideal transition fabric.

Gone are the days when only rebels like James Dean and Marlon Brando sported black leather jackets. In the past year, leather has become more mainstream, showing up on trendy and sophisticated fashion followers looking to bring a little edge to their wardrobe. Leather has become as universal as the Razor scooter, and fits any lifestyle.

Leather's texture has been transformed, too. It's more supple and luxurious. Stretch leather is revolutionary, being lightweight and having a fabric-like quality and remarkable shape recovery. Many clothing stores are offering great sales on leather apparel, so have your salesperson suggest a jacket, pant, top or great boot that works with your wardrobe.

Most important during the transition season, shed the bulky fabrics and dark, dreary hues and embrace the warm colors and lighter fabrics. And, while you're out searching for bargains, dress smart and warm!

Karen Daskas is co-owner of Tender women's clothing boutique at 271 West Maple in downtown Birmingham. Every season, Karen travels to Milan, Paris and London to see the latest trends in ready-to-wear and accessories. Call Karen with your questions at Tender at (248) 258-0212.

Hudson's shoppers won't fret name change

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Local Hudson's devotees have survived worse — the closing of their beloved downtown Detroit store in 1983 followed by the building's razing in the late 1990s. They'll likely survive a name change.

The Minneapolis-based retailer announced Friday that Hudson's and Dayton's stores would assume the Marshall Field's name. All three department stores are part of the Target Corporation and together generate annual revenues of \$3 billion.

Hudson's has 21 locations in Michigan including stores at the Somerset Collection and Oakland Mall in Troy, Northland Center in Southfield, Summit Place Mall in Waterford and the Westland Shopping Center.

"I'm a 'Hudsonian,' but I understand," said Fred Marx, a former Hudson's senior vice president and retail consultant at the Marx Layne marketing and public relations firm in Farmington Hills. "There's always going to be a sense of nostalgia. But I think people are going to be OK."

Hudson's Department Store was founded in 1881 by Joseph Lowthian Hudson in the old Detroit Opera House. Within 10 years, the retailer built its eight-story, full-line downtown department store, becoming a dominant retail force in Michigan. Hudson's merged with Dayton's in 1984, and that company bought Marshall Field's in 1990.

Brenda Green, 51, of Westland, has been shopping at Hudson's for 40 years, but the name change seems irrelevant after the previous changes, she said.

Green was about 11 years old when she first explored the retailer's massive Detroit store on Woodward Avenue.

"I loved all of the display windows on the street," she said. "And I loved the old elevators with the attendants."

Years later, Green shared the magical Hudson's store with her three daughters by taking them on all-day shopping sprees once a year at Christmas time.

"The store downtown was the best," she said. "To me, when they closed that store, that's when Hudson's kind of

died. So, the name change really doesn't matter, as long as they keep the inside of the stores the same."

That is exactly what the department store company plans to do. Not only will merchandise, store operations and employees be unaffected by the change, all local community commitments and traditions will continue, said Lynne Galia, Hudson's spokesperson in Minneapolis.

"We feel very fortunate that we've had a strong emotional connection with our guests, and we're not taking that away. We're not changing what we do or who we are."

Events like Fash Bash, the downtown July 4 fireworks and First Fridays at the Detroit Institute of Arts will continue, she said. The company has not yet announced when the name change will be implemented.

Though it won't come as good news to all Hudson's customers, the Marshall Field's name may increase the retailer's draw and bring new shoppers to local malls.

"I think it's going to be great, actually," said James Gerety, Somerset Collection general manager. "Our Hud-

son's customers will see no appreciable change, but our out-of-town guests will recognize the Marshall Field's name plate. The change will just broaden the recognition of what has already been an outstanding department store."

The change may have a similar effect at Westland Shopping Center, said Kellie Heppner, the mall's marketing coordinator. Regular Hudson's shoppers will continue to patronize the store, she said, "but I think some shoppers may see (Marshall Field's) as being more upscale than Hudson's and that might bring a different demographic to the mall."

The name change is a strategy for increasing the company's national recognition, and by most accounts makes good business sense.

"Marshall Field's has a remarkable name here and all over the country," said Marx. "It is one of the strongest in terms of recognition in the nation ... It does give them the platform to expand, a growth vehicle, if that what's on their minds."

— Staff writer Stacy Jenkins contributed to this story

Retailing women

Vision and commitment behind small store



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Taking stock: Ann Stevenson sits beside merchandise in her Clarkston retail store and cafe, the Union General.

Story by Nicole Stafford

For the second in a three-part series about local women in the retail industry, we talked with Ann Stevenson, owner of the Union General, a small boutique and cafe at 50 S. Main Street in downtown Clarkston.

Stevenson, 33, opened the Union General just over three years ago in Clarkston's downtown shopping district where she and her husband live. As a graduate of Bennington College in Vermont and working artist, Stevenson never imagined she would open and run her own boutique, let alone work in the retail industry.

"It wasn't a lifelong dream of mine. It wasn't something that I had considered before," she said.

But when the opportunity presented itself, the Minnesota native jumped aboard, a process she describes as "scary" in terms of learning to run a business but easy when it came to developing and carrying out her vision.

"Actually, I think I would have been more fearful, if I had known more," said Stevenson. On the other hand, she said, another local merchant recently commented, "You know, Ann, I think you've really come into your own."

Q: What's involved in running your own retail business?

S: The buying of merchandise. Most of my day-to-day is dealing with customers. Marketing. Finance, doing the books. ... I do travel a lot, and I'm always looking for ideas. I want to keep things fresh. I'm always looking, keeping my eyes open, looking through magazines.

Q: As an independent retailer, what do you do to compete with larger retailers and shopping centers?

S: I buy small amounts and I buy often. And I buy from mostly from small companies, and that, I think, has a lot to do with the feel of the store. And I try to keep it always changing. ... I've gotten to know a lot of my customers very well. People who come in every day or other every other day for cappuccino — I feel like I have relationships with people.

Q: Let's talk about the image of women in retail. In the past, when a woman opened up a store or boutique, it was almost considered a diversion, rather than a job. Has that changed?

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.

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 Livonia (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.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

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.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

TRUNK SHOW

Badgley Mischka's spring 2001 special order trunk show collection visits Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy through Jan. 23 with informal modeling slated 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Salon, second floor. For more information, call (248) 614-3393.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

FASHION SHOW

Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, presents Ellen Tracy's spring collection at a breakfast fashion show to benefit the Lighthouse Path Magic & Mayhem event, 9:30 a.m. breakfast, 10 a.m. show. Tickets are \$15 and \$25, Designer Bridge Sportswear, second floor. To purchase tickets, call (248) 614-3317.

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:

- A Smith Corona word processor can be purchased at the Community Thrift Shop on Middlebelt Road across from Wonderland Mall in Livonia.
- Coffee mugs with names on them are at sold at Bronner's in Frankenmuth.
- Dry shampoo is sold at Amiel's Salon in Beverly Hills. The shampoo is manufactured by Sebastian products.
- Unfinished wood furniture can be purchased in Northville at a business at 316 North Center. Call (248) 349-8585.
- Miniature baseball bats are sold through Advertising Alternatives. Call (248) 851-0994.
- Charles of the Ritz products are sold at Hudson's at Northland Mall in Southfield.
- To transform a King headboard into a Queen headboard, call Cain Construction in Redford Township at (313) 537-3338. Ask for Bob.

FIND AND SEARCH

- We're looking for the address and telephone number for the Bryant Center, formerly on Merriman Road.
 - God's Door House in Detroit, a non-profit organization, is looking for someone to donate a 6-foot harp.
 - Columbiere Center in Clarkston has 100 hospital beds without mattresses to sell. Call Amber at (248) 620-2573.
- ### WHERE CAN I FIND?
- A company that repairs musical water globes for Debbie.
 - A store that sells "What's in a Name" mugs by Inesco with "Precious Moments" on them for Lauren.
 - A store that sells Danslanuit perfume by Worth (Saks Fifth Avenue stores formerly sold the fragrance) for Fiona, who lives in Rochester.
 - A store that sells Life Buoy soap for John, a resident of Garden City.
 - A store that sells Coty lipstick for Violet.
 - A store that sells dishes called Christmas Holly (formerly carried by Kohl's and Crowley's stores in the 1980s) for Lois, who resides in Bloomfield Hills.
 - A store that sells women's clothing by Weekender.
 - A store that sells Get Sexy perfume (formerly carried by Sears and J.C. Penney stores) for Mary Grace.
 - A store that sells beef or chicken bouillon without MSG or any derivatives for Virginia.
 - A store that has high-quality black leather pants

marked down or sold at a discount.

- A store or business that sells good quality and interior or 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 record by Columbia Records for Karen of Westland.
- A store that sells coffee mugs with names in different languages on them (Meijer stores formerly sold them) for Rick.
- A store that sells rulers with red decimals typically available at teacher's stores for Rick of Westland.
- A store where an almond, leather, Emerson, waterfall, sectional right component can be purchased.
- A store that sells Intimate perfume or cologne for Janet.
- The business or store that makes teddy bears from old fur coats for Rita.
- A store that sells a stirring spoon with a hook for hanging on the edge of a pot for Connie, who resides in Livonia.
- A store that sells 8-inch stainless steel pie or cake pans for Cindy.
- A store that sells Barnes Hinde Comfort Care Cleaning tablets for ridge, gas-permeable contact lenses for Dianne of Plymouth Township.

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a la carte

STUFF WE CRAVE



Warm cheer: Reversible, box-stitched vest, \$48, keeps out winter cold but also combats seasonal doldrums with a burst of color. Made by Free Country, the vest is available in two shades, raspberry and periwinkle. The acrylic, knit, roll-edge hat, \$12, comes in an olive green or berry multi. The ear-flap hat, \$14, has a microfiber fleece lining. Matching gloves are priced at \$14, all at Jacobson's stores.

Twists and turns: Elsa Peretti's 18-karat gold necklace and matching wave bracelets put a modern twist on simple gold jewelry. The necklace is priced at \$1,600. Bracelets come in two styles, five-row, \$1,100, and three-row, \$750, all at Tiffany & Co., the Somerset Collection in Troy.



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TRAVEL

Beaches, music, happy people – Rio has it all

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE
SPECIAL WRITER

I had always been afraid to go to Rio.

The tour books warn you about robberies. You hear stories passed around about muggings. Don't trust taxi drivers, you are told.

In our experience, none of that proved true. We found Rio de Janeiro to be an incredible city.

I agree with what one child told me she liked best about Rio: the beaches, the music, the happy people.

As I guessed, it's my husband's new favorite city.

It's the women, stupid. I must admit, they are beautiful. Whether on the beach, or on the street, they dress to show a lot of cleavage and a lot of leg. Even pregnant women wear tops that leave their mid-section bare.

We arrived at dawn by ship, with the captain exhorting us to wake early to experience one of the most beautiful seaports in the world. Wrapped in terry-cloth robes, seated on the patio adjoining our room, we watched Rio unfold. We saw beach after beach (124 miles in all), flanked by its famous mountains: Corcovado, at 2,330 feet, and Sugar Loaf, which rises 1,300 feet above sea level.

Corcovado can be reached by car, bus, or funicular (cable car) and is topped by Rio's symbol — the open-armed Christ the

Redeemer statue. Sugar Loaf takes two cable cars to summit. However, it was closed during our visit, since tourists had to be evacuated by helicopter when equipment broke down the week before.

We stayed at the famous Copacabana Palace Hotel, built in 1923 for the visiting king of Belgium and the first luxury hotel in South America. As we drove up to the door, we were greeted by a gaggle of teenagers on the front lawn. It turned out that U2, the famous Irish rock group, were among our fellow guests.

Our corner room overlooked Copacabana Beach with its ocean view and steady stream of beach volleyball games, outdoor cafes, and non-stop runners, bikers and roller bladers. Our other view was of the hotel swimming pool — the largest in Rio — and a congregating place for Rio's trendy set. Talk about the best of both worlds.

Although the beaches and nightlife dominate Rio, four days was not enough to take in all the additional sights. We visited the Botanical Gardens and took a jeep ride through Tijuca National Park — the largest urban park in the world. We toured Nov. 15 Square, where we visited some of the few historic structures the city has saved, including a quaint pedestrian street.

We summited Corcovado on a Sunday morning, and although the fog somewhat shrouded our view, we saw the local Cardinal

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Where to stay: Copacabana Palace, Avenue Atlantica 1702; Telephone: (800) 237-1236.
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conducting Mass. On our trip by funicular down the mountain, we had the fun of talking with some of the children who had participated in the Mass.

Close to the Corcovado station is the International Museum of Naive Art of Brazil. Brazil is one of a handful of countries to have a museum dedicated to this primitive art that isn't linked to any school or trend. Later in the day, at the Sunday bazaar at Ipanema, we purchased a modest (\$22) example of naive art — now that we knew what it was!

It's not hard to discover what to buy in Rio. Brazil is one of the world's largest producers of gold and is the largest supplier of colored gemstones.

Jewelry is definitely a bargain — although you can be ripped off — and the competition is fierce. It's somewhat ironic that it is such a jewelry mecca, but you are warned not to wear it on the streets. By the way, the gold is 18K. They don't consider 14K to be gold.

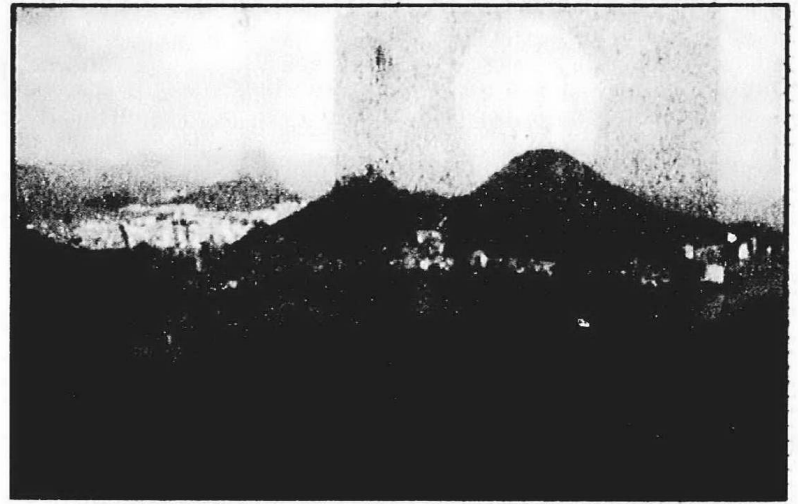
Brazilian nightlife — including dinner — starts late. If you go to dinner at 8:30 p.m., you are sure to be the first patron. If you see others, they're sure to be your fellow Americans. So when we

decided to experience a Brazilian samba school, where they practice year-round for their appearance in Carnival, we knew it would be a late night.

After a seafood dinner at Satyricon, the excellent Italian fish restaurant in Ipanema where a couple of U2ers were also dining, we headed outside the city to the dance school.

We learned first-hand that drums are the heart and soul of the samba. A singer, two pairs of dancers and probably 40 drummers greeted us.

Throughout the evening, we joined in as various members of the audience tried their foot at samba, invited by the "regulars." I don't know which were more tired — my eardrums or my legs.




Brazilian bay: A view of Rio from Corcovado Mountain.

But it was a thoroughly exciting evening. We were the first to leave at 2 a.m.

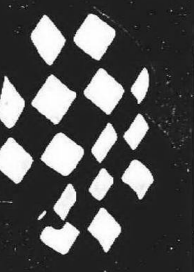
Four days in Rio were definitely not enough, but I (and of course my husband!) would return to Rio in a drumbeat.

Judith Doner Berne, a West

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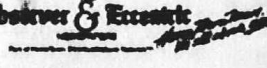









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Sunday, January 14, 2001

KITCHEN KAPERS



KEN ABRAMCZYK

Lighten up, it's OK to look your age

Here come the diets. Here they come, one by one. No meat, low-fat, all-protein, soy, all vegetarian, no vegetarian, all cabbage, all liquid, Dr. Atkins, et cetera, et cetera. "Diet." Ugh. Even the word is dreadful in its terse shortness. You can almost envision a judge sitting on the bench in a long robe, saying: "I sentence you to 10 months of dieting."

Please. I know weight-loss is serious stuff. But let's not get preachy here and box ourselves into months of frustration and desperation as we try to whip ourselves into svelte 20-year-olds. Lighten up, it's OK to look your age. It means you are a survivor and a realist.

If you are one of the millions out there undertaking the eternal quest to lose weight, do yourself a big favor: Don't pressure yourself to fail.

What works

What works for me — and it may or may not work for you — is to enjoy all the things you did during the holidays, but in moderation. (Before you exercise, check with your doctor so you don't have a heart attack.)

Go for walks frequently. Walk around the exercise track at your neighborhood park or school, tackle the Stairmaster, ride a stationary bike, do aerobics, or take a walk in the mall. Go cross country skiing or ski downhill, ice skate. Stand up every 30 minutes and walk away from your computer. Go to a show at the Novi Expo Center or some other arena, and walk and explore exhibits with a friend.

Hey, the holidays are over. If you are like most people, you won't be tempted by family members and friends with rich desserts and main courses. You're already cutting calories, and you didn't even realize it.

Take comfort

This is comfort food time, but you can still enjoy some wonderful main courses without piling on extra calories.

Make homemade soup. Spend a Saturday morning preparing beef and chicken stock, and use them in soups, stews, risotto, or pot pies. Call a friend you missed over the holidays and see if he or she has any favorite comfort food recipes to share. Prepare a recipe together and take "comfort" in each other's company.

Braise a chicken or a roast, mix potatoes, carrots and/or peas with thyme or rosemary. Shrimp creole or

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Go ahead...

Bowl us over!

Got the crew over to watch a little football today or planning to for the Super Bowl? Did you, a friend or another family member prepare a particular dish to enjoy during the recent college bowl games?

We'd love to hear from you about your favorite football dish or any hearty winter dish, whether its homemade sausage, wing dings, barbecue beef brisket or shrimp. We'd like to hear about the healthier foods, too, that you use to balance that meal, such as vegetables or fruits or desserts to top off the big game.

Send a short write-up, including recipes, to Ken Abramczyk, Taste Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail him at kabramczyk@homecomm.net with a daytime phone number.

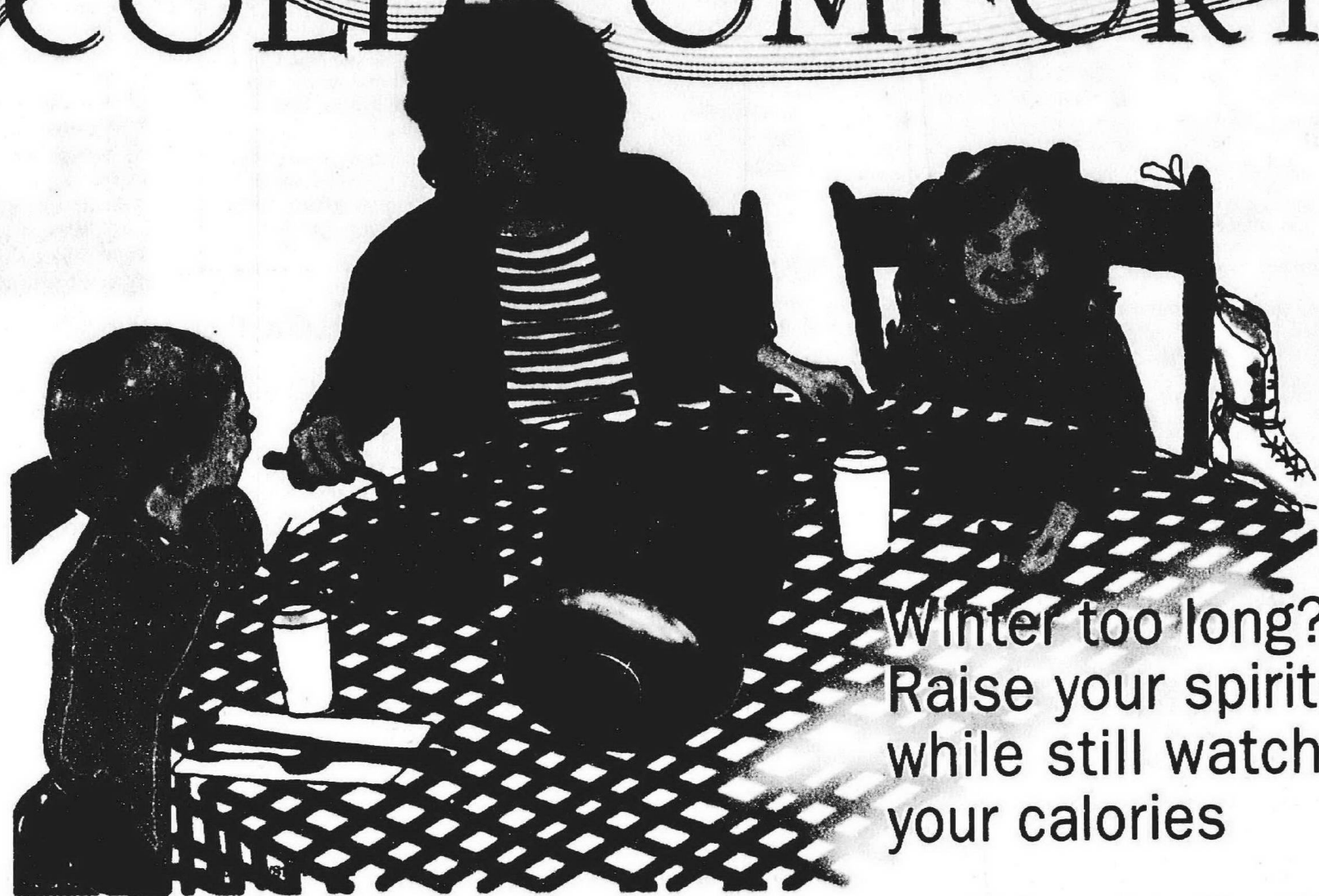
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COLD COMFORT



Winter too long?
Raise your spirits
while still watching
your calories

BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS
SPECIAL WRITER

What is your comfort food? Chicken soup? Meatloaf? Cinnamon rolls? Hot cocoa with marshmallows?

Comfort food is more than just good-tasting food. It evokes diverse

underlying emotions and memories. People connect past associations between foods and people or important events in their lives.

Comfort foods warm the body and the soul and connect us with special people, places and times. They are nurturing, wholesome, soul satisfying, calming and rejuvenating.

A New Year's challenge

The first month of the New Year is often a time for reflection and renewed commitments. Many of us desire to improve our health and this could mean shedding a few extra pounds.

Cold weather can make losing weight more challenging because hearty comfort foods may also be higher in calories and fat. As with other times of the year, eating well means eating wisely.

Healthy eating does not mean you have to "give up" your favorite foods. Exercising balance, moderation, and choosing a variety of foods will help you reach your weight loss goals. Hunger isn't the only reason we eat. Certain foods can be emotionally satisfying, and it is sad to think that some people view their favorite soul-satisfying food as being "bad" for them.

Exercise makes life better

Just like good eating habits, adding physical activity to your day improves the quality of your life. Exercise for the health of it — not just to lose weight. Go outside and get some fresh air and enjoy the sunlight. It will also improve your frame of mind.

Choose activities that are fun and relaxing, and do them consistently. Remember what mom used to say — "go outside and play."

Soups and stews are comforting to anyone who has been outside enjoying Michigan's winter. After working up an appetite skating, sledding, skiing, ice fishing or just walking in the snow, it's truly rewarding to walk

inside a warm house that's filled with aromas of slowly simmering soup or stew.

Under the weather?

Because we tend to spend most of our time indoors during the winter, germs are more readily passed. The flu and colds are prevalent.

When you're sick, eat whatever your body "tells you" would feel good. During times of illness, our bodies need the same nutrients as during times of wellness, maybe just in different amounts.

Never underestimate the power of fluids. Cold weather outside and dry air inside can wreak havoc on our bodies. The human body is about 60 to 65 percent water by weight. So drink up when you're ill, but go easy on juice drinks, bottled flavored waters and caffeinated beverages. (High sugar drinks and caffeine can rob your body of fluids because of their hyperosmolar (high water-loving) and diuretic (high urine-producing) effect.)

Protein is an important building block for our body. However, we usually consume too much protein; our body uses what it needs, then stores the rest as fat.

Try protein when ill

When you're ill, some nice soft protein foods can help make you feel better.

A scrambled egg with toast, a nice chicken casserole or a tender beef stew are all nutritious and comforting foods.

Carbohydrates are always an important part of our diet. Grains, vegetables and fruits always work well.

A baked potato (cooked quickly in the microwave) moistened with some low-fat milk and seasoned with a little paprika can feel like a meal. A bowl of cereal with a banana or a hot dish of succotash are light and nutritious meals. Some people can't handle

coarse or acidic foods like raw vegetables or stewed tomatoes, so let your body be your guide.

Whether you're sick or well, a general multivitamin/mineral supplement probably won't hurt, and an orange or a glass of orange juice is good for you. But will mega doses of Vitamin C cure the common cold? Probably not.

Just stick to those sensational carbohydrates and lots of fluids and save your money for Valentine's Day goodies.

Laurana Rayne and Norma Banerman have published a series of Comfort Food cookbooks. You can find them from the publisher, Hummingbird Wings in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, or visit www.cadvision.com/nollind/cfb/ for information. A recipe included in today's Taste section was adapted from their Old-Fashioned Chicken Pot Pie, which is great on a cold, winter day. The other recipe is a Mexican Stew, courtesy of Rachael Soules of Livonia. This spicy dish is perfect after a day on the ski slopes!

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Here are some tips to enjoy comfort foods sensibly:

- Choose broth-based soups more often than cream-based soups. They are flavorful, filling and lower in fat than cream soups.
- Add a variety of vegetables, especially beans to soups, and you'll get a bowl full of protein, iron and fiber. Add body to homemade soup with pureed cooked vegetables.
- Think of a plate instead of the Food Guide Pyramid. Fill 2/3 of your plate with plant-based foods such as fruits, vegetables, grains and beans.

OLD-FASHIONED CHICKEN POT PIE

Ingredients:
1 cup flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/3 cup shortening
3 tablespoons of cold water

Filling:
2 cups frozen baby broccoli blend (or other vegetable combination)
2 tablespoons butter
4 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon curry powder
2 teaspoons chicken soup base mixed with 10 ounces water
1/2 cup drained canned sliced mushrooms
3 cups diced cooked chicken or turkey
Pepper to taste

Prepare pastry as follows: Sift flour and salt, add shortening. Cut the pastry-blender, blending fork or knife, or use fingers until the pieces are the size of small peas. Add water by teaspoonful, tossing with a fork until all the flour coated bits of fat are barely dampened. Press mixture together to form a ball. Do not knead but gently press together. Chill before using.

Preheat oven to 450°F. Have ready an ungreased 8-inch square baking pan.

Place frozen vegetables in a small bowl and pour in enough boiling water to cover them. Let stand about 10 minutes. Drain well.

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Host a 'Super' party and football fans will cheer

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KELLI LEWTON

If you are like most Americans, you'll be planted firmly in your seat when Super Bowl Sunday kicks off on Jan. 28.

It's one of the top-awaited sports days of the year. Not only do we anticipate which team will win the big game, but we look forward to the debut of those million-dollar TV commercials.

It's usually a busy day for caterers, event planners and food and spirit establishments too. We have catered everything from huge lavish parties for advertising agencies waiting to see the million dollar ad they created hit the air waves to chili parties.

But most people will spend Super Bowl Sunday at home with family and friends. For something fun and creative this year,

host an indoor tailgating party.

Remember when planning your indoor tailgating party, keep it fun and lively. How about a cooler filled with bottled beers rather than storing them in the refrigerator? Try adding some other drinks to your repertoire this year such as a festive Bloody Mary bar with Tabasco or your favorite spicy sauce, seasonings, Bloody Mary mix and celery. Turn it up a notch with horseradish, pickles, marinated veggies, course salt and an assortment of vodkas, like the new pepper varieties. (Of course, any alcohol should be enjoyed in moderation, and keep plenty of soft drinks or hot non-alcoholic drinks for the teetotalers.)

Serve something warm and wonderful to end the evening such as a warm winter peppermint patty coffee or cocoa drink. Spiced dark rum and warm cider are always crowd-pleasers.

Food scores a touchdown!

Staying in the indoor tailgating zone I would recommend a snack-grazing style menu.

Party hosts can feature such items as chili, or try a new version such as white bean chicken chili, eight-bean veggie chili or venison or Italian sausage chili to beef up the kick-off buffet.

An assortment of petite baguette sandwiches including beef sandwiches topped with balsamic onions and roasted peppers and turkey with brie and honey mustard will keep your guests coming back for more. Quesadilla triangles are always a sure hit with beer and football, shrimp, roasted veggie, and barbecue pork are just a few flavors to serve.

Think of quesadillas as you would a grilled sandwich with the soft tortillas being the bread. Mix your ingredients — including cheeses, herbs and spices — and place between flour tortillas. Grill

in a flat pan with a little oil until brown on both sides. You can even grill them earlier in the day then reheat on a flat cookie tray. Once warmed, slice into pie-style wedges and serve with appropriate condiments.

Chicken wings usually go over well as does seven layer, black bean style dips with tortilla chips. Don't forget spinach dip presented in a bread bowl. Pick up a few coneys dogs and cut them into thirds.

Desserts: Field Goal!

Simple is good, and less is more for a gathering such as football.

Try chocolate chip cookies, brownies and nut bars. Chocolate covered pretzels, brittle and assorted Rice Krispie treats are sure to please even the fussiest eaters in your football crowd.

Try sprinkling some crushed Oreos, Butterfingers or Heath candy pieces

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Balance winter meals with light favorites

Here are recipes enjoyed by Taste Editor Ken Abramczyk, designed to add balance and moderation to heavier winter dishes. Offerings include a "leafy" salad, a hot vegetable and fish.

DAY-AHEAD VEGETABLE SALAD

- 3 cups torn romaine leaves
- 1 1/2 cups shredded Swiss cheese
- 4 hard-boiled eggs, chilled and diced
- 1/2 pound bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 3 cups torn leaf lettuce

- 1 10-ounce package frozen peas, thawed (2 cups)
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise or your favorite salad dressing
- 2 tablespoons sliced green onions

Place romaine in bottom of large bowl, sprinkle with a very small amount of salt, pepper and sugar. Top with one cup of the cheese. Place eggs on cheese, and stand some on the edge. Sprinkle with salt.

Layer one half of the bacon, leaf lettuce and peas. Spread mayonnaise or dressing over

top, sealing to the bowl's edge. Cover and chill 24 hours or overnight. Garnish with remaining cheese, remaining bacon and green onion. Toss before serving.

Serve with rolls or bread for a meal.

Makes 10 to 12 servings.

CANDIED SQUASH RINGS

- 2 acorn squash
- Salt
- Pepper
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar

- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 2 tablespoons water

Cut squash into 1-inch slices, remove seeds. Arrange flat in shallow baking pan, season with salt and pepper. Cover and bake at 350° F until almost tender, about 40 minutes.

In saucepan, combine brown sugar, butter and water; cook and stir until bubbly. Spoon over squash.

Continue baking, uncovered, until squash is tender, about 15 minutes more, basting often. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Feed your party crew

Super Bowl recipes courtesy of Kelli Lewton. See related column on Taste front.

VEGGIE CHILI

- 1 medium white onion
- 3/4 cup parsnip, peeled and diced
- 3/4 cup turnip, peeled and diced
- 3/4 cup carrot, peeled and diced
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2-1 teaspoon salt, to taste
- Pinch of cayenne
- 3 cups tomato puree
- 1 cup tomato juice
- 1/2 cup black beans
- 1/2 cup garbanzo beans
- 1/2 cup Cannelli beans
- 1/2 cup kidney beans
- 1/2 cup pinto beans

Sweat veggies in olive oil 3-4 minutes, add garlic and spices and continue to saute. Add tomato puree and beans.

Simmer for 1 hour.

Adjust seasonings.

Garnish with a small dollop of sour cream and a sprinkle of cheddar cheese.

CHICKEN QUESADILLAS

- 1-1/2 cups chicken breast, cooked and cut into thin strips

- 1/2 cup onion, sliced thin
- 1 green pepper, sliced thin
- 1 red pepper, sliced thin
- 1/2 cup roasted corn
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 cup black beans, cooked
- 1 cup grated Colby/Jack cheese
- 1/4 cup chevrecheese, crumbled
- 2 tablespoons fresh chopped cilantro
- 8 Flour tortillas, 6-inch (flavored is fine also)

Prepare veggies.

Heat oil in pan and saute vegetables 2-3 minutes until tender but firm to the bite.

Place in mixing bowl and cool in refrigerator for 10 minutes. Mix veggies, chicken, cheese and herbs. Divide between four tortillas, "sandwich" filling, and grill on both sides.

Cut into 8 pie-shaped pieces.

TOMATO SALSA

- 12 Roma tomatoes, diced
- 1-1/2 jalapeño peppers, minced
- 2 garlic cloves, peeled and chopped
- 8 medium tomatoes, diced
- 1/2 medium onion, diced
- 1 ounce fresh cilantro, chopped
- Juice of one lime

Salt and pepper to taste

Combine all ingredients and chill overnight.

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into your next crispy treat mix for a wonderful dessert surprise.

Add extra points

Presentation is always important. Place a base cloth on your serving table, scatter a few pots or phone books on the table and cover them with another piece of linen (perhaps use the colors of the teams). By covering these small riser-type objects with linen, you'll create different levels on which to place platters and bowls giving your table more dimensions.

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cioppino (fish stew) are wonderful winter dishes. Eat fish at least once a week.

Adopt new habits

Develop good eating habits. "Five a Day" works for me. For breakfast I mash a banana into a bowl of hot oatmeal, then defrost a handful of blueberries, toss them with cinnamon and sugar, and add them to the oatmeal. Add a glass of orange juice, and you've already consumed three fruits. For lunch pack a handful of carrots and place lettuce on a turkey roll-up on lawash or a whole wheat bread, and you've already hit five. With an apple and orange or other snacks in the afternoon, you'll feel full and keep your metabolism up and running. By 6 p.m., you won't feel so famished that you need to gorge.

Go ahead and enjoy prime rib

occasionally. Order or slice yourself a smaller portion, and balance it with other healthful items. You can fill up by eating an orange or apple a few minutes before dinner. You'll eat less at dinner because you'll fill up sooner.

Eat some greens, the darker, the better. Enjoy some red leaf lettuce, romaine, spinach or Bibb.

Eating is one of the simpler pleasures in life. Enjoy it. Hunger in your bunker this winter, and comfort yourself with some wondrous dishes.

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Tickets available for dinner by the 'best of the best' chefs

Tickets still remain for what organizers are calling 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 menu includes hors d'oeuvres; essence of mushroom

Madeira gelee; lobster consommé with caviar royale and lobster soufflé; Hudson Valley duck foie gras with braised savoy cabbage in apple scented cream; plum pierogi and cider honey; wild Atlantic striped bass "tornado" with two-potato terrine and potato white truffle sauce; tru Normande, and western beef and snow white veal combination (prepared two ways).

Tickets must be purchased in advance, by credit card or check, are nonrefundable, and will be available from the Culinary Arts Department. Call (734) 462-4423.

Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

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water to cover them. Let stand about 3 minutes. Drain well.

On a lightly floured surface, roll pastry into a square slightly larger than the baking pan. Cover pastry with waxed paper while preparing filling.

In a large saucepan over medium-high heat, melt butter. Stir in flour and curry powder. Gradually stir in broth. Continue cooking and stirring until mixture boils and thickens. Stir in vegetables and mushrooms. Add chicken, stirring as little as possible to avoid breaking pieces. Transfer to baking pan.

Cover with pastry, folding edges under. Make 3 or 4 slashes in surface to allow steam to escape. Bake for about 25 minutes or until pastry is golden and filling is hot and bubbly.

Filling may be prepared ahead and refrigerated. When ready to bake, make pastry and proceed as directed. Increase baking time to about 35 minutes.

When doubling this recipe, make in 9 x 13-inch pan; bake about 50 minutes. Serves eight.

Nutritional information per serving: Calories, 256; protein, 17 g; fat, 13 g; sodium, 432 mg; and carbohydrates, 15 g

Original recipe by Laurana Rayne and Norma Bannerman.

adapted to reduce fat by HDS Services

MEXICAN CHICKEN STEW

- 4 chicken breasts
- 4-8 cups water
- 2 teaspoons chicken soup base
- 28 ounce can stewed tomatoes
- 1 green pepper, sliced
- 1 onion, sliced
- 4 carrots, sliced 1/4 inch
- 1 jalapeño pepper or more, (slit and add whole or chop fine with seeds)
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 can corn
- 1 tablespoon cumin

Boil chicken breasts in water until done. Remove chicken and shred. Reserve broth and strain fat. Then add soup base, stewed tomatoes, green pepper, onion, carrots, garlic and jalapeño cooking just until tender. Add chicken, corn, and cumin and simmer on low for 1/2 hour.

Nutritional information per serving: calories, 141; protein, 13 g; fat, 2 g; sodium, 515 mg; carbohydrates, 8 g.

Recipe courtesy of Rachael Soules of Livonia.

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MAIN DISH MIRACLE
MURIEL WAGNER

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- um reduced
- 2 tablespoons garlic, minced
- 1 cup fresh tomatoes, chopped
- 2 teaspoons, ground cumin
- 4 teaspoons, chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 cup fresh cilantro
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- Garnishes (to taste): Nonfat sour cream, chopped onion, grated lowfat Monterey Jack cheese

1 tablespoon Fleischmann's Light Margarine (squeeze bottle)

In a large saucepan, whisk together the water and 1/4 cup of the cornmeal until smooth. Bring to a boil. Gradually whisk in the remaining cornmeal. Lower heat to simmer. Cook, stirring often until the cornmeal is thick (about 10 minutes). Serve the polenta topped with chili and garnishes.

Nutritional information: Calories, 340; total fat, 4.9 g; saturated fat, 7 g; cholesterol, 0 mg; sodium, 415 mg. Food exchanges: 3 starches, 2 vegetables.

Muriel G. Wagner is a registered dietitian and nutritional therapist with an office in Southfield. She publishes "Eating Younger," a quarterly newsletter with recipes and nutrition tips. To subscribe, send a check for \$13.50 to "Eating Younger," P.O. Box 69021, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069.

BLACK BEAN CHILI WITH CILANTRO AND POLENTA

- 1/4 cup dry sherry (optional)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 cups chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1/2 cup carrot
- 1/2 cup red bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 2 cans (15-ounce) black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (14 1/2-ounce) vegetable broth, fat and sodium reduced

In a large, heavy pot, heat sherry and oil. Sauté onions until soft but not browned. Add celery, carrot and red bell pepper. Cook until softened, stirring frequently. Add remaining ingredients. Lower heat and simmer for 25 minutes. Chili should be thick, with all liquid absorbed. Serves 6.

POLENTA

- 6 cups water
- 1 1/2 cups cornmeal

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- 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.

Also, Understanding California Wines will be 5-7 p.m. Monday, beginning Feb. 5 for five weeks. An Italian wine class is scheduled for 5-7 p.m. for five weeks beginning Monday, April 2.

Anyone interested in more information regarding these classes can call Schoolcraft College Continuing Education at (734) 462-4448.

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

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Keynote speaker will be Mary Alice Williams, a veteran broadcast journalist, women's health educator, author, and in-demand speaker on the lecture circuit. The daughter of a doctor and the mother of three, Williams is a committed women's advocate on health issues and understands the struggle many women face as they try to balance career, marriage and motherhood.

Turning Points participants will have the opportunity to attend three of seven break-out sessions presented by Oakwood medical staff: urinary incontinence, the sun and your skin, sleep disorders, maintaining weight, breast health, joint and muscle care, and cancer risks.

Program cost is \$30 and includes Continental breakfast and lunch. For more information, call the Oakwood Health Line toll free at (800) 543-WELL.

Nursing career

Looking for a nursing career? On-the-spot interviews and hiring will take place at a Nursing Fair at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27.

Nursing students and those looking for a change in their nursing career won't want to miss this event, offering a recruitment fee and sign-on bonus, drawings for great prizes, refreshments, and entertainment. Optional hospital tours also will be offered.

The Nursing Fair will take place in the Pavilion Lobby. Please use the South Entrance off Levan Road. For more information, call (734) 655-2933 or visit the hospital's Web site at www.stmarymercy.org.

Joy of soy!

Health Stop, the mall-based health-education center of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, will host a free soy food information and tasting event 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25 and Saturday, Jan. 27. Health Stop is located in Briarwood Mall, just off I-94 at the State Street exit, Ann Arbor.

For the event, Health Stop will team up with Yves Veggie Cuisine, which offers a full line of soy-based meat and dairy alternatives for those who want nutritious foods without making dramatic changes to their eating habits.

Participants will learn how to use Yves Veggie Cuisine's award-winning line of tasty products made from soy. Great Harvest Bread Company will provide samples of their bread to use with Yves deli items. Participants will also learn the benefits of eating soy and tips on eating well. They will also receive a free copy of *The Good Cook Book*, a compilation of easy-to-prepare, delicious and discount coupons.

For more information about the event or all of the various programs and services available at Health Stop, please call (734) 827-3777.

Health Stop is a one-stop health education center of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System that provides information and services on a variety of health topics. It is staffed with nurses, dietitians, health educators, exercise physiologists and other health professionals.

We want your health news

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When it's more than the

Winter Blues

SAD

SEASONAL AFFECTIVE DISORDER

■ 'Exposure to the lights tends to stimulate the production of serotonin, a neurotransmitter in the brain that regulates both mood and appetite.'

Dr. Philip O'Dwyer

Clinical Director
Garden City Hospital's Center for Counseling

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Karin Keim of Canton is not sure exactly what causes her "winter blues." Like many people at this time of the year she feels down, has less energy, puts on weight and dreads the alarm clock going off in the morning. Some days she would like to cover her head with a quilt and hibernate until the first light of spring.

"I first noticed it in 1986," said the community volunteer and mother of two teenagers. "I think that was the winter it got cloudy in October and the sun didn't come out until March. That fall I started to lose energy, and I've noticed it every year since. I get depressed. I feel like withdrawing from everything at home, not doing a lot. I eat more."

The symptoms may be her body's natural hibernation response to winter, she says. Yet, when the sun shines, she feels better.

Although undiagnosed, Keim may suffer to some degree from Seasonal Affective Disorder, a condition aptly termed SAD and one shared by more than 10 million Americans. For SAD sufferers the shorter days of winter cause a change in the brain chemistry, producing symptoms similar to those of non-seasonal clinical depression: change in appetite, weight gain, drop in energy, tendency to oversleep, difficulty with concentration, and irritability.

According to a report presented by Dr. Norman E. Rosenthal at a meeting of the Depression and Related Affective Disorders Association in 1994, the key factor in diagnosing SAD is its seasonal pattern: Its symptoms fade away with the arrival of spring and return once again in the fall.

Let there be light

Another characteristic of SAD, reports Rosenthal (then associated with environmental psychiatry at the National Institute of Mental Health), is a strong

craving for carbohydrates, which increases the brain's serotonin level. Serotonin, a neurotransmitter - or brain messenger - is thought to influence mood.

During the winter, Keim consumes more sugar as well as carbohydrates. "I eat chocolate, some candies and lots of nuts. And bread and pasta, especially pasta with butter. I crave more of those things. It's definitely not fruits and vegetables."

Research theorizes that people with SAD have difficulty regulating serotonin levels in the winter. Consuming carbohydrates helps compensate. This theory also explains why many patients respond favorably to selective serotonin-reuptake inhibitor antidepressants such as Zoloft or Prozac.

However, the main treatment of SAD is light therapy - the exposure to intense levels of light under controlled conditions.

Recommended light therapy consists of a set of fluorescent bulbs installed in a box with a diffusing screen. Treatment consists of setting a lighted box on a table or desk top and sitting in front of it with eyes open. It is important not to look directly into the light; rather, people should orient their head and torso toward the lights.

"Exposure to the lights tends to stimulate the production of serotonin, a neurotransmitter in the brain that regulates both mood and appetite," said Dr. Philip O'Dwyer, clinical director of Garden City Hospital's Center for Counseling.

A critical factor of light therapy, say researchers at Columbia-Presbyterian, is that "the level of light produced matches that of light outdoors shortly after sunrise or before sunset. Light intensity is a critical 'dosing' dimension of the therapy: Systems deliver varying amounts of light, and people vary in their

response to light levels."

Keim has not purchased a light box; however, she intends to brighten up her kitchen, her main work area at home. She recently purchased three light fixtures that will encase a total of 10 full-spectrum, 4-foot fluorescent bulbs. "They're supposed to mimic the sunshine," she said. "I have a feeling they will help."

In his presentation, Rosenthal issued a warning: Do not construct your own light box. Too little light is not therapeutic, and too much can cause potential eye damage. (Purchased light boxes may cost \$350-\$600.)

Research

Research shows that children and adolescents are vulnerable to SAD, and that almost 75 percent of SAD sufferers are women, said O'Dwyer. "We don't know the answer to that yet," he added.

Research also has shown no consistent data to support abnormal circadian rhythms - a person's regular metabolic, glandular and sleep rhythms that may persist through a dislocation of day and night due, for example, to high-speed travel - as a cause of SAD.

Also, some researchers believe bright light affects brain chemistry; others say SAD is more complicated and the mechanism of light therapy is elusive. "That still needs to be teased out of research," said O'Dwyer.

However, experts agree that SAD should never be self-diagnosed. There may be other underlying causes of depression. "They should have a careful evaluation of their depression to see if it is SAD and determine its extent," said O'Dwyer. Also, some people may need medication in addition to light therapy.

Once diagnosed, SAD sufferers may be advised to take their first dose of light therapy within a half hour of waking each morning. They may require another session in the evening. Certainly, they'll be encouraged to exercise and take quick walks outside during their lunch breaks. If they can't get out, Rosenthal suggests having lunch next to a window that provides some exposure to light.

And then, there's always that winter vacation to sunny Florida.

"It more than rejuvenates the spirit. It rejuvenates the body," said O'Dwyer.

Late-life insomnia affects elderly americans

"If only I could get a good night's sleep" is a common lament, particularly among older Americans.

Many older adults have trouble falling asleep and staying asleep. They awaken often during the night, can't get back to sleep, and rise before dawn - symptoms that can cause daytime fatigue, impair normal functioning, and increase health-care costs.

Some 12 to 25 percent of healthy seniors report chronic insomnia, but despite their weariness, less than 15 percent receive treatment.

National Institute of Mental Health-funded research appearing in the March 17, 1999 issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* showed that insomnia in later years is treatable. By changing habits and attitudes, older adults can sleep better and longer, the study reports.

A team of scientists at the Medical College of Virginia/Virginia Commonwealth University led by Charles M. Morin, Ph.D., now at Laval University, Quebec City, used behavioral and drug therapies, alone or in combination, to treat late-life insomnia. Results suggest that combined behavioral and drug therapies are effective for short-term management of late-life insomnia, and behavioral therapy alone is more effective for long-term improvement in sleep patterns.

The study

Seventy-eight adults with insomnia, including 50 women and 28 men, participated in the study. Subjects had to be 55 or older with insomnia for six months or more. They had to take longer than 30 minutes to fall asleep and stay awake longer than 30 minutes after sleep onset for at least three nights a week; they also had to cite at least one negative effect during waking hours, such as fatigue, impaired functioning, or mood disturbance. Eighteen subjects received cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT); 20 received drug therapy (temazepam); 20 had both treatments; and 20 received a placebo.

The cognitive therapy component was designed to alter faulty beliefs and behaviors that often make insomnia worse, such as trying to sleep eight hours each night, blaming all daytime mishaps on poor sleep, and spending too much time in bed before sleeping. Participants also learned about the effects of diet, age, exercise, caffeine, alcohol, and environmental factors on their sleep habits.

Those receiving CBT attended eight weekly 90-minute therapy sessions conducted in small groups. Methods involved regulating sleep-wake schedules and associating the bed, bedroom, and bedtime with sleep, rather than with the frustration and



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anxiety connected with lying in bed trying to sleep. The procedures were:
■ Go to bed only when sleepy.
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Please see **INSOMNIA, D5**

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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

ONGOING

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday and Sunday, Garden City Hospital (north entrance), 5254 Inkster Road. Alanon meeting Sunday only. Call (248) 541-6565 or (734) 776-3415; Noon Tuesday and Thursday, Providence Medical Office Center, 39500 W. 10 Mile (at Haggerty), Novi; Call (248) 348-9362; Noon Wednesday, Livonia Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 953-1188.

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

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
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HEADACHE SUPPORT GROUP
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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 Chemothera-

py 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, nonprofit 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.

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, Farming 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 26

FIBROMYALGIA CONFERENCE
A three-session Fibromyalgia Conference will be held at Arthur's Place, 47659 Halyard Drive, Metro West Technology Park (near Beck Road and M-14), Plymouth Township. Dr. Martin Tamler will present current research and treatments for fibromyalgia and discuss self-management techniques. Other topics include sleep, natural healing and nutrition. Registration required. Cost is \$10. Call Ronnie at (734) 254-0500 or (248) 288-2210.

SAT, FEB. 3

WOMEN'S HEALTH
Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center-Dearborn invites women to the 11th Annual Turning Points Conference at the Dearborn Inn. The program runs from 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. and includes Continental breakfast and lunch. Keynote speaker will be Mary Alice Williams, an award-winning television news correspondent and anchor who also hosts the Odyssey Channel's Quiet Triumphs cable television program. Program sessions include discussions on urinary incontinence, skin, sleep disorders, weight management, breast health, joint and muscle care, and cancer risk. Cost is \$30. Call (800) 543-WELL.

Group formed for ISO quality standards revisions

BUSINESS

Major changes to the ISO 9000 series of quality system management standards were approved in 2000. A study group has been formed in Southeast Michigan (Livonia) to address these changes in a cost-effective manner and share experiences of the transition. An ISO 9001:2000 workshop (\$195) will be held at 8 a.m. and the study group (\$95) will meet at 1 p.m. on 16 January at the Livonia Laurel Park Holiday Inn.

The ISO 9000:1994 series of quality management system documents underwent major planned revisions and were released as the successor ISO 9000:2000 series in December, 2000. All registered/certified organizations must implement these revisions by the end of 2003.

ISO 9001:1994 provides the foundation for QS-9000, AS9100:1999, and ISO/TS 16949:1999, plus some other specific sector/application requirements/guidelines. Reportedly, QS-9000 will not be updated, but will be superseded by a new ISO/TS 16949:2001 that will be released later this year. AS9100:1999 will be revised to AS9100:2001 to reflect the ISO 9000:2000 series changes.

The changes were massive. Terminology changed to align with business practices. Requirements for all levels of ISO 9001/9002/9003:1994 are now included in ISO 9001:2000 with the differences in performed activities - for example, design - reflected

by the organization's scope statement. The ISO 9001:1994 "functional focus" format of twenty elements has been replaced by an interactive "process approach" consisting of an organization, its customers, and its suppliers.

Instead of the previous twenty elements, the organization (previously called supplier) must accomplish four general "processes" identified as: Management Responsibility, Resource Management, Product Realization, and Measurement Analysis and Improvement. These four processes are viewed as a "PDCA" Shewhart or Deming Cycle of Plan, Do, Check, and Act. Focus is on organization performance, customer satisfaction, and improvement.

Major user benefits arise from the performance focus, less required procedural documentation, and greater flexibility for organization design, but need for proof of performance increases.

Underlying concepts

Economic and competitive forces will mandate changes in most organizations over the next three years. Organization performance evaluation, especially after change, is essential to management. Most firms associated with the automotive, aerospace, pharmaceutical, medical device, petroleum, and electronic sectors, plus federal agency material suppliers, will be required to conform to the recent ISO 9000 series changes by late 2003. More flexible change with less documentation is available under ISO 9001:2000.

Additionally, new ISO 2000

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revision requirements can be phased into an organization with other economic and competitive driven changes, if the 2000 revision requirements are known. This allows a single change to accomplish several objectives.

Last, but not least, the new process approach supports the ready incorporation of more contemporary and sophisticated quality and management techniques and philosophies. The "New Quality Tools", systemic thinking, Hoshin Kanri/Policy Deployment, profound knowledge, risk management, Constraint Theory, various matrix analysis and management techniques, Shainin Techniques, Taguchi Loss Function, Kaizen, etc. are all suitable candidates for inclusion into a holistic quality/ business management system.

Vision

Provide cost-effective basic ISO 9001:2000 knowledge for persons to grasp the content and intent of the new requirements

through a Workshop. Provide a Study Group forum for serious participant-directed and contributed study of more advanced aspects of the ISO 9000 series and derivative documents, information on various quality and management techniques, participants' and other resources' provided specific information and studies, shared experiences and collaborative approaches of implementation techniques / metrics / results, etc.

Study Group participants would attend the Workshop initially to avoid repetitive coverage of the same basic ISO 9001 material.

Workshop: Half-day coverage of the ISO 9001:2000 requirements and concepts with comparisons to ISO 9001:1994 through interactive lecture. Manual, ISO 9001:2000, and refreshments are provided.

Study group

Half-day collaborative study of topics selected by participants at previous sessions. Arch provides subject matter overviews and leads joint study with, possibly, some exercises. Full benefits may require study between sessions after series is initiated. Refreshments provided.

Call William (Bill) M. Harral, Arch Associates, at (248) 449-5433 for details and registration.

Harral currently serves as co-chairman of the Standards Committee for the Automotive Division of the American Society for Quality and voting member of the U.S. Technical Advisory Group on International Standards for quality management systems (ISO 9000 series).

Do you feel SAD at certain times of the year

BY JUDITH A. RUSSELL
SPECIAL WRITER

Do you experience "cabin fever" or feel lethargic during the winter? If so, you're not alone. About five percent of the population - almost 10 million Americans - complain about the winter blues, a condition known as Seasonal Affective Disorder or SAD. It was first discovered around 1850, but was not given a name until the 1980s.

You may suffer from SAD if you feel more depressed in the winter but better in the spring.

You may want to sleep and eat more, sense increased anxiety or hopelessness, or crave sugary or starchy foods resulting in weight gain. People who have SAD usually are not depressed in other seasons of the year.

Women usually suffer from depression more than men do, and the same holds true for SAD. Recognition is growing that children also suffer from SAD, with many diagnosed adults reporting SAD symptoms as adolescents. Be aware that SAD sometimes runs in families.

Where you reside affects your

likelihood of experiencing SAD. The farther north you live, the greater your risk. It is estimated that only one percent of people living in Florida suffer from SAD, but in Alaska the percentage can be as high as 10. Researchers have found that SAD symptoms increase as the days grow shorter. Less light goes through the eyes to the pineal gland and melatonin (a hormone) levels rise. This physiological change suppresses reproduction and causes animals to hibernate in the winter.

Can SAD be treated? Some

sufferers require an antidepressant prescribed by their physicians, but many people can alleviate the symptoms with phototherapy, which is increasing the exposure to light. Several kinds of light bulbs simulate sunlight and can be used in place keeping curtains open and sitting near windows more often. If weather permits, take a walk outside. And if possible, follow the snowbirds to a winter vacation of warmth and sun. Symptoms generally subside in about

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- Get out of bed and go to another room when unable to fall asleep within 15 to 20 minutes.
- Repeat this step as often as necessary when trying to fall asleep or to get back to sleep.
- Rise at the same time every morning, regardless of the amount of sleep during the previous night.

Subjects assigned to the active medication received temazepam (Restoril), because it is well tolerated by older adults and has minimal side effects. Medication subjects met once a week for consultation with the study physician, who reviewed therapeutic responses and adverse affects.

Participants in the third group received both temazepam and CBT. They attended eight weekly individual therapy sessions

with a psychiatrist to discuss medication management and eight weekly group therapy sessions with a psychologist to review cognitive behavioral procedures.

Those receiving placebo were offered an active treatment after completing the three-month follow-up.

Results

Results showed that the three active treatments were more effective than placebo, with the combined approach more effective than either of the two single components. Improvements occurred in time awake after sleep onset, sleep efficiency, and total sleep time.

For example, the percentage of reduced time awake after sleep onset was highest for cognitive-behavioral therapy com-

bined with drug therapy (63 percent), followed by cognitive-behavioral therapy (55 percent), drug therapy (46.5 percent), and placebo (16.9 percent).

At the end of treatment, the following percentages of subjects no longer even met insomnia criteria: 78 percent (CBT); 56 percent (medication); 75 percent (combined), and 14 percent (placebo).

Satisfied sleepers

Those treated only with behavioral therapy maintained their gains at follow-ups, but those treated with drug therapy alone did not. Behavioral treatment, singly or combined, was rated by subjects, significant others, and clinicians as more effective than drug therapy alone. Subjects were also more satisfied with the behavioral approach.

Participants kept diaries to monitor bedtime, rising time, waking after sleep onset, and taking study medication. Time awake after sleep onset and sleep efficiency recorded in both diaries and overnight sleep laboratory evaluations were measured, along with ratings from subjects, significant others, and clinicians. The patients were monitored for sleep states before and after treatment.

The National Institute of Mental Health is a component of the National Institutes of Health, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. For information about NIMH and its programs, write or phone: NIMH Public Inquiries, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Rm. 8184, MSC 9663, Bethesda, MD 20892-9663 U.S.A. Phone (301) 443-4513, Fax (301) 443-4279

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FIBROMYALGIA
More research in fibromyalgia makes it reasonable to provide an update on this condition. Investigators still have not uncovered its cause. Efforts continue to find an imbalance in common body chemicals such as cortisone and serotonin, or an increase in pain transmitters. For now, physicians must concentrate on relieving the pain, fatigue, and sleep disorders that are the features of fibromyalgia. Anti-inflammatory drugs such as motrin, naprosyn, celebrex and viox are often tried as a first choice because they are safe, and in many conditions, provide consistent pain relief. In fibromyalgia, for unclear reasons, they seldom work. Flexonil is popular because of its possible muscle relaxing effect. However, in fibromyalgia its success is limited because the source of muscle tension does not involve the pathways that flexonil affects. Neurontin and ultram often help in relieving pain, have mediocre records in treating fibromyalgia. The likely reason is that these drugs are good when nerve endings are the primary source of pain, but in fibromyalgia, the cause is not primary. Robaxin cough syrup is in vogue now as a treatment, but it has no scientific basis. The same holds for a number of natural medications such as capsaicin and SAME. The most consistent results still come from exercise of the type that is low impact and aerobic, that is, walking, swimming and yoga. For good information on fibromyalgia, go to www.fibnews.com.

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BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Achievement award

Millie Elston of West Bloomfield, owner of Elston's American Speedy Printing centers in Dearborn Heights and Redford, was the winner of the YWCA of Western Wayne County's Women of Achievement Award in the business/industry category.

She is active in many community, civic and charitable organizations and is presently an ambassador of the Dearborn Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Acraft Club of Detroit.

Quality award

Arma Brown of Livonia, branch manager at Comerica Bank's West Grand Boulevard-Sterling Office in Detroit, is the 2000 winner of Comerica's National Quality Excellence Award. The award, established in 1996, honors 10 employees annually who continuously demonstrate professionalism, dedication and support of Comerica's vision and core values. Brown will receive 250 shares of Comerica stock.

Two additional Livonia residents were award finalists: Arleen Piasecki, a check file senior clerk, and Kathy McConkey, workflow coordinator in Operation Services.

Engineering team

Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc. announced that James B. Garber, John R. Porter and Jerald O. Thaler have joined the firm's new Farmington Hills Office. The new team, which has been together for over 10 years, will lead water treatment, wastewater regulation and environmental regulatory compliance efforts from FTC&H's Farmington Hills office.

Garber has a B.S. Degree in Agricultural Engineering from Cornell University and a M.S. Degree in Environmental Engineering from the University of North Carolina. Porter holds both a B.S. Degree in Microbiology and an M.S. Degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Iowa. Thaler has a B.S. Degree in Chemical Engineering from Michigan State University and M.S. Degrees in Chemical Engineering and Environmental/Water Resources Engineering from the University of Michigan.

Grace & Wild, Inc.

Steven Wild, president of Grace & Wild, Inc. of Farmington Hills, announced the appointment of Anita Lanning, Fiona Kuzava and Paul DeMars to key management positions.

Lanning moves from sales

manager to general manager of Postique, a commercial post-production boutique in Southfield. Kuzava has been promoted from sales manager to general manager of the newly formed broadcast advertising division of Grace & Wild Digital Studios in Farmington Hills. DeMars was appointed director of technical operations within Digital Studios Broadcast.

Sales awards

Lauren Bowman of Farmington received top sales honors at California-based AIMS Multimedia's annual sales dinner. A 17-year veteran at AIMS, Bowman was tapped as the company's top salesperson for 2000. Her sales area includes the Midwest, Florida, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands.

"Lauren has been with AIMS since before our 16 millimeter days, and we've been very fortunate to have her on our sales staff," said Biff Sherman, president of AIMS. "She is a star performer and has been instrumental in helping us launch numerous new products. This past year was one of her best ever, and she is very deserving of our top sales honor."

Prior to joining AIMS, Bowman was a Young Adult Specialist at Farmington Community Library.

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a week. To learn more about phototherapy, log onto a nationwide Internet support group bulletin board: www.support-group.com/cgi-bin/dg/get_links/sad.

The winter blues can be beat-

en and remember, spring is just around the corner.

For more information on Seasonal Affective Disorder, to obtain a complimentary listing of current Web site information about SAD or to discuss the persistent feelings of depression,

please call (888) 355-5433.

Judy Russell is a senior clinician at Lifespan Clinical Services' Canton clinic, specializing in behavior modification and substance abuse.

Many women not consuming key nutrients

After fitting carpools, meals and homework help into your busy days, it's hard to find time to catch your breath, let alone catch a few free minutes for yourself. You're the family superhero, depended on to care for all.

Women are Everyday Heroes: They're the first to take care of others, often at the expense of their own well-being. In fact, many women are not getting enough key nutrients that provide energy they need to get through the day.

Eighty-three percent of women over 20 are not meeting the recommended dietary allowance (RDA) for zinc, 63 percent are not meeting the RDA for iron and 64 percent are not getting

the RDA for Vitamin B-6.

"Foods that contain a power pack of nutrients, like beef, have fallen off women's plates, leaving them deficient in many key nutrients that are necessary to support their daily energy needs," said Michelle Warren, M.D., and Council for Women's Nutrition Solutions (CWNS) member.

CWNS, an all-women advisory board of female health experts, has joined together to help busy women cut through the clutter of nutrition information and create a more balanced lifestyle by providing Everyday Solutions for them.

Some of the CWNS Everyday Solutions include:

- Relish food. Food is a plea-

sure, not a foe. Avoid strict diets and restrictive eating; practice moderation. Eating well - and eating enough - energizes every day.

- Enjoy movement.
- Appreciate your beauty. Cast off negative attitudes about your body.
- Trust yourself. Tune in to your inner signals.
- Savor some down time.
- Decompress stress.
- Give up guilt.
- Focus on the priorities.
- Ask for help. Don't try to be a superhero.
- Remember you're No. 1. As Lucille Ball sagely said, "Love yourself first and everything else falls into line."

BUSINESS CALENDAR

TUE, JAN. 16

ISO 9000 CHANGES
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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 (313) 226-7947 weekdays.

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. Call (248) 862-1033 for costs.

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 Parks 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 will address the combined groups at the program that begins at 11:45 a.m. at the Hotel St. Regis in Detroit. Tickets for the Jan. 24 program are \$25 for IABC members and \$30 for nonmembers. Call Nancy Skidmore at (248) 546-5490.

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Standard features also include first-floor laundry, basement, wood foyer, carpeting throughout, fireplace, separate tub and shower in the master, and range, microwave and dishwasher in the kitchen.

Prices start at \$389,900 for 2,853 square feet, \$419,900 for 3,183 square feet and \$434,900 for 3,383 square feet on a base lot.

The platted community of single-family homes is off Rochester Road north of Snell.

"I've had a number of people impressed with the quality," Lori Chrysler, sales counselor at the Meadows and Knolls, said from the model.

"Everybody loves the family room. It very spacious with panoramic windows, upgrades. It's a very inviting room. They like the openness, the way the plan flows. The like the baths, especially the jack-and-jill."

Other draws? "You have the Rochester schools, award-winning schools," Chrysler said. "It's easy on to highways. It's close to the (DaimlerChrysler) Tech Center, shopping. The Palace is nearby. It's an excellent location."

Gary Tadian, president of Tadian Homes, said his company has always targeted the family-with-kids market. "Our buyer here understands the value of a community-type setting," he said.

"When you drive through the Meadows, you immediately sense this is neighborhood. How do we create that? With landscaping, layout, lot size and architectural controls.

"Our reputation is building a family home," Tadian said. We've been doing it a number of years. Quality has a lot to do with experience and fit-and-finish of a house.

"Oakland Township speaks for itself," Tadian added. "Why it's so popular is accessibility. It's easy to get to. It's so close to downtown Rochester. Public services are excellent here. Schools are superior to most in the area."

The sales model, the St. Moritz, is the medium-sized colonial at the Meadows and Knolls.

It features a two-story foyer, library, living room, dining room, kitchen with island and a step-down family room with cathedral ceiling. A pass-through



St. Moritz: This mid-sized colonial built by Tadian Homes features wood floors and columns.

wall is between the kitchen/nook and family room.

The kitchen has an island, and the sink is angled for easy viewing through the pass-through into the family room.

Four bedrooms are upstairs. The master with pan ceiling contains a two-sink vanity with sitting area, walk-in closet and compartmentalized commode.

A second bedroom features its own full bath. Bedrooms three and four share a jack-and-jill bath.

Base price on a base lot is \$419,900. The model, with upgrades, approaches \$525,000.

"We've been selling a version of this house for 15 years," Tadian said.

"There's an efficient use of space here. The kitchen, not only its size, but interaction with the family room. The family room is massive and gracious. The curved staircase still is something peo-

ple like."

Air conditioning is \$3,850, a gourmet kitchen package that includes a double oven, cook top, upgraded dishwasher and island goes for \$6,500.

Brick and vinyl siding are primary exterior materials.

Oakland Meadows and Knolls is served by a community water well and sewers. There are no sidewalks.

The property tax rate currently is \$25.49 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price for new construction. That means the owners of a \$420,000 home would pay about \$5,350 the first year.

The monthly association fee to maintain common areas is projected at \$125.

The sales model/office at the Meadows and Knolls, (248) 651-8070, is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

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dining room can easily seat 10-12, and the layout of the first floor makes it perfect for entertaining. The large living room has a gas fireplace with marble surround, recessed lighting and wall sconces. Architectural pillars grace both the living and dining rooms. The library is wonderful with custom built-ins, custom lighting, and glass pocket doors. The entire first floor is hardwood flooring, has plantation shutters, and has extensive custom moldings and trimwork. The kitchen has a granite island, custom tiled backsplash, white cabinets and top of the line appliances. The kitchen has a dumbwaiter to bring items up and down from the lower level, and also opens to a greenhouse with climate controls and worksink. The lower level is finished with a bedroom, bath, kitchen, den and family room with a fieldstone fireplace.

This house is wonderful and well worth seeing. There will soon be a virtual tour available, later this week, at www.ronnikoating.com.



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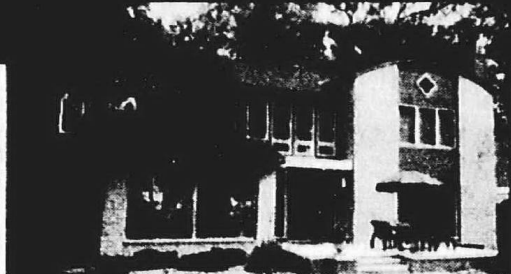
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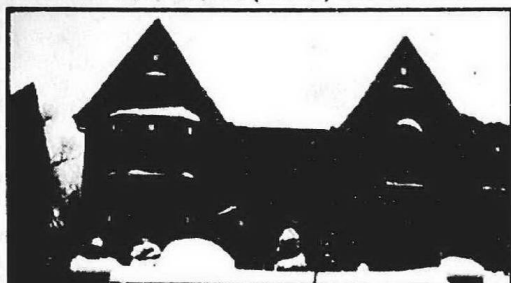
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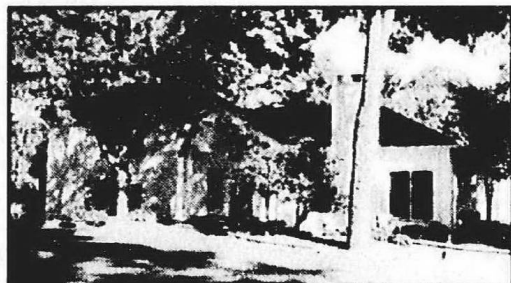
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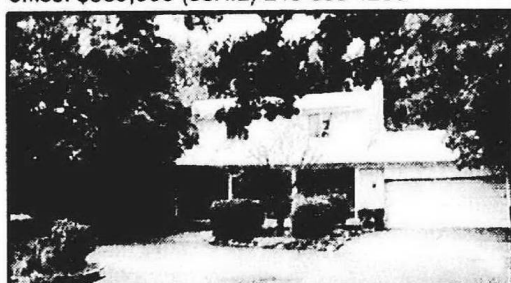
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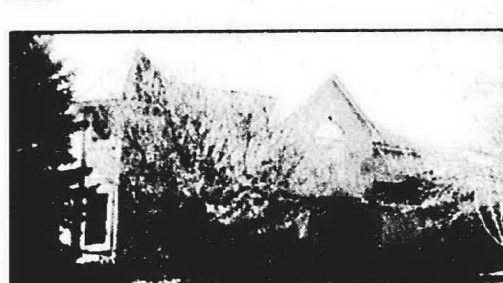
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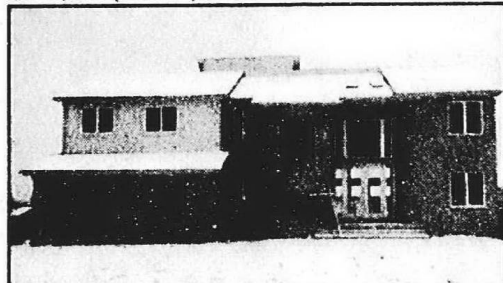
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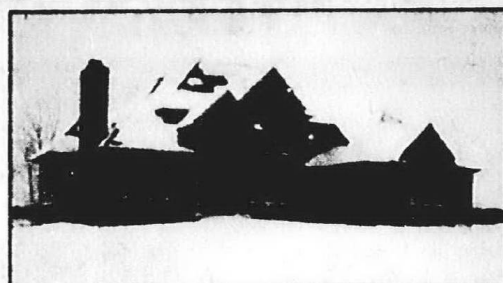
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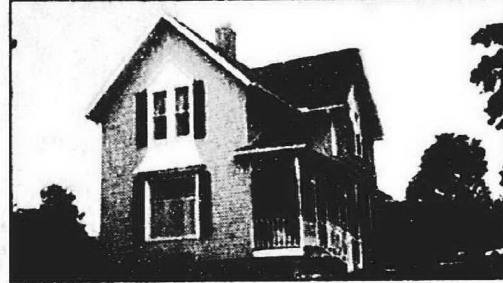
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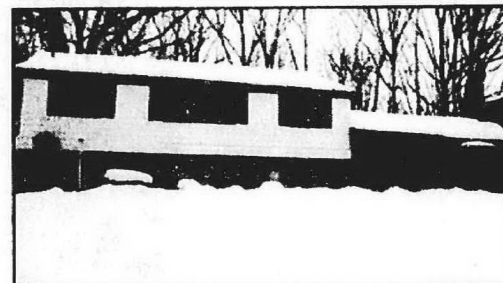
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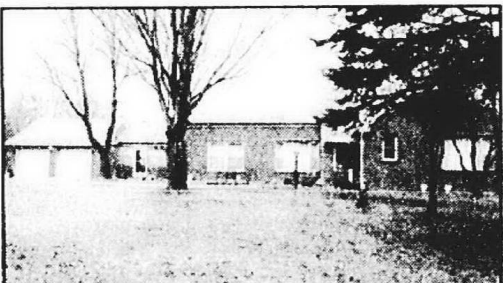


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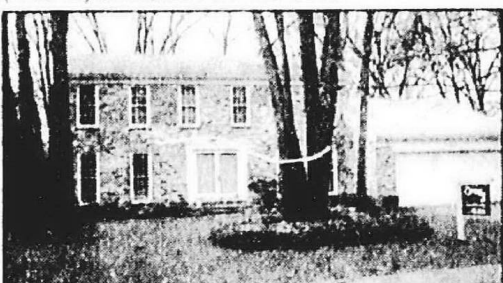
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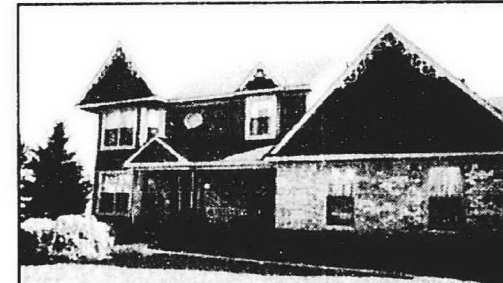
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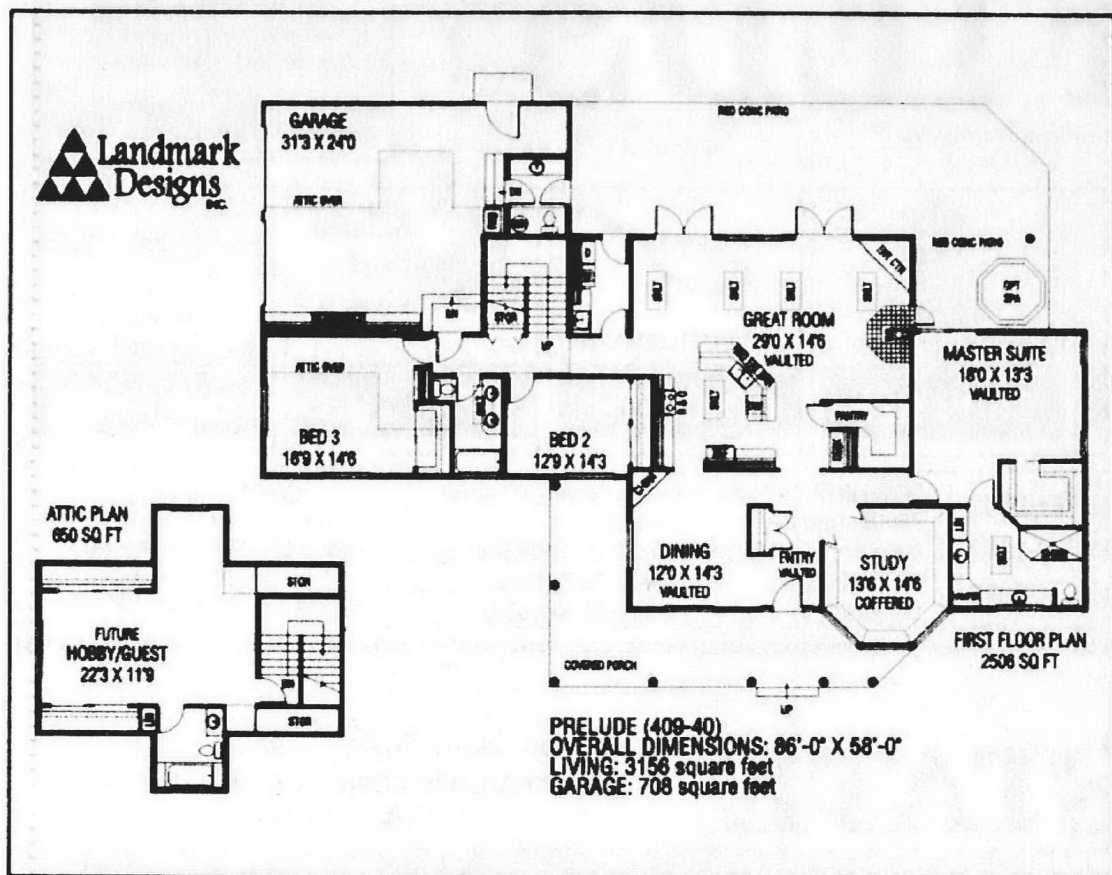
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Petite, 5'1", 110 lb, attractive, white professional divorced mom. Enjoys working out daily, good conversation, music, sports, and is an optimist. Looking for a professional, divorced, white male, 40's, physically fit/active, tall, no beard or moustache, intelligent, good sense of humor, non-smoker, South Oakland county area. BOX 36068

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Single white Christian female, 39, 5'8", full figured, long brown hair, and blue eyes. Interests are jazz, Christian music, old cars, long walks, and more. Looking for a single white Christian male, easygoing, 5'9" to 6'4", who knows how to treat a lady. BOX 10709

ALL I WANT AND MORE

Attractive black female, 52 yrs old, physically fit, 5'6", 155 lbs, employed, educated, enjoys fishing, movies, museums and more. No dependents. Looking for a male, 45 to 57, non-smoker mandatory who enjoys life for an honest, monogamous relationship. BOX 13632

DOCTOR WANTED

Christina Aguilera look alike, masters degree. Seeking a single MD/PHD, 25 to 30, fit, drug, healthy, modest, fit, single, positive attitude, romantic, loves animals. Intellectual, who would make me their world, for quiet times, wanting marriage. You will not be disappointed. BOX 10672

LET'S TALK

Divorced, white female, 5', 40 yr, mother of three children, social drinker, smoker. Enjoys the outdoors, camping, hiking, fishing, sitting in front of the fireplace with a good movie. If interested please respond. BOX 32632

WANTS A FRIEND

Outgoing, easy going, single female is looking for a down to earth, single male, of any race, 39 to 49, to share good times and friendship. BOX 14133

ZEST FOR LIFE

Live, love, laugh and be happy. Non-smoking, professional female with a zest for life. Enjoys theater, travel, the mountains, and quiet walks. Seeking a non-smoking, financially sound, honest gentleman, 50 to 60, with a great sense of humor. BOX 14182

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Attractive, single black female, 49 plus, light smoker, social drinker. Seriously thinking of warm kisses on cool nights. Loves movies, dining in or out, and long massages. In search of a sweet loving, single white male, 5'10" or over. For friendship and more, age open. BOX 35490

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51 yr old, single female, believes in romance, enjoys simple pleasures. Seeking a kind, sincere, single or divorced male, 48 to 60, non-smoker, with similar interests, for a long term monogamous relationship. Down River area. BOX 14471

SPICE OF LIFE

5'8", 140 lbs, long brownish red hair, independent, romantic, who enjoys dancing, cooking, pool, bowling, racquetball, cars, outdoors, or a quiet evening at home watching movies. Looking for a man, 35 to 45, who's romantic and enjoys some of the same interests. Down River Area. BOX 33514

SHOOTING STAR

Divorced, white professional female, 5'5", 125 lbs, brown/black hair and eyes, dimples, looks minus 40 and stable. Seeking a divorced, white male, 55 to 65, attractive, fit, stable and a good sense of humor. BOX 31913

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL...

...with a friend. 39 yr old, black beautiful female, 5'7", 140 lb, seeking White/Hispanic professional, handsome male, 30 to 38, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 33889

SOMEONE TO SPOL ME

Seeking someone to have fun with, must love animals. Single white female, mother, 46, 5'5", 150 lbs., blonde, smoker, occasional drinker, no drugs. Enjoys the outdoors, riding motorcycles, quiet times. BOX 33948

FIRST TIME AD

Divorced Native American female, 59 yr old, 5'10", 180 lbs, long brown hair, brown eyes. Seeking white male, 5' plus, 35 plus, honest, who loves the outdoors, smoker and social drinker okay, for long term relationship. Wayne county. BOX 26886

TALL ORDER

Attractive, 5'10", redhead, Catholic, fun loving, adventurous, romantic. Comfortable in jeans to evening gowns, loves sports, travel, theatre, gourmet cooking. (for that special man). Seeks tall white gentleman, financially/emotionally secure, 49 to 60, who is romantic, kind, has a good sense of humor, with similar interests. Oakland County. BOX 25353

NICE GIRL

Seeks single white male, 27 to 45, tall, teddy bear type, with values and morals, enjoys going to movies, dining out, hanging out and is a romantic. For friendship first and possible long term relationship. BOX 25090

A LADY OF CLASS

Vivacious, upbeat, very attractive, blonde female, a professional, 5'7", 115 lbs, upper 50's, seeking soul mate counter part, 50's, a professional, for dating, possible long term relationship. Call me and see what life has in store for us. BOX 35996

LOOKING FOR MY MATCH

Single white female, 36, 5'5", brown hair, medium built, independent, good sense of humor, spontaneous, loving, caring, likes a variety of activities and sports. Seeking emotionally secure, honest, well mannered, confident, all American guy, 35 to 50. BOX 26076

NORTH WEST SUBURBS

Fit, younger looking 30's, romantic, Christian lady, model, tall, thin, pretty, optimistic, loves laughter, financially secure. Enjoys the good life, boating, water activities, travel and dining. Seeking the right one, tall, thin, attractive, honest, affectionate, happy, positive attitude, successful with value. BOX 25075

MR. RIGHT

Single white female, 29, medium to full figured. Likes movies, bowling, cozy nights at home and much more. In search of honest, caring white male, for friendship and maybe more. If this sounds like you, call me. BOX 25311

SOUL MATE

Cute, divorced white female, 68, blond hair, blue eyes, good build, who likes dancing, travel, theaters, long walks and even quiet times. Seeking white male, 50 to 62, financially and emotionally secure, with similar interests. Give me a call, you won't be sorry. Macomb County. BOX 25327

NEVER TOO LATE

Falls here, let's go for it. Divorced white female, 66, 5'4", 140 lbs, non-smoker, social drinker, active and outgoing, enjoys the outdoors, travel, music, dancing and more. Seeking a single gentleman with a good sense of humor and similar interests. BOX 25991

SEEKING A PARTNER

Single female, who is physically fit, emotionally, financially fit, who is ready for friendship, and possible long term relationship. Who can enjoy fine dining, home cooking, likes golf, the outdoors, dancing, and a warm fire. Must be a non-smoker. Social drinker okay. 52 to 62. North Oakland area. BOX 26070

QUALITY, QUALITY

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JUST LET ME LOVE YOU

Single black female, 5'10", 136 lbs., professional, seeks professional gentleman, over 46, non-smoker, no kids, for a romantic relationship. Interested in the arts, travel, theater, dancing and romancing. BOX 25998

NEW TO THE AREA

Single black female, 49, 5'3", brown eyes, reddish brown hair. Interest in meeting someone who is honest, not a game player, caring, likes to laugh, knows how to treat a lady, 38 to 52. BOX 25073

HONESTY IS THE KEY

Divorced black female, 5'9", 185lbs., coffee with cream complexion, non-smoker. Enjoys movies, walking, bowling, cooking, dining out, and quiet times. Seeking a male, 40-50, honest, kind, caring, and dependable for possible long term relationship. BOX 26086

GREAT COMPANION

Attractive, trim, optimistic, blue eyed, blonde divorced white female, 66, 5'8", affectionate, seeks possible long term relationship with non-smoking, degreed, honest, outgoing white gentleman, 48-62, who enjoys travel, golf, romantic times, and the Arts. Oakland County. BOX 26321

IT'S TIME

Not perfect, sunny white mom, 48, sweet, funny, attractive enough, seeking genuine, sincere, white male, single parent, 50 to 58, hardworking, non-smoker, for friendly dating. Oakland County area, preferred. BOX 25323

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

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HIT ME UP

Looking for single white females, 18 to 26, to talk to, kick it with, and hopefully more. BOX 10757

CATCH OF THE DAY!

Single white male, 6'4", brown/brown, attractive, homeowner, independent professional, caring, seeking someone for good times, female who is caring and nice and shares similar interests. I enjoy comedy, bowling, movies, dining out, traveling. BOX 32590

STILL SEARCHING

Single divorced white male, 38, 6', 180 lbs, brown hair, brown eyes, no children. Looking for an attractive white female, 26 to 36, with a good sense of humor. BOX 10771

FIRST TIME AD

Single white male, 48 yr, 5'10", 230 lb, non-smoker, social drinker, brown hair, hazel eyes, attractive, Catholic, no kids, easy going, confident. Enjoys nature, auto racing, comedy, quiet times, movies, dining out and week-end getaways. Seeking a monogamous long term relationship. Westland Area, Wayne County. BOX 25393

ROMEO IS ALIVE

Very attractive, single black male, 40, 5'10", 170 lbs, energetic, humorous, employed, no dependents. Seeks very attractive, fit, white female, for dining, dancing and romancing. Age open. Wayne County. BOX 33633

BRIGHT EYES

48 yr old, white male, 5'7", 145 lb, dark blue eyes, fun loving, non-smoker, who likes walking, swimming and camping. Seeking a petite white female, for possible long term relationship. BOX 36096

VERY ACTIVE

White male, 41, 6'1", never married, very long hair, to be good looking, smoker, social drinker. Enjoys snowmobiling, bowling, boats, race cars, camping, and going up North. Seeking attractive female, slender build, who is tired of games, 25 to 45, with similar interests. BOX 25993

A REAL GOOD CATCH

Divorced white professional male, financially secure, self employed business owner, 5'10", 185 lbs. Enjoys dining out, movies, quiet times and sports. Seeking a single white professional female, 40 to 50 financially secure, non-smoker, social drinker, height and weight proportionate. Sumner County. BOX 33630

ONLY THE LONELY

Single white male, fit, enjoys the outdoors, swimming and more. Seeking a single female, for a possible relationship. BOX 14296

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This unique, appealing, white male, 48, is financially sound and a good catch, versatile, enjoys a wide range of activities, seeks a funny and honest single white female. Good looking or great personality is a plus. BOX 25361

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38 yr old, good looking, athletic, single professional male, college educated, enjoys sports, arts, movies, reading and much more, is seeking an attractive, fit, well educated, caring, loving, classy single female, to share friendship and possible long term relationship. BOX 33682

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Very handsome, 38 yr old, 6'1", 190 lbs, divorced white male with brown hair and eyes, is seeking an attractive, single female, with a good sense of humor, 26 to 39, for friendship and maybe more. BOX 32687

HANDSOME & UNIQUE

Single white male, 55, 5'11", 180 lbs, tall and slender, dark hair and eyes. Interests include dinner, dancing, traveling, north, boating, cars, etc. Seeking a white female, 40 to 52, average to slender, for possible long term relationship. Wayne county. BOX 33663

READY FOR YOU!

28 yr old, 6', 160 lbs, single male with dark hair and eyes, financially secure, self-employed, is seeking a single female, for friendship and maybe more. BOX 32691

DOWN RIVER AREA

5'10", 200 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes smoker, 50 yr old, single white male, seeks single white female, height/weight proportionate, 45 to 55, must be honest, for possible relationship. Wayne County. BOX 33665

CHAD CHAD CHAD

I'm simpled and want to be counted, your vote counts if you're a single white female, 35 to 50, with a sense of humor. BOX 33667

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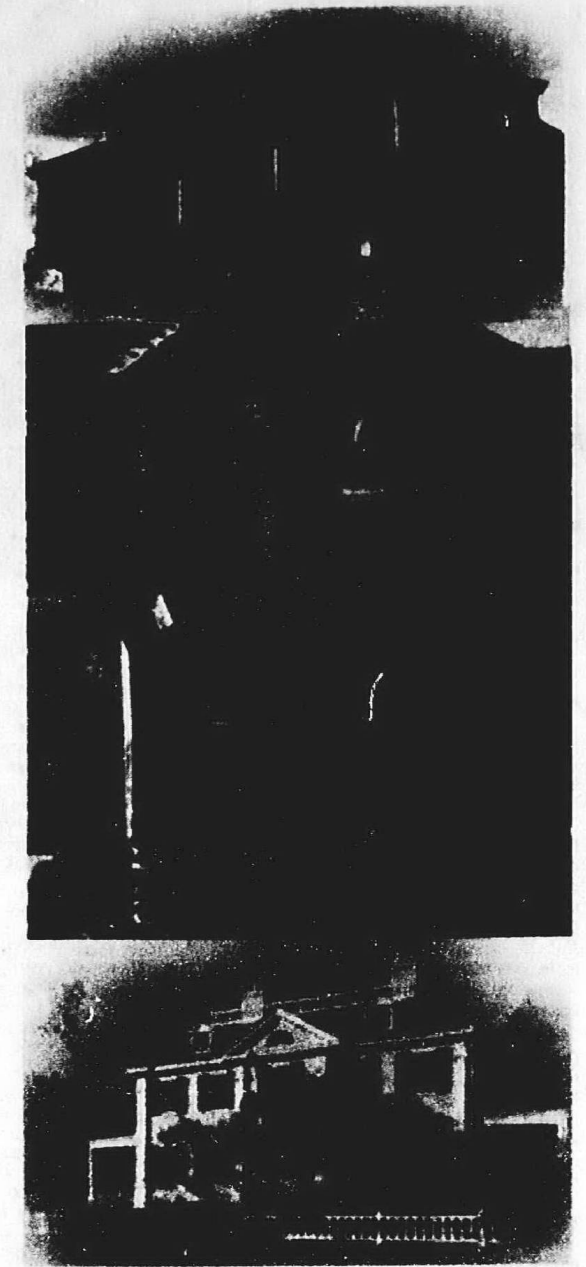
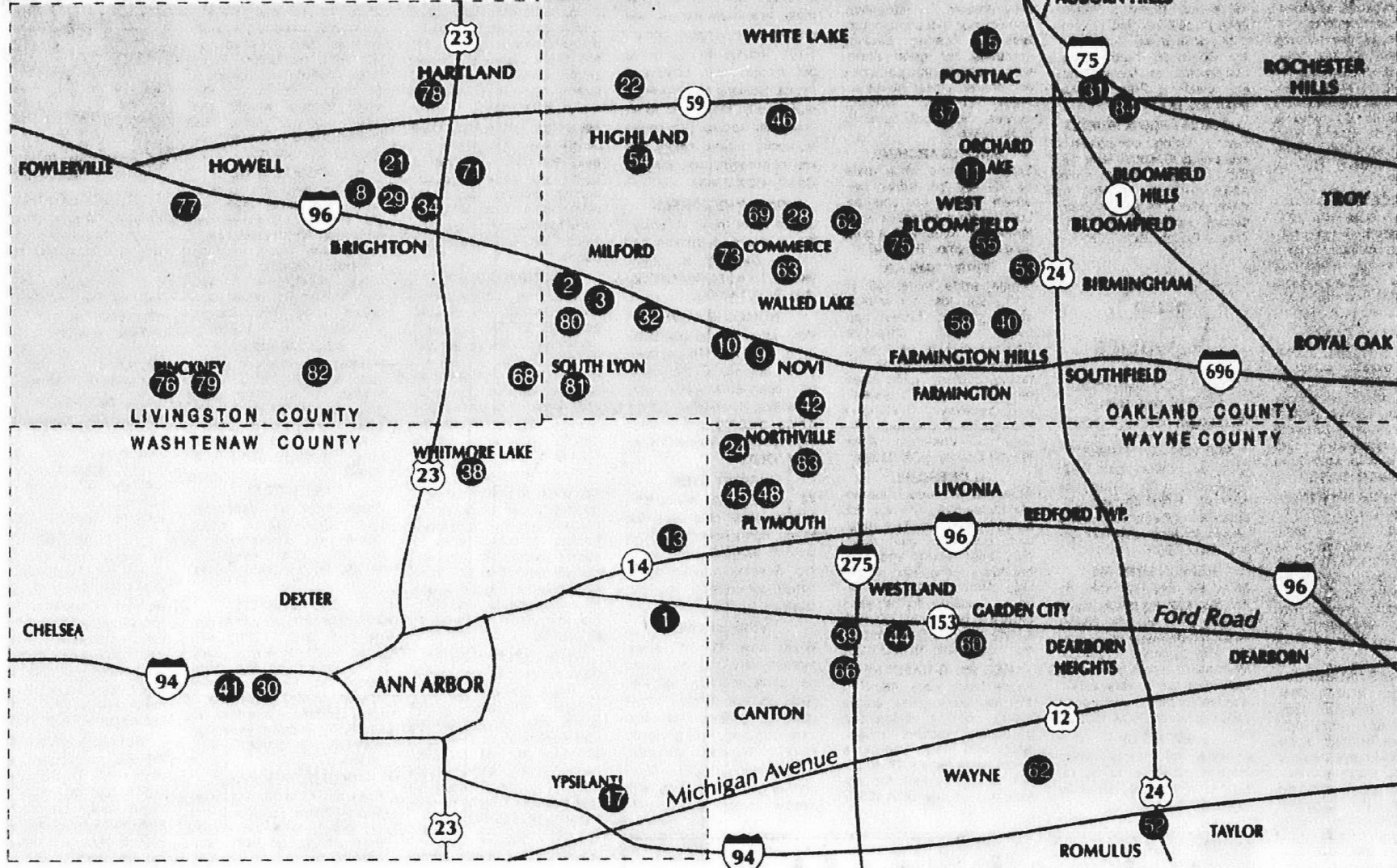
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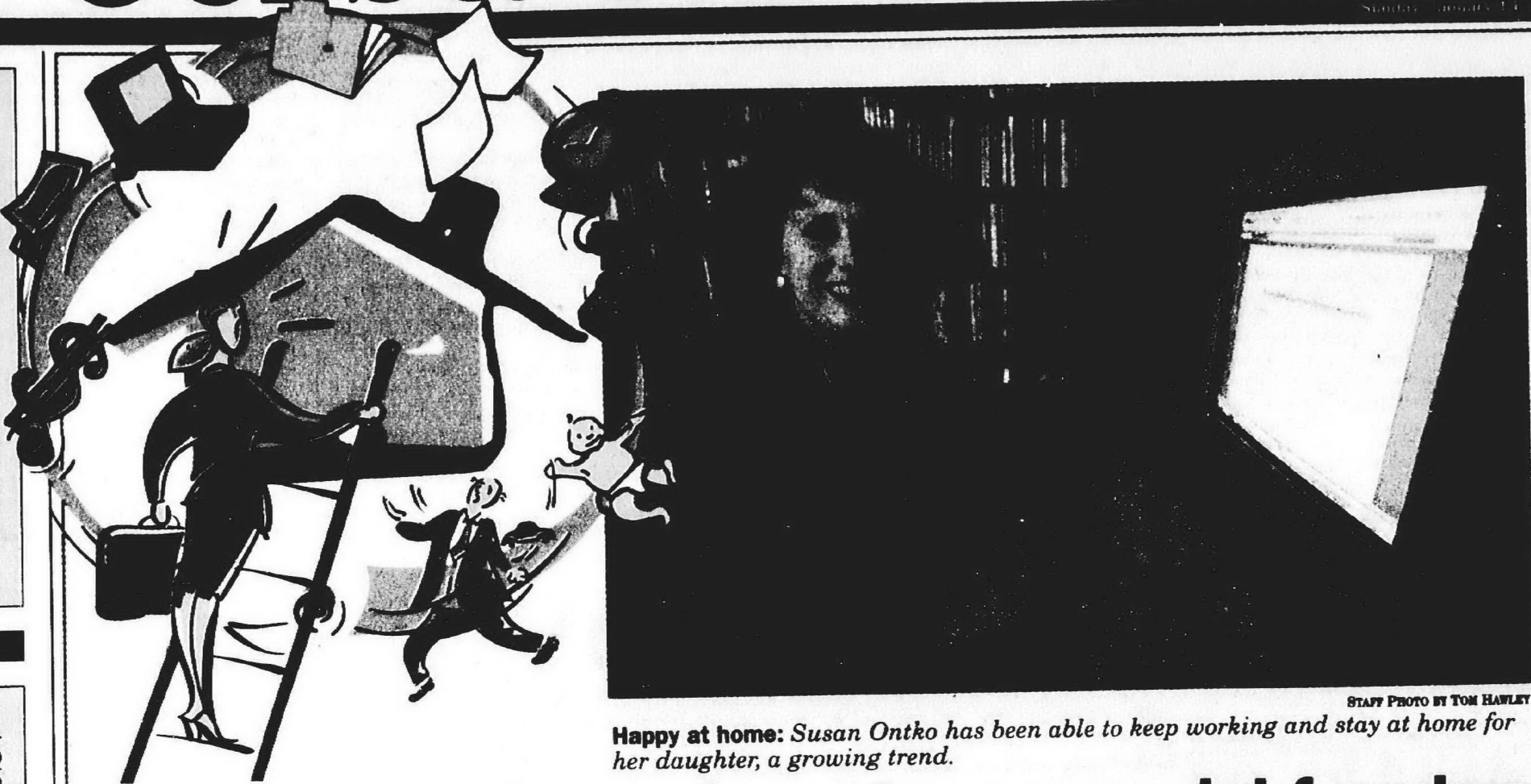
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Happy at home: Susan Ontko has been able to keep working and stay at home for her daughter, a growing trend.

Women stay home for entrepreneurial freedom

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Sue Ontko spent 25 years climbing the corporate executive ladder when she took a dramatic professional leap by starting her own consulting business a few months ago.

"I feel professional, educated women who have opted to exit the corporate work force to have more time with their families are a totally overlooked labor resource," Ontko said. "There are money-making options for women who want to work from home beyond selling Tupperware or Mary Kay products."

Women starting their own businesses is increasing at nearly twice the national average according to a survey of 800 women and men business owners conducted in 1998 by the National Foundation for Women Business Owners, Catalyst and The Committee of 200. The survey found that women were inspired by good ideas and frustration with their jobs.

Computers, cell phones, the Internet and other technology has freed women to leave their jobs so

they can work in their homes, according to Michelle Richards, executive director Center for Empowerment and Economic Development in Ann Arbor.

"This technology makes people as accessible as if they're sitting in the next room," Richards added. Women are also leaving their jobs because they realize they can provide the same services on their own terms. The company benefits by not having to pay a salary with perks and these new business owners shape their work environment and profits to fit their needs, she added.

Like so many women before her, Ontko sees the good and bad of both situations. She decided the biggest pay-off from being her own boss and working out of her Livonia home is the flexibility she now has to be with her husband, George, and daughter, Emily, 6.

Last summer, after years of discussion with George, she began her journey into the world of the self-employed. Since then she's faced many unknowns. Would she make enough money? Would her plans for an early retirement survive? The biggest question of all was: Would she find clients?

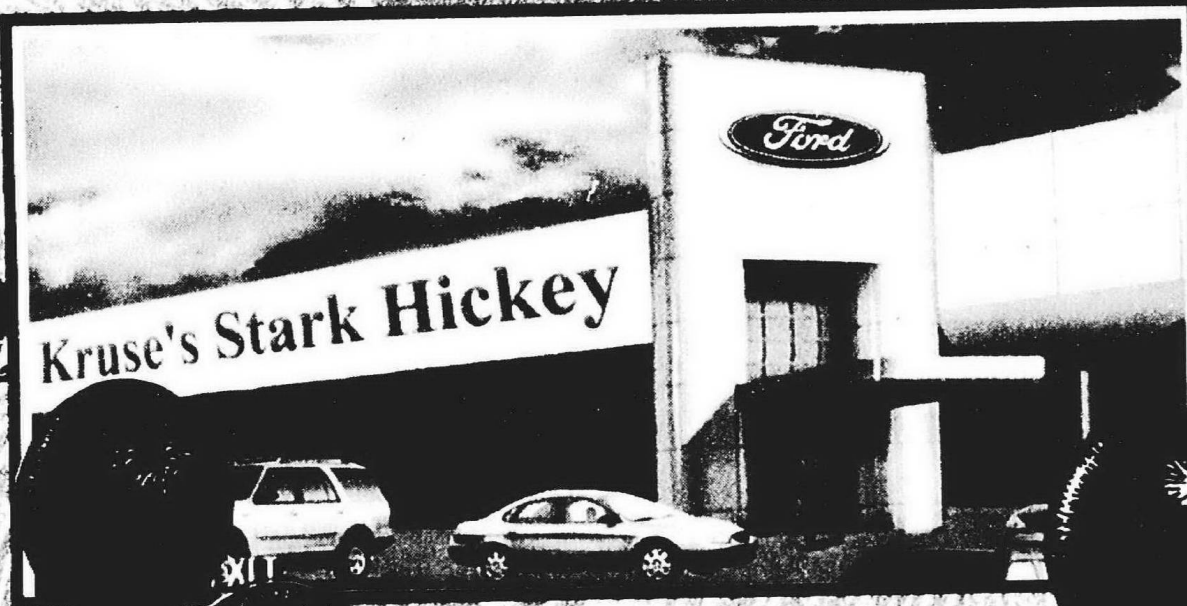
In fact, she said, job offers come in the most unexpected places. Like the time the mother of Emily's playmate opened a door teaching at Schoolcraft College. It's not the consulting work she was after, but she hopes it will lead to new contacts.

She started down her career path while earning an undergraduate degree in industrial administration from General Motors Institute and a master's in business administration from the University of Michigan. While a student at GMI, Ontko worked at Chevrolet in Livonia, which led to a full-time job as associate industrial engineer during an era when young, female executives were rare in the automotive world.

She began her most recent job as an industrial engineer at United Technologies Automotive 15 years ago and moved up the ranks until she reached department head.

"I was promoted and got pregnant the same week," she said. "My concern was they wouldn't give me the next level if I had a family, but I got the promotion before I got pregnant."

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25911 Middlebelt Farmington Hills, MI 48336 (248) 426-4000 Fax: (248) 426-4092 www.hom.org

BUS DRIVERS

Fastest growing Metro Airport Shuttle seeks motivated individuals for driving positions at METRO AIRPORT and DOWNTOWN DETROIT. Part-time, Full-time, RETIREES WELCOME. Must have CDL-BP with Air Brakes. Good driving record, map reading skills and knowledge of Tri-County areas. Excellent customer service skills plus. Apply in person Mon-Fri 10am-4pm @ 26500 Van Born Rd. (E. of Inster Rd.) in Dearborn Heights. MI Job Hot-line information recording: 1-888-854-6700 press 4 ext. 250

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The Rochester Hills/Troy area is looking for mortgage processors with experience in conventional, FHA, VA and non conforming loan processing. Closing experience helpful. We are offering a competitive wage and benefit package to the right individual. Please fax your resume and references to Ms. Smith at (248) 299-6114

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Commercial, residential. Full benefits Top pay. Experienced only. Call (313) 532-5400

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Mon-Thurs & Sat afternoon & evening hrs Full & part-time \$6-\$10/hour plus commission. Looking for experienced, professional & friendly atmosphere. If you are serious about your income, have strong work ethic and a team player, call Lisa either 1pm at 1-800-981-6880

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Norrell Services now for hiring 80 professional openings at AAA of Michigan Headquarters. Travel Dept. Positions are direct hire & include competitive wages, benefits, commissions & incentive plan. Full & part-time. Norrell Services/AAA OPEN HOUSE, Mon Jan 15, Noon-8pm, 33607 W. 7 Mile Rd., bwn Farmington Rd., Newburgh, Noon-8pm. Energetic hard workers need only apply!

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Part-time in our Garden City store. Start time 5am, 3 1/2 hrs per day, Mon-Fri. \$10/hr. Apply 32416 Industrial Rd. Garden City, Mon-Fri 9:30-12:30 or 2:30-4:30 734-427-5300, ext. 302

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MAINTENANCE Luxury apartment community in Novi seeks experienced individual with knowledge of HVAC to join our maintenance team.

MAINTENANCE Mature responsible person to perform required repairs at luxury suburban apartment community.

MAINTENANCE PERSON full-time, for West Bloomfield apt. community. Minimum 1 year experience.

MAINTENANCE POSITION Hickory Green Apartments is looking for an on-ground maintenance person.

MAINTENANCE TEAM at Twelve Oaks Mall is looking for a new member. Experience in building maintenance, plumbing, carpentry, etc.

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MANAGER For Ann Arbor building supply branch. Knowledge of local contractors helpful. Full benefit package.

MARKETING DATABASE COORDINATOR Large growing Real Estate Firm is looking for a highly motivated individual who pays attention to detail.

MECHANIC Experienced, heavy equipment. Retirement, medical. Salary commensurate with experience.

MECHANIC/FABRICATOR Needed for large construction company. Union pay / benefits. Equal Opportunity Employer.

MECHANIC HELPER/ parts driver - Good pay & benefits. Wixom area. Must have excellent driving record.

MECHANIC Need certified truck-trailer mechanic. Must have tools. Welding skills a plus.

MECHANICS HELPER - Must have mechanical skills & tools. Mon. thru Fri., no overtime. Apply at Auto Expo.

MEMBER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE Farmington Credit Union is currently seeking a full-time Member Service Representative.

MILLHAND For gage company in Novi. Experience necessary. Full-time, top pay, good benefits.

MORTGAGE LOAN OFFICER A/P, A/R general clerical work, answering phones, practicing accounting, etc.

OFFICE SOLUTIONS Copier Technician. Are you dependable, self-starting and trustworthy?

MORTGAGE LOAN OFFICER Washington Mortgage Company is expanding their sales staff with motivated individuals.

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Maintenance Worker Experienced worker needed for full time position with benefits.

Management Trainee Seeking a great opportunity to use your Bachelor's degree in a Corporate Training position.

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PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHER/CLERK Northville Township is accepting applications for full-time Dispatcher/ Clerk.

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TAX PREPARER Plymouth CPA firm needs experienced Tax Preparer with Knowledge in UltraTax a plus. Part-time flexible hours.

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TRUCK DRIVER - CDL \$10hr. + benefits, heavy moving - office, furniture, full time. 248-548-4340

TRUCK DRIVER Light Delivery, company van or truck. Ideal for retiree. Must have good driving record. Delta Research, Livonia, 734-261-6400

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TRUCK DRIVER OTR Expediter needed. Home every few nights. \$80,000 a year. Class A CDL required. (800)548-1614

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TRUCK TECHNICIANS Great benefit package. Training available. Plenty of work. Best wages in town! Call Terry Davis 111-591-1234

HEAD UNDERWRITER needed for busy suburban mortgage company. FHA, Conventional and Non-Conforming experience required. Excellent salary and benefits commensurate with experience.

UNITED PARCEL SERVICE is seeking qualified Maintenance Mechanics who must be proficient in the following areas:

VETERINARY CLINIC in Redford area, seeks part full time person for animal care & call. HR Manager 248-476-7850 x 2264

VIDEO PRODUCTION ASSISTANT Entry Level for Community and Scholastic Book Fairs. Must be experienced in studio production, remote production, non-linear editing and lighting.

VIDEO PROGRAMMING COORDINATOR Cable Public and Government Access TV. Must be experienced in video production, scheduling and tape playback.

ACO HARDWARE WAREHOUSE Men/Women in good physical condition needed for full time warehouse shipping department.

WAREHOUSE CLERK Good math skills and some computer knowledge. Day shift. Good pay and benefits. Please send resume to: EPI PRINTERS, 13305 Wayne Rd, Livonia, MI 48150

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WAREHOUSE SHIPPING RECEIVING Hello 24hr. full-time benefits. Auburn Hills, MI. Fax resume (248) 275-9980

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Dock worker-Must possess 1 years' Hi-Lo experience and valid state ID driver's license

If you possess the necessary experience we would like to hear from you. We offer a competitive salary and benefits package. If interested, please call.

WAREHOUSEMAN/ MANAGER Newly located and expanded Natural Stone Showroom Warehouse in Farmington Hills, Michigan is seeking an energetic, experienced individual to handle warehouse responsibilities for growing facility.

The Nalco Group, a leader in the beauty industry, has full-time positions open in the following departments:

WAREHOUSE Virginia Tile Co. has full time open positions in Farmington Hills, MI. At our new warehouse and receiving experience. Benefits, profit sharing and 401K.

WAREHOUSE WORKER Scholastic Book Fairs, the leader in children's book fairs is seeking a full time warehouse utility worker.

WELDER Manufacturing Co. seeks experienced steel/aluminum welders. Must be able to read blueprints and have experience in MIG welding.

501 Computer/Info. Systems PROGRAMMER/ANALYST The Charter Township of Canton is accepting applications for the position of Programmer/Analyst.

501 Computer/Info. Systems ACCOUNTANT Continued growth leaves financial services firm to seek full & part-time degreed Accountants with a min. of 2 yrs public accounting experience.

501 Computer/Info. Systems ASSISTANT BUYER If you have an entry level background in retail business, we'd like to talk to you.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Manufacturing company seeks a part-time Administrative Assistant. Experience with word processing, preparing spreadsheets, graphs and auditing helpful.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT The intellectual property law firm of Lesing, Ethington, PC is seeking candidates to fill an administrative assistant position.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Top companies in Novi, Farmington Hills and Plymouth seek individuals with PC experience for permanent administrative positions.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Seeking a team-oriented, full-time Word Processor for a busy office. Must possess excellent spelling, transcription, and telephone skills.

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BOOKKEEPER needed for Asset Management firm to assist in servicing variety of client requirements. Must have financial background and excellent people, organizational and computer skills.

BOOKKEEPER/SECRETARY Battle Ground Paint Ball seeks a self-motivated, quick learning person. Must enjoy Rock-n-Roll, pay \$8.12, flexible hrs 25-40/wk. Fax resume to Cyndi at 248-349-2810

BOOKKEEPER THROUGH trial balance with construction experience preferred. Full time. Excel and computerized accounting. Full office in Novi. Fax resume with salary requirements to: (248) 684-5793

BOOKKEEPING ASSISTANT Permanent part time flexible hrs. for insurance co. in Farmington Hills area. Duties include computer billing & collections, assisting with payroll, phone, computer data entry. Must have some experience with MS Windows, MS Office the internet and be willing to provide outstanding customer service.

BUSINESS ASSISTANT Considerable experience in health-care environment. Coordinate the patients schedule & insurance. Use your computer skills, enjoy working with people & working in a fast paced work environment. Work Mon-Thurs. Benefits. NW Livonia. Call (248) 474-0100 or Fax resume: 248-474-1588

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ENGINEER

needed to help the environment. The Senior Environmental Employment Program of the EPA, at 2000 Trawers Road, Farmington Hills, MI. An Arbor has an opening for a Facility Engineer at the Laboratory. Required: Applicant must have 25 years or older with an engineering degree. Experience needed in complex heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems design and operation. Also energy conservation program design and energy data collection. Computer skills helpful. Duties: Engineer will provide design and laboratory users with two building operations and maintenance contractors to ensure proper performance of the complex HVAC systems at the vehicle emissions laboratory. Benefits: 40 hrs/week at \$11.39 per hour. Paid vacation: 2 weeks. Excellent working conditions. Send resume to: Mary Reilly, SEEP Program, Senior HR Manager, 2000 Trawers Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48333. Fax: 248-471-8484. Job #0003. Fax: 248-471-8484. Email: maryreilly@epa.gov. www.epa.gov

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Growth & income opportunities for experienced engineers in welding, molding, & extrusion of plastic & rubber with a high degree of responsibility in chemical and/or material sciences. Send resume to: Martin J. Cogan, 2000 Trawers Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48333. Fax: 248-471-8484. Email: mcogan@bostford.com

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Experienced Full-time, Flexible hrs. Royal Oak. 248-547-2111

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Livonia general dental office with holistic health philosophy seeking an enthusiastic, person oriented individual to represent our practice and help run our office. Duties include patient relations, reception, billing, staffing, and computer work. Salary negotiable. Call for interview: 734-266-2050

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Needed for our friendly Plymouth office. Please call Chris. (734) 455-4070

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Part-time for busy 2-doctor practice in Canton. 734-459-7850

Orthodontic assistant

Needed part time. Experience necessary. Rochester & Beverly Hills area. Beautiful environment & friendly staff. Excellent pay & benefits. Call: (248) 652-6121 or fax: (248) 652-2577

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For Southfield dental office. Part or full time. Flexible dental background. Will train. Please fax resume: 248-646-2434

SURGICAL DENTAL ASSISTANT/EXPERIENCED RECEPTIONIST

For periodontal office in Southfield. Full or part time. Call: Mon, Wed or Fri, 9-5pm: 248-350-2220

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Full time with good pay and benefits. Join our dedicated, caring staff in a beautiful, clean environment with excellent ratios. Apply at: Marywood NCC, 36875 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48150-0600

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MEDICAL ASSISTANT/RECEPTIONIST

Experience needed. 30-36 hrs/wk. For busy internal medicine practice in Livonia. Salary & benefits depend on experience. Fax resume: (734) 464-8787 or send application to: 19638 Hardy, Livonia, MI 48152.

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Full & part-time for Mercy Primary Care, the Physician Office Network of St. Joseph Mercy Health System. Competitive pay & hospital system benefits. Openings in OB/GYN and family practice/internal medicine. Send resume to: Vicki Parker, Mercy Primary Care, 3400 S. Liberty St., Ann Arbor, MI 48106. Or fax to: (734) 712-1164

Medical Biller

Busy practice needs a hard-working self-starter with follow-up, rejection & third party insurance experience - a must. Livonia area. \$18/hr. Fax resume to: 248-478-1167

MEDICAL BILLER

Experienced full-time biller for Cardiology practice, salary & benefits. Fax resume to: 248-865-9425/call 248-865-9698

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Experience required. Excellent benefits. Competitive salary. Friendly atmosphere. Plymouth area. Call Scott: 734-453-6970

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Part or full time for busy cardiology office at Beaumont, Royal Oak. Experience necessary. Excellent working condition. Salary & full time benefits. Fax resume: 248-551-5677

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Experienced for state-of-the-art Otolaryngologist office, located in Rochester. Please fax resume to: (248) 651-5053 or call: (248) 651-5051

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For growing professional billing company. Fax resume to: 313-240-7301

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Full-time. West Bloomfield. Internal great salary & benefit package. Call Dana: (248) 737-9770 or fax resume to: 248-737-9774

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part time, experience preferred. Fax resume to: Natalie: 248-625-2248

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Full time position. Busy Garden City office. Medical computer biller & excellent communication skills required. Non smoking environment. References required. (734) 525-5744

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17th From 12-1:00 p.m. at 7499 Middlebelt Rd. in West Bloomfield (248) 851-4100

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Westhaven Services Co., a rapidly growing long-term care pharmacy, seeks a Client Service Manager with Customer Service, Sales, or Service Industry experience.

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Ann Arbor area metro store Experienced only. Resume to Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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Worldwide International Freight Forwarder is seeking an experienced sales person in transportation and logistics.

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Available in sales/repair experienced well-established company. Immediate opening. Call 248-442-7878

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IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN PLYMOUTH/CANTON AREA for three serious, career minded individuals capable of participating on a dynamic real estate team.

INSIDE SALES POSITION

A local manufacturing company seeks individuals for Inside Sales Group. Primary responsibilities include processing orders, quoting specialty products, servicing customer needs.

INSURANCE - FARMINGTON HILLS AGENCY

seeking high spirited & friendly person for CSR/Sales position to work in a warm & friendly office. Personal lines experience preferred.

MEDICAL SALES PERSON

needed to promote large chain retirement facilities to hospitals, clinics, D.R. office. Salary, commission & benefits negotiable.

Mortgage Loan Officers

Switching sales careers? Our top producers started with our Free two-week training program and enjoy fantastic incomes.

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Mail resume to 101 Brookside Lane, Suite 100, Brighton, MI 48116

NEW DIVISION of large established company

seeking high energy self-starter with sales experience to procure and renew corporate accounts.

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BAKER'S HELPER/COUNTER Midnights, 10pm-5am. Part time or Full-time w/benefits.

CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANT 2-3 years experience a plus. Minimum requirements, Windows 98 and Reception.

COUNTER HELP: lunch hours only 58hr/ Livonia area. Subway Sandwiches 30222 Plymouth Rd. E. of Merriman.

INSTALLER/TRAINER PICTURE HANGING experience required. Up to \$25 an hour.

INSURANCE Customer Service/Sales for State Farm Agency in Plymouth. Prior experience preferred.

OCCUPATIONAL & PHYSICAL THERAPY TECH Part-time for Physical Therapy Center in Canton. Local smoker.

PART TIME DELIVERY TRUCK DRIVER needed for Plymouth based company.

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SALES ASSISTANT Needed for home builder. Must have RE license or be willing to obtain an RE license.

SALES MANAGER - Real Estate must have Real Estate experience. Outstanding and enthusiastic. Salary plus bonus.

SALES PEOPLE wanted for residential alarm sales. Salary & commission commensurate with experience.

SALES REPRESENTATIVE if you want to enjoy what you do and get paid for your efforts...

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WEEKEND SIGN INSTALLER Real estate sign routes available for Highland, Howell, Commerce & S. Lyon Township areas.

WORK DETAIL SUPERVISOR 15th District Court is seeking a mature, responsible person to supervise a work detail crew.

SALES REPRESENTATIVE with experience needed for rapidly expanding local ice cream distribution company.

SALES-REX MEDICAL \$61,571/yr. commission plus bonuses. 2 positions available. Fax resume to 248-598-8099

SALES The "Nation's Group" is seeking sales staff for their multiple store locations.

524 Help Wanted-Domestic HOUSEKEEPER/COOK FULL-TIME for Redford home. Must have references and police clearance.

HOUSEKEEPER NEEDED Cleaning, errands, laundry & cooking. Full time. References required.

HELP WANTED Employment/ Instruction Services #500-598

534 Job Wanted-Female/Male EUROPEAN MAID will clean your house.

536 Childcare Services-Licensed Experienced. Care giver seeking professional working parents for their toddler.

537 Childcare/Babysitting Services Before/After School Childcare Lathers Elementary, Garden City, MI. 734-421-4447

538 Childcare Needed After school childcare Mon-Fri, 15 hrs/week. Ages 10 & 12.

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BABYSITTER NEEDED (for 8 & 11 year old girls) Bloomfield mom returning to school.

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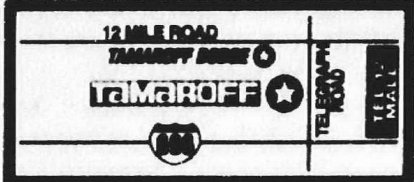
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Sebring evokes a youthful



2001 Sebring Coupe

BY STEVE SCHAEFER
AUTOWIRE.NET - SAN FRANCISCO

Once the bastion of old-fashioned, overweight, gas-guzzling behemoths, Chrysler now offers some of the leanest, hand-somest vehicles built in America. The new Sebring Coupe continues Chrysler's new styling tradition into the 21st century. According to DaimlerChrysler, consumer

research shows that the Sebring name evokes a youthful attitude. The marketing folks liked the name so much that for 2001, they redesigned the Cirrus sedan and welcomed it into the Sebring family, which also includes America's favorite convertible for the last five years running. The coupe is different from the sedan and convertible, however, because it is built in Normal, Illinois alongside the Dodge

Stratus Coupe and the Mitsubishi Eclipse. It may share a platform with the mechanically styled Eclipse, but the new Sebring Coupe's look is pure Chrysler. From the low, oval grille to the high, chiseled tail lights of the new classic 300M, the Sebring looks perfect. The soaring Chrysler wings are prominent on the nose and the word "Chrysler" graces the side. My Ruby Red Pearl Coat tester reminded me

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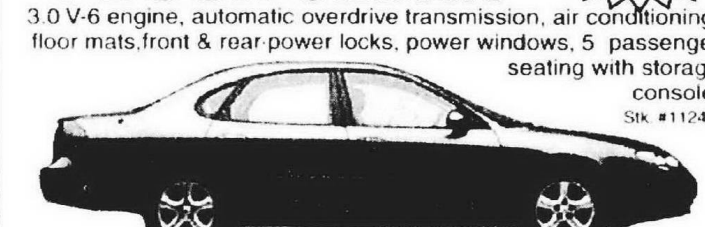
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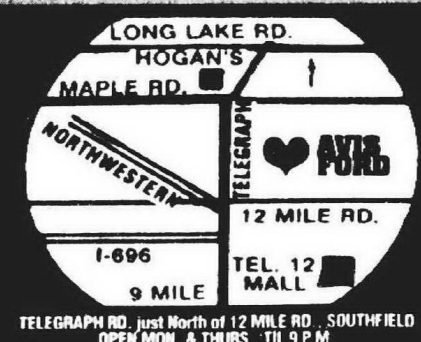


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of a Jaguar XKE up front. The chrome trim around the side windows evokes the feeling of an upscale European car. Seventeen-inch alloy wheels add presence, and on my car, they were the optional chrome ones (\$750) for extra sparkle.

The Sebring Coupe is the best kind of personal car, small enough to feel intimate, but spacious enough to provide room in back for adults when needed. A center shoulder belt and three child seat anchor points make it easy to bring the whole family along. If you plan to transport them frequently, however, the new Sebring sedan would be a wiser choice.

The new interior is lifted almost verbatim from the 2000 Eclipse. The character lines give it a forward tilt, with a turn-of-the-century motif of rounded surfaces with prominent edges. Behind a small-centered steering wheel lies a flat black dash, which, along with the lower doors, contrasts dramatically with the light gray upper doors, seats and ceiling. The instrument panel combines speedometer and tach into a center section, with the gas and temperature gauges mounted in separate binnacles. The air vents can be closed flat, a luxury trait. A small open bin below the dash is illuminated softly at night. Combined with the long windshield and prominent arching pillars over narrow windows, the effect is like a fighter pilot's cockpit, with everything within easy reach.

The assisted power steering feel lets the wheel communicate without becoming mushy, and the hydraulic clutch makes shifting the manual five-speed transmission a joy.

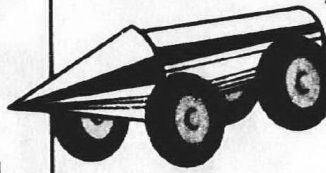
Those same engineers worked long hours to reduce undesirable noises and nurture good ones. The rigid body structure and single-piece body side construction help eliminate squeaks and rattles. Better body and door seals keep out undesirable sounds, too. All the smiling driver hears is a warm, throaty hum as the speed increases.

The two available engines are invigorated this year. The standard 2.4 liter four-cylinder generates 142 horsepower, up from last year's standard 2.0-liter four. The real honey, though, is the optional 3.0-liter V6. Its 200 horsepower is 37 more than last year's 2.5-liter six, and with the responsive five-speed manual, it turns the Sebring into something of a rocket. You can actually feel yourself sinking back in your seat when the car accelerates. Mileage for the four with automatic is 21 city, 27 highway, and the six, equipped with a manual, is just behind it with 20 and 28 respectively. That's an easy choice - pick the V6 for fun.

The Sebring Coupe comes as either an LX or an LXi. For an extra \$1,565, LXi buyers get body-colored mirrors, a digital compass/temperature display, the Infinity seven-speaker stereo with CD, four-wheel disk brakes, 17-inch wheels, and the option of adding leather

seating, a Homelink remote control system, and the manual/automatic Autostick transmission.

All Sebring Coupes have the basic luxuries standard, such as air conditioning, power windows, power locks, power mirrors, intermittent wipers, cruise control, and a leather-wrapped



steering wheel. My tester's paint showed some minor flaws, but otherwise I came away very impressed that this second-generation Sebring Coupe was so responsive, fully equipped, and well built for just

\$25,105. This price includes the leather interior group (\$1,045), anti-lock brakes (\$565), power sunroof (\$685) and upgraded sound system with four-CD changer, too. Prices start at just \$20,495 for the LX model and \$22,060 for the LXi.

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