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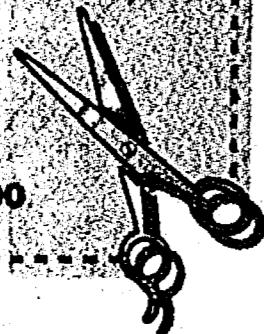
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Victim's family charges favoritism



BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Garden City man, angry over the way his slain son's murder case has been handled, has asked that a Detroit judge and a Wayne County prosecutor be removed from the case.

Tommy John said the family of his

slain son, 25-year-old Robert John, feels that the criminal justice system is siding with defendant Robert Miguel of Westland, who faces trial for second-degree murder.

Miguel, 42, is charged with shooting John to death with a rifle in front of the Miguel house on Wayne Road,

north of Ford. Police said the killing stemmed from a feud between Gypsy families.

Tommy John has said several of his family members, including Robert, went to the Miguel residence to make peace. But Miguel family members contend they were under attack when Robert John — a father of six minor children — was shot shortly before 11 p.m. Aug. 21.

Miguel, free on a \$60,000 bond, was scheduled for trial Jan. 24, but the case has been adjourned to June 6. The trial may be rescheduled again if the court can arrange an earlier date,

said Wayne County assistant prosecutor Gary LaBret.

Tommy John has called for LaBret and Detroit Recorder's Judge Gershwin Drain to be removed from the case — a request that their superiors hadn't granted as of Friday.

Tommy John outlined his concerns in a Jan. 10 letter addressed to Wayne County Prosecutor John D. O'Hair, Attorney General Frank Kelley and Recorder's Judge Dalton Roberson. John also sent copies to Westland police, the FBI, Garden

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Preparing for the tax season



ART EMANUELE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Volunteers trained: With the April 15 income tax deadline just 11 weeks away, 50 volunteers attended a tax-preparation training session last week to help local senior citizens within the next two months. Martin Holland led the week-long training. Volunteers may call the Westland Friendship Center, 467-3259, for the schedule of free tax help.

City council extends Youth Assistance

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A blossoming Westland program that helps troublesome youths improve their behavior has received a strong vote of confidence from city officials.

The one-year-old Youth Assistance Program, which helps girls and boys ages 7 to 16 work through their problems, has been extended through June 30. The program provides confidential help for free.

The extension came last week when

the Westland City Council voted unanimously to renew a contract with Youth Assistance Program coordinator Ronaale Ruth Bowman.

"The response in the community to the program has been tremendous," councilwoman Sandra Cicirelli said during a council session. She has been an ardent supporter of the program.

The five-month, \$32,108 extension will cover the salary costs for Bowman, a full-time assistant, a part-time clerical worker and three sub-

contractors who periodically lead parenting and youth classes.

The council considered extending the contract for one year at a cost of \$77,058, including Bowman's \$34,278 salary. But officials chose the five-month extension so that Bowman's contract will coincide with the city's fiscal year, which also ends June 30.

"I'm happy they did that," Bowman said Thursday, adding that it's more practical for the Youth Assistance budget to coincide with the city budget.

The program has served 157 young people in its first year — youths who were referred by the Westland Police Department, school counselors and administrators, and the Wayne County juvenile court.

Local officials are certain the program is keeping some youths out of trouble, but Bowman said it's too early to say what the long-term success rate will be. She plans to monitor it, in part, by determining whether

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Man who beat wife with mallet gets probation

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Westland man charged in the rubber mallet beating of his longtime wife has been placed on probation for three years.

Walter Philip Vansant, a 54-year-old retired radiologist, was sentenced Thursday by Detroit Recorder's Court Judge Dalton Roberson.

The judge's decision came seven months after Vansant was charged with felonious assault, amid allegations by Westland police that he

struck his wife of 32 years in the head with a rubber mallet on the morning of June 24. He pleaded guilty Oct. 13.

Vansant struck four blows and then held his wife to the floor for about an hour as she bled, police have said. He then phoned Westland police for help, police said.

Judge Roberson also ordered Vansant to make restitution for his wife's medical expenses, to have no contact with her and to undergo psychiatric counseling. Roberson also warned

that Vansant would be jailed if he violates his probation orders.

The Vansants were in the process of getting a divorce when the wife reported being attacked while watching television in the couple's family room. She told police the attack was unprovoked.

The wife was treated at Garden City Hospital for cuts to her head. She has since moved from the residence in the 2200 block of Harvey Street, near Wayne Road and Palmer,

where the incident occurred, Westland Detective Sgt. Marc Stobbe said.

Vansant had been headed for trial in Recorder's Court before he decided to plead guilty Oct. 13. He was ordered to stand trial after he voluntarily gave up his right to a preliminary examination Aug. 5 in Westland 18th District Court.

Vansant had been scheduled for sentencing on Tuesday, but his defense attorney had the action postponed until Thursday so that he could study the presentencing report.

Top Spartans

Nineteen Westland students were named to the Michigan State University list of students who had a grade point average of 3.5 or higher during the fall. The students, their majors and class are:

Paul Blaly, accounting, senior; Robert Bloomfield, computer engineering, sophomore; Richard Crill, psychology, junior; Amy Hertz, horse management, freshman; Michael Higgins, accounting, junior; Jeffrey Johnson, telecommunications, freshman; Craig Lescoe, building construction management, senior; April Mears, humanities/prelaw, senior; Chad Moriarty, engineering, sophomore; Sharlyna Moy, physiology, sophomore; Anthony Olivero, pre-med, freshman; Rebecca Poger, international relations, sophomore; David Rosin, music, freshman; Lisa Rowell, human resource management, senior; Wendy Rynkiewics, preveter-

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inary, sophomore; Matthew Stavros, international studies, junior; Maribeth Sundling, criminal justice, junior; Patricia Vanpelt, marketing, sophomore; and Corey Wofford, mechanical engineering, senior.

Quake felt

A Westland couple returned home Thursday to frigid temperatures and piles of snow after spending several weeks in Hawaii, southern California and Las Vegas. David and Margaret Henkel were on the 18th floor of a Vegas hotel on Jan. 17 when

they felt the building shake "like King Kong" was grabbing it. The shaking was from the Los Angeles earthquake, which caused billions of dollars in damages and the deaths of more than 40 people.

DARE graduation

Hamilton School's sixth graders recently took part in a DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) graduation ceremony. Students took part in a "What DARE Means to Me" essay contest. The program was provided by the Westland police and the Hamilton PTA in cooperation with teachers and the principal. Sixth grade semi-finalists in the essay contest were Lindsay Carlington, Steve Kessler, Sarah Garza, Matt Ungaro, Brandon Davis and Katie Tolliver. Each received a medal with Lindsay and Brandon then picked by fifth grade classes as finalists who received DARE jackets.

1944-1994

Livonia schools mark anniversary

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
STAFF WRITER

April 22 looms as a pivotal day in the history of the Livonia school district, which serves the northern section of Westland.

On that day 50 years ago, residents went to the polls and approved consolidating the seven school districts in Livonia Township (Livonia was a township in 1944) into one district.

Thus was born, by a vote of 675 to 128, the Livonia Township School District which eventually became Livonia Public Schools.

Right now, school officials don't know whether to plan a big gala celebration, a small one, or many small ones in the district's schools.

Decisions on how to celebrate the district's 50th birthday will be made by a committee now being formed.

"Anyone who is interested, school employees or community members, is welcome to join," said Jay Young, community relations director in charge of setting up the committee. Those interested in serving on the committee can call Young at 523-9105. The committee should meet for the first time this month.

Getting a high school was one of the major

thrusts of the campaign for consolidation: In 1944, some high school students from all six districts went to Plymouth High School (now Central Middle School).

At the time, the district's population was about 15,000. Those eligible to vote did so at the following locations: Pierson, Wilcox, Elm, Rosedale, Stark, Newburg and Township Hall.

"We are not living in the horse-and-buggy days," said Earl Laing, then-president of the Michigan Education Association, in explaining why he backed the reorganization. "A modern program of education includes many added features and requires room and equipment. Such buildings and such a program cannot be supported by a small school district."

Heading the consolidation committee were James Orr, chairman, and G. A. Bakewell, secretary.

In headlines, Livonia's newspaper, The Livonian, told of the victory: "Slightly over 800 electors give consolidation a big majority."

The Wayne County Board of Education then set May 6 as the date to hold an election to name the five members of the newly-created board of education.

The 11 candidates were Earl Bedell, Walter Krakow, L. Jack Gage, Fred Weinert, Lawrence Larsen, Harry Burton, James Orr, G.A. Bakewell, William Foster, George Bentley and Robert Snodgrass.

Due to the requirements of state law, the candidates only had two weeks to campaign.

In both elections, residents voted on Saturday. Voters received ballots with no names printed on them. They had to write in the name of the candidates for whom they wished to vote.

Voters elected the following candidates for the Livonia Township School District's first board of education: Fred Weinert, George Bentley, George Bakewell, L. Jack Gage and Earl Bedell.

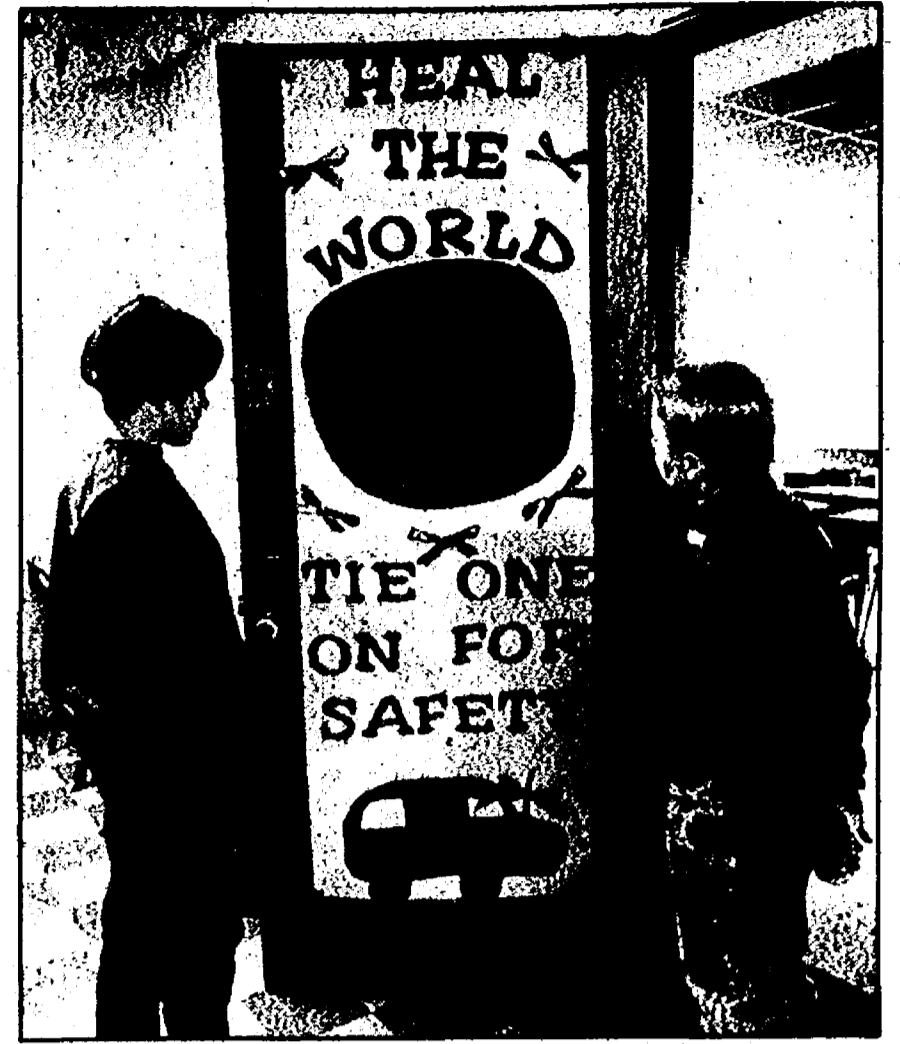
A reception for the new school board members was held June 6 at Pierson School, on Seven Mile east of Farmington Road.

In June, the board hired Harry Johnson of Lansing as its first superintendent. Johnson came from Gogebic County in the Upper Peninsula.

The first day of school was Sept. 6.

Thus, the district became one of the first in the area to reorganize under a statewide movement toward consolidation.

Winning decoration



JIM JAGDFELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

For safety: A door decoration made by eighth-graders at St. Michael Catholic School, which includes local students, won first place for the school in a contest sponsored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Viewing the winning decoration are sixth-graders Emily Callow and Matthew Buresh. MADD contest rules required the students to incorporate a red ribbon into their design. MADD distributes red ribbons to be tied onto car antennas. The ribbons signify "Tie one on for safety," and show the driver supports alcohol-free driving.

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City's state legislators and local reporters.

Judge Drain told the Observer in a telephone interview Friday afternoon that Tommy John's letter "doesn't surprise" him. He characterized the John family's behavior during the trial as unusual, saying that among other things they sought the revocation of the defendant's bond.

"There seems to be a great deal of hostility," he said.

One example of the unusual requests by the John family is to hire attorneys to request the removal of the defendant's bond, Drain said. Recommendations of a defendant's bond is the responsibility of the prosecuting attorney, the judge said.

In his letter, John noted that Westland 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos had set a \$1 million bond for Miguel, amid claims

that the Miguel family had threatened to harm other John family members unless the charges were dropped. Miguel family members have said they have received threats.

Miguel's bond was reduced to \$60,000 when the case was sent to Recorder's Court. The John family is worried that Miguel will flee, but LaBret said Miguel has missed no court dates.

LaBret also said the \$60,000 bond isn't low but, rather, "is high for a second-degree murder charge."

"This guy (is charged with) killing their son, and he's out walking the street. They're frustrated, but this is not unique," LaBret said. "They want to see justice done. They want to see somebody behind bars. I feel very sorry for the John family, and I can understand their frustration."

Tommy John wrote that LaBret has, at times, refused to talk with his family or their attorneys — "as if he doesn't want to be bothered by our case."

Tommy John also said Judge Drain's court hasn't kept his family abreast of pretrial court dates. Moreover, the John family is angry that the trial was moved from Jan. 24 to June 6, though LaBret said a hearing this Friday will determine if the date should be moved forward.

The case was delayed because Miguel changed attorneys, court officials have said.

Polly John, the victim's mother, told the Observer Friday that she is frustrated by the court's actions.

"They're going behind my back, and my son is the one lying in the cemetery," she said.

Tommy John wrote that his

wife has been distressed over the case and that "she now feels that the court is on his side, the criminal, and doesn't care about her side, the victim in this case. It seems that criminals get all the rights, not the victims of crime."

Tommy John wrote that LaBret and Drain should be removed from the case "as a result of the appearance of impropriety." As of Friday, the John family had received no response to the letter.

LaBret said the trial date changes have occurred "through no fault of mine."

"Frankly, I don't care if I'm removed from the case or not," he said, but added that he will give the case his best efforts as long as he is assigned to it.

There have been no indications that either he or Drain will be removed, LaBret said.

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youths stay out of trouble or end up in juvenile court.

Youth Assistance strives to help youngsters and their families in numerous ways, such as:

- Evaluating youth problems and negotiating behavioral contracts between them and their parents.
- Providing parenting classes as well as youth classes.

■ Organizing community work service projects and following up to see how much progress participants have made.

- Recruiting and training volunteer mentors who provide positive role models for children. Mentors sometimes tutor youngsters and serve as chaperones on field trips, among other activities.
- Linking troubled youths to

other agencies and services they might need to cope with problems such as drug abuse.

Even though city officials appear pleased with the program, some council members have voiced worries that budget constraints could threaten it in coming months. That also was part of the reason for extending the contract for five months, instead of a

year.

"It's a program that, at this time, we have to wonder whether the budget money will be there in June," councilman David Cox said last week.

But others, such as Cicirelli, have voiced strong support for keeping the program alive — even if budget constraints force cut-backs.

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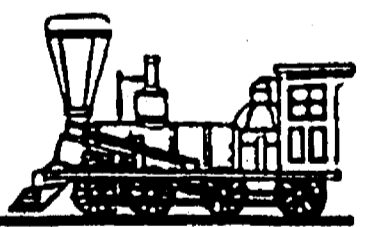
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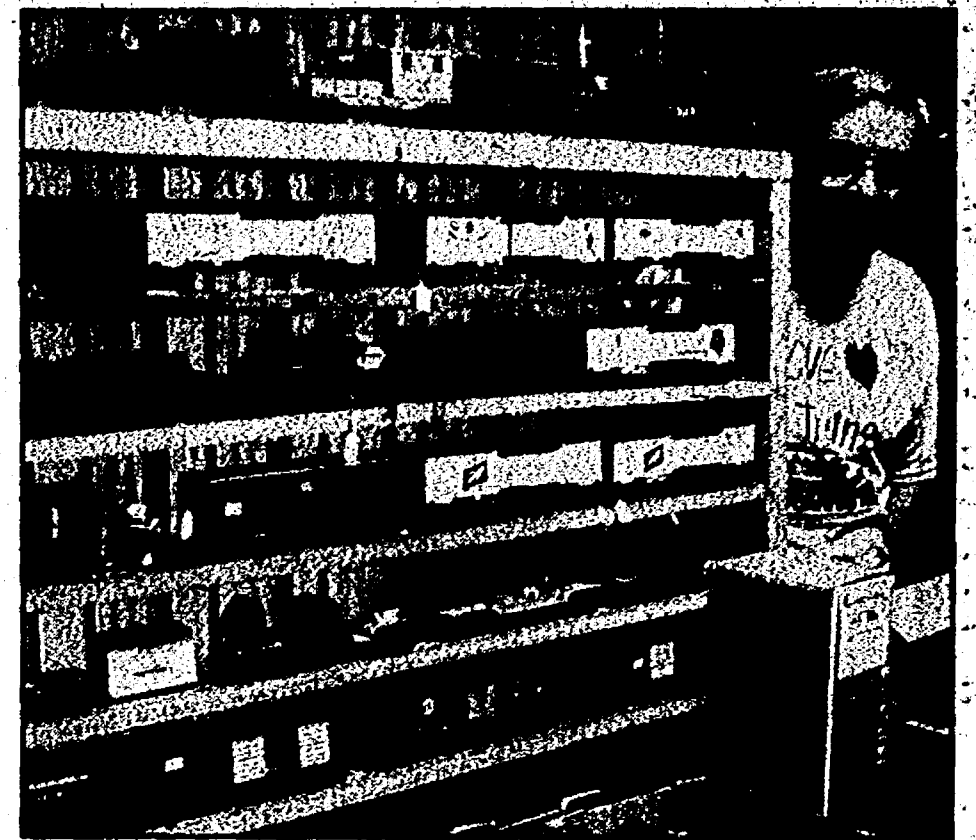
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Dressed to role; Raymond Nikolai of Dearborn Heights showed up to the train show in conductor's dress. Nikolai was Toy Trainmaster for the show.



Supply of cars: Tom Wagner of Monroe shows his display of train cars.

Hundreds chug in from cold to train show

Exremely cold temperatures are to blame for the low turnout Jan. 16 at the Toy and Train Show at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church in Redford.

"I guess it was just too cold for some people to come out," said John Avey, a board member of the St. Robert Men's Club, which sponsored the event.

Nevertheless, about 800 brave souls came out for the event, which featured more than 200

dealers from five states with train and toy items to buy and swap.

The event raised \$2,500 for St. Robert School. The funds will be used for whatever purpose the school deems necessary, Avey said, but likely will be used for children's sports activities.

The show featured operating layouts from Ace Hanses Hardware and the Trolley Club. The Bluewater Michigan Chapter of the National Railroad Society showed videos of its train trips along with its 1994 trip schedule.

STAFF PHOTOS BY ART EMANUELE

Workshop organized to help parents confront challenges

A Family Workshop Night will be held Tuesday night, Feb. 1, at Grant Elementary to help adults improve their parenting skills.

The program is co-sponsored by Student Assistance/Family Education (SAFE) and the Grant Elementary School PTA.

SAFE is a program of the Livonia school district, which serves the northern section of Westland.

The workshop will be from 6:15-8:45 p.m. at Grant School, on Hubbard, north of Joy, between Merriman and Farmington.

Reservations should be made by Tuesday. Interested persons may contact Kathy Maxwell at 522-1791 or Carol Lee at 513-1610.

Session I workshop topics, discussed from 6:30-7:30 p.m., include:

- **How to Help Siblings Get Along with Less Quibbling**, with suggestions on how parents can reduce sibling rivalry, led by Julie Juenemann, SAFE specialist at Kennedy Elementary and a licensed psychologist.

- **Discipline: Teaching Responsibility through Consequences**, on allowing children to experience the consequences of poor choices so they can get better at thinking and choosing. Presenter is Bill Winkler, educational consultant for 15 years and father of three adult children.

- **Gang Awareness**, a discussion on how parents can be more aware and strategies that can be helpful. It will be led by Mark Schultz, retired police officer and Drug Abuse Resistance Education officer who now works with the middle school student assistance program in the school district.

- **Misery is Optional**, on why parents need to avoid adopting an attitude system that makes parenting become a burden instead of a rewarding challenge. The talk explores key attitudes in parenting and seeks to clarify whether attitudes promote unnecessary misery or deserved pleasure and satisfaction. The presenter is John R. Bernardo, psychotherapist with Counseling Insights, who is a school psychologist with Detroit Public Schools and father of four.

Session II workshop topics, discussed from 7:45 to 8:45 p.m., include:

- **Science Modules**, exploring hands-on science with the Livonia district's new elementary science modules led by Gary Cienluch, district coordinator.

- **Living Safely in a Dangerous World**, information on the four most common types of crime (robbery, rape, assault including car-jacking, and burglary) will be discussed; along with pros and cons of different weapons and tips on how to protect yourself at home, work and public places. Presenter is Shannon Cronan of Citizens Against Crime, a crime prevention company.

- **College Savings — Get a Head Start**, a discussion of various sources for financing your child's college education. Presenter is Brent McCormick, marketing representative for John Hancock Financial Services.

- **Healthy Childhood Self Esteem: A Gift for a Lifetime**, an examination of the effects various parenting influences can have on personality development and self-esteem and how these childhood characteristics become transformed into healthy and unhealthy adult personality traits. Presenter is John R. Bernardo.

A workshop will be offered for students in kindergarten through third grade. During the workshop sessions these students will be engaged in one hour of Valentine craft projects led by Nancy Thrope and Carol Jackson; a half-hour "Let's Move" activity using a parachute, rhythm sticks, and bean bags led by Mary Quinley; and a half-hour "Stories for the Dreamer" led by Barb Jones.

A workshop for grades four-six will have students participating in theater games and using their imaginations in pantomimes, improvisations and performing in fairy tale dramas led by Patsy Girns and Mary Pat Benolt.

Free child care will be available for ages 1-4. There is a suggested admission of a donation of one item for comfort kits that to be distributed by American Red Cross volunteers to homeless children in shelters and home fire victims in Livonia.

Among the items that can be donated are toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo, combs and brushes, soap, hair ornaments, wash cloths, tissues, Band-Aids, small games, puzzle books, pencils or pens, small pads of paper, yo-yos, small toys, crayons, playing cards, or sidewalk chalk.

Not accepted are glass, food, medicines, sharp or large items, liquids (except shampoo), religious items, balloons, personal letters, or breakable items.

Tow truck driver charged in theft

A Westland tow truck driver appeared in Plymouth District Court on Thursday on a charge of stealing money from a car he towed to the Plymouth Township police back lot.

A not guilty plea was entered on behalf of Pat Wisenbaugh, 47,

of Westland by 35th District Judge John MacDonald at Wisenbaugh's arraignment on the charge of larceny over \$100.

Police allege that the tow truck driver took \$210 in a wallet left between the front seats of the car on Dec. 23. A preliminary exam

on the charge is scheduled for Friday in district court.

The maximum penalty on the felony charge is five years in prison and a \$2,500 fine. Following his arraignment, the man was lodged in the Wayne County Jail on \$500 bond.

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Frigid weather disrupts traffic



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Line break: Last week's frigid temperatures created many problems for drivers. One detour was created when city of Wayne public service workers had to repair a water line break on Glenwood at Newburgh, on the boundary with Westland.

Downsized

City lets students build three houses

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland students enrolled in the district's building trades program will likely have to settle for constructing three houses, instead of four, on the southeast corner of Palmer Road and John Hix.

For a second time, the Westland City Council last week postponed a rezoning decision on the 1.5-acre site, but indicated that school officials should consider withdrawing the request.

"I don't see you having the votes here, unless I'm wrong," councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin told school representatives during a Jan. 17 council session.

On Friday, school officials hadn't reached a decision on the issue, said Bill Richardson, principal of the William Ford Vocational-Technical Center, which houses the building trades program that teaches students to become builders.

The program has drawn widespread praise, and the student-built houses — constructed under the supervision of a teacher/licensed builder — have a reputation for being sold quickly on the market.

But school officials have said the program is coming up short on land, and they had hoped that students could build four houses, instead of three, at the Palmer-John Hix site.

City officials have reiterated

'I don't see you having the votes here, unless I'm wrong.'

Charles "Trav" Griffin
councilman

that — to protect existing property owners — they don't want to move away from the current residential-1 zoning that requires 9,600-square-foot lot sizes and 80-foot frontages. Some homeowners want the zoning maintained.

"We need to protect the R-1 zoning in that area," councilwoman Sandra Cicirelli said during last week's session.

Barring a sudden change of heart by the council or a successful legal challenge by the school district, only three houses will be built on the site. School officials have made no hints of a lawsuit.

Greg Ashe, a surveyor hired by the district, submitted drawings to city officials that he said would allow four houses to be built — with existing zoning regulations.

City planning director Tod Kilroy called Ashe's drawings "interesting" but said they don't conform to ordinances.

Moreover, some council members pointed out that the district wouldn't have had to seek the rezoning at all if, in fact, four houses could be built without special approval.

Officer to speak

Westland police officer Jeff Gillespie will address the Professional Secretaries Association, Detroit chapter, at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at Mario's Restaurant, 4222 Second Ave., Detroit.

Gillespie, who goes into ele-

mentary schools for the police department's DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program, will be the special guest during a dinner meeting, said Miriam Forster, program chairwoman.

Luncheon cost is \$22.

OBITUARIES

ADA DAVIDSON-KRAUSE

Services for Mrs. Davidson-Krause, 87, of Westland were Jan. 21 from the Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home with interment in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. The Rev. Neil Cowling officiated.

Mrs. Davidson-Krause died Jan. 18 in Westland. Born July 5, 1906, in Lowbanks, Ontario, she moved to the community from

Detroit in 1946 and worked as a Montgomery Ward stock room employee before retirement.

Survivors include: son Fred Krause of Westland; grandchildren Debra Pack of Westland, Cheryl Frost of Westland, and great-grandchildren Jason Pack, Julie Pack, and Shanon Frost.

Memorials may be donated to Angela Hospice Home Care Inc., 36995 Five Mile, Livonia 48154.

land were Jan. 24 from St. Simon and Jude Catholic Church, with interment in Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne. The Rev. Gerard Bechard officiated.

Mr. Sipe died Jan. 20 at home. Born July 1, 1942, he was a tool and die maker.

Survivors include: wife Susan Marie; daughter Dale; mother Rose Johnson; brothers James Sipe, Henry Johnson, Gary Johnson, and John Johnson; sisters Gloria Lehtinen and Susan Sano; and nephew Kevin Stacy.

Arrangements were by the Uht Funeral Home, Westland.

LETHA SIMPSON

Services for Miss Simpson, 70, of Van Buren Township were Jan. 20 from the Uht Funeral Home, Westland, with the Rev. Chris Anderson officiating.

Miss Simpson died Jan. 19 in Beyer Hospital, Ypsilanti. Born May 10, 1923, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include: sister Bessie Fay; brothers Willard Simpson, Ray Simpson and Clyde Simpson, and several nieces and nephews.

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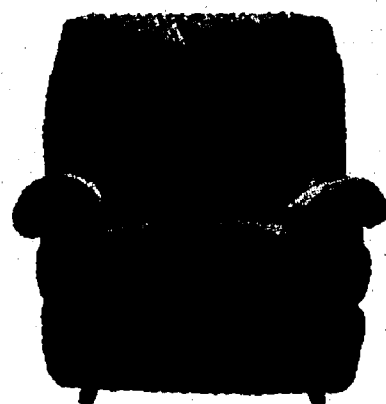
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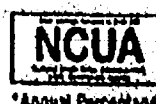
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200,000 saw park light show

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County officials report that the first annual "Festival of Lights" in Hines Park was an outstanding success.

The four-mile-long holiday light show attracted more than 63,000 cars between Nov. 22 and Jan. 9, generating more than \$300,000 in revenue, said parks director Hurley Coleman.

Light show patrons were asked to voluntarily donate \$5 per car, and Coleman said 94 percent of them did. Some gave more.

The show featured gigantic displays of animated snowmen, a north pole village, larger-than-life skiers and ice skaters, a Loch Ness monster and many other lighted displays purchased from Bronner's in Frankenmuth for \$250,000. A five-year, no-interest loan was taken out to purchase the lights.

Any profit from the light show will go into the parks budget, but Coleman isn't sure yet how much profit there is.

After expenses like electricity, promotion, parts and supplies are paid, he said, "We should come out with a little bit of a profit." A detailed report is being prepared for Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara and the county commission.

Next year's show will have additional displays, Coleman said, but the plan is to get private sponsorships to pay for them.

Area businesses contributing to the event included Ameritech, AAA of Michigan and Detroit Edison. Others included Awrey Bakery of Livonia, Bruce and Chato Advertising, CPI Photo Finishing, Eastman Kodak, Little Caesars Pizza, Roosterial Catering, Soil & Materials Engineers, Tucker Anthony, Walbridge-Aldinger and WNIC.

McNamara praised the light show as "a great event for Wayne County."

"We created a fun-filled, family-oriented show and helped raise funds for the park system at the same time."

Besides the lights, other activities included performance by various school and church choirs sponsored by the Blue Care Network of Southeast Michigan. Community and civic groups including Wayne-Westland YMCA and Wayne Memorial Marching Band staffed a small gift shop to raise funds for their organizations.

But there was some grumbling from some park area resident and others.

Westland residents living near Hines Park were angry about the light show traffic around their houses. Beatrice Scalise of Westland characterized the light show as McNamara's "pipe dream that has turned into a traffic nightmare." Coleman reports that traffic complaints ceased after the first week of operation.

Although the county commission approved the light show, a two local commissioners voted against it, including Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and Bryan Amann, D-Wayne.

Madonna sets scholarship deadline

Madonna University is accepting scholarship applications through March 1 from current students for the 1994-95 academic year.

Applications are available in the financial aid office, or by calling 691-5036.

Most of the awards stipulate that the recipient be a current full-time student with a minimum grade point average of 3.2.

Available scholarships include the Kristen Hallerman Scholarship, awarded to a beginning nursing student from Plymouth Canton, Plymouth Salem or Garden City high schools; William Randolph Hearst Scholarship, awarded to students pursuing service-oriented degrees; Knight Foundation Scholarship, awarded to a hard-of-hearing student; and Sister Mary Berarda Omski Scholarship, awarded to a child development major.

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Humane society has free straw for pets

The Michigan Humane Society will supply free straw to pet owners unable to afford bedding for outside animals.

The straw is available at the society's Detroit shelter, 7401 Chrysler Drive, open 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week.

With the onset of sub-zero temperatures, the MHS has been overrun with calls regarding animals left outside with little or no shelter. Pet owners are urged to bring all animals inside, allowing adequate time on a porch or other in-between area to allow their body temperature to adjust to the change.

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MALLS & MAINSTREETS

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MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 1994

SHOPPING CENTERED



LINDA BACHRACK

Coffee Bean Cafe new to Plymouth

If you have yet to indulge in the burgeoning new coffeehouse culture, now's the time to ease into contemporary cafe society.

You really don't have to be a coffee-lover to experience the ambience of the java cafes. Just consider them a great place to meet friends, linger over a newspaper or game of backgammon, study and people-watch. The latest addition to the coffeehouse scene is the Plymouth Coffee Bean Company, recently opened downtown at 884 Penniman. Tim and Pam Haase transformed a 120-year-old landmark home into a cozy, West Coast-style establishment.

Coffeehouses tend to exhibit distinct personalities. They are not gulp-and-run types of joints. Most feature artful decor, low lights and intimate seating. The atmosphere invites you to stay awhile and relax with that cuppa joe.

The Plymouth Coffee Bean Company is modeled after the early 20th century European coffeehouses found in France and Italy.

Living room-like spaces are filled with comfortable oversized vintage-look furniture, arranged to induce conversation. Antique accessories, original wood floors and contemporary art add to the decor. The walls and ceilings are bathed in fantasy-like faux finishes, the result of Pam's expertise with a paintbrush. It's hip enough to appeal to young adults, yet sophisticated enough to draw older couples. "I'm going to have to start paying rent,"

confesses Kerri Ayoub of Canton, a regular who enjoys her cappuccino in front of the corner fireplace. Her friend, Sean Adair of Taylor, often joins her for a game of chess. Sean assures it's worth the drive. "This is just a really cool place," says Ayoub. "And the homemade brownies and desserts are great."

The chess set joins dozens of books and games on built-in bookshelves. Just another reason to linger over the beverage of your choice.

The quality of those specialty drinks is just as important to Haase as the ambience of the surroundings. He imports beans from around the world, representing different growers. The beans are freshly roasted and ground. There is less emphasis on flavored coffee and more care taken to acquire high-grade top of the line beans, such as the Arabica.

In any given week, you might find Jamaican, Hawaiian, Sumatran or African beans. The selection changes periodically. In addition to quality coffees, Haase uses Ghiradelli chocolate in his mochas and Monin syrups from France in his Italian and French sodas.

Teas for two

Non-coffee drinkers choose from exclusive Royal Garden teas. The premium whole leaf teas are served in linen bags for proper diffusion. Tea connoisseur Jim Dinser of Plymouth recommends Goddess herb tea, a Chinese green tea made with sun-dried leaves. "It is subtle and delicate," he says. The package describes the flavor as earth-mint.

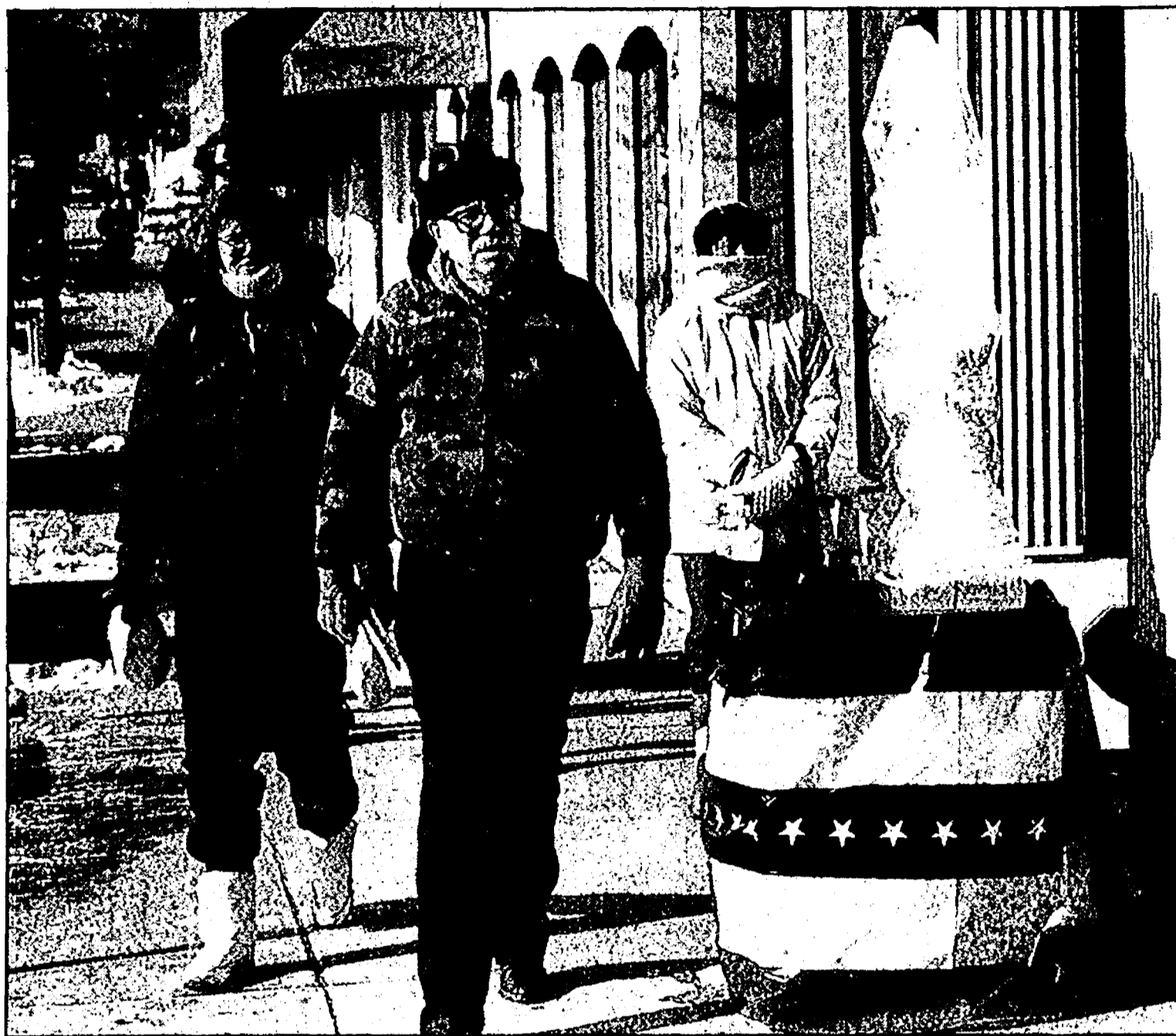
Haase hopes to expand the space in the spring to include a front veranda where he can offer live entertainment. But for now, folks are glad to have a quiet gathering place. A local book club met here recently for coffee before a cross-country ski outing. Once ensconced on the cushy sofas, they never made it to the trails. "This is a great place to settle in," said one bibliophile as the group reluctantly left the warmth of the Plymouth Coffee Bean Company.

If you've been reluctant to visit one of the trendy new java cafes, let this be your wake-up call. The popular hangout of the '90s is a great place to start your day and an alluring alternative to the neighborhood bar on the weekend.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Malls & Mainstreets next week:

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BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Brrrr — it's cold! Most ice sculpture visitors admired the ice art, then ducked inside the neighborhood shops to buy a cup of coffee, browse through clearance merchandise or buy a few Valentines.

Temps low, sales high

■ They came. They froze. They shopped. And all agreed the ice sculpture festival in Plymouth's Kellogg Park helped keep the town's cash registers ringing.

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
STAFF WRITER

Frigid temperatures kept the crowds down but those who did bundle up to see the ice sculptures in downtown Plymouth bought hot chocolate, sandwiches and a neat thing or two from the shops around Main Street.

"I think the weatherman scared a lot of people away," said Fran Toney of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce. "But the show must go on — so many merchants and customers look forward to it each year. Why, some retailers say it's like a second Christmas for business."

See ICE, 7A

Mall greenery is good for your psyche

■ Planterra's interiorscapes are giving buildings a beautiful look and a healthier environment as greenery cleans out stale and potentially toxic air.

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
STAFF WRITER

About 15 years ago, scientists from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration proved that plant leaves and roots removed trace levels

of toxic vapors from inside tightly sealed chambers. Greenery merchants have been busy ever since.

In response to NASA's findings, office and retail centers battling the "Sick Building Syndrome" placed huge orders for philodendrons, spider plants, golden pothos, gerbera daisies and chrysanthemums — the most effective plants for removing formaldehyde and benzene from the air. These chemicals are given off from building materials and products with oil bases. Architects began adding atriums and lobbies with lots of natural light so plant-filtering systems would be a part of their buildings.

When James Ryan and Associates of Farmington Hills redesigned The Somerset Collection in Troy in 1992, it created beautiful spaces for greenery. Planterra Tropical Greenhouses of West Bloomfield was hired to fill them. Planterra has won an Associated Landscape Contractors of America Grand Award for its landscaping work at The Somerset Collection.

A month later, Planterra was honored with the Gold Award from the Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association, also for its work at The Somerset Collection.

Clean air council

Planterra president Larry Pliska is proud of the interiorscape awards that hang in the greenhouse lobby. They represent more than 20 years in the plantscape business. He's eager to discuss the benefits of plants in

the workplace, home, restaurant and shopping center as an active supporter of the Plants For Clean Air Council.

"This whole business started as a hobby with me in 1972," Pliska said. "I left my work as a draftsman to pursue my interest in plants. I watched as the government deregulated the standards for air quality in exchange for tighter, more energy-efficient buildings because of the oil embargos and the energy crisis.

"Then I read with interest about the new sick building syndromes where office workers suffer unexplainable eye irritations, headaches and other problems while at work. Their symptoms were linked to fumes released from carpeting, plywood and other things like solvents and petroleum-based products. These fumes contained benzene and formaldehyde, which can surely cause health problems."

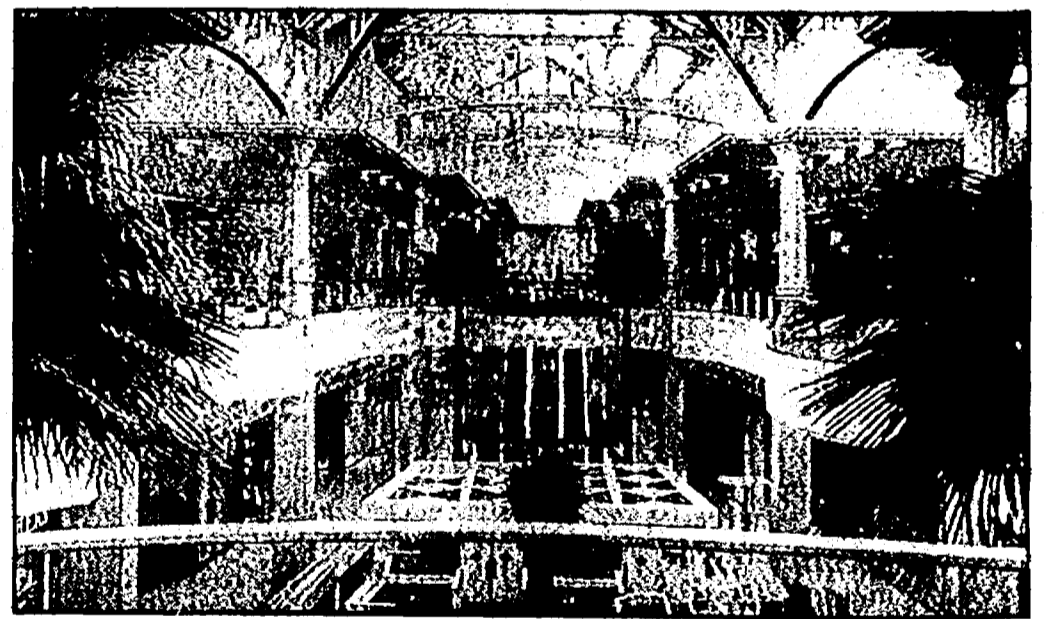
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CLARIFICATION

In last week's story on the Better Business Bureau, it was incorrectly reported that Kmart stores require a receipt for returns. BBB spokeswoman Carmel Weems pointed out that returns without a receipt at Kmart are given in the form of a cash refund or charge credit.

Weems also wanted to clarify that the other stores mentioned in the story may require a receipt for cash refunds but not for exchanges.

"My reference to these retailers was to emphasize the fact that many consumers, accustomed to their liberal return policies, assume that all retailers must offer the same policy," Weems said.



JIM RIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Picture perfect: The stunning greenery at The Somerset Collection in Troy brought two horticulture awards to Planterra Greenhouses of West Bloomfield, the interiorscape artists who plant and maintain the foliage.

Retail businesses in suburban malls and on urban Main Streets are invited to submit announcements of upcoming special events and promotions for Added Attractions. The deadline to submit news is the Wednesday before publication on Monday. Send announcements to Malls & Mainstreets, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150, or fax them to 313-591-7279.

MONDAY, JAN. 24

PUPPET SHOW

The little puppet theater presents "Peter Rabbit" through Jan. 31. Monday-Friday 7 p.m. Saturday at 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday 1 and 3 p.m. No admittance fee.
Meadowbrook Village, Adams/Walton, Rochester Hills, 375-9451.

CAR SHOW

10 Oakland County auto dealers host exhibits of their latest cars and trucks. Throughout the mall. Regular mall hours. Through Jan. 30.
Summit Place, Elizabeth Lake/Telegraph, Waterford, 682-0123.

STAYING FIT

Daron Powers discusses improving relationships as part of the mall's New Year's Resolution series of seminars. 7 p.m. Center Court. Free. On Jan. 25, Carol Sabo reveals how massages can relieve stress. On Jan. 28, Kent Augie discusses traveling and enjoying the outdoors through the American Youth Hostels.
Oakland Mall, 14 Mile/John R. Troy, 585-6000.

ADDED ATTRactions

THURSDAY, JAN. 27

HOME AND GARDEN

Think Spring! Mallwide booths highlight new home products for indoor-outdoor cleaning, maintaining home security and improving home-sweet-home comforts. Through Jan. 30. Free. Also free during the home show, packages of seeds courtesy of World Book Encyclopedia.
Livonia Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt, 476-1166.

ANTIQUe SHOW

More than 30 dealers will present items for show and sale. Treasures include glassware, jewelry, fine china, furniture and a visit by Mr. Chips, the glass repair expert. Regular mall hours. Through Jan. 30.
Westland Center, Wayne/Warren, 425-5001.

FRIDAY, JAN. 28

WAREHOUSE SALE

Hudson's bargains through Jan. 30. Discounts of 30-80 percent off family fashions, fine jewelry, bed and bath items, electronics. Warehouse only, extended hours. 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Jan. 28, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Jan. 29 and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Jan. 30.
Northland, Eight Mile/Southfield, Southfield, 443-6000.

D.O.C. OPENING

Two new D.O.C. Optometric stores are opening in Troy with special savings, free gifts and refreshments. Today and Jan. 29, shoppers get 50-percent off frames with purchase of prescription lenses. Meet reps from manufacturers like Carrera, Christian Dior, Flexon, Guess and Neostyle. D.O.C. Eyeworld is outside Oakland Mall on 14 Mile Road, 589-8240. D.O.C. is in the mall upper level near Penney's. Oakland Mall, 14 Mile/John R. Troy, 589-8580.

SUNDAY, JAN. 30

SUPER BOWL

Hudson's can cater those last-minute Super Bowl parties. The Marketplace Delis have dips, appetizers and party trays available at Fairlane, Northland, Summit Place, Westland and Twelve Oaks malls. While you're there, spokeswoman Chris Morrisroe suggests you pick up a big screen TV. A 31-inch RCA is \$999 until Jan. 31. (Regular price \$1,195.) To complete the picture, add a Futura Walloway Recliner by Berline (featuring a hideaway table with a cup holder in the right arm and a thermo massage control, heat adjuster and phone hidden in the left arm.) \$1,020 at Hudson's Northland.) 443-6000.

CLASSICS BRUNCH

Co-sponsored by WORS, noon to 2 p.m. Rotunda. Brunch catered by Sebastian's Grill. Proceeds benefit Detroit Institute of Arts youth programs and Center for Creative Studies music education programs. Reservations required. Tickets \$20 per person, available at concierge desk.
The Somerset Collection, Big Beaver/Coolidge, Troy, 643-6360.

MALLS & MAINSTREETS

Ice from page 6A

Chris Burke of Creative Framing was singing "Joy to the World." She sold 1,200 Ice Sculpture Festival posters made from an original oil painting by artist Kathy Jakobsen.

"We had a sure-fire item to sell but the numbers we sold astounded us," she said. "At times during the ice festival, we had customers three-deep in the store in a line that went out the door. It was great."

Mike McCarty, manager of Georgia's Gift Gallery, agreed. "Each year, we try and find merchandise that complements the ice sculptures and we always do well with this," he said. "Business was good during the festival. It absolutely energizes the area."

At Sideways, owner Sharon Puge said the ice-art patrons enjoyed the sculptures and then stopped by to see the demonstrations her store scheduled.

"They bought a lot of coffees,

non-alcoholic beverages, Valentines and cake decorating supplies," she said. "We plan special things in the store for this weekend and extend our hours. It was a fun weekend. The demonstrations brought shoppers in whether they were browsing or just getting out of the cold."

Donna, a cashier at The Cozy Cafe, said business was up during ice spectacular weekend but it was not as busy as last year.

Lots of goals

A sales boost for local business, Toney said, was just one goal of the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, now in its 12th year.

"The show brings in people from all over Michigan, Ohio and Canada who come to see the ice sculptures in Kellogg Park," she said. "But they also discover new shops when they are here. They may decide to buy a home here or

move a business here. And everyone knows every dollar spent turns over four to seven times, whether it's for gasoline or lunch or a pair of boots. The ice show benefits the whole community in one way or another."

This year's ice spectacular chairman, Mike Watts, said the event cost about \$125,000 to stage. It has its own board of directors.

"I estimate we had about 300,000 visitors to the ice show," he said, thawing out the day after. "Other years, we've had 500,000. You can't set a record every year. Considering the cold temperatures. We did just fine."

Just how fine, Toney said, will be apparent months from now when the chamber's phone rings with inquiries from ice festival visitors who want the name of a shop they saw in January or the

phone number of a service agency that caught their eye.

Downtown Plymouth is looking forward to its next community events: May's Memorial Day parade, the June-July Music in the

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she sipped the brew, she commented on the mall's award-winning horticulture: "The plants at Somerset are so elegant. Most of them are planted in cream-colored marble containers throughout the center. Purple chrysanthemums are everywhere. My favorite spot is here, above the rotunda, where those huge palm trees rise up to the skydome."

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Did legal apparatus fail woman beaten to death?

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
STAFF WRITER

Jackie Ponke's murder Jan. 8 in a Farmington dental office served as a chilling reminder to those who are targets in domestic violence cases: Laws — no matter how stringent — don't always provide protection from someone intent on harming them.

Ponke had moved out of her Oxford home with her daughter Nov. 22. She sued for divorce a few weeks later and filed for a spousal abuse injunction and restraining order a few days before she was hammered to death.

She told family and friends of threats made against her, some as

specific as "cutting her into five pieces with a chain saw."

Yet, it wasn't enough to trip the switch on the legal mechanisms designed to protect women in such perilous situations.

Her husband, Raymond Ponke, is charged with first-degree murder in her slaying.

Some family members question the system, saying it failed Jackie Ponke. Others aren't so sure.

"I can't give that an affirmative answer," said Joyce Wright, director of communications for Haven, a domestic violence shelter serving Oakland County. "It sounds like from what I've read . . . perhaps he would've found another

opportunity."

Jackie Ponke's brother, Dennis Lutz, said his sister felt helpless. She did call police, but a spokesman for Oxford police said their hands were tied when they were summoned.

Others had seen the warning signs.

Dr. Alan Bredin, in whose dental office Jackie Ponke worked, mapped out an escape plan for employees when he learned of the threats made on her life.

A brother of Raymond Ponke told Farmington police after the murder he had heard similar overtures made in a conversation with the accused at the Rustic Pub in Farmington Dec. 30.

Farmington police officials said no one informed them of the threats.

If they had, deputy director Michael Wiggins said, reports could have been taken and evidence

presented to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office.

"Unfortunately, that wasn't done here," Wiggins said. "That's not to say had it been done it would've prevented this from happening."

Oxford police were called to the Ponke residence, including Nov. 20 when Raymond Ponke had reportedly been drinking.

On that night, police Chief John LeRoy said Jackie Ponke didn't express any fear about her husband.

LeRoy said other incidents, including Raymond Ponke taking his daughter to Tennessee, were difficult to pursue because it was a "husband and wife" situation.

No requests for warrants were filed with the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office in either incident.

LeRoy added, though, his department was seeking a warrant

for malicious destruction of property in the sledgehammering of the home, causing \$50,000 damage, that occurred between Dec. 24-26.

Oakland County assistant prosecutor Robert Hedges said if his office did not have knowledge of those incidents prior to Jackie Ponke's death.

But whether it would have been enough to get a warrant and to convince a judge to put him in jail and keep him on a bond, Hedges said, "is all speculation. I don't know."

Hedges said the system works in most domestic assault cases if victims go to police and the complaint comes to the prosecutor's office.

Hedges wanted to assure other women in similar situations.

"They don't have to be fearful," Hedges said. "I think this is the kind of thing that happens when

women are too afraid to come forward. They do have shelters available. There are procedures to hold people in jail while a case is pending."

Dennis Lutz said he and other relatives weren't aware there were problems until recently. He thinks his sister waited because she didn't want to involve family members.

If they had known, Lutz said they would've done anything to help her. He also feels, though, police should have done something immediately after the couple's home was damaged.

But, he added, in a tragedy which is too typically filled with more questions than sense: "We can look back at things now and think 'If we only had done this' or 'If only we had done that' and that type of thing. After the fact, everybody looks back and says how could we avoid this . . ."

*SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION Livonia Public Schools 15125 Farmington Road December 20, 1993

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President Watters convened the meeting at 7:16 p.m., in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia. Present: Suzanne Clulow, Joseph Laura, Richard McKnight, Pat Tancill, Susan Thompson, Kenneth Timmons, James Watters. Public Hearing Summer Taxes: The Board held a public hearing on the matter of changing the schedule for the summer tax collection.

1994 Summer Property Tax Collection: Motion by McKnight and Tancill that the Board of Education amend the summer tax resolution on January 17, 1993, and adopt a preamble and resolution, which establishes that summer taxes will be levied at 50 percent if the mills authorized exceed 20 mills and at 100 percent if the mills authorized are 20 mills or less. Ayes: Clulow, Laura, McKnight, Tancill, Timmons, Thompson, Watters. Nays: None

Adjournment: Motion by Thompson and McKnight that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: Clulow, Laura, McKnight, Tancill, Timmons, Thompson, Watters. Nays: None

President Watters adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

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*SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION Livonia Public Schools 15125 Farmington Road December 6, 1993

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President Watters convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia. Present: Joseph Laura, Richard McKnight, Pat Tancill, Susan Thompson, Kenneth Timmons, James Watters. Absent: Suzanne Clulow.

Golden Apple Award: The Board presented the Golden Apple Award to Robert Beyer, technology education teacher at Holmes Middle School.

Audience Communications: The following individuals addressed the Board: Arthur Beaudrie, Pamela Scott, Erick Leinonen, Steve Hickey, Matt Fielek, and Jeanne Franczak.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Timmons and McKnight that the following consent agenda items be approved as recommended by the superintendent: Minutes and Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of November 15, 1993; Minutes and Synopsis of the Special Meeting of November 29, 1993; Minutes of the Closed Session of November 29, 1993; Payment of general fund check nos. 221949 - 222750 in the amount of \$5,020,025.89; Payment of building improvement and technology fund check nos. 1196 - 1201 in the amount of \$2,204,381.52; Payment of general fund wire transfer in the amount of \$456,303. Rescission of the contract with Turner Brooks, Inc. for acoustical ceiling and wall panels at Stevenson High School and awarding of the bid to the next lowest bidder, the Milbrand Company, in the amount of \$93,120. Authorization for the Construction Manager to prepare the contracts between Livonia Public Schools with various companies and upon receipt of the contracts executed by the contractors and approved payment and performance bonds, Arthur W. Howell, Director of Operations, to sign said contracts on behalf of Livonia Public Schools' Board of Education. Authorization of an eight month lease agreement with CCODA for space at the Bentley Center. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Tancill, Timmons, Thompson, Watters. Nays: None

Approval of Strategic Planning Leadership Team - 1993-94 Action Plans: Motion by Thompson and Laura that the Board of Education approve the recommendations of the Strategic Planning Leadership Team Action Plans for 1993-94. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Tancill, Timmons, Thompson, Watters. Nays: None

Network Bid: Motion by McKnight and Timmons that the Board of Education authorize staff to enter into discussion and negotiations for a contract with Ameritech Information Systems in the amount of \$1,747,775 based on Ameritech's response to a Request for Proposal, initiated by the school district in July of 1993, for a wide area data network to serve selected district facilities. Also move that upon successful completion of said discussion and negotiations, and upon receipt of a contract executed by Ameritech, performance and payment bonds, certificates of insurance verifying liability coverage, and other legal requirements, the Board authorizes Robert Landroche, Assistant Superintendent for Business, to sign said contracts on behalf of Livonia Public Schools Board of Education. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Tancill, Timmons, Thompson, Watters. Nays: None

Building Technology Bid Recommendations: Motion by Timmons and Thompson that the Board of Education, based upon the recommendations of the Construction Manager, George W. Auch & Company, authorize the Construction Manager to prepare the contracts between Livonia Public Schools with various companies. Also move that upon receipt of the contracts executed by the contractors and approved payment and performance bonds, Arthur W. Howell, Director of Operations, is authorized to sign said contracts on behalf of Livonia Public Schools Board of Education. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Tancill, Timmons, Thompson, Watters. Nays: None

Summer Property Tax Collection: Motion by McKnight and Tancill that the Board of Education authorize the holding of a hearing on Monday, December 20, 1993, for the purpose of obtaining public input on the adoption of a continuing resolution with respect to the collection of 100 percent of the school property taxes in the summer. Move further that the Board direct staff to publish notice of said hearing in a local newspaper on Thursday, December 9, 1993 which announces that a 100 percent summer school tax collection resolution is being considered by the Board. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Tancill, Timmons, Thompson, Watters. Nays: None

Teacher Tenure: Motion by Thompson and Tancill that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the superintendent and grant tenure to the following teacher effective on the respective date: Christine Bonk, 2/3/94. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Tancill, Timmons, Thompson, Watters. Nays: None

Teacher Approval: Motion by Laura and Thompson that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 1993-94 school year to the following teacher: Mary L. Jarvis. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Tancill, Timmons, Thompson, Watters. Nays: None

Retirements: The Board unanimously adopted resolutions of appreciation for the following individuals upon their retirement from Livonia Public Schools: Theresa Guzik and Roger Rood.

Contract Approval: Motion by Thompson and Timmons that the Board of Education enter into a one-year contract with the AFSCME-CES union which was ratified on November 9, 1993 by AFSCME-CES members. Said contract is to expire on June 30, 1994. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Tancill, Timmons, Thompson, Watters. Nays: None

Reports from the Superintendent: In Dr. Marinelli's absence, Dr. Watson shared with the Board a copy of a memorandum he received from John E. Roberts, Executive Director of the Michigan High School Athletic Association outlining problems that the association is reviewing in regard to a lack of good sportsmanship in interscholastic soccer.

Board Committee Reports: Mr. Watters indicated Policy, Curriculum, and Finance Committees would be meeting on Monday, December 13.

Hearing from Board Members: Board members reported on the following topics: Career Day at the Career/Technical Center; Rally in Lansing regarding school finance reform; Livonia Goodfellows.

Adjournment: Motion by Thompson and Laura that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: Laura, McKnight, Tancill, Timmons, Thompson, Watters. Nays: None

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Awareness key to safety, expert says

BY BILL COUTANT
STAFF WRITER

Personal safety is 90 percent awareness.

It seems too simple to be true, but Brenda Smith, an investigator and personal safety trainer with Comerica Bank, has solid evidence that it works.

"We've lowered bank robberies (at Comerica) by 39 percent simply by training the employees to look up and be aware of their surroundings," she said.

Smith said bank robbers are most concerned with being identified. If a teller simply keeps her head up and has a good look at everyone, the would-be robber will move on to another location.

The strategy is also good for anyone in everyday situations, she said.

One of the easiest targets for criminals is the automatic teller machine outside a bank. But if a customer makes sure the area is well lit and checks to see if anyone is hanging around, a robbery can usually be avoided.

Although most people fall into a routine, they should be avoided when criminals might count on them.

"Most robbers case a bank branch for one or two weeks," she said.

The same applies to people out walking,

shopping or even driving to work.

"Change your routine and be aware of your surroundings," Smith said.

If you are walking, it should be brisk. Personal protective devices, such as alarms that give off a noise similar to a car alarm, are available. And when you drive, your doors should be locked.

"I knew a man who was an expert in nunchucks (nunchaku — marshal arts) who wasn't worried about locking his doors," she said. "Someone jumped in his truck and pulled out a gun and made him drive around for seven and a half hours. He now locks his doors."

Smith, who spoke to members for the Farmington Hills Business Watch group Thursday morning, said staying away from poorly lit parks and unfamiliar streets at night is one way to avoid trouble. But even busy malls and other places can be dangerous.

She related one incident where a gas station attendant came out to a motorist and asked her to come into the station because there was a problem with her credit card. She became angry and argued with the attendant, but relented and went inside with him. He then pointed out that there was a man laying on the back seat of her car. They called the police.

Door locks should always be used in the home, preferably dead bolts, she said. And just like a bank, a house is usually cased. When you're away from home, have a timer turn lights on and off.

Valuables should be in a safety deposit box, not at home, and you should know an escape route and have a flashlight next to your bed in case power and phone lines are cut.

"Anyone can buy a uniform," she said. "Make sure you check for ID and call the company to see why someone is at your house."

Whether walking to your car from shopping at a mall or from work, have your keys ready.

"While you're fumbling around with your keys, someone has time to get to you," she said.

And a mobile phone for your car can be a life saver, she said. If it's broken down, you can call home, call the police or for other help. If you don't have a portable phone or CB radio, you should stay inside your car until police come. If someone offers help, just crack the window enough to ask the to call for police or a wrecker, she added.

"If you are knowledgeable and aware of your surroundings that's 90 percent of personal protection," Smith said.

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Grumpy old men move out to change the world

I haven't seen the film "Grumpy Old Men" but I've met them. And they're so nicely grumpy. They belong to a non-dues-paying, open-to-anyone fraternity they label A.D.C. — short for "Another Disgusted Citizen." Their raison d'être is their concern for future generations. And their motto: "The pen is mightier than the sword."

At least that's how Tony Brehler, of Livonia, describes it.

Brehler, a retired office manager and World War II veteran, over the past year has gathered a small band of dissidents who are willing to do more than just talk about their concerns.

They take advantage of what Brehler calls "the powerful pen" and write letters to the editors of newspapers and to radio and TV stations and networks — as local as the Birmingham Eccentric and as national as The Wall Street Journal — when they have something to say on a pressing issue.

They come from Southfield, Franklin, Bloomfield Township, Farmington Hills, Livonia, gathering once a month at Bob Evans restaurant on Telegraph in Southfield to exchange information and ideas.

But they don't form a consensus: Their opinions are their own.

One way they add to their group is by writing to other letter writers whose opinions they respect and inviting them to join them.

That's how Ray Dubin happened to come to his first meeting.

Dubin, from Farmington Hills, wrote recent letters goading the MEA and warning taxpayers about the Clinton health care plan.

Brehler saw them and, as they say, the rest is history.



JUDITH DONER BERNE

But Dubin breaks the "grumpy old men" mold as he is probably 30-something, the father of a 6-year-old and proprietor of a day care center.

The others are retired (except for R. Thomas Hunter, a financial advisor from Bloomfield Township) and readily acknowledge they have the time to spend trying to change the world. But still they are frustrated that more people don't seem to care or are afraid to speak up.

"How do we get the citizens off their cans?" asks Bill Carruth from Clawson at the group's January session.

"I don't know," Dubin responds. "Apathy is alive and well. Things that are important to me I make time to do. I might get up an hour earlier or stay up an hour later."

"This is a start," says Brehler. "If we can consolidate a group like this — and expand."

"I have friends in Bloomfield Hills who are worried the IRS will come after them (if they publish letters questioning the system)," says Carruth.

"I can't believe we're talking about this kind of thing," Hunter says. "It's about expressing your opinion."

"What we need," says Paul Harding, a Livonian, is "for this group to multi-



Caring citizens: Neil Fraser of Southfield (left), Bill Carruth, Tony Brehler, Paul Harding and R. Thomas Hunter (foreground) talk about how to "get citizens off their cans."

ply a thousand fold."

"I don't know if the world can stand that," Hunter jokes.

I think it could. Here are people who, after a life time of work, could be indulging more selfish interests or turning inward.

Instead, they talk — and write — about educational reform, children's self-esteem, their hopes for Detroit un-

der a new mayor. . . .

By the way, they are not all-male by choice. They have tendered invitations to female letter writers (as well as to their wives where appropriate), but so far have not had any takers.

You can reach Brehler at 477-3816. He'll tell you: "We have no officers (no offices either), no dues or fees and no religious or political affiliation. We are

various religions (never asked) and all independent voters. We are united to express ourselves more fully, and hopefully, motivate others standing at the brink."

Think grassroots — at its finest. Judith Doner Berne is managing editor for The Eccentric Newspapers. You can reach her at 901-2563.

President, lawyer and others share a '60s dream

She was a 1960s dream. She was easy to handle on the curves of Hines Drive. President Bill Clinton still has one tucked away in an Arkansas garage and a Canton attorney I know passed one on to his son.

No, we're not talking about Jennifer Flowers or a similar model. We're talking about something that even Clinton and my conservative attorney friend can agree on, Mustang love.

In the long run, most of us current or former Mustang owners probably got more joy out of an evening from our cars than from an entire used car lot full of Flowers-type ladies.

Just ask John Wayne Bobbitt what he would rather have been doing that fateful night, driving a Mustang or learning about relationships.

Let's face it, many of us remember more about our first Mustang than our

first, second or third loves. My love affair passes a milestone this month. It was 25 years ago that I plunked down about \$2,500 in cash for my dream at a Ford dealership at Joy Road and the Southfield Freeway.

She was red with black interior and came equipped with a 289 V-8 engine and three-speed stick shift. The black plastic interior was hot as a Madonna video in the summer and as cold as Lorena Bobbitt's heart in the winter. But none of that mattered while cruising Telegraph or parked in Hines.

Just about everybody of my generation had at least one Mustang cruising story. I even had one friend who, when with a group of friends, went to an anti-Vietnam war rally in a Mustang. And since every group of students in those days had to have a name, these guys used the monicker of Mustang



JEFF COUNTS

Maoists. You've got to remember that in the late 1960s people had serious debates about the difference between a Leninist and a Maoist.

My Mustang Maoist friend said he didn't fit in the anti-war protest because they were in a Mustang and not in a then-politically correct VW of some sort.

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As the 1970s rolled along, the Mustang fell victim to the times, the styling got as fat and as bloated as Elvis in a white jump suit.

Perhaps we can blame it on disco music and the fact that too many of them were purchased by suburban housewives. But whatever it was, the Mustangs just haven't been the same. During the 1970s and '80s, they even made four and six cylinder models. That was like putting actress Sharon Stone in a suit of armor for her scenes in "Basic Instinct."

But these days Ford is putting some spunk back in its Mustangs, giving them a leaner and meaner look and putting the 1960s back under the hood. The market is the aging baby boomer who may be feeling he isn't running on all eight cylinders any more.

I don't know about other former Mustang owners, but I'm certainly in the market.

Jeff Counts is the editor of the Plymouth and Canton Observer Newspapers and is looking for a good deal on an eight cylinder Mustang. He can be reached at 459-2700.

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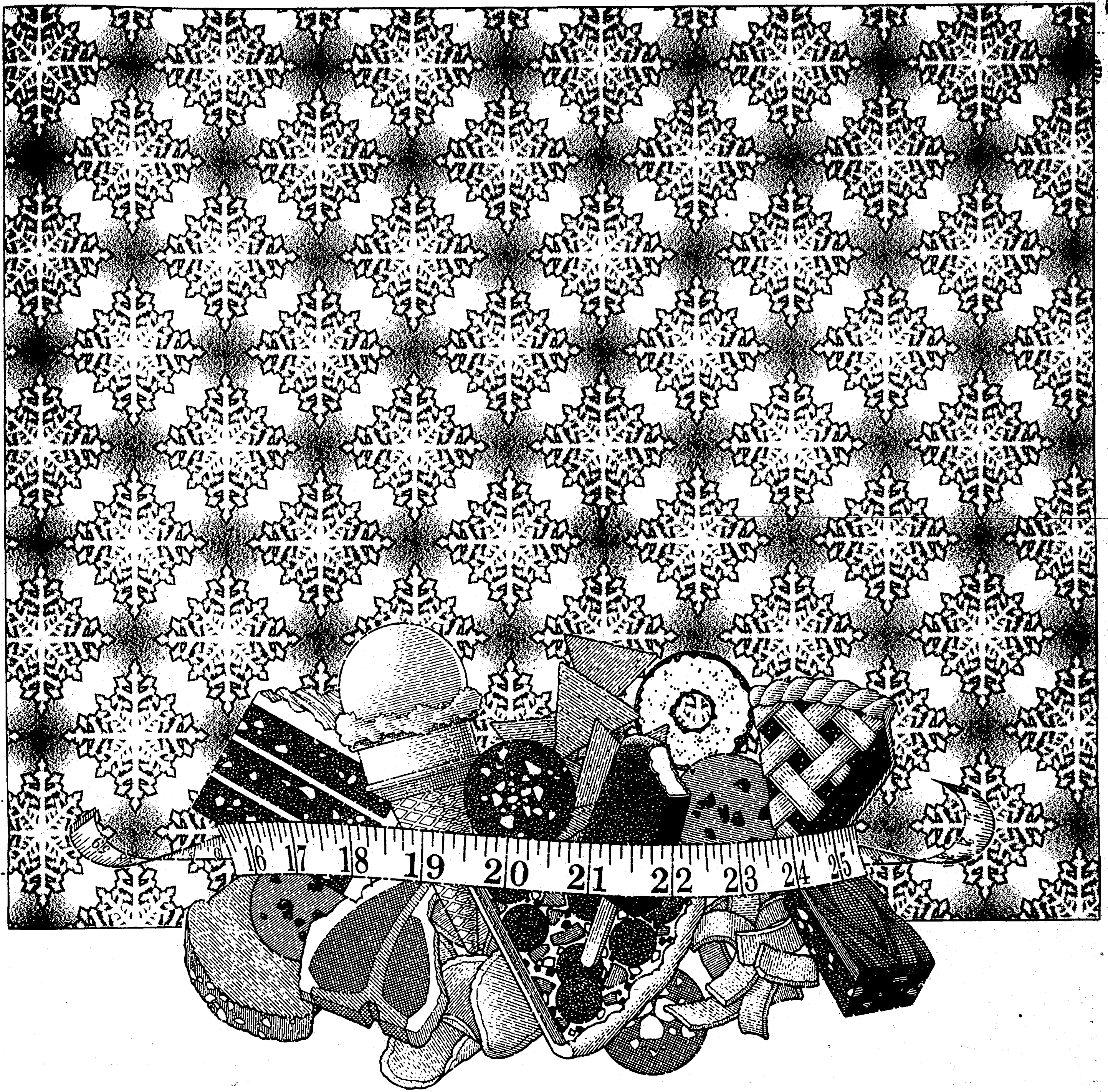
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Schmidt Auditorium hosts 'Brooks and Ed'

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara and Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson will discuss the future of the Detroit area at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, at the Louis E. Schmidt Auditorium in Livonia.

Admission is free. The auditorium is located on the east side of Middlebelt between Seven Mile and Eight Mile roads, adjacent to Clarenceville High School.

Patterson spokesman Bob Dustman said the event will resemble "The Ed and Brooks Show" (which airs on Channel 4 Sundays) and last 40 minutes.

The Clarenceville school district is trying to revive interest in the Schmidt Auditorium for meetings of community groups and such. Twenty years ago the Schmidt was a happening place and hosted concerts by the likes of Buddy Rich and Maynard Ferguson.

"The auditorium was always a source of pride for Clarenceville, and we want to bring that back," said Cheryl McDonald, the school district's cable TV manager.

To rent the auditorium for a business meeting or special event, call Rose Govig at 473-8933.

Car ordinance gets 30-day reprieve

By RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners has agreed not to sue the McNamara administration over a new county car ordinance, pending 30 days of negotiation.

Enacted in October by unanimous vote of the commission, the ordinance forbids future county elected officials and most senior staffers from using county cars. It also eliminates the monthly stipends of as much as \$350 that 84 county employees collect in lieu of being paid by the mile.

Because Executive Edward McNamara didn't veto the ordinance or challenge it in court, it has the force of law, and McNamara is supposed to obey it.

However, a county legal opinion declaring the car ordinance "void and unenforceable" — and a subsequent executive order regarding county cars — gave commission-

ers the idea that McNamara didn't intend to obey the ordinance.

Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, who wrote the ordinance with the input and help of McNamara staffers Dave Katz and Bob Biga, is confident a compromise can be reached within the 30-day time period the commission set Thursday.

"I think we'll get it done," he said Friday. "They don't want to go to court either. That's just a waste of time and money."

However, the commission is prepared to sue if necessary, asking that McNamara be ordered to obey the ordinance, McCotter said.

Although McNamara's people haven't said specifically what parts of the ordinance they object to, the legal opinion, signed by county attorney Patricia Irving-Cwiek, says the ordinance "represents an unlawful usurpation of

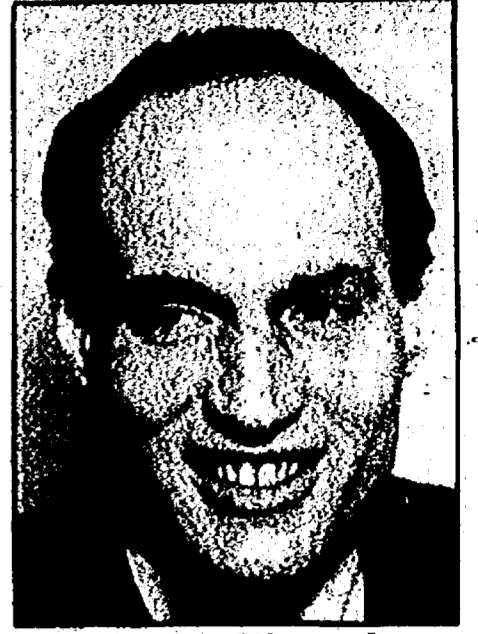
executive authority by the legislative body of Wayne County."

Katz said the objections are "relatively minor stuff (and) I'm sure we can work the problem out. I don't see this as a major point of conflict at all. We've got an outstanding rapport with commissioner McCotter."

The ordinance also mandates meticulous record-keeping in regard to county cars and makes it more difficult to buy luxury cars when economy cars will do.

The commission decided that an ordinance regarding county cars was needed after an audit of county cars was completed in May.

Auditor General Ramona Henderson's report concluded that record-keeping in regard to county cars was sloppy and that sometimes departments bought fancy vehicles when more austere models would have done the same job.



Negotiating: Wayne County commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, is working on a compromise to get the new car ordinance going.

U-M keeps E mail messages from graduate

(AP) — Electronic mail messages are not subject to the state Freedom of Information Act, the University of Michigan has claimed in refusing to release copies of computer messages from its president.

The university's attorneys used the argument to deny the FOI request by a 1993 Michigan graduate. Chetley Zarko had asked for the E-mail of President James Duderstadt, Vice President Walter Harrison, Vice Provost Douglas Van Houweling, and his assistant Virginia Rezmierski.

"I just wanted to see if I could get it," said Zarko, an Ypsilanti resident, a computer buff and free-lance writer.

But it remains to be seen whether E-mail isn't a record,

said state Sen. David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, who has been talking about revising the state's FOI Act. He said he thinks the intent of the original FOIA would encompass government E-mail.

"How is (E-mail) different from a memo?" Honigman asked. "It is a permanent record. Like any record, it can be erased, but so can a piece of paper or a computer tape."

Lawyers for the university say the E-mail is protected by the federal Electronic Communications Privacy Act and several exemptions to the Michigan FOIA law. They outlined their stance in a letter to Zarko.

E-mail is exempt because: It isn't "prepared, owned, used, in the possession of or retained by a

public body in the performance of an official function," and it isn't a "means of recording or retaining meaningful content, University General Counsel Elsa Cole and attorneys for a Detroit law firm said.

The university also said that it would be impractical to recover certain messages from among the more than one million sent.

Kirk Tabbey, a Jackson County assistant prosecutor who serves on the state's computer crime task force, said how E-mail is used should determine whether it is subject to disclosure.

"I think U-M has a good argument that it's replacing telephone calls," which aren't subject to FOIA disclosure, he said.

On the other hand, if E-mail is

being used to pass around draft documents that otherwise would have been put on paper, "I would say that's something that the public has a right to view," Tabbey said.

The university has no policy against using E-mail for official business or against storing important messages on paper or magnetic media, but E-mail wouldn't fulfill the university's requirement that certain kinds of business be conducted in writing, said Harrison, vice president for university relations.

E-mail didn't exist when Michigan's Freedom of Information Act was written in 1976 and it's still very much a gray area in the law.

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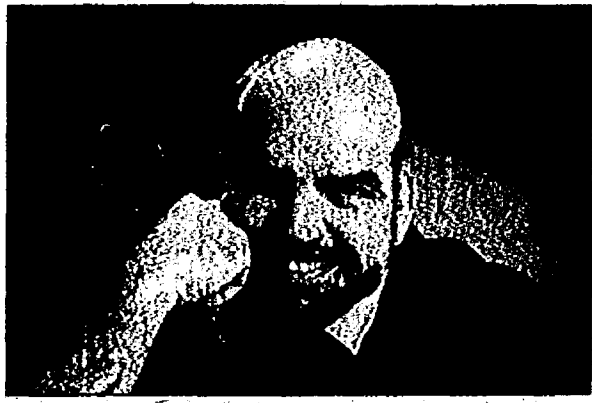
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CHEF LARRY JANES

Here are answers to your questions

My voice mail box, and postman are taking a much needed breather now that the holidays are past. Your calls and requests were appreciated, and I hope your holidays were filled with delicious treats coupled with a bountiful helping of peace and love.

When you call the voice mail box, please remember to leave your name, phone number and city in which you live for a speedy response.

My daughter Jessie, resident in her Girl Scout sash, called the voice mail box twice requesting that you be reminded that this is Girl Scout cookie time. All of your favorites are back. This year marks the introduction of a cookie dubbed "Juliettes" which are a crunchy combination of caramel and pecans covered with a fudge coating.

Cookie proceeds help pay for local troop programs, council facilities and training. Everyone loves Girl Scout cookies, and yours truly has been known to polish off an entire box with a quart of milk while watching the Frugal Gourmet on Channel 50.

Girl Scout cookies freeze well, ship well through the mail and can be used in many recipes. A Janes Gang family favorite is a cheesecake crust made with Girl Scout Tagalong cookies crushed in the blender of a food processor. If you don't know a Girl Scout, call your local elementary school for the name and number of a troop cookie mom.

Diane Morrison of Westland called about the nut cake recipes that ran a few weeks back. Morrison questioned the amounts of nuts and wanted to know the equivalents of whole nuts to ground.

My sources indicate that different nuts give different equivalences, but as a general rule of thumb, 1 pound of ground nuts equals about 3 cups ground nuts; while 1 pound of whole nuts equate to about 6 cups ground nuts, depending on the nut.

Morrison also questioned the cooking time of the recipes. She said her nut cakes were dry around the edges. I re-tested the recipes and both cakes turned out moist and chewy as per the recipe directions.

Sometimes oven temperatures are off, and a few problems might arise in the type and quality of your bakeware. As a general rule of thumb, we suggest you always check cakes not by the exact time, but when a cake tester of toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

The Turciano family of Livonia called with a recipe request for French Crullers. This sounds too good to be true, but the Janes Gang took in "The Wizard of Oz" down at the Fox Theatre, and in the beginning of the movie when Dorothy falls into the pig sty and is helped out by Huck and the other two farm hands, Aunt Em comes on the scene with a plate of crullers proclaiming "here, have a cruller, you can't work on an empty stomach." My thoughts exactly.

Crullers are richer than doughnuts, so says "The Joy of Cooking." For best results, they should be made with all the ingredients at room temperature so that the dough can be mixed quickly, which in turn prevents the development of gluten in the flour which in turn makes for a heavy and tough dough.

FRENCH CRULLERS

- 4 eggs
- ¾ cup sugar
- ¼ teaspoon grated lemon rind
- ½ cup milk
- ½ melted shortening
- ¾ cups all purpose flour
- 1½ teaspoons cream of tartar
- ¼ teaspoon soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg or cardamom, optional

Beat eggs until light. Gradually stir in sugar, blend until creamy. Stir in lemon rind, shortening and milk. Mix well. Set aside. In a separate bowl, sift together the dry ingredients. Gently fold the dry ingredients into the egg mixture.

Gently stir until just incorporated. Cover and chill in freezer for 45 minutes. Roll or pat dough to a thickness of ¼-inch. Cut into strips about 2 inches and fry in a deep fat fryer heated to 365 degrees until lightly golden. Drain on paper towels and sprinkle with powdered sugar.

See more reader requested recipes inside. To leave a message for Chef Larry, dial 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then mailbox number 1886.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- People who have lost more than 50 pounds share some of their secrets for losing weight, and keeping it off.
- Think spring, and start planning a garden filled with herbs and vegetables.



STEPHEN CANTRELL/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Low-fat feast: Floreen Halpern of Amaryllis catering in Birmingham cuts ribbon to add color to a table filled with flowers and low-fat treats your guests will love.

Be a gracious host

ENTERTAIN YOUR LOW-FAT OPTIONS



Entertain guests with festive fare that's low in fat. Floreen Halpern of Amaryllis Catering & Party Planning in Birmingham shares tips, and a delicious menu that will make guests forget the cold, and warm up to healthier eating.

The new year is four weeks old, and you've done a very good job of watching what you eat. Now, the tricky part. It's your turn to have friends over for dinner. Can you serve a festive, memorable dinner everyone will enjoy, and still stay on your low-fat eating plan? Floreen Halpern, owner of Amaryllis Catering & Party Planning

in Birmingham showed me you can. "People love to come to other people's homes. It's the most gracious way to entertain," she said. "Start from a respectful position. Serve your guests special food that they can enjoy. Don't make them worry about overeating." To prove her point Halpern put together a fuss-free, low-fat menu.

The main course, Shrimp Etouffe consists of shrimp tossed with a tomato based sauce and vegetables served over angel hair pasta or rice. Instead of shrimp, Halpern said the dish could also be served with grilled or broiled boneless, skinless chicken. For a marinade, she likes a mixture of soy sauce, honey and cayenne pepper.

Halpern jazzed up a salad of assorted greens with slices of colorful seedless orange, a strawberry, and rings of red onion. The dressing was a vinaigrette made with blueberry preserves, ginger marmalade and crushed pineapple.

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Family works toward improving their diet



LAURA LETOBAR

Marnie Britcher of Canton and her husband, Bill, are trying to fulfill their New Year's resolution to eat healthier meals. They have decided to reduce the amount of fat in their diets. To achieve this goal, they have started substituting low-fat and fat-free products in their cooking, and are reducing their intake of red meat. Britcher has two sons - James, 21 and Matthew, a junior at Plymouth Salem High School, are typical young men. Marnie says they have no interest in eating healthy or low-fat foods. We all know this will change once they hit 30!

Britcher sent in a recipe for Beef Stroganoff that is very popular with her family.

"The recipe has been a longtime favorite of our family, but an extremely unhealthy one," wrote Marnie when she submitted the recipe for a make over. "The dish gets served frequently because of the tremendous flavor. The challenge would be to convert it to a heart healthy recipe without losing the flavor."

Because there are so many high fat products in this recipe there are a number of ways to reduce the fat. When I made the recipe I made changes on every high fat item. The ingredients can be replaced a few at a time to adjust for personal preference.

I also spoke with Debra DePriest, a meat clerk at the Food Emporium grocery store on Six Mile Road in Livonia. She told me that cube steak is one of the leanest red meats. It is cut from the sirloin tip roast and placed through a tenderizing machine. DePriest said eye of round roast can also be used. There are only 6.7 grams of fat per 4 ounces of meat. This is very lean.

The original recipe calls for Chinese chow mein noodles. At 13.4 grams of fat per 4 ounce serving, these had to be replaced. No Yolk brand wide egg

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RECIPE MAKE OVER



Beef Stroganoff
Original Recipe

- 9 cube steaks (8 ounces each), cut into bite-size pieces
- 6 tablespoons margarine
- 3 medium onions, sliced
- 3 cans (10.75 ounces each) cream of mushroom soup
- 3 cups sour cream
- 6 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- Garlic salt (to taste)
- 48 ounces Chinese chow mein noodles

Brown meat and onions in margarine, add garlic salt to taste, and cook over low heat. Stir occasionally for 10 minutes or until meat is no longer pink. Set aside. Combine soup, sour cream, and Worcestershire sauce in a sauce pan. Heat to just before boiling point over low heat. Mix into meat mixture and serve hot over Chinese noodles. Serves 12.

Beef Stroganoff
Reduced-Fat Recipe

- 9 cube steaks (8 ounces each) cut into bite-size pieces
- 3 tablespoons Molly McButter imitation powdered butter
- 3 medium onions, sliced
- Garlic powder (to taste)
- 3 cans (10.75 ounces each) Campbell's Healthy Request cream of mushroom soup
- 3 cups Land O'Lakes fat-free sour cream
- 3 to 6 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce, low sodium
- 12 cups cooked No Yolk brand wide egg noodles

Brown meat and onion in a large non-stick skillet with 1/4 cup water. Add Molly McButter and garlic powder. Cook over low heat. Stir occasionally for 10 minutes or until meat is no longer pink. Set aside. Combine soup, sour cream, and 3 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce in non-stick sauce pan. Heat to just before boiling point over low heat. Mix into meat mixture. Add more Worcestershire sauce at this point, mixing well. Place one cup of egg noodles on each plate. Serve hot over egg noodles. Serves 12.

Serve guests special foods that are low in fat

See related story on Taste front. Recipes from Floreen Halpern of Amaryllis Catering & Party Planning in Birmingham.

SHRIMP ETOUFFÉ

1 medium onion, finely chopped
2 green onions, finely chopped
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
½ cup celery, finely chopped
1 green pepper, finely chopped
1 tablespoon olive oil
3 tablespoons flour
1¾ cups water
1 (10½ ounces) can tomato puree
2 bay leaves

1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
4 to 5 drops tabasco sauce
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon sugar
½ teaspoon black pepper
½ teaspoon crushed dried thyme

3 cups cleaned raw medium shrimp (or approximately 1 (12 ounce bag) frozen medium shrimp, thaw and drain)
Sauteed, sliced fresh mushrooms (optional)
3 to 4 cups hot cooked rice or angel hair pasta

In a large non-stick skillet or saucepan, saute onions, garlic, cel-

ery and green pepper in olive oil until tender. Do not brown. Add flour, stir to make a smooth paste; cook 1 or 2 minutes. Add water, tomato puree, bay leaves, Worcestershire, tabasco sauce and other seasonings. Simmer uncovered over low heat, stirring until sauce thickens to desired consistency. May be made ahead to this point. Reheat before proceeding.

Add raw shrimp and cook 15 minutes over low heat, stirring occasionally.

Serve over hot cooked rice or pasta. Sprinkle with sauteed mushrooms if desired. Serves 6 to 8.

BLUEBERRY-GINGER VINAIGRETTE

1 cup blueberry preserves or

non-sugar fruit spread
¼ cup ginger marmalade
½ cup crushed pineapple in its own juice
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 to 2 tablespoons canola oil

Whisk ingredients together. Add oil, a teaspoon at a time, last. Whisk together.

LENTIL RICE SALAD

1 large carrot, shredded
3 scallions, chopped
½ cup parsley, chopped
¼ cup dried cherries
1 cup lentils

½ cup long grain rice
½ cup wild rice
Dressing
¼ cup balsamic vinegar
¼ cup red wine vinegar
¼ cup dry sherry
¼ cup olive oil

Cook lentils, long grain rice and wild rice according to package directions. Drain well. Add carrots, scallions, parsley and dried cherries. Whisk together dressing ingredients to make dressing. Mix rice, vegetable, and cherry mixture with dressing. Chill. Serves 6 to 8.

PINEAPPLE TROPICALE

1 fresh pineapple peeled,

cored and cut into bite-size chunks

1 ripe banana, sliced
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon ground ginger
Frozen vanilla yogurt
Fresh raspberries (optional)

Mix fruit with brown sugar and spices in a bowl. Spread in a casserole dish. Bake at 350 degrees for about 20 minutes or until fruit is caramelized. Refrigerate until fruit is cool. To make parfaits, layer fruit with frozen vanilla yogurt in parfait glass. Freeze 1 to 2 hours before serving. Remove from freezer 15 minutes before serving, and sprinkle with fresh raspberries if desired. Serves 4 to 6.

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For dessert, she served an out of this world parfait of baked fresh pineapple and bananas layered with frozen vanilla yogurt, and sprinkled fresh raspberries of top.

Halpern decorated her table with fresh flowers and curls of pink and yellow ribbon. It's hard to believe something as simple as ribbon could add so much to a table, but it did.

"I've always loved to entertain and set the table," said Halpern who has worn many hats including English teacher, insurance agent, and stock broker before going into the catering business four years ago. She's been at her

Birmingham location since June, and caters parties for 10 to over 400 with the help of her "fabulous staff."

"Do what reflects the season," she said. When you're entertaining in the winter make hot spiced wine, cider or soup. The fragrance will say welcome in a way words can't. Serve guests soup in mugs as a first course in the living room. Be sure to pass around a basket filled with slices of good bread.

Everyone still loves desserts. Turn your brownies into precious morsels by cutting out little hearts with a small cookie cutters.

"It's like a reward for being good," said Halpern. "It's OK if you do it in small bites."

Guests who don't want dessert will appreciate specialty coffees and interesting teas. "Put a little whipped cream in a bowl and dust it with cocoa and cinnamon. It's beautiful, and low in calories because you don't use very much," said Halpern.

Other dessert ideas she shared were to sautee apple slices in a little hot fudge or caramel sauce and layer apples with frozen vanilla yogurt. Baked fresh pineapple and poached pears served with raspberries are also elegant.

Simmer oranges with an orange flavored liqueur and serve in a crystal bowl, sprinkle pomegranate seeds on top for color.

"Whatever you do, try to do the best you can. Buy the best ingredients, fresh colorful produce — crisp, green lettuce, red onion. Serve foods that are beautiful to look at. Use fruits and vegetables of the season, each has its own bounty.

"Don't abandon your favorite recipes, but look for ways to reduce the fat," said Halpern. "The original recipe for Shrimp Etouffé had ½ cup of butter, we reduced it to one tablespoon."

Gale Cox, Wellness Coordinator for Botsford Hospital in Farmington, shares these low-fat entertaining tips:

■ Offer alcohol free drinks, which are also lower in calories.

■ Use diet pop in punch, and frozen fruit for decoration.

■ Try to serve fruit and vegetables for appetizers. Make fruit kebabs with grilled pineapple.

■ For main courses stick to lean beef, boneless, skinless chicken breast, fish and pasta. Use fresh spices, it will add a lot of flavor. Now you can get fresh basil year-round at most grocery stores.

Here are some tips from Lisa

Martin, a registered dietician at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia:

■ Lighten up dairy-rich dishes with low-fat options. Look for part-skim cheeses and lower-fat versions of cheddar, Swiss and other cheeses.

■ Use vegetable cooking sprays instead of frying in fats.

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Chef Larry Janes answers reader recipe requests

See Larry Janes' Taste Buds column on Taste front.

Charlotte Michaels of Birmingham requested a recipe for a hearty soup the entire family would enjoy.

Well Charlotte, this is definitely soup weather, and when it comes to making soup, I usually turn to those group and church type cookbooks for tried and true recipes.

This recipe comes from "Ann Arbor's Cookin' II," which benefits the Ronald McDonald House and was submitted by Debbie Lown.

POTATO CHEESE SOUP

4 tablespoons unsalted butter
2 cups chopped onions
2 cups chopped carrots
6 parsley sprigs, chopped
1 cup chopped fresh dill
1½ pounds (about 4-5 cups) potatoes, peeled and cubed
5-6 cups chicken broth or stock (canned is OK)
½ to 1 cup heavy cream
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
2-3 cups shredded cheddar cheese

Melt butter in a large pot; add onions and carrots. Cook over medium heat for 3-5 minutes, stirring

frequently. Add parsley, ½ cup of the dill, potatoes and chicken stock. Bring to a boil.

Reduce heat and simmer for 10-15 minutes or until potatoes are soft and tender. Place in a food processor or blender and blend in small batches.

Return to pan, simmer gradually and stir in cream, salt, pepper, cheese and remaining dill. Serve warm. Yield: 6-8 servings.

Pauly Smorch of Redford, whose doctor just advised her to go on a fat-free, gluten-free diet, wanted help locating recipes and menu ideas.

First off Pauly, get that doctor on the phone and get the names and numbers of dietitians affiliated with a hospital in your area who can offer you a multitude of ideas and recipes. Also, visit your local library

and check out the cookbooks in the health section. Many are devoted to folks with similar problems. While you're there, look for copies of old Weight Watchers cookbooks.

The old program cookbooks never used fat, and some of the recipes were very tasty. I pulled this one from "The Best of Weight Watchers Magazine," 1980.

PINEAPPLE COOKIES

½ cup non-fat dry milk powder
¼ cup canned crushed pineapple, no sugar added
1 teaspoon granulated sugar

replacement or to taste
½ teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine all the ingredients in a medium bowl. Drop mixture, 2 teaspoons at a time for each "cookie" onto a non-stick baking sheet that has been sprayed with a non-stick cooking spray.

Leave room for "cookies" to spread. Bake about 20 minutes or until "cookies" are firm and lightly colored.

They will be soft at first and be-

come crisp as they cool. Makes 1 serving.

Chef's Secret: You shouldn't really cook with artificial sweetener as it has a tendency to break down and become bitter during the cooking process. I recommend increasing the vanilla extract to ½ teaspoon, not incorporating the sweetener into the cookie batter and baking it without the sweetener. When the cookies are removed from the oven, lightly sprinkle with sweetener for best taste.

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noodles are a good substitute. There is no cholesterol and the fat is reduced to 2 grams per 4 ounces.

The sour cream can be substituted in a variety of ways. I used Land O'Lakes fat-free sour cream. You could also use 2 cups of "lite" sour cream and one cup of non-fat. This can be adjusted to your personal preference.

To reduce the sodium, use garlic powder instead of garlic salt and reduced sodium Worcestershire sauce. I suggest starting with 3 tablespoons of Worcestershire sauce and adding the extra if you wish. I found 6 tablespoons to be a little strong myself, but Britcher says that's what gives it a nice "kick." As always, a good

non-stick pan will greatly reduce the amount of fat because you can brown and saute without butter.

Keep in mind that when you substitute ingredients in any recipe the flavor will always change. This applies to "high fat" or "low fat" products. Be sure to keep an open mind when trying new low-fat products or recipes. Your tastebuds might need time to adjust, but your heart will love it from the start!

Laura Letobar of Livonia publishes "Laura's Fat Free Kitchen" newsletter. For a complimentary issue, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to H.W. Publications, P.O. Box 9324, Livonia 48151-1324. Subscription price is \$12 a year.

Try white chili for change of pace

AP — Fans of Southwestern cuisine will enjoy white chili, flavored with chopped green chilies and onion, and simmered in a broth blended with garlic, oregano, cilantro and ground red pepper. The recipe, from McCormick & Co., also calls for cubed chicken breast, chopped onion and white cannellini beans.

For those who can't get enough chili: "Chillimanial The Chill-head's Handbook" by Herb and Chris Geltner (G.S.C. Books, Merritt Island, Fla.) contains over 900 recipes on chili, chili dips, pies, pizzas, soups, salsaes, picanetas, sauces, casseroles and appetizers.

SOUTHWEST WHITE CHILI

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breast, cut into cubes
¼ cup chopped onion
1 cup chicken broth
4-ounce can chopped green chilies
1 teaspoon garlic powder

1 teaspoon ground cumin
½ teaspoon oregano leaves
½ teaspoon cilantro
½ to ¼ teaspoon ground red pepper
19-ounce can white kidney beans (cannellini), undrained
Shredded Monterey Jack cheese (for garnish)
Sliced green onions (for garnish)

Heat olive oil in a 3-quart saucepan over medium-high heat. Add chicken; cook 4 to 5 minutes, stirring often. Remove chicken with slotted spoon, cover and keep warm.

Add chopped onion to saucepan; cook 2 minutes. Stir in chicken broth, green chilies, garlic powder, ground cumin, oregano leaves, cilantro and ground red pepper; simmer for 30 minutes. Stir in cooked chicken and kidney beans; simmer for 10 minutes. Garnish with cheese and sliced green onions. Makes 4 servings.

your HEALTH

by Sandra John



FLUNKING SCHOOL LUNCHES

The Agriculture Department has issued a flunking grade to the lunches served in our nation's public schools. According to its report, our schools serve lunches that exceed the government's own dietary guidelines for fat by 25 percent (by 50 percent for saturated fat). The school lunches also exceed recommendations for sodium intake by nearly 100 percent. According to Dietary Guidelines for Americans, from the Departments of Agriculture and of Health and Human Services, no more than 30 percent of daily calories should come from fat (no more than ten percent from saturated fat). Daily sodium intake should not exceed 2,400 mg. A survey of 545 schools shows lunches derive 38 percent of their calories from fat (15 percent from saturated fat). Just one school lunch provides nearly two-thirds the daily limit for salt.

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Cake, gingerbread, chili contests showcase local cooks



KEELY WYGONIK

Sun didn't spoil the ice sculptures at the 12th annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular this year. It was cold! Quite a few people, including me, bundled up Saturday to look at the magnificent sculptures in Kellogg Park, and throughout picturesque downtown Plymouth. If you didn't have time to visit the festival this year, make sure you do next year. It's a wonderful family event.

The "Wild Wild West" festival theme was also carried out in a cake decorating contest at Westchester Square Mall on Wednesday.

This is one time I was glad the judges didn't have to taste the cakes — they were beautiful.

Organized by Mary Denning of Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland, the contest was designed to encourage other culinary artists, besides ice carvers, to become involved in the festival. Denning is a pastry instructor at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn.

Besides myself, the judges were Sue Weaver, pastry instructor and chef at Joy Manor in Westland, and Rob Thomas, bakery supervisor at Farmer Jack, pastry instructor, and winner of numerous awards in cake design.

In the professional category first place was awarded to Elaine Shafer of Heritage Bakery in Livonia who made an adorable "Barney" Goes Country Cake. Second

In the culinary student division, Brenda Gill won the first place ribbon with a sculptured cactus cake that looked so real that people wanted to touch it to see if it was really a cake. Second place was awarded to Michelle Butler, and third to Lori Kristy. All are students at Henry Ford Community College.

There was also a gingerbread house contest. First place was awarded to Laurie and Carol Darin; second place, Carol Whittinger of Farmington Hills; third place, Jennifer Quigley of Livonia.

In the churches and castles category, Michael MacFarlane placed first, and Michaela Wesolowski, second.

Children also participated. In the Kids Creations category: David Ryan placed first; Elizabeth Alexander of Plymouth, second, and Mike and Danny Ryan, third.

The gingerbread house contest was organized by Mary Kay Seibel of Days Gone By, a store in the Westchester Square Mall on Forest Avenue in downtown Plymouth.

Chili champ Marilyn Frederick of Farmington Hills invited me to be one of eight judges at the International Chili Society Winter Freeze District Cookoff at the Allen Park Elks Lodge. How could I refuse, I love chili!

Frederick, has earned a reputation in the area for her prize-winning "Time Bomb Chili." She's participated in cookoffs in 13 states, and did a fine job conducting the cookoff in Allen Park, with help from her brother Frank Klancnik, known for his "Smoke in the Hole Chili," and scorekeeper Ed Kulback.

There were 18 participants including Bill Thomas of Plymouth, Jim Weller of West Bloomfield, Ken Brundage of Livonia, A. Michael Ford of Farmington Hills, Gean Ziegler and Vaughn Irish of Walled Lake.

Third place was awarded to John Garcia of Wyandotte, second place, Leo Buk II of Trenton, and first place to Bob Hall of Taylorville, Illinois.

Hall might not have won if hadn't have been for the generosity of a good sport — Georgia Weller of Bloomfield Hills. Hall's chili box containing all of his supplies was lost at the airport. Weller let him use hers, and gave up her spot in the cookoff.

There's another happy ending to this story. Weller's chili box was found, and returned to him. Jim Weller and his wife, Georgia often compete against each other at chili cookoffs, but as Marilyn Frederick says, "that's another story."

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COOKING CALENDAR

To get your classes or events listed in this column, send items to be considered for publication to: Keely Wygonik, Taste Editor, the Observer & Eccentric, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia 48150. Or fax to 591-7279.

WINTER SOUPS

Learn how to make soups, stews and winter salads at the Community Center of Farmington/Farmington Hills, 7:15-9:15 Thursday, Jan. 27. Fee \$15, plus \$4 for materials. No-fuss supper 7:15-9:15 Thursday, Feb. 3. 477-8404 to register.

WEIGHT WATCHERS

Cooking demonstration, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28 at Hudson's, Westland, 35000 Warren.

COOKING DEMONSTRATION

The Welcome Wagon of Farmington Hills will feature Dan Rowson Chef instructor at Oakland Community College at their meeting, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1 at Faith Covenant Church (14 Mile at Drake). Chef Rowson will be demonstrating a dessert. The meeting is open to the public. Call 553-8192 for details.

GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS

Variety of cooking classes including, Chinese cooking, cinnamon rolls, soups, and vegetable carving and vegetarian cooking will be offered beginning Feb. 7. Call 422-7198 for registration information.

LOW-FAT CAKES

Mary Denning, owner of Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe in Westland, demonstrates cake decorating and recipe substitutions for lowering fat and sugar as part of a heart-healthy diet, 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8 at St. Mary's Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Cost \$8, call 591-2983, extension 2 to register.

ELEGANT DESSERTS

Schoolcraft College in Livonia is offering Desserts For Everyone, a four-week course 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Feb. 8. Pastry Chef Carol Calder-Deinzer will give demonstrations of elegant, yet simple desserts that can be made at home. The fee is \$100, call 462-4448 to register.

HEART HEALTHY

Taste columnist Laura Letobar will be teaching two classes in heart healthy cooking, 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 2 and 9 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, March 2 and 9 at Stevenson High school in Livonia. Call 537-7343 or 523-9278 for registration information.

LES SAISONS

Northern Italian Menu featuring Chef Dan Roulsen of the Oakland Community College Culinary Arts Program, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, new Italian Pasta Making, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27 featuring Master Chef Jeff Gabriel of Schoolcraft College. Classes \$25 per person or three classes for \$65. Recipes, generous tastings included. Les Saisons is at 304 West Fourth, Royal Oak. Call 545-3400 to register.

LEMORE'S NATURAL CUISINE

Healthful Cooking Classes in Farmington Hills. Tempeh (Soy "meat") meets 6-9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31. Cost \$25. Call 478-4455 to register, and learn about other upcoming classes.

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Flavorful Hungarian-style goulash cooks in one pot

AP — Bypass the extra pan for cooking pasta and save on cleaning time. For this robust takeoff on a traditional Hungarian favorite, cook the pasta and sauce together in one pot.

ONE-POT GOULASH

1 pound boneless beef round

steak, thinly sliced into bite-size strips
1 tablespoon cooking oil
1 medium chopped onion (½ cup)
1 clove garlic, minced
28-ounce can tomatoes, cut up
1 cup water

1 tablespoon paprika
½ teaspoon dried thyme, crushed
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
5 ounces medium noodles (3½ cups)
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour

8-ounce carton dairy sour cream
In a large saucepan cook half the meat in hot oil until brown; remove from saucepan. Cook remaining meat, onion and garlic until meat is brown and onion is tender. Drain off fat.
Return all meat to saucepan. Stir in undrained tomatoes, water,

paprika, thyme, salt and pepper. Bring to boiling. Add noodles, a few at a time, stirring constantly. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, about 15 minutes or until meat and noodles are tender, stirring frequently.
Stir flour into sour cream; stir into meat mixture. Cook and stir until thickened and bubbly. Cook

and stir for 1 minute more. Makes 4 main-dish servings.

Note: To make slicing the meat easier, place it in the freezer about 45 minutes or until partially frozen. Then, thinly bias-slice the meat across the grain into strips.

Nutrition information per serving: 548 cal., 36 g pro., 42 g carbo., 26 g fat, 140 mg chol., 534 mg sodium.

Eating bread won't make you fat



LOIS THIELEKE

Do you still believe that bread is fattening and you have to give it up if you're on a weight loss diet? Wrong! A slice of bread is no more fattening than an apple. Breads satisfy hunger and help achieve weight loss by being low in fat, high in energy and long on nutrition.

Breads play a major role in our diet because they are loaded with complex carbohydrates, which are the best source of energy for our bodies. Complex carbohydrates are like time-released capsules, giving you energy over a longer period of time. Breads can also be a low-fat source of fiber, vitamins and minerals. Calories from carbohydrates are less likely to turn into body fat than calories from fat.

Another health benefit of bread is fiber. Insoluble fiber helps keep us regular and may reduce the risk of breast and colon cancer. Soluble fiber, also found in breads, may help some people lower blood cholesterol as part of a low-fat diet.

The Food Pyramid suggests 6 to 11 servings a day of breads, grains and cereals. It's not as hard as it sounds to have that many servings a day. A serving is one slice of bread, or ¼ cup ready-to-eat cereal or ½ cup cooked cereal.

A bun, bagel or muffin counts as two servings, five saltines counts as one, or ½ cup of cooked pasta is one serving. A plate of spaghetti can be several servings for most people.

Check the label for the fiber

content and look for bread with 2 or 3 grams per slice. There are some white breads that actually have more fiber than some of the so-called multigrain breads. Don't be fooled by "lite" breads or "diet" breads, this usually means thinner or smaller slices. Some breads are lower in calories because they contain more fiber, usually cellulose.

The real calorie culprits are not the breads, but the spreads and fillings that we use.

Low-fat toppings

Create your own low-fat toppings, spreads and seasonings. Spread lightly with jams, jellies or fruit purees; broil a slice of bread with low-fat cottage cheese; sprinkle on dill, rosemary or Italian combinations; try fat-free cream cheese or a hint of honey on warm bread or toast.

Grab a bagel or low-fat muffin, pita bread or breadsticks to eat between meals. Toasting of bread only removes moisture, not the calories as some people think.

Bagels are usually made from high-protein flour, yeast and salt and are boiled before baking. Most bagels are made with little or no fat, however, egg bagels have fat and cholesterol.

English muffins are made from high-protein flour and are chewy. They are traditionally baked on a griddle or skillet rather than in an oven.

Flat pita bread may make you think it doesn't have yeast, but it does. The yeast causes it to puff during baking then deflates, leaving a hollow in the middle. Whole toasted pitas can be used like pizza or pastry crusts.

Make your own breakfast sandwich by scrambling egg whites, sprinkle with a little grated

cheese and serve on a warm small roll or bun.

The regular mayo on a burger usually has as many calories as the entire bun, so use low-fat condiments such as mustard, ketchup, chutney or relish. If you just can't resist a peanut butter sandwich, mix it with some large curd cottage cheese: You'll still get the flavor but have much less fat.

Or better yet, slice the bread really thick and use just a little peanut butter to make a sandwich. The peanut butter flavor is there, but you have lots of bread, guaranteed to fill you up.

Recycle stale bread

Don't throw away stale bread. Accumulate stale slices, freeze them and, when you need bread crumbs, process in the food processor. Bread crumbs also freeze well. Keep in a tightly closed plastic bag in the freezer. Bread crumbs can be used to coat fish or poultry before baking or as a topping for casseroles or to thicken sauces.

Cubes of stale bread are great for stuffing or as croutons in salads or with sliced fruit in a Brown Betty recipe. A mixture of all colors and flavors of accumulated stale breads makes unusual dishes. Stale bread also makes good French toast for breakfast, lunch or dinner.

Bread is not fattening. It's good for you. The long-term benefits of eating more grain foods are that they will help you control weight and cut the fat in your diet. Learn to say, "pass the bread, but hold the butter."

Lois Thieleke of Birmingham is an extension home economist for the Cooperative Extension Service, Oakland County office.

Festival offers taste of Japan, Italy

Travel to Japan, India, Brazil, Israel, France or Italy through March 6 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Dearborn.

The seven-week International Cultural Festival offers more than 75 events highlighting international culture and cuisine. For a schedule or to make reservations, call 441-2100 or 441-2000.

Each week of the festival, the hotel will host wine tastings, dinner theaters, cameo concert teas, international coffee nights and grand Sunday brunches.

This week, visit Japan featur-

ing cuisine by Chef Makato Ieda of Musashi Restaurant in Southfield. The festival travels to India, Jan. 31 to Feb. 6 with Chef Jeet Reen of Shalimar Restaurant in Farmington.

Brazil is the Feb. 7-13 destination, followed by Israel, Feb. 14-20, France, Feb. 21-27 and Italy, Feb. 28-March 6.

International Coffee will be served 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays in the Lobby Lounge. Cost is \$10 per person and includes beverage with an international dessert prepared by the visiting chef of the

featured country, and cultural music selections.

Afternoon tea will be served 2-4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; 1-4 p.m. Saturdays. Guests will enjoy tea accented with international pastries or tea sandwiches created by the visiting chef.

The Wine and Spirits tasting will take place 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays. Guests will enjoy breads and cheeses to cleanse their palates while they enjoy culinary demonstrations and cultural entertainment. The cost is \$15 per person.

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BARBARA SCHIFF

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big problem. I continue to feel fat despite having lost 150 pounds.

When I buy clothes I take things off the rack that are far too big for me. I am always surprised when the big sizes don't fit. Also, I am worried about gaining the weight back.

I am preoccupied with this thought. I just don't know what to do about this.

Dear Caller, You are distressed and need psychological counseling. If you do not know how to contact an experienced counselor on your own, please send me your address. I will send you information that will help you to do so.

The following is some information that I hope will give you greater perspective on your problem.

Often, men and women who lose large amounts of weight report "still feeling fat." It is possible that there may be both psychological and neurological reasons for those feelings.

Nearly all amputees report

feeling the presence of their absent limb or limbs. Despite the absence of physical flesh, they describe a full range of sensations, such as heat, cold, pain, movement and touch. Although I did not find similar research with people who lost a lot of weight, it is logical that the two phenomena are related.

Scientists trying to find the origin of these seemingly crazy sensations discovered complicated brain interactions leading to them. The cliché, "It is all in your mind" is true, not because the person is crazy but because the brain is organized to generate a bodily experience even when parts of the body are not present.

So far, scientists do not know how to help amputees retrain their brains so that they are not tortured by their phantom limbs. The answer to that question could help psychologists help people like you.

Right now you need counseling to help you with your insecurities. Most new behavior brings with it a feeling of instability, fears of backsliding. Not knowing "what to do" is an undesirable position, one that furthers your confusion.

Barbara

If you have a question or a comment for Barbara Schiff, a trained therapist and experienced counselor, send it to *Street Sense, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.* You can also leave a message by calling 953-2047, mail box 1877, on a touch-tone telephone.

12 or so reasons to see Six Degrees

BY JOHN MONAGHAN
SPECIAL WRITER

A clean-cut young black man stumbles unannounced into a Fifth Avenue apartment clutching at his side. He tells Flan and Ouisa Kitteridge, a middle-aged art dealer and his wife, that he was mugged in Central Park. He came here because he's a friend of the couple's children at Harvard.

When he introduces himself as Paul Poitier, son of the famous actor, he really gets the couple's attention. He spends the evening and makes them dinner, helping Flan seal a \$2 million art sale to an impressed foreign dealer.

That Paul is really a con-man should come as no surprise. If you didn't hear about John Guare's award-winning play "Six Degrees of Separation," you probably heard something about the much-publicized case on which it was based.

Part of the movie's fascination

MOVIES

comes through the thought that anyone can be duped, especially when a famous person's name is dropped. But this just scrapes the surface of a story full of clever insights from Guare (who also wrote the screenplay) and director Fred Schepisi.

The director, who began his career in Australia with uncompromising films like "The Chant of Jimmy Blacksmith," understands the subtleties needed in a story like "Six Degrees." He gets big laughs at the foibles of his upper-crust characters, who at their most extreme, appear genuine and human.

Donald Sutherland and Stockard Channing have their best roles in years as the Kitteridges, both outraged and moved by the young con man. Despite his deception, Paul compares favorably to their own son and daughter,

freshmen at Harvard, gagging on the silver spoon.

You can also make a connection between Paul and Flan, who are both cons in their own way. On more than one occasion, the art dealer manipulates customers by giving them the latest details in the continuing saga, which by now has hit "The New York Times."

The story is told by the couple at dinner parties, at art openings and auctions, and each time it goes a little bit further. Intentionally complex, it draws you into each new chapter and keeps you guessing at the outcome.

Those who think that rapper and TV star Will Smith can't handle a role this complex need only look at him play directly to the camera, reviewing the highlights of his false father's career. We can see that he's performing for someone, but for now this little twist stays secret. Among the more interesting no-

tions in "Six Degrees of Separation" comes through the title, which says that we can connect to anyone else in the world through only six people. You can link the President of the United States to a gondolier in Venice through a chain of friends and relatives.

In between intellectual revelations, there's some amazing use of the Manhattan landscape, which you may think has been filmed from every angle imaginable until you see Schepisi take a crack at it.

From the script and direction to the smallest speaking parts, "Six Degrees of Separation" joins "The Snapper" as the year's first must-see films.

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SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

DETROIT FILM THEATRE
Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call 833-2323 for information. (\$5)

"The Accompanist" (France — 1993), 7 and 9:30 p.m. Jan. 28-29; 4 and 7 p.m. Jan. 30. In German-occupied France in 1942, an impoverished but quietly ambitious girl is swept into a world of privilege and comfort when she is hired as piano accompanist to a successful singer.

KINOTEK
Capitol Theatre and Arts Centre, 121 University, Windsor. Call (519) 971-5160 for information. (\$4.50)

Sicko '60s double bill — "Mondo Topless" (USA — 1966) at 9 p.m. and "Manson" (USA — 1972) at 10:30 p.m. Jan. 28-30. In "Topless," smut master Russ Meyer provides a humorous document of the '60s topless craze, filmed atop oil rigs, Cadillacs and on the streets of San Francisco. "Manson," meanwhile, gives a very unusual portrait of the cult leader and killer, with interviews

from Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme and yippie Jerry Rubin. The documentary was actually nominated for an Academy Award.

MAGIC BAG THEATER,
22918 Woodward, Ferndale. Call 544-3030 for information. (Ticket prices vary)

"Third Annual Metropolitan Film Festival," 8 p.m. Jan. 27. The second in a three-night festival featuring short works from around the world, including "Suite Harry," "A \$333 Film," "Doctor Alzheimer's Medicine Show" and "Bombing L.A." (\$5)

"Maurice" (Britain — 1987), 1, 3:30, 6 and 8:30 p.m. Jan. 30. Another pretty Merchant-Ivory production, based on a novel by E.M. Forster. Here a young man comes of age (and out of the closet) in Britain in the 1910s. (\$8)

MAIN ART THEATER
118 N. Main St., at 11 Mile, Royal Oak. Films play through at least Thursday. Call 542-0180 for information and show times. (\$6.50; \$4 students; \$3 twilight/matinees) "King of the Hill" (USA — 1994). Stephen Soderberg ("sex, lies and videotape" and "Kafka") directed this tale of a boy's com-

ing-of-age during the Depression. "Schindler's List" (USA — 1993). Stephen Spielberg may finally get his Academy Award for this story of Oskar Schindler (Liam Neeson), a war profiteer and Nazi crony who protected and saved the lives of more than 1,000 Jews during the Holocaust.

"Six Degrees of Separation" (USA — 1994). Based on John Guare's award-winning play, a savvy young man (Will Smith) poses as Sidney Poitier's son to cajole his way into the home of a Fifth Avenue couple (Donald Sutherland and Stockard Channing).

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The two others are original songs, collaborations between Bono of U2 and labelmate Gavin Friday. Like the O'Connor song, "In the Name of the Father" begins heavily and swings upward into an almost industrial-sounding danceable song and collapses into Friday and Bono's moody mumbling.

Friday and Bono re-appear on

the soundtrack with the disco song "Billy Boola," an upbeat departure from the other original songs.

The soundtrack, on Island Records, also includes classic rock songs, including "Voodoo Child (Slight Return)" by Jimi Hendrix, "Dedicated Follower of Fashion" by the Kinks, "Is This Love" by Bob Marley and The

Wailers and "Whiskey in the Jar" by Thin Lizzy.

The song which accompanies the intense trailers, "Pride (in the Name of Love)" isn't on the soundtrack album.

With the exception of "Billy Boola," the album is equally as painful as the 2 1/2-hour film — but in this case it's good.

— Christina Fuoco

Success from page 5B

varro of the Red Hot Chili Peppers and ex-Bangles singer Susanna Hoffs, is the label's first. The acoustic act Jump in the Water and New York-based singer/songwriter Jane Williams will release albums on the label this year.

Lowen & Navarro are now touring to support "Broken Moon." The tour, which brings them to The Ark in Ann Arbor on Wednesday, Jan. 26, will include a Spanish version of "We Belong," a song they wrote for Pat Benatar.

Opening the show is Billy Fal-

con, another adult progressive musician who will play material from his upcoming album "Letters from a Paper Ship." Like Lowen & Navarro, Falcon was rediscovered by a long-time fan, Jon Bon Jovi. After a few meetings with Falcon, Bon Jovi signed him to his now-defunct, Mercury-affiliated label Jambo.

The record deal along with recording his first album for Jambo, "Pretty Blue World," helped Falcon get back on his feet after the death of his wife.

"Most of my time (prior to the recording of "Pretty Blue World")

was spent in a family situation. . . My wife was ill and passed away," said Falcon, who is now signed with Mercury Records.

After his wife died, Falcon found himself the single father of their daughter Rosie and drifted away from writing songs. Bon Jovi's interest in his music, however, sparked his creativity.

"For the first time in five years I felt that I was breathing," he added.

"Pretty Blue World" included the hit "Power Windows," a song that convinced Bon Jovi to sign him. In the album "Letters from a

Paper Ship," many of the songs point to Falcon's positive outlook even at the worst of times. For example, in "Cold Hard World" he sings: "It's a cold hard world. That's a cold hard fact. You break your heart while you break your back. Like a reckless train on a wild track it's a cold hard world."

Lowen & Navarro with special guest Billy Falcon perform at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, at The Ark, 637 1/2 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call (313) 761-1451, (313) 761-1800 or (810) 645-6666.

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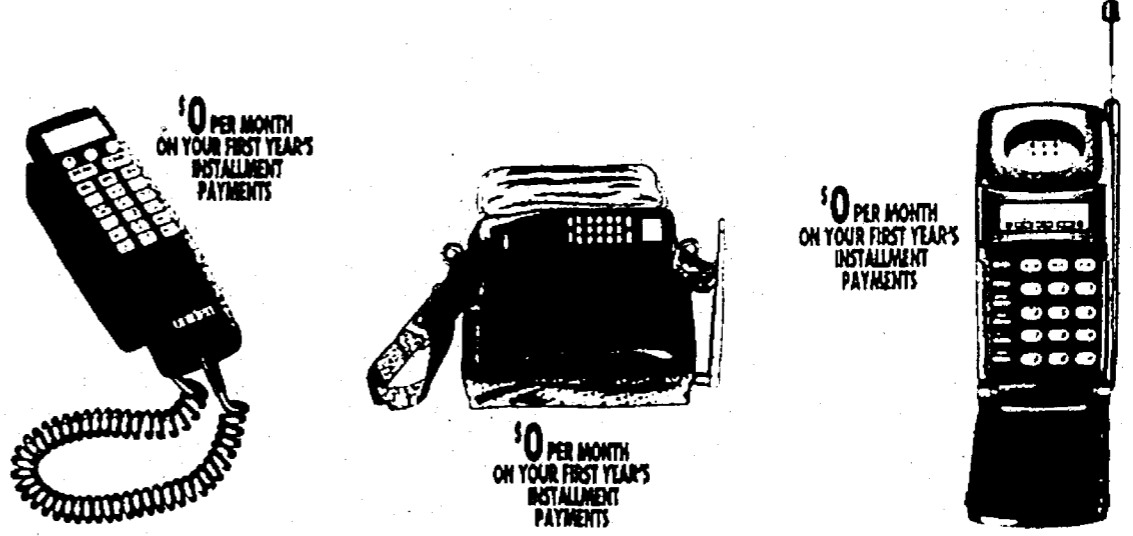
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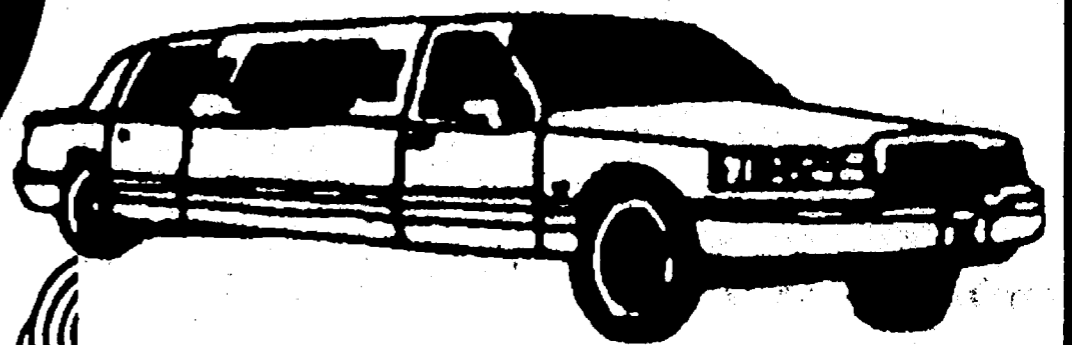
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That is exactly how the final result is decided in this format. The action took place at Friendly Sterling Lanes in Sterling Heights. It was one of the coldest days of the winter. There were several bowlers who couldn't make it, due either to their own poor health or a "sick" car.

After the opening series a week earlier at Mayflower Lanes in Plymouth, the West Siders held a slight lead. Some of the outstanding performances at Friendly Sterling from the West Side seniors: Jim Shimetz, 247; Ed Babinski, 256; Tom Sanford, 247; Milo Quiton, 224; Bill Funke, 227; Hank Haberek, 258; Jim Pierce, 236; Mike Belovitch, 224; Hal Bartley, 242; Jim Engbreton, 235.

But the East Siders — Ron Byrd's Turbo Second Senior Classic — avenged their defeat from last year, and now reign as Champs. At least 'til next year!

The Wayne-Westland Bowling Association is the winner of the ABC 10 Year Service Award. The plaque will be presented at the ABC National Convention in March at Mobile, Alabama.

The WWBA was honored for establishing a Hall of Fame, conducting the annual 700 Tournament and presenting it on TV, sponsoring and supporting several charity programs, which include the MPVA (Paralyzed Veterans), Special Olympics, senior bowlers program, Youth Scholarship Tournament, an annual yearbook with complete averages, award presentations and services to bowlers and the annual awards banquet.

A fine job by the WWBA, which operates in Canton, Westland, Wayne, Romulus and Garden City.

A lady bowler at Mayflower Lanes showed me what happened to her bowling ball. She left it in the car overnight, and after five frames the ball split in half. She handled this minor disaster philosophically, saying it was time to get a new ball anyhow.

It's always a thrill when someone has a shot at 300. Last week it was Debbie VanMeter of the Greenfield Mixed League at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills who was on the brink. She rolled 11-straight strikes — but was foiled by a stubborn seven pin on her 12th ball. Still, 299's nothing to complain about, and she

was excited about getting her first-ever 700 series — a 748.

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- Advanced Youth (Seniors) — Del Shell, 200; Helen Evans, 192.
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- Greenfield Mixed — Debbie VanMeter, 299/748; Sandy Weed, 242/617; Phil Stoney, 246/710; Mike O'Rourke, 269/717; Caroline Marchewitz, 200-200/568.
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- High School League — Jason Johnson, 258/651; Timothy Dean, 225/608; Jeff Grasser, 214; Jason Holowicki, 207.
- Youth (Juniors) — Brandon Teddy, 202/520; Coleen Lachman, 178.
- Youth (Juniors) — Doug Ginnoli, 173; Nathaniel Michele, 154; Dawn Shavey, 187.
- Bel-Aire Lanes (Farmington): Senior House Trio — Ted Kress, 237/632; Vern Flowers, 627; Paul Jensen, 615; Glenn Lukow, 612; Bill Dyer, 241.
- Our Lady of Sorrows — Larry Taylor, 257/697; Bob Czekler, 258/641; Pat Centner, 235/645; Mike Desnoyer, 245/619; Ken Bouliware, 227-224/631.
- Drakeshire Lanes (Farmington Hills): Ford Wilson — Ron Furline, 276.
- Tuesday Junior House — Rick Bingley, 289/802; Steve Lingertot, 270/715; Greg Cosby, 257/725.
- Amara's Big Boy Classic — Dave Hemming, 300; Tom Leonard, 300/783; Greg Lewis, 300/789; Steve Kozicki, 299.
- Monday SASF Youth Doubles — Jeff Mendosa, 277/782; Eric Colar, 258/717.
- Woodland Lanes (Livonia): Early Birds — Carol Lane, 224; Janet Chunn, 225.
- Gay 90's (Seniors) — Bill Thurmond, 245/667; Lynne Sifers, Murray Hoke, 214-214/277/705; Kings & Queens — Barb Sherry, 237; C.C. F & S Mike Rampert, Jr., 299; Rosedale Gardens — Lynn Webb, 253; Wednesday Men's Trio — Dave Seaman, 266/716; Jim Engstrom, 280/738.
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- Thursday Scratch Trio — Dick Beattie, 278-269/772; Ed Church, 280; Ray Jaszc, 258-267/719; Denny Montgomery, 259/709; Al Stroud, 264/677.
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- Sunday Morning Classic — R.J. Lang, 299.
- Wednesday Night Men's — Steve Gunn, 233/667; Rick Mast, 278/655; Glenn Bradford, 247/689; Jim Springs, 231; Bob Pelt, 255.
- Tuesday Senior Travelers — Larry Murphy, 278-224-246/748.
- Wednesday Night Pacesetters — Angie Reimer, 219; Sherry Sakowicz, 213; Sharon Behringer, 206; Kathy Schatz, 203; Joan Barbara, 216.
- Westland Bowl: Sunday Kings & Queens — Dean Sarinas, 258; Jeff Sikes, 267/684; Matthew Hausch, 259/704; Jim Eagling, 228/599; Dorothy Sayee, 230/580.
- Redford Lanes: West Side Lutheran — John Heit, 673; Terry Drunkamer, 654; Tim Collins, 636; Tom Roy, 632; Terry Koch, 625.
- Plaza Lanes (Plymouth): Waterford Men — Larry Bennett, 264/707; Mark Pennington, 279/698; Mark Scipiac, 278/687; Randy Magg, 266/695; Dave Balantine, 265/658; Chuck Morris, 265/647.

Recruiting coup

CC's Magyar commits to WSU

BY STEVE KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central lineman Brett Magyar committed to Wayne State University after turning down a full scholarship offer to Central Michigan University.

The 6-foot-3, 240-pound Magyar joins Plymouth Salem lineman Steve Hurst in committing to WSU.

WSU's scholarship pays only for tuition and books.

Had Magyar accepted CMU's offer, he would have been the third CC player this year to commit to a Division I program. In December, lineman Doug Brzezinski committed to Boston College and lineman Nick Kallas committed to Iowa.

Magyar was unavailable Friday but his father, Alex Magyar, commented.

"We're happy with the decision he made," the elder Magyar said. "Both schools offered a lot. Brett had to make a decision based on the facts he had and that's what he did."

High school seniors can sign national letters of intent Wednesday, Feb. 2.

Observerland's top kickers, North Farmington's Scot Lord and CC's Adam Borchert, remain uncommitted.

Lord, a punter and tight end who scored a 33 on his ACT, has been appointed to West Point but is still considering Miami (Ohio), Oklahoma and Arizona.

Lord would play both positions if he attends West Point but would only punt at Miami (Ohio), Oklahoma or Arizona. Because of scholarship reductions and reluctance to give punters scholarships at Division I schools, Lord might

FOOTBALL

not know his fate with the latter three schools until the first week of February.

"I think I'm Division I material, but if push comes to shove, I could always go Division II," Lord said. "Division I schools have only so many scholarships and they don't want to waste any on punters, but punting is an important part of the game."

Borchert, who scored 35 out of a possible 36 on the ACT and has a 4.9 grade point average taking honors classes at CC, will decide between Ivy League schools Harvard, Yale and Pennsylvania.

Borchert attempted only three field goals because most of CC's drives ended in touchdowns and made two, with a long of 43. More than half of Borchert's kickoffs reached the end zone.

CC tailback Freddie Taylor has considered Grand Valley and Hillsdale and also visited Northwood. Linebacker-safety Joe Pongracz visited Northwood and cornerback Dave Morelli has drawn interest from Hillsdale and Northwood.

Livonia Stevenson wide receiver Brad Morgan will probably end up at North Carolina State or Virginia Tech, where he would study environmental engineering and possibly walk-on as a football player.

Westland John Glenn tight end Mike Bint has visited Grand Valley, Ferris State and CMU.

Glenn linebacker Jeromey Cos-

FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Commitments

Doug Brzezinski (Redford CC) — Boston College.

Nick Kallas (Redford CC) — Iowa.

Brett Magyar (Redford CC) — Wayne State.

Uncommitted

Steve Hurst (Plymouth Salem) — Wayne State.

Scot Lord (N. Farmington) — West Point, Miami (Ohio), Arizona or Oklahoma.

Adam Borchert (Redford CC) — Yale, Harvard or Penn.

Freddie Taylor (Redford CC) — Grand Valley, Hillsdale or Northwood.

Joe Pongracz (Redford CC) — Northwood or Dayton.

Dave Morelli (Redford CC) — Northwood, Hillsdale or Albion.

Mike Bint (Glenn) — visiting Grand Valley, Ferris or CMU.

Jeromey Cosby (Glenn) — leaning toward Ferris.

Jason Fuller (Glenn) — Wayne or Grand Valley.

Matt Howton (Glenn) — Ferris or Grand Valley.

Jesse Shakarian (Livonia Franklin) — Wayne State.

Rob Shepley (Plymouth Salem) — Wayne State.

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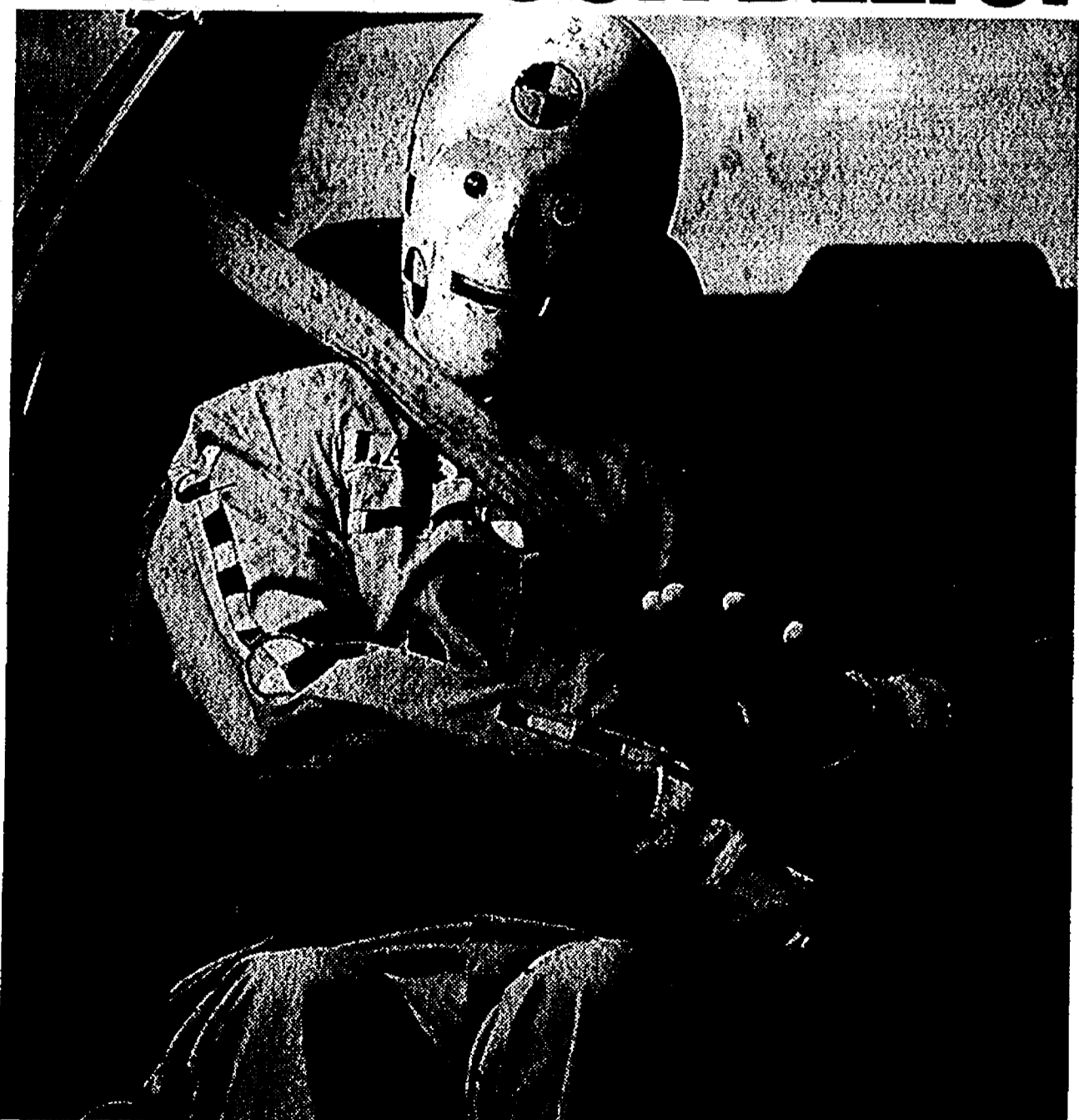
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RENTAL OFFICE AND MODEL OPEN 10 A.M. - 6 P.M. IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY

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HUNTINGTON ON THE HILL

ONE MONTH FREE Suites from \$465
Includes Heat \$200 Security Deposit
• Spacious Suites
• Dishwashers
• Vertical Blinds
• Park Setting

425-6070
Ann Arbor Trail, West of Inkster Rd. Daily 9-6; Sat. 10-2; Sun. 12-4

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HAWTHORNE CLUB

ONE BEDROOM SPECIAL ONE MONTH FREE
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• Vertical Blinds
• Short Term Leases Available

522-3364
7560 Merriman Between Ann Arbor Trail and Warren Daily 9-6; Sat. & Sun. 12-4

Plymouth/Canton

FRANKLIN PALMER ESTATES

ONE MONTH FREE (on select suites)
Suites from \$450
Includes Heat
\$200 Security Deposit

397-0200
On Palmer, West of Lillyway Daily 9-7; Sat. & Sun. 12-4

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HILLCREST CLUB

ONE MONTH FREE (on select suites)
\$200 Security Deposit Includes Heat
• Park Setting • Short Term Leases

483-7144
12350 Risan S. of Plymouth Rd., E. of Haggerty Daily 9-7 Sat. & Sun. 12-4

The Springs APARTMENTS

Where We Have Something For Everyone!
You choose the amenities you want.

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- WASHER & DRYER IN APARTMENT

New 1 & 2 Bedroom Lakefront Apartments from \$405

LOCATED IN NOVI ON PONTIAC TRAIL 1 MILE EAST OF BECK ROAD
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669-5566

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Luxury Living
• Attached Garages • Microwaves
• Extra Large Apartments • Dishwashers
• Indoor Pool • Health Club Membership

ONE MONTH FREE*
*on select units only

476-8080
On Old Grand River between Drake & Halstead
Mon.-Fri. 9-7 Sat. 11-5 Sun. 11-4

Lakefront Apartment Living

• Cable TV Available
• Convenient to Westland Shopping Center
• Thru-unit design for maximum privacy & cross unit ventilation
• Swimming Pool & Clubhouse
• Storage in apartment
• Balcony or patio
• Air conditioning
• Dishwashers available

ATTRACTIVE 1 & 2 Bedroom Apartments from \$415

THE LANDINGS

Located on Warren Rd. between Wayne & Newburgh Rds. in Westland
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Phone: 729-5650

Winter Special 1 Month FREE

\$200 Security Deposit on Select Suites

Novi/Lakes Area Waterview Farms
Suites from \$430
624-0004
Pontiac Trail between West & Beck Roads
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Westgate VI
Suites from \$490
Includes: Carport • Spacious Apts. • Walk-in Closets
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REDFORD AREA

REDFORD TWP. Efficiency cabin apartment, stove & refrigerator, all utilities included. \$90 per week plus security.
1-373-981-1845

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PARKSIDE APTS.
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However, we still have a few select 1 & 2 bedroom apartment homes for a few very selective people. If you are seeking an apartment home with these special extras like 24 hr. service, patios, huge closets, and more, you've found a secluded location that's not out of the way.

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Sample 2 bedroom floor plan

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2 and 3 bedroom townhouses
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There's no place like
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WESTLAND PLAZA APTS
7300 CENTRAL

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Westland Park Apts.
Across from City Park
(Charry Hill)
(between Middlebelt & Merriman)

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FARMINGTON HILLS: 13 Mile/Oak
Road Lake Rd. 3 bedroom brick/condo

404 Houses To Rent
REDFORD - Attractive 3 bedroom.
Finished basement w/brk room.
Full bath, central air, full basement

408 Duplexes For Rent
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ROCHESTER: Sub level townhouse
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WESTLAND room with house
privileges in 4 bedroom home. \$200 half

ROYAL OAK - 1 bedroom condo/apr.
neutral colors, includes heat,
water. Cats allowed. 13 & Wood-

SECURITY DEPOSIT \$150
12 Mile & Telegraph
356-0400
on selected units

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HUGE 1 BEDROOM
WITH
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HIDDEN OAKS
APARTMENTS
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500 Help Wanted ATTENTION: opening in ladies department only. To clean hallway in 4-yr. retail store. Full or part time.

500 Help Wanted AUTO TECHNICIAN Wanted, certified, experienced. Excellent opportunity. Western area.

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500 Help Wanted ASSISTANT SALESPERSON Are you motivated, dependable & personable? We're looking for a sales assistant to work in our new home model sales office.

500 Help Wanted AUTO MECHANIC STATE wide auto service organization seeking aggressive & financially motivated individuals to work in professional environment.

500 Help Wanted AUTO PORTER - needed for rapidly growing business. Good benefits. Must have good driving record.

500 Help Wanted BLUE JEAN JOBS We need hard working, dependable people for assignments in: -LIVONIA -PLYMOUTH -CANTON -TROY

500 Help Wanted CAREER OPPORTUNITY HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING SERVICE TECH

500 Help Wanted CASH ON OPPORTUNITY We're now hiring for: PACKAGERS Assignments in Livonia, Westland.

500 Help Wanted CASHIERS/STOCK part time position available for stock, experienced cashiers & pharmacy clerks.

500 Help Wanted CLEAN HOMES 8am-4pm. Must have dependable car. \$5 to \$2/hr. Apply in person between 1pm-3pm.

500 Help Wanted COME READY TO WORK •PACKAGING •ASSEMBLY •LIGHT INDUSTRIAL

500 Help Wanted ATTENTION! Oakland county residents in need of a job? Secretary, \$6-\$10. Computer Hardware Repair, \$8-\$12. No fees. See us for your quality.

500 Help Wanted ATTENTION! Printing Press Operator Employee needed for long term assignment operating a 2 color printing press. Pay \$8-\$10/hr.

500 Help Wanted AUTO TECHNICIAN Certification in performance - air conditioning, electrical, if you're looking for a long term position with full benefit package.

500 Help Wanted BRIDGEPORT OPERATOR Due to our recent expansion, we are in need of an experienced bridgeport operator.

500 Help Wanted CARPET CLEANING & Floor Care Supervisors & Crew Leaders. Expt. Part time. \$12.00/hr.

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500 Help Wanted CHILD CARE Certified Teacher & Teacher's Assistant. Full or part time positions.

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500 Help Wanted CONSTRUCTION LABORERS AND CARPENTERS WANTED CALL 348-1979

500 Help Wanted AUTO MECHANIC/SHOP FOREMAN. Certified with 10 years minimum 5 yrs. experience. Busy shop. Rec'd 40 hrs. per week.

500 Help Wanted AUTOMOBILE SERVICE ADVISOR New car dealer has immediate opening for Service Advisor. Top wages. Excellent benefits.

500 Help Wanted BILLING SPECIALIST Major company seeks individual with high volume invoicing experience on a main frame computer to work in an office setting.

500 Help Wanted BUYER Multi location distributor looking for aggressive self motivated buyer for immediate opening.

500 Help Wanted CAR WASH ATTENDANT Part time position available. Rec'd 40 hrs per week. Drug free. Female & Greenfield. Call after 6pm.

500 Help Wanted CASHIERS - Full or part time at Amoco Food Shop Afternoons, Weekends. Flex hrs. Students, retirees. Exp'd. call only.

500 Help Wanted CHILD CARE AIDES Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center. Monday through Friday. 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

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500 Help Wanted COMPUTER PROGRAMMER Ph.D. in Computer Science. 3-5 yrs. exp. in software development.

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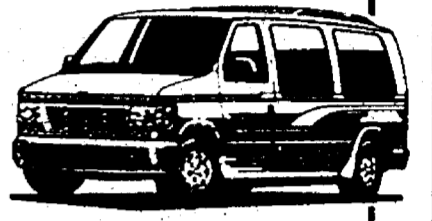
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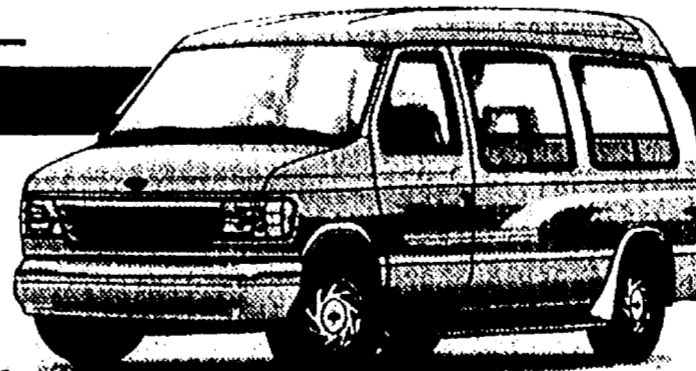
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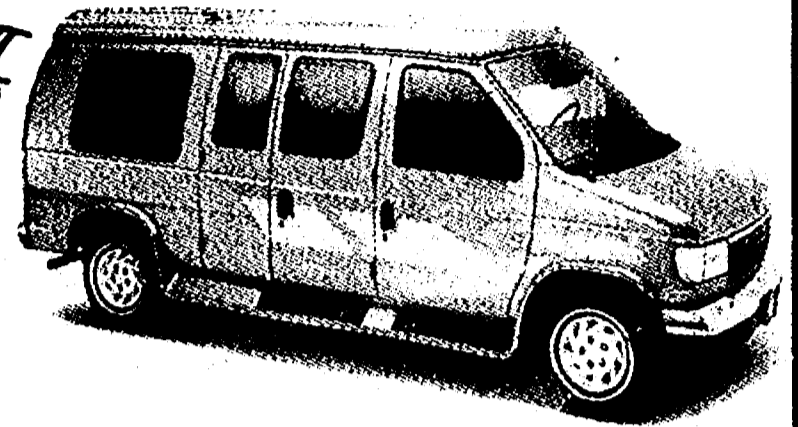


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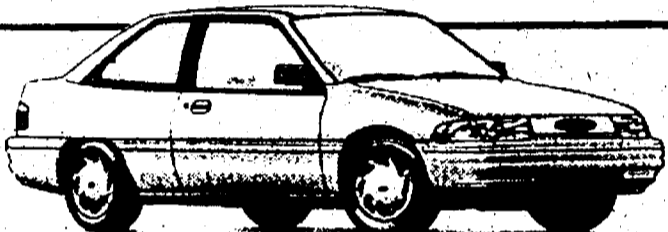


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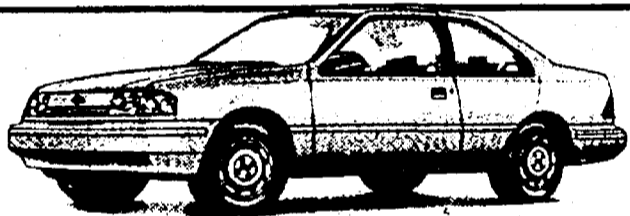
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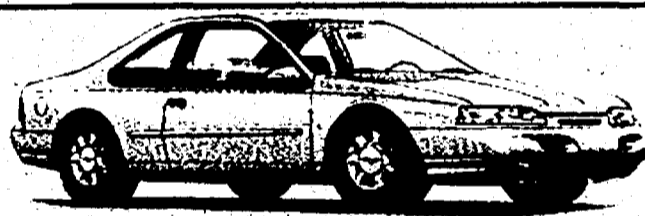
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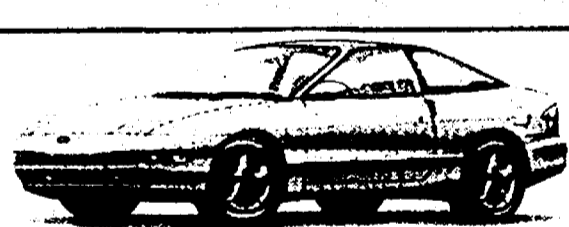
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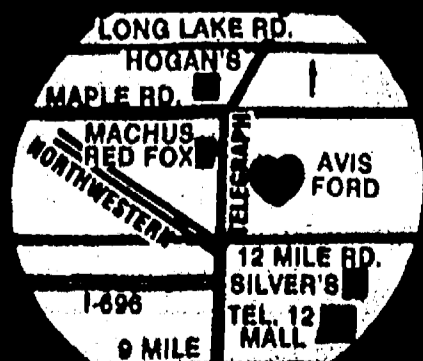
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