

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

Setting goals: The Plymouth City Commission meets for a goal-setting session at 6 p.m. at city hall.

TUESDAY

School board: The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School. Among items on the agenda is expected to be discussion of the elementary school boundary recommendations.

Township meets: The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meets at 7 p.m. in the meeting room at township hall at Ann Arbor and Lilley Roads.

THURSDAY

Kids concert: The Plymouth Symphony presents its third-annual *Koncerts for Kids* for fourth-grade students. The concerts are presented at 9:45 and 11 a.m.

Tax payments

Haven't paid your summer or winter tax bill? You've still got a chance before they get listed as delinquent.

According to Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards, the taxes don't go down to the county, and therefore aren't considered delinquent, until March 1.

That means taxpayers can pay them until Feb. 28. For more information, call the treasurer's office, (734) 463-3840, Ext. 214.

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Planners nix 190-foot cell tower



■ It didn't take a shot of novocaine to make Plymouth Township planning commissioners numb to the idea of putting a 190-foot cell tower on the property of Joy Road dentist Bruce Fisher.

BY SUE BUCK
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An application for a 190-foot cell tower with future antennas projecting above that height on Joy Road was denied Wednesday.

The Plymouth Township Planning Commissioners nixed the proposal before about 50 people who came specifically to hear this issue.

The tower would have been built on a two-acre parcel owned by Dr. Bruce Fisher, a Joy Road dentist. The area is on the north side of Joy Road and east of Canton Center Road. It's the only lot on Joy Road that doesn't contain homes.

Fisher wasn't at the meeting to review the "use subject to special conditions" application.

Robert Perry, of SDS Wireless, Inc.

and Trintel spoke on behalf of the petitioner. Clients, who Perry wouldn't identify, want to be on a communications facility in this area, he said.

They are recognizable company names with whom township residents purchase service, Perry said.

Perry said proprietary reasons precluded him from revealing how much money Fisher would receive for permitting such a tower on his property.

"We want to look at whatever options are available to us," Perry said.

Later during the meeting, the commission approved an amendment to the zoning ordinance that specifically addresses wireless communication.

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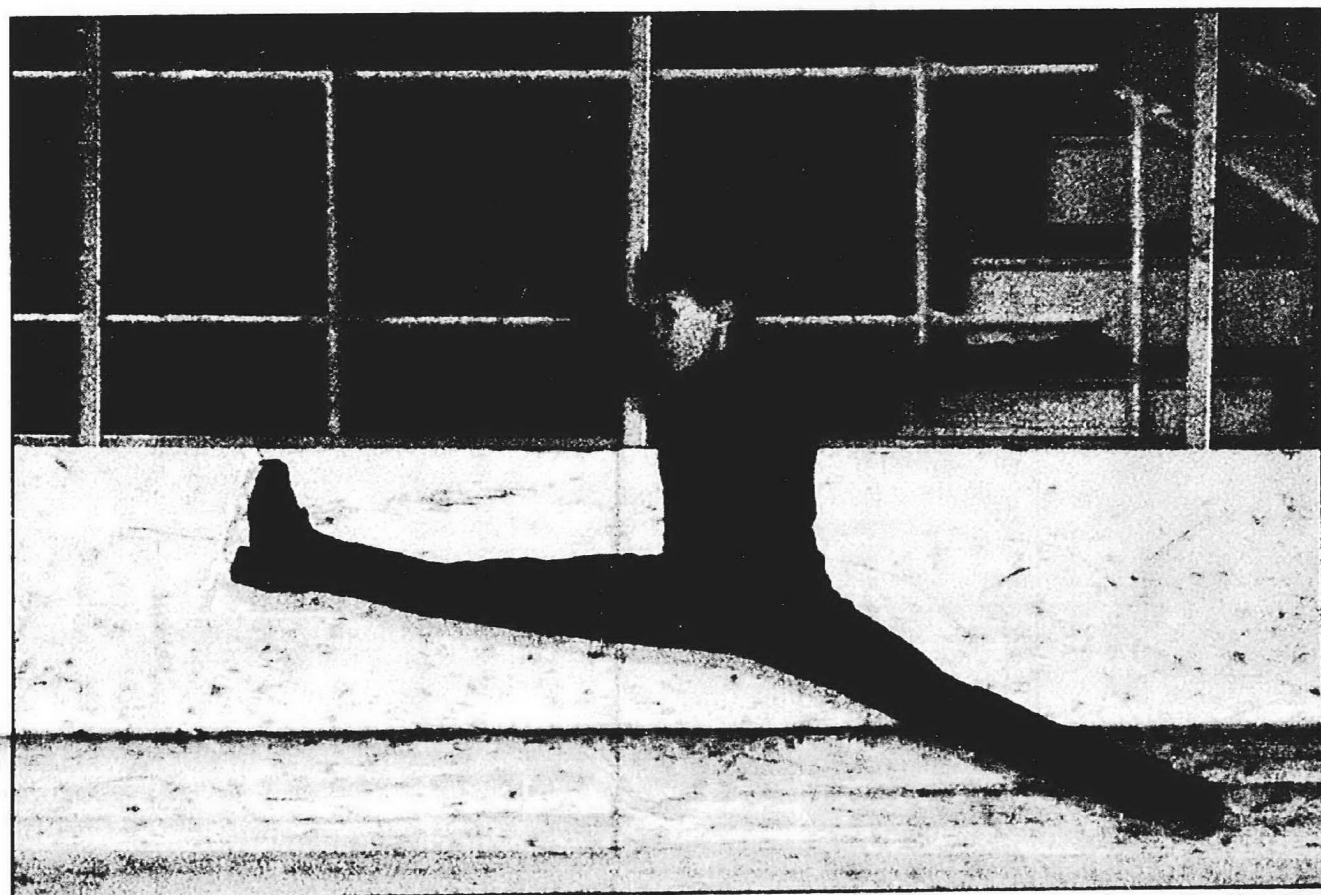
■ 'A 190-foot monopole ... will present a cluttered appearance, vastly out of scale with the residential neighborhood.'

Sara Hodges
—McKenna Associates

present a cluttered appearance, vastly out of scale with the residential neighborhood," said Sara Hodges, vice-president of McKenna Associates, Plymouth Township's planning consultants.

Please see CELL TOWER, A3

Hot on ice



Slick skater: Frankie Huber of South Lyon, 12, a member of the Plymouth Figure Skating Academy, warms up on the ice at the Plymouth Cultural Center Thursday. He recently placed 10th in his bracket at national competition in Denver.

Solid ice

Skater soars at national competition

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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He's only 13, but figure skater Frank Huber speaks like a man with much more wisdom than his age might indicate.

"I just try to be the best I can be. Just take it one step at a time," said Frank, of South Lyon, a member of the Plymouth Skating Academy.

Certainly down-to-earth for a teenager who recently finished 10th in the Junior Nationals skating competition held in Denver, Colo.

"Denver was really cool ... I'd never been there before," said Frank. "I was nervous, but I tried not to show it because then my mom would get nervous."

"Frankie is great," said his coach, Lisa Kirby of the Plymouth Skating Academy. "I don't have to tell him to practice his program. He has a lot of self motivation."

"When we went to Denver, we tried to make it a fun, learning experience while at the same time getting him mentally prepared," said Kirby. "The nationals can be an overwhelming

Please see SKATER, A4



Motherly advice: Frankie, right, and his brother Mike, 10, take a break to talk to mom Luann at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Pobur target of latest commission recall effort

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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For the second time in weeks, Plymouth Mayor Pro Tem Colleen Pobur is the subject of a recall campaign.

A hearing to approve petition language is slated for March 13 in front of Wayne County elections commissioners, in which Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva is seeking approval to circulate recall petitions against Pobur for failing "to require a performance bond on the Mayflower Town Centre."

"She has a lot of knowledge about public works projects, and should have

known about requiring a performance bond," said Vorva. "Other communities do, and we didn't."

Vorva said he's attempting to recall Pobur because "she may try to run again. Pobur hasn't done anything for the city. She operates for personal interest."

The Mayflower Centre has been controversial because the project in downtown Plymouth has been shut down for nearly four months because of the financial problems of developer John Vincenti.

While the city has been criticized for not requiring a performance bond to

■ 'Pobur hasn't done anything for the city.'

Jerry Vorva
—Recall petitioner

make certain the project is completed, city attorney Bob Marzano said cities can't require performance bonds on private property construction. He did say performance bonds can be required for public parts of a private project, such as replacement of a city sidewalk, which the city did.

Vorva said he believes when the city sold the old Wiedman property to Vincenti for the Mayflower Centre project, that's when commissioners should have asked for a performance bond.

"It's ridiculous to make county and local elections officials have to deal with specious accusations," said Pobur, who has stated she will seek another term on the commission. "I would hope Mr. Vorva understands the abilities and powers of local government in a local construction project."

Pobur is getting support from fellow

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Pet store clears hurdle to day care

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Specialty Pet owner Terri Bennett cleared a hurdle Wednesday toward reopening a dog day care service, but she still faces a site plan review.

Bennett considered her dog day care both a success and a community service until Plymouth Township officials ordered her to stop the service last July because they said she was in violation of the kennel ordinance.

She continues to operate the dog supplies store, she relocated to 1000

Arbor Road and Sheldon to its new location on the south side of Ann Arbor Road, east of Sheldon and west of Elmhurst. She started Specialty Pets Club Canine in August.

Bennett reaffirmed her dedication to her business and to cleaning up immediately after the animals on site.

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City plugs \$70K into parks plan

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City officials have committed \$70,000 for new playscapes at Jaycee and Garden Club parks. The playground equipment is part of nearly \$250,000 in upgrades eventually planned for those two neighborhood venues.

"I'm pleased there are tangible results as a result of meetings between the city and neighborhood residents," said Commissioner David Byers. "There's a strong sentiment among the residents to improve recreation. It's a clear example of programs over politics."

Earlier this month, the city unveiled plans for Jaycee and Garden Club parks to neighborhood residents, who gave two thumbs up to improvements

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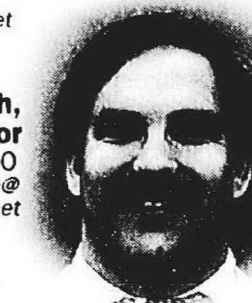
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Consultant offers advice on habits

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Joan Moore

Joan Moore has been dubbed by some as the Yenta of the HR. She's not quite a gossip or a busybody as the word Yenta may suggest, but she does have a handle on what habits and practices can make or break a company's workforce and impact the human resources department.

Moore, an Ann Arbor resident and attorney, founded The Arbor Consulting Group in 1983 in her home.

Shortly after, she moved the business to its present location at 711 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth.

Since then, Moore's national human resources management consulting firm has partnered with organizations to provide innovative design and applications for human resources issues.

"We have been doing a lot of exit interviews or surveys for companies," Moore said. "A lot of human resource departments have been scaled down so much (that) companies have to out-source."

Also, employees who don't want to burn their bridges, so to speak, don't always tell the whole reason why they are leaving during exit interviews.

"We call them up and promise

to be anonymous and confidential with their information," Moore said. "We get the real scoop. Maybe they weren't happy with a supervisor or certain working conditions. Maybe they weren't flexible or rigid about time off when a certain family member died."

Data can be compiled with data from other employees who have left, she said.

"It's amazing how many people want to talk to us and tell us what was going on," Moore said. "Employees also want to talk about what would need to change for the employee to return."

Hot button issues are often the same in different companies, she said.

Employees who leave for an extra \$1 an hour sometimes find the additional money wasn't

Local firm wins award

BY SUE BUCK
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Five Michigan companies were recently honored for their innovative human resources practices at the Fifth Annual Awards for Excellence held at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn.

The Arbor Consulting Group of Plymouth and the Eastern Michigan University Master of Science of HR/OD Program were co-sponsors of the awards. About 40 nominations were received. Fraya Wagner-Marsh of EMU assisted with the selection process.

"We began the awards com-

petition to recognize the importance of human resources professionals within their organizations," said Joan Moore, founder and president of The Arbor Consulting Group. "A human resource professional can have a major impact on his or her company's bottom line, the lives of employees, and the community as a whole. Yet, they are largely unrecognized for their contributions. The Arbor Awards seek to make a difference in recognizing the contributions of the human resource professional and the support of their forward-thinking CEOs."

Moore's company gives others insight into the working world. The company has earned a reputation for designing and implementing quality, timely and cost-effective human resources applications.

In 1998, the Arbor Consulting Group, Inc. received a special tribute award from the Women's Economic Club as part of its Today's Workplace of Tomorrow awards.

Moore is married with a daughter.

Clarification

A story in Thursday's Observer about a water and sewer permit for the new high school should have said Plymouth-Canton school officials have moved the site for a proposed football stadium in by 60 feet. The story should have also indicated that revised plans for the site have been presented to North Pointe residents.

Art seminar

The Plymouth Community Arts Council and the Plymouth Symphony are inviting area residents to an "inspirational and healing" hands-on art seminar, *Mandalas and Music*, presented by Plymouth artist Cathy Dyer Saturday, March 3, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Performing Arts.

According to the PCAC, Dyer's process involves "meditation to access symbols and colors which come from the inner self and from spiritual guidance to create mandalas, or healing symbols based on a circle."

Dyer has been a featured artist at Plymouth's ARTageous Festival, at the PCAC and in the Artists' Response to Universal Violence Against Women. Her luminous mandalas are drawn with colored pencil on black paper. She "especially enjoys seeing

PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

people without art experience realize they do have creativity inside of them," officials said.

The March 3 seminar will feature the music of Tobias Picker's work *The Encantadas*.

There will be a juried exhibition of artwork created at this seminar before the symphony's March 24 *Encantadas and Exhibitions* concert at the new Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth. This collaborative program is supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

For more information, call (734) 451-2112.

New branch manager

Andrea Marlow was named Community Federal Credit Union's Northville Branch manager this month.

Marlow, a Westland resident, was pro-

moted from her position as an assistant branch manger at the Plymouth branch Feb. 5. Marlow has been with CFCU since 1988. She graduated from Schoolcraft College in 1992 with an associate's degree in liberal arts and accounting.

"I'm very excited to be in Northville," Marlow said. "The members I have met have been wonderful to talk to. Everyone from the staff to the membership to the community has welcomed me with open arms."

Pistons clinic

The Detroit Pistons youth basketball clinic comes back to Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville Saturday, March 24.

Steve Moreland of the Pistons/Detroit Shock conducts the clinics in two waves, from 2:30-3:45 p.m. for grades K-2, and from 4-5:15 p.m. for grades 3-6. The clinics are open to boys and girls. Also, Pistons mascot "Hooper" will be on hand for fun, photos and autographs.

Cost is \$15 per child and includes practices on Saturdays, March 31 and April 4. There is a limited number of participants per session. Register by calling Ward Church, (248) 374-5937 or e-mail shelly.martin@wardepc.org.

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SMART reimburses township

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Plymouth Township is eligible for up to \$103,351 in reimbursement from the SMART system to support the township's senior and handicapped citizen transportation program.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann, in going through records kept by the township's former administrative services administrator, discovered inaction on her part regarding the reimbursement but didn't know the specific reason.

In order to be eligible for reimbursement from SMART, the township must execute the SMART Municipal Credit Agreement on an annual basis, provide to SMART a description of the services the township offers, and provide detail to SMART showing costs expended by the township.

"The Municipal Credit Agreements for fiscal years 1997 and 1998 were approved by the Plymouth Township board on July 15, 1997, but were never executed nor were they forwarded to

SMART," according to information Mann provided to the board. "Municipal Credit Agreements for fiscal years 1999, 2000 and 2001 were received by Plymouth Township but never acted on."

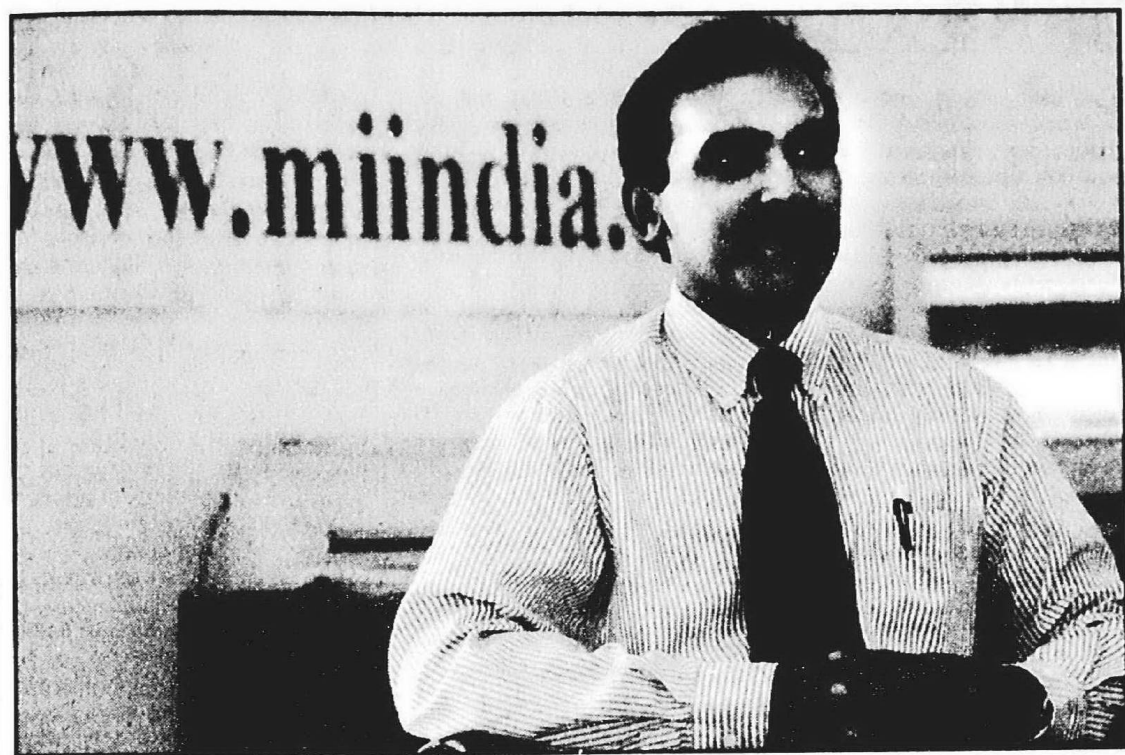
Dan Dirks, SMART general manager, said he's seen the situation happen before but usually when there's been a change in administration. He remembered a similar situation a couple of years ago in an Oakland County community.

"It's not alarming to us," Dirks said. "It happens periodically. We're willing to work with them. We're flexible."

A 10-year period of unused funds could pose more of a problem, Dirks said.

"SMART has been contacted regarding this situation and has agreed that if the contracts are executed, and the supporting detail provided, they are willing to reimburse Plymouth Township for expenditures dating back to fiscal year 1997," Mann said.

SMART reimburses Plymouth Township for the costs of these services with matching funds.



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On the 'net: Anand Kumar describes the offering of his Web site, www.miindia.com, designed for Michiganders of Indian descent.

Home page

Designer helps immigrants

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Although he's lived in the United States for 16 years, Anand Kumar remembers well what it was like when he left India and settled in his new, strange home in the Midwest. He needed a place to live, a car and places to shop and eat — and he needed to find them fast.

Those needs sparked Kumar's Michigan Indian Web site, www.miindia.com, launched two years ago.

"The area was growing quite fast and there was a need among people from India who were getting off the plane and already had good jobs, but did not know how to find a place to live, how to get a car, where to buy Indian clothes and food," Kumar said.

Kumar, who already had a busy schedule as AAA of Michigan finance director, began working on the site in his spare time with business partner, Senthil Kumar. The site opened in 1999, and it's been growing ever since.

"We now have five people working on it regularly," Kumar said. "Our primary objective is to develop miindia as a Web portal for Michigan Indians."

Comprehensive source

Kumar said most Indian groups and associations are based on its members' region of origin, but until miindia, there was no one source that brought all the groups together.

Today, the site includes information on issues every newcomer to the United States needs to know, including how to dress, where to shop, how to get a driver's license and Social Security card, and information about immigration.

The site also gets personal, and includes a message board, filled with messages from people seeking baby sitters, roommates, used cars, and information about issues and events.

"There's a certain comfort level when people visit our Web site," Kumar said. "They feel like they're visiting a room full of people who have been through exactly the same things at one point or another. We have all been through those things."

Kumar said the site was first intended to help Indian immigrants adjust to relocation and fit into American culture, as well as preserve their own identity.

"We are very concerned with fitting in. We want to be a part of our communities," Kumar said. "But at the same time, our culture is several thousand years old and we want to hold onto that while we go about our jobs and everyday lives."

The site began to evolve from there, said Kumar.

"My friends and neighbors were curious about

me and my culture — especially Indian food — so I try to include information for them to learn about us," Kumar said. He added he hopes to develop more information about Indian culture specifically for non-Indians.

Site for everyone

"This site is definitely not intended to be only for Indians," Kumar said. "This is great for people who work with, or live with, or are friends with Indians, who want to know more about us. Our intent is help everyone understand about each other."

Kumar explained said just this week, he came across a message on the message boards from a young man whose former room mate is Indian, and is getting married. The writer asked for suggestions about what to buy him for a traditional wedding gift.

The site also tries to help its visitors in their careers.

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Anand Kumar
—Web site designer

Much of the material on miindia is technology-intensive, explained Kumar, because so many immigrants come from India to take technology jobs. Recognizing that, he includes as much useful information and tutorials as possible for them.

Kumar said he has no intention of expanding the site outside Michigan, and he estimates about 80 percent of the site's visitors are from Michigan.

"If you're going to do something like this, and do it well, you have to live there," he said of his intent to keep the site Michigan-specific.

He is, however, cultivating relationships with other Web site developers in order to link up with other India-themed sites throughout the country.

"That would be very helpful to people who are relocating or traveling from state-to-state," Kumar said.

The site is currently supported by more than 30 advertisers, but Kumar said he is convinced that number will grow quickly.

"There are about 40,000 Asian Indians living in Michigan, and more than 80 percent of them have computers," he said. "Business, especially large businesses, are recognizing that ethnic marketing is the way to go to reach these people."

Further, he said, Indian consumers are a very attractive audience because so many have well-paying tech jobs.

Kumar said he's very pleased with the site's growth, and looks forward to watching it grow in the future.

"The changes I've seen during the last 16 years are phenomenal," he said. "People understand so much more about other cultures and other people than they used to, and that has a lot to do with the Internet."

Cell tower from page A1

"Buildings in the Office Service District may not exceed 30 feet in height; in the single family residential districts 35 feet is the maximum height permitted. A 190-foot tower and antenna is out of character with the neighborhood and will visually dwarf the surroundings."

Because no particular telecommunication provider was identified as one which would be located on the tower, the planning commission Wednesday other residents seated in the audience said they also wanted to sign the petition.

The signers agreed the tower would be unsightly and a possible detriment to home values in the area.

"The cell tower would be right in our backyard," Rais said.

Chris Good of Mayflower Drive worried about potentially detrimental health effects to

■ **'The cell tower would be right in our back yard.'**

Barbara Rais
—Mayflower Drive resident

area residents protesting the proposed cell tower.

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Chris Good of Mayflower Drive worried about potentially detrimental health effects to

school children and children in the neighborhood. "I don't want it 300 feet from my kids," Good said.

Rand Harder, a Joy Road resident who lives directly east of the property, was concerned about the tower's fall zone. He also thought the proposed four-foot perimeter fence would be an inviting challenge for high schoolers.

Chuck VanVleck, a Canton Center Road resident, also expressed misgivings about the tower but added the new wireless communication amendment is expected to address specific points.

"If the wind takes it down or the ice takes it down you are all in jeopardy of your homes," VanVleck said in reference to the tower.

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commission members.

"I would suggest Mr. Vorva read the city charter," said Commissioner Sean FitzGerald. "The city commission is the policy making body, it doesn't run the city. The city manager, who at the time was Dave Rich, would have made the decisions concerning the property."

"It appears the witch hunt continues," said Commissioner Michele Potter. "There's a faction out there looking to create division and controversy. What we need to be doing is focusing on delivering excellent services to our citizens, making improvements to our parks, increasing recreation opportunities and dealing with issues that directly affect our residents, such as the placement of cell towers."

Plymouth resident Dan Taylor attempted to recall Pobur and

■ **'It's ridiculous to make county and local elections officials have to deal with specious accusations.'**

Colleen Pobur
—City commissioner

Mayor Dave McDonald; however, the elections commission last Tuesday turned down his petition, citing the language lacked clarity. Taylor has been unavailable for comment.

Some commissioners have suggested Vorva fight to keep Pobur from winning in an August primary or the November general election, instead of saddling voters with a recall election which could cost upwards of \$15,000. "The city commission has

wasted hundreds of thousands of dollars, but when a citizen wants results they complain about the money," he said. "I'm going to exercise my rights."

Vorva said that, unlike Taylor, he didn't file recall petitions against McDonald.

"I like Dave, but I wish he would step down. That would be the honorable thing to do," he said.

McDonald declined to comment on Vorva's statements concerning him or Pobur.

If the petition language is approved, petitioners will have 180 days to produce signatures equal to 25 percent of those who voted in the last gubernatorial election. Plymouth deputy clerk Emily Peters said that means petitioners will need 853 signatures to put the issue on a ballot.

MILITARY NEWS

Army Pvt. Justin A. Perkins has graduated from basic military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During the training, Perkins received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid and Army history and traditions.

Perkins is the son of Judy LeForge of Plymouth and Joe Perkins of Canton.

Army Pvt. Gene M. Diamond has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky.

During the training, Diamond received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is the son of Richard J. and Cynthia Diamond of Plymouth. Diamond is a 1999 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.



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experience for a young person. He did a great job."

Frank has been skating seriously since he was 8, following in the footsteps of his sister, Brooke, 14.

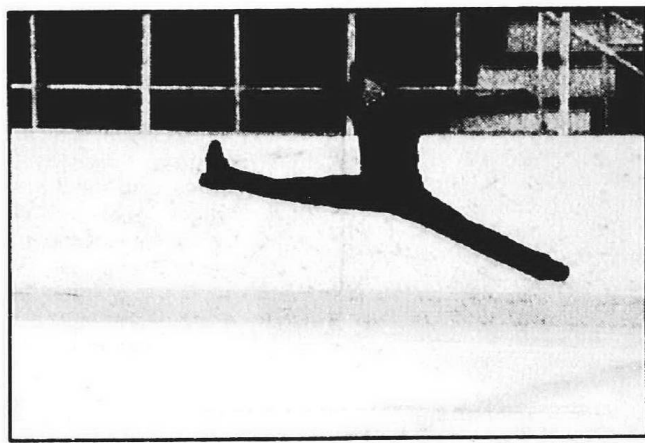
"It's fun, exciting and very challenging," he said. "Like trying to land during jumps and remembering how to do your spins."

"I try to think positive while doing my routine, otherwise I would fall and ruin it," said Frank. "Sometimes there's competition with my brother (Mike, 10). And, my parents give me lots of support."

Besides practicing five or six days a week for 2-3 hours a day, Frank also finds time to practice his karate three days a week, as well as participate in a Saturday morning bowling league.

"We are a busy family," admitted LuAnn Huber, Frank's mother. "Skating just gets in your blood, and becomes life after school. It's like a family at the rink."

Huber's 10th place finish has helped give the Plymouth Skating Academy some notoriety in



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHELMAN

Making perfect: Frankie practices a jump during a workout at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

its initial year. "It certainly does help with the recruiting," said Kirby. "It gives us some exposure, and is definitely good for promoting our club."

It was the first time for Kirby, in her eight years of coaching, to have a skater reach the nationals.

"To have someone go to the nationals in the first year (of the club) is tremendous," said Kirby. "We're very pleased, and everyone has been very supportive."

"A very limited number of skaters make it," she added. "All the pieces have to come together ... the support of the family, plus a dedicated skater who is talented and has the drive to work hard enough."

Family is important, not only for emotional support, but also for financial assistance. Kirby said to be a committed skater, like Frank, could cost upwards of \$1,000 a month in coaching and ice fees.

Parks from page A1

such as new playground equipment, upgrading ballfields and planting trees. The total cost to improve both parks, according to planners, is in the range of \$200,000. Approximately three-fourths of that is for Jaycee Park.

"The city developed a recreation master plan last July, with a vision to provide parkland within the city's neighborhoods that provide a variety of activities and meet the needs of the various user groups," Acting

City Manager Paul Sincok reminded commissioners before they voted to allocate the funds. "We will request proposals for the new play structures, which means they probably would be delivered late in the summer season."

Sincok said he's hopeful civic organizations will either donate money to the project, or help with labor during installation.

"This particular plan for Jaycee Park, I'm happy to say, is substantially like the plan sub-

mitted by residents," said Commissioner Bill Graham. "I'm very favorably disposed toward the city actually taking some action on these park design plans, as opposed to creating plans and going through the rigorous process and not doing anything."

Sincok said the last time the city participated in upgrading a city park was two years ago when it donated \$5,000 toward a play structure at Kiwanis Park.

Dog day care from page A1

"My animals are my business," Bennett said.

Planning commissioners approved the special use. Commissioners Carol Davis and Joe Bridgman voted no.

Davis wanted Bennett's two dogs, which she daily brings to her store to be included in the 20-dog limit. She asked that they be pottied in the same area as the dogs enrolled in day care. Bridgman had questions about the Dumpster capacity considering the additional inclusion of dog waste.

The 20-dog number was an arbitrary one, Bennett said, based on the amount of dogs she thought she could comfortably handle. She wished she cited a slightly higher number if her own dogs would be included, she said. The 20-dog maximum limit was one condition posed by McKenna Associates Inc., the township's planning consultants. They found the dog day care use appropriate subject to conditions.

Shirley Barney, Plymouth Township community development director, consulted Hank Maciejewski, departmental manager for Wayne County Health Department's Environmental Health Division, in response to some neighbor's health concerns.

"He informed me if the dog waste were not picked up, bloody pathogens, such as salmonella and e-coli, could be a problem," Barney said. "He then stated that if the wastes are picked up and the area is washed and disinfected daily there should not

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Arlene Karell
—Corinne Street resident

be a problem. Also children should not come in contact with the outdoor elimination area and visibly sick dogs should not be taken in."

Hours stipulated are 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Dogs must have current vaccinations and be examined by a veterinarian before being accepted into the day care program.

Dogs will be restricted to the interior and building and to the fenced, outdoor elimination area which will have a four-foot fence. Dogs cannot be walked or exercised outdoors. They must not be able to escape from the access door. The Plymouth Community Fire Department will require that if the rear door is a fire escape door, a gate that does not lock will have to be provided.

Bennett will provide a site plan which will include a cross-section of the outdoor area showing the type of and depth of each material to be used, details related to the type of fencing, and to the relocation and screening of the Dumpster. The Dumpster must be a minimum 15 feet from the building.

Before being shut down, Ben-

nett cared for about 10-12 dogs a day at her location.

The cost was \$15 a day and \$20 a day for walk-ins.

Bennett called the area around her Dumpster immaculate and contrasted it to others on Ann Arbor Road.

Some neighbors had complained that dogs pottied on their lawns. Bennett has maintained those were local, neighborhood dogs and not the dogs she cared for.

Arlene Karell, a Corinne Street resident, supported Bennett's progressive efforts and likened it to those who saw a need for child care 20 years ago. "I think she is a wonderful addition to the community and the neighborhood as well," Karell said.

Jim Zoltowski, a direct neighbor to Specialty Pets, said he wants to be objective about the situation, relying on his neighbor's eyes and ears and whatever controls the township can place on the business operation. "I can empathize with my neighbors because they are there throughout the day," Zoltowski said.

'If the wastes are picked up and the area is washed and disinfected daily there should not be a problem.'

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Task force investigates Metro's plans to handle noise

BY ALICE ASHMORE
STAFF WRITER

As the skies over Detroit grow increasingly crowded, concerns about airport noise are on the rise.

The recently formed Wayne County Commission Task Force on Airport Noise Mitigation scheduled a March 13 meeting with airport officials to get an accounting of how the problem is being handled.

Detroit Metro Airport has been operating under a federally financed noise abatement program since 1993.

Task force chairman Commissioner Edward A. Boike Jr. (D-Taylor) said. "We want airport officials to take us from that time (1993) to the present, and show us the dollars that they have spent and what has been accomplished."

"We're giving them five weeks notice to get ready with charts and pictures. We want them to bring us up to date."

He characterized the meeting as a "verbal audit."

Commission Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy will do an analysis of the airport's presentation. "The airport has agreed to it," Boike said.

Len Singer, director of the airport's Neighborhood Compatibility Program, said he welcomes the discussion with the task force.

"We have no problems meeting with the task force. We are looking forward to having the opportunity to catch them up on the program," he said.

Boike and his commission are questioning both the progress and accountability of the program.

He is joined on the task force by Commissioners John Sullivan (D-Wayne) and Philip Cavanagh (D-Dearborn Heights).

During his campaign for commissioner last November, Sullivan said airport noise was a major concern of his Dearborn Heights constituents.

"I'm looking forward to learning how far along the noise mitigation program is," Sullivan said.

He said he has received some complaints that the program has not been progressing quickly enough.

The airport's abatement program has three separate components to deal with noise problem, said Barb Hogan, deputy director of Detroit Metro Airport.

"We can add sound insulation to a home, buy the home at a fair market value, or guarantee the home will sell at a fair market value."

The program affects 3,300 houses in six communities, she said.

Boike expressed concerns about the sound-proofing portion of the program, which affects 1,000 houses in his district the northwest section of Taylor.

"The commission has received numerous complaints from residents about problems they experience before, during and after contractors add sound insulation and special windows to their homes," Boike said.

The complaints run the gamut from air conditioners not working properly and poor insulation

to sub-contractors not being paid on time, and delays in the implementation of the program.

"There have been some complaints about the changing of bids, but we don't know if it is true," Boike said.

The task force will also examine airline compliance with the federal law requiring all aircraft to use quieter engines or install "hush kits," a kind of airplane muffler.

"One of our goals is to look at the benefits of the programs and the ways it can be improved for residents," Boike said.

Singer believes the noise abatement program is working.

Three hundred homes near the airport qualified to be purchased. "They were considered to be in an area that is not compatible for residential use."

"So far, 222 homeowners have taken advantage of the purchase program, putting it at a 95-percent completion level," he said.

"As related to sound control, we have completed construction on 576 homes."

Those homes are all in Romulus and Huron Township. "We purposely targeted them first as they are closest to the airport," Singer said.

"A bigger part of the noise abatement issue involves air

traffic control procedures that are designed to minimize noise," Singer said.

Seventy percent of aircraft now take off to the south. This helps reduce the sound of planes at take-off - the noisiest operation - over communities north of the airport, he said.

"The other issue is that airlines have been mandated to phase into operation the quieter stage-three engines," Singer said.

All the aircraft coming into Metro meet these standards, Singer said. "If we were to re-do our noise contour (from the early 1990s), it (noise) would decrease,

rather than grow." "There is only so much we can do to minimize the noise. We certainly understand that it is an issue."

Parties on both sides of the issue agree one thing - that the airport noise problem will not fade away as the demand for air travel continues to grow.

"Our airport has grown tremendously in the last decade, Boike said. "While that is good news for the region's economy, it has led to an increase in noise from the airport which has affected the quality of life of our residents."

Hogan counters. "We recognize

that the airport is noisy and creates a lot of dust, however, it contributes \$11 billion to the regional economy on an annual basis," Hogan said.

Thirty-five million passengers travel through the airport every year, she said.

The airport also means world-wide connections. "You can get to anywhere in the world from here," Hogan said. The Task Force on Noise Mitigation will meet at 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, in Room 402 of the Wayne County building, 600 Randolph, Detroit.

Staff writer Richard Pearl contributed to this story.

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Conservation office relocated to Livonia

The Wayne County Conservation District (formerly known as the Soil & Water Conservation District) has relocated to Livonia at 12717 Inkster Road.

The Wayne County Conservation District is the local entity of state government responsible for providing leadership in the conservation and wise use of soil, water, and related natural resources of Wayne County.

Also provided at no cost are soil surveys and other technical data to Wayne County residents. In addition, there is a Staff Forester/Wildlife Biologist and a Conservation Specialist available to assist the residents with questions and problems.

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DAR hands out annual awards

Stephen Bernacki, a senior at Plymouth Canton High School, got the big prize at the DAR's Good Citizens Awards breakfast this week, but he wasn't the only winner.

Bernacki was named the 2000 Sarah Anne Cochrane Chapter DAR Good Citizen, several nominees earned certificates and Andrea Peters, a member of the Lexington Alarm Society, Children of the American Revolution, won the Junior High Essay Contest. She is from Hillside Middle School in Northville.

Bernacki's winning entry was sent to the state to be judged with more than 50 other chapter winners. The top 10 will be recognized at the State Awards Day in April. The state award winner will be forwarded to the East Central Division of the national competition.

Certificate award winners included Cassaundra Kirby of Churchill High School, Stefenie Stachura of Ladywood High School, Carol Krueger of Northville High School, Christopher King of Plymouth Salem High School and Kelly Hutchens of Stevenson High School.

Judges were Linda Garrett, media specialist at Crestwood High School in Dearborn Heights; Bill Gretzinger, a retired social studies teacher; and Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

Judge Ron Lowe of the 35th District Court performed a portrayal of Abraham Lincoln at the breakfast.

The DAR Good Citizen Award is designed to locate the "very best of our dependable leaders and patriots among our senior high school students," DAR publicity chair Shirley Hering said.



Award winners: The winners at the DAR annual breakfast included, from left, Christopher King, Michael Witkowski, Christine Hass, Carol Darlene Krueger and Stephen Charles Bernacki, this year's winner. In front is Andrea Petres of Hilliard Middle School Northville, the Junior High Essay winner.

Workers split on city unions

By TONY BRUCATO
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Clerical workers employed by the city of Plymouth have voted to join a union, while supervisors voted against affiliating with a bargaining unit.

In voting at City Hall Friday morning, monitored by the Michigan Employment Relations Commission, clerical workers voted 7-3 in favor of joining the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union Council 25. Thirteen employees were eligible to vote.

Meanwhile, supervisors overwhelmingly rejected union representation, voting 6-1 against joining AFSCME. A total of eight employees were eligible for the supervisors union.

"I didn't see how having a union would help the city," said Scott Baker, assistant director of municipal services. "In fact, I think it would hurt because of the limits placed on union workers. We need to work together as a team. With the overwhelming margin, it appears the management team is on the same page."

"From the very beginning, job security and benefits were an issue with the clerical workers," said Acting City Manager Paul Sincock. "The vote by the supervisors shows confidence in the city administration and the city commission."

"The union will be sitting down with the city to discuss wages, hours and conditions of employment," said Jim Randall, an AFSCME organizer. "We hope to bargain and come up with a contract soon."

Sincock said the State of Michigan will certify the election within 11 days, at which time bargaining on a new contract can begin.

City commissioners said they don't feel threatened by the vote of clerical workers.

"It's another layer of bureaucracy, as far as I'm concerned," said Mayor Dave McDonald. "I know they had the right to vote, but it's very disappointing."

OBITUARIES

SARAH L. (BROWN) SWEET

Services for Sarah L. (Brown) Sweet, 89, of Plymouth were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Sweet was born Nov. 9, 1911, in Hymara, Ind., and died Feb. 16 in Howell. Mrs. Sweet worked as a machine operator for a packaging company for 20 years. She came to Plymouth from Detroit in 1951. She was a member of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton and was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and the Senior Club of Plymouth.

Survivors include daughters, Marjorie Ann Wheeler, Nancy Krueger of Washington and Judy (Douglas) Metcalfe of Westland; sons, George (Ann) Brown of Harlington, Texas, Donald Brown of Webberville, Mich., and Bernard (Joyce) Brown of Fowlerville; brother, John McIntosh of Indiana; 17 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lighthouse Hospice of Southfield.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

PEGGY ANN BACON

Services for Peggy Ann Bacon, 57, of Manistee were held Feb. 22 at Ware-Smith-Woolver Funeral Chapel in Midland with the Rev. Kurt Eichinger officiating. Burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery in Manistee.

Mrs. Bacon was born Feb. 29, 1944 in the Bronx, N.Y., and died Feb. 18 in Essexville. She graduated from Manistee High School, and was the homecoming queen of her class. She graduated from Saginaw Valley State University, earning her bachelor's degree, and earned a master's degree in social work from U-of-M.

She worked in Midland at a medical office while her children were young. She later moved to Canton, where she worked as a medical social worker for Renaissance Home Health Care. She moved back to Midland in 1995 to be closer to her sons. She touched many lives through her work with hospice.

She was preceded in death by her son, Christopher Bacon; father, Emery Cole, Jr.; sister and brother-in-law, Sophie Lee and John Rogers; brother,

James Cole; and nephew, Troy Dominick Cole.

Survivors include her mother and stepfather, Peggy Ann and Theodore Bukowski of Manistee; sons William D. Bacon, Jr. and Michael D. (Rhonda) Bacon of Hope; brothers, Harry (Nancy) Cole of Lakeland, Fla., and Tom (Amy) Cole of Manistee; sister, Karen (Don) Darling of Manistee; grandchildren, James Hansen, Ashleigh and Christopher Bacon; numerous nieces and nephews; and many special friends.

Memorial contributions may be sent to MidMichigan Visiting Nurse Hospice Program of Midland or to her three grandchildren for a college trust fund.

Arrangements made by Ware-Smith-Woolver Funeral Directors.

MARY VERONICA BRONICKI

Services for Mary Veronica Bronicki, 97, of Plymouth were held Feb. 22 at the Church of the Divine Savior with the Rev. Alexander A. Kuras officiating. Burial was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Mrs. Bronicki was born Jan. 20, 1904 in Poland and died Feb. 17 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Bronicki, and son, Edmund (Reg) Bronicki.

Survivors include her daughters, Geraldine (Geri) Bronicki of Plymouth and Suzanne Wolshon of West Bloomfield; sons, William "Sonny" (Helen) Bronicki of Southgate and Raymond (Carole) Bronicki of Niles; grandchildren, Dennis, David, Diane, Donna and Douglas; great-grandchildren, Allison, Michael, Lauren and Dougie Jr.; nephews, Edward (Shirley) Jano and Ron Grudzinski; and niece, Valerie (Kevin) Walsh.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 17220 W. 12 Mile, Suite 110, Southfield, MI 48076.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

CHARLES V. VESCOVO

Services for Charles V. Vesco, 84, of Canton Township are scheduled for Monday, Feb. 26, at Neely-Turovski Funeral Home with the Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating.

Mr. Vesco was born Oct. 29, 1916 in Malta and died Feb. 21 in Plymouth. He was a retired automotive skilled tradesman.

Survivors include his wife, Rita; daughter, Mary Ann; sons, Charles (Cheryl) Vesco and Donald (Tamara) Vesco; grandchildren, Christine, Tracy, Charles, Jr., Tiffany, Donald and Tamar; and great-grandchildren, Rachel, Kari and Justine.

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Judge Lita Popke, March 2 — Michigan Gov. John Engler appointed Popke to the Wayne County Circuit Court in June. Currently assigned to the family division, Popke, her husband David and their two children live in Canton.

Popke has been active in both the Plymouth and Canton communities. She has held several offices with the Republican Women's Forum and served as that group's president from 1996-1998. She also served on the board of directors of Community Hospice Foundation and has been active in her church.

Dr. Steven Gruber, March 16 — Gruber is a medical oncologist and specialist in medical genetics. After graduating from Yale University with a doctoral degree in cancer epidemiology, he completed medical school and a residency in internal medicine at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

He went on to Johns Hopkins University, completing a fellowship in medical oncology and focusing his clinical practice on the care of people with melanoma and on families with an inherited susceptibility to

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Standard & Poor's prepares 1st report on state schools

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Standard & Poor's, the known for rating and ranking the credit-worthiness of corporations, is now analyzing school districts on specific criteria — and Michigan schools are its first customers.

Hiring the firm to conduct its School Evaluation Services in Michigan was an administrative order from Gov. John Engler, who sees the program as a tool for districts to analyze themselves and draw their own conclusions. The state signed a \$10 million, five-year contract with S&P.

After three years of research, S&P is offering the service, which analyzes six core categories related to student success. (See information box.) Figures for the analysis have been collected from S&P's own data bases and those at the state level and from state colleges and municipalities.

Both John Truscott, press secretary for Engler, and Jonathan Jacobson, director for S&P's School Evaluation Services, quickly pointed out the report is not intended to rate or rank school districts. And while comparisons to other districts will be included in the report, they will be "apples to apples."

"That's the key," Truscott said. "They have to be accurate. This is not a political document; it's a way of giving everyone a very objective view of what's going

MEAP scores a small part of S&P study

Will Standard and Poor's new school analysis take the air out of the horn blown by school districts whose claim to fame is high standardized test scores?

Maybe a bit, said Jonathan Jacobson, director for S&P's School Evaluation Services.

The company was hired last year by Gov. John Engler to provide the evaluation service, which analyzes six core categories related to student success. (See related story.)

Jacobson is well aware of the emphasis some school districts place on tests such as the Michigan Educational Assessment Program. And while those scores are a component of the S&P analysis, they play a small role in the outcome.

"The MEAP results are not the be-all, end-all of the analysis," Jacobson said. "They are often fairly superficial and certainly are not analytically sound comparisons and ratings."

While he believes high achievement on the MEAP test is important, John Truscott, press secretary for Engler, said the results are one way to gauge success.

"MEAP is just one tool to be used for comparison," Truscott said. "It's not the only one, it's just a guideline."

State Rep. Ruth Johnson, R-Holly, doesn't believe the S&P study will replace MEAP's prominence in the education sector. She feels it will only add to the array of comparative data available.

"Anybody can use anything they want to compare district to district: MEAP tests, Standard and Poor's or what their neighbors say," she said. "The S&P report is) another way people can find more information about their school districts and use it to look at the success rates and how that was done."

— By Debra Pascoe

S&P's 6 core categories

The analytical framework of Standard and Poor's School Evaluation Services features the following six core categories of analysis:

- Expenditures: Where is the money spent?
- Student results: What are the academic outcomes, such as test scores, attendance and graduation rates?
- Return on resources: What is the comparative return? For example, are student outcomes improving as spending increases?
- Finances, taxes, debt: What is the financial context of this return?
- Learning environment: What is the scholastic context of the return, such as class and school sizes, staffing levels, technology, safety?
- Demographics: What is the socioeconomic context of this return?

— Source: Standard and Poor's

Jacobson's take on the reason for the analysis: "The whole basis of a comparative analysis is not saying one is better than the other. Nowhere is there a district's ranking and we're not assessing scores."

"People are certainly put more at ease when they understand this is not part of a political agenda or a reform strategy. It's there to help educators make better informed decisions."

Each of the five analyses, the first of which will be released in April, will be posted on the Internet and will include an executive summary, S&P's conclusions, student outcomes, performance cost indicators and management considerations.

The first report is based on 1999 data, with the second focusing on 2000 numbers set to be released this summer. The remaining reports will be out in April of subsequent years.

Truth be told?

Truscott said the S&P report is similar to the Michigan School

Report Card, but is more comprehensive and provides a "better, more rounded view" — not to mention an impartial opinion of each district's performance.

He also believes the S&P report will dispel common misconceptions, such as money makes for good educational opportunities — the view of many school officials.

"Money is not the only factor in a quality education," Truscott said. "There are very urban and very small districts that could outperform some of the wealthiest school districts."

While it's no secret Engler has made strides in his tenure to heal what he feels are the ills of the public school system, Truscott emphasized the report will not be used to determine a district's success or failure.

"It's coming whether they like it or not," Truscott said. "Those that show good improvements will like it, those that don't, won't. And we're not an apologist for that; we have to move forward to improve that district."

Truscott vehemently denies

the report is being used to build the case for school vouchers.

"Vouchers aren't allowed; they aren't constitutional," he said. "We don't think that will be brought back to the ballot any time soon."

The process

With his company's unbiased reputation behind him, Jacobson said he's taken care to ensure that integrity remains untainted.

Jacobson said the 11-member Michigan Advisory Group — representing the major education associations, members from the state Department of Education and union leadership — was chosen to help S&P formulate its analysis.

"We knew that there would be a tremendous interest, and we wanted to keep the lines of communication open," he said. "They have been very constructive and have provided insight and feedback. They were a great sounding board."

Jacobson sees the report's findings being used by all sectors of a school district.

The school board might see it as the district's vision; principals can check teacher performance; and the finance department can compare data to formulate cost-cutting measures. Parents can view it as a window into their schools.

"Perhaps more important than the data itself is the independent analysis of the data," Jacobson said. "For each school district, S&P prepares a summary report that highlights what we find to be the district's strengths, challenges and risks as well as high-light other key issues."

Room for error?

Jacobson doesn't hide the fact that data bases the company taps for its reports might turn

up inaccurate information.

Nor is the company going to ignore that.

"We've discovered where the data that has been provided by the state is downright questionable ... and the state is aware and realizes that, it's gonna take some lumps," he said.

Jacobson said those areas, as well as "questionable" or missing data, will be "very explicitly" pointed out in the report.

"We're not going to base our analysis on data that's clearly not possible," he said.

Editorial comment

Jacobson said school districts are welcome and encouraged to add comments to the report prior to its public release. Their input will not affect the report from S&P's perspective; however, it will help the school districts clarify individual points.

"The school districts would like the opportunity to add contextual information that may affect the way a district operates or performs that doesn't mean money," he said.

Or, that space might be used for public relations purposes.

Links to the district's Web site will also be included in the report.

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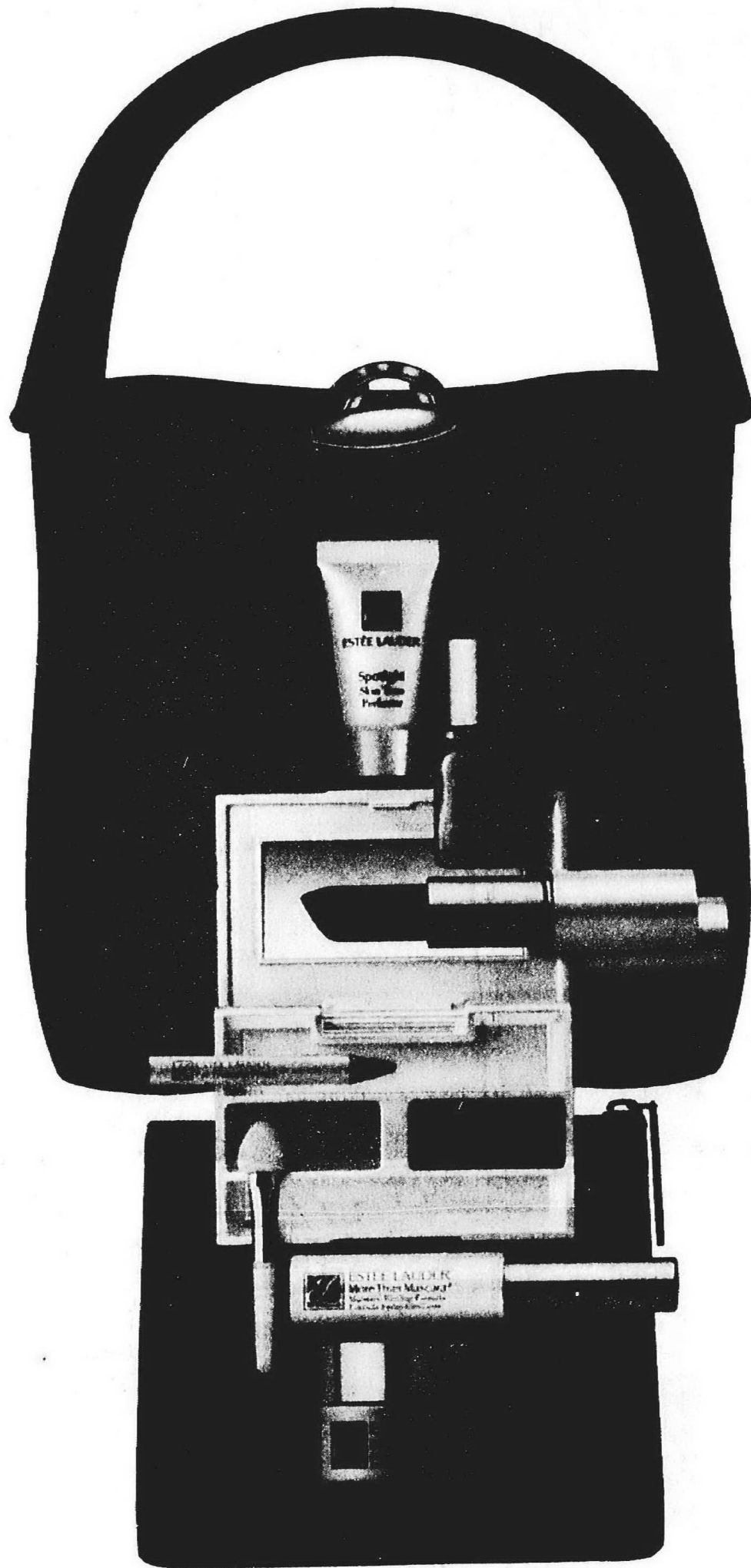
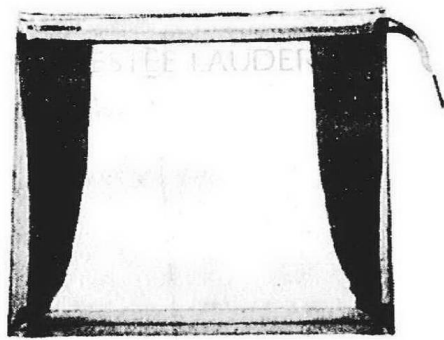
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Scoring swims

Mark Radloff, a freshman member of the University of Rochester (N.Y.) men's swim team, turned in some strong swims at the University Athletic Association swim meet, held earlier this month at Emory University in Atlanta.

A native of Canton (Detroit-Jesuit HS), Radloff finished eighth in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:00.01) and 13th in the 200 breast (2:11.60), and was a member of the sixth-place 200 medley relay (1:38.71), the seventh-place 400 medley relay (3:35.67) and the 11th-place 800 freestyle relay (7:21.75).

The Yellowjackets finished seventh in the nine-team field.

Scholar-athletes

The Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete Award program has named its seven scholarship recipients for the 2001 spring sports season.

Farm Bureau Insurance will present each with a \$1,000 college scholarship. Farm Bureau presents 24 such scholarships, one for each sport in which the MHSAA sponsors a post-season tournament.

Winners were David Omenn of Ann Arbor Huron (baseball), Laura Beauchamp of Dexter (golf), Amy Myers of Cadillac (soccer), Amy Fleming of Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central (softball), David Litwiller of Ithaca (tennis), Steven Lockwood of Alpena (boys track and field) and Megan Elizabeth Dana of Saginaw Heritage (girls track and field).

Among the finalists for the scholar-athlete awards were Plymouth Canton's Oliver Wolcott (baseball), Christina Slupek (golf) and Angie Neu (softball).

To be considered for an award, students must be carrying at least a 3.5 grade-point average (on a 4.0 scale) and have previously won a letter in a varsity sport in which the MHSAA sponsors a post-season tournament.

Ambassador commits

Marc Norrington, a forward for the Compuware Ambassadors, has committed to attend Northern Michigan University in the fall. Norrington joins former Ambassador teammates Craig Kowalski and Alex Sawruk, current members of the Wildcats' hockey team.

A 6-foot, 181-pound forward from Grand Blanc, Norrington has four goals and 11 assists this season for 15 points in 37 games.

"This is a great opportunity for Marc, and the entire Compuware organization is excited about his decision to attend Northern Michigan," said Compuware assistant coach Marc Fakler. "He is a smart player who gives a solid effort each time he steps onto the ice."

Pistons Youth Clinic

A limited number of spots are available for the second annual Detroit Pistons Youth Basketball Clinic on Saturday, March 24 at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, located at 40000 Six Mile Road, just west of Haggerty in Northville.

Boys and girls in grades 3-5 will meet from 2:30-3:45 p.m. followed by grades 6-8 from 4-5:15 p.m.

Coach Steve Moreland and Pistons mascot Hooper will be in attendance. The cost is \$15 per child.

For more information, call Ward Church at (248) 374-5937 or e-mail shelley.martin@wardpepc.org.

CAHA sign-up

The Canton Amateur Hockey Association, in anticipation of the new two-sheet ice arena which should soon be under construction, will begin registration for the fall/winter season from 1-5 p.m. Saturday, March 31 in the Oak Room of The Summit.

A total of 500 openings for ages 5-17 years are expected. Birth certificates and a non-refundable registration fee of \$125 for residents and \$150 for non-residents must be presented at time of registration.

Applications are available at the CAHA media rack in The Summit. For more information, visit CAHA's web site at: <http://sport.mlive.com/sport/canamhoc> key.

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.

Central swats Salem

Rocks mount a comeback, but can't stay with Vikings

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Walled Lake Central center Mark Bortz does not have the wingspan of a 747 jumbo jet.

It just seemed that way to every Plymouth Salem player who ventured into the lane Friday night in the Western Lakes Activities Association semi-final game played at Central.

The Vikings' 6-9 senior center blocked eight Rock shots and altered several others while leading Central to a 59-45 triumph.

The victory propelled Central (18-1) into Wednesday night's WLAAC championship game against Northville. Tip-off is set for 7:30 p.m. at Livonia Franklin.

Salem (8-11) will square off against Walled Lake Western in the consolation game, which tips off at 5:30 at Franklin.

"I thought we played good defensive basketball tonight," Central coach Bob Shoemaker said. "Mark Bortz did a good job of controlling the middle and our guards did a nice job pressuring their guards on our press."

Salem coach Bob Brodie thought his team had a chance of defeating the once-beaten Vikings — but only if the Rocks turned in a near-flawless performance.

"You cannot turn the ball over like we did (22 turnovers) and shoot like we did (35 percent from the field) if you're going to beat a great team like Walled Lake Central," Brodie emphasized. "When their big guy wasn't blocking shots, he was making us change our shots. But we missed a lot of shots when we were open, too."

"On a positive note, I thought we



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBERTSMANN

Fumble scramble: Salem's David Hoskins (right) and Central's Chris Hart dive for a loose ball in the opening quarter of Friday's WLAAC semifinal. Hoskins scored 14 points for the Rocks.

played hard and we never quit. We were right in the game until a one-minute stretch in the fourth quarter when they turned our turnovers into easy baskets and stretched out their lead. I thought coach Shoemaker did a good job of changing up their defenses on us."

Viking senior guard Steve Horn accomplished for Central's offense what Bortz did for its defense. The

slender 6-3 lefty sharp-shooter shredded the Salem defense for 23 points, despite getting off to a rocky start.

"If I would have missed my first six shots like Steve did tonight, I would have said 'good-bye' and gone home," Shoemaker joked. "But like all great shooters, Steve kept shooting, and it paid off."

Horn tallied eight of his game-high total in the final eight minutes to snuff

out any visions of a comeback Salem may have had.

Bortz chipped in with 18 points, two coming on a dazzling alley-oop feed from guard Chris Hart early in the second quarter.

Central forward John Auer also turned in a solid game, contributing 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Nick Tochman and David Hoskins

Please see SALEM, D5

2nd-half flurry carries Canton

Things weren't going right — Jeremy Rheault knew that. One look at the scoreboard at halftime of his Plymouth Canton basketball team's game against Livonia Stevenson told him enough.

The Chiefs weren't scoring. They weren't losing by much, it's true. Stevenson, the visitors in this Western Lakes Activities Association consolation round game, was ahead 13-12.

"It's not that we didn't play well," said Rheault. "Our shots just weren't going in."

Something had to change in the second half. So the first-year Canton coach had his team apply full-court pressure — just to see how the Spartans could handle it.

They couldn't. The Chiefs outscored them 21-12 in the third quarter and 21-15 in the fourth — that's 42-27 in the second half — to pull away to a 54-40 victory.

Canton improved to 9-10. Stevenson is 6-13.

BASKETBALL

"We got our defense organized and offensively we executed better in the second half," said Rheault. "Our defense allowed us to score in transition."

"It was a collective effort in the second half."

Most of the collective points came from two guys: Jerry Gaines, who scored 14 of his game-high 18 points in the second half (he also totaled five rebounds), and Oliver Wolcott, who got 12 of his 16 points in the fourth quarter.

Stevenson was paced by Nick Ehlerdt with 11 points and Brandon Chitwood with 10.

"Canton pressured us in the second half and took us out of our flow," said Stevenson coach Bill Dyer. "It wasn't sloppy and there weren't a lot of turnovers or anything (in the first half). Both teams were patient and held the ball."

"We turned the ball over in the second half." Canton converted 11-of-15 free throws; the Spartans were 6-of-9 from the line.

Agape 55, Det. World Outreach 55: A free throw with two seconds to play Friday night by Mike Johannes gave the Wolverines their victory.

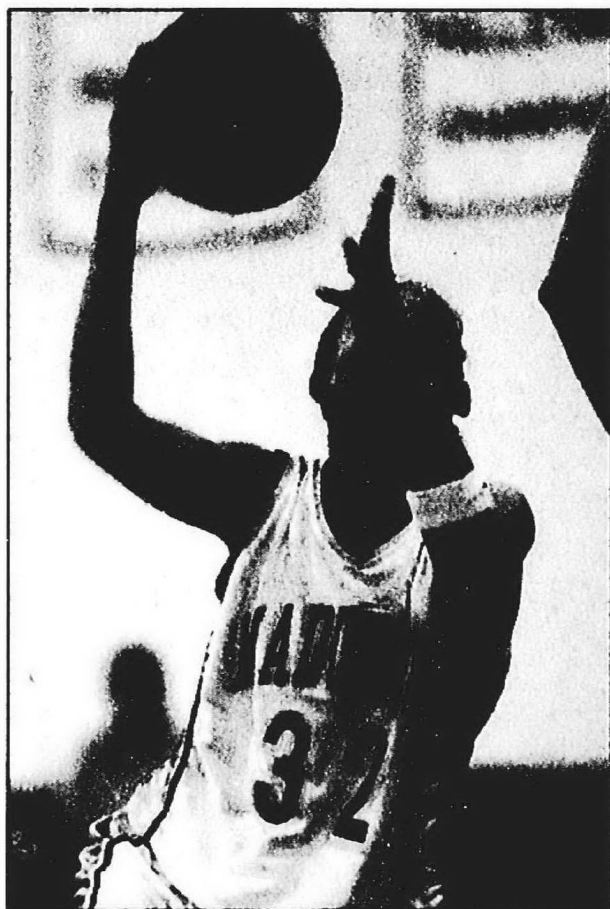
Nathan Ryan hit a triple for host Detroit World Outreach with 15 seconds to play to tie the score at 55.

Johannes was fouled with 2.7 seconds to play and made the second of his two free throw attempts — the last of his four points — to break the tie.

Paul Anleitner led Canton Agape Christian (15-2) with 24 points. Paul Chrenko had 14 rebounds to go with eight points and Josh Anthony had eight points plus 11 rebounds.

Wendell Claxton led World Outreach (12-6) with

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FILE PHOTO BY PAUL HUBERTSMANN

Strong showing: Kristi Fiorenzi led Madonna with eight rebounds. She also scored 18 points in guiding the Crusaders to a win over Siena Heights.

A step closer Madonna edges Siena Heights

Wait a minute. This isn't the way it's supposed to be.

There were four games in the opening round of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament in women's basketball. According to the seeding, the surest bet was top-seed Madonna University hosting Siena Heights, a team with one win in WHAC play.

Yeah, right.

So which of the four games was the closest? Indeed, it took a three-point play by Lori Enfield with :15 left to provide Madonna with a 79-76 victory Wednesday at Madonna.

It was the second close-call in a week in a game between the league's best and worst teams. Seven days earlier the Lady Crusaders hung on to again beat the Saints, again by three points (56-53).

This game was a major upset waiting to happen. Madonna trailed by seven (38-31) with 1:36 left in the first half; only five points by Kathy Panganis and a three-point play by Kristi Fiorenzi (from Plymouth Canton) down the stretch allowed the Crusaders to narrow the gap to 40-39 at the break.

But they didn't maintain that momentum. In the first 15 minutes of the second half, Madonna had one lead — of one point — and that lasted just 13 seconds.

The Crusaders biggest lead of the half came on a free throw by Panganis with 3:13 left, making it 74-70. Back-to-back three-pointers a minute apart, by

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Jamie Hallenbeck and Amanda Rainsberger, gave the Saints a 76-74 advantage with 2:03 to go.

But a Panganis basket with 1:44 left knotted it and set the stage for Enfield's game-winning three-point play.

Madonna improved to 17-11 overall. Siena Heights ends its season at 8-23. The Crusaders hosted Spring Arbor — which beat Concordia 85-76 Wednesday — in a WHAC semifinal Saturday.

The WHAC championship game is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday.

Panganis led the Crusaders with 22 points; she also had three steals. Fiorenzi finished with 18 points, eight rebounds, three blocked shots and two steals; Carissa Giszicki totaled 15 points, six assists and six steals; and Mahogany Fletcher (Farmington Harrison) collected nine points, seven boards and five steals.

Siena Heights got 18 points from Hallenbeck and 11 from Rainsberger.

The Saints outshot Madonna, making 31-of-61 from the floor (50.8 percent), including 10-of-17 three-pointers (58.8 percent), to the Crusaders 30-of-71 from the field (42.3 percent) — and just 1-of-11

Please see HOOP, D5

Slipping up

Whalers ambushed by Sting



After the Plymouth Whalers had edged a tough Guelph Storm team by a goal Wednesday to close to within two points of the Ontario Hockey League-leading Erie Otters, coach Pete DeBoer flatly stated his team would have to win 11 of 12 remaining games to finish on top in the OHL.

The realization of that goal took a hit 24 hours later, when the Whalers visited Sarnia.

After a scoreless first period, the Sting scored twice in the second period and added an insurance goal with 49 seconds left for a 3-2 win over Plymouth.

The loss left the Whalers at 36-12-4-5. Sarnia is 22-26-7-1.

Specialty teams made the difference for

the Sting. Their first goal was a short-handed one, scored by Alexander Buturlin 6:56 into the second period. Kris Newbury gave Sarnia a 2-0 lead with a power-play goal at 13:59 of the second.

Chad Wiseman helped the Whalers narrow the gap to 2-1 with a goal at 11:34 of the third period, assisted by Bryan Thompson. But Sarnia all but clinched the win when Maxim Rybin scored with 49 seconds to play.

Stephen Weiss helped pull the Whalers closer, scoring his 36th of the season (from Tomas Kurka), but it came with just seven seconds left.

Rob Zepp was in goal for the Whalers; he made 24 saves. Cory Campbell had 27 stops for the Sting.

The Whalers play at Windsor, the second-place team in the OHL's West Division chasing Plymouth, at 6 p.m. tonight.

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Ottawa 67s	26	17	8	4	64
Kingston Frontenacs	26	18	10	1	63
Peterborough Petes	25	25	5	2	57
Oshawa Generals	15	31	6	4	40
Central Division					
Toronto St. M. Majors	29	18	5	2	65
Sudbury Wolves	26	21	6	1	59
North Bay Centennials	26	25	4	2	58
Barrie Colts	24	22	7	3	58
Miss. Ice Dogs	3	41	7	2	15
West Division					
Plymouth Whalers	36	12	4	5	81
Windsor Spitfires	28	19	6	4	66
Sarnia Sting	22	26	7	1	52
London Knights	20	29	5	2	47
S.S. Marie Greyhounds	19	32	4	2	44
Midwest Division					
Erie Otters	37	10	9	0	83
Guelph Storm	29	18	8	1	67
Brampton Battalion	27	20	8	3	65
Owen Sound Attack	27	22	6	2	62
Kitchener Rangers	22	29	6	0	50

Boney traded to Kixx for Mobilio

It's been eight days between games for the Detroit Rockers, but they haven't been idle.

In an attempt to bolster their sagging fortunes, the Rockers sent forward Shawn Boney to the Philadelphia Kixx for two-time all-star Domenic Mobilio.

Boney, known as "Tiny" and the "Gentle Giant" — he stands

ROCKERS

6-foot-7 and weighs 260 pounds — came to Detroit from the Cleveland Crunch during last off-season. Then-coach Drago had high hopes for Boney, pegging much of Detroit's fortunes

on his ability to develop as a top-notch scorer.

Boney never quite lived up to Drago's expectations and, when Drago was fired in December, it seemed only a matter of time before Boney followed.

He goes to Philadelphia with 38 points scored in 16 games; he led the Rockers with 17 assists.

Mobilio was in his second season with the Kixx; he split his first five NPSL seasons between the Harrisburg Heat and Edmonton Drillers.

Mobilio was fourth in scoring on the Kixx with 66 points in 24 games this season. In his NPSL career, he has scored 563 points in 184 games.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL
Monday, Feb. 26
 Taylor Kennedy at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 Annapolis at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
 Thurston at Southgate, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 27
 Franklin at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
 Churchill at Harrison, 7 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Flint Valley, 7 p.m.
 Agape at Roeper, 8 p.m.
(Mega Blue/Gold Semifinals)
 at Garden City, 6 & 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 1
 Luth. W. sid at Det. Urban, 6 p.m.
 Wayne at Robichaud, 7 p.m.
 Redford Union at Thurston, 7 p.m.
 PCA at S'field Christian, 7 p.m.
 Agape vs. Taylor Baptist Pk. at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.
Friday, March 2
 Liggett at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.
 Ply. Christian at Greenhills, 7 p.m.
 Det. Commerce at Bishop Borgess, 7:30 p.m.
(Mega Blue/Gold Championship)
 at Romulus, 6 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING
Saturday, March 3
 Catholic League meet, TBA.

PREP WRESTLING
DIVISION I QUARTERFINALS
Friday, March 2
 Redford CC vs. Bedford at B.C. Kellogg Arena, 3:15 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Sunday, Feb. 25
 Whalers at Windsor, 6 p.m.
Friday, March 2
 Whalers at London, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 3

Whalers vs. Ottawa at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

NATIONAL PRO SOCCER LEAGUE
Sunday, March 4
 Rockers vs. Kansas City at Compuware Arena, 3:05 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Feb. 28 (MCCAA Playoffs)
 Alpena St. Clair winner at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Feb. 28
 Oakland St. Clair winner at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m.

STATE TOURNAMENT HOCKEY PAIRINGS
DIVISION I
at REDFORD ICE ARENA
Monday, Feb. 26: (A) Allen Park vs. (B) Livonia Churchill, 5:30 p.m.; (C) Redford Catholic Central vs. (D) Walled Lake Western, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 27: (E) Livonia Stevenson vs. (F) Farmington Unified, 8 p.m.
Thursday, March 1: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 5:30 p.m.; E-F winner vs. Redford Unified, 8 p.m.
Saturday, March 3: Championship final, 8 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 7 at Ann Arbor Ice Cube vs. Dearborn regional champion.)
at DEARBORN ADRAV ARENA
Monday, Feb. 26: (A) Ann Arbor Huron vs. (B) Plymouth Canton, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 27: (C) Trenton vs. (D) Ann Arbor Pioneer, 5:30 p.m.; (E) Plymouth Salem vs. (F) Dearborn Unified, 8 p.m.
Thursday, March 1: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 5:30 p.m.; E-F winner vs. Walled Lake Central, 8 p.m.
Saturday, March 3: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 7 at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube vs. Redford Unified regional champion.)

DIVISION II
at WYANDOTTE YACK ARENA
Tuesday, Feb. 27: (A) Wyandotte Roosevelt vs. (B) Flat Rock Woodhaven, 5:55 p.m.; (C) Lincoln Park vs. (D) Livonia Franklin, 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 1: Southgate Anderson vs. A-B winner, 5:55 p.m.; Riverview Gabriel Richard vs. C-D winner, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 3: Championship final, 4:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 6 at Wyandotte's Yack Arena vs. Grosse Pointe South regional champion.)

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Monday, Feb. 26
 Agape at Light & Life, 7 p.m.
 Southgate at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 27
 C'ville at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.
 Agape vs. World Outreach at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.

DISTRICT PAIRINGS
CLASS A
Friday, March 2
at LIVONIA LADYWOOD
First round: (A) Livonia Franklin vs. (B) Detroit Redford, 5 p.m.
Semifinals: Livonia Ladywood vs. Redford Union, 6 p.m.; Livonia Stevenson A-B winner, 6 p.m.
Championship final: 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 10 at Saline vs. Ypsilanti Lincoln district champion.)
Saturday, March 3
at YPSILANTI LINCOLN
First round: (A) Westland John Glenn vs. (B) Wayne Memorial, 10 a.m.; (C) Romulus vs. (D) Ypsilanti Lincoln, 11:30 a.m.
Semifinals: Belleville vs. A-B winner, 12:30 p.m.; Garden City vs. C-D winner, 1:30 p.m.
Championship final: Approximately 2:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 10 at Saline vs. Livonia Ladywood district champion.)
Saturday, March 3
at BERKLEY
First round: (A) Farmington vs. (B) Farmington Hills Mercy, 9 a.m.
Semifinals: Southfield-Lathrup vs. Berkley, 10 a.m.; Southfield vs. A-B winner, 11 a.m.
Championship final: Approximately noon. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals 5 p.m. Friday, March 9 at Troy vs. Novi district champion.)

CLASS C
Thursday, March 1
at LUTHERAN WESTLAND
Semifinals: Dearborn Heights Henry Ford Academy vs. Detroit Communication & Media Arts, 5:30 p.m.; Lutheran High Westland vs. Detroit Benedictine, 6:30 p.m.
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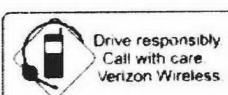
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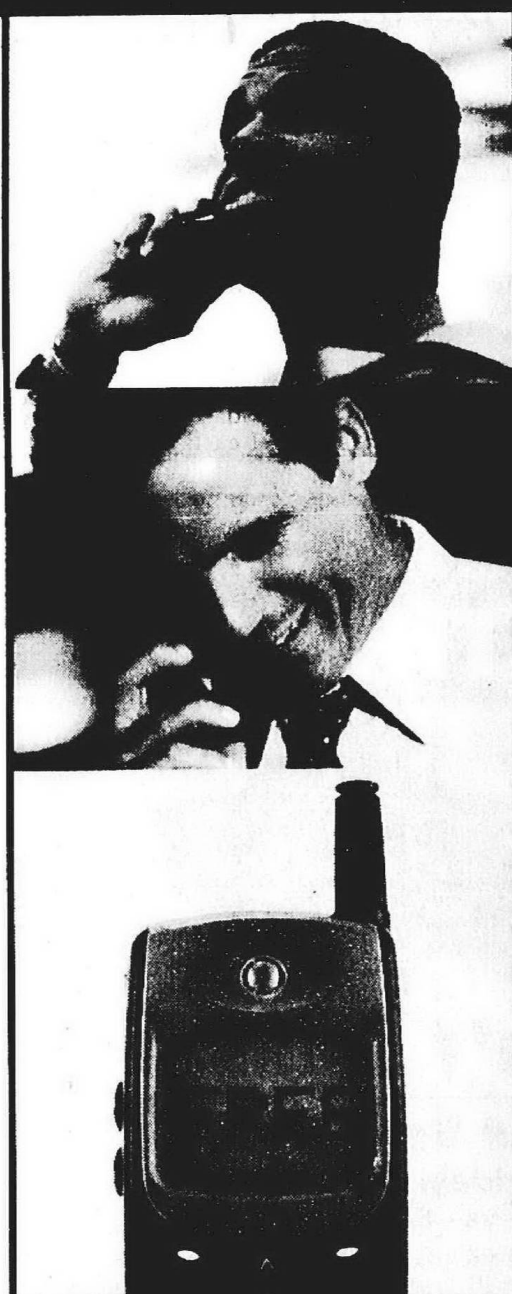
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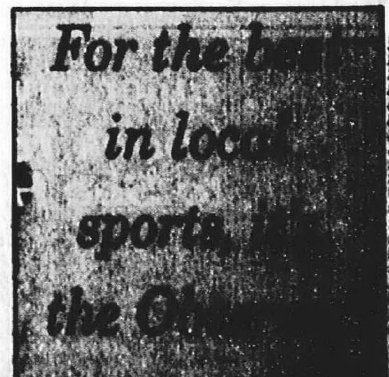
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Shamrocks dump DePorres, advance to final

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You know that old adage about how tough it is to beat a team three times in a season? Redford Catholic Central coach Rick Coratti does. And as far as he's concerned, his team has never played Warren De La Salle this season.

Oh, the Shamrocks have played the Pilots twice — and won both times. And thanks to CC's 74-63 win over Detroit DePorres in Thursday's Catholic League Central-AA semifinal at Schoolcraft College, the Shamrocks will have to beat the Pilots a third time if they are to win

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their first league title since 1997. "I'm not worrying about beating them three times," said Coratti, whose team plays De La Salle at 4 p.m. today at University of Detroit-Mercy's Calihan Hall for the league title. "(Sunday) is the first time we're playing them as far as I'm concerned."

CC, runner-up last year to Orchard Lake St. Mary, caught fire in the second half. Leading just 27-24 at halftime thanks to a less-than-stellar 9-for-26 shooting, the Shamrocks — who hadn't had a trademark 3-pointer in

the first half — had three in the third quarter and four more in the fourth, with six from Ryan Celeskey and Mark Willoughby.

"We didn't hit one in the first half and that's unheard of," said Willoughby, who wound up with 16 points on the night. "I missed four in a row and was cold shooting. But once Ryan hit a three, we both started hitting them. That's the way we've been all year. We respond when we're down."

While they weren't down after the middle of the second quarter, the Shamrocks (15-3) came out sluggish in the second half and let the Eagles (15-3) pull to within 30-29 on an inside hoop from Jason Moore.

Then CC got hot. A pair of baskets by Tom Jakacki and Willoughby, followed by a three-point play and a 3-pointer from Celeskey gave CC a 40-29 lead.

Eventually, DePorres whittled the lead down to 53-48 early in the fourth quarter. But that's when Willoughby and Celeskey started unloading threes, making three straight to push the lead back to 62-52.

The Eagles had one more run left in them and managed to cut the lead back to six (62-56), but Jakacki, Anthony Coratti and Celeskey paced a 12-3 run over a 2:42 stretch of the late-fourth quarter to preserve the win.

"I think we came out in the second half a little flat," said

Rick Coratti. We caught our second wind and got going. We didn't really do anything fancy at half time, we just shot better. We might have forced things a little more in the first half, but we got better looks in the second half."

Celeskey led all scorers with 23 points, while Jakacki had 18 and Coratti added seven. Moore led DePorres with 19 points, while Brandon Cotton added 14 and John Pittman had nine.

DePorres wound up shooting 29-for-71 from the floor and 9-of-18 from the line, while CC was

25-for-54 from the floor and 17-for-26 from the line.

As far as today goes, the Shamrocks won both meetings this season with the Pilots, who won their only league title in 1988. CC won the first meeting at home in January, 70-50, and the second meeting, 73-65, at De La Salle.

"It's going to be tough," said Willoughby. "The first time, we beat them by 20 and they cut that a lot the second time. Every time we play them, they play us tougher and tougher."

Canton 2nd; Bartlett sparkles

It hasn't been the best season for Plymouth Canton's gymnastics team, but at least something went the Chiefs' way in their four-team dual Thursday at Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Canton posted a solid score of 132.50 to finish second to Ann Arbor Huron (139.25). The host Pioneers were third (131.00), followed by a short-handed Plymouth Salem squad (129.05).

Last week, the Chiefs found out that Amy Driscoll, perhaps the team's top gymnast, would be out for the season after having surgery to have bone chips removed from her knee.

Salem's score was a full 10 points lower than what the Rocks have been posting, and the reason was that two of their top three

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gymnasts were out of action.

Melissa Drake, who finished first in the Division II all-around at the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament, has an injured ankle; April Aquino, sixth in the WLAA Division II all-around, also did not compete.

Bethany Bartlett, however, was there for Salem and she swept to the top in each event. Bartlett posted a top score of 36.9 in the all-around, with firsts in the vault (9.2), balance beam (9.4), uneven parallel bars (9.05) and floor exercise (9.25).

Canton's J.Q. Williams took a fifth in the

all-around with a 34.05 total. Williams was third in the vault (8.4) and fifth in the bars (8.75); she scored 8.7 on floor and 8.2 on beam.

Other top scores for the Chiefs were recorded by Kristin Schilk, a sixth in the floor (8.95) and a seventh in bars (8.2), with a 32.6 all-around; Jill Rakovitis, an 8.7 in floor and an 8.1 in bars with a 32.9 all-around; and Audra Ahern, with a third in floor (9.1), and 8.1 in bars and a 32.95 all-around.

Salem's next best scorer was Stacy Schmedding, who tied for sixth in the vault (8.3).

Next up for both Canton and Salem is the state regionals, which Canton will host Saturday.

Ladywoodices Liggett, takes over 1st place

Livonia Ladywood moved into first place in the Michigan High School Girls Hockey League with a 7-2 triumph Thursday over host Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett.

Ladywood, which finished its league schedule Saturday against Harper Woods Regina, is 13-3-1 with 27 points.

Bloomfield Hills Kingswood is second place with 26 points at 12-4-2, while Grosse Pointe

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South sits in third with 25 points at 11-4-3.

The Blazers jumped out to a 5-1 first-period lead against Liggett and never looked back.

Katie Karabelski, Mickey Fallon and Jana Beumel each had a pair of goals for Ladywood, while Mary Beth O'Dea added another. Molly Zarb and Beumel each

finished with two assists, while Tiffany McFadden, Andrea Siwicki, Megan MacDonnell, Fallon and O'Dea each contributed one assist.

Maggie Dillon and Katie Maurer tallied goals for the Knights.

Franklin 9, Lapeer West 3: Goals were aplenty Wednesday at Edgar Arena as host Livonia Franklin (14-3-6) blasted Lapeer West (14-6-3) in a non-leaguer.

Each of Franklin's four lines contributed two goals, while 15 different players had a least a point as the Patriots outshot the Panthers, 53-14.

Franklin's Corey Garbutt, Josh Garbutt and Sam Dismuke tallied two goals apiece, while Ross Robert, Jason Robinson and Tony Perrino each added one.

Adam Bierley, Jim Walla and Andy Garbutt had two assists apiece for the Patriots.

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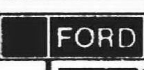
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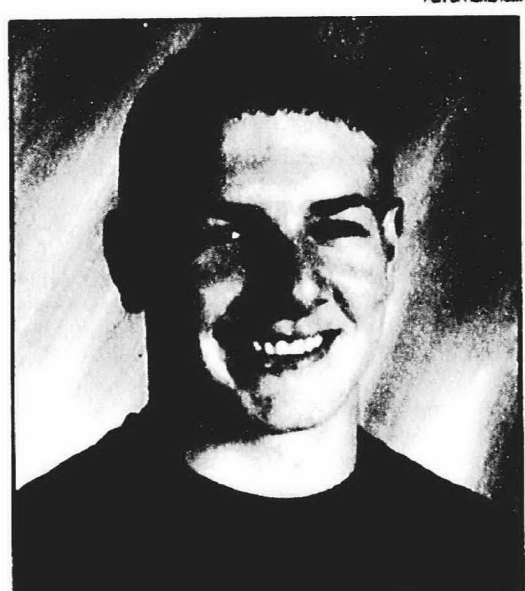
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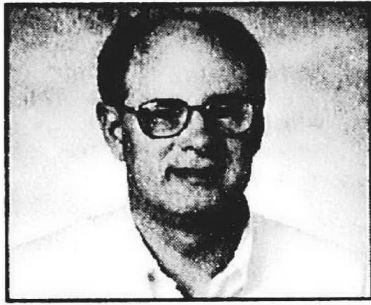
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NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

Winter nap season ends for animals

It's not always easy to see wild animals alive.

We know opossum, skunk, raccoons and other nocturnal animals exist because of road kills, but often they hide before we can see them alive.

That is why I was pleased to see two skunks waddling through yards on my way to work the other day. They were not in the same yard, they were separated by several miles.

Late winter is the time when winter sleepers like raccoons, opossum and skunks begin to arouse. They have not been hibernating like the woodchuck or groundhog, their internal physiology does not change as drastically as deep hibernators.

But this winter's low temperatures kept winter sleepers slug in their nests all the time it was cold.

While skunks are resting in dens they may have dug themselves, but more likely confiscated from a woodchuck, they may have company. Cohabiting the den may be the woodchuck that actually excavated the site. Typically the skunk and the woodchuck are in two different sections.

In other cases, any number of skunks may be wintering together. Some congregations reported including females and young she raised during the year, other groups included several males and a batch of youngsters, another had ten females and two or three males. Most of the time there is just one male and several females in the den.

As warm temperatures arrive in late February and early March, the sexual drive of the male and the warmth stimulates him to awake and leave the den in search of mates. Those females in the den may not be awake or receptive yet. The individuals I saw roaming the yards were probably males.

During spring roaming, males will sometimes encounter other males. These encounters can result in fights over areas in which to search for females. Males are promiscuous and will mate with as many females as they can find. Gestation for a female skunk is about 64 days.

Baby skunks are born with wrinkled skin that is practically hairless, though the striped pattern can be identified at this time, they are blind and toothless. In eight weeks they will be following the female on hunting trips.

Many people become aware of skunks only when they discover small holes in their lawn that were not there when they went to bed the night before. Skunk eat a variety of foods, one summer tidbit are grubs of June beetles that live in lawns.

Each hole in the lawn was probably where a grub got grabbed.

In late winter grubs are not readily available in the cold, if not frozen ground, so skunks search and hunt for voles and mice. Seeds at the base of bird feeders and garbage are not dismissed either.

One of the things that allows skunks to survive in urban areas is their opportunistic appetite. They will eat almost anything they can find that is edible.

Though skunks are more common than most people realize, few have ever encountered one. Do not panic if you do encounter a skunk. They are very "confident" animals. Wild skunks have been seen in the presence of bears, bobcats, coyotes and other predators, casually eating and almost oblivious to the threat of danger.

Skunks are passive animals. Don't corner them, or throw things at them, yell, scream or holler, speak softly, move slowly and the animal will continue on its way. Enjoy the opportunity to see a live wild animal.



Featured: Greg Abbas (left photo) of A-Way Hunting Product, Inc. will share his turkey hunting expertise in a seminar at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 4, in Booth No. 100. Meanwhile, MUCC Education Specialist Lori Neely will teach visitors about the great horned owl and other birds of prey at the Wildlife Encounters Exhibit in the Education Hall at Outdoorama '01.

Outdoorama heeds call

The variety of topics covered by Outdoorama 2001 indicates there is something for everyone to enjoy.

But for the Michigan United Conservation Clubs — the largest statewide conservation group in the nation, with over 500 affiliates and 100,000 members — that may not be quite good enough.

The theme of this year's show, which runs through next Sunday, March 4 at the Novi Expo Center, is "A Family Show with Something for Everyone Who Enjoys the Outdoors."

Is there anybody a description like that doesn't include?

Which is exactly what they're after. Indeed, among the theme nights in the show is Kids' Night — only this year, every night is Kids' Night.

Kids 16-and-under can participate in the Wildlife Challenge and experience the Wet and Wild World of Fish.

All participating kids will win a limited edition trading card and will enter a drawing to win an extensive fishing, archery or gun package from sponsor Jay's Sporting Goods Inc.

There's lots more. Such as:

■ **Sporting Dog Night:** 6:30 p.m. Monday. Renowned Minnesota trainer Tom Dokken, aided by his Oak Ridge retrievers, will conduct a seminar on proper techniques for training hunting dogs. A parade of popular sporting dog breeds will follow at 7:30 p.m.

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■ **Bowhunting Night:** Wednesday. Archery and bowhunting specialists share their expertise on fundamental archery techniques, hunting the rut, tree stand safety, archery deer hunting, and shooting traditional longbows, recurves and compounds.

■ **Big Buck Night:** Thursday. Dave Richey of the Detroit News starts the evening with a seminar on Opening Day Deer Tactics. At 7 p.m., Michigan Out-of-Doors host James Ford will showcase the biggest bucks of 2000, with the aid of Commemorative Bucks of Michigan, in this annual contest.

■ **Big Fish Night:** Starting at 4 p.m. Friday. "Jimmy Houston Talks Fishing, Parts I and II" will be presented at 4:30 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. Houston, a two-time BASS Fishing Tournament champion and Angler of the Year, is in his 20th year on TV and is the subject of the largest selling outdoor book, "Caught Me a Big'un (then I let him go)."

Of course, there's much, much more. Like the Wildlife Encounters, a display of Michigan's native birds of prey and wetland animals.

Or the Trout Fishing Pond, where visitors — for a \$4 fee — can catch their own trout and either release them or keep them and have them cleaned on the premises.

There's lots more, from turkey calling competitions to seminars on dressing and tanning deer. Cost for the show is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children 5-12 years old. Children under five are admitted free.

For further information, contact the MUCC at (517) 371-1041, or get them on-line at www.mucc.org.



Rize to the occasion: Cody Rize, a 13-year-old seventh grader at Riley Middle School in Livonia, won last month's 2001 Michigan State Junior Turkey Calling Championship at Jay's Sporting Goods in Clarkston. Rize, who has been calling for three years, was also the 2000 champion. He used all friction calls and performed the putt, kee-kee, fly-down cackle and purr during the contest. Rize is sponsored by A-Way Hunting Supplies.

Bowling great Norris left long legacy

Last week took its toll with the passing of Dale Earnhardt, Eddie Matthews and Herbert Cleaves.

Now, I write about a legend who was Joe Norris, for he passed away Feb. 19 in San Diego following a two-week bout with pneumonia. He just turned 93 on Feb. 10.

Norris was scheduled to compete in a record 72nd American Bowling Congress Championship Tournament on March 12.

There have been millions of bowlers over the past century, but only one Joe Norris.

He spent the early days of his illustrious career in Detroit and captained some of the greatest bowling teams ever to hit the lanes. Norris, a member of eight different bowling halls of fame was certainly one of the greatest bowlers of all time and he was honored as such at last year's ABC convention in Albuquerque, N.M.

Among the many records he holds — the was the youngest ever (at that time) to bowl a 300 at the age of 18 and conversely also the oldest at the time when he did it again at age 86.

Joe would hop on a plane to Detroit for almost any occasion, and certainly for the annual Old Timers Tournament at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, which he called "the best event of all."

Norris earned his fame as a bowler, but was also a renowned practical joker, and could relate those stories in detail as if they were done yesterday.

And, yes. He could tell stories about bowling events which he took part in, he could remember exact scores like they happened last week as well as names of people and places from a totally different era.

Norris, who was born in Springfield, Ill., and raised in Detroit became the first bowler inducted into the San Diego Hall of Champions when he was honored in absentia on Feb. 7.

It was the eighth hall to recognize his illustrious career.

Regarded as one of the best team bowlers in history, Norris organized the first of the fabled "beer teams" when he secured Stroh's sponsorship of his ABC Tournament team in 1933.

Under Norris' leadership, Detroit Stroh's captured the 1934 Tournament team title, five national match game championships between 1934 and 1945, while adding another pair of ABC titles with the Tri-Par Radio team in 1954.

These teams helped establish the Detroit area as the World Capital of Bowling.

The one time "Boy Wonder of Bowling" won a number of individual titles as well as team championships. He bowled with a team of other great bowlers in an exhibition match against a team of German bowlers prior to the 1936 Olympic games in Berlin.

His legend grew in the ABC, an annual event except during World War II when it was suspended. Norris bowled in his first ABC Tournament in 1926 at age 18 and missed only once (1942) when he was recovering from appendix surgery.

In 1986 Norris became only the third bowler ever to knock down over 100,000 pins in ABC Tournament competition. In 1992, he surpassed the total lifetime pinfall record and by 2000 in Albuquerque he established a new all-time high with 123,770 pins for 642 games, an average of 192.78 spanning seven decades.

"Joe Norris was a true treasure to our sport," ABC Executive Director Roger Dalkin said. "We are going to miss him, but rather than mourn him



Hall of Famer: Joe Norris holds the Tom McKay Award given to him last November.

during our national convention at Reno in March, we're going to celebrate his life and all he did for our sport."

Last year, after tying the record in number of ABC tournament events at 71, Norris said:

"Old age doesn't bother me. I figure that's part of life. I've been pretty lucky health-wise. I've been pretty lucky bowling, too. It has taken me to 45 different cities in every continent."

"I came from a poor family and we didn't have any money for education. I'd probably have been selling shoe laces on a corner if it hadn't been for bowling."

"But it was more the friendships and traveling, and being with the right peo-

ple, that meant the most to me."

Each year at the Greater Detroit Hall of Fame banquet, the Tom McKay Award is given out to an individual who has been dedicated to the advancement of the sport of bowling.

Last year's recipient was Norris, who was elected to the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame in 1959.

Anyone who would like to visit the Detroit Hall of Fame may do so by visiting Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park where it is all on display in the main concourse.

Plenty of Norris photos and memorabilia are there. And if the venerable George Prybyla is around, he can tell all kinds of Joe Norris stories.

Norris will be remembered by those who knew him as a great competitor, a gentleman and also an ambassador of the sport of bowling. We call him a legend, but he was more than that, a giant among men and a large slice of bowling history.

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 - Elks Tournament: Dave Fisher, 299.
 - Monday Morning Foursome: Shondron Jordan, 805 series.
 - Merri-Bowl (Livonia) Big Ten Mixed: Ron Seese, 299.
 - Pizza Lanes (Plymouth) Tuesday Night Ladies: Vicki Miller, 267/850. Terry Haines, 300.

Saints end Madonna season

Madonna University's men's basketball season ended in predictable fashion in Thursday's first round of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoffs.

Going against the WHAC's top seed, Siena Heights (ranked second in the NAIA), Madonna was outshot (45.7 percent to 38.2 percent), outrebounded (59-43) and committed more turnovers (22, to the Saints' 16).

It added up to a 101-72 win for Siena Heights and a date against Concordia College — which defeated Spring Arbor 93-78 Thursday — in a WHAC semifinal at 7:30 p.m. last night in Adrian.

Madonna ends its season at 8-24. Siena

Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference

Heights is 30-4.

The other WHAC semifinal had Tri-State traveling to Cornerstone Saturday. The championship game, with the winner advancing to the NAIA Tournament, will be Tuesday with the remaining highest-seeded team hosting.

The Crusaders trailed 50-33 at the half and could never mount much of a challenge. Dan Kurtinaitis led them in scoring with 22 points, making 8-of-13 from the floor (2-of-3

on three-pointers); he also had seven rebounds, four assists and two steals.

Narvin Russaw finished with 17 points, eight boards and two blocked shots, and Aaron Cox netted 11 points.

The Saints got 19 points from Sean Carlson; 15 points, 17 rebounds and three blocked shots from Jeff Gullekson; 11 points from Luke Baker; 10 points from Steve Biggs; and eight points and eight assists from Matt Baaki.

A pair of Plymouth Salem graduates also contributed to the Saints' win. Andy Power totaled eight points and four assists, and Jeff McKian had seven points and two steals.

SC earns men's, women's titles

BY BRAD EMONS
SPORTS WRITER
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The nets were cut down Wednesday night as host Schoolcraft College celebrated Eastern Conference titles in both men's and women's basketball.

The Ocelot men's team made it back-to-back crowns under coach Carlos Briggs with a 97-68 victory over St. Clair.

Schoolcraft will take a 25-2 overall record and receive a first-round bye in next week's Michigan Community College Athletic Association playoffs.

"Just to win back-to-back says a lot about our program," said Briggs, whose team finished 15-1, one game ahead of rival Flint Mott in the conference standings. "It shows the dedication, perseverance and hard work getting to this point."

"But we've only accomplished one of our four goals now that we've gotten this one out of the way."

Schoolcraft is 30-2 in conference play with second-year starters 6-7 Nick Evola and 6-4 Dwight Windom in the lineup.

The Ocelots put the clamps on St. Clair's 6-foot-6 center Jeremy Denha, who put 37 on the board in a Jan. 27 meeting. Denha had just two points at halftime as SC led 48-29.

"We put a smaller, quicker guy this time on him (Denha)," Brig-

SC BASKETBALL

gs said. "Keanan Weir did a good job on him."

Schoolcraft, hitting 39 of 75 shots from the floor (52 percent) on the night, stretched its lead to 31 points, with 11:44 left in the game, 72-41, on two of Sam Hoskin's team-high 25 points.

Guard Derrick Bird added 18 points, while Weir and Nick Evola chipped in with 10 and nine, respectively.

"We were not tough enough with the ball against Schoolcraft's defenders," said St. Clair coach Dale Vos, whose team slipped to 12-13 overall and 7-8 in the conference. "They came right at us and we didn't react well."

"But I haven't seen them shoot that well from the perimeter.

Bird gives them another dimension besides Sam (Hoskin) and Nick (Evola). They're going to be awfully tough to beat when they get it going inside and outside."

St. Clair, shooting just 26 of 74 from the field, got 15 points from Denha.

"I was harsh on our guys at halftime," Vos said. "I was upset with Jeremy because I thought he backed down. The first half he kept floating away to 15 feet instead of going strong to the hoop."

Meanwhile, the SC women's squad clinched a least a tie for the conference title with a 73-55 triumph over St. Clair in the first game of the double-header.

Coach Karen Lafata, who also notched her second Eastern title, will take a 21-4 record into next week's state tourney.

SC can claim the conference outright if St. Clair beats co-

leader Delta on Saturday.

"This is just one step, but I'm proud of our girls because it's hard to win a conference title," said Lafata, whose team finished 14-2 in the Eastern side. "This is a team of depth and talent. We're a team of interchangeable parts. We have a solid inside and outside game."

"Every game you don't know who is going to be our leading scorer. We have four averaging in double figures and three others between eight and nine points (per game)."

Angelica Blakely had 12 points and 13 rebounds to pace SC, while Shafawnda Smelley and Rachel Eley each added 11 points. Carla Saxton had 10 points and six steals. Janelle Olson finished with six assists.

St. Clair (14-12, 7-8) got game-high 19 points from 6-3 freshman Melissa Treppa.

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paced the Salem offense with 14 points each. Pat Abraham added seven and Jeff Haar had six.

The Vikings led 10-8 after the first quarter before outscoring Salem 9-2 over the final six minutes of the second quarter to secure a 26-17 halftime advantage.

Salem clawed back to get to within 38-34 with two minutes to go in the third quarter when Tochman converted an offensive rebound. However, Central regained a double-digit lead moments later when Bortz completed a three-point play and Justin Spencer drilled a long three-pointer to make it 44-34.

Central iced the game with a 9-0 run that was sparked by Horn's three-point play with 5:41 to go.

"Salem was in the (WLA) championship game last year, so we knew they would be ready tonight," Shoemaker said. "Whenever you play a team coached by Bob Brodie, you know they're going to be prepared."

Central blistered the nets with 44 percent shooting (22-of-50) from the field). The Vikings were also proficient from the free-throw line, nailing nine-of-12 attempts (75 percent). Salem struggled from the stripes, connecting on just six-of-13 free shots.

Led by Bortz's 13 boards, Central outrebounded the visitors, 32-27. Tochman was the Rocks' top rebounder, yanking down eight.

Central took better care of the ball than Salem as it turned the ball over 14 times compared to the Rocks' 22 miscues.

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three (9.1 percent).

The difference: Madonna was 18-of-29 from the free-throw line (62.1 percent) to the Saints 4-of-8 (50 percent), and the Crusaders held an overwhelming 48-31 rebounding advantage — including 26-11 in offensive boards.

Neither team took very good care of the ball. Siena Heights had 29 turnovers, Madonna had 25.

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YOUR GUIDE TO LOCAL EVENTS

AROUND TOWN

BELLEVILLE CONCERT
The Belleville Area Council for the Arts presents "The Drifters" in concert at 7:30 p.m. April 21 at the Belleville High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$15 and \$17.50. Call (734) 697-7151 for more information.

TEENS USING DRUGS
"How to Know" will be presented 7:30-9 p.m. March 6 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Classroom EC4. It will provide information on how to recognize a teen substance abuse problem, understand the progression of substance abuse, and know when to take action. Phone (734) 973-7892 for information.

FISH AND PASTA BUFFET
Summit on the Park Banquet and Conference Center is presenting every Friday from March 2-April 13 a complete fish and pasta buffet. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. Doors are open from 4:30-7:30 p.m., and reservations are not necessary unless you have a party of 15 or more. Call 394-5480 for further information.

VILLAGE MUSIC
Group classes in piano and hammer dulcimer for people ages 5 through adult. The complete kinder-musik curriculum is offered for newborns to 7 year old. For information, call Norma Atwood at (734)354-9825.

FOX HILLS FISH FRY
Fox Hills Golden Fox Fish Fry is 5-9 p.m. Fridays. The cost is \$8.50 for all you can eat. Also, Frost Bite Open is on Feb. 25. Nine holes of golf, chili and sloppy joe bar. Hot beverages. \$44 per two-man team.

CAMP FAIR
The annual Washtenaw Camp Fair will be 10:30-3 p.m. March 3 at West Middle School, Ypsilanti. Meet representatives of local, national and international summer programs in Michigan, nearby states and Canada who will help you choose the right experience for children ages 5-18. Camps attending include day, resident, travel, sports, science, arts, computer and other summer programs. For more information call (734) 971-4537.

WOMEN PAINTERS
The Ann Arbor Women Painters and the Women's Center of America exhibit paintings in celebration of Women's History Month. The exhibit will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. now through April 27 at the Women's Center of America, 2500 Packard St., Suite 110, Ann Arbor. You may make an appointment for other times by calling (734) 973-6779. A reception to meet the artists will be 3-6 p.m. Feb. 25.

ST. MICHAEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
Holding open enrollment for children 3 years old through fifth grade on Feb. 26. For more information, call (734) 459-9720.

LIBERTY FEST
Canton Township is looking for artists to be involved in the 10th annual fine art and fine craft show at Liberty Fest 2001. The displays will run 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 23, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 24. Artists can choose to display their work under the "big tents" or can bring their own tent. The show is juried, and each participant will be required to submit slides or pictures of his work from

the approved categories: painting, prints, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, drawing, pastel and selected fine crafts. No commercially produced merchandise will be allowed. Deadline for submissions is April 16.

For more information, call Sharon Dillenbeck at D & M Studios, (734) 453-3710.

LITTLE LAMBS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL
Registration for next year's classes at Little Lambs Christian Preschool (2001-2002) is 9 a.m. March 10. Parents may register inside First Baptist Church in Plymouth. The classes offer hands-on learning in a theme-based kindergarten readiness program, monthly field trips, low student-teacher ratio, student evaluations and parent conferences. Call 414-7792 for further information.

PCAC EXHIBIT
The Plymouth Community Arts Council will feature "Illustrations of Kara Renee Marsee" through March 8. The illustrations that she produces are directed towards the child within - that part of all of us that enjoys fun, playfulness, dreams, wonder, curiosity and friendship. The exhibit will be shown at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth.

BOATING SAFETY
Boating skills and seamanship class conducted by Flotilla 10-11 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Begins March 1 and will be held each 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday for 11 weeks (class will not meet on 4/19 and 5/10) in Plymouth Canton High School, Room 98. To register please contact the P/C Comm. Education Office at (734) 416-2940. The cost is \$40 for the first family member and \$25 for each additional family member.

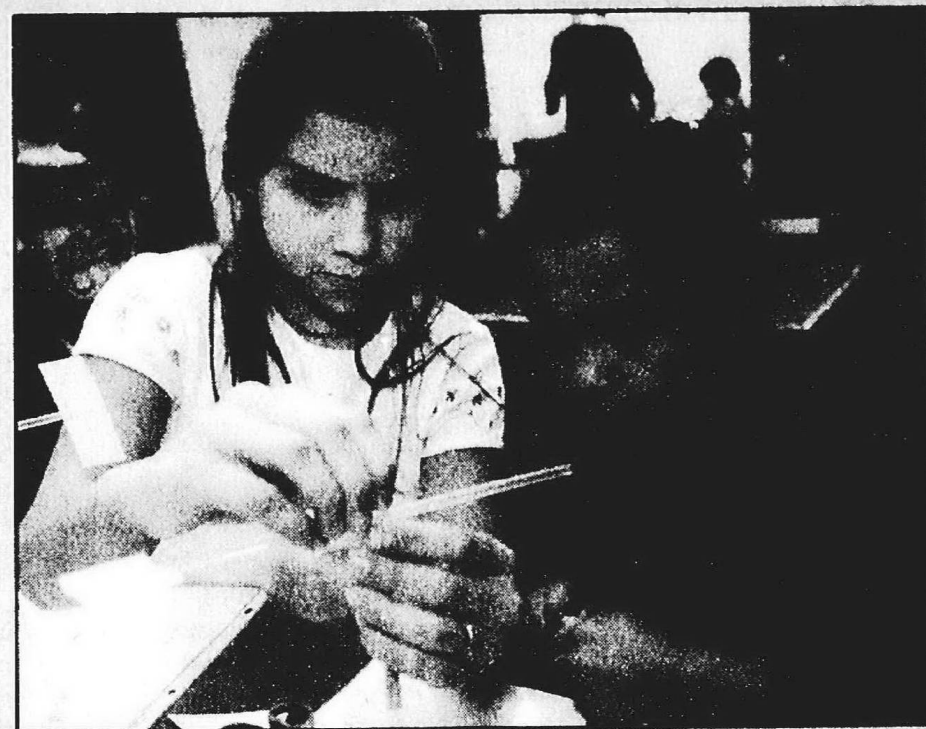
AARP
AARP is sponsoring free federal and Michigan income tax preparation for elderly people at the locations listed. Work is performed by trained counselors qualified by the IRS. An appointment is required. Canton Recreation Center, Tuesdays 9 a.m.-noon, 1-4 p.m., call (734) 394-5485 for appointment; Plymouth District Library, Wednesday 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; 1:30-4:30 p.m., call (734) 453-1234 Ext. 236 for an appointment.

WILLOW CREEK PRESCHOOL
The Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool will hold an open house from 5:30-7 p.m. March 13 at the school, which is in Kirk of Our Savior Church, 36660 Cherry Hill. Meet teachers, play with toys, see the school, eat a snack, get information for 2001-2002 registration. For more information, call Tina at 981-4069 or Ann at 844-7379.

D&M STUDIO
A wide variety of art classes for children and adults are offered. Drawing and painting, cartooning, high school portfolio preparation, adult oil/ acrylic/ watercolor, home-school, studio art (multi-media) and preschool classes are offered to artists of all levels. Call to register, call (734)453-3710.

ANN ARBOR RANGERS
The Ann Arbor Rangers U17 Boys Soccer Club is looking for new team members for the winter indoor season and spring "travel" outdoor season. Interested people can attend one of the practices 8-9:30 p.m. Mondays at Mack School in Ann Arbor. For further information, please call Iris at (734) 995-0011.

Fun forecasting



Wild weather: Ashley Moretto of Plymouth, 12, and her sister Hannah, 7, make weather vanes from plastic cups, straws, a straight pin, a pencil and paper during the Plymouth District Library's Wild Weather Week display this week. The Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum brought the exhibit, designed to give youngsters an interactive look at how weather forms, to a library for the first time. Generally, the exhibit is shown at schools. Plymouth youth services officials thought it would be a good activity for youngsters during their winter break.

OPEN HOUSE
The Plymouth Children's nursery open house is 1-3 p.m. March 4 at 5825 Sheldon, Canton. Call (734) 455-6250 for further information.

HATHA YOGA
Hatha yoga classes 9:30-11 a.m., 1:30-3 p.m. and 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 4-5:30 p.m. Sundays in downtown Plymouth. Call Cynthia (734) 420-2418.

RECREATION
The city of Plymouth is taking registration for its children's/ tots gymnastics, dance, arts, Jump-A-Rama, tae-kwan-do, personal development, aerobics and more. For more information, call the recreation division at (734) 455-6620.

POWER SQUADRON
Basic boating education course runs through March 21. The class begins at 7 p.m. at Clague Middle School. The class is open to new or experienced boaters who wish to improve their boating skills. Call 973-0441 for further information.

SKATING CLASSES
Learn to roller skate at Skatin Station II in Canton for children or adults, 7-8 p.m. every Sunday. \$6 per session or \$30 for six weeks. Inline roller hockey leagues for all ages. 10-week session with one game a week for all ages. Call (734) 459-6401 for information.

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

VonGlahn at (734) 453-8253.

CREATIVE MUSIC
The Creative Music Center of Plymouth/ Canton has on-going registration for its kinder-musik classes. Classes are pro-rated. 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.

CLUBS

SUBURBAN WEST BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

Meeting begins at 6 p.m. March 5 at the Holiday Inn-Livonia. The meeting continues at 6:30 p.m. dinner, followed by new member induction then an evening of planning and preparing for upcoming membership drive and auction. Call Mary T. Martin at (734) 422-7719 for further information.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CAREER WOMEN
The March 13 meeting with feature guest speaker nurse Janie Thomas from the Homeopathic Clinic in Ann Arbor. This will be held at Ernesto's in Plymouth. Cost is \$18 per member and \$22 for non-members. For reservations or information, call Brenda Durling at (734) 462-4670.

PLYMOUTH POETS
Readings 7-9 p.m. every Thursday night at the Plymouth Coffee Bean Co. in downtown Plymouth. March 1 meeting features BackBeat, a capella singing group; and Bluppets, black light puppet show.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB

The local club meets on the third Wednesday of every month at Local 845 Hall at 7 p.m. for social and 7:30 for business meeting. For further information, call Becky Tavarozzi (734) 309-5845.

TOASTMASTERS
Develop your public speaking, communications and leadership skills. Guests welcome. No pressure to speak. Being held at St. John Episcopal Church in Plymouth. This group meets at 7 p.m. every first and third Monday of the month. Please call (734) 459-0715 for more information.

WESTSIDE SINGLES
Westside Singles presents Friday night dances. Dances 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. Call (734) 981-0909 for further information.

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

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. Lectures are 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. Art or drama Birthday parties or Scout workshops custom designed for each group (any age) at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. For information, call (734)416-4278.

KIWANS 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.

BNI
The Canton II Chapter of Business Network International (BNI) holds its regular meetings 7-8:30 a.m. 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.

MOPS
The Plymouth Baptist Church holds the Mothers Of Preschoolers meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month 9-11:30 a.m. These meetings provide a time for moms to develop new friendships with other moms. Speakers, crafts and food are some of the highlights at a MOPS meeting. Mothers, with their children, kindergarten aged and younger, may attend. Childcare is provided. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-5534.

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

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

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

M.O.M.
Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) presents guest speakers and discussions from 9:30-11:30 a.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month. Baby-sitting is provided. Call Cheree at (734) 416-6214 or Laura at (313) 538-7822.

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

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

HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP
The Human Rights Group meets at 7 p.m. the first Sunday of the month at the Plymouth Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor

Trail, Plymouth. Call Paulette at (734) 416-9288 or Charlene at (734) 963-0649.

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

MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS
The Plymouth Baptist Church Mothers Of Preschoolers meets 9:15-11:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesdays. These meetings provide a time for moms to develop new friendships with other moms. Speakers, crafts and food are some of the highlights at a MOPS meeting. Mothers, with their children, kindergarten aged and younger, may attend. Childcare is provided. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-5534.

VOLUNTEERS

SENIOR PARTY
Work is under way for the all-night senior party to be held June 10. The committee is looking for volunteers to help in the party. Please call one of the co-chairmen to volunteer for decorating duty. The group is also in need of donations, either monetary or merchandise to be given out as prizes on the night of the party. For more information, please call Joanne LaMar, 459-4539, or Dave and Marcia Garnice, 844-3855.

DISCOVERY SHOPS
The American Cancer Society's Discovery Shops are looking for volunteers interested in retail to make a difference in the fight against cancer. Various positions, flexible hours and training are available. For more information, call the American Cancer Society at (248) 557-5353 or toll free at (800) 925-2271.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES
The agency needs foster parents and help publicizing its work. Call (877) 464-3264 for further information.

U OF M CANCER CENTER
The Patient Education Resource Center at the U of M Cancer Center is looking for volunteers to help patients and families obtain information about cancer. Basic computer skills and knowledge of the Internet required. One four-hour shift per week during business hours. For more details, call Ruti Volk at 936-9947.

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

ARBOR HOSPICE
Arbor Hospice & Home Care is seeking volunteers interested in helping terminally ill patients and their families with activities such as meal preparation, errands, reading and eating. Arbor Hospice is also looking for volunteer office workers to help with mailings, filing and typing. To register or for more information, call the volunteer services department at (248) 348-4980.

WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER
The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College is seeking volunteers. Call (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5524.

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 48170, 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

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15 points. The Lions won Division II of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Agape was outscored, 35-29, in the second half.

Churchill 57, John Glenn 49 (OT): Livonia Churchill pulled a win out of the hat Thursday.

Shawn Foster, a 6-foot-7 junior, scored 14 of his 16 points over the final 12 minutes Thursday as host Churchill rallied for an overtime win over Westland John Glenn.

Churchill is 4-15 overall, while Glenn is 4-14.

Glenn led 36-25 after three quarters, but Churchill stormed back with a 20-9 surge in the final period. The Chargers, behind seven Foster points, then outscored the Rockets 12-4 during the four-minute extra session.

Will Pendergrass, senior guard, also scored 16 points for the Chargers. Dan McMahon added 12.

"Our pressure defense in the fourth quarter caused turnovers and we were able to finish our shots," Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "Our goal was to feed the hot player and Shawn got hot."

"I'm very proud of the kids. It's been a long season, but they've chosen to play out the last three as hard as they can. We're on a little roll right now."

Darnell Wilson scored nine to lead Glenn, while Darnell Smith and Jeff Brantly each added six.

Glenn was nine of 13 from the free throw line, while Churchill was 12 of 22.

Wayne 63, Inkster 59: In a Mega Conference Red-White crossover Friday, the visiting Zebras (8-10) pulled out the victory as Matt Patterson, Gary Johnson and Earl Brinston each scored 13 points.

Patterson also grabbed nine rebounds, while Jeff Logwood contributed nine points.

Wayne outscored Inkster 17-13 in the decisive final period.

Inkster led 26-25 at halftime, but Wayne pulled even at 46-all by outscoring the Vikings 21-20 in the third quarter.

Darius Kincannon and Julius Martin tallied 16 and 15, respectively, for Inkster.

The Zebras were eight of 15 from the free throw line, while Inkster was seven of 11.

Franklin 66, Harrison 37: Livonia Franklin (7-12) pulled away in the final quarter Thursday to down visiting Farmington Hills Harrison (5-14).

The Patriots, who led 32-23 at halftime and 48-33 after three quarters, put it away with an 18-4 fourth-quarter run.

Four Franklin players scored in double figures — Mike Copeland (16), Joe Ruggiero (15), Ian Reid (12) and Mike Petta (10).

Chris Patterson contributed six assists and five rebounds.

Marvin Hicks and Dave Condeni scored 12 and 10, respectively, for Harrison.

*Franklin was 10-15 from the free throw line, while Harrison was seven of 12.

Franklin Road 64, Huron Valley 28: In a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference game Thursday, senior Mike Palmer poured in 20 points and sophomore William Raney added 14 to pace Novi Franklin Road Christian (8-9) to a lopsided win over Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (2-14).

Sophomore Dave Anderson scored 14 for the Hawks.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S. Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Fire Chief up to 4:00 p.m., March 19, 2001 for the following:

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER UPGRADES FOR CANTON TOWNSHIP

Specifications are available at the Canton Fire Department and questions may be directed to Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher at 734-394-5454. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF HEARING ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE OF HEARING given that the Plymouth Township Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times:

Hearings are by appointment, please call 354-3267, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for an appointment.

Tuesday, March 6	9 a.m.-Noon	Organizational Meeting
	2 p.m.-5 p.m.	Hearings by Appointment
Monday, March 12	2 p.m.-5 p.m.	Hearings by Appointment
	6 p.m.-9 p.m.	Hearings by Appointment
Tuesday, March 13	9 a.m.-Noon	Hearings by Appointment
	2 p.m.-5 p.m.	Hearings by Appointment
Saturday, March 17	9 a.m.-11 a.m.	First Come - First Served

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. Appeals by mail will be accepted if received by March 17, 2001.

The Board of Review will be held in the Board Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Please come prepared as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board of Review will be strictly adhered to.

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NOTICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN ADOPTED PROGRAM FOR USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR 2001

The citizens of the City of Plymouth, Michigan are hereby advised that the Plymouth City Commission held a public hearing at their regular meeting on February 20, 2001 to hear public comments on the use of the 2001 Community Development Block Grant Funds, in accordance with Federal regulations. On February 20, 2001, after consideration of the information presented during the hearing, the City Commission adopted the following programs for the use of these funds:

1. Senior Programs	
a. Senior Citizen Van Driver	\$25,000
b. Senior Citizen Van Dispatcher	\$5,000
c. Senior Citizen Chore Service	\$6,500
d. Senior Newsletter	\$2,000
2. Old Village Improvements	\$17,000
3. ADA Public Building Compliance	\$24,500
4. Grant Administration	\$3,000
TOTAL	\$83,000

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC/AE
City Clerk

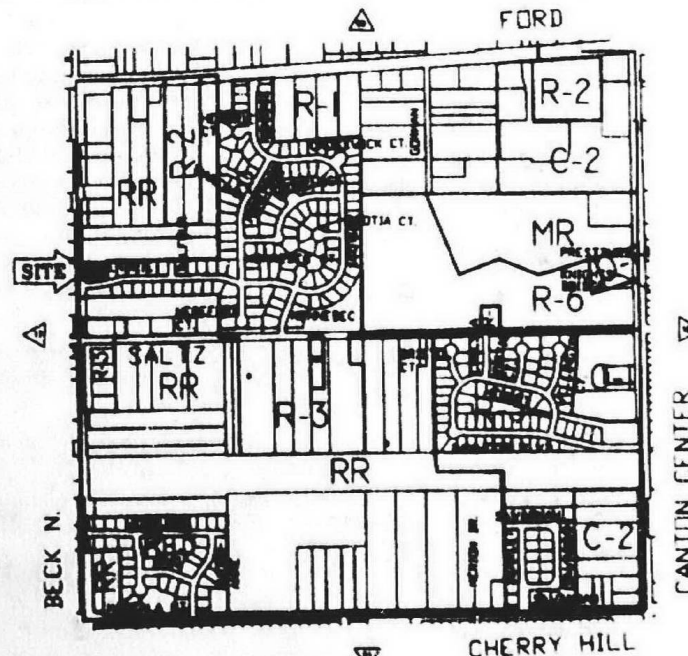
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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, March 5, 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:

BREACH REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 062 99 0023 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-3, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located on the east side of Beck Road between Saltz and Ford Roads.



ZONING MAP SECTION 16

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, March 1, 2001 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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2001 CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF HEARINGS ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review for the City of Plymouth will convene in the City Commission Chambers, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, for an Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 2001 at 12:00 p.m.

The regular Board of Review session will begin:

- Tuesday, March 6, 2001 @ 12:15 to 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 7, 2001 @ 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. Completed 2001 Board of Review Petitions are Necessary and must be submitted to the Front Office located on the First Floor of City Hall before an appointment can be made. The "Deadline" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Wednesday, March 7, 2001 by 9:00 p.m.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner. Written petitions must be submitted by Monday, March 19, 2001.

Copies of the notice stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted on the official public bulletin boards of the City and also in the local newspapers.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act". If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review, you may call (734) 453-1234, ext. 223.

City of Plymouth
MARK R. CHRISTIANSEN
City Assessor

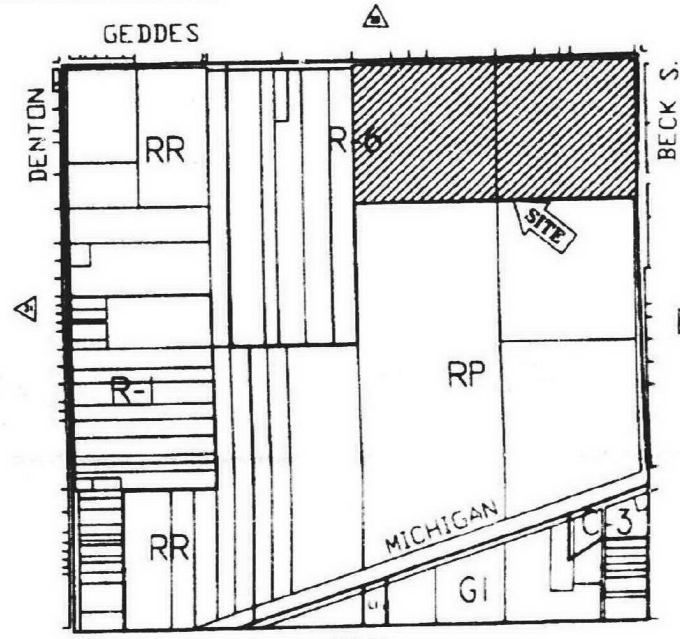
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CHATTERTON PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - AMENDMENT #1 - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS FROM 572 TO 596 (INCREASE OF 24 UNITS) FOR PARCEL NOS. 125 99 0001 000 AND 125 99 0003 000. Property is located on the southwest corner of Geddes and Beck Roads.



ZONING MAP SECTION 32

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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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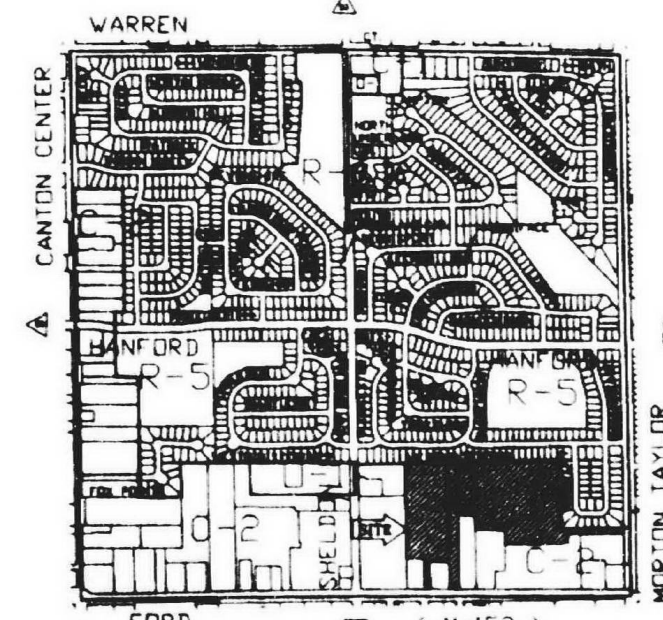
PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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 Public Hearings 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:

GRAND SAKWA SHOPPING CENTER PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS. 040 99 0002 003, 040 990004 001, 040 99 0005 004, AND PART OF PARCEL NO. 040 99 0006 705. Property is located on the north side of Ford Road between Sheldon and Morton Taylor Road.

Preliminary Plan Monday, March 5, 2001
Final Plan Monday, March 19, 2001



ZONING MAP SECTION 10

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, March 1, 2001 (Preliminary Plan) or Thursday, March 15, 2001 (Final Plan) in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF A BROWNFIELD PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 381 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a Public Hearing shall be held before the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth on March 27, 2001, at 7:00 P.M. in the Township Hall at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on the adoption of a brownfield plan for property located east of South Mill Street, west of Gold Arbor Road, north of Ann Arbor Road and south of Parcel I and II whose address is 1000 General Drive (approximately 29 acres) in the Charter Township of Plymouth pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended. Maps, plats and a description of the brownfield plan are available for public inspection at the Office of the Township Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170. All aspects of the brownfield plan are open for discussion at the public hearing.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH OPTICAL IMAGING CONSERVION ADVERTISEMENT

The Charter Township of Plymouth Police Department is seeking Quotes for the optical imaging conversion of past police records. There are 15 years of documents with approximately 40,000 pages per year. The successful bidder must meet and comply with the Township of Plymouth Affirmative Action Ordinance. Bid packets containing specifics may be obtained from the Plymouth Township Clerk's Office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Sealed bids must be received by 3 p.m. on March 7, 2001.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Township Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

Publish: February 11, 18 and 25, 2001

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO PUBLIC BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton: that all persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. All petitions must be received in the Assessor's office by March 13, 2001. The Board of Review will be held in the Canton Township Hall at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Please come prepared, as an eight (8) minute limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

Tuesday, March 6, 2001	4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Organizational Meeting)
Saturday, March 10, 2001	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Walk-in Schedule)
Monday, March 13, 2001	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)
Tuesday, March 13, 2001	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)

For answers to questions call Star Harvat, Secretary to the Board of Review (734) 394-5111.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
Charter Township of Canton

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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, March 1, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following items:

Z-01-01	1091 Penniman	Non-Use Variance Requested Height Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: Lisa O'Donnell-Wong & Andy Wong
Z-01-02	122 N. Harvey	Non-Use Variance Requested Front Yard Setback Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: Doug & Sara Lewan
Z-01-03	280 W. Ann Arbor Rd.	Non-Use Variance Requested Side Yard Setback Zoned: ARC, Ann Arbor Rd. Corridor Applicant: Patrick Tortora, Pilgrim Motorsports

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth 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/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

Carol Stone, ADA Coordinator
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

All interested persons are invited to attend.

Publish: February 25, 2001

Weather's warming and salmon's ready to run

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



BILL PARKER

Seems a little early to start thinking about salmon fishing on the Great Lakes. Heck, many of the bays are still covered with ice and ice anglers searching for perch and walleyes. But when the ice finally melts away and the waters warm into the low 40s salmon anglers will be out in force trolling the old familiar haunts of southern Lake Huron in search of a chinook or coho salmon, steelhead or brown trout.

Because of the shallow water in southern Lake Huron, the water there warms a little earlier than in other areas of the

Great Lakes and the baitfish, alewives and smelt come storming into the warm water. Trout and salmon soon follow and provide us with one of the earliest salmon fisheries of the year.

As spring turns to summer and the rest of the Great Lakes warm, the fish begin to scatter as they move north. Decent fishing remains around the Thumb area, but nothing like it is early in the season.

Fishing clubs and civic organizations hold a number of fishing tournaments around the Great Lakes throughout the summer months that lure anglers from near and far. One of the earliest and most respected tournaments is the River Crab Salmon Stakes, which is slated for Saturday, April, 28, and based at the River Crab Restaurant in St. Clair.

While many anglers from the

Observer & Eccentric coverage area annually fish in the tournament, thousands of others support the tournament and its cause by purchasing \$10 raffle/entry tickets.

Unlike many tournaments that pay back entry fees to the fishermen, the River Crab pays back only a small portion. The rest of the money - raised through ticket sales and corporate sponsorship - is donated to charity and used to support family mental health and counseling agencies statewide. To date, the tournament has raised over \$1 million since its inception 23 years ago.

While the \$10 tickets are good for entry into the tournament, they also enter the bearer in a raffle, which will be held at the River Crab at the conclusion of the fish weigh-in on April 28. Raffle prizes include a grand

prize of a five day, four night family getaway to Walt Disney World including hotel, airfare, park passes and \$300 in "fun money." Other prizes include a four day, three night getaway for a family of four to the Best Western Wheels Inn in Chatham, Ontario; Pistons tickets, Tigers tickets; \$500 in Chuck Muer gift certificates; and a sightseeing cruise for 10 aboard the Huron Lady followed by dinner at Chuck Muer's River Crab.

And that's not all. Each ticket is also redeemable for \$10 off dinner for two at any Chuck Muer Restaurant. Tickets are available at any Chuck Muer Restaurant including Muer's

Seafood Tavern in West Bloomfield, Charley's Crab in Troy, Meriwethers in Southfield, Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor, Big Fish in Dearborn, Big Fish Too in Madison Heights, or by calling 1-800-468-3727.

Fishermen can win big, too. A prize of \$500 will be awarded to the anglers who catch the biggest chinook, coho, steelhead and brown trout on tournament day. In addition, a specially tagged King salmon, dubbed "Slippery Charlie" will be released in the waters of southern Lake Huron in the week leading up to the tournament and if an angler registered with the tournament catches "Slip-

pery Charlie" they will earn a \$1,000 cash stipend. The skipper of the boat with the heaviest catch will also win \$500, and \$5,000 will be awarded to the fishing club with the heaviest catch.

It may be a little early to start getting ready to fish, but it's not too early to support this worthy cause.

(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.)

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

ACTIVITIES

OAKLAND COUNTY SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION
The Oakland County Sportfishing Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at Santia Hall, 1985 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Call (248) 693-4389 or visit the club's web site at <http://go.to/ocsa> for information.

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.

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.

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.

TRAVELS WITH A NATURALIST
Karen Bates, SOLAR Club member and outdoor enthusiast, traveled the mighty Colorado River by raft. Her photographic journey will take you through ancient rock layers revealing mysterious American Indian pictographs, fossils, canyon wildlife and spectacular natural beauty. This program is set for 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 9 at the Nature Center of Stony Creek Metropark near Rochester. For more information, call (810) 781-4621.

CREEK FESTIVAL
Come and take a peek at what's living in the creek. See how a river cuts a channel, learn your creekshed address, watch live indoor demonstrations, and learn how the critters in the creek predict your future during this program scheduled for Sunday, March 11 from 1 p.m.-4

p.m. at the Nature Center of Kensington Metropark near Milford/Brighton. For more information, contact the Kensington Metropark Nature Center at 1-800-477-3178.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Artists draw on power of the Internet

Artists are thinking of ingenious ways to affordably market their work, and the Internet is making it possible. Galleries collect commissions of around 50 percent leaving the artist with little if any profit for the hours spent creating a work.

But that's all changing thanks to the Web.

Storybook illustrator

Kara Marsee built a site (www.tir.com/~marsee/kara) for her whimsical, storybook illustrations in December. She's also showing the dragons, foxes and a bebop bunny playing trumpet in an exhibit at the Plymouth Community Arts Council through Thursday, March 8. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

A member of the Michigan chapter of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, Marsee earned her bachelor of fine arts degree from Siena Heights College in Adrian. She initially became interested in children's



Storybook characters: Kara Marsee's illustrations can be viewed on the Web or at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

art while working on interactive storybooks on CD ROM at Media Station in Ann Arbor and School Zone in Grand Haven.

"The Web is basically a place where you can have your own show 24 hours a day, and if you sell your work you can still exhibit it so people know what you can do. It's an easier way to show it to people far away who wouldn't be able to get to it," said Marsee, a Web and graphic designer for Four-sight Creative Group in Plymouth.

"There's hosting for as low as \$15 a month but a lot of times when someone signs up for an e-mail account, included with the account is a certain amount of Web space that is free. That is how my Web site is. We don't have to pay monthly hosting fees. The only drawback to this is that the name of the Web site conforms to whoever your e-mail provider is."

Marsee's husband Todd, a watercolorist, has already sold a couple of paintings to a buyer in Washington via his Web site: tir.com/~marsee.

Murals

Jennifer and Joe Rutherford hope their mural painting business at www.uponawall.com does as well. Over the last two years, the husband and wife team have built their Plymouth-based business by word of mouth, and exhibiting examples of their work at home shows. They were most recently at the Home Improvement show in Novi, and will do the Home and Garden Show at the Novi Expo Center April 5-8.

"After the home show a month ago we began receiving 30 hits a day," said Jennifer Rutherford. "With the Web site they can actually see the murals and then ask for a consultation. We have a mass marketing postcard that will go out in mid-March to 25,000 homes. We're hoping they see the card and go to the Web site and then e-mail us or give us a call."

Rutherford built the site a month ago to showcase not only the murals they've done in private residences, but

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THE SPLENDID TREASURES OF UR

Royal tombs reveal the secrets of ancient burial rites

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Elsie Peck steps into the one remaining gallery of *Treasures from the Royal Tombs of Ur* with a look of expectation on her face. Peck saved the Great Lyre from the King's grave for a spectacular finale to the exhibition featuring nearly 200 objects discovered in the 4,500-year-old Sumerian tombs.

The joint excavation by the University of Pennsylvania and British museums in the 1920s and '30s, yielded thousands of objects buried

in the Royal Cemetery in Mesopotamia (now modern southern Iraq).

The final gallery, which features the harp-like instrument, stunningly concludes the exhibition opening today at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Fascinating find

Peck is especially fascinated by the find. As a student, she was part of an excavation team that worked to uncover a palace and two temples near Ur in the early 1970s before the area was closed to travelers because of the Iran-Iraq War. Donald Hansen, a faculty member at the Institute of Fine Arts at New York University, and Peck's professor at the time, led the expedition. Hansen wrote one of the essays in the catalog for *Treasures from the Royal Tombs of Ur*.

"These are some of the most wonderful treasures," said Peck, curator of Near Eastern art at the DIA. "It's thought this is where writing first appears. Over 20 city-states made up Sumer. This is the geographic area thought to be the Garden of Eden and the birthplace of Abraham."

"Leonard Woolley, a British archaeologist, directed the excavation. Woolley was very well known for his work. In the first trench he excavated he found lapis lazuli and realized it was

Treasures from the Royal Tombs of Ur
What: An exhibition featuring nearly 200 objects including jewelry, vessels, musical instruments, sculpture and game boards found with the remains of ancient Mesopotamian rulers.
When: Sunday, Feb. 25 through Sunday, May 6. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, until 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, and until 9 p.m. the first Friday of each month.
Where: Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave.
Tickets: \$8, \$5 children. Includes audio tour and museum admission. Call (313) 833-8499 for information.



Head covering: Top center is a wreath that looks like a necklace but was worn as part of a headdress by one of Queen Puabi's female attendants. Above, Queen Puabi's elaborate headdress consisted of seven flowers that sprang from a comb, ribbons hand-crafted from gold, wreaths of lapis and shell flowers, gold rings to hold locks of hair, and enormous earrings.



DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Spectacular finale: Curator Elsie Peck saved this Great Lyre found in the King's grave at Ur for the final gallery. Below is a gold vessel in the form of an ostrich egg which was found with real ostrich eggs. Ostriches were revered by hunters for their swiftness and strength.

probably a cemetery. When they began excavating, the newspapers were just filled with the discoveries of Ur and Tutankhamen. Both were powerful and exciting, and, in addition to the jewelry, lyres, weapons and vessels they found, there was human sacrifice."

The Illustrated London News bore headlines telling of barbaric ritual killings in the royal tombs at Ur. The first four galleries concentrate on Queen Puabi's tomb and the men, women and oxen buried with her.

"The area outside the chamber held as many as 34 people. A ramp into the tomb was guarded by five warriors. There were chariots drawn by oxen and 10 handmaidens with harps and lyres. Each had a bowl next to them as if they'd drank some kind of poison draft. Afterward the oxen were slaughtered. The death pit held a total of 73 bodies, mostly women."

Inside the royal tomb of Queen Puabi and the king, whose name was never determined, were treasures gathered from a vast trading net-

work. The objects were divided in 1934 among the British and University of Pennsylvania museums and the Iraq museum in Baghdad. This is the first time the treasures have traveled outside of their respective museums.

Cradle of civilization

"The exciting thing is we're taking 4,500 years ago," said Peck as she moved from one exhibition case to another. "This area between the Tigris and Euphrates is considered the cradle of civilization. They found silver from Turkey, lapis lazuli from Afghanistan and Iran, and gold from Egypt. By the decoration on beads, it's apparent these were from Pakistan."

Woolley sent his Western Union messages in Latin to keep the treasures secret. A silver container hammered into the shape of a seashell held pigment probably used to decorate the eyes. Gold tweezers and a stiletto were also probably used in

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CONCERT

Musicians, singers put 'The Finishing Touch' on classic works

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Charles Burke raises his baton and like magic a glorious chorus of voices begin singing the *Kyrie* from Mozart's *Requiem*. It's ironic that the last composition Mozart wrote was a Mass for the Dead which he was never able to finish. It's not that he didn't try. According to some stories, Mozart worked on the *Requiem* up until 11 hours before he died, but he wasn't able to change fate.

As the sound bounces back and forth between the sopranos and basses of the Plymouth Oratorio Society, Burke is racing the clock as well. The Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra conductor is bringing together the 100-member youth training orchestra, the Plymouth Oratorio Society, and Eastern Michigan University Choir for a March 4 concert at Orchestra Hall in Detroit.

Musical partnership

Burke came up with the idea for the musical partnership last year as a way



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL BURCHAMAN

to challenge the orchestra. Coordinating the joint concert has been quite another matter.

Plymouth Oratorio Society conductor Leonard Riccinto spent weeks preparing the singers before Burks showed up for the rehearsal Monday night at First United Methodist

Working together: Conductors Charles Burke (left) and Leonard Riccinto discuss the score before a Plymouth Oratorio Society rehearsal of Mozart's *Requiem*.

ishing Touch." The program opens with Schubert's *Unfinished Symphony* and concludes with the *Requiem* Mozart left unfinished.

"I wanted to do a large choral work with the orchestra so I put the word out to all the universities," said Burke, a Canton resident. Part of the mission of the Detroit Symphony's education program is to branch out to all ages of the musical spectrum.

"The *Requiem* is incredible. It's very solid in orchestration and a work we can put together in a few weeks. It's one of the most grand pieces - very

The Finishing Touch
What: The Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra, Plymouth Oratorio Society, and Eastern Michigan University Choir perform Mozart's *Requiem* and Schubert's *Unfinished Symphony*.
When: 3 p.m. Sunday, March 4. A 2 p.m. pre-chamber concert will feature members of the orchestra.
Where: Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit.
Tickets: \$6, \$10 (box seats), call (313) 576-5111.

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the grooming process.

Cylinder seals, some carved from lapis lazuli, were worn by the wealthy and used to sign documents. Utilitarian objects such as tumblers made of electrum, an alloy of gold and silver, were found in the tombs as well as Queen Puabi's gold drinking cup. Calcite bowls look like alabaster but are translucent in the light.

A lion head found outside the tomb chamber is hollow cast from silver with eyes of lapis and shell. It is featured on the cover of the catalog.

"These (the lion) are decorative pieces. We don't know what they meant."

Jewelry, including necklaces and earrings, were obvious signs of wealth. Queen Puabi's elaborate headdress features seven flowers springing from a comb, gold ribbons to hold it in place, wreaths of lapis and shell flowers, gold rings to hold locks of hair, and enormous earrings, which were probably worn over her ear.

Next to her on a table lay more

of her treasures including a belt made of beads and decorated with gold ornaments. The gold rams, bearded bulls, sheaves of wheat and fruits attest to the fertility of the land of Sumer.

"Throughout the adornments we see color alternates of lapis blue, carnelian red and gold. When Puabi was found, she was wearing 10 rings, one for every finger. A thumb ring was of gold and lapis. Men usually wore one earring."

The rest of the galleries bear non-Puabi objects including men's headbands, beads with lapis and gold flies, and an amulet of a bearded bull.

"They had straws to drink your beer through. The tablets have recipes for beer. In all of the graves were found a lot of real ostrich eggs, which could be decorated. With the paraffin technology Woolley used, he was able to reconstruct so much."

Process

Visitors can read about the process invented by Woolley in the resource room where lyre

Related activities

- **Storytelling** — by Corinne Stavish 2 p.m. Saturday, March 31, April 21, and April 28 in the Ancient Gallery.
- **Drop-in metal workshops** — noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, April 8, April 15, April 22, and April 29 in the studio
- **Richard Zettler**, organizing curator of the exhibit — discusses the discovery and excavation of the Sumerian royal tombs at Ur, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25 in the Lecture Hall
- **Piotr Michalowski**, University of Michigan professor of ancient Near Eastern languages and civilizations — focuses on the people buried in the royal graves, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 11, Lecture Hall
- **Holly Pittman**, associate professor of art history at the University of Pennsylvania, and associate curator of Near Eastern Glyptic Art at the university's Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology — talks about the art and craft of royal regalia found in the tombs, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, Lecture Hall
- **Thomas Madden**, head of the metals department at Center for Creative Studies, and blacksmith James Viste — tour the exhibit and discuss ancient metalworking techniques, 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 21 in the Exhibition Galleries
- **Elsie Peck**, DIA curator of Near Eastern Art, presents an illustrated glimpse of art works created by the Sumerians 4,500 years ago in Mesopotamia — 2 p.m. Sunday, March 25, Lecture Hall

music, played from tablets which showed musical notation, streams from the speakers.

One of the most interesting works is a ram caught in a thicket. The back is lapis and shell. It is thought to have been some

sort of a ritual stand and reminded Woolley of the biblical story of Abraham and the near-sacrifice of his son Isaac.

The final gallery illustrates the burial ritual, which involved

the killing or mass suicides of the women playing lyres and warriors with spears. But before visitors can read the text and images, the Great Lyre draws them across the space. Woolley reconstructed the spectacular 11-string lyre from the king's grave. It dazzles visitors with its size and the gold bull accenting the front panel of the sound board. Beneath the majestic horned beast are scenes showing animals performing tasks as if they were humans.

The bottom of the lyre was resting on the heads of three bodies in the death pit.

Music

"Music is very important. In addition to the lyres, they found pipes and sistra, an ancient percussion instrument. They were probably played not only in times of happiness but when they felt vulnerable — at childbirth, during burial ceremonies and lunar eclipses when people were frightened."

The silver head of a bull with

its eyes of lapis and shell enchants visitors as well. Found in Queen Puabi's tomb, the object was thought to have been attached to a lyre. It is an exceptional example of hollow-cast metal sculpture and one of few that can be dated to the middle of the third millennium BC.

"The Sumerian artist was a master at modeling animals. You can see evidence of this in the abstract curls on top of the head, the modeling of the soft muzzle. It's wonderfully rendered. The eyes are so alive. The bull is a symbol of fecundity and power. It's thought the deep sound of the lyre approximates the noise of the bull, which was a god-like animal."

"Every student of art history will know at least one or two objects in the exhibition from their texts. No other find is comparable. The technical quality is so high. We can't help but be moved. These objects were found near people who used them. That's very immediate. We can relate."

ART BEAT

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Livonia MI 48150, or fax them to (734) 591-7279.

MANDALA CLASS
Cathy Dyer will teach an inspirational and healing art

seminar to create mandalas 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 3 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction.

A joint venture of the arts council and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, the seminar/workshop will produce art which could be included in a juried exhibition before the orchestra's March 24 concert at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth. Music from the concert, based on Herman Melville's novel *The Encantadas*, evokes images of nature and life on the Galapagos Islands and will inspire artists to create the mandalas.

The fee for the seminar is \$25 and includes materials. To pre-register, call (734) 416-4278. For information about the concert, call (734) 451-2112.

Dyer's process of creating a mandala involves meditation to access symbols and colors, which come from the inner self and from spiritual guidance, to create the art in a circle. As Tibetans, Navajo and Carl Jung have found, the circle brings integration and focus to any idea or problem. The artist and the viewer are drawn into the image and may find different healings.

Dyer has been a featured artist at Plymouth is Artrageous, the Plymouth Community Arts Council, and in the artists' response to universal violence against women exhibit at Madonna University in Livonia. She will also teach a 4-week session on creating mandalas beginning 7:15-8:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 6 at the arts council. The cost is \$70, \$65 arts council members.

ARTS ACTIVITIES

Artifacts Art Club meets 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road. The meeting precedes the opening of the club's exhibition March 1. The show continues through Friday, March 30 in the lobby of Livonia City Hall next to the library.

The more than 40 works will include a wide range of media from pastel and colored pencil to computer art. On March 16, Carol Taft, an art instructor at Schoolcraft College, will judge the work. This is the 11th year Artifacts has exhibited at Livonia City Hall.

The public is invited to attend the meeting and the exhibit.

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JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
The JCC and the Michigan/Israel Connection seeks art vendors for the annual festival on May 20. All types of media are accepted. Interested vendors should call the JCC at (248) 661-7649.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY
Accepting proposals for exhibition in 2001. 6 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 360-2381.

LIBERTY FEST 2001
Canton Township 10th annual fine art and fine craft show is seeking artists for the event on June 23-24. Deadline for submission is April 16. For more information, call Sharon Dillenbeck of D&M studio at (734) 453-3710.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Seeks applications from artists interested in exhibiting fine arts or fine crafts at the Juried Art & Apples Festival Sept. 8-9, 2001 in Rochester Municipal Park. The booth fee is \$325/\$375. Applications must be received by March 1, 2001. Entry fee is \$25. To obtain an application form, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Art & Apples Festival, 407 Pine Street, Rochester, MI 48307. (248) 651-4110.

POETRY CONTEST

Deadline for the International Library of Poetry contest is April 30. Entry is free and open to everyone. To enter, send one original poem to The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19910, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Send entries via the Internet at www.poetry.com.

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The Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra along with Hammel Music announces a competition March 12-14 for young musicians. A final competition will be held on March 19 at Hammel Music in Bloomfield Hills. Call the symphony at (248) 645-2276 for information or print off an application at www.bbsoc-competition.org.

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CONCERTS

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The Musicale along with Euphonia Music presents Concert Two of chamber music at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25. 5980 Rochester, Troy.

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND
A Little Bit Irish, a cabaret concert, is 3 p.m. Sunday, March 11 at Groves H.S. Cafeteria, 20500 W. 13 Mile. (248) 474-4997.

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE
Voices and Strings is at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 8 at the Birmingham Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. (248) 641-1705.

BLACKTHORN
Featured at the Concerts-at-the-Centre series at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 4 at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield, Southfield. (248) 424-9041.

CANTATA ACADEMY
Presents a cabaret concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 3 at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. (248) 358-9868.

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A Brass Blast is at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25 at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 559-2095.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Presents Messiaen's Turangalila March 1-3 at Orchestra Hall, Detroit.

EMERALD SINFONIETTA
Presents Corelli Clash! concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Dr., Grosse Pointe Farms. (313) 438-0780.

KIRK IN THE HILLS
Presents the annual Lenten Choral Concert at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 4, 1340 W. Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 626-2515.

MACOMB CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
Cab Calloway's Legacy of Swing is Feb. 25. Canadian Brass is 8 p.m., March 3. Ragamala is at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 4. 44575 Garfield, Clinton Twp. (810) 286-2141.

RACKHAM SYMPHONY CHOIR
Performs African Sanctus at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 11 at Bethel AME, Warren and St. Antoine, Detroit. (313) 341-3466.

SPHINX COMPETITION
The Final rounds of this event are at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25 at Orchestra Hall. For tickets call the DSO box office at (313) 576-5111.

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
Pianist Jia Li and clarinetist Angela Brenton join conductor Glen A. Tuomaala and the WSU Orchestra for a performance at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26 in the Community Arts Auditorium on the Wayne State campus, 495 W. Ferry Mall. (313) 577-1795.

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In concert at Borders Books and Music, 14 Mile and Northwestern, West Bloomfield at 1 p.m. March 4. (248) 828-4080.

EVENTS

2001: AN ART ODYSSEY
The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center presents the art auction on Friday, March 2. 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

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LIVONIA MALL
It's a Small World with Phil Kaput is 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25. The Circle of Life Rainforest is at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 4. Seven Mile and Middlebelt, Livonia. (248) 476-1160.

TINY TOT SERIES
The Detroit Symphony orchestra brings two programs: Fun Dances from Faraway Lands at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 3 at the Seligman Family Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile Rd., and Amazing Musical Tales at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 7 at Seligman Center. An encore performance of Fun Dances from Faraway Lands will be performed at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 19 at Parcels Middle School in Grosse Pointe Woods, 20600 Mack. For ticket info call (313) 576-5111.

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GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENING)

ART APARTMENT
Opens Thursday, March 1 - A Reader's Art: Artists books in the Midwest through April 30. 210 Abbott, Suite 18, East Lansing. (517) 337-8370.

CPOP GALLERY
Opens Saturday, March 3 - Kevin Kelly and Slaw through March 25. 4160 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-9901.

HABATAT GALLERY
Opens Friday, March 2 - Stephen Clements/Leah Wingfield/Livio Seguso through March 24. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 333-2060.

ORION ART GALLERY
Opens Sunday, March 4 - A photography exhibit by Roland McKay. Opening reception is 2-6 p.m. Sunday, March 4. 115 S. Anderson, Lake Orion. (248) 693-4986.

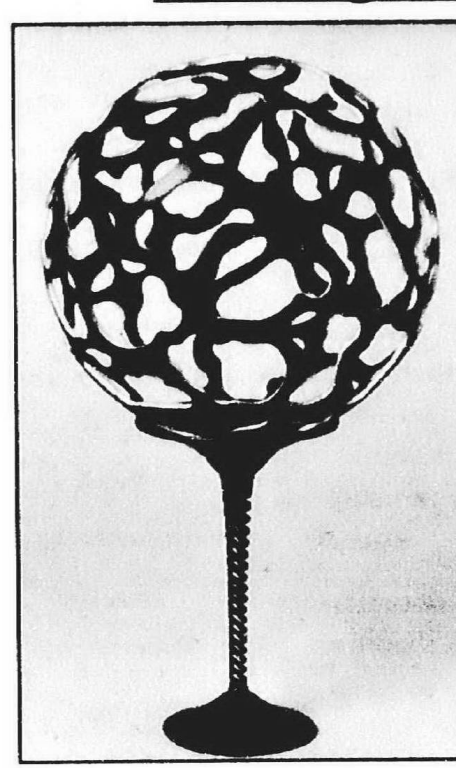
PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Opens Friday, March 2 - Arta Fundi by artist Jim Pallas through April 7 and an exhibit of glass works by students and faculty of the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit. Opening reception is 6-8 p.m. Friday, March 2. 407 Pine Street, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

PEWABIC POTTERY
Opens Friday, March 2 - Ewers: a group exhibition of ceramic artists through April 14. Opening reception is 6-8 p.m. Friday, March 2. 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 822-0954.

THE PLAZA
Opens Sunday, Feb. 25 - Mark Arminski rock poster retrospective. Opening reception is 5-7 p.m. Feb. 25. 222 State, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-8224.

SCARAB CLUB
Opens Friday, March 2 - Silver Medal Exhibition through March 31. Opening reception is 6-10 p.m., Friday, March 2. 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250.

See-through sculpture



Wood turner: A sycamore and ebony sculpture by Stuart Mortimer will be on display at the Sybaris Gallery, 202 E. Third Street, Royal Oak, beginning March 3. The exhibit features sculptures and vessels by Mortimer, sculptures by Bradley Miller and jewelry by Diane Falkenhagen. Opening reception is 5-7 p.m. Saturday, March 3. (248) 544-3388.

SYBARIS GALLERY
Opens Saturday, March 3 - Works by Stuart Mortimer, Bradley Miller and Diane Falkenhagen through April 7. 202 E. Third, Royal Oak. (248) 544-3388.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

AFFIRMATIONS PITTMANN-PUCKETT GALLERY
Through March 17 - Exploring Creativity: Works in Progress, a photographic exhibit by Pontiac artist Diane Holcomb. 195 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale. (248) 398-7105.

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER
Through March 11 - Messengers and Messiahs. 117 West Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-8004.

BENTLEY LIBRARY
Through April 30 - Shakespeare on Campus, a photographic review of the performances of the Bard's works on the U-M campus. 1150 Beal, North campus, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-3482.

BIDDLE GALLERY
Through March 6 - New paintings by Charles Alimone and Martine MacDonald. 2840 Biddle, Wyandotte. (734) 281-4779.

CARY GALLERY
Through March 10 - Watercolors by Mary Aro. 226 Walnut, Rochester. (248) 651-3656.

CASS CAFE
Through April 28 - An exhibition of linocuts and woodcuts by Carlos Cortez. 4620 Cass, Detroit. (313) 831-1400.

CENTER GALLERIES
Through March 24 - Exhibit A. 301 Frederick Douglass, Detroit. (313) 664-7800.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Through March 31 - Improvization: A Journey into Jazz. There will also be a jazz performance 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25 featuring Wendell Harrison and John Lindberg. Shelia Landis, Rick Matle and Dennis Sheridan will perform 8-10 p.m. Saturday, March 3. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac. (248) 333-7849.

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET
Through Feb. 28 - featured local artist is Jean Buescher. Through March 9 - Colorforms. 4719 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 832-8540.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY
Through March 22 - The New Year of Trees: Tu B'Shevat in the second level gallery and Soft Walls: More work by Colorado Fiber Artists in the first level gallery. 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-7641.

FARMINGTON CITY HALL
Through March 30 - Keganah Tazian art exhibit. 28600 W. Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 473-1856.

HABATAT GALLERIES
Through Feb. 23 - New work by Latchezar Boyadiev, and works by William Carlson. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 333-2060.

HILL GALLERY
Through March 24 - Richard Pousette-Dart: Contemplating the Sublime. 407 W. Brown, Birmingham. (248) 540-9200.

INN SEASON CAFE
Through March 3 - Oils and pastels of Lisa Rigstad. Fourth

Street, Royal Oak. (248) 547-7916.

ELAINE JACOB GALLERY
Through March 23 - Figuratively Literal. Wayne State University campus, 480 W. Hancock, Detroit. (313) 993-7813.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY
Through March 3 - Group exhibition of paintings and sculpture featuring large-scale botanical prints by Judy Pfaff, among others. 107 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-3909.

LEMBERG GALLERY
Through March 17 - Jane Hammond: Works on Paper. 23241 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 591-6623.

LIVONIA ART COMMISSION
Through Feb. 27 - Stained Glass Creations by George Pozan at the Livonia Civic Center Library. Through Feb. 28 - Watercolors by Johanna Bielicki in the Fine Arts Gallery, 32777 Five Mile. (734) 466-2490. Through Feb. 27 - Betty Ives and Pat Ingersoll quilts at the Livonia City Hall Lobby, 33000 Civic Center Drive. (734) 466-2540.

MICHIGAN HOT GLASS GALLERY
Through Feb. 28 - Two Views. One Medium featuring the works of Andrea Daoud and Jeff Mack. 1604 Clay, 2nd floor, Detroit. (313) 871-1798.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA
Through March 16 - Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors. 1200 N. Telegraph, 2nd floor, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

DANIELLE PELEG GALLERY
Through March 11 - Works by David Gerstein, 4301 Orchard Lake, Crosswinds Mall, West Bloomfield. (248) 626-5810.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Through March 8 - Illustrations of Kara Renee Marsee. 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 416-4ART.

PRINT GALLERY
Through March 30 - posters by Jackson Pollock. Through March 15 - Rembrandt and the Masters of the Original Print. 29469 Northwestern, Southfield. (248) 354-2343.

REVOLUTION
Through March 17 - Peter Williams: Life on a Black Planet. 23257 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 541-3444.

SCARAB CLUB
Through Feb. 28 - Global Expressions, an all-media exhibit and statements on the human condition. 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS
Through Feb. 28 - An exhibition of photography entitled World Religions in Metropolitan Detroit. 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. (248) 354-4224.

SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES GALLERY
Through March 17 - Cutting Trees, painting, drawings and wood sculptures by Michael Slaski and Ruth Andrews. 33 E. Adams, Detroit. (313) 963-7575.

WARREN TRI-COUNTY FINE ARTS
Through Feb. 28 - featured artist is Bob Weinberg. 29500 Van Dyke, Warren. (810) 779-9226.

WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY
Through March 3 - Michigan Artists Competition. 215 East Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 761-2287.

WEARLEY STUDIO GALLERY
Through March 15 - Japanese Interiors, solo exhibit of new works on paper by Stephanie Sarris. 1719 W. Fourteen Mile, Royal Oak. (248) 549-3016.

WOODS GALLERY
Through March 23 - Michigan Association of Calligraphers is featured. Reception is 2-4 p.m. Sunday, March 4. (248) 543-9720.

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

LECTURES

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER
Art Appreciation workshop on how public art can prevent crime and serve as a catalyst for positive social change is 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27. Lecture by Ann Arbor and Lansing area metal artists is 1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 4. 117 West Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-8004.

CLR JAMES LECTURE SERIES
On Sunday, Feb. 25 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. is CLR James, his prison testament by Dr. Aldon Nielsen at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. (313) 871-4594.

HEALING ARTS SEMINAR
Mandalas and Music is presented on 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, March 3 at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts. (734) 451-2112.

WEST BLOOMFIELD LIBRARY
The rise of new "Iranian American" identity by Professor Maboud Ansari is 3-5 p.m. Sunday, March 4 at the West Bloomfield Library, 4600 Walnut Lake, West Bloomfield. (248) 855-6643.

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
Through April 8 - Network Gallery: Gathering Time. Through April 8 - Forgers of Metal: George Booth & His Patronage of Metalcraft at Cranbrook. 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO CRANBROOK.

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
Through April 29 - Electric Space: Bolts, Jolts and Volts from the Sun. Through May 20 - Lasers presents Laser Festival with music of the Beatles, B-52s and Jackson 5. The Young Stargazer's Journey is through Sept. 3. Through Dec - An exhibit of Great Lakes fur trade with 18th and 19th century artifacts. 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO CRANBROOK.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Opens Sunday, Feb. 25 - Treasures from the Royal Tombs of Ur through May 6. Through April 30 - A Cultural Heritage: Selected Works of African American Art from the DIA's Collection. Through May 27 - A Century of Collecting Drawings: 1900-2000. 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.

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
Through April 15 - Hair in African Art and Culture. Through March 30 - Historical Themes, Tales and Legends: The Art of Jerry Pinkney. 315 E. Warren, Detroit. (313) 494-5800.

THEATRE

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.

JET THEATRE
Presents Another Antigone through March 7 at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, JCC, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. Tickets \$16-\$26. (248) 788-2900.

GEM THEATRE
The Tropical Pickle is at the Gem. 333 Madison, Detroit. (313) 963-9800.

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
Through March 11 - Killing Time, a drama based on Dr. Jack Kevorkian. (248) 377-3300.

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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.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Movie listings for various theaters including National Amusements, Showcase, Star Theatres, and others. Lists titles, times, and prices.

BOOKS

Champions of freedom share their ideas on 'The Triumph of Liberty'



ESTHER LITTMANN

The Triumph of Liberty By Jim Powell Free Press, 2000, \$35

For most Americans it is difficult to imagine a world where citizens are imprisoned without a trial, tortured and exiled for religious differences...

Still more difficult to conceive is a world where defenders of the liberties we hold dear are persecuted for their beliefs...

But such conditions have existed throughout human history, author Jim Powell reminds us...

In his recent publication, The Triumph of Liberty, senior fellow at Cato Institute and editor of Laissez-Faire Books explores the 2000 year-history of man's struggle for freedom...

Triumph of Liberty consists of 65 essays, each profiling the life and work of a man or woman who made a crucial contribution to freedom...

Coming from both sides of the Atlantic, many of these champions of freedom are well known. The Europeans include John Locke, whose writings inspired

Find answers, to 'Today's Questions'

(PRNewswire) — Sunday morning worship usually consists of a sermon that has nothing to do with the problems we face each day...

Dr. Mitchell, an ordained minister and educator, uses scripture to address particular issues. He examines the many issues facing people today in a series of books "Spiritual Answers Today's Questions"

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also an outdoor scene that included the owner's dog at Cookies and Milk, an indoor playground at Lilley and Joy roads, and a 135-foot mural at the Halliday dog kennel in Canton. The painting duo created the park scene with romping dogs for the pole barn at the kennel.

"I've been chewing my nails for a year thinking about this," said Rutherford. "Computers scare the heck out of me. There's a program you can download from the Internet homestead.com

that helps you for free. We're really excited now that it's up and running."

Art Doctor

Jim Pujdowski isn't looking to make money with his Web site. He's just having a lot of fun. Evenings, the Redford artist gives advice as the Art Doctor at www.art-dr.com. During the day, he teaches art at University Liggett School in Grosse Pointe Woods.

In the last year, he's juried six shows including ones for the

Visual Arts Association of Livonia and St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake. Pujdowski exhibits his art in group shows. A gallery page will feature his work when it's up and running on his Web site in the next couple of months.

"When I retire I always thought I'd be the Dear Abbey of art," said Pujdowski. "I wanted to call it Art Dude or Art Guru but those were all taken so I took art-dr. and paid for the name. It took up to four months for me to be on sites like Yahoo

and Lycos. Since then I'm getting 40-50 hits a day and five people a day asking questions about their art. It's the average person who wants feedback on their work."

Pujdowski responds to the requests in 48 hours and it's all free, at least for now. He is considering a \$1 fee per image in the future. One artist sent 31 images. Now Pujdowski is limiting it to one. So far he's received requests from a lady quilter in England, a political cartoonist in New Zealand, and graphic

artists who want to make the transition to fine art.

Pujdowski, whose site was designed by one of his students, also answers art related questions such as what kind of invitations should artists print for an opening reception.

"It's been a real treat," said Pujdowski. "I banter with people back and forth. It's fulfilling a need for people. Before I began the Web site I typed in a search for agencies who give art advice and they charge \$100-\$150. On my site I have humor like Woody

Allen that sort of draws them in. It gives them a diagnosis and a treatment plan. I try to remain objective as a teacher."

Pujdowski isn't sure where the site will take him in the future. For now, it remains fun but it could also turn paint to profit once more people learn about the art doctor.

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

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haunting and uplifting. The last movement talks about light and moving toward light. It has a story behind each movement. It's a religious, spiritual work. Mozart embodied his last breath into this work. In one place, it's actually heaven speaking to him. It's why Mozart's music has endured so long. It's such a perfect box of heart, soul and spirit."

Beloved piece

"It's an extremely well known and beloved piece," added Riccinto who attended a rehearsal of the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra on Saturday and liked what he heard. "People just adore it. The EMU Choir will sing it in April, the Plymouth Oratorio Society in May. We wanted a piece of music that would attract new and old members to the Oratorio Society. We went from 70 singers last season to 120 voices strong in January."

The history and controversy surrounding the Requiem played only a small part in attracting musicians. Four different versions exist for the work commissioned one night when a mysterious messenger appeared at Mozart's door.

"Suessmayr, Mozart's student, originally completed the Requiem but there were a lot of errors," said Burke. "We're doing Franz Beyer's version from the early 1800s. Beyer cleaned it up. It's closer to the style Mozart

'The Plymouth Oratorio Society and EMU choir collaborated before. The mix is good with older and younger voices, and an even younger orchestra. We're just synthesizing all this talent.'

Leonard Riccinto

Conductor
Plymouth Oratorio Society

began. In Suessmayr you can hear where Mozart ends and Suessmayr begins."

"Which matters to us, but not to the singers who just enjoy singing it," said Riccinto. "It's very creative. The orchestra and choral forms work as a team. There's a partnership."

More than 200 years later that partnership has spawned another partnership between two conductors in love with Mozart's Requiem.

Collaboration

"The Plymouth Oratorio Society and EMU choir collaborated before," said Riccinto. The mix is good with older and younger voices, and an even younger orchestra. We're just synthesizing all this talent. Where else can you have a 14-year-old cellist

playing with a Plymouth Oratorio Society singer in their 70s without compromise? The challenge is making sure rehearsals are consistent for all the groups involved. There's lots of variable, a new conductor with orchestra, a new space and soloists."

The logistics of coordinating nearly 300 musicians aside, Burke and Riccinto hope to join forces again. Not only is the concert an opportunity to bring together the three groups, but also their respective communities. The orchestra represents 75 schools in the metro Detroit area, the Plymouth Oratorio Society several churches.

"We want to make this a long-term relationship so the Plymouth Oratorio Society and Eastern Michigan University choir have access to Orchestra Hall," said Burke.

A great hall

"It's a great hall historically and acoustically," said Riccinto. "The acoustics are some of the best in the nation."

That's why Don Pratt can't wait to perform in Orchestra Hall on March 4. The Canton tenor last sang the Mozart Requiem under the direction of his father Robert, the first conductor of the Plymouth Oratorio Society, in 1989.

"When the POS was first founded the idea was to sing great oratorio works and to do it

in a great venue," said Pratt, a math teacher at Huron High School in Ann Arbor. "The Mozart Requiem is one of the top choral music pieces ever written. It's exciting because it's an opportunity to sing in such a

great hall and join with the EMU choir. I have former students in the choir. It's great for many young people to see people who have continued to do this."

"It's all these blends. It's the exciting style of how Mozart's

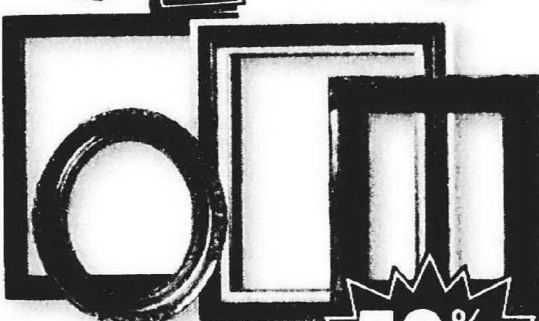
written it. He changes his style so much from quiet to grandiose chorus and I can never remember singing in a standard choir with 23 tenors. Usually it's 10, but so many singers turned out to do this work."

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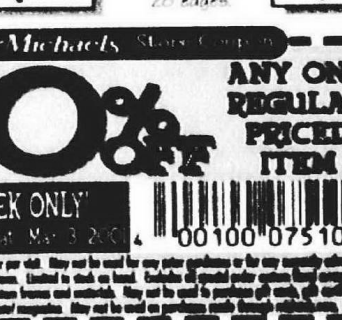
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MALLS & MAINSTREETS

Sunday, February 25, 2001

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How many new stores will they open?

SHOP TALK



NICOLE STAFFORD

Next time you're driving on the highway or trekking through southeastern Michigan, look around and start counting.

Target, Wal Mart, Circuit City, Best Buy, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Meijer, Mervyn's, T.J. Maxx, Pier One, Old Navy, Home Depot...

How many new stores do these national chain retailers plan to open? Is it conceivable that we and other communities have more than we need when it comes to this brand of shopping?

After all, this is Detroit. We like putting our automobiles to use. We don't mind putting 10 miles on our odometer in exchange for a trip to Wal Mart to stock up on toilet paper. If we run out of toilet paper, we're not angry if the store is more than a couple blocks away. After all, we're driving, not walking.

I'm uncertain as to whether I have anything original to say about this retail phenomenon. It's nothing new. Business has become big, conglomerate (monopoly) business on a global scale.

Reports about communities fighting the retailers in the building proposal stage are common. Just as common are reports of small, independent stores going out of business.

The question is whether the consumer public is interested in getting a realistic picture of what's going on here. Yes, we all like the convenience of getting our groceries, cosmetics, tube socks and a new plant for the bedroom in one trip at one store - one-stop shopping.

Yes, we all feel special and smart when we buy a microwave for 20 percent less than the price of the same item at a small appliance store.

But doesn't anyone feel a bit dominated? Like retail is a dictatorship?

Increasingly, consumers are patronizing the same stores over and over, no matter what they need, no matter where they live - because that's what's available to them. The more big retailers that come, the more small ones that close down.

I don't like not having choices. I don't like making decisions that fail to reflect some degree of individuality. I don't like the idea that across the country someone just like me is standing in front of the very same product in the same merchandise department considering whether it would look good in the living room.

Worse than not having choices is thinking that you do, when you really don't.

True, there's something good beyond the convenience and pocketbook savings; there's the reliability factor. By replicating the same business model in different locations, large retailers give consumers something consistent, something they can count on.

It's the beauty of McDonald's; no matter where you go, you can count on that double cheeseburger being the same.

That McDonald's has essentially planted a store on every major thoroughfare, within, or within miles of, every town, big or small, off most highway exits and just about around every corner in the United States and other countries is a remarkable achievement.

In fact, I am so in awe of McDonald's that several years ago I called their Midwestern headquarters to ask how many McDonald's operated in the United States.

"We don't know," a baffled public relations representative told me.

"What do you mean, you don't know? You don't count?" I replied.

"Well, there are so many opening up..." she said.

"Still, even if you don't own them, you have to set them up, the franchises, right?"

"True, but we still don't know. There's always one opening up. At any given moment, a new McDonald's is opening its doors."

"Well, how many do you have in Michigan? Surely you know how many McDonald's restaurants there are in a single state?"

No, they didn't know that, either, she told me.

Like I said, this is nothing new, but do you want double cheeseburger versions of everything you buy?

Beyond the trends

Local style makers keep making fashion sense

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Sometimes, fashion seems silly and shallow - an extraneous and flimsy domain. Consider some of the concept creations revealed on the runway at seasonal shows in New York and Europe. Following the shows are the runway reports that analyze the trends and critique the designers' work. Later, fashion magazines emphasize select pieces from the shows, and, eventually, some of the designs trickle down into retail stores.

Yet, after all that hoopla, many, if not most, women hold back when it comes to fashion. Understandably, they're overwhelmed by the prospect of making sense of it all: their own taste, lifestyle, body type, budget and time limits; the fashion trends and the staggering amount and variety of clothing available. Suddenly, obtaining personal shopping services or one-on-one assistance doesn't sound so indulgent and outdated.

That's probably why metropolitan style makers like Anna Bassett, who owned the highly regarded but now closed women's specialty store Claire Pearone, are still in the game.

Just over two weeks ago, Bassett joined Saks Fifth Avenue's Troy store as director of its personal shopping service, The Fifth Avenue Club.

"Most women today are very, very busy," says Bassett of women's need for assistance in building and updating wardrobes. Hectic schedules and limited time make assistance a necessity for many women, she says. "The lack of time is a very important factor," adds Bassett. "I think individuals are very rushed today."

Rushed is one way to describe women's lifestyles in an age when more women work and hold high-powered positions, while raising a family, than ever before.

"Harassed" is the term preferred by Lynn Portnoy, who worked with Bassett as a fashion buyer for Claire Pearone, which operated at Troy's Somerset Collection until 1991 and then in downtown Birmingham until closing in 1993.

Portnoy currently outfits local women at her Southfield retail store, Lynn Portnoy Women's Clothier. She's also the author of an on-going series of travel books for women under the title "Going Like Lynn."

While Bassett will be working with personal shopping associates at Saks to help them better meet customers needs, Portnoy is taking personal shopping services to a new level.

Last December, she launched Going Like Lynn's "Travel Wardrobe in a Bag" a wardrobe of upscale, chic clothing that's assembled in a single bag and ready to carry on the plane for women on the go. Since taking the concept and her catalog to New York City for a trunk show, Portnoy has been taking orders from across the country.

One new customer called from a train by cell



For travel in style: Comes Going Like Lynn's "Travel Wardrobe in a Bag," which includes this versatile ensemble.



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLINSEY

Swaying style again: Anna Bassett, who owned the highly regarded but now closed women's fashion boutique Claire Pearone, has joined Saks in Troy as director of the store's personal shopping service, The Fifth Avenue Club.

phone. "She was having a fashion emergency because she was going somewhere. So I made up a care package and sent it. She kept everything," says Portnoy.

Basic pieces available in Portnoy's "Wardrobe in a Bag" include a wrinkle-resistant, washable gabardine jacket, skirt and pants set by Yeohlee, a cashmere sweater set and cotton T-shirts. Accessories, like faux pearls and a black lace shawl, give women what they need to dress up their basic pieces. The cost is about \$3,000, but Portnoy offers a less expensive "Wardrobe in a Bag" for \$500.

Each wardrobe is custom, too. "I don't do cookie cutter," she says. "Everyone loves that I give personal service and that I put it all together for them. ... I'm dealing with women who are extremely busy. They want to look good and they're doing a diversity of activities."

To schedule an appointment with an associate at The Fifth Avenue Club, call (248) 643-9025. For a "Travel Wardrobe in a Bag," call (888) 386-9688 or visit www.goinglikelynn.com. To reach Lynn Portnoy Women's Clothier, call (248) 353-2900.

Somerset Collection fashion show to benefit new charity organization

The Somerset Collection in Troy always presents their retailers' fashions in great style.

On March 25, the Somerset Collection will present the latest in spring and summer fashions and help people with special needs, too. Their Spring Fashion Ball will benefit the Iris Alliance, a newly formed consortium made up of four well known local charities that help children and adults with developmental disabilities: On My Own of Michigan, SCAMP, FAR and Pheasant Ring.

The fashion event is a preview of new spring and summer styles that will be featured in stores throughout the Somerset Collection this season.

The event includes a strolling dinner presented by Capital Grill at 6:30 p.m. The runway show, which features eight models from the four benefiting charity organizations, follows.

After the show, guests can enjoy the sounds of and dancing to Simone Vitale.

All proceeds from the event benefit the four charities of the Iris Alliance and help children and adults with developmental disabilities have fun, full, creative and independent lives.

On My Own of Michigan is a private non-profit agency in Troy that aims to help teenagers and adults with mild developmental disabilities become social, independent and contributing members of the community. SCAMP is a day camp for special education students in Oakland County. FAR provides friends, arts and recreation for people with developmental disabilities. Pheasant Ring helps people autism and their families.

General admission tickets cost \$150 and patron tickets are priced at \$250 and both can be purchased through On My Own of Michigan, a private non-profit agency in Troy.

For ticket information, contact Deborah Korzon at (248) 649-3739.

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.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

MALL BOOK DRIVE

Oakland Mall in Troy collects books to donate to the Detroit Public Library and other Detroit metropolitan educational resources. For each book donation, the mall will make a cash donation to the donor's school of choice. Event runs through March 31. Donations will be accepted at mall's information desk on the lower level. For more information, call (248) 585-6000. For more information, call (734) 455-2110.

CHILDREN'S SHOW

Livonia Mall at 7 Mile and Middlebelt roads hosts "It's a Small World" with Phil Kaput and music for children, 2 p.m. For more information, call (248) 476-1160.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

FOCUS ON CASHMERE

Incorporate cashmere into your spring wardrobe at Saks Fifth Avenue's TSE Cashmere Focus Day with designer representative Debra Gringross. Designer Salon, second floor. For more information, call (248) 614-3393.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

LILLY PULTZER STYLE

Jacobson's in downtown Birmingham hosts a Lilly Pulitzer Focus Day, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Classic Sports-wear. For details, call (248) 644-6900.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

FINANCE FOR WOMEN

Borders Books & Music in Birmingham hosts David Bach, author of *Smart Women Finish Rich* and a discussion about how women and finances, 7 p.m. For more information, call (248) 203-0005.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

JOAN VASS TRUNK SHOW

Fibres, 270 West Maple in downtown Birmingham, presents a Spring/Summer Joan Vass Trunk Show through March 4. For store hours and other information, call (248) 723-2880.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

TRUNK SHOW

Marguerite, 6923 Orchard Lake Road at the Boardwalk in West Bloomfield, hosts a trunk show of mother-of-the-bride and prom dresses by JOVANI through March 3, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For details, call (248) 932-5252.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

MAC COSMETICS EVENT

Nordstrom, the Somerset Collection in Troy, presents spring 2001 MAC cosmetics collection with personal appointments available through March 4, Cosmetics department. For information or to schedule a consultation, call (248) 816-5100.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

RAIN FOREST FOR KIDS

Livonia Mall at 7 Mile and Middlebelt roads hosts furry and slimy animals for a children's event about the rain forest habitat, 2 p.m. For more information, call (248) 476-1160.

BRIDAL REGISTRATION EVENT

Hudson's offers morning bridal registration prior to regular store hours through March 25 at local stores. Registration is required. Twelve Oaks store, (248) 344-7070, Oakland Mall store, (248) 597-2278, Somerset Collection store, (248) 816-4721, Lakeside store, (810) 566-2940.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

RALPH LAUREN PREVIEW

Join a merchandising editor from Vogue magazine for a preview of Lauren by Ralph Lauren's spring 2001 collection at Hudson's, Twelve Oaks in Novi, 7 p.m. For more information, call (248) 344-6800.

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- For the replacement spokes for a brewer's chairs, call National Ordering at (800) 616-3667.
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- grancenet.com.
- Cream puffs are sold at area Sam's Club stores and at the Hard Ice Cream Cafe on Farmington and Plymouth roads, call (734) 421-3523.
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 - A store that sells 8-track tapes for Peggy.
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- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

a la carte

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New retail government affairs director named

Eric R. Rule has joined the Michigan Retailers Association as director of governmental affairs. He is responsible for the association's retail-industry advocacy efforts in Lansing and provides information and support to members on governmental issues.

His duties include monitoring bill introductions, analyzing legislation and representing the association's interests before the Michigan Legislature and state regulatory agencies. He also promotes member involvement in the legislative process through grass roots advocacy and participation in the retail association's Political Action Committee. Rule comes from the Michigan Pharmacists Association, where he served as director of governmental affairs from 1998 to 2000.

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TRAVEL

Get a ticket to ride with Red Wing fans

BY SANDIE PARROTT
SPECIAL WRITER

Have you seen the masses of Red Wing fans dressed up in their Red Wings jerseys enjoying the game while you sit at home watching on television and wondering how they got there?

A very popular travel option is to go on a Mickey Redmond Tour.

My husband and I were very fortunate to be able to attend the Feb. 10 game against the Maple Leafs in Toronto. We are not the fanatics that some Red Wings fans claim; after all, we were probably the only two people on the tour that didn't have a Red Wings jacket. We came back from the trip true believers and with appropriate Red Wings attire.

Ticket to ride

The train trip isn't any shorter than driving yourself, since there are about seven stops picking up or dropping off passengers, but the weekend isn't about time. It's about sharing the whole experience with fellow Red Wing fans.

Our train had more than 500 fans traveling together in designated cars out of about one thousand total passengers. Our train attendant (or whatever is the politically correct title) said the number was typical for a weekend trip to Toronto. The trip there was noisy and a lot of fun. The attendant served cold drinks, sandwiches and snacks for a small fee. Don't tell anyone about the rumor that the train ran out beer, because our attendant took great care of us.

You can pay a fee to upgrade to First Class. Depending on the fee, it might be worth it. First Class cars are situated much closer to the station, have larger comfortable leather seats and free beverages and snacks.

Dinner with Mickey

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If you go

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Future Trips

It is getting close to the end of the season, but a few out-of-town trips are still available. March 1-6 there is a combination Phoenix and Las Vegas trip. March 9-11 is a trip to St. Louis with several tour options. The March 16-18 trip is to see the Red Wings play the Colorado Avalanche. March 30-April 1 is a final train trip to Philadelphia. There is also a day bus trip to Columbus on April 3.

Call the travel agency for exact choices of accommodations, tickets, transportation and other amenities. Make sure all features of the trip are covered in writing. Additionally, when you receive your packet upon arrival at the hotel and the second packet at the dinner on Friday, check it carefully. Ours had items omitted that we still have not received.

Accommodations

The two hotels chosen for this tour to Toronto were the Royal York and Crowne Plaza. Both are highly rated and close to the Air Canada Centre and the Hockey Hall of Fame. The Crowne Plaza is a bit further if walking is a problem. There are stairs, where you will need to carry your bags, between the station and both hotels if you use the underground passages. Or you can get a taxi for about \$5 (Canadian).

Underground

We were able to use the underground tunnels for most all travel (since there were record cold temperatures), including Union Station to the hotels. The exception was crossing the street outside to get to the Crown Plaza after hours (because the Convention Center closes at 9 p.m.) and the CN Tower is about a 500 foot walk outside.

The best part of the underground is the shops, cafes and markets that are available. We got lost. Everyone gets lost. We stopped and had a snack.

One of the shopkeepers said she couldn't figure it out, so she goes outside!

There are plenty of maps, but they are all different. Allow plenty of time to get where you need to go. The business people are the best for asking directions. They travel fast and actually know where they are going.

— Sallie Parrott

Hockey terms, someone much more famous around these parts — Mickey Redmond. Friday night, after a journey of about six hours by train, we had a dinner and kind of pep rally with Redmond and the crew from WRIF-101 FM Morning show, Drew (Lane), Mike (Clark) and Trudi (Daniels).

Redmond was the first Red Wing to score 50 goals during a season, accomplishing the feat in consecutive seasons. He had 52 in 1972-73 and 51 in 73-74. At that time, only Bobby Hull and Phil Esposito were able to score 50 goals in two seasons.

Mike Clark, from WRIF, was late (as usual) with some crazy

story about his GPS unit malfunctioning — or was it the user? After a lengthy cocktail hour and time provided for autographs of the special 75th Anniversary jerseys that we were given, the dinner began.

This was the largest away game crowd that the Mickey Redmond Tour had handled. The dinner was held at the Crown Plaza Ballroom to accommodate all of the guests. The sit-down dinner was handled very well and the quips by Redmond and the WRIF crew kept us laughing.

A video presentation of the highlights of past seasons got the crowd going for the game the following night. There was time for some photos with Redmond and the WRIF crew. The night wrapped up with a drawing for 70 Red Wings prizes.

Hockey Hall of Fame

If you go to Toronto for a Hockey Game, it is only natural to visit the Hockey Hall of Fame. This was very enjoyable, although we never received the free pass from our tour. They just happened to be replaying the video of the 1997-98 Red Wings' Stanley Cup championship season while we were there.

All of the Red Wing fans dropped what they were looking at and wandered over to watch — there was standing room only! We all relived the excitement of the last championship season.

You can visit and take pictures with the current Stanley Cup where it is permanently displayed in the beautiful wood-paneled Bell Hall which has an elaborate stained glass domed ceiling. The room also contains many other Hockey trophies, Hockey Hall of Fame member drawings and history and the original Stanley Cup locked up in Lord Stanley's impressive steel vault.

Well, I am not a sports reporter, but the game was a real edge of the seat thriller. We tied, but we should have won the



Skyline and skates: Toronto is a popular destination any time of year, and especially when the Red Wings play one of the National Hockey League's "original six" teams, the Toronto Maple Leafs.

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game. The Red Wings were ahead for the first two periods and then they seemed to lose their edge. The hitting wasn't as hard and they didn't seem to hustle as much. All of a sudden the score was tied and only a few seconds remained.

There was some controversy as to whether a Toronto player was knocked into the crease area on the tying goal. Standing in the opponent's crease is a penalty, and if called would have disallowed the goal.

It sure looked like he had been sitting there the whole time — from my view in row 27!

The seating arrangements were the only complaint we had about the game. Toronto made sure the Red Wings fans couldn't yell very loud because they had us spaced throughout the arena.

The Toronto crowd was very gracious the entire weekend, but they also made loyal comments about how their Leafs would win in the end.

We had a great time and would recommend the trip to those adventurous people wanting to experience the game and a fun weekend with other Wings' fanatics.

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KITCHEN KAPERS



KEN ABRAMCZYK

Lent begins, so go fish up a few recipes

Many people will look at this week as the last week in February, and another step out of the winter dregs as March begins.

But for Christians, this Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, marks the beginning of Lent, the 40 days before Easter.

Lent marks a time of abstinence, reflection, spiritual development and penance. The next 40 days represents another round of self-improvement for Christians.

Self-deprivation of a material good or activity, fasting and penance during Lent helps unite humanity with Christ. Fasting from meat on Fridays helps achieve that unity and understanding.

To share and promote Lent and help congregation members and parishioners achieve those ends, many churches schedule Friday fish fries, which also represent a great way for church members to meet other members at a social event and feel a sense of community. Elsewhere, restaurants often run seafood specials on Fridays, while many markets sell large quantities of fish at this time of year.

With meatless Fridays, it also marks a time when everyone can check out dishes, namely fish and vegetarian, that they may not try otherwise.

Have no fear

For some odd reason, some home cooks may be intimidated by fish and its preparation. But preparing fish really is incredibly simple.

Seafood can be expensive when compared to meat, but it has several advantages: it can be fixed quickly, the dishes carry several dimensions of tastes without a lot of fuss, and sauces can be complex, yet provide such a wonderful balance to the main course. More often than not, it is the course of choice when I enter a restaurant for the simple fact that I am fascinated with different chefs' interpretations of fish and the depths and dimensions of taste their dishes convey.

For a change of pace, try a different fillet over the next few weeks. There's always the relatively inexpensive cod available, but how about splurging and spend a few bucks more for monkfish, tuna or the always reliable salmon? Marinate the tuna in a mix of 1/2 cup of lime juice, a small bunch of cilantro and grind some fresh pepper on it. Cook the salmon with a similar mix, except use dill instead of the cilantro, or bake it in the oven with a dill-lemon butter or develop your own mix. Char it on a grill or pepper it up.

Devising your own sauce. What bases do you enjoy, such as a tomato, cream or mayonnaise? There's mustard-dill or tarragon sauce or traditional lemon (or lime) butter.

Color your world

Serve it with a ratatouille of eggplant, zucchini and tomatoes or a provençal sauce of shallots, garlic, tomatoes and oil. What great flavors and colors! You'll impress people, too.

Got a few more minutes to spare? Then try that clam chowder or bouillabaisse, shrimp creole or seafood gumbo.

For a side dish, roast some peppers, then saute with a little thyme for a side dish with wild rice. Buy some fresh herbs and think spring. Wake up those taste buds from the winter doldrums with a fruit salsa with pineapples and lime.

Go ahead. Experiment. Find that seafood recipe you saw several months ago or last week, the one that you read and thought, "Hey, I have to try it some time." Jump on the Internet, or try one of the recipes inside today's Taste section.

In the spirit of Mardi Gras, I've revised a Paul Prudhomme recipe for Shrimp Creole from his Louisiana Kitchen cookbook and included two others of my favorites. Enjoy!

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Irish dishes
- Chili cookoff

26TH ANNUAL



A nice touch: Chef Jeffrey Hoffa of Cafe Cortina in Farmington Hills perfects his Herb Risotto with Truffle Oil and Frico. Hoffa will serve the dish at the Michigan Culinary Food & Wine Extravaganza on Wednesday.

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Bourbon-Fired Cajun Shrimp with a Chicory Salad and Grilled Andouille Etouffee - that's the creation Chef Randy Emert of Southfield's Golden Mushroom is fine-tuning. Herb Risotto With Truffle Oil and Frico - that's the dish Chef Jeffrey Hoffa at Cafe Cortina in Farmington Hills is perfecting.

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supporting new talent," Emert said.

Slated 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28 at the Andiamo Banquet Center in Warren, the event supports two efforts: the Michigan Culinary Team, which competes every four years at the World Culinary Art Salon in Germany (the culinary equivalent of the Olympics) and a scholarship fund for local culinary students.

And competitions like the World Culinary Salon have a tremendous impact on metropolitan Detroit's food scene, said Emert, one of four chefs on the 1996 Michigan team. Emert also was the team's captain.

"It's amazing just to see what other chefs come up with," said Emert. "It's just an incredible experience."

Since about 1,700 chefs from around the world participate, the exposure is monumental, he said, recalling that when he returned from the international competition, "I felt like I could do anything."

And such confidence, coupled with exposure to chefs from so many different cultures, translates into dishes with new influences and creativity without boundaries.

In other words, those who love to dine out in metropolitan Detroit can think of the Michigan extravaganza as an investment in the future of

What: Dick Purton and Joe Vicali host the Sixth Annual Michigan Culinary Food & Wine Extravaganza celebrating Mardi Gras
When: 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28
Where: Andiamo Banquet Center, 7096 East 14 Mile Road in Warren
Tickets: \$85; includes wine, hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, live entertainment by Simone Vitale and auctions; proceeds benefit the Michigan Culinary Team and scholarship fund for local culinary students; call (810) 463-9660 ext. 438

Extravaganza

Food event supports best chefs, new talent



All dressed up: The risotto creates a colorful dish warmed by the ambience of the fireplace at Cafe Cortina.

their own culinary experiences. Participation in international competitions also showcases Michigan's culinary talent, said Cafe Cortina owner Adriano Tonon. "And that's very important, to bring that international recognition to Michigan and help these young chefs get their names out there."

The Michigan Culinary Extravaganza was conceived in 1995 by Roger Petri, director of operations at Mac & Ray's restaurant, and Judy Dunn, president of Decanter Imports. Petri and Dunn wanted to bring together several area restaurants for a culinary tasting event that included both food

Please see EXTRAVAGANZA, D5

Don't dye beer green, substitute a shamrock

TRUE BREW



DEAN JONES

but I was astounded to learn that he was NOT actually Irish! The missionary credited with converting the Irish people to Christianity in the 5th century was a slave kidnapped from Britain by Irish marauders and put to work as a herdsman.

Spreading the word

During his captivity he experienced religious visions and, after his escape, became an ordained minister. Saint Patrick returned to Ireland to spread the Christian word, using a shamrock to explain the Trinity (The Father, The Son, and The Holy Ghost).

According to legend, Saint Patrick

drove all of the snakes from Ireland into the sea, but the legend possibly symbolizes the fact that he drove paganism out of Ireland. He died on March 17, 461 A.D., and the anniversary of his death is commemorated as St. Patrick's Day.

The Irish holiday was first celebrated publicly in America in 1737 in Boston, Mass. Green is the national color of Ireland, and the "Wearing of the Green" has become a way for people all over the world to connect with Ireland and its celebration.

In America, we never seem to miss an opportunity to throw a party. On St. Patrick's Day, the slogan "Everybody is Irish" gives all of us a reason to celebrate. Green beer, as we know it today, was derived from the old custom of "drowning the shamrock."

After the St. Patrick's Day parades, men would go to the pubs and drop a shamrock into a glass of whiskey or beer and drink it down, including the shamrock!

Gathering at the pub

The pub has long been a gathering place for friends and neighbors to enjoy each other's company throughout the year. Meet a friend for lunch

and order a "Black and Tan" (Irish Stout and Pale Ale) with your meal and feast in a piece of tradition. Let your palate savor what the world survived on long before there was cheap wine and fast food.

If you can't get out for a traditional celebration, see the recipe below to make your own St. Patrick's Day feast. Just make sure to stop by your local pub on the way home for your Growler of fresh stout and pale ale to celebrate St. Patrick's Day ... but please do NOT turn your beer green! If the Brewmaster wanted the beer to be green, he would have made it that way! I will, however, advocate the addition of a shamrock to your handcrafted brew ... just for luck!

An old Irish saying:
Rye bread will do you good,
Barley bread will do you no harm,
Wheaten bread will sweeten the blood,
Beer & Oaten bread will strengthen the arm.

As always, never trust a skinny Brewmaster

Dean Jones is Brewmaster at the Big Rock Chop House, located at 845 S. Eton in Birmingham.



What's Cookin' at your house?

Do you have a dish that you absolutely enjoy preparing for yourself, family members or friends?

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Serve traditional food this St. Patrick's Day

This is a traditional favorite and much enjoyed on St. Patrick's Day. See related column by Dean Jones on Taste front.

CORNEBEEF AND PARSNIP MASH WITH MUSTARD AND CIDER SAUCE

- Serves six
 1 - 3 pound silverside or brisket corned beef
 1 carrot
 2 celery sticks
 2 leeks
 1 tsp. Peppercorns
 1 cup apple cider or apple juice
Parsnip Mash
 1 lb. potatoes, peeled and chopped
 1 lb. parsnips, peeled and chopped
 1/2 cup mixture of milk and cream
 1 stick of butter
 2 tbs. scallions (spring onions), chopped
 Salt and black pepper
Irish Mustard and Cider Sauce
 1/2 stick of butter
 1 tbs. flour
 1 tbs. mustard
 1/2 cup mixture of cooking liquid from the corned beef and apple cider (or apple juice)
 Dash of cream
Dressed Cabbage
 1 head cabbage
 4 tbs. butter
 3 tbs. bacon drippings or water
 pinch nutmeg or mace
 1/2 tsp. Flour

1 tsp. Pepper

To cook:

Place the beef in a large saucepot. Add the chopped vegetables, peppercorns, and cider. Add enough water to cover the beef. Bring to a boil, then simmer for approx. 2 hours or until the meat is tender. Leave sitting in the liquid until ready to serve.

While the meat is cooking, place the potatoes and parsnips in a large pot. Cover with water and season. Bring to a boil, then simmer until both the parsnips and the potatoes are cooked.

Drain well, then mash well with the milk and cream mixture and butter. Whip in the chopped scallions, and season well with the salt and black pepper. Keep warm.

While the meat is cooking, also prepare the Dressed Cabbage. Shred the cabbage. Melt half the butter in a heavy pot, then add the cabbage and toss until covered with the butter. Add bacon stock or water, cover and cook gently for approximately 20 minutes.

By this time the liquid should be nearly absorbed, and the cabbage cooked. Add the nutmeg or mace and the flour and stir well, then add the rest of the butter, and toss until melted into the cabbage. Add pepper to taste.

To make the sauce

Melt the butter and stir in the flour. Cook for a minute or two. Add mustard, and whisk in the cooking liquid and cider mixture. Bring to a boil, then simmer for 3-4 minutes. Stir in the cream and season with salt and pepper to taste.

Serve the corned beef sliced with the parsnip mash, sauce, and buttery cabbage.

Extravaganza from page D1

and wine.

Along the way, Norman LePage, owner of Big Rock Chop & Brew House in Birmingham; Joe Beato, proprietor of Detroit's Il Centro, and Reid Ashton, president of Southfield's Golden Mushroom joined the effort and the fete quickly translated into a way for local chefs and restaurants to promote local culinary excellence. The first extravaganza raised \$45,000 and drew more than 800 guests.

Philanthropy aside, the extravaganza's provisions make for a stand-alone evening for

local food lovers, said Reid Ashton, Golden Mushroom president and a member of the event's host committee.

"First of all there's going to be fabulous food. Then you're going to have wine pairings with all the food, so this is a chance to learn, to taste wine and taste wine with the right food," he said.

Indeed, wine is a primary component of the extravaganza. Each chef has met with a local beverage purveyor and selected a wine to offer with their dish.

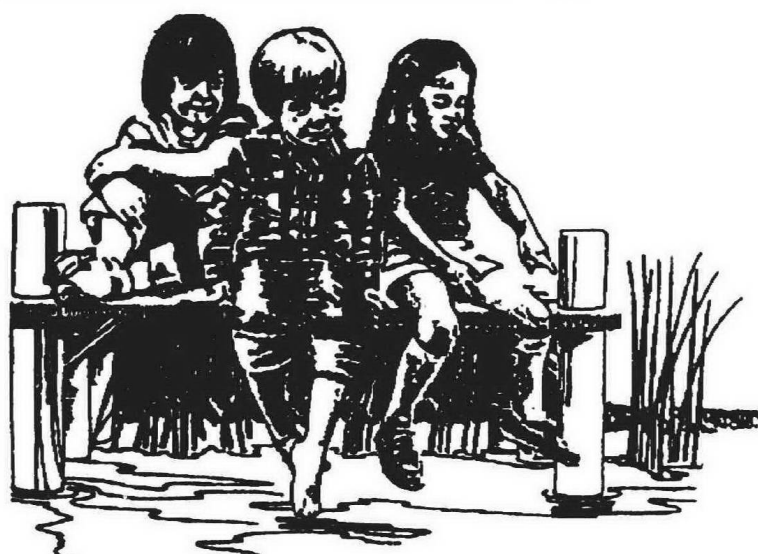
In addition to the wine and food offerings, attendees will be treated to live entertainment by Simone Vitale and have an opportunity to meet and speak with former Michigan Culinary Team chefs. The event also includes a live and silent auction and cash bar.

"You're also going to meet a lot of chefs and restaurant owners. You may even encounter a restaurant you didn't know about," said the Golden Mushroom's Ashton. "It's just a hell of a party."

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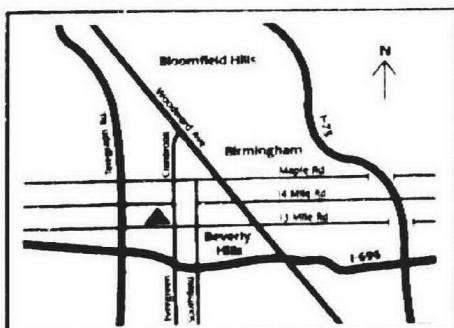
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Here comes Lent and seafood

See related column by Ken Abramczyk on Taste front.

Enjoy a little variety with fresh fish and shellfish this Lenten season.

Shrimp is such a wonderful seafood, and a good fish stock flavors this Shrimp Creole. Chef Paul Prudhomme says the shrimp fat from shrimp heads is an important component of Shrimp Creole, along with chicken fat or pork fat, but we've removed it here. Without it, the creole still tastes delicious.

Make a shrimp stock a day early using the shrimp shells and heads, if desired.

Also included are recipes for monkfish and flounder you may want to try.

SHRIMP CREOLE

- 2 pounds large shrimp, reserve shells
- 2 1/2 cups basic shrimp stock (see below)
- 2 1/2 cups finely chopped onions
- 1 3/4 finely chopped celery
- 1 1/2 cups finely chopped green bell peppers
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons white pepper
- 1 teaspoon ground red pepper (preferably cayenne)
- 3/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 1/2 teaspoons Tabasco sauce
- 1 tablespoon dried thyme leaves
- 1 1/2 teaspoons dried sweet basil leaves
- 3 cups finely chopped peeled tomatoes
- 1 1/2 cups canned tomato sauce
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 5 cups rice

Rinse and peel shrimp. Use shells to make basic stock.

For one quart of stock, combine 2 quarts cold water, one quartered onion, one quartered garlic clove and one rib of celery. If you'd like you can roast vegetables first at 350° until browned.

Bring to a boil, then simmer. Simmer gently for at least four hours, and as long as eight. Add water to keep one quart of liquid in the pot. Chill pot quickly in an sink full of ice water.

In a separate pan, mix one cup of onions with 1/4 cup butter and cook over high heat for 3 minutes. Lower to medium low and cook onions for another 3 to 5 minutes. Add remaining 1 1/2 cups onions, celery, bell peppers and butter. Cook over high heat until the bell peppers and celery start to get tender, about five minutes stirring occasionally.

Add garlic, bay leaf, salt and peppers, stir well.

Add Tabasco, thyme, basil and 1/2 cup stock. Cook over medium heat about five minutes to allow vegetables to brown. Stir occasionally and scrape bottom of pan well. Add tomatoes, turn heat to low and simmer 10 minutes.

Stir in the tomato sauce and simmer five minutes, stirring occasionally. Add two remain-

ing cups of stock (out of the original 2 1/2 cups) and sugar. Simmer for 15 minutes.

If made the day before, cool and refrigerate. Or if serving immediately, turn off heat and add shrimp. Cover the pot and let sit until shrimp are pink, about five to 10 minutes. Serve immediately with white cooked rice.

Recipe from "Chef Prudhomme's Louisiana Kitchen."

MONKFISH FILLETS WITH MUSTARD SAUCE

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 6 skinless monkfish fillets (about 2 1/4 pounds)
- salt and freshly ground pepper
- 4 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1/3 cup finely chopped shallots
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 3/4 pound small fresh mushrooms
- 2 teaspoons dry white wine
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 4 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley leaves

Preheat oven to 450° F.

Select a steel baking pan large enough to hold the fillets in one layer without crowding. Pour olive oil in the pan, then turn fillets in it to coat them well. Sprinkle the fillets with salt and pepper and brush them with mustard. Scatter the shallots, garlic and mushrooms around the fillets.

Place the pan over stovetop burners and heat until oil sizzles. Add wine and lower heat to a simmer.

Move pan to the oven and bake for 15 minutes. Baste fillets, and return them to the oven and bake for about five minutes longer.

Move fish to serving dishes, then swirl butter into pan until it melts. Pour butter over fillets, then sprinkle with parsley and serve.

Yield: 6 servings.

Recipe from "The Seafood Cookbook: Classic to Contemporary" by Pierre Franey and Bryan Miller.

EASY BAKED FLOUNDER

- 1 or 2 flounder fillets
- 1/4 cup margarine (1/2 stick)
- 2 small tomatoes, sliced
- 1/3 cup Italian seasoned bread crumbs mixed with 1/2 to 1 teaspoon dried savory
- Parmesan cheese

Melt margarine in a flat steel pan. Squeeze 1/2 lemon and add juice to pan. Place flounder fillets in pan and top fillets with tomato slices. Cover with Italian bread crumb mix, then sprinkle Parmesan cheese on top.

Cook at 350° F for 20-25 minutes or until fish flakes easily.

Recipe courtesy of Ken Abramczyk.

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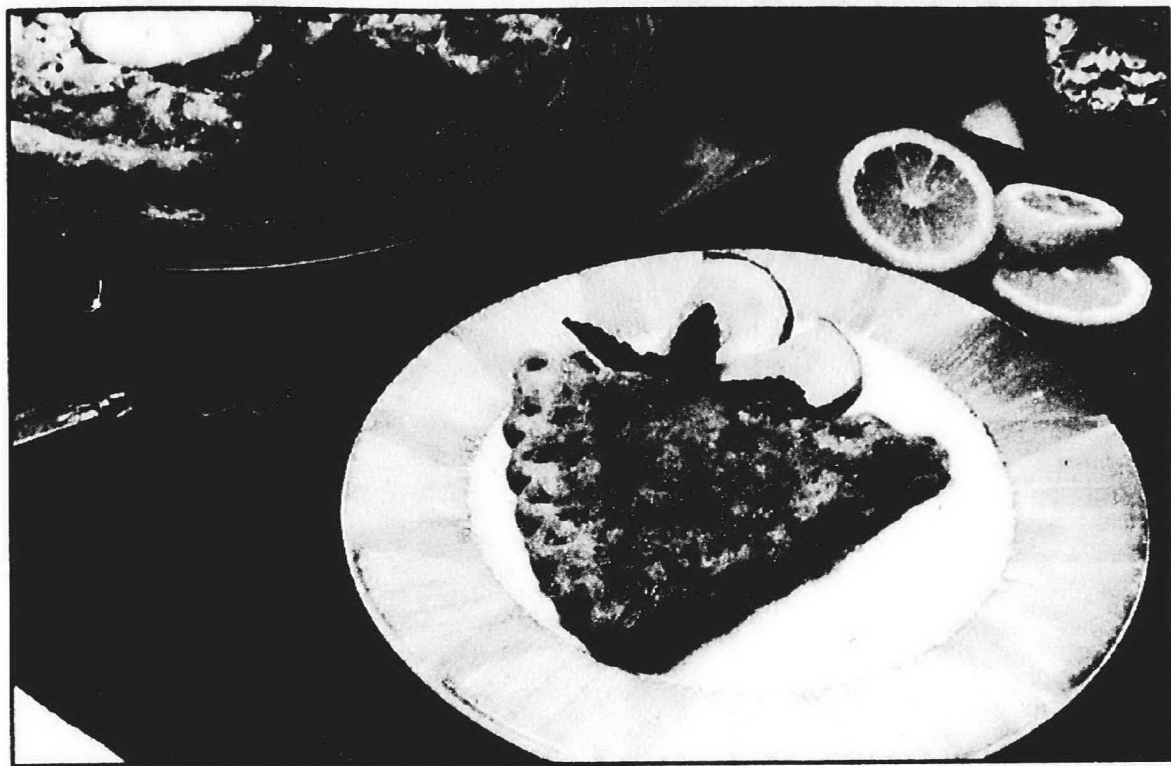
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Streusel pie: Health-conscious cooks have found ways to make fruit pies more wholesome than traditional versions. Combine apples with sugar, lemon rind, flour and spices.

WHAT'S COOKING

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

INTERNATIONAL DINNERS

Enjoy a gourmet five-course meal prepared by second-year culinary students in the International Cuisine class in the American Harvest Restaurant in the Waterman Center at Schoolcraft College on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia. Courses are prepared from five different regions under the instruction of award-winning chefs. Wine will be served with each meal. Dinner is served at 6:45 p.m. and costs \$28.95 plus tax, per person, except for French, which is \$31.95 per person. Dinners are scheduled as follows: Vietnamese, March 1; Russian, March 15; French, March 22; Italian, March 29; Poland, April 5, regional American, April 19, and French, April 26. Call (734) 462-4488 for information or reservations. Seating is limited. Credit cards accepted.

LEARN ABOUT COOKING
Here are Continuing Education classes at Schoolcraft College in Livonia for the winter semester:
■ Making the Cut - Learning Cuts of Meat, 6-10 p.m., Monday, March 12;
■ Herb-a-mania, 6-9 p.m., Thursday, March 22;
■ The Incredible Edible Mushroom, 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, April 3;

■ European Bread Making (two weeks), 5-10 p.m., Thursday, April 5 and 12;
■ Outdoor Grilling & Entertaining, 5-10 p.m., Thursday and Friday, April 26 and 27;

■ Four Course Meals to Go (one day only but offered three different dates), 6-10 p.m., Monday, Feb. 19, March 19 and March 26. ServSafe Sanitation classes also are offered to prepare students for the final examinations administered by the Educational Foundation of the National Restaurant Association. 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.

M-FIT CLASSES

Don't let the cold, harsh days of winter drag you down. The M-Fit Culinary team of the M-Fit Community Health Promotion Division offers cooking classes, such as Get into the Game, Feb. 28, at the East Ann Arbor Health Center Demonstration Kitchen, 4260 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. Individual class fees are \$30, \$50 for a two-person fee, and \$80 for a series of three classes. Nutrition education class fees are \$20. Pre-registration is required. Register online at www.mfitnutrition.com. Call Nicole Goyarts at (734) 975-4387, Ext. 236 to register by phone. Other classes offered from 6-8

p.m. Wednesdays, unless otherwise indicated, include: The Joy of Soy, March 14; Oodles of Noodles, March 21 and Going Solo for One (or Two), March 28.

SAMPLE WINES

The Ann Arbor Art Center will be offering a class on sampling the important grape wines of the world from 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, March 7. Diane MacLean from Partners in Wine will discuss Cabernet and Chardonnay along with other selections. Register by calling the Art Center at (734) 994-8004, Ext. 101, drop by the Art Center at 117 West Liberty in Ann Arbor or visit www.annarborartcenter.org to view courses and workshops online.

CHILI COOKOFFS

The 6th Annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff is scheduled for 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 7, at the Kennedy Recreation Center on West Road in Trenton during Walleye Week. Competition includes red chili, green chili verde and salsa. Since this event is an International Chili Society sanctioned cookoff, so the winner in each category will advance to the world competition. Admission is free, samples are available after 2 p.m. for 50 cents. Proceeds will help the Penrickton Center and Leader Dogs for the Blind. Applications are available through April 1. Call Leo Buk at (313) 974-3263 or Annette Horn at (734) 455-8838.

Celebrate pie month with apple streusel

February is "Great American Pie Month" and, surely, a truly great pie has sound nutrition as well as terrific flavor. By that standard, fruit pies can have greater nutritional value than other types.

In recent years, health conscious cooks have found a variety of ways to make fruit pies more wholesome than traditional versions that are typically high in sweeteners and fat.

Although the filling is the usual source of excess calories from sugar, the fat in most fruit pies is found in the crust. A basic piecrust is made with one part butter or shortening to three parts flour, with just enough water to bind the ingredients. That results in a crust with 60 percent of its calories from fat.

Two types of reduced-fat alternatives to a traditional crust are the graham cracker crust and a meringue shell. A graham cracker crust requires less fat, and a meringue shell requires none.

Prepare a meringue pie shell by beating 3 large egg whites with 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar and a dash of salt. Gradually add 3/4 cup sugar and beat until stiff peaks form. Add 1/2 teaspoon vanilla and beat well. Spread the meringue over the bottom and sides of a 9-inch pie pan that has first been coated with cooking oil spray and then lightly dusted with flour. Bake for one hour at 275° F, turn the oven off and let the shell remain in the oven with the door closed for one hour or overnight.

Commercially prepared fruit fillings are usually high in sweeteners and calories. It only takes a few minutes to prepare a fruit filling from scratch, which allows the cook to add just enough sweetening to satisfy individual tastes and limit the calorie count.

APPLE STREUSEL PIE

Filling

- 5 cups peeled apples, thinly-sliced
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1/4-1/3 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 unbaked 9-inch pie shell

Topping

- 1/4-1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons rolled oats (not quick or instant types)
- 3 tablespoons whole wheat flour
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon soft margarine

Preheat oven to 375° F. To prevent apple slices from darkening, toss with lemon juice as soon as they are cut.

Combine sugar with lemon rind, flour and spices. Sprinkle over apples and stir until apples are well coated.

Prepare topping by combining brown sugar, oats, flour and cinnamon in a bowl. With a fork and knife, cut in margarine until mixture is crumbly.

Spoon apple filling into prepared pie shell. Sprinkle topping over filling. Bake about 60 minutes or until top is golden and apples are tender.

Remove and cool on wire rack. Pie may be eaten while still warm or stored in refrigerator until ready to serve. Bring chilled pie to room temperature before serving. Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Prepare for Mardi Gras with Cajun chops

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

With Mardi Gras approaching, perhaps a taste of Cajun cooking with its lively flavors can conjure up some of the Carnival spirit at your dinner table.

This low-fat recipe relies on the seasoning to give interest to the lean sautéed meat, without a lot of rich saucing. Another advantage: the dish is very quick to make, so cooking need not encroach too much on party time.

CAJUN CHOPS

(Preparation 5 minutes, cooking time 10 minutes)

- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon seasoned salt
- 1 teaspoon rubbed sage
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 4 lean boneless center-cut pork chops, 1/2-inch thick
- 2 teaspoons butter

Combine paprika, salt, sage, cayenne and black peppers and garlic powder; coat chops well on both sides with this seasoning mixture.

Heat butter over high heat just until it starts to brown. Put chops in pan, reduce heat to medium. Fry on both sides until dark brown, about 6 to 8 minutes.

Makes 4 servings.
Recipe from Smithfield Lean Generation Pork.

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Training will begin Monday, March 5, at the hospice office, 806 Airport Boulevard, Ann Arbor. Eighteen hours of training and pre-registration required. For more information, call Gail Marie, (734) 327-3413.

Hospice of Washtenaw is affiliated with Saint Joseph Mercy Health System.

Nursing workshop

Madonna University will sponsor "Pain Management: The Nurse's Role," a two-day conference 6-10 p.m. Friday, March 23, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 24, in Room D118 in the DiPonio Building on campus.

Marilyn Harton, instructor in community health nursing and hospice education at Madonna University, will be the presenter. The conference will focus on the latest pain management issues and trends.

Participants may earn 12 nursing contact hours. Registration is \$75 per person or \$85 at the door. Cost includes course materials and lunch. For more information, or to register, call (734) 432-5482 or fax (734) 432-5364.

Massage-A-Thon

Irene's Myomassology Institute in Southfield will host its third annual Massage-A-Thon beginning 7 p.m. Friday, March 2, and ending 7 p.m. Sunday, March 4.

The 48-hour event offers free one-hour massages by appointment. All donations received will benefit Lighthouse PATH, a shelter that provides homeless women and children with transitional housing, education and job training.

"Each year, the response to the event is growing," said Kathy Gauthier, director of the institute. "Last year, we generated \$17,000 and this year we are aiming at \$20,000. We expect to give over 400 massages with the help of 150 volunteer students and instructors."

Each student gained pledges from the community for the massages given during their six-hour shift. Several local business have supported the event by donating their products and services.

"We hope the massage-a-thon helps to raise consciousness of the importance of helping others get back on their feet as well as promoting the benefits of myomassology," said Gauthier.

Irene's Myomassology Clinic is at 18911 W. 10 Mile Road in Southfield. For massage appointments call (248) 569-9298.

Arthritis self-help

The Arthritis Foundation will offer a three-week arthritis self-help course at Arthur's Place in Plymouth, an exercise facility geared towards those with arthritis 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, 13 and 20. The course has been documented to reduce pain by 20 percent and the number of physician visits for arthritis by 40 percent.

Class size is limited; pre-registration is required. Arthur's Place is located at 47659 Halyard Road off Beck between N. Territorial and Five Mile Road. To register, call the Arthritis Foundation at (734) 354-1856.

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Databook (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies).

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Facing the Future



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Garden City woman shares the experience of cosmetic surgery

The first of two parts. Next week: Cosmetic surgery trends, costs, safety and criteria for choosing a surgeon.

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
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Like many women approaching their mid-50s, Patricia Hartshorn of Garden City didn't want to change her looks, just improve them. In her words, she wanted to look bright-eyed.

On Friday, Jan. 5, the petite, slim Hartshorn, 53, underwent a face-lift and eyelid surgery at Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane, joining the growing number of Americans who seek an anti-aging remedy through cosmetic surgery. Her total bill, including operating room and surgeon fees, was \$8,800.



STAFF PHOTO BY MATTHEW TAPLINGER
Ready: Hartshorn waits to be wheeled into surgery. She has no reservations.



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The beginning: The surgical team sutures Hartshorn's right upper eyelid with the second smallest suturing material.

"It was worth it," she said. According to the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, more than 4.6 million cosmetic surgical and non-surgical procedures were performed in 1999. The top cosmetic surgery procedures among women were liposuction, breast augmentation and eyelid surgery. For men, it was liposuction, eyelid surgery and nose reshaping.

"I always felt that you should try to look your best," said Hartshorn. "I watched a few procedures on TV and thought that's what I'd like to have done."

Initially, Hartshorn visited a clinic in Southfield; however, the doctors there were not board certified. Certification by the American Board of Plastic Surgery ensures a physician has had at least five years of surgical training, including two years in plastic surgery. The doctor who would be doing her surgery at the Southfield clinic didn't even speak to

her. She quickly left.

Shortly afterward, Hartshorn heard about the Henry Ford Hospital Center for Cosmetic Surgery on the radio and made an appointment to see Dr. Herman Houin in November. She liked him immediately.

"I was real comfortable with him. He was very thorough. He went over the procedures and told me what to expect. He didn't rush me. He answered all my questions."

Hartshorn's boyfriend, a Westland dentist, totally supported her decision, as did her sister, who, according to Hartshorn, wished she had the money to do it. Hartshorn's 80-year-old mother was neither for nor against the surgery. Only her 27-year-old son had reservations.

"He didn't think I needed the surgery. But that's the way kids are," she said.

Surgery

Hartshorn's surgery is scheduled for noon. She sleeps soundly the night before (surprising herself) and arrives at the center in Dearborn at 10 a.m. She had been thinking about cosmetic surgery for a year and is confident in her decision. This is a gift to herself.

Around 11:15 a.m. she is given a Valium. Conversation becomes casual. When asked why she is allowing The Observer to do a story on her surgery, she replies: "Why not let other women know what's out there and available? It's not something they should be scared of."

By 12:45 p.m. Hartshorn is in the operating room with a breathing tube down her throat. She has been given a general anesthetic by a nurse anesthetist. Her face is marked with violet lines that diagram where the incisions will be made. A local anesthetic is injected in several areas of her face.

Houin begins with her right eye, drawing his scalpel in a thin line across the upper lid and exposing the orbital septum. He removes some of the fat tissue.

"If you want to make her eye more open, take the fat

out of the orbital rim," he said. Houin notes that Hartshorn has deep-

set eyes, so he cannot remove too much of the fat.

No scar

Houin removes a crescent-shaped piece of skin and stitches the wound with suturing material one size larger than is used to repair heart vessels. Hartshorn will not have a visible scar, he says.

"Before her surgery, I had her open her eyes 10 to 15 times to see what crease we wanted. Unless she walks around with her eyes closed, you won't be able to see the scar."

Next, Houin incises her lower



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Skilled hands: Dr. Herman Houin, a plastic surgeon with the Henry Ford Center for Cosmetic Surgery, makes an incision on left side of Hartshorn's face, the final stage of her facelift. Left: Hartshorn one month after surgery.

lid on the outside, just below the rim. "On a younger person, we would go through the eyelid. On Pat we want to tighten the muscle," he says. "Any scarring will be tucked into her crow's feet. We are taking pretty much all that extra skin and putting it to the corner of the eye."

Hartshorn's eye surgery takes 1 1/2 hours. The results will last seven to 10 years.

Before he begins the facelift, Houin makes a small incision beneath Hartshorn's chin and inserts a small tube. The liposuction machine sounds like a power vacuum as it removes minuscule bits of fatty tissue. "One cheeseburger, two cheeseburger," Houin jokes as he manipulates the tube. The five-foot-two Hartshorn weighs 95 pounds.

Facelift

Houin now makes a cut into Hartshorn's hairline above the left ear, draws his incision down in front of the ear and behind the tragus (the cartilage point), then continues around and behind the ear into the hairline.

He carefully separates the skin from the underlying tissue about three quarters of the way toward her mouth. He then tightens the facial muscles and refashions the skin over them. When the skin is positioned where he wants it, he cuts away the excess.

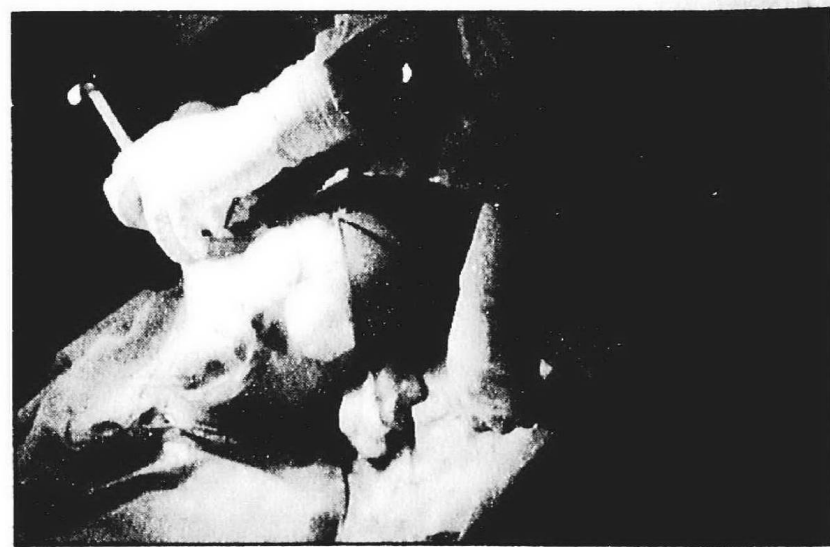
Surgery is finished by 4:30 p.m. The breathing tube is removed, and Hartshorn's face and hair are washed with a peroxide solution. Her face is bandaged and covered with a pressure netting. She is wheeled into the recovery room for close observation.

Once she's home, instructions are minimal. She can shower and use ice packs to reduce swelling. She must apply cream to her eyes at night for a few days since the lids will not close due to the swelling. In addition, she must refrain from bending, stooping or performing vigorous exercise for the next several days.

Pain should not be an issue, says Houin. "Most patients will take three or four doses of pain medication and be all right. It's just extra skin, not that deep muscular pain people complain about after surgery."

Hartshorn's boyfriend, Robert LaFortune, takes her home at 6:30 p.m.

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STAFF PHOTO BY MATTHEW TAPLINGER

The facelift: Dr. Houin carefully separates the skin from the underlying tissue. He tightened the facial muscles before repositioning and excising the skin.

A time to heal

Photographs help illustrate the healing process



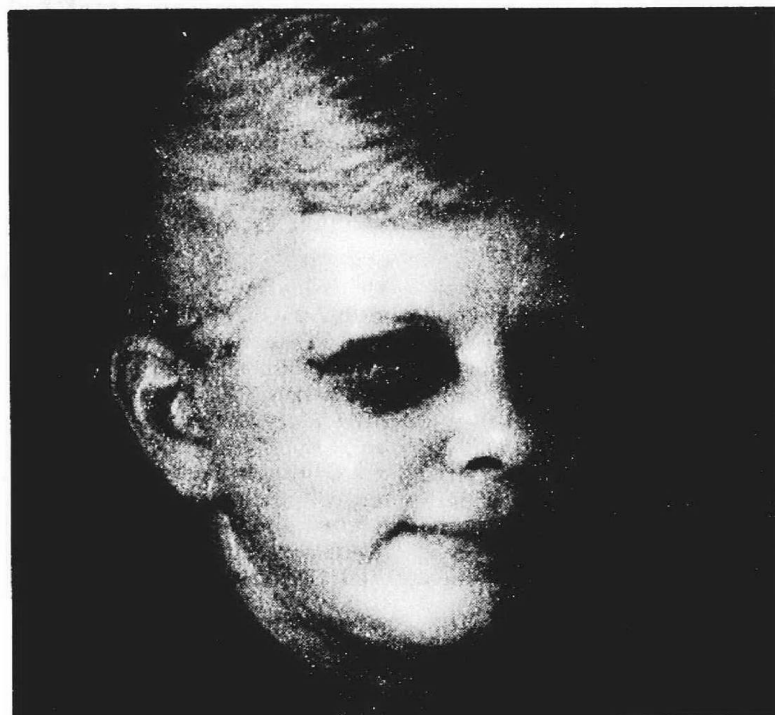
Day one, hours after surgery



Day two



Day three



Day four



Day five



Day six



Day seven



Day eight

Day by day: These photographs taken by Hartshorn's boyfriend, Robert LaFortune, illustrate the healing process starting just hours after surgery. By the third day, you can see the swelling subsiding and bruising fading. By the fifth day, there's little bruising remaining under her eyes. By day seven and eight, Hartshorn's face resumes a normal look. There was very little pain involved with the surgery, she said. In fact, the day after surgery LaFortune cooked her a lobster dinner in celebration.

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At home

"I'm feeling really good," says Hartshorn five days after surgery. "The bruising is not too bad, other than some black over my eyes."

Hartshorn took pain medication for just two days. Some of her stitches were removed four days after surgery; the remaining stitches will come out in three more days.

"Friday was the only rough night," she says. "The bandages all around my head and my neck were real tight. Saturday was a lot different. I don't let the pain bother me. On Saturday when I was feeling better, Robert made me a lobster dinner. He's a great guy. He tells me every day how pretty I am."

One week after surgery, Hartshorn's son, Brett, arrives from out of town. "Mom, you don't look that different, just younger," he tells her.

On Thursday, Feb. 1, Hartshorn is behind the receptionist desk at LaFortune's office. She's been back at work for a week.

"See how much nicer my neck is," she says. "I've been real pleased with the results. It's pretty much what I expected. It

was kind of scary the first day I took the bandages off and saw all the bruising. But the swelling went down fast. I expected my whole face to be bruised, but it wasn't."

LaFortune puts his arm around Hartshorn. "Don't you think she looks great, stunning?" He says. "I'm proud of her. I'm surprised she looked so good immediately after surgery. I could see immediately how pretty the results were going to be. We're talking two hours after surgery."

Hartshorn still feels some numbness in front of her ears and on her eyelids. Also, her neck feels a bit tight when she chews, but that will loosen in time, Houin told her.

Hartshorn says the surgery met her expectations. She still looks like herself, only younger. "Even my mother says I look like me."

Her advice for anybody contemplating a similar surgery: "I'd tell them to go for it! It was so much simpler than I thought."

See next week's Health & Fitness for Part 2 of "Facing the Future" for cosmetic surgery trends, costs, choosing a surgeon and a facility, and risk factors.

Arthritis Today

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WHEN KNEE SWELLING RETURNS

Anyone can experience a swollen knee once. All that needs to happen is that you bump your knee hard, and the blow causes irritation to the joint. The joint responds with pain and fluid. At times, that fluid will absorb, while in some instances you must go to your doctor for help to remove it.

Usually you know it's time thereafter.

But what happens if the knee swelling comes back? That means damage to the knee is more serious than expected. You could have injured the knee with a tear to the meniscus and/or ligaments of the knee. You could have arthritis of the knee not previously suspected by you or your doctor.

You will need to return to the doctor's office. There you are likely to get a x-ray of the knee with standing views, called weight-bearing films. X-rays done this way allow the doctor to see how your knee joint positions feel when under stress. This maneuver reveals osteoarthritis.

The other procedure your doctor likely will undertake is another aspiration of the knee fluid. This time, he will analyze the fluid obtained. The color, stringiness, and the number of white blood cells in the fluid provide valuable information.

If the white blood cells are low, then your swelling is the result of injury that could heal itself given more time. If the white cell count is high, then your doctor will look for possible infection and arthritis conditions associated with inflammation such as spondylitic arthritis or psoriatic arthritis.

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ONGOING

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Alcoholics Anonymous meets 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 2:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Providence Medical Office Building, 33133 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 542-0430.

ANXIETY DISORDER
Ward Presbyterian Church, corner of Six Mile Road and Haggerty, Northville, sponsors a Panic Attack & Anxiety Disorder Support Group meeting 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month. Call (734) 420-8175.

DIABETES
St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor will offer a Diabetes Support group 2:30-3:30 p.m. the first Friday and 7-8:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month in the Exhibition Room of the hospital Education Center. Call (734) 712-2804.

LYME DISEASE
The Lyme Disease and Chronic Illness Support Group, Western Wayne County meets the third Tuesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church, 3 Towne Square, Wayne. For more information, call (734) 326-3502.

THRU-MARCH 20

HEALTH SEMINAR
New Life Health Seminars will present "A Quest for a Healthier You," a free seven-session health seminar presented by local medical professionals 7:30-8:45 p.m. Tuesdays at the Summit on the Park, Arts II Room, Canton. Topics include: Diet & Nutrition, Stress Management, Heart Disease, Exercise & Weight Control, Cancer Prevention, and Diabetes. To register, call (734) 844-8660.

TUES, FEB. 27

BREATHING PROBLEMS
Oakwood Annapolis Hospital will start "Annapolis Air+Force," a support group for people with breathing problems such as asthma, emphysema, pneumonia, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, heart attack, congestive heart failure and stroke. The group will meet in the Physicians Dining Room at 3 p.m. the last Tuesday of every month. The hospital is located at 33155 Annapolis (at Venoy, one-half mile south of Michigan Avenue), Wayne. For information, call (734) 467-2324.

RESTLESS LEGS
The Restless Legs Support Group will meet 2 p.m. at OptiEyes on Warren Road (across the street from J. L. Hudson's) in Westland. Call Jan Prentiss, (734) 453-4847.

MARCH 1 & 8

CHRONIC PAIN WORKSHOP
S.O.S. Workshops will present a two-session symposium on healing and coping strategies for health-care professionals and those living with chronic pain 7-9 p.m. in the Birmingham Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. Four health care professionals will discuss complementary perspectives on how to "get a grip" on chronic pain, including anger management, integrative medicine, acupuncture, Reiki and more. The cost is \$59. To register, call (248) 644-5832.

TUES, MARCH 6

HEART DISEASE
Henry Ford Medical Center - Fairlane will sponsor "Love Your Heart," a free lecture on what women should know about heart disease 11 a.m. to noon at the medical center, 19401 Hubbard Drive, at Evergreen in Dearborn. To register, call (313) 982-8384.

WED, MARCH 7

MENOPAUSE SUPPORT
The Menopause Support Group will meet 7-9 p.m. at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia in the West Addition Conference Room B. Physical therapist Mary Ann Erickson will discuss "Pain, Identifying Causes of Pain and Discussing Alternative Treatments to Pain." Call (734) 655-1100.

SUN, MARCH 11

DEMENTIA AND DEPRESSION
Judy C. Wheeler, a clinic nurse specialist and nurse practitioner-gerontology, will present "Dementia and Depression with Aging" a free workshop 2 p.m. at the Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Pre-register by calling (734) 422-0149.

MARCH 11-14

MEDICINE AND MORALITY
Calvary Baptist Church will present Veritas Christian Research Ministries and "A Christian World View: Medicine and Morality" at the church, located at 43065 Joy Road, Canton (between Lilley and Morton Taylor/Main Street). Dr. Robert Evans, founder of Veritas Ministries, will present the following topics: "The Image of God and the Moral Status of Life" - 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 11; "East Meets West: The Christian Stake in Alternative Medicine" - 7 p.m. Monday, March 12; "Playing God: The Christian Stake in Genetic Engineering" - 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 13; and "A Christian Manifesto in a Culture of Death" - 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 14. For more information, call (734) 455-0022.

WED, MARCH 14

SENIOR HEALTH
St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will present "Herbal Therapy and Supplements" 1-3 p.m. in the hospital's Auditorium. Registered dietician Linda De Vore will teach attendees about possible health risks of some popular herbal supplements and how to locate reliable resources for herbal supplement information. To register, call (734) 655-8940. The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile. Use Five Mile Road entrance.

BLOOD DRIVE
Celebrate Valentine's Day by giving blood. The Livonia Post Office, 11800 Merriman Road off Plymouth, will sponsor a blood drive noon to 6 p.m. Please contact Marge Walter at (734) 425-8050. There is a blood shortage, so give a pint at the post office.

DIABETES
St. Mary Mercy Hospital will host a free support group focusing on information important to those who live with diabetes and its related issues 7-8:30 p.m. in the hospital's Auditorium. John Pedit will present "Medicare & Supplemental Insurance Update." To register, call (734) 655-8940.

MON, MARCH 19

GAMBLING ADDICTION
Avoid the serious - and sometimes fatal - consequences of gambling. St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer a gambling addiction class 6-7:30 p.m. in West Addition B. Pre-registration is requested. Please call (734) 655-2944. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located on Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. Participants should use the South Entrance off Levan Road.

WED, MARCH 21

DYSLEXIA
The Dyslexia Support Group will meet 7-9 p.m. at the Michigan Dyslexia Institute-Detroit Metro Center, 30230 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 130, Farmington Hills. Mary Rodriguez, a member of the Plymouth-Canton Special Education Advisory Committee, will discuss special education law and the IEP as related to students with dyslexia. Call (248) 737-0044.

SAT, MARCH 24

NERVOUS SYSTEM WORKSHOP
The Tree House for Earth's Children in Farmington will sponsor a workshop on the "Sympathetic Nervous System and Receptor Based Therapeutics" presented by Dr. Richard Bray, D.C. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All-organic lunch provided. Workshop cost is \$50. Seating is limited. To register, call (248) 473-0624. The Tree House is located at 22906 Mooney Street, one block west of Orchard Lake off Grand River in Farmington.

SAT, MARCH 24

PITUITARY DISORDERS
The Pituitary Disorders Education & Support groups meets 9-11:30 a.m. at the Zeiger Center community room next to Botsford Hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Dr. George Leach from Endocrinology & Nuclear Medicine will be the guest speaker. Continental breakfast provided. RSVP by calling 1 (810) 227-5615 or e-mail: pituitary@mediaone.net

THUR, MARCH 29

CHIROPRACTIC CLASS
Dr. Patrick Jary will offer "Health Through Chiropractic," a free lecture/discussion on the benefits of chiropractic care 7:30-9 p.m. at Jary Chiropractic, 27527 Joy Road (1/2 block west of Inkster), Westland. He will discuss basic human anatomy, differences between traditional medicine and chiropractic medicine, and how to improve and preserve your health. Seating is limited. Reservations required. Call (734) 522-5501.

SAT, APRIL 28

WOMEN'S HEALTH DAY
St. Mary Mercy Hospital will sponsor "2001 Women's Health Day" 8 a.m. to noon at the Holiday Inn-Livonia West. Events include keynote speaker Sandra Beckwith, breakfast buffet, exhibits, workshops and raffle drawings. Program cost is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. For information, call the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1100 or (800) 494-1617 for out-of-area callers. Registration is requested by April 16.

Use cell phone safely while driving

Although most Americans agree that the use of cellular telephones while driving can be hazardous to their health, more motorists are making calls while behind the wheel.

According to a recent survey by the Insurance Research Council, almost all Americans (91 percent) believe that use of

cellular telephones while driving distracts drivers and increases the likelihood of accidents. However, despite this belief, self-reported cellular telephone use while driving has increased during the last three years.

The increase in cellular tele-

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MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

Arthur's Place

Plymouth-based Arthur's Place, an exercise facility especially for people with arthritis and other rheumatic diseases, recently received the 2000 Nova 7 Award for outstanding innovation in the area of exercise programming. The award was administered by *Fitness Management* magazine. Competitors included health/fitness facilities throughout the world, ranging from community centers and health clubs to corporate fitness centers and hospital wellness program.

New administrator

Patricia Sullivan R.N. was named new assistant administrator of Westland Convalescent Center. Formerly the assistant director of nursing, Sullivan began her career with Westland Convalescent Center in 1980 as a staff nurse and nursing supervisor.

Nursing students

The Michigan Public Health Association-Community Health Nursing section recently honored Madonna University nursing students Sheryl Bennett '99 BSN of Canton and Deborah Michon '00 BSN of Commerce Township as the recipients of the New Professional Award for Student Nurse Achievement for their classroom and clinical performance. This was the first year the MPHA

gave the award.

Bennett currently works part-time in the oncology unit at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She plans to go into home care. Michon has begun a two-year internship in the medical-surgical division of nursing at Beaumont Hospital, where she will focus on gerontology and oncology.

Karmanos awards

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute recently honored faculty member Dr. Larry Matherly of Farmington Hills with its President's Basic Research Award. Matherly was recognized for his outstanding work focusing on the biology of folic acid. He is now collaborating with physicians from Children's Hospital in studying how anti-folates, such as methotrexate, kill cancer cells.

New Botsford offices

Three Botsford medical practices are now housed in a single building in Plymouth. The practices specialize in family medicine, OB/GYN and internal medicine. Physicians in each practice have access to the full range of diagnostic and treatment options available through Botsford General Hospital.

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Botsford allergist

Dr. Hussein A. Azzam, an allergist/immunologist, has joined the medical staff at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. A graduate of Damascus University, Syria, he completed his allergy and immunology residency at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, where he also served as a clinical instructor.

Dr. Azzam sees patients at the Paris Allergy & Asthma Centers, 27970 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 851-6655; at 14555 Levan, Suite 404, Livonia, (734) 591-6660; and at 609 W. Main Street, Brighton, (810) 229-2887.

Cancer Association

Farmington Hills-based Israel Cancer Association of Michigan announced that Dr. Steven Dovitz of Farmington Hills has been elected to the association's board of directors.

Dr. Dovitz, in private practice in Novi, holds staff positions at Sinai-Grace, Huron Valley and Beaumont Hospitals. He has been chief of the department of medicine at DMC Health Care Centers since 1991. He was named to the "Best Doctor in America" list for internal medicine in 1998.

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 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.

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 anxiety connected with lying in bed trying to sleep.

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 combined 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); and 14 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.

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Study establishes link between obesity and sugared soft drinks

By EMMA ROSS
AP Medical Writer

LONDON (AP) - An extra soft drink a day gives a child a 60 percent greater chance of becoming obese, new research suggests.

A U.S. study published this week in The Lancet medical journal said the soft drink-obesity link was independent of the food the children ate, how much television or videos they watched and the amount that they exercised.

Experts, who called the findings "enormously important," have long believed that sweetened drinks were contributing to the rising obesity epidemic among children, but said there has been no reliable evidence of a link.

"These are estimates and the study doesn't tell us the importance of soft drinks relative to the other factors that contribute to obesity, but these data suggest that people aren't compensating" for the extra calories by cutting back on eating, said the study's lead investigator, Dr. David Ludwig, director of the obesity program at Boston Children's Hospital.

France Bellisle from France's Institute of Health and Medical Research said the study provided "convincing" new evidence about the relationship between sugar and fatness in children.

The number of obese children in the United States doubled between 1980 and 1994.

Measurement

A common measurement of obesity is the body mass index, or BMI, which takes into account weight and height. A BMI of 25 means a person is overweight. The threshold for obesity is a BMI of 30.

For children, experts disagree on what constitutes obesity. Some believe that, in general, any child with a BMI above the 85th percentile for age and sex is obese, while others use the 95th percentile.

The study used the 85th percentile as the threshold for obesity. By that measure, scientists

estimate that 24 percent of American children are obese.

Rates of childhood obesity in Europe are not as high as in the United States, but are on the rise. Accurate statistics were not readily available.

The soft drink study involved tracking 548 children aged 11 or 12 from public schools across Massachusetts for two school years until May 1997.

It found that each sugared soft drink the children were consuming each day at the beginning of the study contributed 0.18 points to their BMI.

If they increased their daily soft drink intake, each extra soda made them 60 percent more likely to become obese, regardless of how many sodas they were drinking before. All the children were already drinking some soft drinks at the beginning of the study, but the researchers extrapolated that the effect would remain consistent for children who went from drinking none to one a day.

Only 7 percent of the children did not change their soft drink intake over the two years. A total of 57 percent of them upped their intake, with a quarter of them drinking two or more extra cans a day, the study said.

The soft drink industry attacked the findings.

Problems

"There are serious problems with this study," said Richard Adamson, vice president of scientific and technical affairs at the U.S. National Soft Drink Association. He argued that the sample was not a valid cross section of the American population, and said children in the age group studied generally experience major changes in their bodies' shape and size.

Adamson also said there were also too few obese children in the study to draw any meaningful conclusions.

"Our advice to consumers remains the same. A balanced diet and daily physical exercise are the keys to a healthy lifestyle," he said. "Childhood obesity is the result of many factors. Blaming it on any single

factor, including soft drinks, is nutritional nonsense."

Soft drinks tracked in the study included regular sodas, Hawaiian Punch, lemonade, Kool-Aid, sweetened iced tea or other sugared fruit drinks. Pure fruit juice intake was also tracked, but that did not account for the effect, the study said.

"The odds of becoming obese increased significantly for each additional daily serving of sugar-sweetened drink," the study concluded.

An increase in diet soda consumption made the children less likely to become obese.

Dr. Philip James, chairman of the International Obesity Task Force, an independent worldwide scientific organization which was not connected with the study, said the evidence so far indicates that sugar is slightly less fattening than fat, but that sugar in drinks can be deceptive because the beverages are less filling than food.

Explanation

He said one explanation might be that while people tend to eat less at a meal if they have overeaten at a previous sitting, evening out the calories, they don't tend to do that if the extra calories came from drinks. They tend to eat a normal-sized meal despite having loaded up on sugar from soft drinks.

In the last 10 years, soft drink consumption has almost doubled among children in the United States, Ludwig said, adding that the average American teenager today consumes 15 to 20 extra teaspoons of sugar a day, just from soda and other sugared drinks.

Half of all Americans and most adolescents consume soft drinks daily, and most of those are regular, not diet, the study said.

In a 1998 report on the issue, the U.S. health lobby group Center for Science in the Public Interest called soft drinks "liquid candy."

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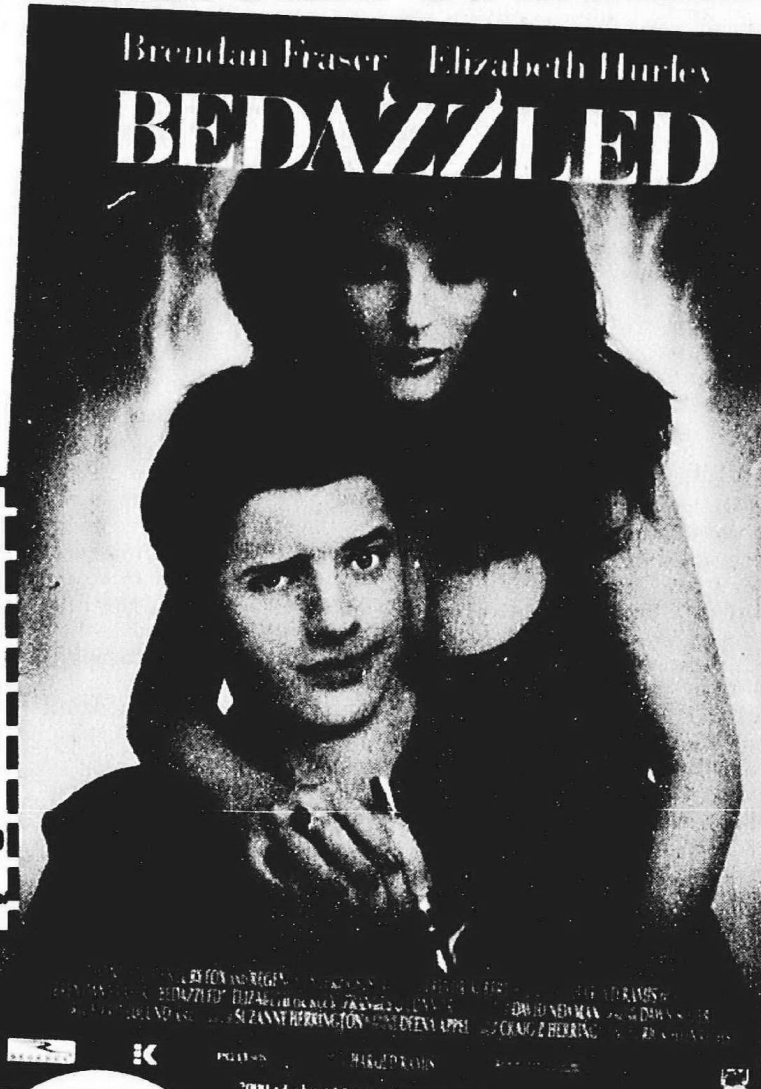
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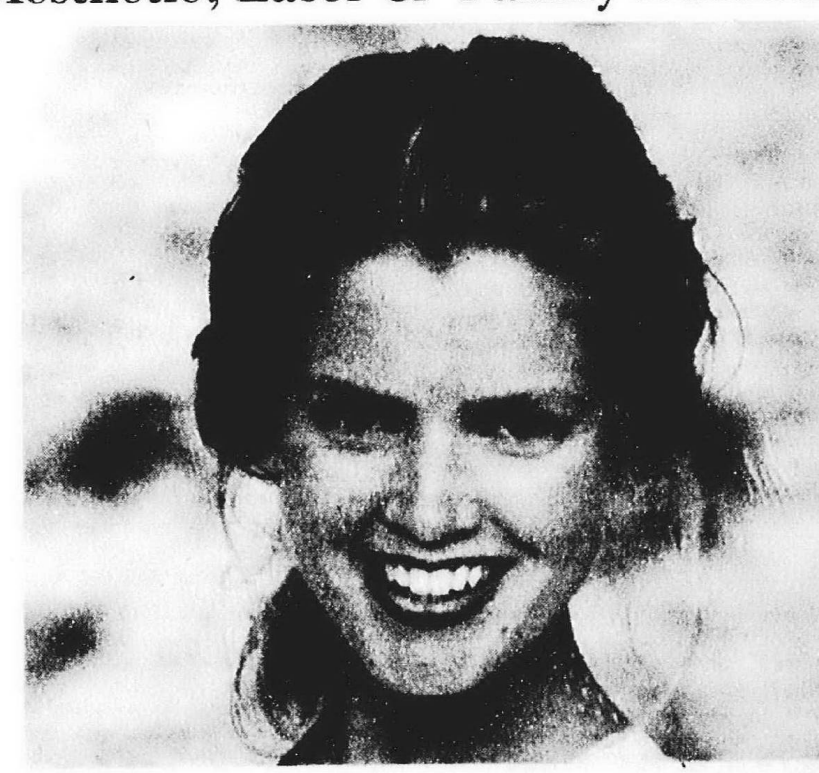
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Buyers interested in more upscale, higher-end houses have plenty of variety with four builders in the final stages of Wyndham Pointe.

Biltmore Homes, Crystal Homes, A&M Custom Built Homes and Spartan Custom Homes all have lots available in the platted community on Maple between Haggerty and Halstead in West Bloomfield.

Prices start at half a million dollars. The homes contain just about anything a homeowner could want.

"The beauty of this is you don't have to upgrade a thing," said Mario Giannandra, vice president with Spartan. "This is a complete, finished product. It really impresses people."

Spartan and the other builders provide standard features like three-car garage, first-floor laundry, basement, air conditioning, fireplace, plus separate tub and shower in the master suite.

They provide double oven, cooktop and dishwasher in the kitchen, wood or ceramic flooring in the foyer, hallway, half bath and kitchen/nook, carpeting throughout and an assortment of recessed lights.

Crystal's models feature marble flooring.

"The biggest attraction is the value of being on 15 Mile at the price point we're at, and the floor plans offer the same amenities bigger subs along the corridor are offering," said Angelo J. Evangelista, A&M president.

"It's the wooded, wetlands sanctuary," said Lorne Zalesin, vice president at Biltmore. "It's really a beautiful piece of land, a beautiful place to live."

"We have great proximity to major freeways. M-5 is just down the street," added Kim Abdenour, sales representative for Biltmore.

"The location is magnificent," said Albert (Avie) Benaderet, president of Crystal. "You're surrounded by water and nature. You're in the city, but actually feel like you're up North without driving four or five hours."

A&M shows four floor plans ranging from \$463,400 for 3,010 square feet to \$574,900 for 4,020 square feet, both with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths.

The model, the Breckenridge, a two story of 3,550 square feet, features a living room, dining room, library, family room with volume ceiling and dual staircases with a bridge overlooking the family room and foyer.

The master with cathedral ceiling



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contains two vanities, a pair of walk-in closets and a make-up/dressing area. Three other bedrooms and a full bath are up.

Base price on a base lot is \$525,000. A&M has 11 lots available and a couple of specs.

Biltmore, which also developed Wyndham Pointe, has designed five new colonials for its last two dozen lots.

All will contain four bedrooms, at least 3-1/2 baths and three-car garage. They will range in size from 3,200 to 4,400 square feet and in price from the mid \$400s to the low \$600s on a base lot, Zalesin said.

Several completed specs are still available. They range in price from \$462,900 for 2,950 square feet with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths to \$569,900 for 3,650 square feet with four beds and 3-1/2 baths.

Spartan presents six plans ranging from \$479,900 for a colonial of 3,300 square feet with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths to \$549,900 for a two story of 4,050 square feet with four bedrooms, three full baths and two half baths.

Its model, the Breslin, features a curved staircase, library, living room with pyramid ceiling, dining room with step ceiling and family room.

The luxury, step-up master contains

a fireplace, separate vanity and toilets on either side of the tub and shower and a large wrap-around, walk-in closet in back.

(The premium is \$9,500. The master at standard price includes two vanities, two closets, one toilet and no fireplace.)

Three bedrooms and a second full bath are upstairs.

Base price is \$479,900. Spartan has eight lots left.

Crystal Homes offers six floor plans of different styles and several different variations of each.

"We're a little more custom than you normally find," said Michelle Benaderet, sales manager. "No two houses of ours are actually identical. Our houses can be customized up and down in square footage. We leave it to them to decide what they want to design."

Most buyers pay \$600,000-\$700,000 for a Crystal house on lot in Wyndham Pointe, she said.

Crystal has about 30 lots available and a half dozen specs under construction.

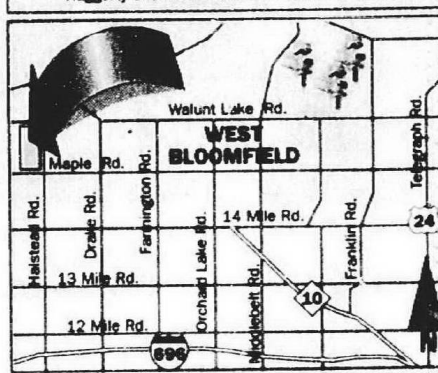
The Diamond Model features a wet bar in the great room, skylights in the kitchen/ nook and the family room tucked behind the kitchen.

Wyndham Pointe is served by city

Filling up: Wyndham Pointe, an upscale residential community in West Bloomfield, is well on its way to completion.

WYNDHAM POINTE

On the north side of Maple Rd. between Haggerty and Halstead Rd. in West Bloomfield.



water, sewers and sidewalks. It's within the Walled Lake school boundaries. The property tax rate currently is \$30.45 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price for new construction. That means the owners of a \$500,000 house there would pay about \$7,600 the first year.

The annual association fee is \$250.

The sales office/ models for Biltmore, (248) 926-2590; Spartan, (248) 624-6300; A&M, (248) 669-2036; and Crystal, (248) 855-4447; at Wyndham Pointe are open noon to 5 p.m. daily, closed Thursdays.

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Inga Cruz
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Lenwal Building Company proudly invites you to discover life at Willow Creek. An intimate community of homes located on the eastern edge of Commerce Township bordering West Bloomfield. Willow Creek is located off Union Lake Road one-half mile north of Commerce Road just minutes away from I-696, I-275, M-5 and the M-59 freeways in the heart of Oakland County's lakes region.

Willow Creek offers 21 gently sloping, 30 acre home sites, some with trees, which allow day-light basements backing to Union Lake Golf Course with no lot premiums. Each site has city sewer and water, cable and underground utilities that don't disrupt the natural country setting.

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Really hate to be so trite as to introduce this home to you as comfortable and cozy...yet here it is...Located in a unique little area of the city of Plymouth, just three-quarters of a mile from downtown, known as Birch Estates, 680 Simpson beckons with much of the ambience that is Plymouth itself.

The classic red brick, black trim, hip style roof and tidy landscaping seem to be saying, "Welcome home" as you approach this 1963 built, 1215 square foot home. Incidentally, if you do have the opportunity to stop by this open house, take a moment to look at the finish of this home - I think you'll like the quality you see.

So, come on in...it's time for the comfortable and cozy part. The welcoming living room is simply sized, hosts a spacious guest closet and lets sunny days in through the large front windows. What's under the carpeting? You guessed it - hardwood.

Now we can meander into the kitchen that comes family ready with all of the appliances and offers a sizeable dining area. Adjacent is the family room, complete with fireplace and mantle - the perfect spot for those treasured family photos. Step through the doorway to the 14x11 Florida room and "unlar"

in your favorite wicker chair on a lazy summer day. "Not too shabby," as they say.

Let's make a "U" turn and head back to the hallway off the kitchen. Here we find the main bath (there's also a half bath at the top of the basement stairway by the side door) and three bedrooms. The bedrooms are certainly not large by today's standards, 12x11 for example, but seem to serve the residents very well. Oh, and they all have hardwood floors as well.

Let's talk about the basement for a moment. Just about half of it is finished into two rooms - one used as an office and a second used as a recreation or family room. The balance of the basement is divided between a laundry room and a work or hobby room.

I think I'll rattle off a list of additional amenities, in no particular order, in an attempt to answer questions that are often asked. Here goes - central air conditioning, attic fan, ceiling fan, patio, mechanicals updated, fenced yard, two car detached garage with opener and the fireplace is gas.

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Plan provides 3 residences in single building

The Tripoly (408-03) is a two-story, three-unit complex. Each unit has a single car garage to the front with the main part of the unit back away from the street.

The design of the Tripoly is simple and would be economical to build. While the three units are long at 74 feet, 10 inches, they aren't deep (40 feet). Finding a lot or two to fit the complex on should be easier.

Unit 1 and Unit 3 are identical.

There is a covered walk to the entry. Inside to the left is a half bath with the stairs to the second floor.

The living room runs to the rear of the unit and has a sliding glass door opening to the back patio. The dining room is to the right rear and has a large window overlooking the back yard.

The kitchen backs up to the utility room with a pocket door diving the two. The kitchen is compact, yet still has a lot of cabinets and space.

Through the pocket door, the washer/dryer units are nestled to the left and a cabinet and folding counter are to the right. A door opens into the garage for convenience of unloading groceries and bringing in the kids.

Upstairs is dedicated to the

two bedrooms.

The master suite is in the rear and has its own private bath with twin sinks and a tub, along with a wall closet. There is also a linen closet for storage.

The second bedroom has a large window and wall closet. The bath for this bedroom is across the hall at the head of the stairs.

The center unit is the same

except it has been reversed.

All the units contain 578 square feet on the main floor and 598 square feet on the second floor. The Tripoly units are large enough to be comfortable, yet small enough to be economical for the builder and the renter alike.

For a study plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations and an artist rendering, send

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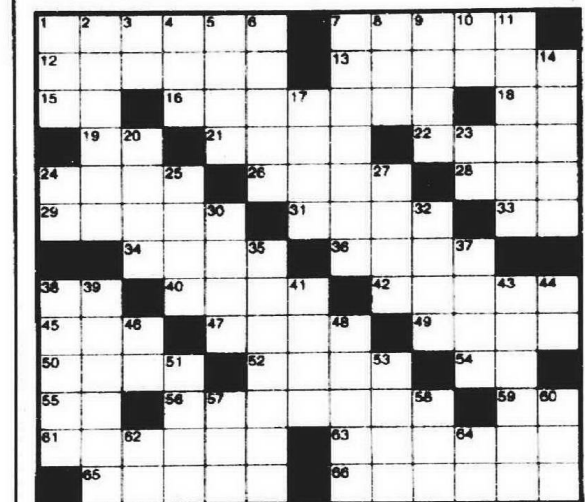
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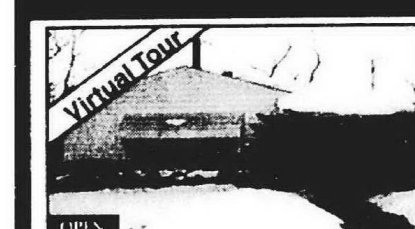
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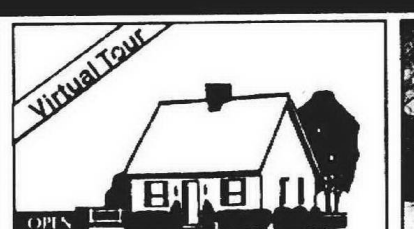
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Successful remodelings depend on references, too



JOHN NEWMYER

Many years in remodeling have shown me that using price as the basis for choosing a contractor is a mistake. If you needed heart surgery, would you ever consider asking three surgeons to submit bids and then go with the lowest price?

The obvious answer is an emphatic, "Of course not!" However, many homeowners think nothing of shelling out tens of thousands of dollars and opening up their homes to a remodeler whom they have selected based solely on the price.

The old saying, "get three bids, then throw out the top and bottom ones," is really no more informed than choosing the lowest estimate or the highest.

Bid shopping works in certain instances, such as when you purchase a new car. You can see what it looks like and test drive it to see how it feels. You can ask three dealers to price a specific make and model car and can be fairly certain you are comparing like products.

With a remodeling project, however, you're purchasing a concept and don't see the finished product until well after the contract is signed. Unlike a new car, the products could differ significantly.

Using price alone, a homeowner skips over important factors

such as the contractor's experience, quality of work and thoroughness. Each is essential for a good job.

Working within a budget is certainly critical, and no one should overspend. But a successful remodel, one you'll appreciate, must be based on more than price alone.

In selecting a remodeler, one of the first things to check is references. It's important that you talk with people who have hired the remodeler to do jobs similar to yours.

You'll want to ask the references if they had any problems with the quality, payment schedule, employees or completion time.

The most telltale question you can ask a reference is, "Would you hire this contractor again?" After you've talked with the references, take a look at the work. Check the quality of the craftsmanship and materials, overall aesthetics, creativity and how the project blends in with the rest of the house.

Also, verify the remodeler's licensing and insurance documentation. If you hire a remodeler who doesn't carry worker's compensation and one of the employees falls off your roof, you could be liable for the medical bills and lost wages.

One indication of a professional remodeler is membership in a trade association such as the Building Industry Association's Remodelers Council.

Another indication of professionalism is indicated by the type of warranty offered. Most

remodelers offer some sort of a warranty. But remember, a warranty is only as good as the company backing it.

When you've selected a remodeler to ask for a bid, make sure the bid and eventual contract are as thorough as possible,

including material brand names and models, cost, payment schedule, procedure for change orders and warranty information.

Once the bid is received, if you like the contractor and are confident with the work, but the bid is beyond your budget, ask what

can be scaled down to meet your budget.

As you can see, a low bid is no fast track to successful remodeling. Quality is never inexpensive and good research may seem like a headache, but it is more likely to lead you to satisfaction with the changes made to your home.

John Newmyer has been in remodeling 33 years. He's a member of the Building Industry Association's Remodelers Council, has been named the Association's Remodeler of the Year and owns Newmyer Distinctive Remodeling in Walled Lake.

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The two-day conference is for condominium association board members and homeowners, and the professionals who provide services to condominium associations.

The theme of this year's conference is "Lead to Succeed" and a number of the educational sessions will be dedicated to leadership and the introduction of a new governance model for boards of directors.

Lila Lazarus will give the keynote address on Friday morning. The keynote speaker on Saturday will be Stephen Marcus, of Braintree, Mass., an attorney specializing in condominium law.

Cost is \$50 for members, \$75 for nonmembers. To register, call (248) 737-5581.

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Taubman lists shops in Texas mall

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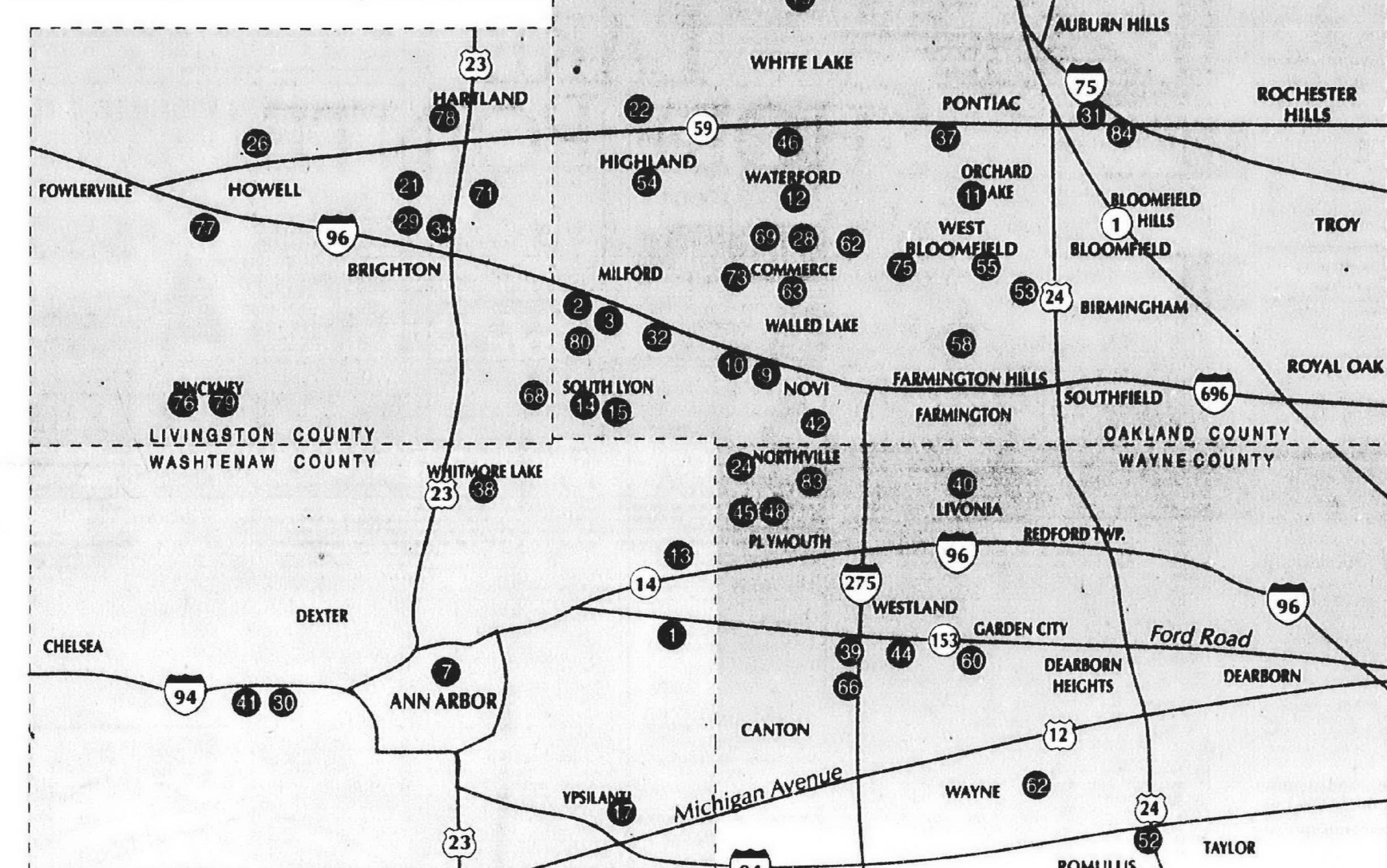
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Hi, I'm a 31 yr old, single female, 5'9", 150 lbs, long dark red hair, hazel eyes, non-smoker, enjoys all outdoor activities, NASCAR just anything that's fun. Looking for a single professional male, weight and height proportionate with similar interests. BOX 10876

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Pretty blue eyed blonde youthful looking 50, bright, warm and witty. Troy area, with special interest in psychiatry. Seeking kind caring physician for intense relationship. Oakland County. BOX 26005

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5'10", white full figured female, 45, non-smoker, light drinker, no drugs, varied interests that include, bowling, walking and so on. Looking for same for monogamous relationship that could lead to marriage. Oakland County. BOX 26011

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White widowed, 53 female, 5'2", 150 lbs, blue eyes, light brown hair. Looking for a gentleman, 50-70, who likes to go camping, outdoors, dining out, movies, quiet times at home, for friendship possible relationship. Wayne County. BOX 26026

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38 yr old, single female, 5'5", 150 lbs, with brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys the outdoors, traveling and just doing different things. Looking for a single male to share special moments together. BOX 10929

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Single Hispanic female in her 50's, beautiful, with long dark hair, enjoys dancing with that special someone and many other interests. I'm looking for that special male, for friendship and companionship. Let's try to get to know each other. BOX 11022

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Hi, I'm a single female in her 60's, 5'6", intelligent, financially secure, natural blonde hair and hazel eyes. Enjoys reading, working on my house water, hunting, fishing, dining out, shopping, casinos and good conversations. Looking for an honest male, with similar qualities, for a serious relationship. BOX 14318

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44 yr old, single female, 5'2", petite, non-smoker, with shoulder length blonde hair and blue eyes, enjoys doing out, movies, golf, fishing, reading and much more, is seeking a single male, for friendship and maybe more. BOX 27477

WARM EMBRACES
Single female, 31, 5'9", 150 lbs, single mom, college student, long dark red hair, dark hazel eyes. Likes country music, outdoor activities. Looking for a single male, 30's, tall, and professional. BOX 27443

LOVE IS ALL WE NEED
43 yr old, 5'8", 160 lbs, single white female with red hair and brown eyes, enjoys dining out, movies, golf, fishing, reading and much more, is seeking a single male, for friendship and maybe more. BOX 27477

DO YOU BELIEVE...
31 yr old, single Christian woman, who's active in the church! BOX 11114

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A widow, 64, looks younger, natural red hair, blue eyes, 5'8" tall, attractive, with nice figure. Loving, loyal and honest. A man's lady. Have numerous interests such as reading, gardening, movies, etc. Looking for gentle, loving man with some of the same interests. I am a delightful lady to know and be with. Oakland County. BOX 26041

HERE I AM
Single white female 34, searching for an honest, compatible single white male, 30 to 35, family oriented, respectful, must like birds and bowling, down river need only reply. Murry County. BOX 33388

CALL ME...
Divorced, 44 yr old, white female, 5'3", platinum blonde hair and brown eyes, enjoys working out, walking, concerts, plays, animals and more. Would be interested in a gentleman, 35 to 46, with similar interests. BOX 27442

CHRISTIAN
Single white Christian professional female, 46, attractive, with a heart of gold, great cook. Enjoys quiet times and movies, with. Seeking a white male, non-smoker, with Christian values. Wayne County. BOX 26052

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Vivacious, upbeat, very attractive, blonde female, professional, 57, 115 lbs, over 30's, seeking out mate counter part, 60's, a professional, for dating, possible long term relationship. Call me and see what life has in store for us. BOX 9888

SEEKING ROMANCE
Interested, beautiful, spiritual divorced professional white female, 38, 5'2", petite, brown hair, green eyes. Enjoys friends, family, movies, plays and more. Seeking a white male, 40 to 55, who is interested in a serious relationship. Downriver area preferred. Wayne County. BOX 32005

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Pretty, petite, passionate divorced white female, 40ish. Seeks non-smoking, single white male over 35, for dating, mating, relating. Let's create sparks and watch them fly! BOX 25332

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL...
with a friend, 35 yr old, black, beautiful female, 5'9", 140 lbs, seeking White/Italian professional, handsome male, 30 to 35, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 33689

LOOKING FOR:
A kind, sincere, single or divorced male, 48 to 60, non-smoker, for long term monogamous relationship. I am 51 yr old divorced female. I believe in romance and enjoy simple pleasures. Down River area. BOX 14471

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE
New age woman, seeks faithful companion, 40 to 60, financially secure, emotionally centered, intellectually curious, kind, generous and positive. I'm 48, 5'6", divorced, pretty, a small size, shoulder length natural redhead, a beautiful smile that lights up a room. Join me on my quest for transcendence. BOX 25968

HELLO FRIEND
Attractive, intelligent, slender and tall, lady of 54, is also warm hearted, soft spoken, a smoker. Seeking someone who is 55 to 69, intelligent, tall, an old fashioned gentleman, a smoker. Please call if this describes you. Oakland County. BOX 25395

SEEKING A PARTNER
Single female, who is physically, 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 Carolina. BOX 25070

SHOOTING STAR
Divorced, white professional female, 55, 125 lbs, brown/black hair and eyes, dimples, looks 40 and stable. Seeking a divorced, white male, 55 to 63, attractive, 6', stable and a good sense of humor. BOX 31913

THAT PERFECT MATE
Divorced white male, 52, professional, enjoys long walks, dining out, camping, bowling, plays, sports, movies and playing cards. Seeks a fit, active female, who enjoys life, loves to have fun and ready to start a relationship with a special person. BOX 10993

SINCERELY YOURS...
Single white male, 34, 5'8", 145 lbs, Catholic, non-smoker, professional, honest, caring with dark brown hair and eyes. Likes movies, bowling, concerts and more. Seeking a slender to average build, single white female who wants a serious and stable relationship. BOX 11005

THE TIME IS NOW...
Single white professional male, 23, 5'5", 140 lbs, college graduate, enjoys all outdoor activities and working on my car in search of an honest, outgoing, single white female, 21 to 28, for friendship, possibly leading to a relationship. BOX 11008

OPEN YOUR HEART
49 yr old, professional white male, 5'11", 138 lbs, with brown hair and blue eyes, college educated with a nice smile, great sense of humor and good listener. Enjoys the outdoors, weekend getaways and traveling. Looking for an attractive, college educated, single female with same interests and qualities. BOX 11078

ESCAPE
Escape the single life with me. Single white male, 42 yr old, 5'10", 195 lbs, curly blond hair, hazel eyes, somewhat active, very adventurous. Looking for single white female, 35 to 50, petite to medium build, non-smoker, social drinker, with similar interests. Financially secure. BOX 26015

INDIAN PROFESSIONAL
61 yr old, 5'6", 160 lbs, bachelor, refined, outgoing, enjoys theater, opera, symphony, orchestra, outdoor movies, bridge, tennis, ethnic restaurants, museums, zoes, trap shooting, history and philosophy. Seeks compatible female of any age/race for wonderful stimulating companionship. Wayne County. BOX 25983

GOOD EUROPEAN MAN
Single white male, 34, 5'6", 145 lbs, a Catholic, non-smoker and no children. Enjoys barbecues, cooking, fishing, hunting, walks, zoes and much more. Seeks a slim single female, 24 to 42, with similar interests. BOX 11010

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61 yr old, 5'6", 160 lbs, bachelor, refined, outgoing, enjoys theater, opera, symphony, orchestra, outdoor movies, bridge, tennis, ethnic restaurants, museums, zoes, trap shooting, history and philosophy. Seeks compatible female of any age/race for wonderful stimulating companionship. Wayne County. BOX 25983

HAND IN HAND
A handsome single white male, 42, educated, sophisticated and could be devoted to you. Seeks personable white female, age open, for friendship, romance, and much more. BOX 33624

MARRIAGE MINDED
Single white male, 58, 5'10", 170 lbs, enjoys cars, dining out, cooking, quiet times and more. Seeking a single female, 45 plus, with similar interests for a long term relationship. BOX 14255

FIRST TIME AD
Single white male, seeking serious relationship, professional registered nurse. Enjoys candlelight dinners, movies, dancing, comedy shows, works out twice a week, golf, tennis, warm vacation spots. Seeking serious relationship only. No arguing. Wayne County. BOX 26058

IT TAKES TWO
Nice looking single white male, 38, never married, homeowner in Dearborn, loves animals. Seeking a one on one relationship with an attractive woman with a nice personality, age open. Wayne County. BOX 33626

BLONDE AMBITION
Small lives have small goals. Small lives have small hopes. Single white male, 48 yr old, 5'11", 190 lbs, divorced, catholic, never married, well traveled. Loves outdoors. Seeks feminine counterpart 25 to 35, to share common goals, and new adventures together. Wayne County. BOX 25999

BE MY VALENTINE
Single white male, 31, green eyes and light brown hair, non-smoker, non-drinker and drug free. Enjoys horseracing, bowling, camping, movies and much more. Seeking long term relationship with single white female, 18 to 40, children welcome. BOX 27400

QUEENLESS IN CANTON
Mature, secure, fit, 54, 6'1", 192 lbs, degreed, non-coach potato, white professional male, seeks active, fit, attractive, slender to medium lady, 42 to 49, who can live, laugh, love. Enjoys children, can show emotion, communicate and is interested in variety. Have two teens who live, no outstanding engagements please. Wayne County. BOX 25997

NEED SENSE OF HUMOR
Very attractive divorced white male, 36, no children, brown hair and eyes, 6', 190 lbs is looking for an attractive female, 26 to 39, with a good sense of humor. Prefer the West Side. BOX 27374

WAIT TO HEAR FROM U
Single white male, 48 yr old, 5'8", blue eyes, brown hair, physically, spiritually and mentally fit. No drugs or drinker, easy going. Seeking a more mature female, who enjoys fishing, camping, swimming and motorcycles. BOX 27421

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If you are tired of these ads and meeting flaky men, then call me. I have both feet on the ground, big hearted, don't drink, am gentle, widowed, well built, early 80's and look much younger. You must be over 61, lean, attractive and serious about your future. I will return your call. Down river area. BOX 35488

FIRST TIME AD
Single white male, 40 yr old, 5'9", 200 lbs, physically fit, financially secure, non-smoker, drug free, local drinker. Enjoys dining out, socializing and traveling. Seeking a white female, 35 to mid 40's, for friendship, possible long term relationship. Oakland County. BOX 26008

JUST BE AND YOU
Hispanic male, 53, likes dining out, movies, just having fun and cozy nights at home. Seeking white female, 18 to 26, 5'7" to 5'8", 120 lbs, blonde or brown hair, for friendship, possible serious relationship. Wayne County. BOX 33386

EYES LIKE THE SKY
Single white male, 44, honest, faithful, trustworthy, caring, loving, up front, smoker, social drinker, brown hair, blue eyes, 6', 165 lbs, looking for a white female, 35-50, on the slim side, 100-125 lbs, who has the same qualities as I do. Looking for a very serious relationship, no head games. Oakland County. BOX 26014

IT TAKES TWO
Nice looking, 38, all around great guy. Loves animals, into body building, great sense of humor, homeowner in Dearborn. Seeking a nice woman to age 35 for friendship and possible long term relationship and possible marriage. Wayne County. BOX 33388

LOOKING FOR YOU
31 yr old African American male, 6'4", 200 lbs, bed head, looking for a single female, 28 to 39, for friendship and possibly more. My interests are sports, plays, and cooking. Oakland County. BOX 26021

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Also connected to the white male, 68, handsome and fun, upscale life style, seeks unattached white female for a fresh relationship, mutual attention, memorable experiences. BOX 26024

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this new year! Handsome, healthy white male, 48. Seeks white female, to share with, has over care for enjoys the outdoors, music, travel and much more. BOX 25976

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Single white male, 51, 6'11", 190 lbs, light brown hair and blue eyes. Enjoys boating, bike riding, water polo, family get togethers and more. Looking for a white female, 40 to 53, who is truthful, caring and stable. For a long term relationship. I would like to share my interests with someone special. Down River Area. Wayne County. BOX 32016

INTERESTED??
White widowed male, 49 yr old, physically, spiritually, mentally and financially sound, non-drinker, no drugs, easy going, enjoys motorcycling, long walks, nature, camping, fishing, swimming. Seeking a female to hang out with. BOX 10951

FIRST TIME AD
Divorced white male, 59, 163 lbs, grey hair, blue eyes. Enjoys hunting, fishing, boating, movies, dancing and dining out. Open minded. Seeks a white female, 45 to 55, with similar interest for friendship first, possible relationship, non-smoker, non-drinker, no drugs. Wayne County. BOX 25992

SENSIBLE MAN
Single white male, 55, soft spoken, down to earth. Enjoys dancing, theater, movies, and much more. Seeks friendly relationship, married lady in her 40's or 50's. Oakland County. BOX 33388

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Divorced black male, 53, 6'11", 200lbs, very handsome, motivated, ed professional male. Enjoys outdoor sports, classic cars and antiques. In search of professional lady, race open, 45 to 56, tall, height and weight proportionate, with similar interests, kids welcome for friendship and maybe more. Wayne County. BOX 25313

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Single male, 44 yr old, divorced, 6'8", handsome, non-smoker, non-drinker, looking for a caring, affectionate female, for a possible long term relationship. BOX 32716

ALL OF THE ABOVE
46 yr old, divorced white male, 5'10", large teddy bear build, with dark brown hair and green eyes. Enjoys reading, music and laughing. In search of a single white female, 30 to 48, who has long dark hair, beautiful, honest and must love children. BOX 10881

GIVE ME A CHANCE
Divorced white male, in search of friendship, dating or possible long term relationship. Non-smoker. BOX 26039

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47 yr old, single white parent, attractive, 6'11", 200 lbs, smoker, social drinker, networking with a variety of interests that include golf, camping, fishing, etc. Seeks an attractive, caring, single white female, height, weight proportionate, with family values and similar interests. Must like children and animals. BOX 33499

SPRIL YOU ROTTEN
Very attractive, single black male, 25, 6'11", 190 lbs, fit, athletic, college educated, and sincere. Seeking a very slim, petite white female, 18 to 27, who is very romantic, fit and wants a quality monogamous relationship. BOX 14345

VERY ACTIVE
White male, 41, 6'11", never married, very long hair, tall to be good looking, smoker, social drinker. Enjoys knowledge, boating, boats, lake, dark, 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, fit. 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. Summit County. BOX 33630

DO YOU QUALIFY?
White male, 48, muscular, attractive, financial and self secure. Seeking sexy, classy, attractive white or Asian female, under 45, for long term relationship. Wayne County. BOX 25970

JUST A CALL AWAY
Single black professional male, 53 yr old, 6'5", non-smoker, good physical condition, weight and height proportionate. Enjoys fishing, walking, outdoor activities, boating, sports and antiques. Seeking a tall professional female, 42 to 55, with similar interests and personality. Race is open. BOX 27440

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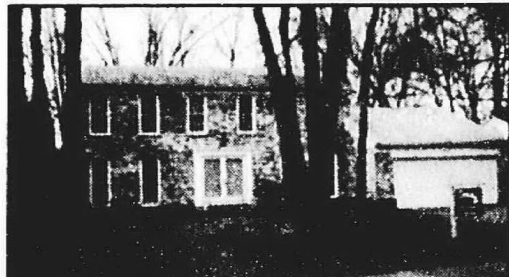
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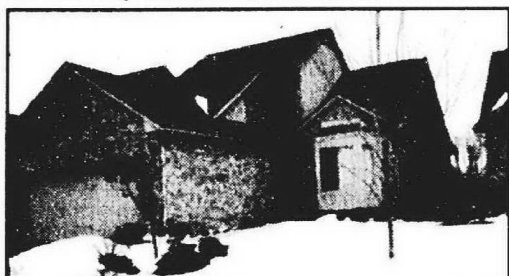
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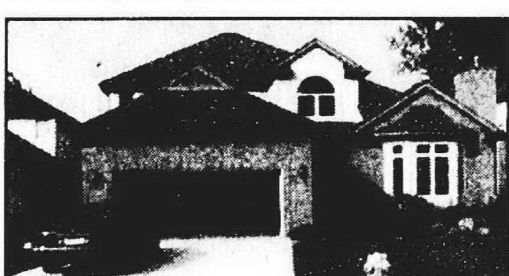
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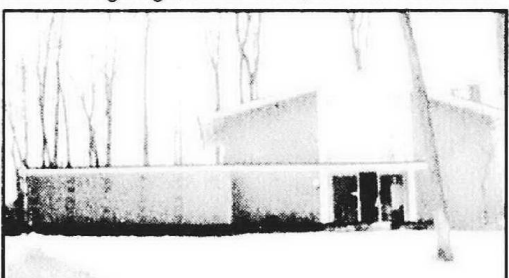
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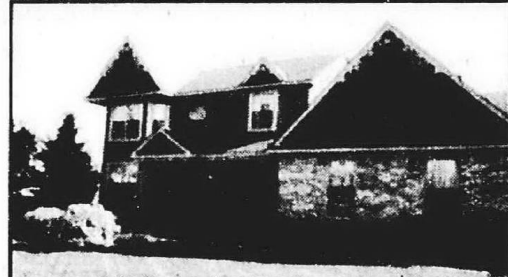
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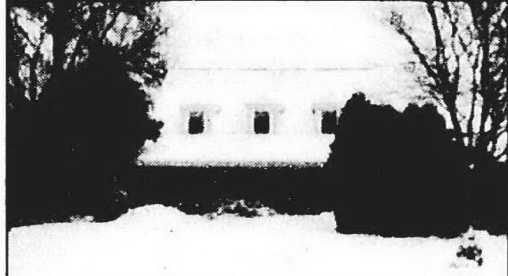
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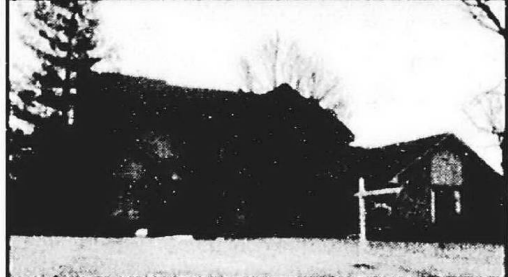
WELCOME HOME to this stunning 3 BR, 2 1/2 BA Colonial located on a premium lot. Beautiful hardwood floors & gourmet kitchen. Spacious MBR w/walk-in closet & whirlpool tub. \$304,900 (88PEM) 248-349-5600



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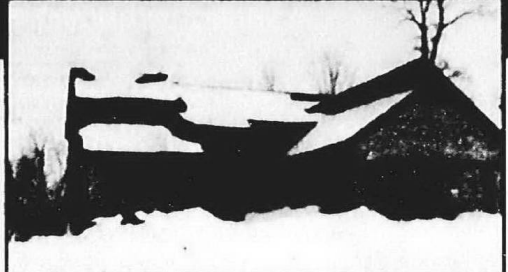
ROCHESTER HILLS Move in & enjoy the luxury of this 4 BR, 3 1/2 BA colonial w/beautiful landscaped lot, gourmet oak kitchen & library w/French doors. Hardwood floors T/O, side entry garage. \$534,900 (10MAP) 248-524-1600



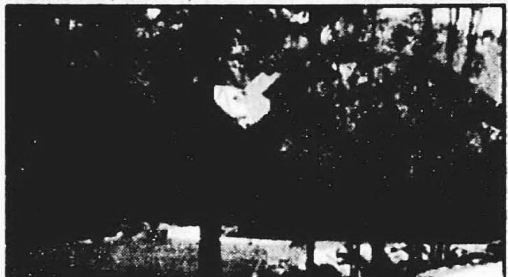
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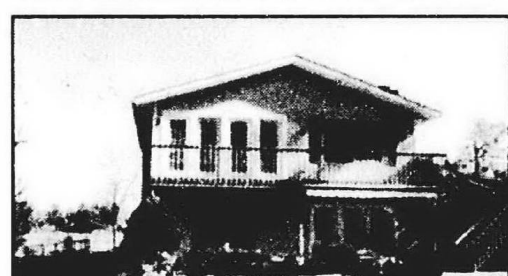
PRESTIGIOUS LAKE AREA Seawalled canal frt w/wooded backdrop. 2 story entry, extensive use of oak, hrdwd flrs, tiled, marble, skylights, 2 FPs, FF, MBR, W/O LL, brick pavers, decking & more! \$699,000 (18FOR) 248-363-1200



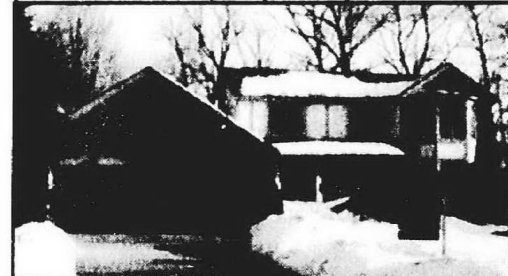
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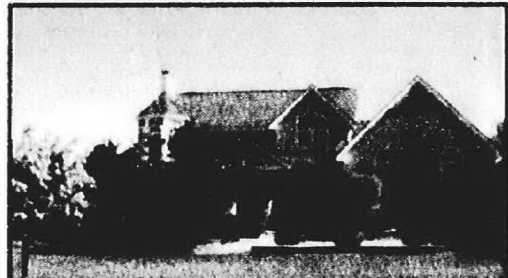
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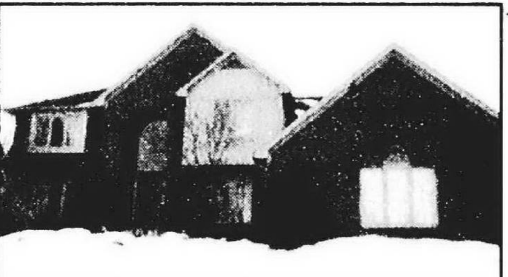


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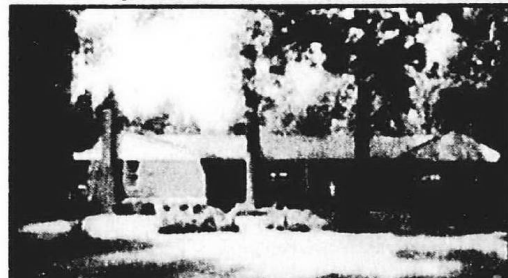
ROCHESTER 3 year old gem, w/cathedral ceilings, cherry kitchen, oak foyer, 4 BRs & 2 1/2 BAs. Professionally done inside & out. Great neighborhood w/community pool, tennis. \$322,900 (62BEA) 248-524-1600



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impressive luxury sedan. I have more of a sports-car mind-set, so to a little thing like myself, it seems enormous. However, we Americans do like big cars. Historically, the United States is the largest market for the S-Class outside of Germany. Mercedes estimates an increase of 40 percent in sales for the new S-Class models.

The S500 sedan is a beautiful piece of artwork. The exterior style has been completely changed. The classic Mercedes look is now blended with softened lines that are more voluptuous, and leave the former S500 looking very old-fashioned. Despite reduced length, width, and height the S-Class interior room has actually increased significantly.

The "Designo Edition" offers unique paint and upholstery colors. One new paint color has been named Espresso, a very sophisticated black/brown metallic. The interior is drop-dead gorgeous. The light brown, Nappa leather upholstery, smooth as caramel, two-toned with charcoal Nappa, rang all of my bells.

To make it just a touch more special, the seat cushion and steering wheel cover were perforated. Not only for the bold look — the ventilated seat circulates air through the cushion to draw off perspiration in hot summer weather.

Designo accents feature rich, natural, Elm wood trim. The total picture is smashing. I gave everyone I know a chance to experience it, and all were impressed.



There is an entire entourage of other creature comforts. A multi-function steering wheel has push buttons to allow control of navigation, telephone, and audio. Intelligent voice control for the telephone and sound system even understands accents and dialects. Power sunroof, heated, massaging, power front seats — which adjust 14 different ways — heated, power rear seats, a Bose Beta II Sound System with perfect clarity, a navigation system via global positioning satellite, the TeleAid system which uses cellular phone technology and the GPS nav system to call for help, etc., etc., etc.

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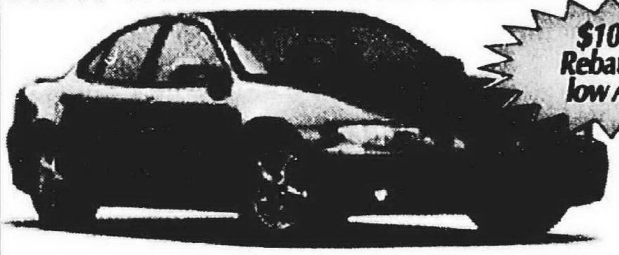
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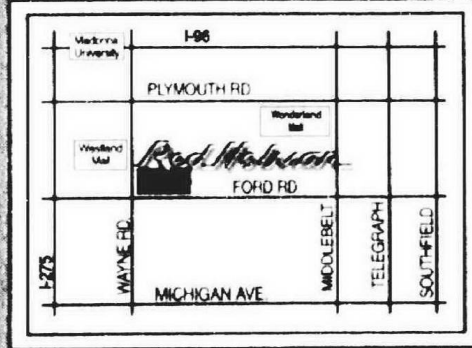
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