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City has plans for U.S. funds

A city advisory commission wants to use part of its \$1.3 million of federal community development funds for improvements in the southeast section and expansion of the seniors' Friendship Center.

BY DARRILL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Efforts to revitalize Westland's southeast neighborhoods, expand the senior citizen Friendship Center and block off pathways used by youth gangs are included in an ambitious new city plan.

The proposals, boosted by \$1.3

million in anticipated federal dollars, are outlined in a lengthy plan for using federal Community Development Block Grant dollars and federal Home Funds.

City officials aren't expecting an increase in federal dollars for the budget year beginning July 1, but they are planning to use the money

on a wide array of programs.

"This is our biggest and most powerful year," Jay Gilbert, Westland community development director, said Tuesday. "We think we have a pretty good budget."

Gilbert's remarks came one day after several citizens commented on the federally funded programs during a public hearing at Westland City Hall.

A proposal that seemed to spark the most interest is a 4,400-square-foot expansion of the 12,000-square-foot Friendship Center on Newburgh Road, north of Marquette. Several

senior citizens spoke in favor of the project, saying they are running out of space for programs and activities.

On Tuesday, Friendship Center director Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek said seniors are living longer and growing in numbers.

"We do not have enough space to meet the needs of our retirees," she said. "It's the fastest growing population in Westland, and we must plan ahead."

Prior to approving the federal programs, the Westland City Council will consider comments from the

See FUND 2A

Food business plans major expansion



Breaking ground: Douglas George, owner of Douglas Foods Inc., presided over the ground breaking for a \$1 million expansion. Employees and their families gathered for the ceremony, just north and east of Ford and Venoy.

On the menu: \$1 million expansion

Douglas Foods Corp., which delivers food to some 15,000 workers at 1,000 office and factory sites, is expanding its business menu.

The 33-year-old company, in the Garden City Industrial Park, east of Venoy and north of Ford, broke ground Saturday afternoon for a \$1 million expansion which will more than double its facility.

Owner Douglas George presided

over the informal ceremony, attended by most of his 80-employee work force and their families.

The company, which serves customers mostly in Wayne and Oakland counties, is familiar to residents because of its yellow trucks with blue lettering seen en route to and from work sites in the area.

George, 51, told the assembled group of employees and relatives at

the ground breaking that he came to the industrial park on Industrial Road, behind Crestwood Dodge, 25 years ago. When the expansion is completed, the facility will have 40,000 square feet of space, more than double its current 15,000 square feet.

The expansion, he said, will enable him to maintain the company's growth of the past few years.

"In 1994, we had \$4 million in sales," he said. "Last year, we had \$5 million, a 25 percent increase."

George established the company in 1963, shortly after he graduated from Detroit's Cooley High School.

He started out with one truck, operating out of his uncle's catering business. He now has 45 routes with 80 employees and independent

See DOUGLAS, 2A

Mayfield, Demmer to be honored

What do a retired city of Westland public services supervisor and a prominent Ford dealer have in common?

Both are to be honored next week for their many years of support and volunteerism for the Wayne-Westland Family YMCA and their communities.

Mack Mayfield, former DPS supervisor, and Jack Demmer, of Demmer Ford in Wayne, will be

honored by the Y at its annual recognition dinner next Thursday, April 25, at the Hawthorne Valley banquet hall, on Merriman north of Warren Road.

The dinner will also be a benefit for the Y's Invest in Youth program, which enables children and parents from low-income families to take part in Y programs and services.

John Zech, Y board chairman, said Mayfield and Demmer are being

honored "a lifetime commitment to volunteerism. Their efforts have made the Westland-Wayne area a better place for families."

The recognition program and dinner will be open to the public.

Demmer and Mayfield "have touched many lives" and some will want to attend the program, he added.

Both honorees "have chosen to work quietly without fanfare on pro-

jects that benefit the communities served by Y, including Garden City and Canton Township, Zech commented.

"Both men stand tall in our community both literally and figuratively. They both share a strong sense of family and community, years of volunteering, ties to Ford and enjoy a game of golf, often for charity."

Mayfield, the city's first municipal

See YMCA, 2A

College Concert

Schoolcraft College's music department will have its five groups perform in a free College Concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 27, in Radcliff Center, on Radcliff, south of Ford and east of Wildwood.

Highlight of the concert will be the premiere of the "Hymn of Apollo," an original composition commissioned by Norman Thomas, who is leaving the college as dean of satellite centers.

Scheduled to perform will be the Community Wind Ensemble, Chamber Singers, SCool Jazz, Community Choir and the MATS MIDI Band.

After the concert, refreshments will be served.

West Point award

Westland Cadet Karen Dechaine, a 1993 John Glenn High School graduate, received the

PLACES & FACES

Superintendent's Individual Award at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. The award is a gold wreath presented to cadets who have excelled in academic, military and physical development. The daughter of Thomas and Nancy Dechaine, she is concentrating her studies on economics and is a member of the academy's parachute team and Officer Christian Fellowship. She plans to graduate next year and be commissioned a second lieutenant.

Proud grandparents

Westland 18th District Judge Gail McKnight and her husband, attorney Richard McKnight,

have their first grandchild, Emily Nancy McKnight, born April 5.

Judge McKnight, visibly proud, just happened to have a picture of 7-pound, 7-ounce Emily at Monday's Westland City Council meeting. Emily's parents are Edward and Mihwa McKnight.

Chamber changes

There will be a new face in the Westland Chamber of Commerce office next Monday. Newly-hired executive director Linda Shapona will succeed Joyce Wheeler, who announced last month that she is stepping down from her full-time duties after 22 years in the position.

Wheeler will stay on a part-time basis into May to help with the transition.

LeMaitre to run for House

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland business owner Dennis LeMaitre, in his first bid for public office, announced Tuesday that he will try to unseat state Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, this year.

LeMaitre, campaigning as a Republican, will have to win the GOP's Aug. 6 primary to challenge DeHart for her 18th District seat in the Nov. 5 general election.

DeHart was elected to her first two-year term in 1994, replacing former state Rep. Justine Barns.

LeMaitre, 38, made his announcement Tuesday at a Westland Chamber of Commerce luncheon, becoming the first Republican candidate to declare his candidacy for the 18th District race.

In doing so, he also announced that he will resign from the chamber's board of directors

after the full board meeting in May.

"This resignation is not an ending; it is a new beginning," LeMaitre told the chamber crowd. "It is my intent to continue working with you and for you because I am, today, declaring myself to be a candidate for the state House of Representatives."

"A rare opportunity exists in Lansing today," LeMaitre said. "An opportunity to bring fundamental changes in the way state government operates. An opportunity to positively change our government's role in our lives and our livelihoods. An opportunity to shape our future."

LeMaitre, owner of U.S. Print and a former chamber president, noted accomplishments such as being named the chamber's Business Person of the Year in 1993. He also was honored in November 1995 as Westland's First Citizen, an award co-sponsored by the chamber and the Westland Observer.

In launching his political campaign, LeMaitre said, "The people of the 18th District deserve a commitment to lowering taxes on working families, keeping drugs and criminals out of our schools and streets, quality public schooling, and making our government smaller and less intrusive."

LeMaitre served on the chamber's board of directors for eight years, on the chamber's executive committee for five years, and as president from 1993 to 1995.

In a press release, he noted his familiarity with the city's civic and community leaders and church groups, and he stressed his dedication to the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program; the homeless shelter; the First Step domestic violence program; Jaycees; Civitans; and other programs.

He and his wife, Cindy, have three children. The LeMaitres have been residents of the 18th District for 16 years.

Funds from page 1a

public hearing, in addition to recommendations from the Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee.

The council is expected to schedule a study session prior to May 17, with approval of programs expected in June.

Following are some highlights of the proposals:

• Expand the Friendship Center to include four new activity rooms.

• Fund home rental rehabilitation efforts in the Carver subdivision, in the city's far southeast end, and in the Norwayne neighborhood bounded by Palmer, Merriman, Glenwood and Wildwood.

• Help to launch new home construction in the Carver subdivision, roughly bounded by Middlebelt, Annapolis, Van Born and Irene Street.

• Provide money to help low-income families buy homes in the Carver and Norwayne areas.

• Provide "essential" transportation services to low-income families in the Carver and Norwayne neighborhoods.

• Provide substance abuse counseling services to individuals and groups, and prescribe treatment programs.

• Allocate funds to First Step, a program that helps families suffering domestic violence.

• Help to fund the Youth Assistance Program, which provides mentors and services for troubled youth.

• Fund efforts to make public buildings more accessible to the physically impaired.

• Replace a water main along Van Born, from west of Harrison Road to Inkster Road. The main is 30 years old and has suffered numerous breaks.

• Removal of some older Norwayne area sidewalks that are used by youth gangs for criminal and "nuisance" activities against homeowners.

• Continue the development of Stottlemeyer Park, located north of Nancy Street in the Annapolis Park subdivision.

• Fund an ordinance officer to combat blight and other hazardous conditions in neighborhoods.

• Provide some money for an Advanced Life Support vehicle to be used to be used by Westland paramedics. ALS is part of the mayor's long-range plan for the fire and police departments.

YMCA from page 1A

African-American supervisor, named in the McKinney administration in the early 1970s, has won other honors for his 30 years of volunteering. He was cited in 1970 by Ford Motor Co. with its Town Crier Bell, the highest volunteer honor awarded by the company.

The Westland Jaycees named him the city's Outstanding Citizen in 1971.

His Lutheran Church of Our Savior cited him for his many years of volunteerism.

He was more recently elected to the Inkster Board of Education.

Zech said that, "Volunteers often come and go, but Mack Mayfield has continued to give. He has helped the Goodfellows since the late 1960s. He has worked for the Westland Civitan Club and has been a long-time leader of the Westland Breakfast Lions Club, working on many projects, including the golf fundraisers."

Mayfield, married to wife Bertha, is also active in his neighborhood, having served as a volunteer and president of the Southeast Westland Homeowners Association, working to bring many recreational and safety improvements to the area.

He is past board member of the Y, the city's civic service commission, and the Inkster branch of the NAACP as well as a life member of VFW Post 3323. Demmer is best known for his

car dealership on Michigan Avenue and Newburgh, but Zech stressed that the businessman also works many hours behind the scenes to help need families. He helped establish the 10 Club of Wayne to assist low-income people.

He served three terms as Wayne Chamber of Commerce president and was named the city of Wayne's Outstanding Business Person in 1985. His dealership, which he owned for 33 years, is also used as a Red Cross blood drive location.

Over the years, Demmer has been a leader in the Junior Achievement organization, helping educate students about the free enterprise system.

Since 1972, he has been a volunteer with Youth Living Center, an area agency which helps abused and neglected children. He is current YLC board chairman.

Besides Mayfield and Demmer, the recognition dinner will also mark the close of the annual Invest in Youth campaign, which raises from \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year. Campaign chairwoman is Carol Oliphant, Y board member.

Tickets for the recognition program are \$25 and available from the Y office, 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Those interested may also phone Y office manager Pauline King, 721-7044, for tickets.

Opinion sought

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Westland City Council member is seeking a state Attorney General's opinion raising legal questions about the way local governmental boards vote on issues.

Councilman Richard LeBlanc is concerned that a minority of board members can decide issues that might not be supported by a board majority.

His concerns arose after he was told by City Attorney Angelo Plakas that four Downtown Development Authority board members could decide issues for the entire 11-member board.

The newly appointed DDA board's purpose is to plan redevelopment efforts along Ford Road and portions of Wayne Road.

Here's the scenario that bothers LeBlanc.

The DDA board can conduct a legal meeting with only six of 11 members, because that would constitute a quorum.

With only six members attending, only four votes would be necessary for a majority decision on DDA issues.

LeBlanc isn't convinced that

state laws governing meetings are intended to allow a board minority to make binding decisions.

In fact, he said Tuesday, "I believe that's not the intent."

LeBlanc said the issue also has broader implications for many local boards and commissions, reaching all the way to the City Council.

"I'm not trying to open a can of worms," LeBlanc said, but added that he will ask for an Attorney General's opinion to clarify the issue.

If, indeed, the law is intended to let board minorities decide issues, then LeBlanc said he would encourage state legislators to draft new laws changing the situation.

LeBlanc said he doesn't believe that an 11-member body such as the DDA board should have to abide by potential decisions reached by only four members.

The issue arose anew Monday night as the Westland City Council voted to approve DDA bylaws. The DDA board could vote as early as today (Thursday) to establish a 15-year redevelopment plan.

Council knocked for weed contract

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland city officials are drawing fresh criticism for rejecting low bids and paying higher costs to retain a longtime city contractor.

One representative for a low-bidding company said Monday that the city could be getting more work performed for less money.

S&D Field Services lost in bidding competition to longtime city contractor Pritula & Sons, a company that was awarded a weed-cutting contract not to exceed \$90,000.

S&D representative Paul Dillon, trying to convince the Westland City Council to choose his company, said the city could've saved \$5,153 on the \$90,000 contract.

"It's not impossible for another company to do a fine job at a lower cost," Dillon said during Monday's council meeting.

His comments were followed by similar statements made by K&B Asphalt Co. president Terry Watts, who noted that his company bid lower than Pritula & Sons for replacement of asphalt sidewalks, driveways and pavement.

City officials have said the potential savings from the lower bids aren't enough to justify dumping a dependable contractor who has worked for the city for nearly two decades.

Carl Clark, public services director, described Pritula & Sons as a company that has performed weed-cutting duties for Westland since 1979. Moreover, he said, the firm hasn't raised its prices in six years.

Pritula also has been known to set aside other projects to come to Westland and, on short notice, get a job done, Clark said.

"I see no reason to change" contractors, he said.

Clark also stressed that Pritula has twice as much equipment as S&D Field Services, another reason that Clark supported retaining Pritula for weed-cutting chores.

Councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin has been an outspoken proponent of keeping Pritula & Sons. He has been consistent in maintaining that the city shouldn't rush to save a few dollars and risk hiring a contractor that might not live up to Pritula's standards.

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Guilty plea entered

A Detroit man has pleaded guilty to a Westland gas station holdup that erupted into gunfire, but his alleged accomplice is continuing to fight criminal charges.

Gorlando Gardner, 30, is scheduled for sentencing Monday after pleading guilty to armed robbery, felony firearms and habitual offender charges.

Gardner and Detroit co-defendant Cornelius Gardner (no known relation) were accused in

an armed robbery last Oct. 18 at the Union 76 station on Warren Road east of Middlebelt.

One shot was fired, but no one was injured, police said.

Gorlando Gardner is scheduled for sentencing Monday in front of Wayne County Circuit Court Judge John Gillis, a court clerk said.

His sentencing is scheduled for the same day charges, the court clerk said.

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Enjoying event: Douglas Foods employee Sheila Horgan adjusts a hard hat for Tommy Kreitzer, 2, at right while her daughter, Rae, 9, looks on. They attended the company's ground breaking event. Horgan is a Douglas employee while Tommy is the son of a co-worker. Above, Douglas Foods Inc. employees jammed the ground breaking ceremony while owner Douglas George presided over the event with the help of his wife, Laura, and sons Matt, Luke, and Jake.



PHOTOS BY CHERYL VATZKE

Douglas from page 1A

contractors.

He moved to the Garden City site in 1971.

George said the expansion, expected to be finished by August or September, will enable his Ezzo's Food Service commissary to be doubled, providing a larger variety of foods to his customers.

It was also necessary to house the mobile cafeterias, or "hot trucks," that are capable of serving the customers at the individual businesses as well as the

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Contractor for the expansion is J. G. Morris Co., headed by Jim Morris.

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Snack time: Children of Douglas Foods employees enjoyed snacks from one of the mobile food catering vans at Saturday's ground breaking ceremony.

OBITUARIES

EDWARD P. PAGELS

Services for Mr. Pagels, 84, of Garden City were April 16 from the Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Deacon Robert Rowland of St. Albert the Great Church officiated.

Mr. Pagels died April 13 in Garden City Hospital. Born Oct. 4, 1911, he was a transmission assembler.

Survivors include: wife, Stella; son, Edward J.; grandsons, William and Alan Pagels; and great-grandson, Joel Pagels.

JOSEPH FRANK HAEFNER

Services for Mr. Haefner, 71, of Garden City were April 15 from St. Dunstan Catholic Church with burial in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights. The Rev. Donald Demmer officiated. Arrangements were by the Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, Garden City.

Mr. Haefner died April 11 in Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn. Born Dec. 28, 1924, he was a Ford Motor Co. designer and a member of the Garden City Amateur Radio Club and civil emergency service.

Survivors include: wife, Marion; daughter, Sandra Dittrich; and sister, Judy Coffin.

Memorials may be donated to St. Dunstan Church.

WILLIAM A. GAAB JR.

Services for Mr. Gaab, 63, of Garden City were April 12 from the Casterline Funeral Home, Northville with burial in Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville. The Rev. Albert Gould of Ward Presbyterian Church officiated.

Mr. Gaab died April 9 in Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Wayne. Born Feb. 10, 1933, he was an expeditor and member of Ward Church.

Survivors include: wife, Nancy; sons, Douglas of South Lyon and James of Westland; daughter, Diana (Bill) of Ypsilanti; three grandchildren; mother, Juanita Gaab of Northville; and siblings, Alrene Norris of Northville, Rollin (Barbara) of Plymouth, Nichole, Jaci and Joshua.

Memorials may be donated to the Heart Foundation or Dia-

betes Association.

RONALD ERNEST (SLIM) KARBGINSKY

Services for Mr. Karbginsky, 62, of Garden City were April 18 from the Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with entombment in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. Pastor David Huber of Our Master of Lutheran Church officiated.

Mr. Karbginsky died April 15 at home. Born Aug. 21, 1933, he was a painter for Ingersoll Rand.

Survivors include: wife, Juanita; son, Nicholas; daughters, Cindy Adkins, Kelly (Mike) Jacques, Anita (David) Hinn, and Wanda Hill; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brothers Gerald and Robert; and several nieces and nephews.

HELEN A. BARTLETT

Services for Mrs. Bartlett, 92, of Westland were April 17 from St. Paul Lutheran Church with burial in Bloomdale Cemetery, Trenton. The Rev. Robert Allman officiated. Arrangements were by Uht Funeral Home, Westland.

Mrs. Bartlett died April 13 in Westland Convalescent Center. Born May 30, 1903, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include: son, Alden; daughter, Audrey Rose (Arden) Klopahinske; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death was her husband, Calvin.

MYRTLE LARUE MEREDITH

Services for Mrs. Meredith, 88, of Westland were April 13 from the Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, Garden City, with burial in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. The Rev. Jerry Yarnell of St. Michael Lutheran Church officiated.

Mrs. Meredith died April 11 in Garden City Hospital. Born April 2, 1908, in Benton, Ky., she was a hotel management employee.

Survivors include: daughter, Wanda (John) Lemon of Garden City; seven grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be donated to the Arthritis Foundation.

NANCY JEANNE DITTMAR

Services for Miss Dittmar, 49, of Wayne were April 15 from Uht Funeral Home, Westland. Interment was in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia. The Rev. Keith Schreiner officiated.

Miss Dittmar died April 11 at home. Born Oct. 14, 1946, she was a Wayne-Westland school district business department secretary.

Survivors include: sister, Carol (Larry) Krantz of Burton, Mich.; nephews, Mark (Julie), Richard and Daniel, and grandniece, Cheryl.

MAUREEN E. RISNER

Services for Mrs. Risner, 77, of Wayne were April 18 from the Uht Funeral Home, Westland, with interment in Glenwood Cemetery. The Rev. John Allen officiated.

Mrs. Risner died April 16 at home. Born Sept. 2, 1918, she was an operating room technician.

Survivors include: daughters, Violet Hipner, Maureen Krupski and Patricia Crider; son, Lyle; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; sisters, Crystal Davis and Fay Gerber, and brother, Lyle Sweet. Preceding her in death was a son, Charles Hipner.

"BUTCH" MAHONEY

Services for Mr. Mahoney, 48, of Wayne were April 15 from the Uht Funeral Home, Westland. Cremation followed. The Rev. Drex Morton officiated.

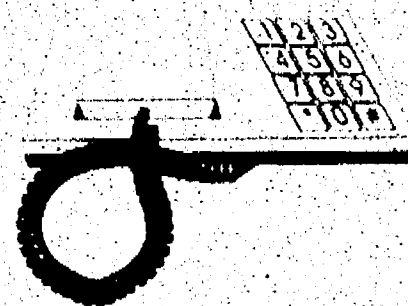
Mr. Mahoney died April 12 in Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Wayne. Born June 15, 1947, he was an assembler and member of the Dunkam-Ray VFW Post 2645 in Southfield.

Survivors include: wife, Kathleen; sons, Steven and Thomas; grandchildren, Eric Ball, Bradley Mahoney and Anna Ball, and sisters, Arlene Gale, Shirley Berry and Frances Reesa.

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Tri-City lets kids get 'Wild'

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Detroit Lions kicker Jason Hanson believes in using his status as a professional athlete in a positive manner. So whenever he has the time, he spreads the message of his faith to kids at youth centers.

"It can be a negative thing or a positive thing," Hanson said of his status. "It just depends on what you do with it. Obviously, for me to be able to talk to the kids it's something I have the time to do and I want to do. I do what God calls me to do."

On Wednesday, April 24, he will visit "Wild Wednesday" at the Canton-based Tri-City Christian Center, 39390 Michigan Ave., Wayne. The cost is \$1, but first-time visitors are free.

Kevin DeVries, youth minister at Tri-City, described "Wild Wednesday" as a mega non-church youth event for area youth leaders and their students in the sixth grade through college and career. It provides them with an opportunity to be reconciled with God, hear a relevant message of the gospel of Jesus Christ, develop relationships, have fun and be provided a resource to build their individual youth ministries.

The mission is "to turn non-believing students and young adults into fully committed fol-



Gallant battle: Steven Pamplin, 14 (left), and Nathan Bird, 9, don head gear to try Wild Wednesday's version of the "American Gladiators."

lowers of Jesus Christ." But "Wild Wednesdays" doesn't push religion on the kids, he explained. The only sign of it is a 10-15 minute message that is told during "half time."

"We want to let them know that the majority focus is not church kids. Eighty to 85 percent of the kids who come to 'Wild Wednesdays' don't go to church," explained DeVries, 28.

The nights, held the last Wednesday of every month, are thematic. Next month's event is "Cross Jam III" with four regional alternative, folk and pop bands, along with the "Rad Rocker," who specializes in hard-to-find Christian music, from 6-10 p.m. Wednesday, May 29. The cost is \$2.

Tri-City Christian Center is holding a "Tailgate Party" on Wednesday, June 26, featuring a barbecue in the church parking lot and national youth speaker Joe Phillips.

This Wednesday's event is titled "School Spirit" and besides Hanson's talk will feature a competition for school pep bands.

pompon and cheerleading squads, prizes for "Best School Spirit Team," a giant pizza party with beverages, "American Gladiator" events, and big screen Super Nintendo, DeVries said.

Hanson, a Clarkston resident, said he expects to speak about identity and self-esteem.

"One of the things that I usually talk about is identity and where we get our identity," he said. "The world kind of says that your value as a person depends on how successful you are. When your value is in your image, it always changes."

"If you base your value on what I do and what I wear, well I could be cool for awhile but it's gonna change. What I tell the kids is with God and through Christ your self-worth as a person always stays the same. It doesn't have anything to do with popularity or a performance on the football field."

Campaign from page 19A

"You've got conflict in your life," said Ruth Koch, statewide spokeswoman for the "Living for Tomorrow" campaign. "People are very scared when they face a conflict. This program offers ideas and ways to manage conflict and help lower your fright level. It's not fight management, it's fright management."

"Living for Tomorrow" made its debut in the Detroit metropolitan area Monday, April 15, with the help of \$75,000 from the Lutheran Hour Ministries. Now through April 28, commercials will air on television and radio and advertisements appear in newspapers promoting the program's toll-free telephone number.

The local volunteers are answering the calls between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. (after-hours calls go into a voice mail system) at the phone banks at Christ Our Savior in Livonia, St. Paul's in Pontiac, St. Paul's in Trenton and Our Shepherd in Birmingham.

Their jobs are to make arrangements to mail or hand-deliver the materials, offer follow-up help, if the caller is interested, and provide information on two "Living for Tomorrow" seminars scheduled for May.

"The Lutherans are putting their money where their faith is," said Koch. "This is a faith-based program. Because we believe that God cares, Lutheran care."

"This is not a membership drive for the Lutheran church. If people read the material and realize that God has resources for them...if it benefits and blesses every church in the Detroit area, we will be delighted."

Among the churches supporting the outreach program are Christ the Good Shepherd in Canton, Hosanna Tabor and Grace Lutheran in Redford and Salem National, Our Savior and St. Matthew in Westland.

"Living for Tomorrow" is designed to reach out in a tangible way to people who are looking for answers in life," added Teresa Fairrow, who coordinates the program nationally for Lutheran Hour Ministries. "Not only are we trying to help people deal with the conflict in their lives, but we want to remind them that there is a God that cares about them and their problems, and there are people in a Lutheran church right in their

community who care about them, too."

Ruth Koch

Lutheran Hour Ministries is a service of the International Lutheran Laymen's League, a volunteer organization of 150,000 members and auxiliary of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and Lutheran Church-Canada.

This is the 21st metropolitan area in the United States to launch the "Living for Tomorrow." Originally started in Venezuela as advertisements that encouraged readers to call in about relevant topics, it was so well-received that it was "Americanized" and imported to the U.S. Koch, a social worker and counselor who has worked in conflict management for almost 30 years, got the job of writing the booklet and scripting the tape.

"In Chicago, more than 6,000 people called in and in some of the other cities there were more than 4,000 callers," she said. "When people realize it is free and there's no strings attached, they realize they're in control. They can choose between having the booklet and tape mailed or hand delivered and the volunteers do just that."

As part of the campaign, two seminars will be offered, free of charge, in May. The first will be 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Royal Oak, and the second will be 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran in Livonia. There is no need to preregister and "we'd be absolutely delighted if we packed the place," said Koch, who will facilitate both programs.

"We believe these materials can change lives; they offer some new choices for people," Fairrow said. "We really believe God wants people to live in peace together and this campaign supports that belief."

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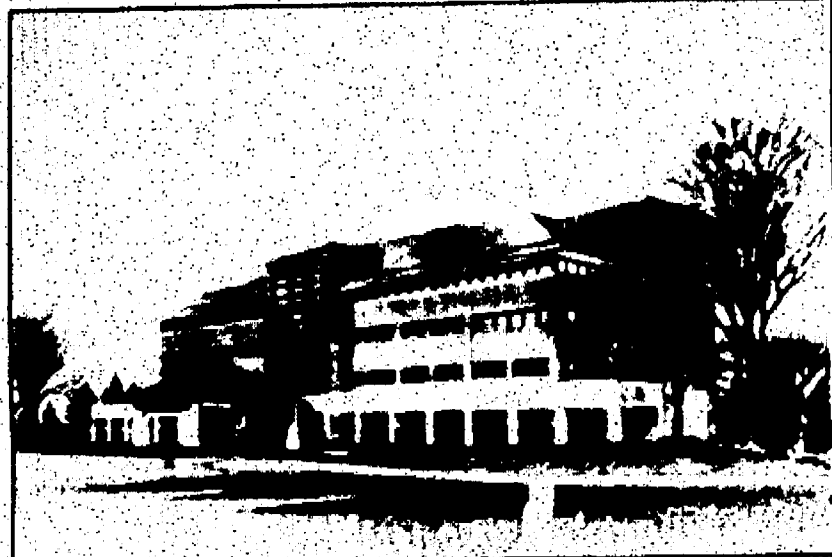
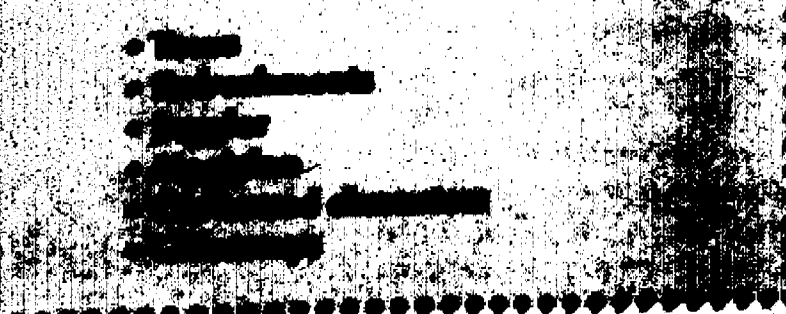
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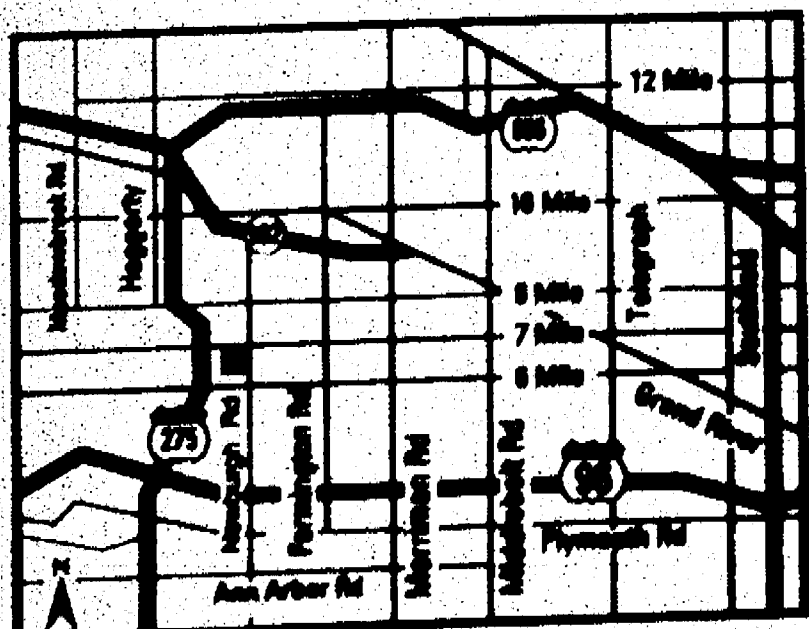
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County parks plan 3 new suburban picnic centers

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACIMAN
STAFF WRITER

Picnicking and playing in the parks are getting a boost in western Wayne County this year.

Work is beginning this spring on three new corporate family picnic centers in county parks. The centers will include picnic shelters and modern playground areas.

A center is being built in Bell Creek Park in Redford Township and two centers are planned for Hines Park, along the middle Rouge Parkway, one near Nankin Mills in Westland and the other on the border of Plymouth and Northville townships, called Waterford Bend.

"I'm really looking forward to this because of the high demand at Warrendale—that's our only shelter presently," said Anastasia Pitses, recreation manager for Wayne County Parks. The Warrendale shelter, in Dearborn Heights, is so popular that when reservations are taken on April 1 for the season, people are waiting outside in sleeping bags for the office to open, she said.

"This is really going to be a good thing for us," she said. Picnic shelters are rented for corporate picnics, family reunions and other events, she said. The shelters will rent for \$75 a day plus a permit fee, which is \$25, and are in demand when picnic planners don't want an event can-

The Hines Park projects are expected to be completed in July and the Bell Creek project is expected to be completed in the fall.

celed in bad weather. The new shelters can be reserved on April 1, 1997, for next year's picnic season.

Funded by a grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources recreation bond program, the Bell Creek project is expected to cost \$260,000 and include renovation of the restrooms at the park, and the combined cost of the two Hines Parks projects is expected to be \$263,000, according to Nancy Darga, design manager.

The Bell Creek project, at Five Mile and Inkster roads, is the biggest one and will include a two-tiered octagonal picnic shelter, which will hold several hundred people, and have an adjacent playground area, Darga said.

It will be a heavy-duty octagonal metal structure and the play structure will also be an octagonal metal structure, Darga said. "There's a lot of artistry that goes into the design," she said.

Also at Bell Creek, the comfort stations will get a total renovation, some of the hilly areas are being graded to eliminate climbs

and the county is working with Redford Soccer to upgrade the soccer fields.

The Nankin Mills project, at Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail, will include a picnic shelter with an "old timber village" look, including laminated beams, and hold more than 250 people. "We wanted it to look very rustic to go with Nankin Mills," Darga said. The play area will also have a rustic look.

The Waterford Bend project, at Six Mile and Northville roads, will have a similar shelter and hold about 150 people, but the play structure will be the opposite—colorful and modern, Darga said.

The play structure for the Waterford Bend project is being made in Denmark and will be teal, blue, bright pink and fuchsia. It's being modified to meet U.S. safety codes, including more rungs, and lower platforms, Darga said.

The equipment is designed for older children and is "like sculpture kids can climb all over," she said. "It's fun just to look at it," she said.

The comfort station is also being renovated, she said.

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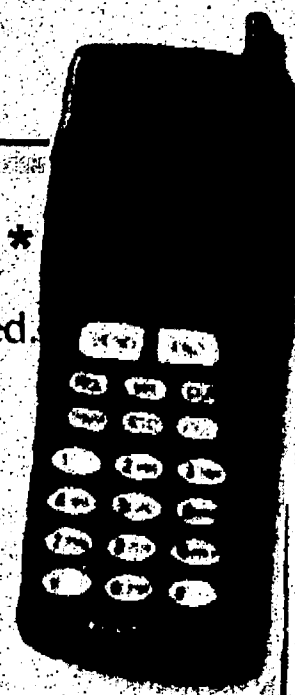
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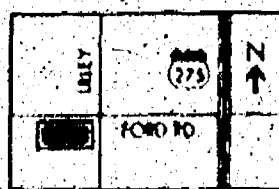
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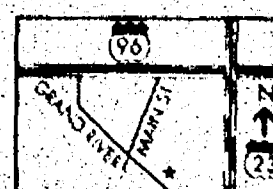
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Delegates set tone, agenda for parties

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

"You don't have to be a Rockefeller or a Kennedy to have a place at the political table. George Bush started out as a precinct delegate. Susy Heintz started out as a precinct delegate."

The speaker is Susy Heintz, state chair of the Michigan Republican Party. Part of her job is encouraging the faithful to run for precinct delegate so they can become workers and decision makers. As a young matron in Northville Township, she was a precinct delegate who rose to rub shoulders with presidents, governors and first ladies while staying in touch with old friends.

Fred Durhal agrees. He's political director of the Michigan Democratic Party and works on recruitment of precinct delegates. These are folks elected to serve at county conventions, who go on to state convention where they nominate state ticket candidates, and "interface with everyone in the precinct: talk to them, distribute literature, recruit them to the Democratic Party, and cover the polls on election day," Durhal said.

Precinct delegates are the grass-roots workers who determine the tone of a political party for years. A particular union or doctrinal group that wants to take control of a party will start by electing its people as precinct delegates. Precinct delegates are the reason the UAW and public employees unions dominate the Democratic Party and why Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition came so close to control of the GOP in 1986 and may gain a majority this year.

Heintz insists that delegates are more important to her party than to Democrats because the GOP lacks heavy input from organized labor.

In the 1950s, rival union groups carried baseball bats at Democratic conventions in Detroit. Many conventions are spirited, but no longer physically threatening.

A major deadline is 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, when candidates for precinct delegate must file nominating petitions. It's easier than ever. The candidate must be a registered voter as of the Aug. 6 primary and a resident of the precinct.

A 1994 law says a candidate must file at least three but not more than 20 petition signatures from registered voters with the county clerk. (The old law required at least 15 signatures.)

The candidate must be age 18 by the Aug. 6 election date, which means persons now age 17 could qualify. Also, while state law generally prohibits a person from holding two offices, a precinct delegate can also run for a governmental office. For exam-

ple, precinct delegate Heintz also served as township trustee, clerk, supervisor, county commissioner and director of the governor's southeastern Michigan office.

Only the Republican and Democratic parties have qualified by past performances to elect their precinct delegates at the general Aug. 6 primary election. In cases of ties, there are no recounts, but the county clerk picks a winner through a flip-of-the-coin process. A person getting at least three write-in votes also could be elected.

Heintz's aide, Lori Tomek, said the GOP set a record in 1994 when 4,000 precinct delegates were elected. Durhal didn't have the Democrats' figures.

Every voter precinct in the state may elect at least one Republican and one Democratic delegate. Larger precincts may elect four or five. Here is their work schedule:

- Late in August delegates attend their party's county conventions (or congressional district conventions, in metropolitan areas) — time, date and places to be announced. They pick delegates to the state convention and listen to candidates seeking state office nominations. (Democrats usually adopt an "open" rule. Any elected precinct delegate or dues-paid party member may be a delegate to the state convention.)

- The weekend of Sept. 6-7, both parties hold state conventions, Republicans in Lansing, Democrats in Detroit. This year they will nominate candidates for the state Supreme Court, State Board of Education, University of Michigan Board of Regents, Michigan State University Board of Trustees and Wayne State University Board of Governors. (In gubernatorial election years, they'll also nominate candidates for lieutenant governor, secretary of state and attorney general.) Those conventions are likely to draw a presidential or vice-presidential keynoter.

- After the election, delegates are expected to attend a second county (or district) convention to pick local party officers.

- Early in 1997 they will pick delegates to a February state convention where the party chair, vice chairs and State Central Committee members are selected.

One thing the 1996 crop of precinct delegates can't do, however, is help nominate the presidential and vice presidential candidates. The 1994 crop of delegates got that honor, based on the turnout at the Democrats' March 16 caucuses and the Republicans' March 19 primary.

To get a place at the table, you have to start early.

Special week marks county's campaign to immunize children

The Wayne County Health Department is putting an emphasis on the importance of toddlers getting their shots during National Infant Immunization Week, April 21-27.

Only 61 percent of Michigan's toddlers receive their basic series of recommended vaccines. The national goal is to increase immunization levels to 90 percent by the end of the year.

The Wayne County Health Department has vaccines available or parents can ask a family doctor about the shots their child needs before age two. Parents who don't have a contact person can call the Wayne County Health Department at (313) 467-8300 for information.

Not only do public health agencies such as the Wayne County Health Department have free vaccines, but many doctors are now involved with a new federally funded program called Vaccines for Children, a program that provides free vaccines to low-income children.

The danger of the diseases prevented by the vaccines is real. "We are now seeing a return of common childhood diseases that were once believed to be eliminated," Dr. Donald Lawrenchuk, Wayne County Health Department medical director, said. "In 1990 alone, we saw an increase in measles, mumps, rubella and pertussis (whooping cough) which exceeds the surgeon general's projections for the entire decade of the '90s."

The recommended vaccines needed by age two include: diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis; measles, mumps and rubella; polio and Hib meningitis.

In addition, the Wayne County Health Department is urging parents to include a hepatitis B shot on the list. Hepatitis B, an infection of the liver that spreads through contact with blood or other infectious body fluids, can be acquired through sharing a razor, toothbrush, drug needle or through sexual contact.

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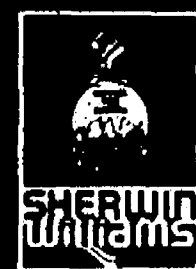
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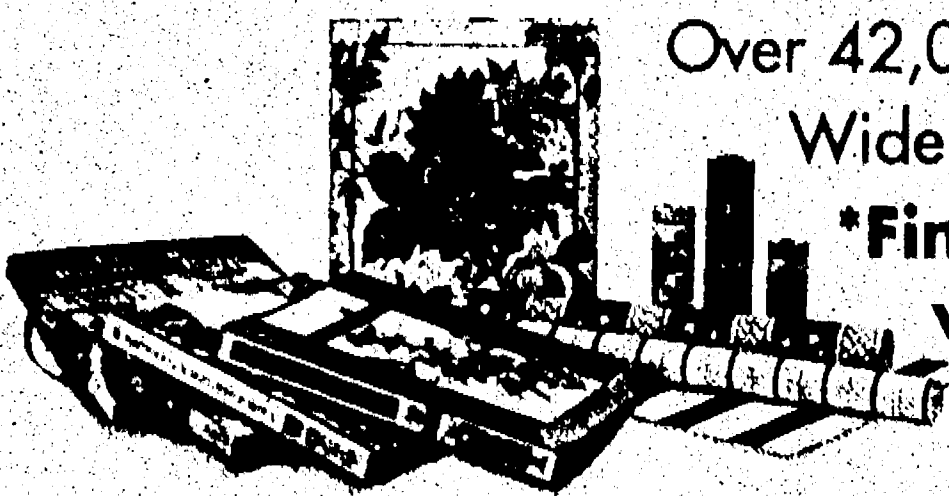
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Quality of life New group to help Westland

The Westland Observer has occasionally urged that the city government, school district and other public organizations work together with private groups to enhance the community's quality of life.

That quality has been met over recent years through sponsorship of summer concerts and high school plays, as well as the planned opening this fall of the city's first independent library.

Now, another effort has been launched to not only sustain that quality of life but to enhance it.

The new effort comes from the newly organized Westland Community Foundation. Its mission statement includes the goal of enhancing the city's "civic, charitable, educational and cultural communities."

Wasting no time, the foundation has already agreed to support financially a planned Norway Family Fun Festival, scheduled for late September to include clowns, magic shows, bike prizes, farm animals, hayrides and family games.

Credit for the new foundation goes to local real estate developer Glenn Shaw, who deservedly was named the foundation's charter president. He said he conceived the foundation last summer when he organized a successful fund-raiser for the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army.

The foundation, Shaw said, will review requests from groups or individuals which meet the new organization's mission state-

ment of coordinating a "comprehensive network of philanthropic services by creating and increasing a permanent endowment fund.

He said the foundation plans three major fund-raisers this year, hoping in time to have a large enough endowment fund so that projects could be financed through the fund's interest in place of holding major fund-raisers.

Besides Shaw, other foundation officers are vice president Tony Marocco; treasurer Michael Gorman; assistant treasurer Lauren Jacobi; secretary Dennis LeMaitre; and board members Thomas Brown, Sam Corrado, Chamber of Commerce president Gwen North, Mayor Robert Thomas, City Councilwoman Sharon Scott, Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Duane Moore, Livonia Public Schools' Kenneth Watson, and Robert Kenyon.

Too many times, public leaders focus on the specific services of their organization and fail to realize that there are other ways of doing things.

The Observer hopes that the new Westland Community Foundation will be successful in reviewing requests for funding and meeting its mission statement of enhancing the city's quality of life.

The community is looking forward to his upcoming events and hoped-for success.

For information, contact Shaw at his business address: 38110 Executive Drive, Westland 48185 or call him at 595-7727.

Libraries celebrate new role

Whether they need help finding a job or managing their finances, health or home, a growing number of residents are seeking out the information at libraries. And they're not just using books, a growing number of residents are logging on to a computer.

This week marks National Library Week, and it celebrates a new role for our local libraries.

Although most visitors still check out a book, a recent U.S. News & World Report/CNN survey found that more than half use a computer to find the information they need.

Libraries have always been the great equalizer, helping people of all ages and backgrounds to lead better lives, regardless of their ability to pay. Over the years, our local library services have expanded to include not just books, but magazines, videotapes, CDs, telephone reference and computers.

And they provide something more, the professional assistance of a librarian. In the age of electronic information, this role is more critical than ever.

Nothing is more important to the future of our democracy than ensuring public access to information. We live in an information society. Our jobs, our education, the health and well-being of our families and businesses depend on it. Today, more and more of the information we need is in computers.

Most residents in western Wayne County have seen the need and continue to support strong library systems.

Libraries in Canton, Livonia, Plymouth and Redford use computerized catalog systems. Patrons step up to a computer and search for the book or periodical desired.

Libraries in Livonia and Canton also offer patrons access to the Internet.

In addition to being a source of information, local libraries continue to be gathering and meeting places.

In Livonia, Canton and Redford, the library was designed to be a community facility. In Livonia, the atrium of the Civic Center Library provides a setting for lunchtime concerts and art displays; the auditorium is an excellent facility for civic groups, and there are meeting rooms for community use.

In Westland, a new facility is expected to open in November. It's the city's first library and will be named after former state Sen. William Faust because of his long-standing support of libraries. The new library on Central City Parkway, north of Ford, will cost an estimated \$6.6 million. We encourage local planners to place a high priority on technology for the new facility.

If local patrons are to enjoy full advantage of the Internet, Westland should also make the connection.

The sparkling glass and brick structure near the Civic Center will be an added jewel to the city's growing inventory of valuable public facilities and institutions.

If we are to continue to enjoy the open access to information that we do today, our communities, state and federal government must invest in libraries as centers for information in all forms - electronic as well as print.

The new provision for discounted telecommunications rate for libraries must be enforced. And the public must be willing to support libraries in an effort to ensure all people have the information they offer to the community.

National Library Week



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Browsing: Richard Saunder enjoys spending his spare time at a suburban library - complete with books, records, CDs and computer systems.

LETTERS

Clean-up volunteers wanted

"Many hands make light work." This old saying is as true today as when it was first coined, but nowadays you rarely hear it being used. It used to be a way of looking at work that would be hard for a few people but hardly any work for many people.

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So are we asking you to build a barn? Nope, no barn, but we are asking you to take a chance. A chance for you, your family, friends and neighbors to do something that will make you feel good.

A chance to have some fun while doing something of worth for the community. A chance to teach your children what belonging to a community should mean. A chance to make a big job small.

On Saturday, April 20, at the Wilson Elementary School located on Wildwood just north of Palmer Road inside Sasasfras Trails, you can get your chance.

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If you can, bring a rake and a friend to help clean up and spread the wood chips.

Some refreshments will be served and facilities will be available.

We understand that you have a busy life but try to fit in some time for yourself and your community.

Come enjoy an hour or two at Sasasfras Trails. Come and prove that our community's many hands can make light work.

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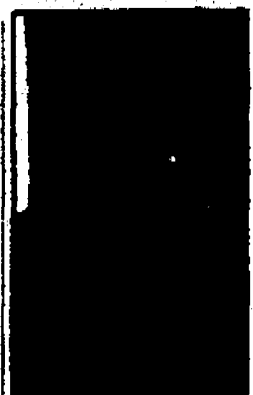
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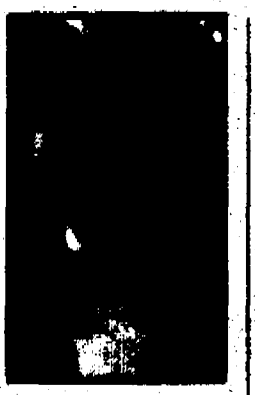
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duty be when publishing a gushing editorial of Mr. O'Hair's "fairness" in not prosecuting someone who breaks the anti-assisted suicide law. A law that Mr. O'Hair tried to rescind in 1994.

Louis Giannuzzi
Westland

Slogans offend Irish

With the 150th anniversary of The

Great Hunger, which resulted in an influx of Irish immigrants to this country, we are also reminded of the discrimination and rejection suffered by these children of Erin, upon their arrival and for many years afterward. It was due to this that organizations such as the Ancient Order of Hibernians became active in defending and protecting the Irish heritage and spirit.

Through these efforts, plus their strong work ethic and good humor, the Irish overcame great obstacles to become beloved and respected citizens contributing greatly to American society. Never ones to hold a grudge for past misdeeds, the fraternal organizations, including the AOH, channeled their energies to charitable works helping the less-fortunate from all walks of life, secure in the knowledge that the bigotry and stereotyping suffered for so long by the Irish was now past.

But it has surfaced again. Of all

places in a store in a mall in Livonia. We have, several times over the last few weeks explained politely and patiently to the proprietor that items emblazoned with "Drink till you're Irish" and "Instant Irishman — just add alcohol" are offensive and inappropriate and we requested that he remove them from display.

We, of course, will not go in the store and would hope that the people of Livonia, out of respect for their own heritage or that of their Irish friends, show disapproval of this insensitivity by not patronizing T-shirts Plus at Wonderland Mall.

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POINTS OF VIEW

Debate over court reform needs dose of fairness

Gag! Yecch! The Detroit branch of the NAACP is charging two court reorganization bills are "racially motivated" because they might abolish Detroit Recorder's Court. The NAACP intends to sue the state to block the bills, charging "judicial apartheid."

For those who never studied civics, Michigan has two criminal trial court systems. In 82 counties, circuit courts try major civil and criminal cases — regardless of whether the case arises in the central city or a remote boondock. No one complains, not even the NAACP.

Only Wayne County is different: Circuit Court from 1986-95 handled civil cases, and Detroit Recorder's Court handled all criminal cases, regardless of where the crime was committed.

Recorder's Court has 29 judges, all Detroiters; in addition, five circuit judges have been assigned by rotation to Recorder's Court. Thus, Detroit

judges, representing about half of Wayne County, handled 85 percent of criminal cases.

When the Supreme Court set up that racially twisted plan, the NAACP never uttered a peep against it.

Last year, the Supreme Court ended the system, allowing criminal cases from the suburbs to be tried in countywide Circuit Court. It's still unfair because circuit judges from Detroit handle nearly half the suburban criminal cases, while the all-Detroit Recorder's bench handles all the Detroit criminal cases.

Instead of operating by court rule that can be changed by four justices, we need a uniform statewide system by law. That's what the Legislature is trying to write.

This is larger than a Wayne County issue because of money. The state pays a greater portion of costs in Wayne Circuit and Detroit courts than it does of the other 82 counties. Outstate Michigan, led by Grand



TIM RICHARD

Rapids, is crying "foul!" — deservedly. So here is what the House of Representatives has passed and sent to the Senate:

- One bill takes a crack at court reorganization — evening out the workloads and pay scales.
- The other funds courts. The bills are tie-barred, meaning both must pass for either to take effect. The upshot is that Recorder's Court would be abolished unless Detroit funds its courts the same way taxpayers in

western Wayne, Oakland, Livingston, Eaton and Clinton counties pay for their courts. Nothing unfair about that.

Naturally, Detroit politicians say they don't have the extra \$20 million, even with their high property tax rates, resident income tax, commuter income tax, utility tax and others; and even though the state has almost completely bailed out Detroit on the Institute of Arts and helps out with the Zoo. Actually, Detroit has lots of money. The problem is that is Detroit politicians want a separate court system but don't want to pay for it.

At this point, let us call on the sane counsel of Thomas Kienbaum, the Oakland County attorney who is president of the State Bar. Although he argues for "maintenance of this (Detroit Recorder's Court) highly specialized criminal court," Kienbaum has the good sense to add that lawmakers "must focus on such impor-

tant issues as the composition of juries that hear Detroit criminal cases and the need to maintain the diversity that now exists among our Detroit area judiciary.

"That diversity would likely be diminished if judges currently serving on the Recorder's Court bench are required to run countywide (as circuit judges)... What is not needed is the injection of racial rhetoric," Kienbaum said, citing remarks from both sides in House debate.

Translation: If we get rid of Detroit Recorder's Court — and most observers think we should — then we need to assure ethnic minorities get to elect a proportion of the judges and have representation on juries. That would be fair.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. Refer to House Bill 5158 when writing to your state senator.

Death should be private concern

Jury selection in Dr. Jack Kevorkian's third assisted-suicide trial is taking place this week. At this point, the sequence of events is beginning to sound like deja vu all over again.

• Dr. Kevorkian and his publicity-seeking lawyer, Geoffrey Fieger, put on quite a show for the media during the first two trials. Dr. K. showed up for the start of the third in 18th century costume, apparently to suggest the unfairness of the proceedings.

• Richard Thompson, the Oakland County prosecutor whose major contribution to upholding law and order appears to be an obsessive interest in prosecuting Dr. Kevorkian, already has lost twice trying to convict under state law. For his third try, he's relying on an even more vague legal doctrine called "common law."

• The first two trials were marked by repeated attempts by the Oakland County prosecutor's office to bludgeon presiding judges by appealing instructions to juries and leaking comments about supposed judicial bias. Last week saw Larry Bunting, chief assistant prosecutor, ask Circuit Judge David Breck point-blank whether his personal views on assisted suicide could interfere with his fair conduct of the trial. "No," responded Judge Breck.

Reflecting on these repetitive shenanigans confirms my original thought that how families deal with the awesome reality of approaching death is a subject too intimate and too subtle for the blunt instruments of intrusive laws enacted by a politically motivated Legislature or dubious prosecutions brought by ambitious prosecutors.

I have now been through two cases — my father and my mother-in-law — where a close relative was terminally ill and wished compassionate assistance in dying with dignity. In both cases, much of my activity involved various officious representatives of the state from getting their grubby hands on the matter.

In my father's case, I had to keep drafting and re-drafting the living will instructions to be posted on his refrigerator door in case some well-intentioned ambulance attendant tried to put in an IV tube. The point was that he wished to die, quietly and with dignity, at home and without any heroic measures being taken. Once an IV was put in, however, sensible people advised me that the legal system would insist it stayed there, regardless of his explicit wishes.

And while Dr. Kevorkian is mugging before the cameras and as lawyers keep preparing briefs and whining about judges, something real and sensible is going on in the ultimate court of public opinion. The idea is gradually taking hold



PHIL POWER

that the wishes of terminally ill people who want to die quietly and with dignity deserve to be respected.

Once that idea has fixed itself in the public mind as sane and proper, all the legislative and prosecutorial huffing and puffing in the world simply will not matter. Juries won't convict. Obsessive prosecutors will look silly. Lawmakers attempting to legislate codes of morality will look, at best, irrelevant.

The process has now gone far enough to be nearly irreversible.

And, indeed, the law may eventually catch up with reality.

In the last days of the 1990 session, Michigan lawmakers approved legislation that permits people to designate advocates legally empowered to make medical decisions for them if they become incapacitated. In the five years since that law was passed, patient advocates have succeeded in gaining the authority to withdraw food and water to allow patients to die.

And on April 2, the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals struck down a New York law that banned assisted suicide on the grounds that if it's legally OK to bring about death by withdrawing food, it cannot be illegal to achieve the same result by prescribing medicines that hasten death.

I expect the U.S. Supreme Court eventually will rule on the matter. But in contemplating all the legalistic mumbo jumbo that has already infected this matter, I tend to hold with Justice Antonin Scalia, who said recently in response to a question about whether the high court should tackle the issue of doctor-assisted suicides: "Why would you leave that to nine lawyers, for heaven's sake?"

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KAREN MEIER

A spring break minus warmth

Ahhh. Spring break. Palm trees swaying. Waves crashing. White sand. Bare feet, seashells, coconut oil. Hotel lobbies decorated with fishing nets and starfish. You hop in a car or on a plane and zoom away from those little piles of snow still standing by the dumpster in the parking lot. You head to a place where it's warm and sunny and the clothing is made of little material and lots of colors.

That's spring break for many. But not for all. Some stay at home. Or close to home. Like me, for instance, I stay home or close to it anyway. I never see a swaying palm tree, a crashing wave, a seashell, a hotel lobby decked out in starfish stuck in fishnets, or even sand during spring break. I did, though, see mud this spring break. And I guess I did see sand, but it was the wet, cold, gritty variety that looks like mud and makes young children very grumpy when it sticks on their hands and gets into their socks and shoes. That sand I saw.

That was last week when we traversed Michigan, a state apt to be wintry even in April. And although it wasn't I-75 South for us, it was 96 West, and Florida wasn't our destination, Cedar Springs was, the excitement was just as high. My five children and I spent a couple of days and one whole night at Grandma and Grandpa's during spring break.

We got an early start from home - 7:45 a.m. Our goal? 7:30.

"Unbelievable, Mom," Tony exclaimed. "We did it! Indeed, we had, even though we were off the mark by 15 minutes. By Meier Standard Time we were right on

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CC moms strut their spring stuff

Shhhhh, it's a surprise. That's the word from organizers of "The Splendors of Spring," the Detroit Catholic Central Mothers' Club's annual spring fashion show which will be held Sunday at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER



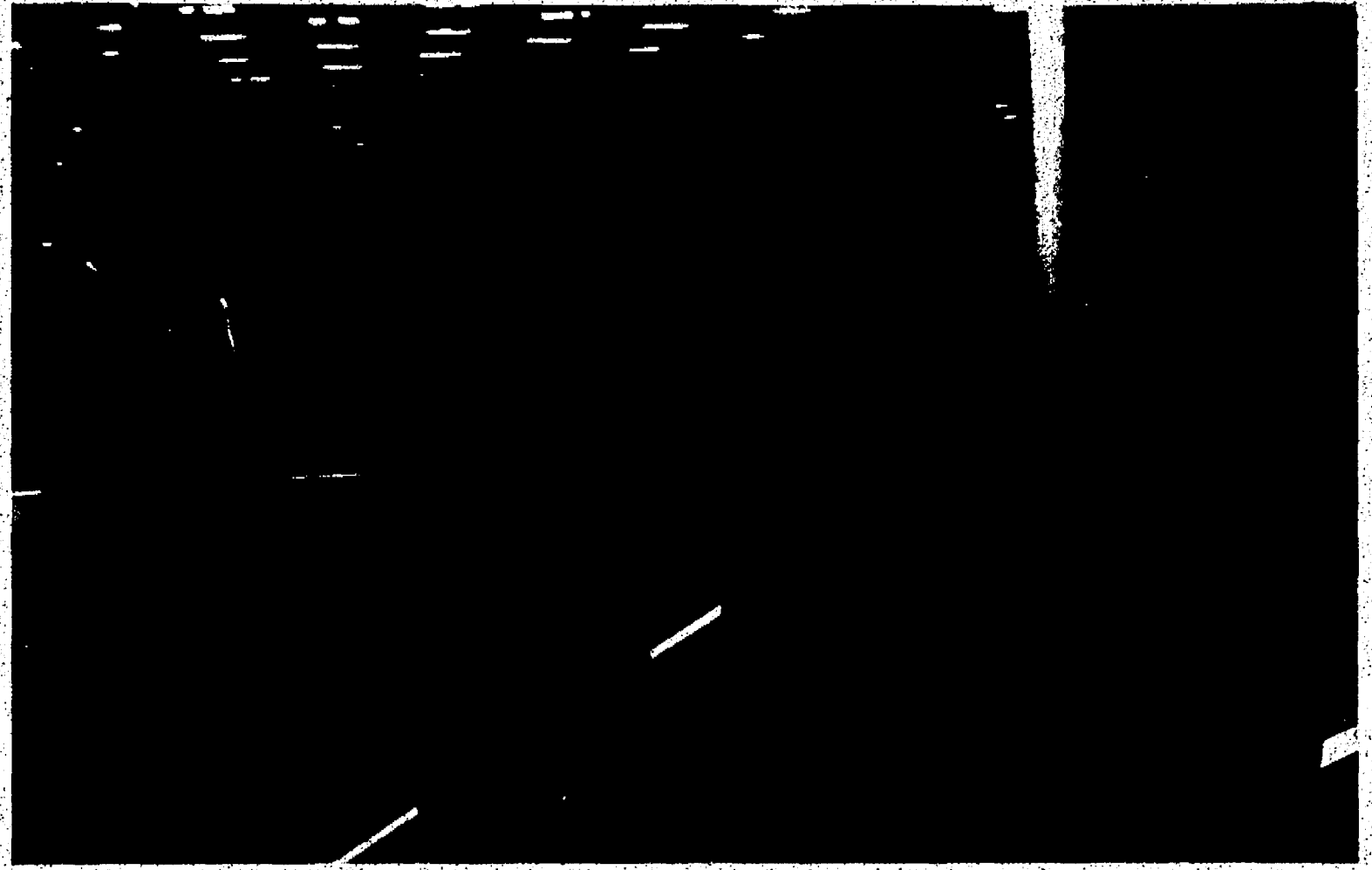
Jane Bassett of Parisian promises plenty of surprises at the Detroit Catholic Central Mothers' Club's "The Splendors of Spring" fashion show Sunday, April 21.

"There's always an element of surprise that has never been done in any other fashion shows," Bassett said. "At each show, the segments are different; certainly all the music will be different."

The springtime event, which event co-chairwoman Carol Lawrance of Livonia hopes will bring in a crowd of 500, is the school's biggest fundraiser. It will be held at Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center in Livonia, beginning with a social hour at 12:30 p.m., followed by lunch and the 45-minute fashion show. Pianist Ken Hall will provide the entertainment. Tickets are \$38.

A mainstay of the spring social calendar for as long as this year's organizers can remember, the fashion show has raised \$7,000-8,000 for the school's general fund, helping to buy such things as computers, library books and carpeting.

"We also have raffle tickets that we sell," Lawrance said. "They're for sale during the social hour and we have over 75 prizes." The tickets are \$1 each or 12 tickets for \$10.



TOM HAWLEY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Best dressed: Catholic Central Mothers Club member Kathie Markiewicz of Farmington Hills (from left) joins with Parisian's Jane Bassett, fellow model Cher Petersen of Plymouth and fashion show co-chair Nancy Lawrance during a final fitting earlier this week for "Splendors of Spring."

The Coffee Beanery at Laurel Park Place, local restaurants like Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall in Northville and Cantina Del Rio in Livonia, hotels, jewelers, and other local businesses are among the donors.

Parisian also is giving each guest a "goodie bag" to take home, Lawrance added.

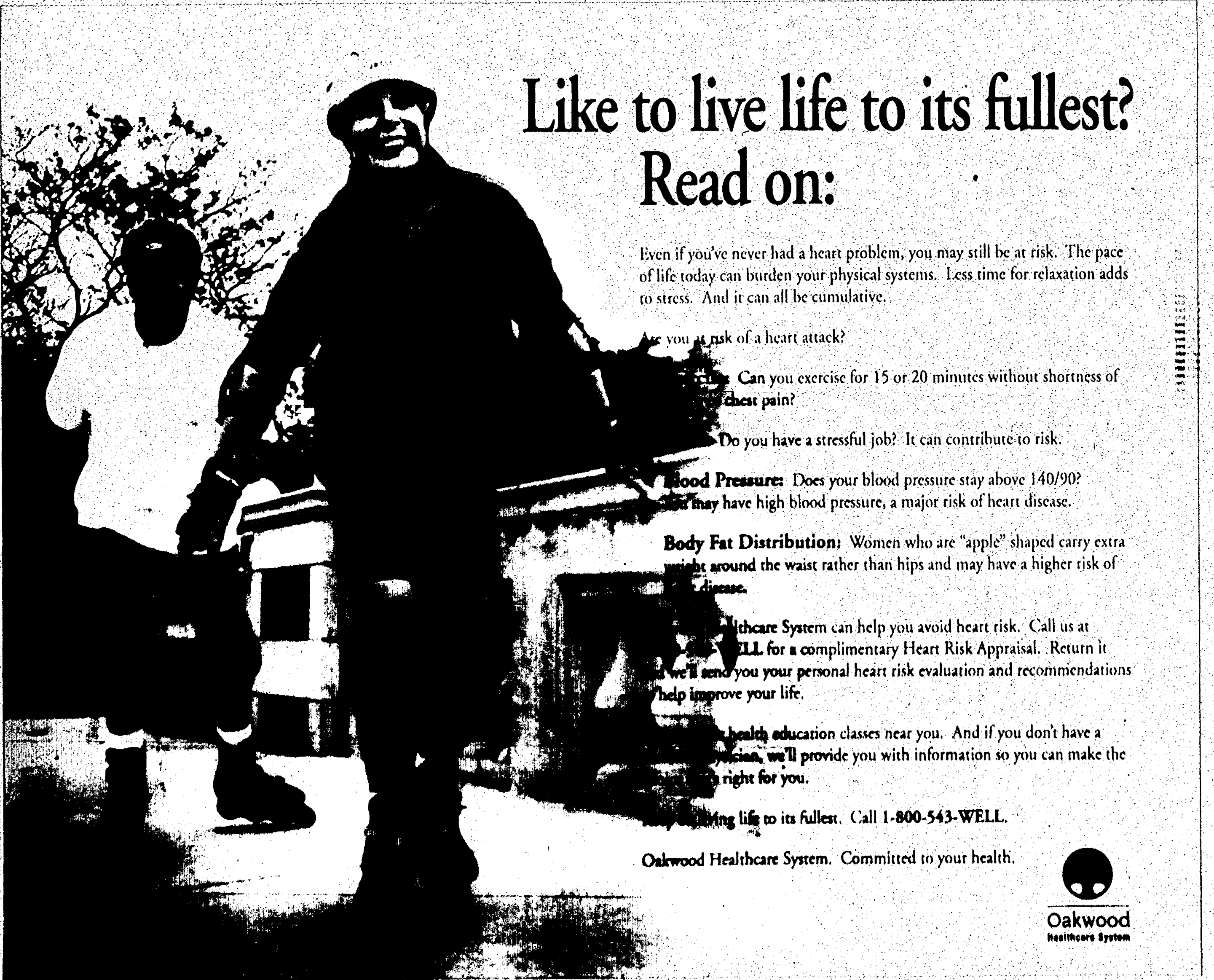
The fashion show will be broken

down into five segments: "Black and White," "The Great Outdoors," "The Must Haves," featuring nine key items that can update a wardrobe, "Isn't It Romantic?" and "Special Occasion."

While professionals will model during most of the segments, 20 graduating seniors dressed in tuxedos from Steve Petix will accompany their mothers during "Special Occa-

sion." "It's been a tradition for all of the fashion shows; if you've been on the board for two or more years and your son is a senior, you are given the opportunity to model," said Lawrance, who gets a chance to model with her son next year when he's a senior. "It's kind of like a little

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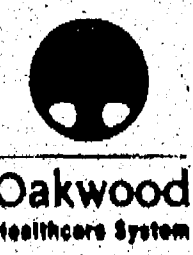
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the money. Early even! We felt so good about that and the fact the sky was blue and everyone had socks on, that matched, we burst into song. We whizzed down the road, a van full of spring breakers, in full song with the April morning sun shining down.

We sang songs, some regular, some made up, and some a combination which caused fights so we backed off on those. And the time passed quickly. Until the sun gave out. That was about mid-state. And there, we went through a snowstorm. We couldn't believe it. Snow blowing all over the place and piling up in the fields and beside the road-

ways. We saw a terrible accident on the road going in the other direction. A car all smashed in and turned wrong and emergency vehicles were gathered around. And traffic was backed up forever. And on our side, traffic was backed up because a salt truck was spraying salt on everyone's windshield.

We drove out of the storm eventually and the sun and the songs returned. The tension, though, took its toll and several of my spring breakers requested a stop at the rest area. This took some time, what with six of us and one of us stubborn as the day is long and just about to celebrate a second birthday. (Jack?)

What a warm greeting we got. But then, we always do. Even though their house is rather small, their hearts are big.

I must say, though, that was the only stop and so we made good time. We arrived at Grandma and Grandpa's about 10:30. What a warm greeting we got. But then, we always do. Even though their house is rather small, their hearts are big.

This was baby Steven's first long trip and first visit to Grandma and Grandpa's, so he was given loads of kisses right away. Then Grandpa, seeing the effects the cross-state road trip had on the other four children who'd

been in the rather tightly-packed van for some hours, took them all on a walk to the park just up the street. There was lots of freedom and running and some shouting. And the park was where the gritty sand of our spring break was found, under swaying pine, not palm, trees.

Meanwhile, back at the house, I fed Steven, Grandma prepared lunch, and we caught up on the latest. When Grandpa and the rest came back, hot soup and sandwiches were on the table,

waiting for the cold, wind-blown adventurers.

Later, I piled the children in the van, except for napping Jack, and went into town. We bought a coloring book and a big box of crayons for \$1.50 at the Dollar Store. We crossed Main Street to the place that sells huge bagels, oven chocolate chip bagels, and bought some. We went around the corner to the newspaper office and said hello to the folks we know in there and hello to the cat who has the run of the place and was sitting on top of page layouts in the back room. And we stopped in the tiny corner market to buy a loaf of bread marked 79 cents. The proprietor

handed me a quarter after I'd handed him a dollar bill.

The town is a lot like Mom and Dad's house, small, but with a big heart.

And our spring break, in contrast to the Florida type, was small, too. But, I must say, there was plenty of heart in it.

If you have a question or comment for Karen Meler, a Plymouth resident, call her at 953-2047, mailbox number 1883, on a Touch-Tone phone, or write her at The Observer Newspapers, 38251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

ANNIVERSARIES

Farris

Adrian and Faye Farris of Garden City are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with a party at the Plymouth Landing in Plymouth.

The couple exchanged vows on April 8, 1946, in Florida. She is the former Faye Roman.

Forty-five-year residents of Garden City, they have three children - Adrian C. Farris of Ida Township, Donna Ontko of Garden City and Susan Lane of Maybee. They also have seven grandchildren.

Retired, he is a member of the Masons and she is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. They enjoy traveling and motor-cycling.



Marshall

Hector and Agnes Marshall will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner.

Forty-eight-year residents of Westland, the couple exchanged vows on April 16, 1946, in Edinburgh, Scotland. She is the former Agnes Smith.

The Marshalls have three children - Derek of Livonia, Elaine Boogaard of Midland and James of Carol Stream, Ill. They also have seven grandchildren.

They have been retired for 14 years.



'Susie's Dance' benefits center

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Our Lady of Providence Center helps prepare mentally impaired individuals for daily living in the community. With the money the organization hopes to raise from a Saturday, April 20, fund raiser, they hope to improve their residents' lives even more.

"We hope to raise \$70,000-\$75,000," said Sister Theresa, an administrator at the center. This year it's going to go toward any needs that we have for the mentally impaired at the center, but it's also going to help renovate one of the older buildings, the Cardinal Mooney Hall. It's the living quarters for the youngsters and we hope to make it more home-like and downsize

it."

"Susie's Dance" is a dinner-dance and auction that begins at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The cost is \$50 per person which includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner, open bar, silent auction and dancing to the music of John Lankford.

Among the items up for bids are 12 suite tickets for Bob Seger's May 7 show at The Palace of Auburn Hills, two American Airlines tickets, a basketball signed by Detroit Piston Grant Hill, a collection of beer from around the world, a white water rafting trip for two in Tennessee, and a Red Wings jersey signed by Paul Coffey.

Tickets for the event can be

purchased at the center, 16115 Beck Road, Northville. For more information, call (313) 463-1800.

This is the 38th year for "Susie's Dance," according to Sister Theresa.

"One of our parents 38 years ago began it as a fund raiser," Sister Theresa said. "Their little girl's name is Susie, and she's a grown adult now. She is mentally impaired. Since then parents have taken it over and every year it's the one fund raiser that the parents really help out with."

Our Lady of Providence center provides living quarters for girls and women who are taught some vocational skills and "everything they need for daily living in the community." Boys and men participate in the day program.

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perk, if you're interested in doing that. Each parent provides a little critique of their son. Some of them even know where they're going to college.

Every mother who has a son at Detroit Catholic Central High School automatically becomes a member of the school's Mothers' Club, which plans other school events. However, this is the group's only fund-raiser.

And even the school's principal, the Rev. Harold B. Gardner, will be on the runway, modeling sportswear.

Lawrance said the event should be exciting.

"I'm curious to see what Janet Bassett will do. I think she's a very creative woman. I think this is going to be a classy affair. Parisian gets the very best models.

"I really think the show itself is going to be breathtaking," Lawrance said.

The club has already sold 550 tickets for the benefit and they still are available if ordered before Saturday, April 20, by calling (313) 464-6588 and leaving your name, telephone number and number of tickets needed.



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Brogowski-Condron

Theresa M. Brogowski of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Stephanie Elise, to Martin William Condron, the son of William and Pamela Condron of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a 1981 graduate of Livonia Bentley High School and a 1987 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by Source One Mortgage Services Corp.

Her fiancé is a 1986 graduate of Bishop Borgese High School and served as an engineer in the U.S. Navy during Operation Desert Storm. He currently is attending Henry Ford Community College and is employed at Edward C. Levy Co.

An April wedding is planned at St. Maurice Catholic Church in Livonia.



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Lesz-Nichols

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald F. Lesz of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Cathleen Michele, to Casey Lawrence Nichols, the son of Lawrence Nichols of Canton.

The bride-to-be is an Eastern Michigan University graduate with an elementary teaching certificate. She is currently employed with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools as a teacher at Lowell Middle School.

Her fiancé, a 1994 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, will graduate with a master of arts degree in industrial/organizational psychology from the University of Akron in June.



A July wedding is planned for St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia.

Gallinat-Hempelmann

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gallinat of New Port Richey, Fla., formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Bess, to Eric R. Hempelmann, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Heinz Hempelmann of Farmington Hills.

The bride is a 1988 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1992 graduate of Madonna University. She is employed as a sales compensation coordinator with American Systems Inc. in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He is employed as a LAN administrator with Masco Tech Stamping Technologies Inc.



A June wedding is planned for The Italian American Club of Livonia.

Conrad-Della

Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Conrad of Byron, Mich., and Diane Conrad of Monroe announce the engagement of their daughter, Marianne Munro, to Wilfred Della, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfredo Della of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Central Michigan University with a bachelor of social work degree. She is employed as an independent insurance agent with Finlan Insurance Agency.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Northwood University with a bachelor of arts degree. He is employed as an associate systems engineer by O/E System.

A May wedding is planned for the Cathedral of St. Paul in Detroit.



Wolfe-Beatty

Dr. and Mrs. Charles K. Wolfe of Murfreesboro, Tenn., announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Dean, to Mark Allan Beatty, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Beatty of Westland.

The bride is a graduate of Oakland High School in Murfreesboro and is a junior at Middle Tennessee State University.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Westland John Glenn High School. He attended Schoolcraft College and is attending Middle Tennessee State University. He is employed as a technician by Nissan Corp.

A July wedding is planned for



the Third Baptist Church of Murfreesboro.

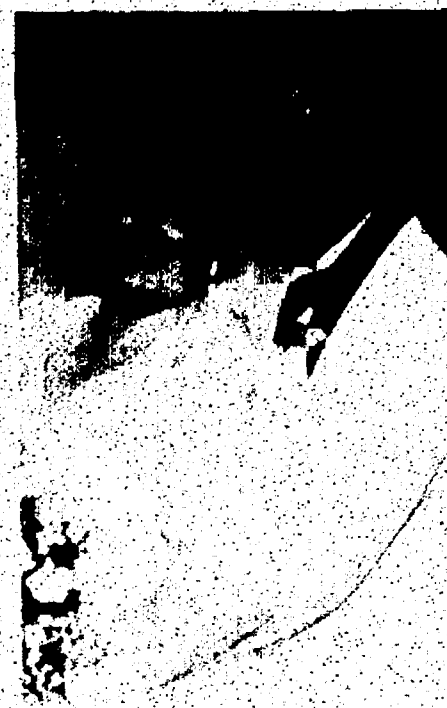
Driscoll-Hoy

Jennifer Claire Driscoll and Lane William Hoy were married Dec. 30 at Our Master Lutheran Church in Inkster.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Driscoll of Lathrup Village. She is an attorney with the UAW-Ford Legal Services Plan.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hoy of Garden City. He is a chemist with the Environmental Quality Corp.

The newlyweds received guests at the church before leaving for a honeymoon at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. They are making their home in Belleville.



NEWVOICES

SHELBY and KAREN FOX of Livonia announce the birth of **ERIC JOHN** Nov. 1 at Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce. He has a sister, Lindsey Ann, 3. Grandparents are John and Marilyn Kaczor of Livonia and the late Sam and Ann Fox. Great-grandparents are Zetta Sterling of Livonia and Wanda Kaczor of Redford.

CHRISTOPHER CROWE of

Canton and **HOLLY MYROLD** of Romulus announce the birth of **KEITH ANDREW** Feb. 18 in the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital, Garden City. Grandparents are Andy and Pat Myrold of Romulus and Keith and Leslie Crowe of Canton.

STEPHAN and THERESA WORTHY of Westland announce the birth of **STEPHANIE LYNN** Feb. 29 at

the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Mark and Myrtle Helton and Sarna and Jean Worthy.

PAUL and DENISE KELSEY announce the birth of **NICHOLAS PAUL** Feb. 16 in Lansing. Grandparents are Harry and Bobbie Piotrowski of Livonia and Leo and Gladys Kelsey of Alpena.

ROGER and JENNIFER

AYRES of Taylor announce the birth of **SAMANTHA RENEE** Feb. 26 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Roger and Pamela Ayres of Romulus, Florence Baker of Westland and Bob and Janet Tibbals of Wixom.

PETER GILLIES and KIM CUBR of Westland announce the birth of **TIA ISABELLA** Feb. 28 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She has

two sisters, Tabitha and Jessica. Grandparents are Donald and Louise Gillies of Satellite Beach, Fla., and Linda Holt of Canton.

JON and RHONDA SCHABER of Belleville announce the birth of **COURTNEY RAYE** Feb. 18 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Ron and Kathy Graham and Tom and Linda Schaber, all of Westland.



Powelson-Hayes

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Powelson Sr. of Brooklyn, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. William Bolitho of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Marcy Jane, to Bradley William Hayes, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hayes of Dayton, Ill.

The bride-to-be is a 1982 graduate of Garden City West High School and a 1986 graduate of the Dorsey Business School. She is currently employed by Impact Industries in Sandwich, Ill.

Her fiancé is a 1985 graduate of Ottawa High School. He is employed by Impact Industries in Ottawa, Ill.



Mierzwa-Kaledas

Walter and Teresa Mierzwa of Center Line announce the engagement of their daughter, Valerie, to Ronald Kaledas, the son of Rachel Kaledas of Westland and the late Robert Kaledas.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of St. Clement High School. She will graduate from Lawrence Technological University in May with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Bishop Borgese High School and a 1986 graduate of Lawrence Technological University with a bachelor's degree in mathematics/computer science.

An August wedding is planned at St. Dunstan Catholic Church in Garden City.

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RELIGIOUS NEWS

Items for the Religion Calendar should be submitted in writing by no later than noon Friday the week before publication.

RUMMAGE SALES

The women of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will have coffee and doughnuts available at their annual rummage sale 9 a.m. to 4

p.m. Thursday, April 18, at the church, 26701 Joy, between Inkster and Beech Daly. For more information, call the church at (313) 274-3820

between 9 a.m. and noon weekdays.

•Aldersgate United Methodist Women will have their annual spring rummage sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at the church, 10000 Beech Daly, between Plymouth and West Chicago, Redford. White elephant, toys and books will be sold in Wesley Hall, while clothing of all sizes will be in the Fellowship Hall a women's specialty garments in the boutique. Proceeds will be used for church and district missionary projects.

•The Service Club of Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook, Novi, is holding a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 19, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 20. For more information, call (810) 348-7757.

•Redford Baptist Church will have a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at the church, 25295 Grand River at Seven Mile Road. The sale will be a fund raiser for the Redford Baptist Youth.

•The First United Methodist Church of Wayne will have its spring rummage sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 26, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 27, at the church, 3 Town Square, Wayne. There will be a bake shop, bake sale and refreshments, and a \$2.50 a bag sale on Saturday. For more information, call (313) 721-4801.

•The Methodist Church of Plymouth will have a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and \$2 a bag 3-6 p.m. Thursday, May 2, at the church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth.

AGLOW CONVENTION

Aglow International, a 28-year-old not-for-profit organization, is having its Michigan State Convention Thursday through Saturday, April 18-20, at the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids. Guest speakers are the Rev. Pat Chen, coordinator for the African-American reconciliation with "Heal the Land" for the year 2000, and Mark Glazier, founder and president of Intercessors of Alaska Inc., "a group of intercessors dedicated to praying for the State of Alaska and America for the purpose of the evangelization of our great land." For more information, call (313) 397-1111.

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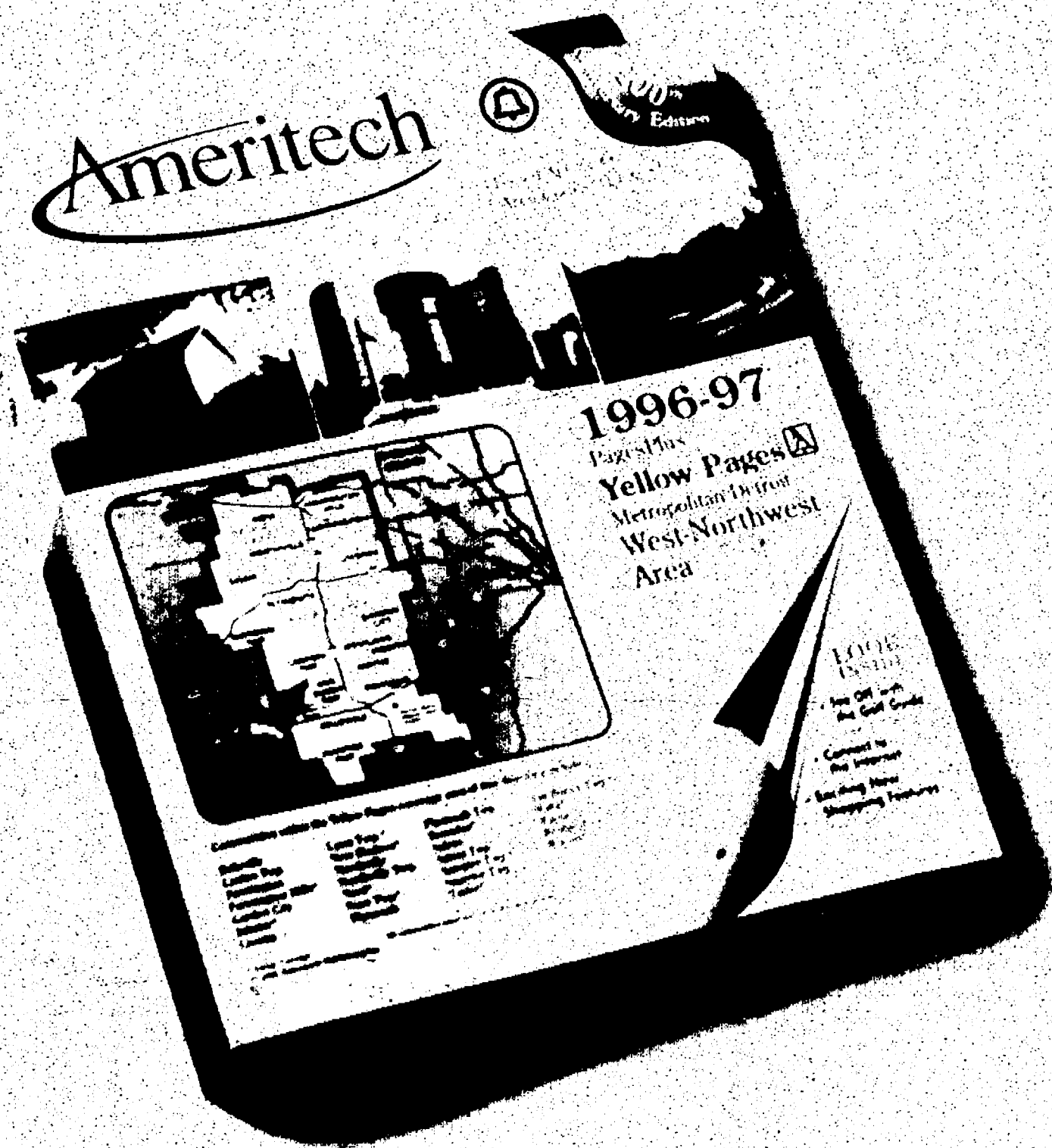
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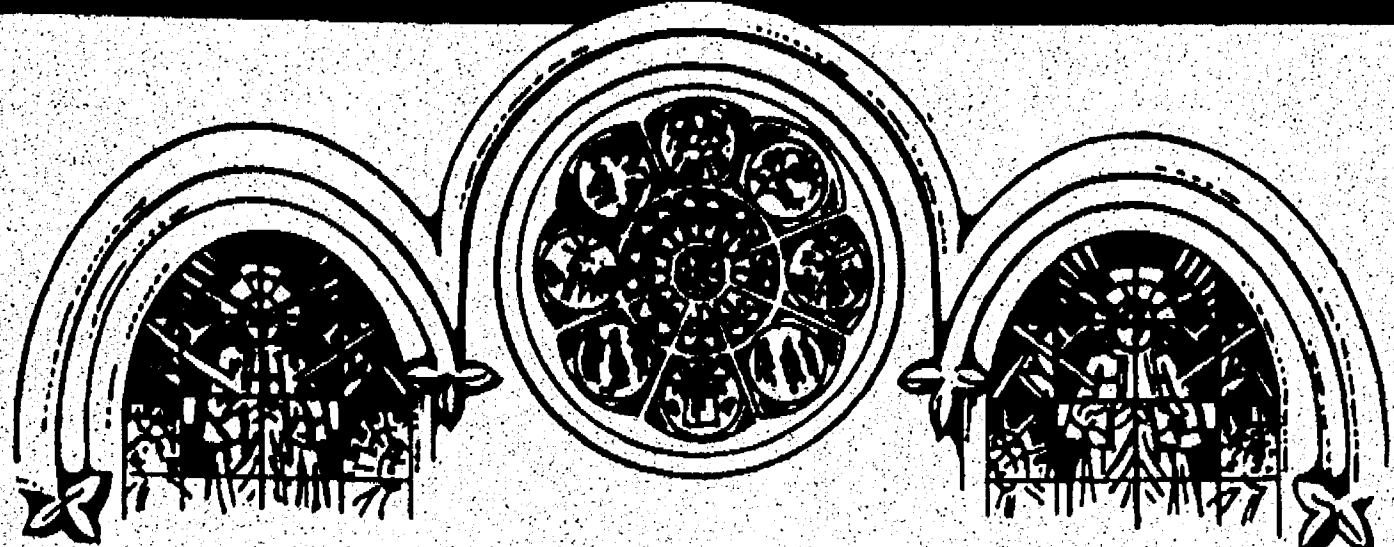
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RUSSIAN DINNER

The Mission Committee at Newburg United Methodist Church of Livonia is hosting a Russian dinner with entertainment and food at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20. Tickets are \$10.50 for adults, \$5 for students, and free for children age 3 and younger. Proceeds will go to support a volunteer in Mission (VIM) Project to Russia in June. The church is located at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 422-0149.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

The video, "The Man Who Had to Sing," and an interpretive reading of "General William Booth Enters into Heaven" will be part of the alternative, non-traditional worship service at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 21, at New Life Lutheran Church, which worships temporarily at the Masonic Temple, 730 Penniman, Plymouth.

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BYOS (Bring Your Own Sneakers) will meet at the Livonia Family YMCA on Stark Road north of Schoolcraft 8 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$2 for children. Volleyball is played at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Knox Hall. For more information, call (313) 422-1854.

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"If you've got a belly button, See CAMPAIGN, 20A



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Writer is socially oriented, involved with people

Dear Ms. Green,
I have enjoyed your column for a long time and believe that everything a person does is a reflection of their personality and character, including their handwriting.

I am right-handed, 53 years old and have a very bad case of arthritis in my hands that does not enable me to write as neatly as I used to.

This year I will begin college for the first time and pursue a career that I hope will prove to be very rewarding and enable me to become financially independent even though I am disabled.

Thank you for sharing your most interesting and enjoyable work with us. I also print often and am including a sample.

S.W., Canton

Very large writers are usually people who are socially oriented. Today's writer is not an exception. Currently, she is quite busy and actively involved with other people.

I am happy to see that she is planning on college. She is a bright woman. Her thought pattern is sequential and logical. She takes time to weigh things carefully. What she learns, she retains. I think a little intuition is also present to provide awareness.

Our writer is interested in developing her mind as well as self-improvement. The many long T bars in her handwriting register the enthusiasm she has for her work. This amount of enthusiasm can carry over to those around her as it is a contagious trait.

This is an ambitious woman who intends to accomplish her goals. Her desire to be outstanding and a need for recognition can spur her on to great heights.

She is self-disciplined and likes to be in control. Often, she is self-protective, evasive and does not reveal too much of a personal nature.

Although she is an emotional person, she does tend to keep her feelings repressed much of the time. So there may be some lack of spontaneity about her.

Seemingly, she has a strong need to be right. She also is concerned about appearances and formality. She can be original and innovative often.

This woman tackles problems from start to finish. She is thor-

ough and deliberate and dislikes being rushed. However, in repetitive tasks she can be efficient and speedy.

This is a well-integrated person. Interests cover a broad field, including some of life's finer things.

Seemingly, there is much our writer wants. Money and what it can provide appears to be quite important to her.

Usually, her outlook leans

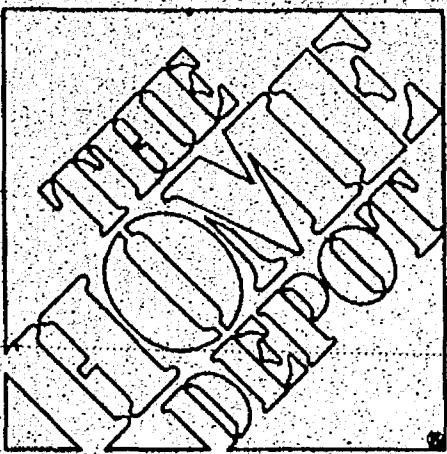
toward the serious side. And yet, she does appreciate humor. This is a good combination. Humor can be refreshing, bringing sunshine into one's home.

I think the writer was a little tired or down when she wrote her letter. However, her determination and persistence are assets which can help her stay the course.

If you would like your hand-

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The conference will address the question of how parents, communities and professionals can work together as partners. It will explore strength-based approaches to assuring children the protection and nurturing they need and deserve.

The conference will kick off with a continental breakfast and registration at 8 a.m., followed by an address on "Strength-based Approaches to Working with Families" presented by Susan Whitelaw, associate professor in the School of Social Work at Wayne State University.

A panel presentation on "Real Life Experiences" by parents from Michigan State University Extension (Building Strong Families) and Development Centers (Parent-Infant Program) will be at 11:30 a.m.

The conference fee is \$35 at the door. Checks, payable to CAPCo, should be sent to the Child Abuse and Prevention Council of Out-Wayne County, 30000 Hivelay, Inkster 48141. For more information, call the agency at (313) 721-5901.

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Cyberspace becomes addiction in the '90s

Our contemporary society seems to be constantly spawning new addictions. It seems that as technology grows, so do our opportunities to indulge our addictive personalities. In addition to the longstanding addictions to alcohol and drugs, it is being recognized that other areas can be addictive, such as food, sex, gambling, shopping, exercise and even religion.

But, according to James Fearing, people now are coming forward for the counseling of computer addictions. He says that the most common complaints so far are "sexual compulsive behaviors, cyber sex, gambling on the international computer highway, inappropriate amounts of time spent on the computer, avoidance of problems, financial problems generated from 'air time' billed on the computer, money spent for computer hardware and products purchased on the computer shopping network (which may trigger shopping compulsivity)."

More things are involved in computer addiction than simply spending a lot of time on the computer. Many people invest lots of time on the computer due to their work, hobbies or other pursuits on a temporary basis as needed.

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(7) Feeling depressed or anxious when you must shorten your time on the computer or are unable to use it.

(8) Preoccupation with the computer when you are not actually using it.

(9) Using the computer as an attempt to hide from feeling inside yourself or to avoid facing what is happening in your life.

(10) Being in a financial crunch due to spending on computer hard- or software, on-line charges, or other costs associated with computers.

It has long been recognized that addictive behaviors not only affect the individual involved, but his or her family, friends, work place and social relationships. If you suspect that you or someone you know has a computer addiction, help is available from caring professionals who offer the support and guidance individuals need to overcome their addictions.

Suzanne Hamilton is a counselor on staff at New Directions Center for Christian Counseling, at 37825 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia. While its foundation is Christian, religion is not a prerequisite for the variety of services it offers. For more information, call the center at (313) 464-8882.

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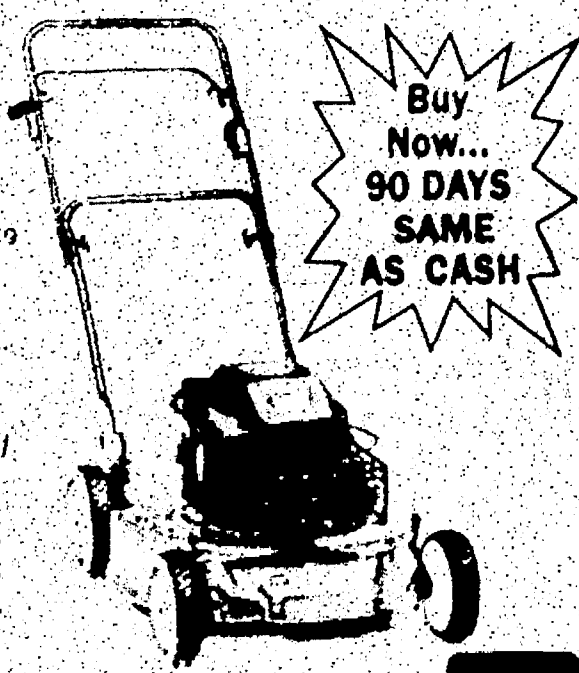
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The family and friends of Agnes McKee Peters Cook gathered in Tampa, Fla., Thursday, April 4, to help her celebrate a milestone - her 100th birthday.

Cook, a former Dearborn resident who has lived in Florida for 40 years, has three daughters - Jeanne Vanderburg of Livonia, Jacquelyn Greenlee of Madison Heights and Shirley Kappler of Tampa.

Her family includes grandchildren Ron and Holli Curl of Livonia, Kevin and Suzanne Vanderburg of Westland, Chris, Nora and Sue Greenlee of Madison Heights and Fred Kappler of Tampa.

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Time to listen to the birds

BY TIMOTHY NOWICKI
SPECIAL WRITER

The sounds of spring are beginning to blossom. Birds are the first members of the choir to sing, but soon to follow are the amphibians and the insects.

Bird songs are more elaborate vocalizations than calls used for everyday activities that we hear during winter. When the days become longer in spring it stimulates the males to begin singing to attract a female to his territory. Each species has a characteristic song and individuals of each species can have a slight variation of the typical song.

Recognizing the songs of birds will help you realize the variety of species in your yard or neighborhood. Putting word phrases to the songs improves your chances of remembering the species that produces the song.

One very loud, vociferous songster, whose notes ring through the neighborhood and bounce off walls, is the carolina wren. Although only five inches long, its song echoes like the chimes of a bell. To me, the song has intonations and a rhythm that resembles the work phrase "To see her." "To" is the middle tone, "see" is the highest pitch and "her" is the lowest of the three.

Another loud songster in your yard could be the tufted titmouse. At times they may say "Peter, Peter, Peter," each note is at the same pitch. Other times

they may say, "Six-Thirty." In this song, "six" is the highest, while "thirty" descends with each syllable.

Do not confuse the clear, two, descending, whistle-like notes of the chickadee's song, with those of the titmouse. The chickadee sounds like "dreeary," descending from the first syllable to the second.

Chickadees may say "dreeary," but cardinals say "cheer, cheer, cheer," or "pretty, pretty, pretty," and other variations. Beware, too, that the female cardinal may be singing part of the song you are hearing. Typically, females do not sing, but for some reason, female cardinals do.

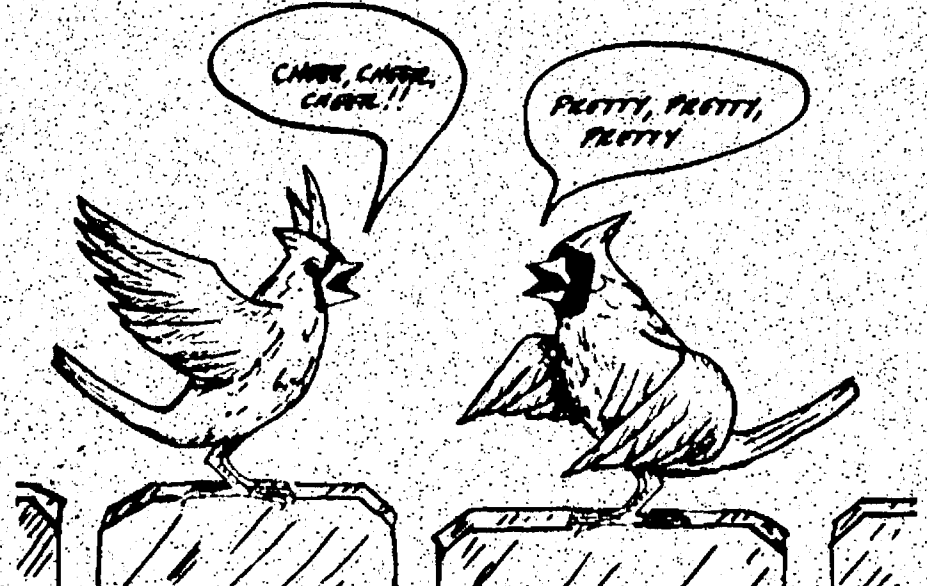
One interesting vocalization emanating from an unlikely species is the clattering of the crow. In spring, crows produce a rapid clattering sound that reminds me of a crow with castanets. I've noticed it when two birds are close to each other and more frequently in spring. I presume it's a vocalization, although it could be made by rapidly closing its bill. However it's made, it probably helps establish a bond between two individuals.

Next time you're in the yard with your eyes to the ground raking or planting, listen to the variety of sounds from birds. See if you can identify some of the above songs by their word phrases.

Tim Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence Oaks County Park in Oakland County. He lives in Livonia. If you have a question or comment for him, dial (313) 953-2047, mailbox 1874, on a touch-tone phone.

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Prizes included custom-made golf clubs, golf and lunch at the

new Pleasant Run, Detroit Red Wing hockey tickets, dinner at Dammons and limousine service, a mountain bike a \$250 gift certificate and a \$100 shopping certificate for Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

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Rafko wows Town Hall

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Former Miss America Kaye Lani Rae Rafko's life reads like a storybook.

The oncology nurse was crowned Miss America in 1988 after a cancer patient of hers persuaded her to try again after being a runner up in 1986.

The first time she returned to Michigan after the crowning, 20,000 people showed up for the parade.

Even her romantic life is sweet. She met her husband in a strawberry patch near her Monroe home in 1982, and they married July 8, 1989.

But in June 1994, the storybook life came crashing down when her younger brother, Nick, died in a car accident near the home of his girlfriend to whom he had proposed just 15 days earlier.

"On June 26, God took him, and I never thought that I would speak again; I never thought I would do anything. I never thought I'd be able to find magic in my life again," a crying Rafko told a recent Northville Town Hall crowd at the Holiday Inn-West in Livonia.

Suffering from a sinus infection, she wiped her nose then

added with a laugh, "This has been great for my sinuses."

During her talk, she shared her love for her brother and how much he had taught her before and after he died. She learned an important lesson about life and death during his funeral. He had been a member of the 1994 Rose Bowl University of Wisconsin football team.

"I was looking at his helmet on top of the casket when I heard a commotion; there was the entire University of Wisconsin football team," she said. "I saw 12 of them fall to their knees and openly weep over the loss of more than just a teammate. He had changed their lives."

"That's when he taught me that it's not how long you're here but what you do with it. When he went to heaven, Nick needed no introduction. God looked at him and saw a leader. Now I have a new goal. I don't want to have to introduce myself."

During a question-and-answer period after the lunch, several widowed patrons wrote an anonymous note to Rafko, complaining that they wanted to be entertained not brought down.

"My feelings aren't hurt at all," she said. "I extend my sympathies to those who had lost their husbands. I always thought that

sharing experiences is good. I really believe in sharing. I always seem to apologize to crowds. I'm still doing a great deal of healing. It's hard for me to do it in front of my family."

Her family includes husband Chuck Wilson, a computer programmer, and son Nick, a 3 1/2-year-old named after her brother before his death, and a child on the way.

Her son has a lot of the same traits as her late brother, she said. At 2 years old, he could tell what sport was on the radio just by listening to it.

"Of all the roles in my life, being a mother beats any walk down any runway," she said.

The oldest of four children, Rafko holds the distinction of being the first registered nurse to be crowned Miss America. A graduate of St. Mary Academy in Monroe, she is now pursuing a master's degree at the Universi-



TOM HAWLEY/TATY PHOTOGRAPHER

Friendly welcome: While some thought her speech was a downer, Town Hall participants Kathy Carlson (center) and Jenevieve Malicke had a friendly word for guest speaker Kaye Lani Rae Rafko.

Town Hall sets lineup

Northville Town Hall has announced the line-up for its 36th season.

Christopher Cerf, founding editor-in-chief of the Children's Television Workshop's Products Group, opens the season on Monday, Oct. 21.

Attorney Sharon McPhail, the first woman to have won a primary election for the mayor of Detroit; speaks to Town Hall on

Monday, Nov. 18.

Woman's Day magazine Editor and Vice-President Jane Chesnut speaks to the group on Monday, March 10.

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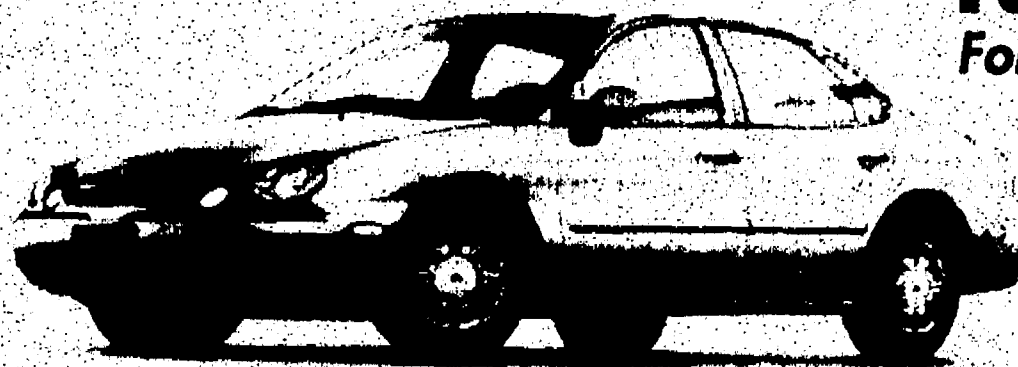
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Craig Shoemaker, of the upcoming movie "Safe House" starring Patrick Stewart, Amanda Plummer and Hector Elizondo, headlines The Comedy Castle, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak, Friday-Sunday. Tickets are \$15. Call (810) 542-9900.

SATURDAY



"Super Orchestra Man" David Alan Miller performs at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 20, Orchestra Hall, 2711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets are \$7-\$17. Call (313) 833-3700.

SUNDAY



Musica Viva International Concerts and Oakland Community College present "Dance and Beyond" featuring Ballet Arabesque from Bulgaria and Michigan Classic Ballet, OCC Orchard Ridge Campus, (810) 471-7667 or (810) 645-6666.



Preparing for opening: Monica Wyatt and John Hinchman are part of a team overseeing the renovation of the opera house, which includes installing new seats.

RESTORED OPERA HOUSE A WORK IN PROGRESS

BY CRISTINA PUOCO
STAFF WRITER

For Monica Wyatt and John Hinchman, the chance to work on the \$24 million restoration of the Detroit Opera House was "definitely a coming together of the planets or something."

"The opportunity just presented itself and you really can't say no to a project like this. The opportunity's so great," said Hinchman, restoration supervisor for the Michigan Opera Theatre, formerly the Grand Circus Theatre.

"And it's such a beautiful building," added Wyatt, the construction manager.

The Pontiac residents, both of whom earned their master's degrees from the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, and their crews had their work cut out for them when intensive work began in 1995.

When the building closed in 1989, the heat and water service was shut off, however, the pipes were not drained. In the winter, the pipes froze and subsequently burst spilling water throughout the historic theater and causing substantial damage.

"In a lot of the cases, the plasterwork that you see, the water damage was so extensive they actually had to dig it out. They didn't just come in and patch the holes," said Hinchman, 51.

The difference between this and the Fox Theatre renovation is that the Fox is basically just a cosmetic job. They did not have to redo most of the structure. They had to do some things but not to the extent of this building.

The building opens Sunday, April 27, with "La Boheme" and ends three shows later on June 9 with "Salome."

Renovations will continue during and after the season, which opens on April 27 with "La Boheme" and ends three shows later on June 9 with "Salome."

"It will be a work in progress," said Bloomfield Hills resident Eric Hill, managing director of the Albert Kahn Collective, the interior restoration architects who will also design the streetscape around the building. "It will be quite exciting for patrons. ... The audience will be able to see how breathtakingly the interior is. It's really stunning."

When the renovations are complete, the Detroit Opera Theatre will have a 75,000 square foot stage house, lobby and elevator tower. Adjoining office towers are undergoing adaptive reuse into dressing rooms, patron service areas and offices for the MOT's administration, production and community outreach departments.

The Michigan Opera Theatre, founded by general director David DiChiera, marks the opening of the Detroit Opera House and its 25th season with a gala celebration beginning at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 21. The sold-out concert will feature Luciano Pavarotti, soprano Jane Eaglen and Alexander Marc, and mezzo-soprano Susan Maniaci and John Demain. Tony Award-winning actor Rocky McDowell will sing opera star Ben Bolles will serve as guest host.

Jim Wells, a chorus member from Garden City, said he's looking forward to the MOT having its own home after performing at the Masonic Temple and Fisher Theatre.

"It's exciting to have a permanent

home now. We've kind of been like step-children, but it's been fun getting the experience at the Fisher," said Wells, the 52-year-old music director at Grace Pointe Baptist Church.

"It's kind of sad a little bit too to leave those theaters. Even though you don't have a permanent home, you develop an affinity to the stages."

The season is twice as exciting for 22-year-old Joseph Pokorski of Rochester Hills. A chorister three years ago, Pokorski becomes a principal artist this year. He'll appear as "Furcino" in "La Boheme," "Gismondi" in "La Traviata" and the "Second Jew" in "Salome." Oh and besides that, he gets to perform with Pavarotti.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. It's not often you get to sing with the daddy of them all. I don't know if I'm nervous or if I'm just excited."

Located on the corners of Broadway and Madison at Grand Circus Park, the theater originally opened Jan. 12, 1922, as the Capitol Theatre. Claimed to be the fifth largest theater in the world, the Capitol was the first in a series of grand vaudeville and moving picture houses built in the area in the 1920s.

The building was constructed with superb attention, according to Wyatt, and in the style of the grand European opera houses and designed by renowned Detroit architect C. Howard Crane.

The Michigan Opera Theatre would have started from scratch and built a new theater in the suburbs. But the theater took the history of the building into consideration.

"I was impressed that we had a historical jewel in the city that was

SCHEDULE:

Who: Luciano Pavarotti, Jane Eaglen, Alessandra Marc, the Michigan Opera Theatre and Rackham choirs, MOT orchestra, and guest conductors Steven Mercurio and John Demain.

What: The Detroit Opera House opening gala celebration (SORRY, SOLD-OUT).

When: 4 p.m. Sunday, April 21.

Where: The Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit.

Following the gala opening concert with Luciano Pavarotti, the Michigan Opera Theatre continues its 25th anniversary with four productions on the newly renovated and expanded stage of the Detroit Opera House.

■ Puccini's "La Boheme" opens Thursday, April and runs through Sunday, May 5.

■ Prokofiev's ballet "Romeo and Juliet" comes to the Opera House for three days, Thursday, May 10-Sunday, May 12.

■ Verdi's "La Traviata" runs Saturday, May 18-Sunday, May 26, and the company premiere of Richard Strauss's "Salome" is performed Saturday, June 1-Sunday, June 9.

■ For season ticket information, call the Michigan Opera Theatre Box Office at (313) 874-SING (7464).

built by a very famous theater architect (Crane)," Hinchman said.

"The important thing to remember about this building is it's such a critical element to the history of Detroit. Detroit itself, in terms of theaters that the city has, was comparable to New York City. It had the second largest number of theaters behind New York."

"You've got the Grand Circus here, the Masonic, Adams, United Artists, Masonic Temple, State, Fox, Fisher, Orchestra Hall, Music Hall, Fine Arts, Trumbull Theatre and the Gem."

Wyatt, 38, explained that the renovation should have a ripple effect bringing the people involved in the renovation back into the city.

"Once the building opens some of the buildings will be coming to the show here, people from the suburbs will come down and see that it's not such a bad place. It's such a beautiful building that you'll get all six different groups of people staying back, which is what we need."

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EXHIBITION

Chameleon Galleries LTD present 'Glass Act'

BY LINDA ANN CHODEN
STAFF WRITER

In the spirit of Michigan Glass Month in April, artists Mark Sudduth and John Nickerson fired up the furnaces at the Benchmark Studio in Cleveland, Ohio in preparation for a showing of new work at Chameleon Galleries LTD in Plymouth.

The "Glass Act" exhibition features nearly 50 pieces of art including vessels, bowls, platters and sculpture. Even though this is the gallery's first glass show, Denni Englehart has carried Sudduth's work since first opening

her gallery seven years ago.

"I decided to have a show because glass has come full circle. It can be functional or sculptural. Just in the last 10 years artists have been experimenting with new techniques. Mark's work is very transitional. It can go with contemporary or with an antique table while John's work is very contemporary," said Englehart who co-owns the gallery with her husband Jim. Nickerson, who earned a master of fine arts degree from New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University in New York, teaches

glass blowing at the Cleveland Institute of Art. Between 1965 and 1966, he studied at Society of Arts and Craft (now known as Center for Creative Studies) in Detroit while working as an industrial design sculptor on the General Motors styling staff in Warren. His work is in the permanent collections of the Corning Museum of Glass in New York, Muskegon Museum of Art, Delaware and Denver art museums, and Musée des Arts D'ecortifs in Lausanne, Switzerland. Until last fall when he moved to Cleveland to teach,

Nickerson crafted glass art in his Colorado studio. His work, accomplished in a series of steps, entails a number of techniques beginning with blowing hot glass. After the material is cooled down, the 57 year-old artist uses what's called "cold working" to cut, grind and polish the glass art to a finish.

"Glass is like no other material. It comes out of the furnace around 2,200 degrees F. There's nothing else like it, the mystique of working with this molten material which culminates in finished pieces that are sparkling and cold," said Nickerson.

Hot Glass: The contemporary art of John Nickerson is part of "Glass Act," a two person exhibition with Mark Sudduth.

MUSIC

Gala marks Plymouth Symphony's Golden Anniversary

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra Golden Anniversary Gala Celebration, 7 p.m. (cocktails) 8 p.m. (dinner) Friday, April 26-Fox Hills Country Club, 8768 North Territorial Road, Plymouth. Tickets \$100 per person, black tie optional, premium open bar. Call the Plymouth Symphony office (313) 451-2112 for tickets.

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
SPECIAL WRITER

The Plymouth Symphony's Golden Anniversary Gala Celebration Friday, April 26 at Fox Hills Country Club promises to be a spectacular evening.

It's "Play it again, Sam," time all evening long. Guests will be wined and dined in a "Casa Blanca" atmosphere that raises vintage 1940s nightclub to an art form. After dinner, the famous

'Everything the committee has done is outstanding. It's going to be very first-class all the way. White glove service.'

David Burnisky
Plymouth Symphony Board President

Humphrey Bogart-Ingrid Bergman movie will be shown as a backdrop to activities.

The Matt Michaels Orchestra, well-known in metro-Detroit musical circles, will entertain with music of the big bands. And for all the two left-footers, dance instructors from Arthur Murray's Northville studio will offer on-the-spot ballroom dance instructions.

Fox Hills executive chef Chris Byrd has created a memorable menu that includes: Vegetable minestrone, Caesar salad with

lime dressing, raspberry sorbet, and an entree of herb-encrusted beef tenderloin and seared salmon with fresh asparagus and Duchess potatoes. Chef Byrd will bring his performance to an end with a white chocolate mousse with fresh berries.

"This will be a wonderful night to remember," said Kathy Aznavorian, Fox Hills owner and Gala Organizer. Aznavorian is also a PSO board member.

In addition to the gourmet dinner, great music and spectacular decorations that include a vin-

tage 1940s automobile, guests can capture their good time by having their photographs taken. They'll also go home with a chocolate CD embossed with the PSO emblem in gold.

Christa Grix, former executive director of the PSO, said of the gala: "It is the social event of the season. We are setting a new standard for social events in Plymouth."

"Everything the committee has done is outstanding. It's going to be very first-class all the way.

White glove service," said David Burnisky, current Plymouth Symphony Board President.

However, Burnisky doesn't want the words "Black Tie Optional" on the tickets to cause a run on tuxedos in town. "If they want to come in 'Casa Blanca' attire right from the 1940s that's okay."

Both Grix and Burnisky are hoping the community turns out for the Gala to show their support for an orchestra that has flourished for fifty years. Also,

the Gala's guests of honor will be Plymouth residents Kenneth and Esther Hulsing, whose community involvement and association with the Plymouth Symphony spans five decades.

The focal point is the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and those who have contributed their time, talent, and treasure to it throughout the years. As Grix said, "The Gala is a true and fitting celebration of 50 years of music-making in Plymouth."

Schoolcraft features 3 musicians

PREVIEW

Three distinctive artists, all past performers at Schoolcraft College, will return 4 p.m. Sunday, April 21 for a special free concert in the Forum Building Recital Hall on campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, (between Six and Seven Mile Roads), Livonia. Reservations are not required.

Pianist Anton Nel, soprano Julia Broxholm and clarinetist Fred Ormand will present a program that includes the works of Debussy, Schubert, Chopin and Mozart.

The three will combine their talents to perform Schubert's "Shepherd on the Rock." Nel and Ormand will play a Debussy piece for piano and clarinet; Nel and Broxholm will join in the

Debussy song cycle "Artistes Oubliés," and Ormand and Broxholm will perform an unaccompanied work for voice and clarinet.

Nel, considered one of the outstanding pianists of his generation, has appeared with orchestras in recital across around the world. He is a professor at the University of Michigan.

Broxholm, a former Schoolcraft music student, is a well-known performer in the southeast Michigan area, having sung with the Ann Arbor Chamber Orchestra and the Jackson, Lansing, Saginaw and Ann

Arbor Symphonies. Ormand is a professor of clarinet at the University of Michigan Music School. In addition to many solo and chamber music recitals, he has performed with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

"From the Heart: Songs of the Spirit, the People and Love" will fill the air as Schoolcraft College Community Choir presents its spring concert 8-9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 11 at Faith Lutheran Church on Five Mile Road (between Merriman and Middlebelt) in Livonia. The concert is free, but donations will be accepted. For more information, call (810) 349-8175 or (313) 462-4448.

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"Our House" is going to the nation's capital to spotlight energy efficiency improvements under way at the White House. This special episode of Detroit Edison's award-winning energy conservation TV show will air on Sunday, April 21, at 7 a.m. on WDIV-TV Channel 4.

"Our House" co-hosts, Tom Tynan and Paula Engel, will take you behind the scenes for a look at "The Greening of the White House," a project of the Clinton Administration to improve energy efficiency and cut waste throughout the White House complex. You'll tour the landscaped grounds

surrounding the White House and visit some of its most famous and historic rooms, seeing how America's First Family is approaching energy-efficient living and environmental responsibility. The project highlights practical steps that all homeowners can take to benefit the environment, save money and improve the comfort of their surroundings.

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Artifacts Club celebrates spring

BY LINDA CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Spring birds and flowers have popped up in an exhibit by Artifacts Art Club at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive. In addition, the club's 21 members display landscapes, portraits and genre scenes in a variety of mediums including painting, colored pencil, lithography, pastel, sculpture, and photography. The 62 piece showcase, sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission, continues through May 3.

Sherry Eid of Livonia won First Place in the exhibit judged by Livonia Public Schools art teacher Sue Slavik. "Choco Indian" is a portrait of a Panamanian Indian, delicately rendered in colored pencil. Eid's been working in this medium for 10 years and continues to study the techniques. In May, she is registered to take a workshop with nationally recognized colored pencil artists Bonnie Auten and Jane Gildow at the Holiday Inn in Livonia.

"I've been a student for 10 years. With Choco Indian, I was trying a different style and colored pencil. I like the different effects you can brush and blend them," said club president Sherry Eid, who's studied colored pencil with Marsha Weigand of Farmington.

Weigand, a finalist in the Arts & Flowers Competition last year at the Detroit Institute of Arts, took Second Place for a color photograph "Island Abstract."

Third Place was awarded to "Pink Dominoes (Cholesterol)," a photomicrograph by 84-year old Detroit photographer John Kroll who died of a massive heart attack a little more than one week ago. Kroll worked in Henry Ford Hospital's photography department 25 years, recording every square inch of the body for science.

Kroll turned out 5,000 slides a month at the teaching hospital and filmed Michigan's first open heart surgery there in 1956. Since retiring Kroll devoted all his time to creating photographs of microscopic materials magnified 25 to 1,000 times. He dissolved and enlarged everything from aspirins to body tissue on slides under a microscope, then photographed the slides. Objects take on new colors and designs when captured through the lens of a microscope.

Polarizing filters vary the colors and add electricity. In an interview last summer during his one man show at Livonia City Hall Kroll said, "Everything in nature has a pattern and it's identifiable if you know what you're looking for." In this winning image, a minute piece of cholesterol looks like a geometric abstract with a neon pink focal point.

Honorable Mentions went to Rose Marie Stark for a watercolor "Spring Flowers," and to Gwen Senatore for "Fantasia," a flowered ink work.

Artifacts Art Club was founded in 1986 by David Messing,

owner of the Art Store and More in Livonia. Messing, a former columnist for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, gathered students, teachers and friends to form the club in order to afford artists the opportunities to exchange ideas on techniques and media, to offer help and support, and to exhibit their work.

Members range in age, levels of accomplishment and in choice of media. Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

Oriental brush artist Christine Wong will demonstrate Chinese folding and paper cutting at the April 23 meeting. Those attending should bring scissors, pencil and wrapping paper in solid colors. For more information call Sherry Eid (313) 591-3094.

"Paper cutting is an ancient art that the women use in a special kind of design to decorate windows and also to celebrate different festivals, for weddings and moon festival. From flowers to little animals to fruit, Chinese use the same kind of paper cutting design in embroidery on shoes and clothing," said Wong.

"Paper folding started with Chinese and then the Japanese discovered and called it origami. When we were young our parents taught us paper folding to encourage our creativity. It was the main source of toys when we were young."

Linda Ann Chomin of Canton Township is a freelance writer

specializing in the visual arts. Her Artistic Expressions column appears weekly in the Arts & Entertainment section of The Observer Newspapers.



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CHERNOBYL EXHIBIT

April 26 is the 10-year anniversary of the world's worst nuclear accident in Ukraine. "Chernobyl: 10 Years After - Through the Eyes of Children"

is an exhibit to memorialize the tragic victims of Chernobyl, Ukraine at Your Heritage House, 110 E. Ferry at John R. north of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

The paintings, drawings, sculptures, photographs, installations, pysanky, etchings and mosaics by children of Ukrainian descent who live in the Detroit Metropolitan area. An opening reception takes place 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 21 with a performance at 2:30 p.m. by the

SUMA Bandura School. Admission is free.

It is hoped the exhibit, continuing through June, will bring awareness that aftereffects are ongoing and being felt by those that were and still are exposed to radiation. More than 125,000 persons have died because of radiation exposure from the Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

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STREET SCENE

MTV host surprises Verve Pipe fans

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Matt Pinfield, guest host for MTV's "120 Minutes," made a surprise appearance by introducing The Verve Pipe at its record release show Saturday, April 13, at the Michigan Theatre in Ann Arbor.

In front of a crowd of about 2,000, Pinfield said that he came out here on his own to support The Verve Pipe, whom he will interview the first or second Monday of May on "120 Minutes." The show is on from midnight-2 a.m. Monday mornings (or late Sunday nights whichever way you look at it).

The Verve Pipe ripped through a 1 1/2-hour set that included an array of songs from its debut "I've Suffered A Head Injury" to its RCA debut "Villains." An ovation to his songwriting abilities, a visibly touched lead singer Brian Vander Ark bowed his head and smiled letting a chorus of 2,000 sing "The Freshmen" to him.

Like the band's Chicago show at The Metro, the Ann Arbor gig featured loud, distorted guitars, which was corralled in the past, proving the "Pearl Jam light" comparisons wrong.

The night culminated with a chill-invoking cover of the Beatles' "Strawberry Fields" with the opening band Howlin' Maggie joining. The Verve Pipe, as Vander Ark sang the lead, Howlin' Maggie vocalist Harold Chichester, formerly of Royal Crescent Mob, glammed it up for the audience singing background. On the pseudo "Look at me, aren't I beautiful" front, Chichester really gives Charm Farm leader Dennis White a run for his money. Look for Howlin' Maggie, one fine band, to open for the Afghan Whigs Thursday, May 2, at the State Theatre. For more information, call (313) 961-5451.

The Verve Pipe's upcoming schedule also includes a performance on Roseanne's show "Saturday Night Special" at 11 p.m. Saturday, May 4, and a radio appearance on "Modern Rock Live" (heard Sundays at 10:30 p.m. on CIMX-FM 88.7) on Sunday, April 28.

Speaking of Charm Farm, look for them to make a surprise appearance Thursday, April 18. (Hint: It will be somewhere in Royal Oak.) The band will celebrate the release of "Pervert," its debut for Mercury Records, on Saturday, April 20, with a not-so-secret all-ages show at the 7th House in Pontiac. For more information, call (810) 335-8100.

The Lollapalooza Festival main stage is wrapping up. Pay-

chotica, an androgynous and rather scary looking punk band on American Recordings, opens the show with Metallica, Soundgarden, Rancid, The Ramones and the Screaming Trees joining them. Look for concert dates to be announced soon.

Madison, Wis., Mayor Paul R. Soglin proclaimed Thursday, March 14, "Garbage Day" in honor of the alternative rock band Garbage's first-ever performance in its hometown. Band members Butch Vig, Duke Erikson and Steve Marker have lived in Madison since the late 1970s. (Garbage's lead singer Shirley Manson hails from Scotland.) Vig is a native "cheesehead" and studied at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, as did Marker. Erikson moved there after visiting the city. Garbage rescheduled its postponed Sunday, April 13, at St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit for Saturday, June 1. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT.

Misc: Slayer will release its latest album "Undisputed Attitude" (American) on May 28. The Posies puts out its next effort on May 14. Kurt Cobain favorites The Raincoats make their DGC debut also on May 14. Beck releases his major-label sophomore effort June 18. Michael Bolton is kicking off his

summer tour at Pine Knob Music Theatre in mid-August.

Best picks for the week: Botfly plays the Blind Pig, 208-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor on Thursday, April 18. Call (313) 998-8555. ICP brings its Faygo-flavored rap show to St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit on Friday, April 19. (313) 961-MELT. Avant garde rockers Cibo Matto sing about food at the Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit on Sunday, April 21. (313) 961-MELT. Black Grape, featuring former Happy Mondays frontman Shaun Ryder, comes to St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit Monday, April 22. "Vibe Master" Bez and background singer Kermit won't be there however. They weren't allowed in the country. The unpredictable Ryder fired his tour manager last weekend, so expect plenty of surprises on Monday. Sister Machine Gun comes to the Blind Pig on Wednesday, April 24.

If you have any questions or comments for Christina Fuoco, you can write to her care of The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or via e-mail at cfuoco@aol.com, or you can leave her a message at (313) 953-2047 ext. 2130.

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MUSIC

Area concerts feature variety of styles

Concerts feature variety of styles here are some upcoming noteworthy concerts.

Musica Viva International Concerts and Oakland Community College present Ballet Arabesque from Bulgaria and Michigan Classic Ballet in "Dance and Beyond," 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 21, at the Prudential Town Center Atrium, 2000 Town Center, Southfield. Tickets are \$5 and include the concert and coffee. Call (810) 424-9041 for reservations.

Phil Marcus Esser and Barbara Bredius join musical forces at the Birmingham Temple 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 21. Their program will feature selections from "Jacques Brel," folk and labor songs, and the love songs that have spanned their career. An afterglow with the performers follows. Tickets are \$14, students and senior citizens \$12. Call (810) 288-3953 or (810) 647-

4632. The temple is at 28611 W. 12 Mile Road, (between Inkster and Middlebelt), Farmington Hills.

Southfield's Concerts-in-the-Garden Series presents The Steve Wood Quartet 3 p.m. Sunday, April 21 at the Prudential Town Center Atrium, 2000 Town Center, Southfield. Tickets are \$5 and include the concert and coffee. Call (810) 424-9041 for reservations.

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will also be on sale at the door before the concert at 5 p.m.

Rae and La Ricca began singing together when they were chosen to sing the La Boheme Quartet at Aurelia Peralta's opera workshop. In Detroit La Ricca formed a concert format with the Gypsy Musicians and later called in partner Jan Rae. For several years Jan and Enrico have done shows in the area, and through the years have been asked to sing with the gypsy concerts held in various night clubs and supper clubs throughout Michigan.

Currently, the Billy Rose Quartet is playing at the Excelsior in Southfield, Tuesday through Saturday.

LSO hosts competition

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra will present its Young Artist Competition 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19 in the Kresge Auditorium, Madonna University, 1-96 at Levan in Livonia.

The competition is open to high school students studying privately and to students currently enrolled in either a degree

program with a college university, or in private study with a conservatory affiliation.

A total of \$4,500 in prizes will be awarded. There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$35. The competition is open to family, friends, and the public for the admission price of \$2 each day. Call (313) 421-1111 or (313) 425-4855 for information.

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• **Westside Singles**
Dance parties 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays through April 28 at Burton Manor in Livonia. Dressy attire. Must be 21 or older. Admission \$5 (\$3 before 8:30 p.m.) (313) 981-0909
• **Friday Dances**

Every Friday there will be a dance and buffet at Farmington Elks, 23666 Orchard Lake Road, south of 10 Mile. Friday, April 19 entertainment will be provided by Walt Lipick Band. Doors open at 6 p.m. with buffet offered \$8.95. Includes whitefish and chicken plus entree menu available. Guests not eating, \$3 cover. (810) 476-1840

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• **Single Mingle**
F.S.P. and Metropolitan Single Professionals sponsor a Single Mingle Dance 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, April 19 at The Sheraton Hotel, 27000 Sheraton Drive, off I-96, just west of 12 Oaks Mall, Novi. Become a member at the dance and admission is free. Regular admission \$6 non-members. The ballroom is non-smoking. Dressy attire, men must wear coat and tie. (810) 851-9909

• **Contra Dancing**
F.S.P. sponsors Contra Dancing and Instruction 1:15 p.m. Sunday, April 21 at Henry Ford Museum-Lovett Hall. Cost is \$6. Carpoolers meet in Orchard Lake 12 Mile Mall parking lot at 12:30 p.m. (810) 851-9909

• **Benefit Dance**
Singles Coalition Benefit Dance for Children's Hospital of Michigan will be 7:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, April 26 in the Main Ballroom of the Novi Hilton, Haggerty Road at I-275 and Eight Mile Road, exit 167, Novi. Admission \$15 advance or \$18 door which includes a D.J., hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. RSVP, checks payable to F.S.P.; P.O. Box 3162; Farmington Hills, 48333-3162. (810) 851-9909

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Bethany, a support and social group for divorced and separated Christians, meets 8 p.m. the third Saturday of each month at St. Kenneth Church, Haggerty Road south of Five Mile, Plymouth Township. At 8 p.m. Saturday, April 20 Dr. Lynn Vaughan will speak on male/female communication. (313) 261-9123, (313) 729-1974

• **Expressions**
An adult discussion group meets 7:30-11:15 p.m. in First Unitarian-Universalist Church, 1917 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor. During the month of April they will only meet the fourth Friday. The program is not church-affiliated. The group is open to those age 21 and older. Admission is \$5.25 per person and \$2 for volunteers. April 26, two topics of discussion will be: "What would I do if I won the Lotto?" "What confuses me the most about the opposite sex?" and "Fishbowl." Snacks are served at each meeting. (313) 996-0141

• **Metro Minglers**
The Metro Minglers, a singles group for people with disabilities ages 21-35, is sponsored by the Easter Seal Society. (313) 338-9626, (810) 646-3347

• **Newburg Singles**
Newburg Singles ministries meets 7 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month in Guthrie Hall of Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Newburgh, Livonia. April 21 will feature Rick Anderson. (313) 663-0014

• **PWP Livonia-Redford**
The Livonia-Redford Chapter 130 of Parents Without Partners meets the first and third Thursdays of the month at Mama Mia's Restaurant, 27770 Plymouth Road between Inkater and Middlebelt in Livonia. Orientation is 8 p.m., the general meeting 8:30 p.m., followed by dancing. (313) 464-1969

• **PWP Wayne-Westland**
The Wayne-Westland Chapter 340 meets the fourth Friday of the month in the Wayne AMVETS Hall, 1217 Merriman, Westland. Meeting is 8-8:30 p.m. Dance is set for 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$4 before 9 p.m., \$5 after 9 p.m. New members welcome. (313) 721-3657

• **St. Edith Singles**
St. Edith Singles, 21 and over, meet at 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at St. Edith Church, on Newburgh south of Five Mile. (313) 840-8824

• **Selective Professionals**
Selective Professionals is a group for professional singles that sponsors seminars, brunches, speeches and varied activities. (313) 422-8700

• **Single Place**
Single Place Adult Ministries of First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main, Northville, presents a social group called Single Place, which meets 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the church. Wednesday, April 24; program will consist of "Questions You Would Love to Ask Your Therapist" with speaker, Arnold Keller. Cost \$4. (810) 349-0911

• **Single Place**
Single Place Adult Ministries of First Presbyterian Church of Northville meets every Sunday, at 9:45 a.m. in the Library Lounge. (810) 349-0911

• **Single Point**
The Rev. Paul Clough leads Scripture messages relevant to daily single living 10:45 a.m. Sundays, in Knox Hall, Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, at Six Mile Road, Livonia. Talk It Over (TIO), 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Friday of each month, in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church. Also available, volleyball, 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Second and fourth Saturdays BYOS (bring your own sneakers) to the Livonia YMCA on Stark, north of Schoolcraft, Livonia from 8 p.m. til midnight. Second Saturday for adults only, fourth Saturday,

bring the kids. FYI, Single Parent group meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Calvin Room, Ward Presbyterian Church. They do several activities with the children through the month and have fellowship with other single parents. (313) 422-1854

• **Temple Baptist SAM**
Four separate classes meeting 9:45 a.m. on Sundays, at Temple Baptist Church, 23800 West Chicago, Redford. Groups divided by age and life situation. Weekly activities; sporting events; concerts; trips; Bible studies, prayer times, Girls Night Out. (313) 255-3333
• **Tip Toppers Club of Detroit**

The club is a social network for TALL, men and women, age 21 and older. Men must be at least 6 ft., 2 inches tall and women at least 5 feet, 10 inches tall. Membership meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at Ruby Tuesday on 12 mile at Orchard Lake Road. (313) 458-7887

• **Voyagers, Singles**
Voyagers is a non-denominational group for singles 45 years and older. They meet the second and fourth Friday at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27474 Five Mile, Livonia. April 26 Western Vocalist William Breeding will provide entertainment at 7:30 p.m. in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. (313) 422-3091

SPORTS/RECREATION
• **Bowling**
Bethany Singles Bowling League has openings for single, widowed, divorced or never-married bowlers. Bowling is 6 p.m. every other Sunday at Mayflower Lanes, 26600 Plymouth Road, Redford. (313) 728-1936
• **Bowling**
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A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

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National Film Registry Tour of the Library of Congress. April 19-22 (call for showtimes). For one long weekend marathon, The DFI has picked a dozen American films, in stunning new prints, from the Library's ongoing restoration efforts: Stanley Kubrick's "2001: A Space Odyssey" (1968) kicks off the program 8 p.m. April 19, with other highlights including Hitchcock's "Shadow of a Doubt" (1943), Scorsese's widescreen "Raging Bull" (1980), the Marx Brothers in "Duck Soup" (1933), and Robert Mitchum in "Out of the Past" (1947) and "Night of the Hunter" (1955). It all ends with Orson Welles' "Touch of Evil" (1958) at 7 p.m. April 22.

MAIN ART THEATRE
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day, unless noted otherwise. Call (810) 542-0180 for information and showtimes. (\$6.50; \$4 students and

matinee; \$3 twilight)
"Jane Eyre" (USA -1996): Charlotte Gainsbourg takes the title role while William Hurt fills the sizeable boots of the mysterious Mr. Rochester in this unimpeachable remake of Charlotte Bronte's Victorian novel. Directed by Franco Zeffirelli, beat-known for classy Shakespeare adaptation.
"The Birdcage" (USA-1995): Robin Williams and Nathan Lane are a gay couple who must play it straight when Williams' son wants to entertain his fiancée and her conservative family.

Mike Nichols' remake of the 1978 French farce "La Cage aux Folles" delivers big laughs.
"The Celluloid Closet" (USA -1995): Oscar-winning directors Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman take an eye-opening look at Hollywood's depiction of homosexuality over the years. Interviews with Tom Hanks, Gore Vidal, and Whoopi Goldberg join countless clips from the movies. Starts Friday.

MAPLE THEATRE
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for information. (\$6; \$2.95 twilight)
"Flirting with Disaster" (USA 1996): A comedy about a slightful uptight and discontented young man who, having been adopted at birth, sets off on a quest for his birth parents. The all-star cast includes Ben Stiller, Patricia Arquette, Alan Alda, Mary Tyler Moore, George Segal, and Lily Tomlin.
"Fargo" (USA 1996): In this sixth film from Joel and

Elhan Coen, Frances McDormand plays a pregnant sheriff investigating a bizarre murder case in the Upper Minnesota snowbelt. Dryer and less satisfying than the Coens' other pictures, but still one of the most unique and uncompromising films of the year.
"The Birdcage" (USA -1996): See Main Art Theatre listing above.

STAR JOHN R

John R at 14 Mile, Madison Heights. Call (810) 585-2070. (\$6.50; \$4.25 matinee/twilight)
"Fargo" (USA-1996). See Maple Theatre listing above.

'The Jungle Book' is well acted

By LEANNE ROGERS
STAFF WRITER

To anyone who grew up watching jungle adventure movies like "Tarzan" or earlier versions of "The Jungle Book," the most recent film version released in 1994 will seem very familiar. Don't let that stop you from enjoying this nifty new adaptation from Disney.

A widowed British Army officer, played by Sami Neill, is going to a new post in India with his young daughter. Also in the party are an Indian guide and his young son, who has also lost

his mother. A connection develops between the children, but is abruptly severed when the boy is lost and presumed dead in the chaos of a tiger attack on the camp.

The boy, Mowgli, has of course, survived and prospers under the care of a wolf and other animals of the jungle. Jason Lee is perfectly cast as the adult Mowgli — physically graceful and capturing small gestures that reflect the animals' influence. That's especially noticeable during his early scenes alone in the jungle with the animals. The animals and scenery are

beautifully shot — part of the movie was filmed in India. Mowgli stumbles into the treasure-laden city ruled by monkeys and guarded by various hazards like a giant serpent. This is a place that you just know will be important later in the story.

Mowgli again meets his childhood friend Kitty, played as an adult by Lena Headey, and becomes reacquainted with human society. In this case, British society where Mowgli incurs the wrath of the snog officer who has set his sights on Kitty. Mowgli gets a bit of revenge using an elephant call to create havoc when the troops assemble with their

herd of pack elephants.

The film has some fun, with Mowgli's efforts to dress and behave like a gentleman despite the artificial refinements of the soldiers. The film also subtly shows the native population's inherent dislike and resentment toward the British through their efforts to help Mowgli evade pursuing British soldiers.

"The Jungle Book" is well acted and well-paced. It also gets across its message that greed and prejudice aren't admirable qualities that could land in quicksand or some other equally unpleasant end.

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"Give, and it shall be given unto you;" Luke 6:38

LOVES NATURE

SMV 45, 51, 110lb, brown, hair, blue, eyes, enjoys, going, out, seeking, SM, who, like, to, do, things, possible, marriage, family, Ad# 6710

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MEET FOR COFFEE?

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WILLING TO COMMIT

Blonde/haired DWF, 46, 5'4", 125lb. Smoker, wishes to meet sincere, honest DWF...

BURNING RAINBOWS

Intelligent, caring DWF, 46, blonde/blue, sea-going, humor, avid reader, loves animals...

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL

DWF, 35, 5'8", 120lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys dancing, movies, golf, 1100 new things seeking...

LOVE MUSIC LOVE TO DANCE

Active SWFF, enjoys dining out, boating, golfing, hiking and just having fun...

COMFORTABLE TO BE AROUND

DWFF, 36, 5'11", HW proportionate, blonde/blue, down-to-earth, fun, outdoorsy...

SPECIAL MAN

DWF, 50lb, petite, really, very sexy, and wise. Seeking special man over 50...

RELOCATING

SWF, 29, brown/bl, excited about moving soon and loves entertaining. Looking to meet professional SM...

ARE YOU A WIDOWER

Adventurous, smart, sensual woman of 50, tall, looking for wise, worldly, fun man...

CRAVING ATTENTION

SBF, 23, slender, pretty, no dependents, N/S, ND enjoys music, comedy, dining out, etc.

ARE YOU SWEET SWEET SEXY?

For relaxation, do you prefer watching tv or working out? If you answer is the latter read on. College educated, workaholic...

LOVELY GREEN-EYED LADY

Attractive DWF, 41, attractive, passionate, love to laugh, fun, outgoing. Enjoying dancing, bowling, cuddling, long walks and quiet talks...

PUT BUSINESS IN YOUR LIFE

Tall, slender, shapely, outgoing, fun-loving, blonde/blue, 40, would like to meet tall, sincere, stable guy, 40+, to share some fun times...

PHENOM WOMAN

Outgoing, fun, health conscious SWF, 40, 5'7", enjoys sports, outdoor games, reading, traveling, and socializing with friends...

LOW MILEAGE

Open, communicative, humorous, fun-loving, professional actor, great cook, 50+, with his loving grandchildren...

COMMITMENT SERVED

Good looking, professionally employed, physically fit, healthy woman, seeks professionally employed, highly educated, successful man, 37-40, good personality, for serious relationship...

LOVELY IN WESTLAND

SWF, MS, 40, 5'7", 100lbs, light brown hair, seeking SM, 36-40, who is ready for a committed one-on-one relationship...

IT TAKES TWO

Attractive DWF, 44, 5'3", medium build, brown/bl, seeks honest, sincere SM, 40-45, 5'7", who likes movies, music, outdoors, dining, and family values...

INDEPENDENT & CONFIDENT

Attractive SWF, 40, 5'7", blonde/brn, shapely, low maintenance, love to travel, outdoors, dining, and laughter. Seeking SM, 34-42, 5'11", down-to-earth, easygoing, family-oriented, confident...

BROWN-EYED GUY

Friendly, outgoing SWF, 34, 5'8", brown/bl, green, enjoys working on cars, movies, video games, sports, seeking outgoing SWFF, 28-42, who likes to travel for friendship first...

GORGEOUS GORGEOUS

Media specialist, well-degreed 5'8", 130lbs, golden hair, barely 40s, childless, into bike touring, light hiking, reading, antiques, and the outdoors. Looking for a handsome, N/S, BA degreed, 40+ guy...

TALKATIVE & LIVELY

DWF, 49, attractive, slim and trim, mid-50s, and enjoys movies, music, movies, dancing, gardening. Seeking happy, young-at-heart WM, 55-60, who likes people, with a sense of humor, social drinker. #4230 (exp 5/18)

FLOAT YOUR BOAT

48 year-old entrepreneur, pretty, successful, giving, loving, tall, looking for her knight in shining armor. Any age, any race, any background, gentleman, 45-70, please reply. #4228 (exp 5/18)

STOP READ: I'M THE U NEEDED

Job SWFF, 42, 5'7", brown/bl, N/S, seeks honest, romantic, humorous, childless, intelligent SM, 38-45, 5'7", who loves children, N/S, social drinker ok. Serious replies only. #4228 (exp 5/18)

SWEET & SEXY

Tall, attractive, ambitious SWFF, 36, 5'10", blonde/blue, seeks a handsome, professional SM, 30-42, with nice build for friendship, passion and romance. #4222 (exp 5/18)

SPONTANEOUS AND EASYGOING

Decent DWF, 40s, 5'2", enjoys music, playing cards, reading, fishing, movies, dining, dancing, people and conversation. Seeking real man, honest, good natured, spontaneous. No couch potatoes. #4222 (exp 5/18)

DOWN-TO-EARTH

Attractive, outgoing SWF, 33, 5'8", 115lb, enjoys movies, music, good conversation, summer seas. Seeking same qualities in SM, 30-35, childless, for companionship. #4222 (exp 5/18)

COOL AND CLASSY

DWF, degreed, bright, creative, adventuresome, enjoys music, theater, summer travel, art, etc. Seeking SM, 24-35, nice open, with similar interests for romance. #4230 (exp 5/18)

ELIZABETH SHUE

Mag or Kim to others, SWF, 32, 5'7", slender, loves Redwings, Tigers, and the Yankees. Good at sex and kids. You're tall, 30+, charismatic SM, N/S, dark-haired, athletic, professional, witty, with similar interests. #4212 (exp 5/18)

NO GAMES PLEASE

Independent, employed, hard-working SWF, mother of one, seeks honest, mature, employed SM, 23-30, for dating, occasional nights out and possible romance. #4207 (exp 5/18)

A RAINY DAY

Neat married SWF, 33, 5'8", slim, N/S, very attractive, classy, sincere, professional with morals, enjoys sports, travel, and the finer things in life. Seeking very attractive, secure, sophisticated SM, 32-37, entrepreneur with same qualities. #4202 (exp 5/18)

UTICA AREA

Very pretty, blue-eyed blonde, 46, 5'8", slim, in proportion. Seeking handsome, outgoing warm man for LTR. #4198 (exp 5/18)

MATURE MALE WANTED

Attractive, quiet, sensitive DWF, 51, 5'3", HW proportionate, enjoys movies, reading, dining, and socializing with friends. Seeking professional SM, 50-60, N/S, Duron. #4193 (exp 5/18)

MELBO

SWFF, 20, blonde/blue, full-figured, enjoys long walks, talking on the phone, watching tv. Seeking SM, who enjoys the same things. #4122 (exp 5/18)

END MY SEARCH

SWF, 32, seeks never-married SM, for a lifetime of love, laughter and fun. Prefer a N/S, clean-cut, goal-oriented gentleman. #4121 (exp 5/18)

ELEGANT AND REFINED

Elegant, educated, SWFF, 57, 40+ very attractive, seeks handsome, male counterpart, 33-45, who appreciates beauty, brains and excellent sex. Seeking serious relationship. #4122 (exp 5/18)

VIVACIOUS LADY

Attractive, passionate, European-born DWF, 62, enjoys music, eating, travel. Seeking happy, established, tall, success oriented, well high career for woman and good blend of intellect and street smarts. #4115 (exp 5/18)

BEAUTIFUL & BRILLIANT

Bubbly blonde teacher, DWF, 40s, 5'6", 125lbs, enjoys bike tours, local and far away, especially Las Vegas, personal growth. Seeking active, outgoing, N/S, degreed professional, enjoys sports, travel, friendship and love. #4101 (exp 5/18)

LIFE IS NOT COMPLETE

Without you. Seeking gentleman, 45-55, N/S, educated, who enjoys life's finer ingredients, such as travel, music, and sports. #4100 (exp 5/18)

CUTE SEXY BLONDE

SM, 45, 5'10", 101lb, N/S, honest, cute, romantic, seeks cute, sexy, slim WM, mid-40s to mid-50s, under 5'8", romantic, for LTR. #4100 (exp 5/18)

LOOKING FOR LOVE

SWF, 50, 5'7", 137lb, N/S, professional, very active, seeks same for friendship/relationship/personal enrichment. #4104 (exp 5/18)

INDEPENDENT AQUARIUS

SWF, 39, 5'7", honest, caring, medical professional, enjoys sports, travel, animals. Seeking SM, 35-42, for fun times/possible relationship. #4103 (exp 5/18)

GOLF PARTNER WANTED

Sweet, slender, beautiful blonde seeks counterpart in a handsome, athletic, refined gentleman, who likes to travel, dine, and play golf. #4102 (exp 5/18)

PRETTY PROFESSIONAL

SWF, 37, 5'7", slim, long dark blonde hair, kind-hearted, athletic, romantic, positive, with sense of humor. Seeking SM, 30-40, with similar characteristics, to share my hopes and dreams. #4100 (exp 5/18)

RU OUT THERE

SWF, 40s, 5'8", seasoned with children, enjoys music, computers, computers. Seeking tall, 40+, comic, professional capable of making a woman smile. #4100 (exp 5/18)

BEKING RELATIONSHIP

Widowed WF, 40, 5'11", 140lbs, red/bl, employed, homemaker, easy-going, enjoys shopping, bowling, romantic dinners, horseback riding, and dancing. #4099 (exp 5/18)

BEAUTY IS SOUL DEEP

SWF, enjoys hugging, cuddling, giving a lot of love to someone who gives it back. #4099 (exp 5/18)

ONE MAN COME TRUE!

Athletic, attractive, honest, romantic SM, 23, loves the outdoors, music, cycling, rollerblading, romantic walks, seeks slim, attractive, caring SWF, 18-26, with similar interests for friendship, maybe more. Call me today. #4099 (exp 5/18)

HELLO

SM, N/S, Asian Indian background with PhD, seeks young SWF, college degree not necessary but be compassionate, sincere, and honest. #4098 (exp 5/18)

BOOK OF THE MONTH?

DWM, 38, 5'2", muscular, with a ponytail, seeks nice, reliable, down-to-earth SWF, 33-38, with sense of humor and a life who has had it with the game. #4091 (exp 5/18)

MENTALISM

Nice-looking, intelligent, kind, sincere, affectionate, slender SWFF, 62, 5'9", seeks caring, non-smoking woman, 40-50, who can be a friend. Possible LTR. #4088 (exp 5/18)

WILD AT HEART

SMW, 38, 5'2", 170lb, blue collar worker, interests: Outdoors, car events, music, spontaneous activities. Seeking SWFF, 30-40, with similar interests. #4088 (exp 5/18)

WHEN MY SWEET?

DWM, 55, 5'9", 170lb, N/S, social drinker, enjoys life with many interests. Seeking SM, 40-50, who is long with a sense of humor. Talk to me! #4088 (exp 5/18)

BERRY FAMILIAR/LOVED

Fun, sincere, upbeat, affectionate DWF, 44, 5'2", 220lb, loves outdoor sports, reading, and the arts. Seeking W/H proportionate male, for possible LTR. #4247 (exp 5/18)

JUST HAVING FUN

SWM, 32, 5'9", 160lb, brown/bl, enjoys outdoor activities, long walks, camping, dining out, dancing, romance. Seeking SWFF, 24-35, who is fun, outgoing, and has a sense of humor. #4240 (exp 5/18)

I'VE BEEN WAITING

DWM, 38, 5'10", good-looking, physically fit, financially stable, N/S, N/D, enjoys music, movies, and sports. Seeking SWFF, HW proportionate, who can help make my hopes and dreams come true. #4240 (exp 5/18)

ARE YOU LONESOME TONIGHT?

Nice-looking, active SWFF, 50, N/S, seeks active, mature woman, 40+, W/H proportionate, for fun, adventure and companionship. #4238 (exp 5/18)

MISSING YOU

DWM, 41, 5'10", N/S, sensitive, humorous, good listener. Enjoys family time, travel, and the arts. Seeking SWFF, N/S, for one-on-one relationship. #4238 (exp 5/18)

APPRECIATE HONESTY

DWM, 55, N/S, N/D, O/D/Free, enjoys very fun family activities to include movies, TV, and the arts. Desires to meet special SWF, 40-55, for dating that would lead to marriage. #4232 (exp 5/18)

SINCERE AND LOYAL

Slender DWF, 64, 5'1, good physical condition, seeks honest, sincere, fun, nice person in general. Would like to meet slender, somewhat attractive lady, under 48, with good looks and a great personality. #4232 (exp 5/18)

RELATE THEN IT'S A DATE

Yoga, meditation, holistic health, meadow brook, coffeehouses, sandals, jazz, art films, beach walks, special interests. #4232 (exp 5/18)

HANDSOME KIND TEACHER

DWM, 43, 5'7", 200lb, N/S, social drinker, seeks a woman who is fun, outgoing, family oriented in northern Michigan. Seeking SWF, for serious, loving relationship. #4234 (exp 5/18)

JUST YOU AND ME

Wanted: SWF, N/S, I'm a very attractive, intelligent, successful business professional in Oakland County, TN. #4228 (exp 5/18)

BEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL

Attractive, outgoing SWF, 45, with a variety of interests, loves people, seeks same. #4224 (exp 5/18)

TYPED OF BAR SCENE

Very attractive, intelligent, sincere, romantic, lively, enjoys spontaneous fun. #4221 (exp 5/18)

BLUE EYES BANDY HAIR

Ripped, good looking, entrepreneur, 5'11", 130lb, 30+, enjoys most outdoor activities, up north, the lakes, woods, and snow. #4209 (exp 5/18)

STARTING OVER

Widowed WM, 42, 6 year-old daughter, brown/bl, 6'2", 185lb, smoker, enjoys date, pool, golf, cuddling up watching movies. Seeking sincere lady, HW proportionate for LTR. #4211 (exp 5/18)

GREAT LOOKING

SM, 18, 5'10", medium weight, dark brown hair, seeks romance with SWF, LTR unimportant. 18-21, for possible LTR. #4210 (exp 5/18)

HONESTY IS IMPORTANT

DWM, 38, N/S, Seeking attractive SWFF, 27-40, N/S, who's honest and sincere, to share friendship, companionship, romance and life's pleasure. #4208 (exp 5/18)

FOND OF YOUNGER MEN

Honest, hard-working, very attractive, romantic, athletic, active, passionate, Italian SM, 23, 6'1", seeks active, affectionate, slender, attractive SWFF, 24-35, who longs for the TLC of an able gentleman. #4255 (exp 5/18)

ARE YOU THAT SPECIAL ONE?

Passionate, caring, responsive DWF, 41, 5'11", 180lb, N/S, seeks attractive, intelligent, sincere SWFF, 28-40, to enjoy life together. #4208 (exp 5/18)

PASSIONATE HONEST

Tall, good-looking, down-to-earth, easygoing yet serious SWM, 28, seeking attractive, well-educated, intelligent, professional for friendship. LTR. #4217 (exp 5/18)

FARRINGTON, NOVY, LYONIA

Attractive, degreed SWM, 45, sandy grey/green hair, arts, architecture, soccer, football, hockey, real estate, golf, PC, home time, dogs, kids, fishing, cats. Seeking attractive, creative, involved energetic business woman. #4278 (exp 5/18)

UK + USA + OK

Handsome, very athletic, British SWM, 38, 5'10", seeks slim, smart, pretty, sexy lady, 25-35, for movie, music, theater, some sports, massage, cooking, and general niceness. #4283 (exp 5/18)

SMILE YOUNG MALE

5'10", 170lb, nice complexion, hazel eyes, seeks attractive SWFF for fun and companionship. #4201 (exp 5/18)

UK + USA + OK

Handsome, very athletic, British SWM, 38, 5'10", seeks slim, smart, pretty, sexy lady, 25-35, for movie, music, theater, some sports, massage, cooking, and general niceness. #4283 (exp 5/18)

EARLY TO BED

Long-haired, long white hair, 5'7", 160lb, seeking for the perfect woman, 18-26, 5'5", HW proportionate. Must enjoy children and family life. No games, please. #4206 (exp 5/18)

FRANCE ROMANCE

Tall, slender, handsome SWM, 46, CPA, warm, affectionate, honest, seeks woman, 40-48, who shares the same attributes and interests, for a monogamous relationship. #4208 (exp 5/18)

A LIFETIME OF CHANCE

or the chance of a lifetime. You decide SWM, 40, 5'8", optimistic, humorous, communicative, no dependents. Seeking intelligent, emotionally available SWF, to take a chance. #4206 (exp 5/18)

WANT TO GO HOME?

Check out, OK needed: SWF, fun, fit, reasonably attractive, 25-30, creative. #4213 (exp 5/18)

WEALTHY RELATIONSHIP

DWM, 34, affectionate, honest, N/S, nice guy, one chad I'm not worthy, I just want a wealthy relationship. #4193 (exp 5/18)

ATTRACTION NEVER MARRIED

Catholic, degreed, non-smoker, humorous, honest WM, 42, blonde/blue, 5'10", 170lb, enjoys date, sports and firesides. Seeking similar SWF. Please call. #4209 (exp 5/18)

LOOKING FOR YOU

DWM, 62, going on 40s, 5'11", 180lb, blonde, N/S, MD, honest, healthy, energetic, enjoys all social activities, seeks romantic, sincere female for LTR. #4240 (exp 5/18)

LIFE'S CHALLENGES

DWM, 40s, 5'11", 180lb, active, outgoing, seeks man with grandkids, enjoys dancing, jazz, Tera! Gate, dining input. Seeking lady to develop a lasting relationship. #4200 (exp 5/18)

GENTLEMAN

Handsome, white widower, 6'1", 200lb, seeks pretty WF, under 50, under 180lb, N/S, who enjoys the finer things in life, music, and sports. Please call today. #4199 (exp 5/18)

SU PARTNERLESS

Seeking SWFF, 40s, attractive, slender, N/S, seeks down-to-earth, fun, intelligent, professional, who is fun, outgoing, and has a sense of humor. #4197 (exp 5/18)

SEEKING SPECIAL LADY

Attractive SWM, 31, 5'8", easygoing, likes to dance and travel. Seeking SWF, 25-34, for friendship, possible relationship. #4195 (exp 5/18)

SM & EASYGOING

DWM, 39, 6'1", 180lb, morning person, likes outdoors, barbecue, pets, CW, 1000 miles. Seeking lady to share good and bad times with. #4195 (exp 5/18)

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL

SM, mid-40s, 6'7", 215lb, business owner, enjoys working out, seeks athletic SWF, 30-40, who loves the outdoors. #4194 (exp 5/18)

DREAMY LANDSCAPE

Handsome, kind-hearted, white gentleman, 35, clean-cut, nice physique, seeks down-to-earth, slim, beautiful lower gal, who loves nature, hiking, and romantic times for companionship. #4185 (exp 5/18)

FARRINGTON, LYONIA AREA

Attractive DWM, 45, 5'7", 145lb, casual lifestyle, no bars/games, enjoys smoking, down-to-earth, enjoys classic cars, antique collecting, music, movies, plays, computers, reading, bicycling, gardening. Fireplaces, hugs with shapely commitment, sincere SWFF, #4184 (exp 5/18)

SEEKING SOULMATE

Handsome, tall SWM, fit, N/S, trendy, enjoys going out, seeks interesting, attractive SWF, under 39, with similar qualities and values. For possible LTR. #4183 (exp 5/18)

LADY WANTED

New best friend for this DWM, 43, 5'8", 175lb, part-time dad. Take the time to get to know me, start with a phone call. #4182 (exp 5/18)

FIT AND FRIENDLY

SWM, 39, 5'8", 155lb, N/S, social drinker, seeks fit, honest, romantic, good disposition a must. Camping, cycling, concerts and parties. #4180 (exp 5/18)

LYONIA, MI

SWM, 5'8", 180lb, N/S, has sports, movies, dining, travel. Seeking Latin or Asian lady, 40-55, N/S, no dependents. #4135 (exp 5/18)

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"Irish-American Landmarks" (Visible Ink Press 1995, \$18.95) is what every guidebook should be: informative and entertaining for tourist and armchair traveler alike.

In fact, author John Barnes, son of Irish immigrants, former editorial writer of "The Detroit News" and currently with "The New York Post," has accomplished much more with his first book. Focusing on the contributions of Irish-Americans to their newly adopted country and the sites that memorialize their achievements, Barnes weaves the histories of Ireland and North America into a fascinating tapestry whose threads are the colorful lives of politicians, clergymen, soldiers, writers and entrepreneurs who influenced our culture.

Whether Catholic, Presbyterian, or Quaker, many fled from religious persecution. Others narrowly escaped the Great Famine of the 1840s when the potato crop failed. But as immigrants to a land of unlimited opportunity, they recharged their energy and spirit to fulfill what we call today the "American Dream."

In Michigan, for example, there's Frank Murphy, whose famine immigrant grandparents became prosperous dairy farm-

ers. When young Frank left his rural home to earn a law degree at the University of Michigan, he often supplemented his income with factory labor. This experience taught him compassion for ordinary workers. As governor of Michigan in 1937, he refused to call out the National Guard against the auto strikers, thus paving the way for UAW recognition from General Motors. Today, Murphy's modest home in Harbor Beach is a museum open to the public.

A different kind of home is Fairlane, the former estate of Henry Ford, another famous Irish-American. Lucky for us, young Henry resisted his immigrant father's pressure to become a farmer, instead spending his after-work hours "tinkering with something in the shed."

The Irish in the South were no less idealistic and productive. Louisiana boasts the first American statue to memorialize a woman, that of Margaret Gaffney Haughey. Orphaned at 9, widowed, and bereft of an infant daughter, Haughey turned her own sorrows into service for others. With the profits of a successful bakery business, she established several orphanages and asylums in New Orleans.

Out West there's the Concannon Winery, the oldest continuously operating winery in Cali-

fornia. Founder John Concannon was barely 18 years old when he arrived on the West Coast in 1883. Hard work, education, and thrift led him to the purchase of 47 acres of land in Livermore, where he experimented with imported vines from France.

Barnes includes over 300 entries in his 590-page book. Anecdotes abound: Jackie Gleason's famed ability to improvise; Eugene O'Neill's warped home life; the night Ronald Reagan's father slept in his car because he refused to stay in a hotel that prided itself on anti-Semitism. A site index and over 100 photographs suggest some great places to visit: the country's largest railroad museum in Baltimore, Maryland; the Irish-American Heritage Museum in East Durham, New York; the Hermitage, home of Andrew Jackson in Nashville, Tennessee; and our own Beaver Island on Lake Michigan.

Like all guide books, Barnes provides information about sites and exhibits, their location, hours, fees, etc. A 400-year timeline of events and suggestions for further reading enrich an already comprehensive publication. "Landmarks" can be purchased at Borders or by calling 1-(800)-776-8265.

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TRAVEL

Plan a vacation to historic Plymouth, Massachusetts

PRNewswire — A popular visitor destination since the arrival of the earliest Pilgrims, historic Plymouth, Massachusetts is introducing a series of new programs for the 1996 tourist season.

New initiatives include three new cruise options, two new Halloween programs, new exhibits marking the 375th anniversary of America's first Thanksgiving, and a new antiques center featuring 100 dealers.

Capt. John Boats celebrates its 50th anniversary this year with three new excursions: lighthouse and foliage cruises and a floating classroom.

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The fall foliage cruise lets visitors discover New England during its most colorful season. Available September, October and November, the luncheon cruise adds history and adventure to the region's numerous foliage activities. The 90-minute tour retraces the Pilgrim's first landing in Plymouth Harbor and cruises close the colorful coastlines.

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field study which includes collection and study of lobsters, a plankton tow to collect and study samples onboard, study of bottom samples and marine navigation including simple chart plotting.

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Halloween Tours

A special two-hour Halloween Tour will be available from Plymouth Colonial Lantern Tours, October 18-30, 1996.

The walking tour will depart each evening at 8 p.m. from the Plymouth National Wax Museum. Each participant will carry his or her own lantern as tour guides describe the macabre side of Plymouth's history. A special visit to Burial Hill will add to the spirited and ghoulish tales. These two hour specialty tours run from October 18-30 by reservation only. (Both individual & family rates available.)

For reservations and additional information, call (508) 747-4161 or Fax (508) 747-4284.

SuperSports Family Fun Park, in the nearby town of Carver, will present a Halloween Festival, October 3-31, 1996.

The primary event is a 35-40 minute Haunted Hayride. The narrated journey passes 20 action packed stage sets where more than 50 live actors perform various "haunts" around

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Ocelot captains named

Rudy Hatfield (Livonia Churchill) and Dwaun Warmack (Detroit Finney) were elected co-captains for the 1996-97 Schoolcraft College men's basketball team during the team's banquet on April 9.

Hatfield, a 6-foot-3 forward, paced SC in rebounding during his freshman year with 7.4 per game.

"I'll work my hardest so I don't let my team down, and Dwaun and I will provide the leadership the team elected us for," Hatfield said.

Warmack, a 5-9 point guard, led the Ocelots in assists with 4.6 per game.

"We expect this to be a winning program and we should all expect vast improvement in 1996-97," Warmack said. "Rudy and I have the experience and know what it takes to win, and expect it of all our teammates."

Tim Burns (Romulus) was selected by the coaches as Most Valuable Player. He was second on the team in scoring (12.8 ppg) and rebounding (7.33). Burns was also selected All-Eastern Conference in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Hatfield was selected Most Improved. He suffered a broken hand in during the opening workout and sat out the first three weeks of practice, but showed steady progress during the season, highlighted by a 21-rebound effort against St. Clair and 20 versus Alpena.

Chris Hebner (Wayne Memorial), a 6-6 sophomore center, earned the Coaches' Award for his unsung effort on the defensive end.

"Chris did all the little things that coaches need for the team to be successful," SC head coach Glen Donahue said.

Hebner, Burns, Jason Maschke (Livonia Franklin), Dave Pavlak (Dearborn St. Alphonsus) and Doug Walters (Belleville) all finished their careers at SC.

Livonia shooter 3rd

Kate Keleman, 23, a Livonia Churchill High and Murray State (Ky.) graduate, finished third Tuesday in the women's 3x20 rifle competition at the 1996 North American Shooting Championships held at the Wolf Creek Shooting Complex in Atlanta, Ga.

Keleman also took fourth Monday in the women's air rifle competition.

A resident the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. and U.S. National Team Member, Keleman is eligible to compete the next two months in the World Cup Series events, scheduled for Munich, Germany and Milan, Italy.

At the U.S. Olympic Trials earlier this month in Atlanta, Keleman was fourth in the 3x20 rifle as Elizabeth Bourland (Wichita Falls, Tex.) and Jean Foster (Bozeman, Mont.) finished one-two to qualify for the Olympic team.

Keleman did not make the finals in the air rifle.

Penguins win tourney

Goaltender Doug Borda scored two goals in four games as the Livonia Pee Wee Penguins captured the Mon Valley hockey tournament, March 22-24, in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Livonia downed Philadelphia in the finals, 2-0, after scoring wins over Washington, Pa. (5-1), Mon Valley (6-0) and Perry (2-1).

Other members of the defensemen Kyle Leirstein, Brad Cappel, Tom Gromek, Jeff Borda, Chris Gryswan, Grant Miller; forwards Joel Huren, Eric McNutt, Kenny Meier, Frank Celuso, Ronnie Papp, Gary Polka, Matt Spiteri, Scott Allen and Matt Gentry.

Earlier in the season, the Pee Wee Penguins won Hockey Day with a 1-0 win over the Livonia Bruins as Borda posted the shutout and McNutt led the game-winning shot in the semifinals, the Penguins downed the Livonia Flyers, 4-3, going into a five-minute overtime (2-all) followed by a shootout.

The team is coached by Matt Gentry, Rick Leirstein, Matt Leirstein and Eric McNutt. The team manager is Chris Cappel and sponsored by Borda, Inc.

Youth baseball tryouts

The USA Building Trades League baseball team will be arranging tryouts for its Pee Wee Division (12 and under) and Midget Division (13 only) teams.

For more information, call Rick Warback at (313) 464-2800.

Tryouts for Westland America, a 16-and-under travel baseball team, will be at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27 and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 28 at Westland John Glenn High School.

Current high school players are eligible to participate in America's largest May Invitationals and post-season tournaments.

For more information, call (313) 381-8782.

Collegiate notables

Eastern Michigan University's baseball team captured only one of four games last weekend, but senior right-hander Mark Rutherford (Livonia Churchill) pitched a gem, allowing only seven hits (and no walks) in an 18-1 Eagles' victory.

Rutherford had six strikeouts.

Stevenson falls in Lakes test

Plymouth Salem took an important Lakes Division girls soccer encounter with a 2-0 victory over Livonia Stevenson as Mia Sarkesian and Mari Hoff scored goals for the victorious Rocks.

Experience vs. talented youth.

That's a description often used when referring to Plymouth Salem's soccer team in the past. Only for the last few years, the Rocks have been the latter.

But when they went up against Livonia Stevenson Wednesday at Salem's field, the experience went to Salem and the talented youth tag belonged to Stevenson, which started five sophomores and a freshman.

The final result favored the Rocks, but it took two second-half goals to persevere.

The 2-0 triumph puts Salem in an

ideal situation, as far as the Western Lakes Activities Association is concerned. The Rocks (now 4-1 overall) took a big step toward claiming the Lakes Division title; the Spartans are 3-1 overall.

"The question wasn't what kind of team (Salem) had, it was what kind of team we had," said Stevenson coach Jim Kimble. "I thought if we could stop Mia (Sarkesian) and Mari (Hoff), we had a chance."

Unfortunately for the Spartans, they couldn't. Salem, which returns the bulk of its '95 team that reached the state final, played listlessly in

the first half but stepped it up in the second.

A move by new Rocks' coach Doug Landefeld had a direct effect on the game's first goal when Missy Simons, whom he switched from sweeper to outside defender "to get better service," was dragged down by Stevenson's Becky Peterson. A yellow card was issued and Simons took the free kick from 20 yards out.

Sarkesian broke toward the Spartan goal when Simons struck the ball, heading the line drive past Stevenson keeper Jenny Barker to make it 1-0 Salem with 25 minutes left.

"It was a breakdown (in our coverage)," said Kimble. "And that's coming from our inexperience. We were late in marking Mia."

It was a mistake a team can't afford to make against players of

Salem's caliber. "Mia (Sarkesian) is one of the top players in the state, and she showed it," said Landefeld. "And Missy Simons knows exactly where to put the ball, and she did."

After that, there was little Stevenson could manage. They tried, pushing forward extra players, but that resulted in Hoff scoring a goal on a rocket with two minutes left. Jodi Coyle drew the assist.

The goals were the first allowed by Stevenson. But the Spartans first three games were against Livonia Franklin, North Farmington and Farmington Harrison.

"This is going to help us down the road," Kimble said. "I think we can compete with anybody."

"This is definitely going to come back and help us later in the season."

Crusaders seek new cage coach

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

After his best season, Bill Potter has called it quits as coach of Madonna University's women's basketball team.

Citing personal reasons, Potter leaves after guiding the Lady Crusaders to a 20-13 record and into the NAIA Great Lakes Sectional Championship game.

In a prepared statement, Madonna athletic director Ray Summers said: "We appreciate all that coach Potter did in not only starting the program, but building it to a 20-win team last season. I wish him luck in all his future endeavors both in and out of coaching."

His coaching future is definitely on hold, according to Potter. "I just got married, I got a new job, and I'm getting a new house built, too," he said. "It was just time (to leave), with all the other stuff in my life I have going on."

"There's only 24 hours in a day," Potter, 34, was Madonna's inaugural coach when the program started five years ago. His career record was 62-83.

As with any new program, it was a struggle - at least until last season, when Potter brought in three prominent freshmen in Katie Cushman, Angie Negri and Mary Murray, and three solid transfers - Stacy Lamphere, Jamie Heins and Michelle Parmentier.

Making Potter's decision more surprising was the team's youth: Only Lamphere, a transfer from Oakland University, and Francine

Getting their kicks



City clash: Stevenson's Michelle Vettrainso (right) wins the battle to the ball against Franklin's Lindsay Rowe. Stevenson scored on the play en route to a 4-0 win. See 3C.

Williams will be lost to graduation.

The returnees should provide Madonna with its most promising outlook ever. Indeed, when Potter announced his decision to his team last week, he told them, "You should eclipse that (20-13) mark next season."

It's his "relationship with the players" that Potter said he will miss the most, especially with so many returning next season. "I would have liked to (come back)," Potter said. "But it was getting a lit-

tle hectic. It takes so much of your time."

Potter was married last October. He also got a new position with Fife Electric, in Novi, which required more of his time, then started building a new house in South Lyon.

When the next Madonna season rolls around, it will be the second year in the past 16 that Potter won't be coaching. Prior to accepting the position at Madonna, he served as an assistant coach - part of the time with Oakland Community College's

women's team.

He'll leave the Crusaders' program in good shape, that much is certain. "Five years ago, when I came into this position, you couldn't even open the door to the office," he recalled. "It was a storeroom for everyone else's junk."

The "junk" Potter will leave for his successor should be more than enough to mold a team of championship caliber. Too bad he won't be able to guide the Crusaders to that himself.

PeeWee icers win 61 games, national title

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

It's believed to be that in the 26-year history of the Livonia Hockey Association, never has a team made a national tournament, let alone won one.

But the Pee Wee AA Knights changed all that Sunday by capturing the Tier II USA Hockey Championship for 12-13 year-olds in Mentor, Ohio with a 4-2 victory over the Southcoast Sabres of Anaheim, Calif.

Perhaps only the Detroit Red Wings can boast more victories in a season.

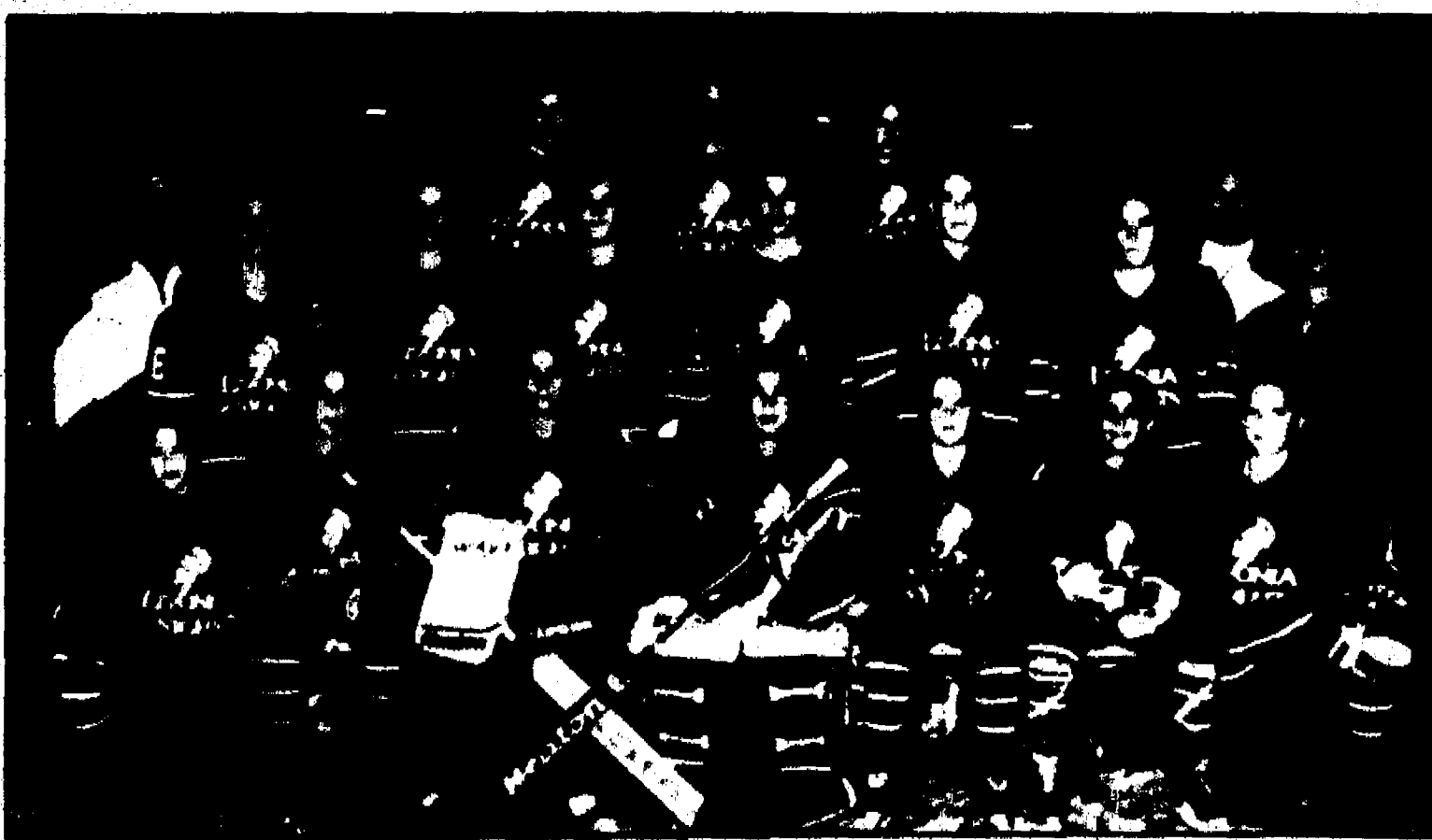
The Knights, who won six straight in Mentor, finished the year with a sparkling 61-16-3 overall record.

Livonia outscored their opponents, 44-8, en route to the title.

In the semifinals, the Knights downed Arlington, Mass. (8-1), along with victories over Providence, R.I. (9-1), Highland Park, Ill. (8-1), Cleveland, Ohio (8-1) and Ithaca, N.Y. (9-2).

"We've been averaging almost six goals per game, but I've always said offense wins games, but defense wins championships," Knights head coach Dan Lerg said. "These kids may not be the biggest or fastest, but they're smart, with good hockey sense."

Lerg, a four-year standout during the late 1970s at the University of



National champs: The Pee Wee AA Knights captured the Tier II national championship over the weekend in Mentor, Ohio with six straight victories.

Michigan, doesn't believe in keeping stats during the season.

"What makes this team unique is the chemistry," said Lerg, who was once a draft pick of the St. Louis Blues. "They play as a team and everyone contributes in their own way."

"I could use any combination at any time and there was no weak link. We had a lot of depth. Most teams would throw two lines at us, but after one-and-a-half periods you could see teams getting tired, especially when it was stop-and-go time

with these 15-minute periods. We'd keep throwing fresh legs at them."

The Knights' 16-man roster includes 10 Livonians including goalies Bobby Pruchnik and Kevin Marlowe, along with defensemen Derek Martin, Sean Szostak and Nathan Jakubowski; and forwards Bryan Marshall, Bobby Zagata, Sean Smith, Patrick Lerg and Kevin Krogel.

The rest of the contingent includes forwards Joe Hillebrand and Jim Spiewak, both of Northville; Mike Walsh, Farmington Hills; and

Shaun McDonnell, Westland; along with defensemen Erik Reitz of Plymouth and Ryan Yost of South Lyon.

The Knights' national tournament quest began when they went undefeated (4-0) in winning the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association district crown in Bloomfield Hills. The Knights then swept five straight in the MAHA championships in Wayne. They also won their travel division in Little Caesars.

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Jenkins hitting hero, Chargers roll, 10-3

Livonia Churchill's softball team is out of the gate swiftly in the Western Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Farmington Hills Harrison, which ruled the roost in the area ranks during the past two seasons, fell to the host Chargers on Monday, 10-3.

Jessie Jenkins led victorious Churchill by going 3-for-4 with three RBI and two runs scored. Tina Nail keyed a five-run first-inning rally with a first-run triple.

Winning pitcher Alicia December, Jenelle Mazaris, Megan McGinty and Raegan Tisher (triple) also had RBIs in the victory.

December scattered seven hits, walked one and struck out six over seven innings to win the divisional opener.

SOFTBALL

Harrison counterpart Ali Ault, a freshman, gave up eight hits, four walks and struck out four.

Kristen Kozlarski had three hits for the Hawks, who fall to 2-1 overall.

LUTH. WESTLAND 24, HAMTRAMCK 11: Junior right fielder Holly Kaye went 3-for-4, including a double and four RBI, and junior shortstop Jill Kooper added two hits, including a three-run double and six RBI, leading Lutheran High Westland to a season-opening Metro Conference victory Monday over the visiting Cosmos (0-2).

Winning pitcher Kristy Guilfoyle struck out five, walked 17 and scattered four hits over five innings (mercy rule).

The Warriors broke the game open with 12 runs in the third inning.

GARDEN CITY 3, CHURCHILL 2: Sophomore shortstop Missy Bako proved to be the hero at the plate and in the field Tuesday as the visiting Cougars held off Churchill's late charge.

In the top of the seventh, Bako gave unbeaten GC (5-0) a 3-1 lead with a two-run single that knocked in Kelly Shanks. The Chargers (3-2) then threatened, putting runners on second and third with two outs.

Jenny Clulow hit what looked like a game-tying grounder to left field, but Bako made a diving grab, bounced back on her feet and tagged out the runner heading to third to end the game. The runner at third was credited with a run.

The Cougars scored twice in the first inning when a single by Jenny Woody drove in Bako. An error on the play by Churchill's center fielder allowed Jenni Taibot to score.

A Tina Nail RBI triple in the fourth inning closed the Garden City lead to 2-

Allison's bat spurs Spartans

BASEBALL

Junior Mike Allison went 3-for-5, clubbing a pair of homers Monday as Livonia Stevenson earned its first baseball win of 1996 with a 10-2 triumph at Walled Lake Central.

Junior cleanup hitter Mark Dietrich went 5-for-5, all singles, and scored a pair of runs.

Winning pitcher Kevin Marvin pitched the first four innings, allowing three hits. Senior Scott Craver hurled the final three innings, allowing just one hit.

HARRISON 3, CHURCHILL 1: Winning pitcher Matt Sullivan gave up just one hit over seven innings Monday, leading host Farmington Hills Harrison (4-1) to the Western Division opening win over Livonia Churchill (0-2).

Losing pitcher Leon Kashawic allowed five hits and two walks in going six innings for Churchill.

Aaron Lawson led the victorious Hawks with two hits.

REDFORD CC 10, COUNTRY DAY 0: Last year's state Class B champion, Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day (1-1), got thumped Tuesday by Class A foe Redford Catholic Central (6-0).

Junior right-hander Ryan Kolb, making his first varsity start, pitched five

innings (mercy rule) allowing six hits and only one walk.

"He was not overpowering, but he threw strikes and we played good defense behind him," CC coach John Salter said of Kolb.

Senior first baseman James O'Connor went 3-for-3, including a three-run homer. He is now five for 11 on the year.

Senior right fielder Matt Kaye also went 3-for-3 with two RBI, Kaye is batting .700 (seven for 10).

Sophomore center fielder Kevin Thomas contributed two hits and scored two runs, while sophomore catcher Dave Vlane knocked in two runs with a pair of sacrifice flies.

HURON VALLEY 13, PCA 3: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran opened its season Tuesday by scoring in every inning to take care of visiting Plymouth Christian Academy in a six-inning mercy.

The top three hitters for the Hawks - Joel Hartley, Dan Zahn and Jeremy Zahn - were a combined 10-for-12 at the plate with seven runs scored.

John Nielson pitched the first four innings for the win.

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1. Junior Angie Hudson (3-0) recorded the victory, scattering three hits, striking out five and walking four. Senior Alicia December suffered the defeat despite striking out 11 Cougars.

"December threw well and had good location," Garden City coach Barry Paterson said.

LADYWOOD 3-2, MERCY 2-3: Livonia Ladywood won its first game of the season in the opener as Grace Allen scored the game-winning run in the 10th inning on a fielders choice off the bat of Allyson Woodruff.

Cathy Hermann pitched a five-hitter in gaining the win. She struck out 12 and walked only two, outdueling Farmington Hills Mercy's Dana Dziekan, who gave up seven hits and four walks.

Allen and Woodruff each collected two hits. Woodruff knocked in two runs, while Julie Szefler had the other RBI.

Mercy won the nightcap in eight innings on Shayla O'Mara's line shot to left, scoring Bethann Nowak (2-for-4).

Hermann was the losing pitcher, while Kelly Moug gained the victory.

Allen had two hits in a losing cause, while Jessica Roman knocked in a pair of runs.

Ladywood is 1-1 in the Catholic League's Central Division and 1-3 overall.

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"Most of these kids have been playing together two or three years," said Lerg, who scored 95 goals and had 105 assists during his days at U-M. "We had won the state the year before and we were confident going into this season. Based on the core of kids we had coming back, we thought we'd be competitive."

"We had some lulls during the year, but we always kept improving."

Lerg's coaching staff also played an integral part in the banner season: His assistants included Bill Smith and Ron Griffin, the latter whom was varsity head coach at Livonia Churchill High former U.S. National team player.

Griffin, a native Livonian and Churchill grad, first crossed paths with Lerg as 11-year-olds. The two were reunited in the 1977 NCAA Championship final when Griffin's Wisconsin team won a dramatic 8-5 victory over

the Wolverines at Olympia Stadium.

"With a guy like 'Griff' (a former defenseman), he was able to shore up our defensive corps," Lerg said. "This became a 10-month thing and there was nobody more dedicated. Ron didn't have a kid on the team, but he was always there for those 7 a.m. practices on Saturday."

And when Lerg, who was called out of town (Hawaii to be exact) on a work-related trip for Moore Business Forms of Detroit, Griffin took over the team and the Knights didn't miss a beat.

"I can't tell you how many countless hours there were spent by those guys planning strategy and working on new things," Lerg said.

But the success of the Knights could not have occurred without the financial support of team sponsors Chrysan Industries, American Representatives,

Johnson Stamping and Major Magic Pizza. Manager Angie Krogol also handled many of the behind-the-scenes duties for the Knights.

Lerg, who has coached four years of travel hockey and two in the LHA house leagues, plans to move up next year to work in Bantam A.


"Many of these kids will continue to move up in travel, others will play for their high schools, and some of these kids will play college hockey if they keep improving," Lerg said, who was inducted in U-M's Dekera Hall of Fame in 1995. "The biggest thing about this group is that they all understand the game and were willing to learn. Sometimes in scrimmages you'd wonder if they were picking things up, and it became frustrating at times, but every time they came to play."

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Shamrocks netters eye league repeat

First-year Detroit Catholic Central tennis coach Ron Callison is no stranger to some of his players.

Callison has been on staff at the Livonia YMCA as a club instructor, where some of his players have frequented.

Relationships like that helped make the transition to being CC's new coach two months before the season a smooth one. Callison, a physical education teacher in the Plymouth Canton school system, was named coach in February after the Shamrocks' tennis coach/public relations director Greg Grabowski resigned to take a new job.

The Shamrocks, who are the defending Catholic League champions, are 1-0 after a 7-1 win over Dearborn Divine Child on April 3. Their match on Monday with Allen Park Cabrini was postponed due to bad weather.

Callison was an assistant coach at perennial power Ann Arbor Huron the last two years.

Huron finished second in Class A both years.

Callison has also coached high school level tennis overseas in England and Germany, where he was working in the early '80s.

"I came from a top program and CC has a nice program... that was really the motivating factor," said Callison, 50. "I was not planning on coaching, when this opportunity came about I decided to apply. It's a very well motivated group of kids. We have seven seniors, a strong nucleus, exceptionally strong doubles players. I've been a coach on and off for 27 years and wanted to keep my hand in it."

Callison, who played baseball at Eastern Michigan University, but tennis is in his blood.

The 50-year-old is currently the United States Tennis Association men's captain of a team that plays at clubs in metro Detroit. His team won the Southeastern Michigan Tennis

Association champion two years ago.

The Shamrocks will have to replace their No. 1 singles player, Ranjit Gill, who won the Catholic League, as well as their No. 1 doubles team of Paul West and Rob Villaseor and No. 2 team of Steve Hartcock and Phil Zakaria.

West and Villaseor also won the Catholic League meet.

A close battle for No. 1 singles is being waged between senior Steve Halthcock and sophomore Brian Foley. Sophomore Marc Siciliano has nailed down the No. 3 job and senior Dante Ceroni will do battle at No. 4.

"The singles players are very close in ability, very competitive all the way down," Callison said. "It's really a toss up right now."

Three teams all very competitive. Ko and Khoury stand out a little more right now. Of course had only one match, so you have to see what happens when they start playing their

matches." Lombardi, Cerroni and Halthcock are the Shamrocks' captains.

"We have a very fine group of seniors, my captains in particular," Callison said. "They are very responsible players and young men."

The No. 1 doubles team will be seniors Francis Ko and Mark Khoury. Senior Phil Muldowney and senior Mike Lombardi are filling up No. 2, while junior Greg Thursam and senior Rich Ratke play at No. 3 and juniors Chris Marco and Matt Olex combine at No. 4.

Contributions also may come from sophomore Tom Tarnacki, junior Chris Marco (junior) junior Ryan Haight, who studied in Scotland in three years.

Haight returned with his family for his final two years of school.

"He has tremendous potential, he just needs a little hitting," Callison said.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 4

SALINE 4

April 18 at Saline

No. 1 singles: Matt Eszes (LC) defeated Craig Voyer, 6-0, 6-1.

No. 2: Scott Hankamp (S) def. Rob Aloe, 7-5, 6-4.

No. 3: John Webster (LC) def. Dan Mahoney, 7-6 (12-10), 6-3.

No. 4: Jeff Wilcox (S) def. Neel Chokshi, 5-7, 6-4, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Blake Mumby-Jay Douglas (S) def. Matt McBride-Nader Salah, 6-3, 6-1.

No. 2: Rob Kerschbaum-Tim Sterken (S) def. Bryan Stramecki-Ryan Green, 6-3, 6-3.

No. 3: Chip Norton-Mike Sandmaier (LC) def. Matt Ekrom-James Reid, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5.

No. 4: Jason Boyd-Mark Moore (LC) def. Josh Wilson-Matt Simms, 6-4, 7-6.

Churchill's dual-meet record: 0-0-1 overall.

GIRLS GOLF

LIVONIA STEVENSON 197

PLYMOUTH SALEM 219

April 16 at Hittop GC

Stevenson scores: Kelly Kristy, 45 (medal); Kristen Bartholomew, 46; Mara Mazzoni, 52; Andrea Khoury, 54.

Salem's top score: Katie Collins, 46.

Spartans roll past Patriots

Anne Fedrigo pumped in three goals Monday, leading Livonia Stevenson to a 4-0 girls soccer victory over visiting Livonia Franklin.

Michelle Vettrano added the other Stevenson goal, assisted by Fedrigo. Angie Pandoff contributed a pair of assists.

SOCCER

The Patriots trailed 1-0 at intermission thanks to the efforts of freshman goalkeeper Taffie Hembrough and senior sweeper Lisa DeShano.

"At halftime the score could have been 3-0, but my goalie really had an outstanding night," Franklin coach Dave Hebestreit said. "If not for her and my sweeper, it easily could have been 7-0 or 8-0."

Stevenson is now 3-0 overall, while Franklin drops to 1-2.

Jenny Barker, a sophomore goalie, posted her third shutout of the year.

"We dominated the game, but had trouble scoring as we have all year," Stevenson coach Jim Kimble said. "We played very complacent. If we don't do that, we're going to have big problems."

CANTON 8, JOHN GLENN 0: On Monday, Gennell Cobor had two goals and one assist Monday, leading Plymouth Canton (2-1) to an easy victory Monday over visiting Westland John Glenn (0-4-1).

It was senior goalie Sarah Warnke's second shutout.

TENNIS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Head coach: Denise Berg, eighth season.

League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association (Western Division).

Last season's WLLA record: 6-4-1 (fifth place).

Notable losses to graduation: Jeff Barnesky, Paul Gale.

Leading returnees: Matt Eszes, Rob Aloe, John Webster, Neel Chokshi, Matt McBride, Nader Salah, Bryan Stramecki, Ryan Green, Chip Norton, Ryan McGilvrey, Brian Elliott, Jason Boyd, Mark Moore.

Promising newcomers: Michael Sandmaier, Ian Quay, Kerry Tseng.

Berg's 1996 outlook: "We started out the season really strong, winning the Dearborn Press & Guide Invitational. We're in Dearborn's regional, so that was important."

"We have strong singles. I foresee us doing fairly well in the league as long as everyone plays well and we don't have any injuries. We'll be better than last year. We have a good team this year. Our goal is to make it to the state tournament this year."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Head coach: Frank Dotson, fifth season.

League affiliation: WLLA (Western Division).

Last season's WLLA record: 2-9 (11th place).

Notable losses to graduation: None.

Leading returnees: James Metzger (Sr.), Oas Vahia (Sr.), Wade Johnson (Sr.).

Promising newcomers: Dan Harris (Jr.), Ryan Beasley (Sr.).

Dotson's 1996 outlook: "We're hoping to do better than last year. But we're going to do it minus a senior who's one of my top singles players, Bill Green, who's in a musical this spring. He will be missed, no question about that, but we wish him well. We're hoping to be competitive."

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Head coach: George Crpil, 15th season.

League affiliation: WLLA (Lakes Division).

Last season's WLLA record: 7-3-1 (fourth place).

Notable losses to graduation: Mark Findling (state qualifier at No. 1 singles).

Leading returnees: Chad Crosby (Sr.), 15-5 record at No. 2 singles last year; Matt Stoops (Sr.), Ben Garfield (Sr.), Ryan Winkler (Jr.).

Promising newcomers: Paul DeBusk (Jr.) and Marc Nobletz (Sr., exchange student from France).

Crill's 1996 outlook: "Seven of our top 12 from last year graduated so we're going to significantly a different team this year. We're going to have to depend on some kids to come up through the ranks."

"I think we'll be competitive, but not overpowering. We may surprise some teams with our depth. We look like we have some good tennis players, but we have to see how they stack up with the other teams."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

Head coach: Roger Cromwell, third season.

League affiliation: WLLA (Lakes Division).

Last season's WLLA record: 0-11 (12th place).

Notable losses to graduation: None.

Leading returnees: John Raicu (Jr.), No. 1 singles; Rob Downey (Jr.), No. 2 singles; Mike Raicu (Sr.), No. 3 singles; Dave Fowler (Jr.), No. 4 singles; Mike Stacy (Jr.) and Justin Rowland (Jr.), No. 1 doubles; Joe Mifsud (Jr.) and Mike Purdy (Jr.), No. 2; Don Godbey (Jr.), No. 3 doubles.

Promising newcomers: Ryan Scott (Fr.), No. 3 doubles; Dan (Fr.) and Dave (Fr.) Kovacs, No. 4 doubles.

Cromwell's 1996 outlook: "We lost our first match before Easter break to Garden City (7-1)."

"I think we have a shot at Franklin or either of the Walled Lake schools. It's hard to say. We may be a year away."

WAYNE MEMORIAL

Head coach: Wayne Woodard, 1st season.

League affiliation: Michigan Mega Conference (White Division).

Last season's overall record: 0-13.

Notable losses to graduation: None.

Leading returnees: Ocie Carswell (So.), Roland Patterson (Sr.).

Promising newcomers: Phil Becker (Fr.), Austin Rowland (Fr.), Matt Murtha (So.), Todd Gujardo (So.), Adam Goyt (So.), transfer from Westland John Glenn.

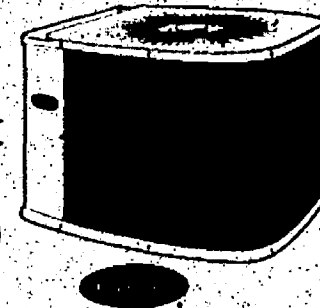
Woodard's 1996 outlook: "We're a very young team. We're just looking to improve every match. The kids are working hard, coming along. This is going to be a building year for us. And we've got some building blocks in place. Hopefully, in a year or two, we'll be able to contend for the league championship."

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Stevenson girls race past Livonia Franklin

Livonia Stevenson captured 12 of 16 events, including three of four relay races Tuesday in a 93-36 girls track victory over city rival Livonia Franklin.

Nicole Dettloff led the host Spartans, now 2-0 overall in

dual meets, with firsts in the long jump (15 feet) and 200-meter dash (29.63).

Other individual winners for Stevenson: Jordyn Godfroid, high jump (4-6); Jenny Dulz, 100-meter hurdles (17.83); Jean-

ette Stojcevski, 300 hurdles (53.3); Erin Ray, 400 (1:08.3); Danielle Harris, 800 (2:41.0); Kelly Travis, 1,600 (6:51.0); and Kelly McNeilance, 3,200 (12:14.0).

Ray, Godfroid, Kelly Moryc and Christy Tails won the 800 relay (2:01.4), while the four some of Ray, Harris, McNeilance and Stojcevski captured the 1,600 relay (4:39.4).

The Spartans also won the 3,200 relay as Harris, Gardner, Jennifer Carroll and Beth Peterson posted a time of 11:27.8.

Franklin, which slipped to 1-1 in duals, was led by Danielle Wensing.

The sophomore captured the shot put with a personal best 34.75 and the 100 dash (14.02). She also teamed up with Shannon LaFave, Shiloh Wint and Janine Bosman to win the 400 relay (57.0).

Christy Terek added a first for the Patriots in the discus with a personal best throw of 90.7.

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Shot Put: Jennifer Brazel (FH), 30.7; Discus: Brazeal (FH), 93.4; High Jump: Shiloh Johnson (LL), 4.8; Long Jump: Johnson (LL), 15.9; 100-meter hurdles: Johnson (LL), 17.7; 200-meter hurdles: Johnson (LL), 55.1; 100: Lindsay Soter (LL), 13.9; 200: Soter (LL), 28.7; 400: Soter (LL), 65.4; 800: Jackie Urbanczyk (LL), 2:42.4; 1,600: Jackie Segue (LL), 5:52.5; 3,200: Segue (LL), 13:39.8; 400 relay: Ladywood (Kelli O'Brien, Katie McGraw, Bridget O'Grady, Cassie Entsminger), 54.8; 800 relay: Ladywood (Shannon Swain, Stephanie Mossat, Brenda Cole, Soter), 4:39.1; 1,600 relay: Ladywood (Urbanczyk, Ann Figurski, Nicole Garrett, Carrie Wilson), 10:44.1.

100th Boston Marathon 'was just amazing'

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The 100th running of the Boston Marathon was everything, and then some for Livonian Gary Plank.

The 41-year-old Plank, an employee of the Livonia Public Schools, was swept up by all the pomp and circumstance surrounding the commemorative anniversary race.

Nearly 39,000 registered marathoners from 60 different countries ran the 26.2-mile course from the tiny, quaint town of Hopkinton to the finish line in the heart of Boston.

Over 1.5 million spectators lined the course, cheering their favorites on.

Plank unofficially covered the course in 3 hours, 32 minutes and 5 seconds, but that time is only an insignificant statistic in his mind.

"It was just a staggering event," Plank said. "And the organizational expertise of the Boston Athletic Association is just amazing."

"It rained for two days (Saturday and Sunday), but by the start of the race their was not a cloud in the sky. The temperature was in the high 40s. It was just a beautiful day."

Getting to Hopkinton for the 11:30 a.m. start, however, was a marathon in itself.

Over 590 buses transported runners from downtown Boston to Hopkinton, a town of less than 10,000.

"We took off at about 7:30 (a.m.). It took an hour to get there and another hour once we got into town to drop us off at the staging area, kind of the

athletes' village, which was located behind a middle school," Plank said. "The town was just flooded. We stayed under huge tents, but the neat thing is that I got to talk to quite a few runners from other countries on the bus and while waiting in line. I talked to people from South Africa, Ireland, Switzerland and Germany."

"It was neat because everybody was so enthused about this thing."

To the B.A.A.'s credit, all 39,000 runners, who were placed strategically into corrals according to qualifying times, got to the official starting spot within 38 minutes of the initial gun.

"There were about 18,000 runners ahead of me and it took about 10 minutes to get to the start, which wasn't bad at all," Plank said. "The first few miles were jam-packed. After five or six miles, things started to move out."

Plank was taken by surprise by the first-half of the course.

"There were a lot of long downhills, which softens your quadriceps (leg) muscles," he said. "Then you hit Heartbreak Hill. It's not really that steep, but fairly long, and then there are a couple more (hills) after that. It was like a one-two-punch."

But course's terrain was secondary to carnival atmosphere on and off the course.

"I met quite a few characters," Plank said. "One guy was dressed as Elvis, and another was wearing a Paul Revere costume carrying a church steeple as a headdress."

"And the spectators were

screaming throughout. It's true, those Wellesley College girls scream the loudest. Just people of all ages. I saw people sitting on rooftops and others standing on snowbanks."

"The water and Gatorade stations became fire drills, but they had beautiful official support. Families set up their own aid stations and were giving out orange slices. Those people just have a ball. They love it because it's a part of the holiday."

Once Plank got closer to Boston, a slight breeze picked up off the harbor and put a chill in the air.

But the final two-tenths of a mile (down Boylston Street) picked up every finisher's spirit, including Plank's.

"It was a tight maneuver at the finish, but they had volunteers waiting to give you a blanket, Power Bars, juice and snacks," he said. "Medical help was also available if you needed it. They thought of everything. You'd walk about seven-tenths of a mile (down Boylston) to the (Boston) Commons to turn in your computer chip (giving runners their corrected time), and you'd see all these runners with blankets draped over their shoulders. It was quite a sight."

Once Plank exchanged his computer chip for his medal, he returned to his hotel room for some much-needed rest.

On Tuesday, Plank made the long trek back home.

"Getting in-and-out of the car was the hard part, I was a little sore," he said. "And despite driving through the rain, getting stuck in traffic, and waiting in all those lines, it was well worth it."

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Madonna baseball team creeps over .500 mark

The Madonna University baseball team proved over the weekend that good pitching is the key to winning.

With the exception of an 11-7 loss at Tiffin University in Friday's opener of a doubleheader, Madonna's pitching took over as the Crusaders finished the weekend with three consecutive wins.

Madonna (17-16) completed the weekend on Sunday with a doubleheader sweep of visiting Sjona Heights University, 2-1 and 9-1.

In the nightcap, Joel Hillebrand (3-2) allowed only one run in his six innings of work, while walking one and striking out three. Joel Fabris retired the

side in order in the seventh.

It was Hillebrand's second win of the week earning him Pitcher of the Week honors for the NIAA Great Lakes Section. In total, he allowed one earned run in nine innings of work while giving up seven hits and walking four.

The big hit of the victory was a three-run home run by Pete Quinn. Designated hitter Daryl Rocho went 3-for-4, while Kurt Wilczynski and Dan Taylor each added a pair of hits. Taylor also had two RBI.

In the opener, Eric Butler (5-1) stymied the Saints on four hits and held them scoreless for the final six innings. Butler struck out five and walked four.

Taylor drove in both Madonna runs in the sixth with a two-run double. Quinn went 3-for-3 and Aaron Shrewsbury had two hits.

On Friday, the Crusaders began the weekend with a 4-2 win in nine innings at Tiffin,

Ohio.

A trio of three pitchers combined to limit Tiffin to seven hits. Fabris (1-1), the second of the three hurlers, recorded the victory with three shutout innings. Eric Crawford pitched the ninth to earn the save.

At the plate, Wilczynski had two hits, including a triple, a sacrifice and two RBI. Eric Marcotte added a pair of hits and a sacrifice.

The nightcap was a different story, however, as Tiffin banged out 13 hits for an 11-7 win. The Crusaders squandered a 5-0 lead.

Shrewsbury and Rocho had three hits apiece in the 12-hit Madonna attack. Taylor and Jason Renkiewicz had two hits each. Rocho also drove in three runs with three doubles.

Tim Holland (1-3), the second of four pitchers, took the loss. Jason Carter started

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Outlook for upcoming wild turkey season is bright and promising

BILL PARKER
OUTDOORS EDITOR

A record turkey population, an expanded hunt area, and increased hunting opportunities should add up to make the 1996 Michigan spring wild turkey season the best ever.

The season runs April 22 through May 31. Hunting is permitted by special license in designated hunting areas only.

"I think it should be another record year," said John Urbain, game bird specialist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. "Of course, that's pretty easy to predict when you issue 20,000 more licenses and the population is higher than ever. I expect it to be an excellent season."

"Winter's impact. Despite reports of a rough winter up north, the turkey population appears to have weathered the storm."

Turkeys are very visible during the winter because of the lack of foliage and the white snow cover on the ground, where the birds spend most of their time during daylight hours. Because of this greater visibility the DNR conducts a winter turkey count with the help of hunting groups and individuals who live in turkey country.

This year's winter count turned up a record total of 93,751 birds, compared to 86,076 birds during the 1994-95 winter count. There were 51,589 birds sighted in the northern Lower Peninsula, 34,404 in the southern Lower Peninsula and 7,758 in the Upper Peninsula.

"Although the winter seems to have been worse than normal, it wasn't too bad for the turkeys," said Urbain. "We didn't get any reports of significant turkey losses anywhere in the state. The field people didn't see very many stressed birds. They seem to

have done real well."

Much of that winter survival can be directly attributed to groups such as the Michigan chapters of the National Wild Turkey Federation, which this winter alone distributed hundreds of tons of corn to those areas holding wintering turkeys.

Although Michigan's turkeys appear to have survived the winter pretty well, the late arrival of spring could still have an impact on the hunt.

Before a hen breeds she must have enough energy, through stored body fats, to lay a full nest of eggs. Although daylight is the main trigger of the turkey's breeding cycle, a hen with low body fat (because of prolonged winter conditions) will delay her breeding until she regains her body fat and fully recovers from any winter stress.

"Hunters should get an idea of the stage of the breeding cycle," said Urbain. "If the birds are

still in gobbler flocks or if the hens are going to the nest, hunting will be the best. If they're in mixed flocks it's going to be tougher. The fourth hunt period could well be a very good hunt."

Ten hunt areas have been expanded this year and an additional 7,000 square miles of land has been opened to turkey hunting. Hunt areas T, ZA, QA, R, S, Z, X, L, PA, and PB in southern Michigan have all been enlarged.

There is now a total of 36,080 square miles of land open to turkey hunting in Michigan.

On top of that, the DNR added an experimental fourth hunt period this spring to insure that all hunters who applied for a license will have an opportunity to hunt. The overall season has been extended from 35 days to 40 days and divided into four hunt periods instead of three, as in the past.

Licenses for the fourth period, May 21-31, are valid in all

spring wild turkey areas except public lands in Zone III (southern Michigan).

The DNR issued 72,680 permits this spring, compared to 54,789 last year, and 19,600 were for the experimental fourth hunt. (There are still some leftover permits available. See your local license dealer for details.)

"There was a lot of interest in the fourth hunt," said Urbain. "We had 88,000 applicants and 48,300 put down the fourth period as one of their choices."

The comeback of the wild turkey in Michigan is a remarkable story. The eastern wild turkey was abundant in Michigan, particularly the southern part of the state, in the late 1800's. As settlers invaded the land, habitat was lost and the birds were exploited for food.

By the turn of the century wild turkeys were all but extinct in Michigan. In 1954, the DNR instituted a reintroduction effort.

The DNR received 50 wild turkeys from Pennsylvania and released them in the Allegan State Game Area.

Additional releases occurred across the state during the ensuing years and by 1964 there were upwards of 2,000 turkeys in the state. More releases and trap-and-transfer efforts continued throughout the years and today we're closing in on 100,000 birds across the state.

Hunters set a record last year by taking 13,119 bearded toms during the spring season. With increases in turkey numbers, hunter numbers and available hunting land, hunters should easily eclipse that number this spring.

Turkey hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (810) 644-1314.

OUTDOORS CALENDAR

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

SALMON STAKES

The 18th annual River Crab Salmon Stakes fishing tournament will be held Saturday, April 27, in St. Clair. Proceeds from the tournament are used to help troubled children, adults and their families statewide. Money is raised through the sale of \$10 raffle/entry tickets. The grand prize in the raffle is a trip for four to Walt Disney World. Other prizes include a weekend for two in Toronto; \$750 in gift certificates redeemable at any Chuck Muer restaurant nationwide; a charter fishing trip for four with overnight accommodations and dinner; and \$300 in gift certificates redeemable at any Chuck Muer restaurant nationwide. All raffle/entry tickets are redeemable for \$10 off dinner for two at any Chuck Muer restaurant. Tickets are available at all Chuck Muer restaurants or by call Ruth Rhoades at 1-800-468-3727.

CLASSES/SEMINARS

DUCK AND GOOSE CALLING

Lynnan Burgess, in cooperation with the West Bloomfield

Community Education Department, will offer a class in basic duck and goose calling beginning at 7 p.m. Monday, April 22, at West Bloomfield High School. The class will meet every Monday for four weeks. Cost is \$30. Call 855-4021 for more information.

BEGINNER FISHING

Learn the basics of fishing including strategy, equipment, casting, safety and more during a fishing class for beginners, which begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, at Ealy Elementary school in West Bloomfield. The class is for adults and children ages eight and up and will be taught by O&E Outdoor writer Bill Parker. Call 539-2290 for more information.

TURKEY SEMINAR

Bloomfield Sports & Rec will hold a turkey seminar beginning at noon Saturday, April 20. The store is located at 2055 Telegraph Rd., one-half mile north of Square Lake Rd. Call (810) 452-8999 for more information.

YOUTH CONSERVATION CLUB

The Multi Lakes Youth Conservation Club will hold its first meeting of 1996 beginning at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Multi Lakes clubhouse in Walled Lake. The club is open to youths ages 9-17. Annual dues are \$5. Call George

Cambell at (810) 360-3918 for more information.

INTRODUCTION TO SCUBA

Padi instructor John Pogione will teach a class on the basics of scuba diving on Monday and Tuesday, April 22 and 23, at Bloomfield Sports & Rec. The store is located at 2055 Telegraph Rd., one-half mile north of Square Lake Rd. Call (810) 452-8999 for more information.

BOATING SAFETY

The Multi Lakes Conservation Association will hold a boating safety class beginning at 6 p.m. Monday, April 22, and Wednesday, April 24, at its clubhouse in Walled Lake. The class will be taught by the Oakland County Sheriff Department's Marine Division and is open to anyone age 12 and older. Call (810) 363-9109 for registration information.

HUNTER EDUCATION

INSTRUCTOR COURSE

A certification course for those interested in becoming a hunter education instructor begins at 8 a.m. Sunday, April 27, at the Multi Lakes Conservation Association in Walled Lake. Call Wayne Hoyt at (810) 363-2294 for more information.

HUNTER EDUCATION

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Association will hold a hunter education course on May 7, 11, 14 and 15. Call Wayne Hoyt for registration information at (810) 363-2294.

BANQUETS

OUTDOORS FOREVER

Outdoors Forever will hold its 10th annual wild game banquet beginning at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at the Livingston County Wildlife & Conservation Club in Hamburg. Tickets are \$30 each; \$55 for two. Call (810) 227-5398 or (517) 337-0018 for more information.

SEASONS

TROUT

A special fly fishing only, catch-and-release trout season runs through April 26 on a two-mile stretch of the Huron River in the Proud Lake State Recreation Area, (810) 685-2433. The regular trout season opens April 27.

TURKEY

Spring wild turkey season runs April 22-May 31 by special permit only in designated management units throughout the state.

BASS

Largemouth and smallmouth bass season opens statewide on May 25 with the exception of

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Madonna caps successful weekend with twinbill sweep

The Madonna University softball team improved its overall record to 18-10 by winning three-of-five games last weekend.

The Crusaders capped their weekend Sunday with a double-header sweep of St. Francis at Livonia's Ford Field.

In the nightcap, Madonna rallied from a 3-0 deficit for a 5-4 victory. Jamie Vickers, Dawn Shaffer and Jeanie Baxter had two hits apiece. Shaffer knocked in three runs.

SOFTBALL

Janell Leschinger improved to 4-1 by allowing one earned run in her complete game performance. She scattered nine hits, while striking out three and walking only one.

After falling behind 2-0, the Crusaders came back to win Sunday's opener 5-2. Shaffer was the offensive hero, with two hits, two runs and two RBI.

Madonna also received two hits from Christy Riopelle and two RBI from Baxter.

Lynda Weichel (3-0) went the distance, surrendering five hits and striking out three without issuing a walk.

The Crusaders also opened the weekend with a victory - a 3-2 triumph at Calvin College on Friday.

Baxter collected two of the five Madonna hits, including a two-run home run in the fifth inning, which gave the Crusaders a 3-0

lead. Shanna Strong hurled the first 4 2/3 innings to even her record at 7-7, but it was a hard-earned win after she was taken off on a stretcher after being nailed in the head with a line drive. Strong was later treated and released.

Angie VanDoorn pitched the final 1 1/3 innings of perfect softball.

In between the victories, however, Madonna had to travel to Northwood Institute, Northwood

pulled off the twinbill sweep, 7-1 and 2-0.

Madonna's only run of the day came in the first inning of the opener when Shaffer doubled home Michelle Birchmeier. Riopelle had the only other hit of the game for the Crusaders.

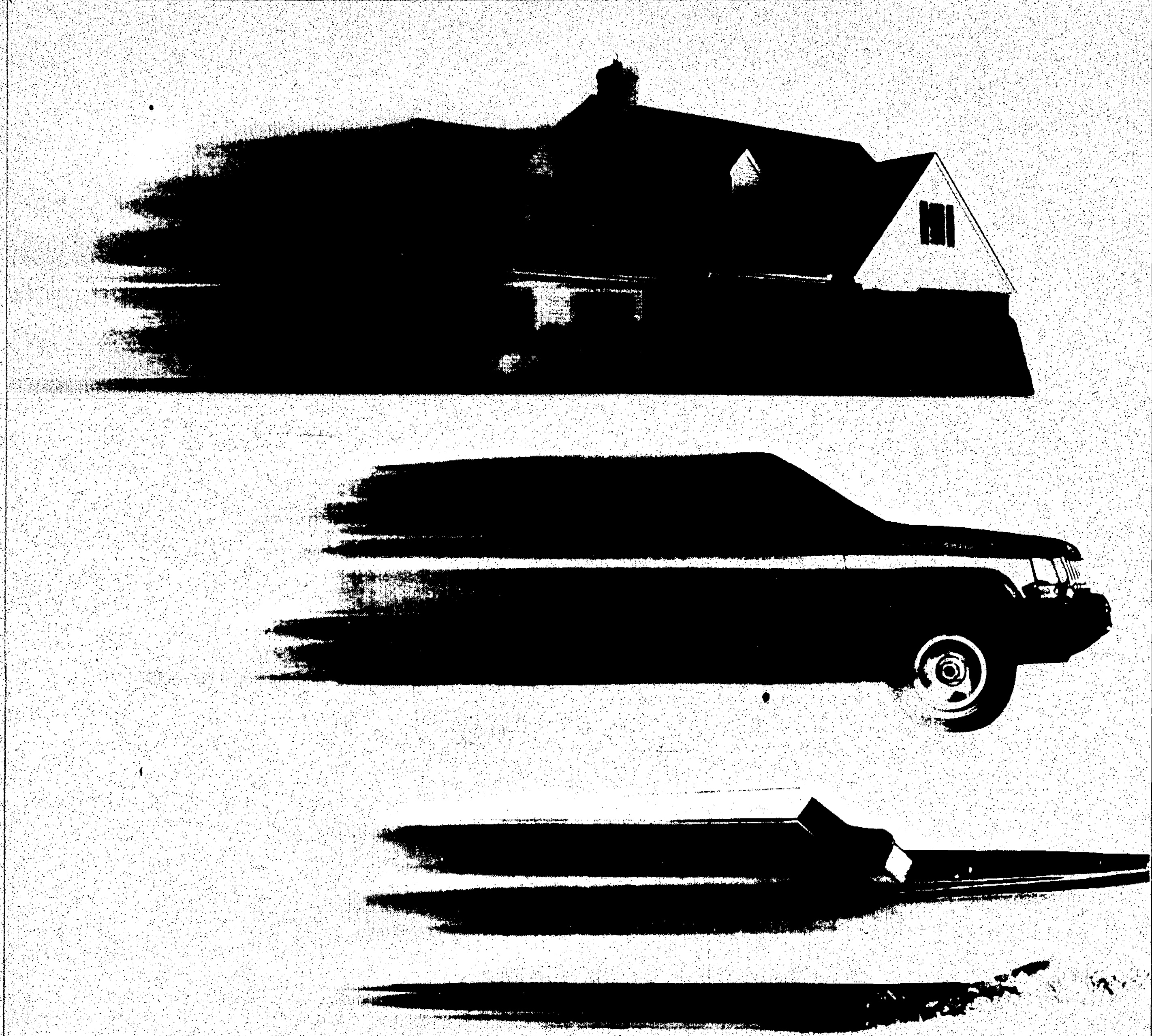
VanDoorn (4-2) suffered the defeat, allowing 10 hits while walking five and striking out two.

The Crusaders collected seven hits in the nightcap but failed to cross home plate. Center fielder

Melissa McGue did her job as a lead-off batter going 4-for-4, but the Crusaders couldn't knock her in.

Leschinger picked up the loss despite allowing only one earned run and five hits. She struck out six and walked two.

Madonna is currently second in the NAIA Great Lakes East Section softball standings. Mount St. Joseph (Ohio) is in first with an 8-2 mark.



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Start engines to surf the Net



EMORY DANIELS

A few months ago I wrote a "Surf and Search" column that contrasted the two methods (random and targeted) of looking for material on the Internet.

I gave a cursory look at search tools and need to revisit that topic now more because of related developments on the Internet. There has been an explosion in search engines and directories that parallels the explosion of the World Wide Web. Supply races to keep up with demand.

A search engine is a user-tailored database that provides a searchable index of words on thousands of Web pages. A directory is a listing of sites, much like a telephone book. There also is specific software (agents) that will conduct automated searches of the Internet and return requested information. And there are companies who, for a fee, will search and return information requested by clients.

My earlier column on searches mentioned Lycos, Infoseek, Webcrawler and Worm. Since then, four-five major search engines have become major players. Among the most powerful search engines on the Internet now are: Alta Vista at http://altavista.digital.com; Excite at http://www.excite.com; Lycos at http://www.lycos.com; Infoseek at http://guide.infoseek.com; Opentext at http://www.opentext.com:8080; Inktomi at http://inktomi.berkeley.edu/query.html;

WWW Worm at http://www.cs.colorado.edu/home/mcbryan/WWW.html; and Webcrawler at http://www.webcrawler.com.

There has been an explosion in search engines and directories that parallels the explosion of the World Wide Web. Supply races to keep up with demand. Four or five major search engines have become major players.

Digital's Alta Vista has a database of more than 21 million Web pages containing more than 8 billion words, articles from more than 13,000 Usenet news groups, and an index of 46 gigabytes. Excite is said to be smarter and user-friendly, allowing key word or concept searches of its database of more than 1.6 million Web pages. Excite also has a searchable index of more than 50,000 Web sites it has reviewed; a Usenet search of more than a million articles; and a search of Usenet classifieds.

Lycos is popular because it has a large number of binaries in its database, including gif and jpeg (graphics), wav (sound), and mpg (motion picture) files and indexes of FTP (File Transfer Protocol) and Gopher. Its Web index has more than 19 million Universal Resource Locators (URLs). InfoSeek, which claims to be the fastest engine on the Net, offers searches of reviewed sites and Usenet Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) displayed in order of relevance. OpenText uses popup menus for specifying Boolean or proximity operators, offers a weighted search assigned by the user. A helpful feature, one Alta Vista shares, is that OpenText will search for a combination of several words (in a title, for instance) and produce the desired result. Inktomi, WWW Worm, and Webcrawler are pretty basic but you may want to include them amongst your bookmarks.

In recent times the directory everyone used was Yahoo; still a giant in its field. But Yahoo now has some stiff competitors.

Among the major directories are: McKinley's Magellan Directory at http://magellan.mckinley.com; Pointcom at http://www.pointcom.com; Yahoo at http://www.yahoo.com; Excite Netdirectory at http://www.excite.com/Subject; Nynex Yellow Pages at http://www.niyp.com; Apollo at http://apollo.co.uk; Galaxy at http://galaxy.einet.net; New Riders WWW YellowPages at http://www.mcp.com/newriders/wwwyp/; and Starting Point at www.stpt.com.

McKinley rates its Web sites like AAA, assigning stars on a scale of one to four. You can arrow your search to the reviewed sites McKinley rates of higher quality, or exclude "adult" sites, or search broader to included non-reviewed sites. Excite presents news, weather, opinion, and cartoons. Nynex's yellow pages has more than 16 million entries. Apollo's business directory is international in scope, and Yahoo is as broad as it is deep.

If you are looking for an E-mail address there are at least two useful E-mail directories: Four11 directory (which I reported on earlier) at http://www.four11.com; and Lookup at http://www.lookup.com/lookup/arch.html.

Four11 has more than three million E-mail addresses but some of its services are fee-based. Lookup is entirely free.

Some of the software that's out there include: FTPsearch at http://129.241.190.13/ftpsearch/; Dejanews (for Usenet searches) at http://www.dejanews.com; Sift

(for Usenet searches) at http://sift.stanford.edu; Internet Sleuth at http://www.inthe.com/sleuth/ accesses a collection of more than 900 searchable databases for user-directed searches.

Among the search for fee services are: Dow Jones at http://bis.dowjones.com; Global Internet News Agency at http://www.gina.com; NewsPage at http://www.newspage.com; Lexis-Nexis at http://lexisnexis.openmarket.com/lexis-nexis/; LA Times/Washington Post NewsService at http://www.news-service.com; Reuters NewMedia at http://www.yahoo.com/headlines/; and ClariNet at http://www.clarinet.com, among several others.

Briefly, agent software will search links, search engines, directories while you sleep and return its results as assigned. An agent operates like the thermostat on your wall -- set the temperature and it operates autonomously in the background.

A popular agent on the shelves of some computer stores is QuarterDeck's WebCompass. Others are Smart Bookmarks (my friends have had mixed results with this one), Surfbot for Windows 95 and NT, and Web-Arranger which has this nifty utility that keeps retrying busy FTP sites until a successful download is possible (sort of like setting Trumpet on automatic dial).

I know this has been a quick look but so much is happening in this area that by the time air in depth look is finished everything will have changed again. That's the nature of the Net.

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DATEBOOK. FRIDAY APRIL 19. WOMEN'S ECONOMIC. John H. Dalton, secretary of the Navy, will be the guest speaker at the Women's Economic Club luncheon at noon at Cobo Conference Center, Ambassador Ballroom. His topic will be "Vision of Change for the Navy: Challenges on the Homefront and Abroad." Reservations are available to the public at \$25; \$20 for club members. For information, call (313) 963-5088. TUESDAY APRIL 23. EXECUTIVE PANEL. The Detroit section of the Society of Women Engineers annual executive panel discussion will be at 6:30 p.m. at Hawthorne Valley Country Club on Merriam Road in Westland. The discussion is open to anyone interested and will feature speakers from Ford Motor Co., J.D. Power, United Technologies Automotive, Lawrence Tech, and Energy Conversion Devices. Registration fee is \$17 for members and \$19 for nonmembers. For information, call (313) 845-4574. CONFERENCE. The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants and the Michigan Department of Treasury are presenting a governmental accounting and auditing conference at the Holiday Inn-South Convention Center in Lansing. Participants may choose from 21 breakout sessions including new pension statements, local government investments and the new municipal securities disclosure requirements. The cost is \$125. For more information, call (810) 855-2288. MONTHLY MEETINGS. The monthly meeting of the Inde-Spring chapter of the American Business Women's Association will be at 6 p.m. at the Deer Lake Racquet Club. The program is dedicated to careers open to young women, and how ABWA provides opportunities, grants, and loans to members to achieve their educational goals. For reservations, call (810) 627-4324. EDUCATION SEMINARS. The American College and Eastern Michigan University are delivering continuing education seminars to life insurance and other financial services professionals. An insurance and financial planning for the older client seminar will be in Troy. For more information, call Kim Elliott at EMU (313) 487-0407 or (800) 777-3521 or Bill Young, at the American College, (610) 526-1435. WEDNESDAY APRIL 24. LIVING TRUST. PaineWebber's account vice president Gregory R. Wright and investment executive Philip J. Bocketti will lead a living trust and wealth preservation seminar from 7-9 p.m. Topics of discussion will include why to have a living trust, how to set up a living trust, asset allocation and estate implications and allocation of retirement assets. Reservations required. Call Tom Grossman at (800) 852-6228. FAMILY BUSINESS. "The Family Business: Revealing Hidden Risks" will be the topic of the next interactive breakfast workshop by the Oakland University Center for Family Business. The workshop will begin at 8 a.m. at the Kingsley Inn on Woodward Avenue in Bloomfield Hills. The registration fee for nonmembers is \$95 a person in advance and \$125 at the door. To register, call (810) 370-4288. THURSDAY APRIL 25. CONTRACTING SEMINAR. Schoolcraft College will present a workshop on "How to Become a Government Contractor" from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Room 310 of the McDowell Center. Conducted by Schoolcraft's Business Development Center, the seminar will cover the government contracting process and available services and resources. State and federal government contracting will be discussed. The fee is \$25. For reservations, call the Business Development Center, (313) 462-4438.

MARKETPLACE

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GRANTS AWARDED The Michigan Jobs Commission has awarded \$98,275 in grants to upgrade the skills of 55 workers at the Dearborn Gage Co. in Garden City, according to Rep. Thomas H. Kelly.

The grants are through Schoolcraft College in Livonia and Henry Ford Community College. "These competitive grants come from Michigan's \$36 million Economic Development Job Training Program," Kelly said. "It is one of the largest of its kind in the United States."

The grants are awarded to an educational institution which performs the training under a cooperative agreement with the companies.

"To assist Michigan businesses become more competitive in global economy, it is imperative that we upgrade the skills of our workers making sure to match job availability to or economic development efforts," Kelly said.

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DIESEL CONTRACT Detroit Diesel Corp. has been selected to supply 269 Series 60 engines to Freightliner Corp. for a new military contract to build M916A1 and M917A1 trucks for the U.S. Army and for foreign military sales to the Philippines.

Eighty trucks will be built in the second half of 1996 with the balance completed in 1997. Options for additional vehicles may result in orders for an additional 1,000 engines over the next five years.

The trucks will be built by Oshkosh Truck Corp. as a part of Freightliner's strategic alliance. Oshkosh is DDC's largest military truck customer for heavy-duty diesel engines.

The M916A1 tractors will be used for off-highway transportation of heavy military equipment, including the Army's construction equipment. The M917A1 will be used for heavy-duty dump trucks and is a derivative of the Series 60-powered M916A1 Light Equipment Transporter that Freightliner has built for the U.S. Army since 1989.

CORPORATE CUP The 10th annual Livonia YMCA Corporate Cup Challenge will have two sponsors. Livonia Spree has committed to be a major sponsor and St. Mary's Hospital will be a division sponsor for 1996.

Both have been past division sponsors and supporters in previous years. The Corporate Cup Challenge is a community event for companies to compete in 10 to 20 athletic events. The St. Mary's Division has 20 events for larger companies and the Spree division has 10 events for smaller companies. All events are held between May 31 and June 28. The companies and organizations that have committed to this year's event include the city of Livonia, St. Mary's Hospital, EDS, Valassis Communications, New Horizons, Engineering Services Group, Livonia Community Credit Union and NBD. Openings are available for any business or organization. Call Ron Scott at the Livonia Family YMCA at 261-3161.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Minch & Giragosian Public Relations Inc. will be providing public relations for Personal

Therapists Inc., a Livonia-based company. The company is a state-licensed and Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities accredited rehabilitation program specializing in the treatment of adults and children with neurologic disorders.

Calling for entries WWJ Newsradio 960, the Detroit magazine of the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce, and BDO Seidman are sponsoring the third annual Future 50 of Greater Detroit to honor outstanding business achievement. The deadline for application submission is May 1. A business is eligible for nomination if it is located in southeastern Michigan, is no more than 10 years old, has at least \$500,000 in annual revenues, has achieved at least 10 percent growth in full-time employment during the past fiscal year, anticipates continued growth in full-time employment of at least 10 percent for the next three years, and is engaged in "for-profit activity." The 50 companies that are selected will be recognized at a luncheon on Wednesday, Oct. 16, at the Troy Marriott and will also be featured in the October issue of the Detroitier. Applications and additional information is available from Kathryn Johnston, BDO Seidman, 755 West Big Beaver, Suite 1900 Troy (810) 244-6527.

MERGER ANNOUNCED Neumenon Inc. of Plymouth has merged with Foreman Solutions Inc.

"The combined resource of Foreman Solutions and Neumenon are currently serving over 200 automotive parts manufacturers with Enterprise Information Systems," Louis A. Wright, Neumenon's president, said. "Neumenon has been installing automotive release management, EDI and fully integrated manufacturing planning software since 1980. Foreman Solutions has been implementing repetitive manufacturing software since 1988. Together, we have focused on the automotive supplier marketplace to help our customers reduce costs, cut inventories and comply with QS-9000 and MS-9000 standards."

PARTNERSHIP FORMED Valassis Communications, 36111 Schoolcraft in Livonia, has formed a partnership with the University of Michigan's Business School to participate in the Multidisciplinary Action Projects Program.

The program provides an opportunity for teams of first-year MBA students to analyze a business process and identify opportunities for improvement. The MAP team will review the training evaluation process for Valassis University, the professional and personal development classes taught by all levels of Valassis employees, as well as outside instructors. The focus of the project will be to make recommendations for improving Valassis University's training evaluation process and provide specific information on evaluation systems used by other organizations; measure the degree to which Valassis Communications employees use the skills taught in Valassis University classes and make recommendations for improvement; and measure the financial impact of the classes.

DISCOUNT PROGRAM Jax Kar Wash is offering a new discount program called "The Corporate Employee Discount Card."

The discount card entitles employees to savings on full-service car washes (inside and outside cleaning), special services, detailing and gasoline. The card is available to companies with 100 or more employees at no charge. Jax Kar Wash has eight locations in the Metro Detroit area.

For more information, call Jax Kar Wash at (810) 353-4700.

AGENCIES HONORED Three Livonia agencies have been honored by Citizens Insurance Company of America. After reviewing the performance of about 700 independent agencies in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio that write property and casualty policies for Citizens Insurance Company, three agencies have been selected:

Cambridge Underwriters Ltd. - Key Agents Club award; Garwood, Buda, Knight & Associates - Key Agents award; Gene Harris Agency - President's Council award. The Key Agents Club and President's Council awards recognize agencies for exceptional production and underwriting results. "The success of Citizens depends in great measure on the success

of the independent agents who represent the company," said Citizens President James R. McAuliffe. "We congratulate these agencies for solid business performance on behalf of Citizens, as well as for service to our insureds that reflect the vision of the company."

CREDIT REPAIR National Credit Repair will offer Vietnam Veterans a special program to help them correct mistakes and inaccuracies on their credit reports, according to Gloria Tactac, chairperson and CEO of National Credit Repair.

"Inaccurate credit reports are a major problem for most Americans," Tactac said. "For the most part, these are people who have paid their debts, but still have damaging statements on their reports and that leads to higher interest rates. The vets have a bigger issue to deal with over the rest of us. These men and women have all served their nation, many having been injured in the process, and they are now being overcharged for loans due to higher-than-deserved interest rates." The program offers free credit repair... a \$300 value, to those vets who also join the NCR Consumer Advantage program. Through Consumer Advantage, members receive 1-800 service, a personal credit rating profile analysis, and a year of credit counseling.

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BUILDERS SITE A site on the World Wide Web contains information about home buying and the home building industry.

Known as "The Home Page," the National Association of Home Builders' Internet site contains information on the home-buying process and other industry-related subjects such as remodeling. It is located at <http://www.nahb.com>.

POSITIVE CLIMATE Michigan's small business owners have given the state's business climate the highest positive rating yet recorded by the Small Business Barometer survey. The score was 6.97 on a 10-point scale.

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Women's Health Day - This Saturday, St. Mary Hospital in Livonia is sponsoring a Women's Health Day from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn of Livonia. A keynote speaker, and variety of one-hour workshops on health topics of interest to women, continental breakfast, lunch and fashion show by Jacobson's will be featured. Walk-ins are welcome. The Holiday Inn is located at 17123 Laurel Park Dr. at I-275 and Six Mile. For information, call (313) 655-2882 or (800) 494-1617.

Tumor association - The American Brain Tumor Association will sponsor a Town Hall Meeting for brain tumor patients, families and friends on Sundays, May 5, 1-4 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel, 20301 Oakwood Blvd. in Dearborn. The meeting is free, but reservations are required. For information, call (800) 886-2282.

Back school - A 1 1/2-hour back school is conducted the last Thursday of every month at Plymouth Physical Therapy Specialists, 9368 Lilley Road, between Joy and Ann Arbor roads. You will learn about basic anatomy and biomechanics of the spine, various back disorders and their causes as well as proper posture and body mechanics. You will gain better understanding of the spine and how to care for it. Information/registration: 416-3900.

Marriage classes - St. Mary Hospital in Livonia offers a Premarital AIDS class on Saturday, May 11 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and on Thursday, June 6 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Marian Pavilion Conference Room near the Levan Road entrance. Registration is required and cost is \$15 per person and \$25 per couple. Call (313) 655-3314 or (800) 494-1615.

Other pre-marriage classes are offered through health matters

of Livonia on: Saturday, April 20 from 10-11 a.m. at the Bentley Center, Monday April 29 from 7-8 p.m. in Southfield. Both are \$25 per couple. To register, call Mary Watson, (313) 513-6393. Those who wish to be married in Michigan are required to receive information about sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS before applying for a marriage license.

Alzheimer's information - St. Mary Hospital in Livonia offers a free lecture on "Facing the Challenge of Alzheimer's Disease" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 23 in the hospital auditorium. Guest speaker will be Kelley Fulkerson, director of education and training for the Detroit Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Registration: (313) 655-3333.

Childbirth education - Learning what to expect during pregnancy, labor the delivery can make the entire experience more rewarding. The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia offers a Childbirth Preparation Class based on the Lamaze method that increases expectant parents' knowledge of the birth experience. A six-week class from 7-9 p.m. at cost of \$50 is offered on an ongoing basis, as well as a one-day class on Saturdays for \$75. For information, call (313) 655-3314 or (800) 494-1615.

Child CPR - A course on Child and Infant CPR will be held Tuesday, April 23 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. and on Tuesday, May 7 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at Riley Middle School for \$19 for Livonia residents and \$22 for non-residents. Students will receive American Heart Association Course Participation card. Call Health Matters of Livonia at (313) 513-6393 or the Livonia Public Schools (313) 523-9277 for information.

First Aid - A course on first aid will be held Tuesday, April 30 from 6:30-10 p.m. at Riley Middle School in Livonia. Fee is \$15 for Livonia residents and \$28 for others, with book charges additional. Call Health Matters of Livonia at (313) 513-6393.

Support group meets - The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia answers questions about breast-

feeding through a regular support group. The group will meet next from 7-8 p.m. Thursday, April 25 in the Marian Pavilion Conference Room A. Mothers with babies under one year of age are encouraged to attend. There is no charge, but registra-

tion is requested by calling (313) 655-3314.

Volunteer at VNA - Volunteer opportunities ranging from patient support to office assistant are available at the VNA Hospice of the Visiting Nurse Association. As part of VNA's

hospice team, volunteers provide respite for families, companionship to patients, bereavement support or office assistance. A two-part training program

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GARDEN SPOT

Time to get ready to move plants outdoors



MARTY FIGLEY

If you planted seeds indoors in February, by now you have moved your seedlings from their tiny pots to larger ones and are ready to prepare them for the move outdoors sometime in May. (Let's hope the weather cooperates!) The tiny seedlings are very tender at this point and must be watched so that they don't just curl up and die.

During this waiting period, stand the containers in water so that it will be absorbed by capillary action. Small containers will need water more frequently than larger ones. When they are sturdier, water from above. Probably, at this time, it will only be necessary to water once or twice a week. Morning watering is preferable to evening watering.

For the first three weeks after transplanting seedlings to larger containers, apply a half-strength fertilizer every 10 to 14 days -- again only after watering. A good plan is to keep a schedule on a

nearly calendar. You have no doubt heard the term "hardening off." That means that the plants need to be exposed to the outdoor weather gradually, so there will be less shock to them when they are ultimately put into the ground.

About two weeks before the permanent outdoor move, quit seeding them and reduce the water a little bit. Plants grown in flats can be separated by cutting them apart (rather like cutting a sheet cake) with a knife, leaving each plant with plenty of roots in its own square root "ball." They can stay in the flat until time to transplant them outdoors.

About a week before, place the containers or flats outdoors in a protected shady area -- a north-facing wall, a porch or under a large tree is fine. Leave them outdoors for about half a day, and then return them indoors to their original spot. Continue to do this each day for a week, lengthening the time they are outdoors and putting them in a more open area where they

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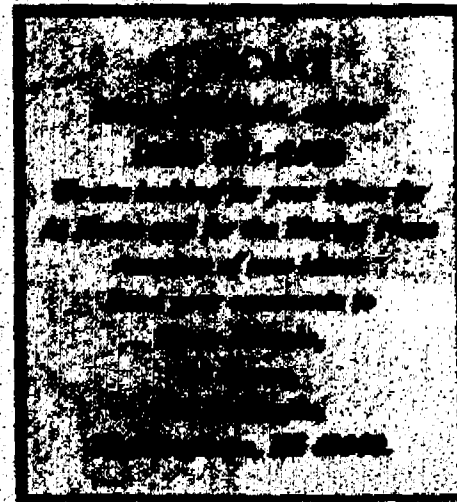
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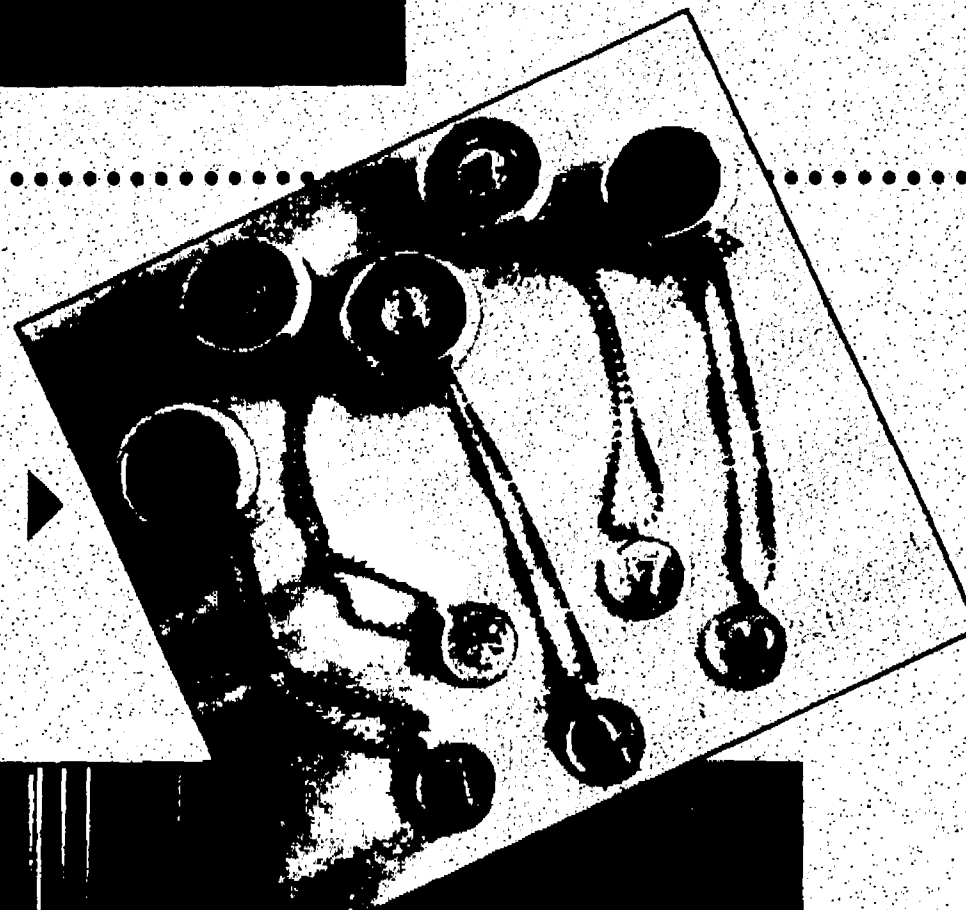
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will receive more sunlight, wind, etc. By this time they will have been outdoors all day and all night and acclimated to the outdoors and shouldn't be stressed when they are planted in their garden beds.



I trust you have prepared your beds for the final planting -- a week or two before the move is fine if this wasn't done in the fall. If soils were amended last fall with organic materials a light digging and smoothing is all that is required now. To be sure the soil isn't too wet for planting, gather a handful and form it into a ball. Now drop it to the ground from waist height. If it lands with a thud, it's too wet; if it crumbles upon landing, it is ready to be worked.

Water the beds deeply about 24 hours before putting the plants in the garden. Scatter a complete fertilizer over the bed, following package directions, and dig it into the soil lightly. An overcast day is the perfect time for transplanting; water each plant gently.

Some seedlings can be put in the garden, especially perennials, a week or two before the last expected frost

date -- in our zone around May 10-20. Others need the warmth of the soil to keep them growing and happy so check on the back of the seed packets for that information.

If you are transplanting from flats, give them a good drink before removing them from the little sections. Dig a hole for each plant and keep as much soil around the roots as possible, gently firm the soil around each plant, space as package directs. If you have used larger individual containers, roll them around to loosen the root ball before removing the plant. If you have used biodegradable containers, slit the sides in two or three places and cut off the top so that it is below ground level when you place the whole container, plant and all, into the hole.

I like to protect new seedlings from direct sunlight for a few days with a shade cloth, cardboard or other device to let in filtered light. Don't tuck them in and cut off air circulation, just protect them from direct sunlight for several days.

When the plants are tall enough, apply a mulch to reduce weeds and to keep the soil cool and moist.

You might want to save this column for future reference to have when it is time to plant outdoors.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859.

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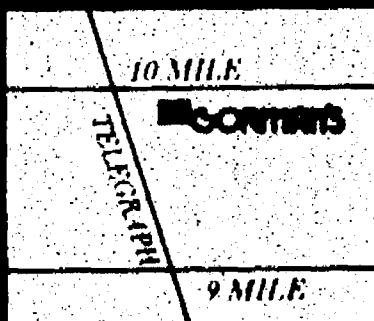
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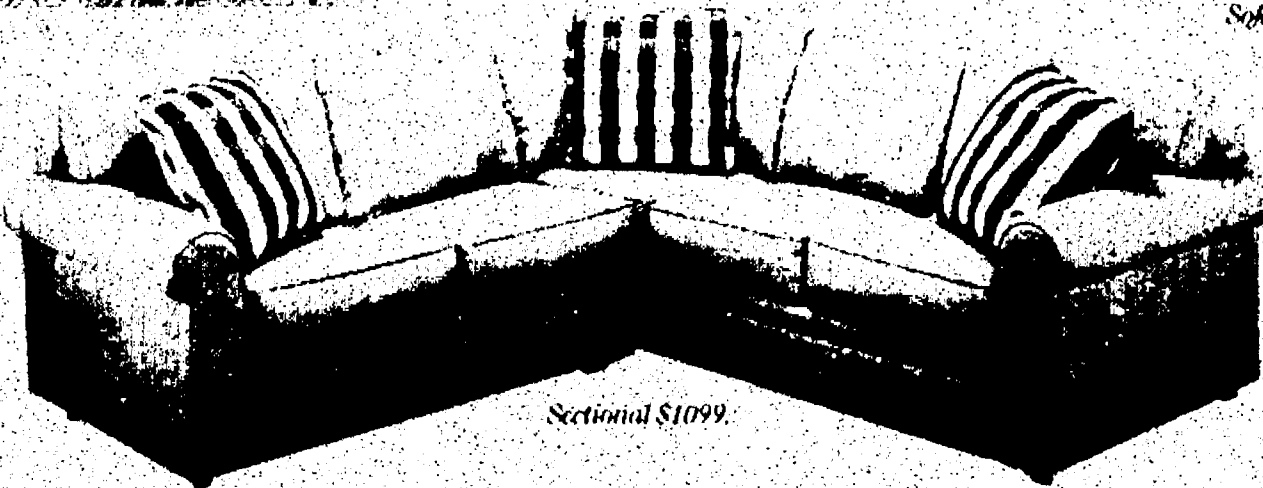


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NAOMI STONE LEVY

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We learned in first grade there are three primary colors: red,

yellow and blue. When we see red it suggests "stop" or even anger. It is the most volatile of the primaries. Blue mostly relates to the sky, or water, or flowers, and it bespeaks tranquility. Yellow is sunshiny, bright and happy; the descriptive names canary or citron or sulfur make us evaluate yellows.

There are also three secondary colors. Green is the most important secondary color, and is a "go" reminder. We also associate green with grass and leaves. Orange, also secondary, is more flashy

and reminds us of delicious fruit, or marigolds. The third secondary on the color wheel is purple, much more moody and subtle; amethysts or plums or violets envision wondrous variations.

Next we have black and white, clear and dogmatic, never to be ignored. Always keep in mind there are dozens of whites, some creamy, some grayed and "dirty," some "blanc de chine." Blacks run their own gamut from blue-black to ink black to ebony, ad infinitum.

So-o-o, where do we go from here? Do you acknowledge having a favorite? Does it say something about your individuality? I am absolutely certain it does! I try to elicit from clients at the outset of our proposed job how they relate to any particular color, and proceed from there.

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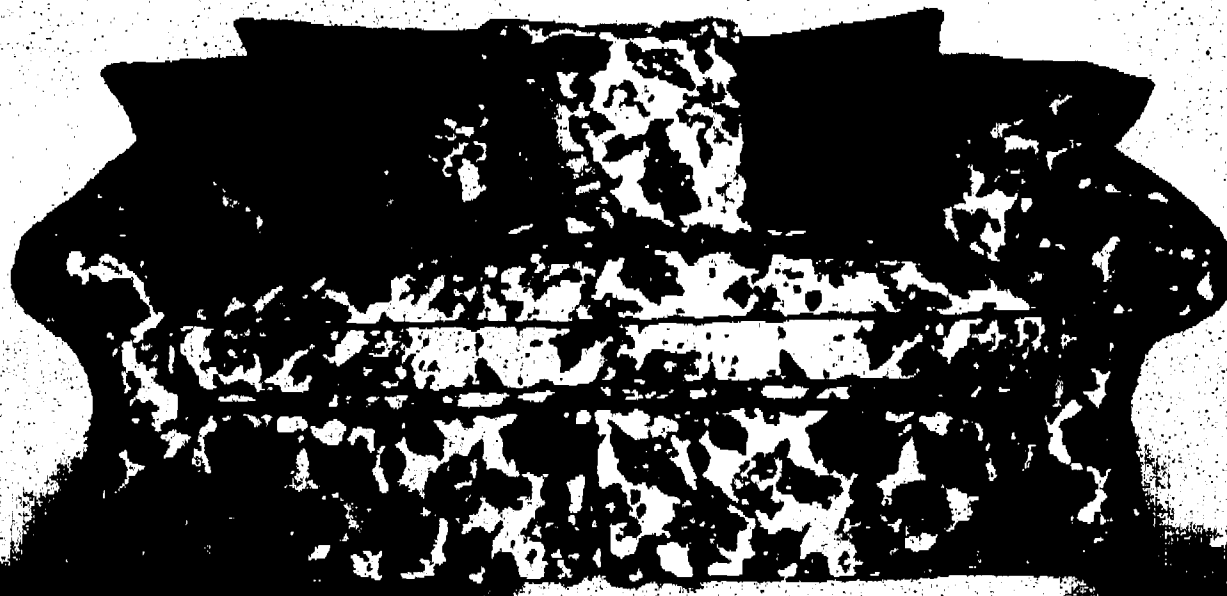
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JOE GAGNON

To give you an idea of how big the major home appliance industry is, let me give you some figures on how many refrigerators were sold during 1995. Try the number of 8,675,500 units. Room air conditioners exceeded 4 million with dehumidifiers slightly over 1 million.

Throw in a few million chest and upright freezers and the total amount of food preservation products and home comfort appliances totals the amount of 15,664,100. Now let's take just this past year's sales figures and use an average of \$10 per month in energy consumption for each product. Take that figure and multiply it times 12 months for a total energy consumption figure for each product per year.

At this point I think you will agree that we have arrived at some big dollars being spent to operate these products.

Refrigeration products such as I'm writing about have a tendency to fail during hot weather conditions. It is a fact that the refrigeration service industry is very slow during cold

months and extremely busy during the hot months. The reason is quite simple. High humidity and hot temperatures create a wear factor on any component within a product which already creates heat by virtue of its operation. A fan runs and moves air across it, but when the air that it is moving gets too hot, the fan motor increases its energy consumption. All of this results in a motor which doesn't turn as freely as it should and takes more energy, more power to get it operating.

The secret to adding years of life to a product and cutting back on energy consumption is as simple as ABC. Keep it clean where it counts. Following are some examples.

How many times in a lifetime, I have gone into a home on a service call and found the condenser on a refrigerator totally plugged up with lint, dust, animal hair etc. The compressor is so hot that if I threw an egg on top of it, the egg would cook as sure as using a frying pan. The wattage draw is so high it sometimes blows a fuse. The fan motor and defrost timer are hurting bad from all the excessive heat load. The life of the product is being slowly drained from it, because it has a dirty condenser. If only the homeowner would have known, to clean the condenser is

to save, save, save.

Here is how to do it. Every three months, pull the plug on the refrigerator and pull it away from the wall. Take the lower cardboard cover off on the back side and make sure you put it back on where you're finished with the job. Use a long handle brush available at your local hardware store and shake loose all of the dirt etc. you see on the condenser. Use your vacuum crevice tool along with the brush and remove the front toe plate and clean it from that approach as well. Use care around the blades of the fan motor so as not to bend them. Clean the blades tenderly with a small toothbrush. Remember, the cleaner it is under your refrigerator, the longer it will last. Your energy bill will stay where it should, instead of increasing as much as \$10 a month. The operational noise level will be normal instead of sounding like a runaway train. And last but not least, it will do a better job of food preservation.

Joe Gagnon, the Appliance Doctor, will answer your questions about maintaining and repairing large appliances. Gagnon is president of Carmack Appliances in Garden City and does a weekly radio program on WJR-AM. He is author of "First Aid from the Appliance Doctor," available at area bookstores.

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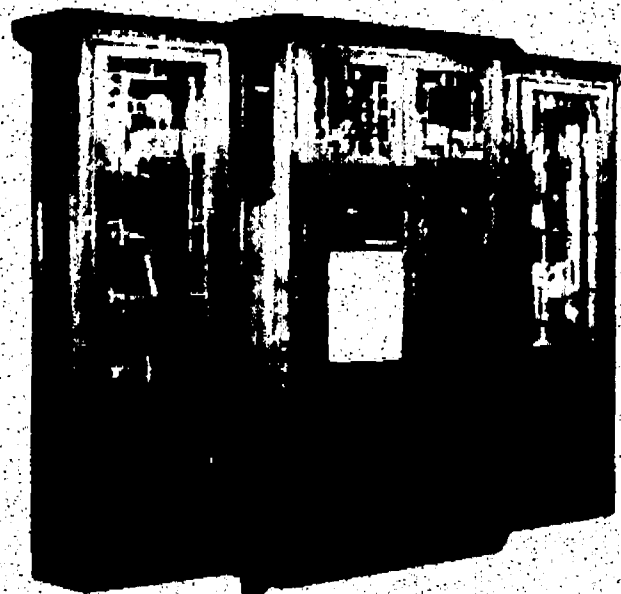
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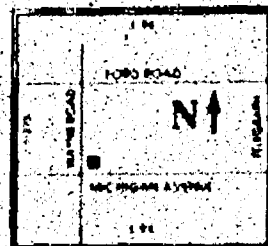
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each of the above. Therein exists subtlety. Some of these variations are vivid, rich and intense; many colors are muted and grayed, so that red isn't always red.

There are polychromatic schemes that give way to one's imagination. No longer limited to one color, it is easier to commit errors, and therefore the amateur must exercise caution. If one is extracting colors from a multifaceted print there is less margin for mistakes — the colors are already combined. If you choose to arrive at your own "mix"

it would be expedient to lay out various combinations and cull from them the most pleasing to you. Be critical!

There existed in the annals of interior design a blue and green period. Every other print combined the two cool colors very handsomely. I hasten to add. That period ended and the next popular combo was pink and purple. I could cite many others, but I have never advocated colors because they were in vogue. As a matter of principle I have always tried to provide timeless decor. I take pride in returning to a job

after many years when the clients have told me they never tired of their look. I knew it was good.

Color truly lights up this world. Colors in fabrics resonate success in my efforts. A glorious sunset makes everyone happy. Why not take it home with you? Oh, that I could attach to this column some "flags" of the mesmerizing colored and textured fabrics herein described. The weave and design of the fabric may feature a self-stripe or diagonal line, and yet be only one color. Possibly a number of the threads will

encompass other colors, creating vibrant designs. Next time I plan to discuss prints vs. textures; where, when and how to use them.

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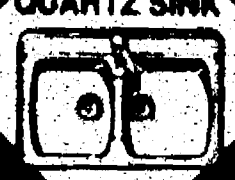
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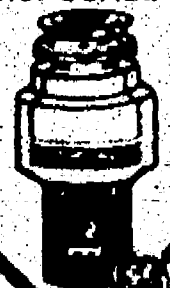
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sonous. We need to recognize them and exercise care when growing them. Cost is \$15. Instructor is Annie Hannan, co-owner of Perennial Presence Nursery.

"Pruning and Training," 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, and 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 28, will answer all types of questions about pruning, cutting and training of indoor and outdoor plants with the appropriate tools. Included will be the methods of tackling landscape trees and shrubs, house plants, bonsai trees, topiary and fruit trees. Learn how to plan a manipulative strategy that will

work for what you want to achieve - how to cut plants and know how they will respond later in the season. The fact-filled demonstrations and discussion will calm your pruning anxiety. Cost is \$30. Instructor is Connie Bailie, senior horticulture assistant at Matthaei Botanical Gardens.

Hikes Wednesdays, April 24 and May 1, 8, 22 and 29, and Sunday, May 5, will take the inquisitive plant seeker to the more remote habitats of woods and wetlands. Edible plants and mushrooms, as well as the interesting plants

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"Morel Alert" will be offered 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 25, and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, April 28. The combination of a slide lecture and field trip is the perfect way to learn about the delicious edible morel mushrooms. Tips from enthusiastic and/or seasoned students are welcome.

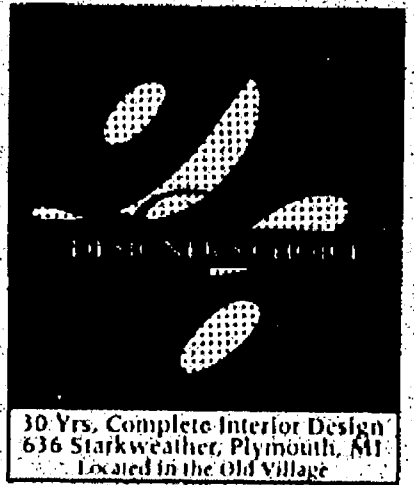
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LET'S GET GROWING FOR SUNFLOWER CONTEST

BY MARTY FIGLEY
SPECIAL WRITER

Here we go again! The third annual High Hopes Sunflower Contest has officially begun! Yes, we want residents of Oakland and Wayne counties to participate in this exciting adventure, from the youngest children to seniors. Rules for the contest will appear in an upcoming At Home.

You may recall that in the first contest, the tallest sunflower was 12 feet 5-1/2 inches and the largest seed head was 18-1/2 inches across; last year's tallest was 12 feet 7 inches and the largest seed head was 19-1/2 inches; so all you participants will have to attend your sunflowers carefully to "top" these statistics.

Because sunflowers grow very quickly outdoors, it isn't necessary but you can start these plants indoors two to three weeks before planting them out -- around the first week or so of May. It's a simple process and could be a learning project that involves the children. Packages of sunflower seeds are available at stores, by mail order, or perhaps you saved seed from last year.

Some varieties (with heights five to 15 feet) to try include Velvet Queen, Giant Grey Stripe, Sunbeam, Mammoth Russian, Mammoth Grey Stripe, Giant Russian, Evening Star, Mammoth, Autumn Beauty and Evening Sun.

Indoors

To start plants indoors:

Use an all-purpose potting soil and a container at least three inches deep, with drainage holes. Moisten the soil, sow the seeds about 1/4-inch deep, pop the container into a plastic bag and secure it with a twist-tie. You will need to open it occasionally to see if the seeds are sprouting and that not too much moisture builds up in the bag. Set the container in a bright spot, but not in direct sunlight; temperatures between 70 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit are necessary for germination. Check the pot frequently to see if the soil is moist. Don't let it dry out! When the soil surface looks dry, place the container in a tray of water, or carefully sprinkle water on the soil -- you don't want to dislodge the seeds.

After you see tiny shoots coming up, begin removing the cover, exposing the container slowly to the air (it takes about a day). Doing this slowly will help prevent the seedlings from collapsing (damping off). You won't need to transplant to a larger container, but you may want to encourage only one plant to grow by removing some of the

sprouts, if they seem crowded. When three true leaves appear, apply liquid fertilizer one-half the strength recommended by the manufacturer.

Preparing for move

To prepare the plants for their outdoor home, harden them off as follows:

Reduce water and stop fertilizer for several days, then gradually expose them to the outdoors for several more days, setting them out in a protected area during the day and then indoors at night.

Before you set your plants in the garden, deeply water the sunflower area a day before transplanting, sprinkle a complete fertilizer (follow package directions) over all and lightly incorporate it into the soil. Plant the sunflowers 12 to 18 inches apart. Shade the seedlings (a board works well) for several days. For the next steps, follow the instructions given for sunflowers sown directly outdoors.

Sunflowers are tolerant of most any kind of soil, their roots are strong and grow deep, but the best soil is rich and well-drained, with a pH level of 5.0-7.0. A pH level of 5.0-6.0 is acid and 7.0 is neutral, so you can see they will do fine in many soils. The higher the number on the scale indicates the soil is more alkaline. If you don't know the pH level of your soil, it's a good idea to have it

tested through your County Extension Agent (look under government in the phone book) or buy a do-it-yourself kit.

If the soil needs to be richer, certain nutrients or better drainage, take the time to add the necessary products a week or so before transplanting or sowing begins. Till the soil about eight inches deep before planting.

Outdoors

For outdoor planting:

Sow the seeds outdoors after the last frost (zone 6 the end of April, zone 5 mid-May). Choose a spot that has full sun to light shade and where you want your plants to grow. This will eliminate transplanting. Plant the seeds 12 to 18 inches apart, 1/4- to 1/2-inch deep in a shallow furrow; mix some vermiculite in with the soil that will be used to cover the seeds. This will lighten the soil. Water them well very gently (use a mister or a sprinkling can) so as not to disturb the seeds. When the seeds have sprouted you can use a very fine hose spray. Morning watering will give the leaves time to dry off during the day.

If the seedlings are growing close together, they will probably need to be thinned. Tall sunflowers need a lot of space -- 18 to 36 inches. If you are trying to grow the largest seed head, remove some of the smaller ones as

they develop. Put stakes in the ground to support the plants before they are large (so the roots aren't disturbed) and mound the soil around the stem to provide additional support. Keep in mind that too much fertilizer will result in a lot of leaf growth rather than helping the flowers.

Suggestions

We have learned from our successful growers in previous years that a lot of compost, regularly applied fertilizer (lightly, several times during the summer) and water lead to large, tall, strong plants and large seed heads. Miracle-Gro and Rapid Grow; other all-purpose fertilizers, mushroom mulch, composted grass and leaves and manure ensure they get their proper "vitamins." One grower used rain water. All of the gardeners faithfully weeded.

To keep critters from eating the young new growth, it is necessary to protect the plants. You can make cages of chicken wire or hardware cloth, scatter dried blood or use a commercial product, such as Ro-Pel.

Sunflowers are allelopathic; they produce a substance that inhibits the growth of other plants, which helps to control weeds, but also, especially if sunflower debris has been left in a bed from one season to the next, a toxicity may develop that may inhibit the growth of subsequent sunflowers. So it might be best if you relocated your sunflower bed for a year or so.

Sunflowers are a native American plant, members of the Compositae family, which includes daisy, aster and dandelion. The best known genus is Helianthus (Greek: helios for sun, and anthos, flower), which contains 67 species and some sub-varieties. The center parts (seeds) are the achenes. The rays are the fringed petals surrounding the achenes and provide the beauty to the flowers. The entire flower is called the head.

The National Garden Bureau celebrates 1996 as the Year of the Sunflower. It reports that there are many cultivars, some with multiple branches, some dwarf reaching only one to two feet tall, and a "pollenless" plant that is grown for cut flowers.

We want many of you Observer & Eccentric readers to participate in this contest, and to join in the fun. We look forward to another season of growing together with our High Hopes Contest. Watch for future updates about growing your sunflowers, how to keep the birds away, a cookie recipe and other information.

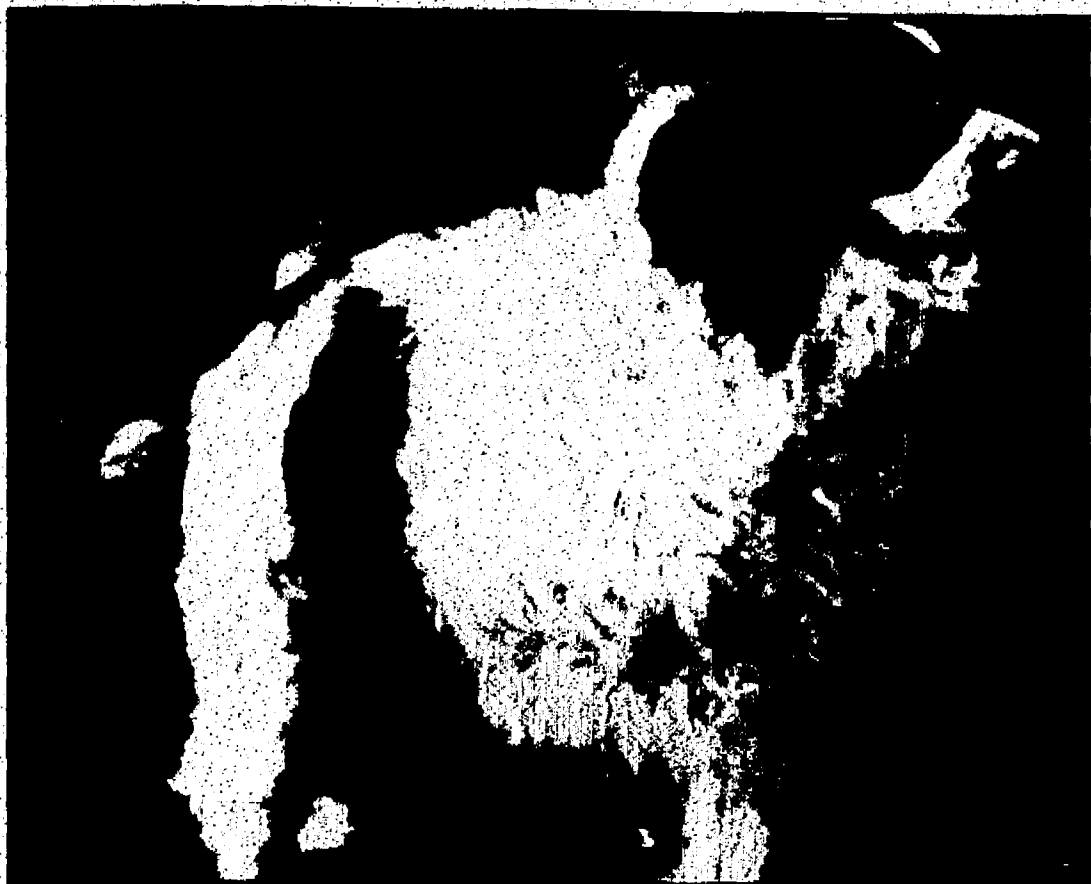
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We're looking for the tallest sunflower, and for the sunflower with the largest seed head, grown in the 1996 season. The sunflower's height is to be measured from the soil level to the base of the head where the stem attaches to the flower. The head is to be measured diagonally. Watch for the rules in an upcoming At Home.



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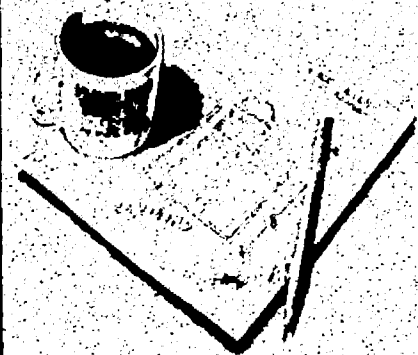
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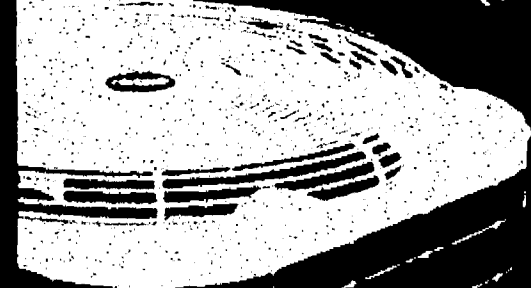
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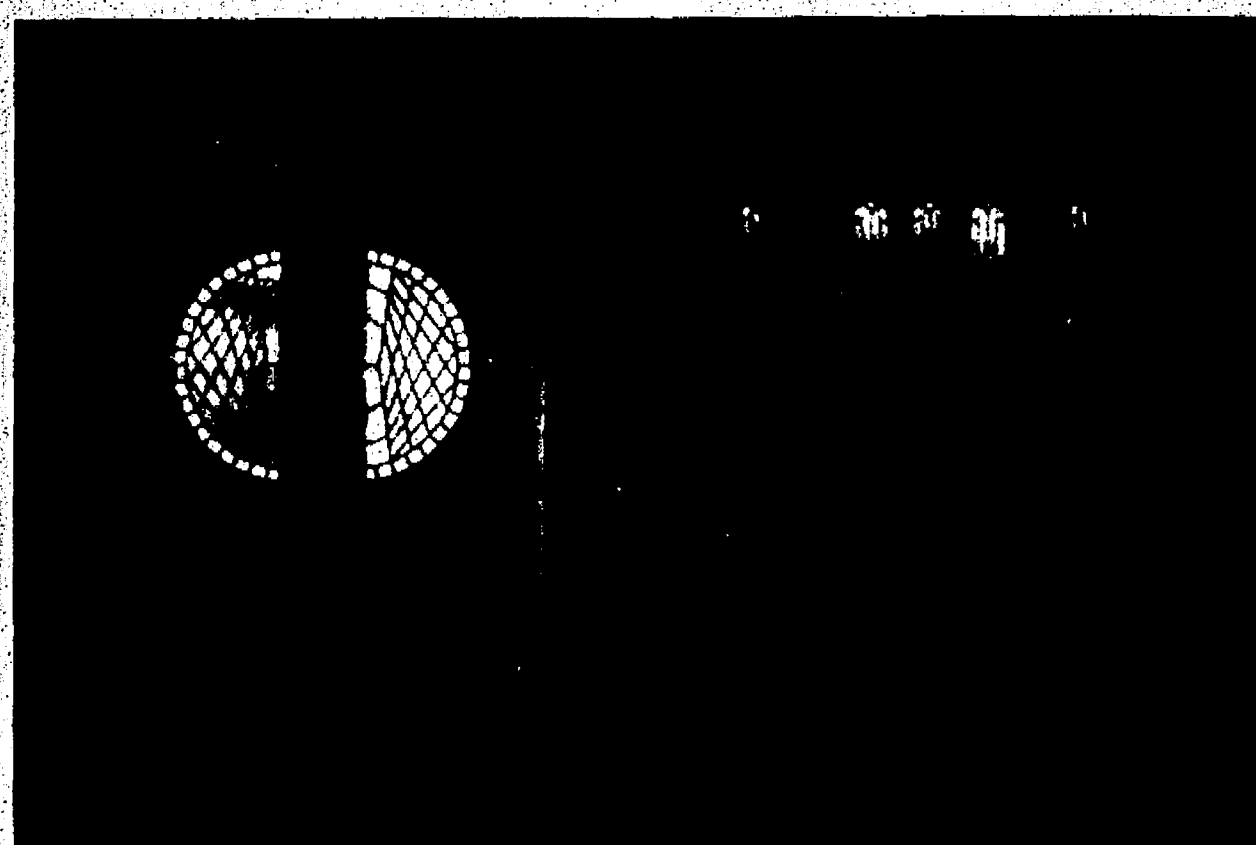
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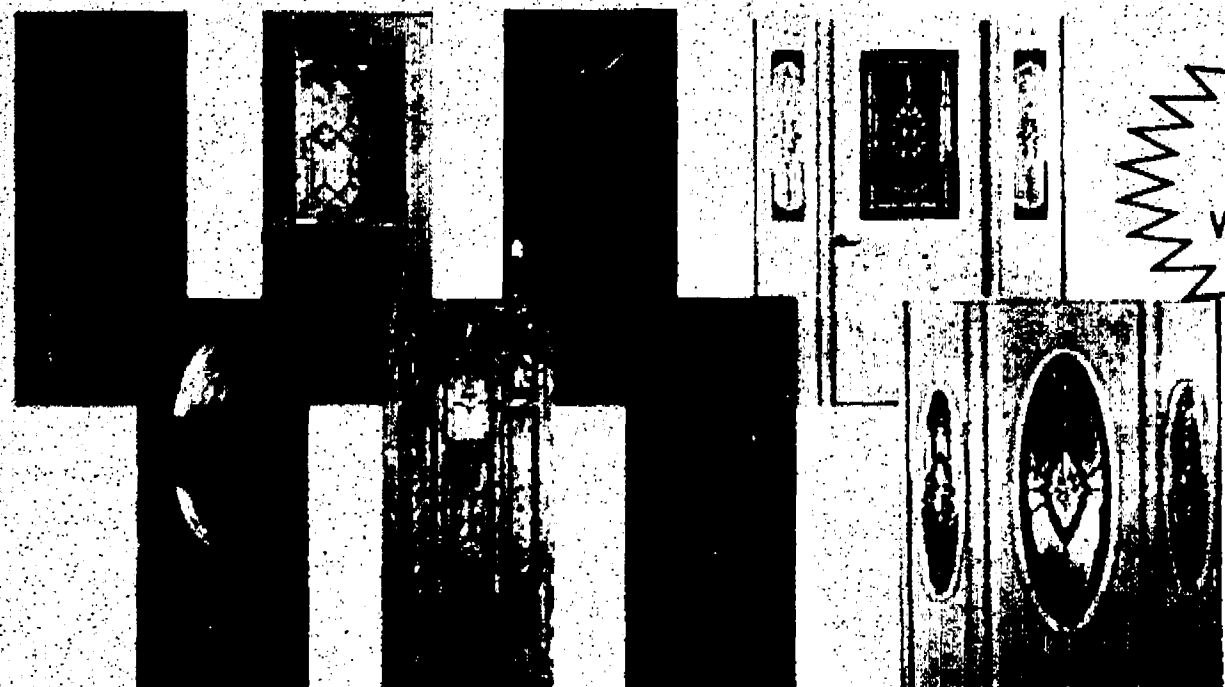
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Measure the area where you want to lay sod or seed and calculate the square footage by multiplying the width by the length.

If using sod, call and reserve the amount you'll need and schedule delivery on the day you will finish soil preparation.

Check with local rental services about reserving a tiller, roller and landscaper's rake for the next two weekends. In the busy spring season, these tools may be checked out every weekend - get a jump start and reserve now.

Stockpile the supplies you will need for the project: fertilizer, peat moss, sprinkler and grass seed.

Necessary supplies are: large rake (can be rented as a landscaping rake), rototiller; peat moss to amend soil; wide board or old ladder to drag and level soil; fertilizer for new lawns; seed; hydroseed or sod; roller; sprinklers or irrigation system to keep new lawn well-watered.

First Saturday:

Prepare your soil. Remove big weeds and rocks, and then rototill the area to a depth of at least six inches. The deeper you can loosen the soil, the deeper the roots will grow and the less care from you the lawn will need.

First Sunday:

Improve your soil. Work two or three

inches of Canadian sphagnum peat moss or a peat moss/compound blend into the top six or eight inches of soil. Organic matter like peat moss helps sandy soil to retain moisture and loosens and improves drainage in clay or hard-packed soil.

Second Saturday:

Level and rake. Drag a ladder or wooden plank across the new lawn area to make sure the bed is level and free of dips. If you rent a landscaper's rake, go over the ground twice to smooth out the rough spots. Another tool the professionals use is a roller. These are also available for rent and are used to break down small lumps of soil just before seeding.

Second Sunday:

Once the soil is tilled, amended and leveled, it's time to add fertilizer. Make sure you spread a lawn food especially formulated for new lawns.

At last you're ready to spread seed or sod the area. Hand seeding or seeding with a drop spreader is the least expensive. After sprinkling the soil with seed, top it off with a thin layer of peat moss (no more than a quarter inch deep). This will help keep the seed from blowing away or drying out.

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New rose is unique green

A new variety of hybrid tea rose, St. Patrick™ has received the nation's highest award for roses, having been named an All-American Rose Selection for 1996. What makes this rose unusual is not its beautiful hybrid tea form, not its unique green color and not even its value as a long-lasting cut flower. What makes this rose truly amazing is the fact that it was bred by an amateur hybridizer in his backyard.

St. Patrick™ was developed by Frank Strickland of San Bernardino, Calif. Strickland is a retired project engineer who has a wonderful rose garden at his home. He began experimenting with rose breeding only a few years ago and on a very small scale. While professional rose hybridizers cross-pollinate many varieties of roses to produce many thousands of seedlings from which they choose one or two new roses that may have potential, Strickland made only a few crosses and chose among 10 of the

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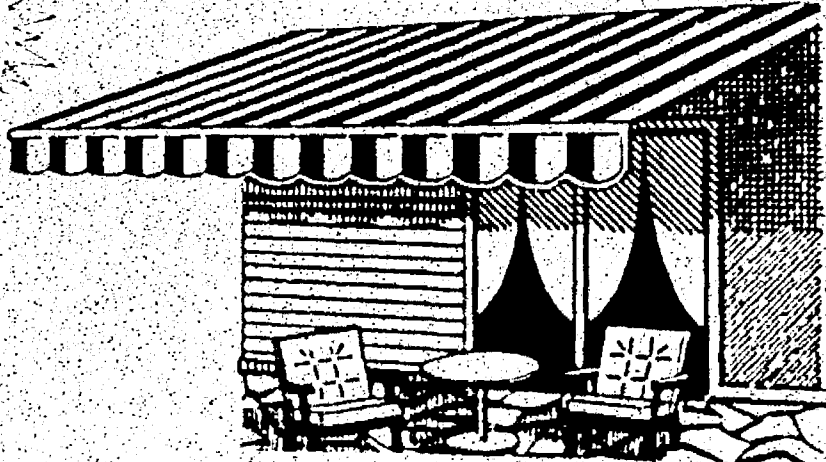
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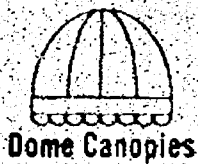
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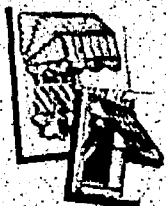
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'Garden workout' keeps families fit

(NAPS) The physical fitness trend had finally made it to the family back yard as experts are advocating "garden workouts" to keep both you and your grounds in shape.

With manual hand tools as "exercise equipment" authorities say various garden chores such as digging, raking and weeding can also become an aerobic experience - burning up to 300 calories per hour.

Tool producers such as V & B Manufacturing Co. are cooperating, offering a wide variety range of landscaping tools of various weights, shapes and lengths to accommodate every gardener - from the most active to the less physically able.

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Jerry Restuccio, well-known garden author, in his recently published book, *Fitness: The Dynamic Gardening Way*, recommends such tools as the lightweight Handy Mattocks for "power lunging" while doing weeding exercises.

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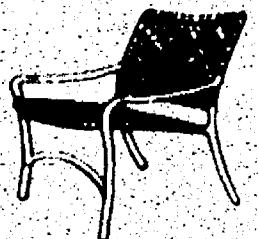
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Pruning is simple using guidelines

Pruning your trees can feel a lot like programming your VCR: You know how it's supposed to work, but you're not quite sure you're doing it right. Unfortunately, if you make a mistake pruning, it's a lot more serious than missing an episode of "Home Improvement." Luckily, pruning is simple when you follow a few guidelines.

As Jeff Ball, gardening expert of NBC's "Today" program explains, "Pruning is easier than most people think... with a little time and practice, your trees will improve not only in size and shape, but in overall health, too."

When to prune? The most commonly asked pruning question is also the toughest one to answer. You want to encourage proper growth and avoid shock to the plant, so prune only when the plant is dormant, (not actively growing). There is no single time when all plants are dormant, so follow these tips:

Cold weather brings on dormancy. In mild winter regions, prune before freezing occurs to avoid damage - typically late autumn.

In severe winter areas, prune in late summer to allow new growth to harden before extreme temperatures set in.

In tropical and subtropical regions, trees are dormant during their leafless season. This period varies and may not be in winter.

Trees that do not lose their leaves annually (like evergreens) are usually dormant during the coldest time of the year.

There are three primary reasons to prune regularly: to promote the growth of the tree, to promote the health of the tree, to make your trees more attractive.

To promote growth, remove dead branches, unwanted shoots and any stray branches that could block needed sunlight. For both looks, and the tree's health, you'll want to remove diseased branches that could spread disease throughout the tree. When pruning diseased branches, remember

to clean your tools with rubbing alcohol before cutting healthy branches.

Begin pruning with the right tools. While power trimmers and chain saws are good for some jobs, the two "must haves" are a pair of pruning shears and a pruning saw. With them, you can accomplish basic backyard pruning chores using the following guidelines:

Be safe: Whenever you use cutting tools, always wear gloves and eye protection. If you're on a ladder, don't support branches over your head or cut where you have to fully extend your arm. Never use a chain saw while on a ladder, and don't prune branches near power lines - leave that to the pros.

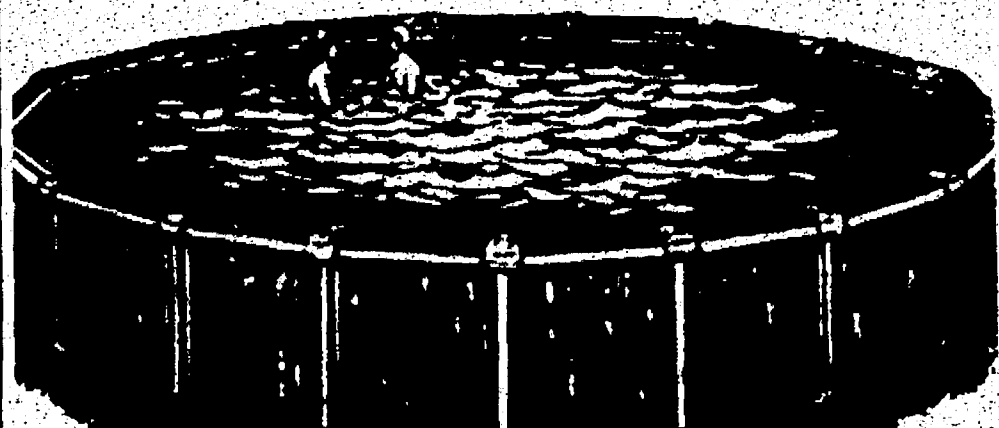
Cutting with shears: There are two types of shears: hand shears and lopping shears. Lopping shears have longer handles for hard-to-reach branches. Both have two blade designs to choose from, the anvil or hook and blade. The anvil design is normally lighter, but the hook and blade cuts closer and cleaner. To prune, place the blade just beyond the portion of the plant you want to remain (whether that is a bud, stem, or nearby branch). The perfect cut is slanted slightly upward in the direction of the bud, stem or branch.

Cutting with a saw: Use a saw on branches more than an inch thick. Pruning saws normally have a curved blade and cut on the pull stroke. When cutting branches, always cut on a 45 degree angle from the trunk of the tree. Never cut a branch flush against the trunk - it could stop future growth.

Heavy branches: with a heavy branch, there is the added danger of the branch falling before you make your final cut. To avoid this, support the branch with your free hand while cutting with the other. Use a light-weight saw with an ergonomically designed handle, like the JACK curved blade pruning saw, to complete dangerous jobs quickly, safely and with less strain.

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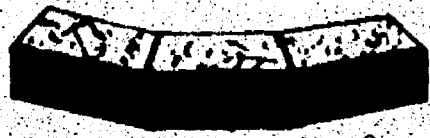
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Ponds can enhance your garden

If you really enjoy being in your yard and would like to give it that extra dimension to make it even more enjoyable, as well as the envy of the neighborhood, here's a great suggestion: put in your own yard pond. Too much trouble? Don't know how to dig it? Through new technology, all these worries are needless.

Installing your own garden pond is simple, maintaining it is easy, and best of all, your pond will provide years of trouble-free enjoyment.

European gardens, particularly in Great Britain, southern France, northern Italy, Holland and Germany, almost always feature a yard pond.

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Through Tetra Werke's U.S. distributor, Tetra/Secondnature, a full line of products and complete information on constructing a yard pond are now available.

How do you construct a garden pond? Start by selecting a location on your property where the ground is fairly even, although, because of the flexibility of the liner, some leveling can be achieved when digging your pond. The pond should be placed where it will get approximately six hours of sunlight per day.

While you can place your pond anywhere, it is not recommended to place it directly under trees, since falling leaves can foul the water, and tree roots will make it difficult to dig.

Using a heavy garden hose or a rope, free-form your pond design to conform to your landscaping scheme.

When constructing your pond, dig both a shallow area and it is the ideal place for potted plants, like lilies.

The deep area will provide security for your fish and protect them from birds and small animals. Depending on your climate, the deep area of your pond should be anywhere from 24 to 40 inches, and the shallow area from 4 to 12 inches.

After digging out your pond location, line the ground with sand, carpet padding or even old newspapers before installing the liner. This will protect the liner against sharp, protruding objects like roots and rocks.

To create that professional look, build a rock border around your pond, allowing the rocks to overlap by



Yard ponds: These easy to construct, easy to maintain ponds give your yard an extra dimension.

1 or 2 inches. You can landscape back around the pond and even build a patio, if desired.

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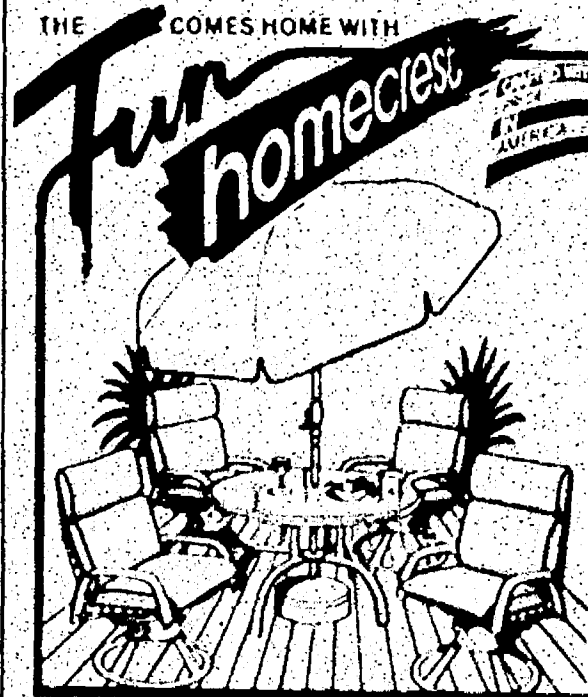
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Start small to beautify landscape

If you've admired a neighborhood's flower-filled landscape, but didn't know where to start to beautify your own yard, follow this simple advice: start small. A single flower bed is easy to create in a weekend or less and will stay colorful all summer long.

Plan before you plant: Look around your yard for a logical focal point for a flower bed. Do you have a small tree or a large flowering shrub? Or how about a birdbath, sundial or some other object that will be taller than your plants when they're fully grown? Pay attention to how much sun the area receives — is it in the sun most of the day or only a few hours? This will be important when selecting plants.

Use a tape measure to determine the size of your new bed. Keep it small — 3 feet across or less is ideal, so you can reach plants growing toward the center or close to the back. Sketch the dimensions of the bed on graph paper. On another page, make two columns for notes on shorter and taller plants. Then, take both with you to visit your local home or garden center.

Select plants. You don't have to spend hours weaving through the plant aisles to get what you need. Simply select a few flowers with colors and textures you like, then check the labels for how much sun the plants

need, how tall they'll grow and how far apart they should be planted. Look for taller plants to surround your focal point and shorter ones toward the edges of the bed. If you have trouble choosing, pick out just two varieties, one taller, like zinnias or geraniums, and one shorter, like marigolds or coleus and bright impatiens for the shade.

Next, look at the various edgings available — from bricks or landscape timbers to flexible plastic garden edging. The edge separates lawn and flower bed, so you can mow grass without cutting down plants.

Once you've selected the plants and edging you want, quickly sketch their dimensions on your graph paper to determine how many plants you'll need. To get you started, here's a sample shopping list and the tools you'll need to finish the job.

Shopping list: small bag of Canadian sphagnum peat moss, two to seven medium-tall plants that complement or contrast with your focal point, two to seven shorter plants, all of one type, shredded bark or other mulch, edging to surround flower bed. **Tool checklist:** shovel, hoe and rake.

Before you plant, use a garden hose or a length of rope to create an outline for your flower bed. This lets you see how you like the shape of the bed and provides a digging guide. The next — and most critical — step is to



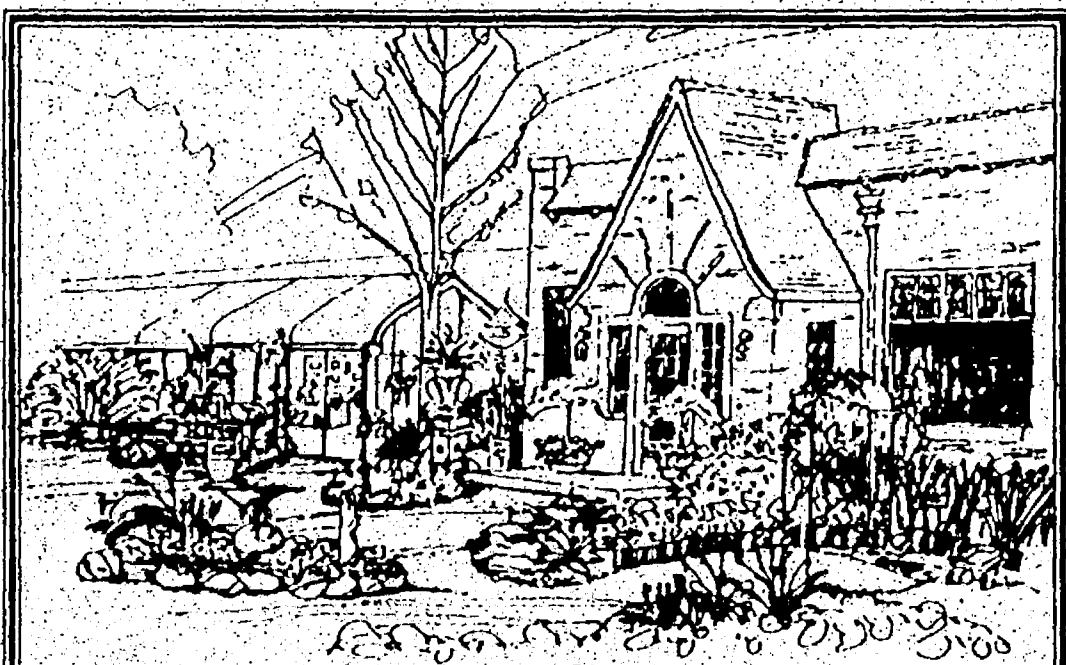
Small garden: These tools will help you plant small gardens and windowboxes. Starting small is the key to building an impressive, flower-filled landscape with lots of color.

improve the soil.

Start by loosening the ground across the entire bed. Remove the weeds, sod, or old plants from the area. Next, spread two to three inches of peat moss across the bed. Then, dig this into the top six inches of soil. The peat moss helps sandy soil hold moisture, so you won't have to water as

often, and it loosens and improves the drainage in clay or hard packed soil, so air can get to the plant roots. It also makes weeding easier and reduces the amount of fertilizer you'll need.

Once the soil is ready, position the plants according to their planting instructions.



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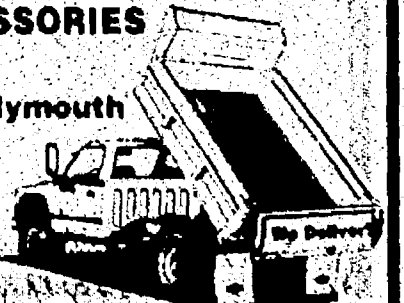
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Matthaei Gardens has perennial sale

The most appealing gardens are those that complement your home. They have color, texture, shape and perennials which play a big part of the overall picture. Fine Gardening magazine advises would-be gardeners to think of garden plants as part of a big picture. Include a pleasing background of lawn and flowering plants, create a sense of enclosure by bordering the garden with a hedge or carefully placed trees, and use paths and views to link the garden to other parts of the grounds and the house.

Choosing perennials to complement your home or landscape can be a daunting proposition. The varieties to choose from are many and site selection is critical. The Friends of the Matthaei Botanical Gardens can offer relief to the novice or experienced gardener searching for that perennial gem. For a one-stop shopping perennial experience, loads of advice from knowledgeable plant experts and more than 30,000 perennials ranging from rock garden plants to wildflowers, visit the Botanical Gardens' Spring Perennial Sale, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 4 and 5. Some quantities are limited. A special Friends sale will take place 7-9 p.m. Friday, May 3 which offers a first selection and a 10 percent discount. Memberships will be available at the door. The following are some of the choice plants available at the sale.

Crococsmia X Curtisii 'Lucifer' (*Crococsmia 'Lucifer'*). This unusual hardy cormus plant has coarse, sword-like foliage 2.5 feet tall that is similar to the gladiolus. The long arching flower stalk has bright red flowers which are arranged in a similar way to the freesia. It prefers a moist well-drained

soil and sun to partial shade. Winter hardiness is a bit controversial. Some information suggests lifting the corms in zones 5 and 6 and storing them in a dry frost-free place. Others suggest planting in the proper location and mulching well to ensure success.

There are over 32,000 named varieties of daylily. Among the more unique cultivars chosen for sale are the *Hemerocallis 'Prairie Blue Eyes'*. This lavender daylily was developed in 1970 and is still sought after for its bluish halo or eye. It is considered to be the best blue daylily and its heavy bud count make it very desirable. Sun to light shade and well-drained soil are recommended.

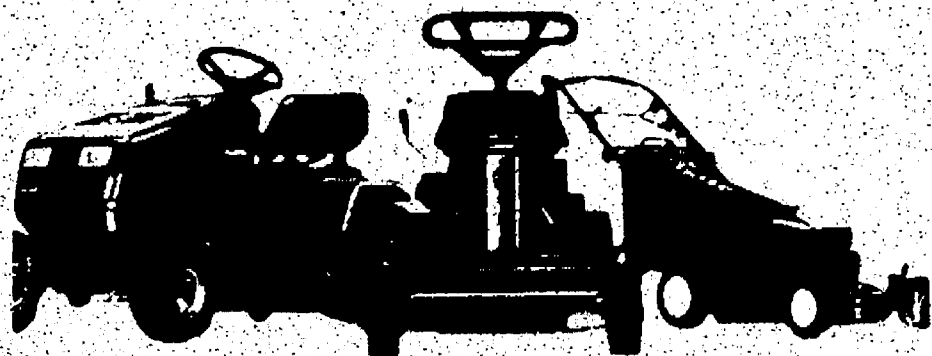
Hemerocallis 'Prairie Moonlight'. Also on the top 100 list is this extra large (8 inches) fragrant yellow daylily that stays open into the evening. A real eye catcher! Like most daylilies it likes sun and well-drained soil.

Leucanthemum (Chrysanthemum) 'Barbara Bush'. This is a new patented shasta daisy named after the former first lady that sports green leaves edged with creamy gold margins. This is a variegated mutation of *L. Thomas Killen* and grows 30 inches tall with extra large flowers. Great for the sun and likes a well-drained soil.

This year's presale will also offer Pre-Sale Savvy Sessions Sunday April 21 at 1 p.m. and Saturday, April 27, at noon. What is new and unique will be highlighted.

The Spring Perennial Sale and Pre-Sale Savvy Sessions will be held at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Take US-23 to the Geddes Road exit, head east to Dixboro Road. The address is 1800 N. Dixboro Road. For information, call the gardens 313-998-7061.

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You don't need those BTUs when grilling

(MPS) When it comes to gas grills, many people believe the more BTUs, the better. BTUs, or British Thermal Units, are a measurement used for the amount of gas going into a grill. According to the engineers at Char-Broil, the country's oldest manufacturer of gas grills, increased BTUs actually may decrease the efficiency of the grill.

An excess of BTUs wastes gas, which is bad not only for the environment but also for your wallet. It also wastes your time, since you'll have to make more trips to the store to refill your LP tank more often. Too many BTUs can damage the grill, too. The grids sag, the burner receives useless stress, and the exterior paint and chrome burn off, which allows rust to form earlier. Worst of all, too many BTUs can damage your dinner. According to George Hirsch, host of

the public television series, "Grilling with George Hirsch," "A grill that's too hot tends to burn the food before it can cook the food." A grill performs best when the food is seared, then the grill hood is lowered and the food is allowed to cook slowly.

This keeps your meal tender and juicy and is the best method whether you're grilling vegetables, seafood, burgers or steak. Controlled cooking such as this is difficult if the grill is overpowered with BTUs.

A gas grill needs enough BTUs to perform efficiently (at least 24,000), but not so many that it cooks poorly. Bottom line: You simply don't need the hottest grill money can buy. Even a very large propane grill does not need more than 44,000 BTUs, and with today's better cooking systems, 37,000 BTUs is the maximum you're likely to ever want.



Strawberry pots: The holes on these pots make good places to grow a variety of herbs.

Homemade herb pots practical, attractive

Parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme... grow your favorite herbs in a decorative planter for a delightful display and handy supply.

A strawberry pot is ideal with its protruding pockets that allow an assortment of herbs to cascade from all sides, providing versatility in the kitchen as well as an attractive show on the deck. Most herbs are sun lovers, so choose a sunny site where they will be convenient for picking. Position tall herbs, like chives, parsley and mint, at the center and shorter or trailing herbs toward edges and in the pockets.

For best results, use a top quality, peat-based potting mix. An easy way to judge quality is to look at the ingredients listed on the potting mix bag. If Canadian sphagnum peat moss is the first ingredient listed, you are assured of good quality. The proper mix is particularly important for container plants to ensure adequate drainage. Yard soil tends to retain too much water, leading to rotting roots and poor quality potting mixes allow water to run through too quickly, leading to dried-out plants.

Creating the herb planter is easy. You will need a strawberry pot, about

10 herb plants, peat-based potting mix, some small stones and a cardboard tube from wrapping paper.

1. Add about two inches of peat moss to the bottom of the strawberry planter. Place the cardboard tube in the center of the planter. Work it into the peat moss so that it remains upright.

2. Fill the pot with potting mixture to the first pockets. Now add plants, gently passing roots through the holes. Cover roots with potting mix and repeat until planter is filled. Leave about 1 inch between the potting mixture and the planter rim to allow for watering.

3. Fill the cardboard tube with small stones and then carefully pull it out. The stones improve drainage, allowing water to seep evenly throughout the potting mix.

4. Plant herbs in the open soil at the top of the planter. Use herbs that require less water, like basil, thyme and rosemary.

The herbs should be ready for picking within a few weeks. Water the planter frequently to keep the soil moist but not wet to the touch and use water-soluble fertilizer every two weeks.

Child's garden is rich harvest

A child's garden produces the richest harvest of all.

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discoveries. In fact, gardening experts recommend that a child's garden be small enough that the weeding, watering, thinning and harvesting are manageable for the child.

If you don't have access to an outdoor plot, indoor pots and trays can produce rewarding results if you choose appropriate seeds.

Whether you're gardening indoors or out, BRIO makes child-size tools for the task, from a mini-greenhouse and seed pots for indoor growing to shovels, hoes and rakes with sturdy wooden handles and metal blades to tackle outdoor projects.

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No simple solutions to bird problem

Any bird can become a problem. From drilling holes in your house to eating your raspberries, there are times when the habits and instincts of birds conflict with humans - even though we may want them around.

Most birds don't have a simple solution. What eliminates a bird in one situation may not work in another or may work only for a short time. Shooting, trapping and poisoning, aside from being nasty, aren't solutions.

All wild birds, except pigeons, English sparrows and starlings, are protected by federal and state laws.

The secret is to use several tactics and vary them. The goal is to remove what attracts the bird or build a barrier between the bird and what it finds so attractive.

As more homeowners remove dead trees, woodpeckers may turn to metal gutters, house siding and television antennas. Suet feeders, which attract woodpeckers, may divert them from your house or attract them to the house's vicinity.

Scare techniques - balloons, a pinwheel, your child, flash tape, tin can lids on a string, wind chimes - often work the best.

If you love grapes, apples and raspberries, chances are starlings, orioles, robins, blackbirds and jays love them, too.

Again, barriers are the most effective deterrents. Opaque plastic "hats"

can keep starlings from pulling up small plants, while netting is the best solution for larger bushes and trees.

The main problem with roosting birds is what they leave behind. Stringing rows of monofilament one to two inches above the roosting spot or tacking up netting is the best solution.

Birds often pick what seem to be the strangest places to nest such as the gutter, clothes dryer, kitchen fan vent or a bucket in your garage.

It's important to note that the same law that protects most wild birds also protects their nests and eggs. You need a federal permit to disturb them.

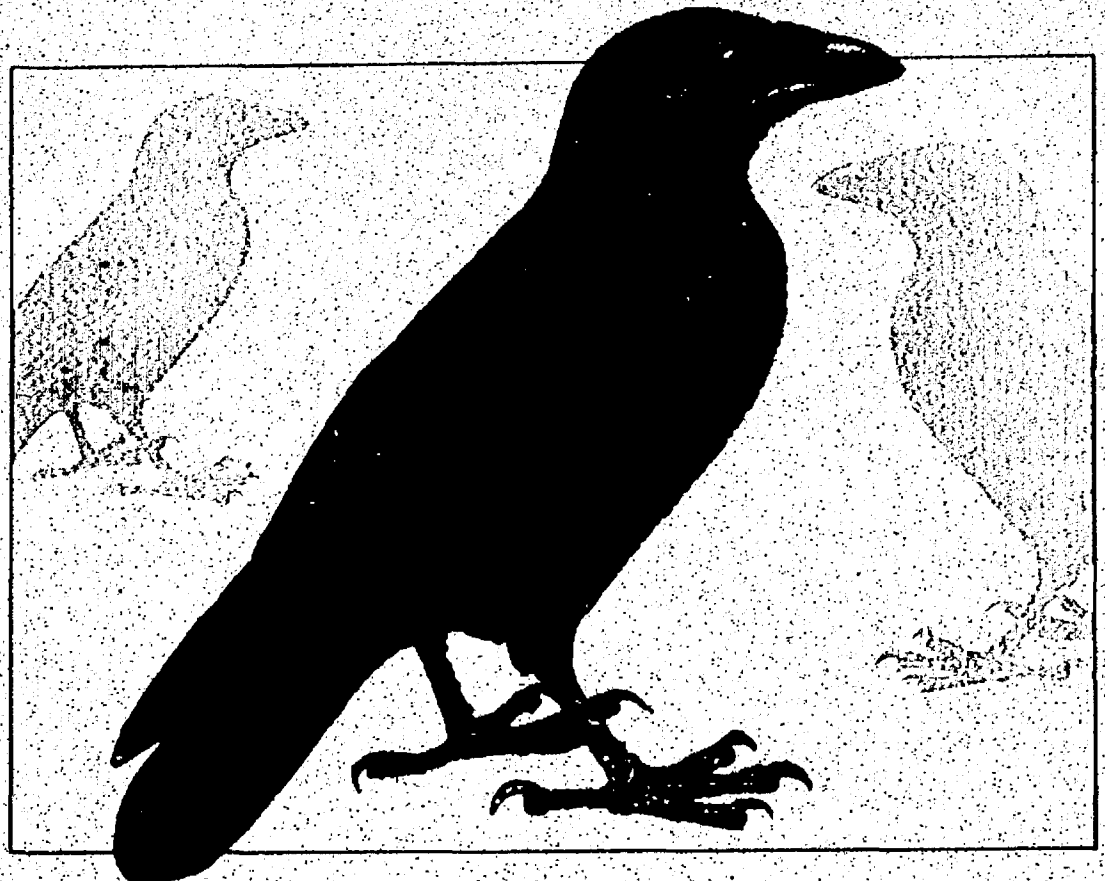
Obviously, the time to act is before the nest is built. Try offering these birds an artificial "nest" nearby.

If you live in rural areas, waterfowl may be the biggest nuisance, especially if you're near water.

One strategy for farmers is to delay fall plowing to allow waterfowl to feed in harvested fields. Scarecrows are the traditional choice to frighten fowl, but they can be time-consuming to create.

Really, anything that moves and makes noise, such as a dog, is fine. Pieces of plastic bags on short poles are easy and effective at one flag per acre.

Since about 82 million Americans feed wild birds, sooner or later there are bound to be some problems. Here are some things to watch for or reme-



dy. The ground below a bird roost can be contaminated. Elevated feeders can be used by all birds and will eliminate rodent problems.

If you're going on vacation, never leave the feeder full. A bird can become trapped inside, especially in feeders with ports smaller than one

inch. If you offer your birds a bird bath, make sure it has less than three inches of water to prevent small birds from drowning. Hose out the bath daily and wash it with hot, soapy water once a week to kill algae and bacteria.

Many lawn-care chemicals kill songbirds and contaminate their food.

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New repellents keep pets out of garden

(MPS) Americans spend more than \$22 billion annually on gardening items. That's money well spent, according to the National Gardening Association, which says a carefully crafted landscape can add an average of 15 percent to the value of a home. However, there are threats to this investment and they're as cute as your neighbor's dogs and cats.

The damage to landscaping by animals can be costly. It's important to combat the problem in the early stages. Homeowners often fail to assess the damage done until a nibble or unearthed plant leads to total defoliation.

Use of repellents is just one way to make your yard and garden less appealing to animals, say lawn and garden experts at Security Products Co., maker of the Repel line of odor and taste-based animal repellents.

The company offers the following tips to keep your landscape vandal free:

- Select an odor-based repellent that causes temporary nasal discomfort in animals. That drives them from the treated area. Some odor-based repellents are odor maskers, which only disguise previous odor markings left by dogs and cats and do not deter foraging animals.

- Repel does not harm animals. It can be applied as a perimeter treatment around the area you want to pro-

tect. In this fashion, it can be used to train your own pet to stay out of certain areas of the yard.

- Taste-based repellents can be good companions to odor-based repellents, because they leave a bitter residue that most animals dislike. Look for a repellent like Repel that contains Bitrex.

- Stray dogs usually damage lawns and street-facing flower beds during the day, while cats are notorious for nighttime strolls through flower and shrub beds. Wild animals prefer to forage at night and are attracted to tender garden vegetables and ornamental plants. This sort of damage is easy to spot, since deer and rabbit browsing leaves jagged and torn surfaces on twigs and stems.

- Most homeowners opt against fencing, citing expense and aesthetics. Animal activist caution that some types of fencing, like barbed wire, can be deadly to deer. Fencing meant to keep out wild animals should be at least 6 1/2 feet tall and buried 1 foot underground to thwart deer and smaller burrowing animals.

- Scare tactics can be a second line of defense. Scarecrows can simulate people if moved weekly to different positions and covered with worn, not washed, clothing. Making scarecrows can be a fun project for the whole family.

- Some gardeners and serious yard enthusiasts buy expensive ultrasonic

or electronic devices that use high-frequency sounds to ward off animals. Experts advise you to save your money. Anecdotal testimonials aside, there is no hard evidence that these devices alter animal behavior.

Homemade repellents, like human hair, ground cayenne pepper, mothballs and blood meal, have been touted

by home gardeners for generations. Unfortunately, the few controlled studies that have been done failed to demonstrate the effectiveness of these homespun solutions. While some are harmless, others, like mothballs, have potentially lethal consequences when ingested by inquisitive toddlers or pets.

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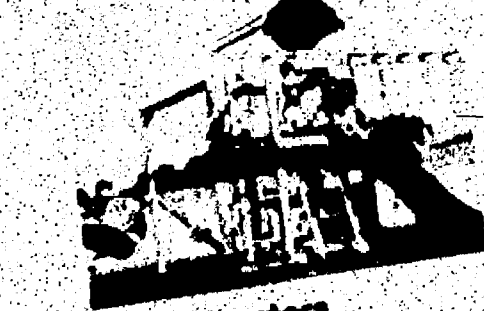
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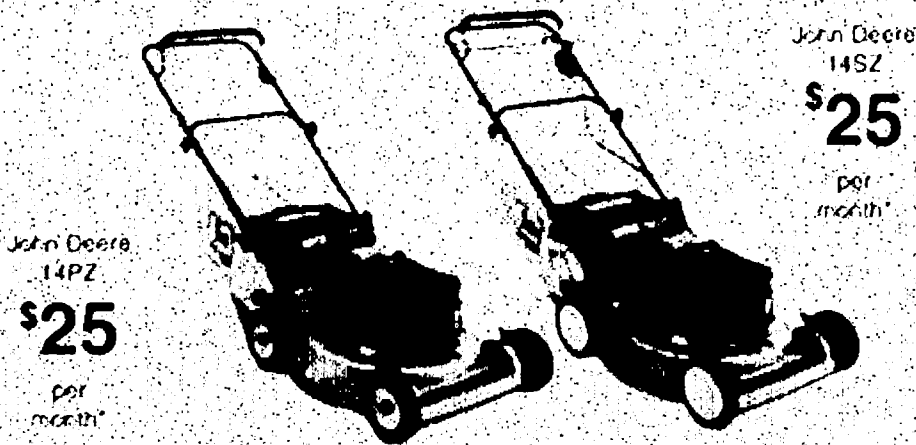
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7 highly successful habits of gardening

You can grow healthier lawns and beautiful flowers by following these seven habits of successful gardeners.

These habits also will lead you down the garden path toward less maintenance and more time to enjoy a healthier, more beautiful landscape and garden.

1. Amend soil annually. Add two inches of Canadian sphagnum peat moss or a peat moss/compost blend, and work this into the top six or eight inches of soil.

Use peat moss to amend the soil when planting trees, adding a lawn or transplanting. The better your soil, the healthier your plants and the easier it is for you to garden.

2. Water regularly, and feed when necessary. Feel the soil to decide when your plants need more water.

Fertilize when your plants need it - not just when you get around to it. Too much fertilizer causes as much harm as too little, resulting in a scorched or burned look to the foliage or fast, rank growth more susceptible to insects and disease.

Read and follow label instructions.

3. Mulch is a must. Mother Nature never intended the soil to be naked.

A mulch is like frosting on a cake - you could do without, but why would you want to? A few inches of an organic mulch will conserve moisture, block weeds, equalize soil temperature and slowly feed the plants.

4. Be picky about your plants. Choose varieties that offer more than one season of interest - spring flowering trees with interesting bark in the winter or blooming shrubs with the added bonus of winter berries or autumn foliage color.

5. Compost. Nothing else does so much for so little.

By layering green material (a source of nitrogen) like grass clippings, weeds and pruning crumbs with brown materials (a source of carbon) like fallen leaves, peat moss or soil, you can create a rich, black compost perfect for adding to a poor soil or as a feeding mulch.

6. Walk your garden frequently. This will encourage you to dead-head, pick weeds and appreciate the small details and tiny miracles that make gardening so satisfying.

7. Garden and learn. Avoid costly mistakes by reading, talking to other gardeners and sharing information.

The education of a gardener can be just as enjoyable as the hobby itself. After all, they're both about growing.

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Good flower beds need preparation

"While starting a flower bed isn't difficult, it requires patience," said Karl Reiser, a certified nurseryman with the Home Depot. "To prevent more work and extra weeding later, a successful flower bed requires the right preparation.

• **Star with location.** Pick a site with full sun; most annuals and perennials flourish in lots of light.

• **Next, realistically plan the size.** The size depends on how hard you want to work.

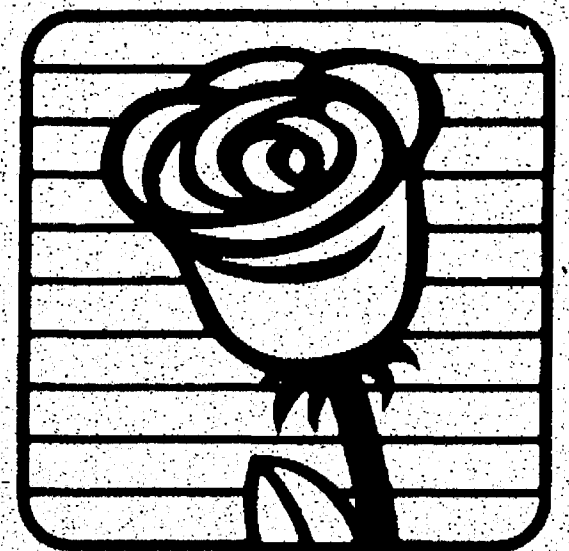
You want to be able to reach all of the flower bed so that you can care for the entire area - not just weeding and watering the areas you can reach.

• **The next step, if done properly, will save time later.**

Kill the weeds by spraying the bed with a grass and weed killer, which kills the roots in about four weeks.

Don't use a sterilizer or your flowers will bloom brown all summer. Sterilizers will kill anything growing and prevent germination of seeds for up to a year.

• **After about two weeks, till the soil with a tiller or by double digging.** To double dig, dig two trenches - one



on top of the other. This loosens and mixes the soil to about 20 inches deep.

• **Now the hard work - choosing the flowers.** For the most color, plant annuals. Mix perennials in with the annuals for a flower bed that's not so labor intensive.

• **But the hard work isn't done.** Weed once every six weeks.

But don't hoe, it will break the barrier. The soil additives alone will keep the soil loose enough.

Consider optimums when you garden

BY JAMES E WALTERS
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Without considering the optimums, you can do everything else correctly — soil preparation, watering and fertilizing — and still not harvest flowers and vegetables as you expect.

The optimum concept is based on knowing that zinnia, tomato, sweet pepper and similar warm-season plants will refuse to germinate under chilly conditions while cool-season types such as cabbage and lettuce prefer it.

Growing things in their best season means they are at their best regardless of pests or diseases. In fact, it's likely to drastically reduce such problems, since the plants have more reserve energy.

With most vegetables we eat the fruit of warm-season types and the vegetative parts (roots, stems, leaves, buds) of cool-season types. Peas, broad beans and sweet potato are notable exceptions. Cool-season types are hardy or frost tolerant.

With flowers, cool-season types can stand some frost but suffer or die in heat. Warm-season types need warmth to grow and will die after frost.

Satisfactory soil temperatures for growing chives, garlic, onions and

shallots are about 50 degrees Fahrenheit at the minimum and about 85 at the maximum.

But they grow best and produce more between 55-75, the optimum temperatures.

A minimum of 40 and maximum of 75 degrees Fahrenheit is satisfactory for growing beets, broad beans, broccoli, cabbage, radishes and spinach. But the optimum is 60-65.

Sweet peppers and tomatoes are satisfactory between 65 and 80 F but do best between 70-75. Eggplant and sweet potato like it even hotter.

For sweet corn, between 50 and 95 is satisfactory but between 60-75 is best.

This becomes even more obvious in seed germination. At the acceptable minimum of 35 degrees for onions, it may take about 130 days from planting to the first sprouting. Around 50 degrees, it takes about 13 days. This drops to four days at 75. The maximum is about 95 degrees.

These figures are from University of Arizona recommendations and may vary in your area. But they are pretty standard, whether your growing season is subtropical, subject to early frosts or something in between.

Gardening may be dangerous to skin

NEW YORK, March 27 (AP) — While gardening continues to grow as one of America's favorite leisure activities, it can also expose the gardener's skin to many hazards. Here are a few of the risks gardeners face and some easy ways they can protect themselves.

— Sunburn. Studies show exposure to the sun is the primary cause of skin cancer. This year, 500,000 people will develop skin cancer and one in seven will develop it some time in their lives.

Also, the sun "bakes" the proteins in your skin, which can cause wrinkles, dryness, broken blood vessels and age spots.

— Contact Dermatitis is a rash which develops after the skin is in contact with a foreign substance in the garden. It can be the result of an allergic reaction to poison ivy, sumac or oak. Plants found in and chemicals used in the garden might also cause this condition.

— Infections. Bacterial infections can develop in cuts, splinters, insect bites, sunburn blisters or abrasions. These infections are caused by a variety of microorganisms such as ringworm or sporotrichosis. Infections can often be treated by antibiotics, so see your doctor.

— Eczema. Exposure to wetness, cold and wind can cause skin to red-

den, peel, crack or chap.

— Lyme Disease. Although this is not solely a skin disorder, a rash is one of the early warning signs. The disease is caused by a microorganism introduced by the bite of an infected deer tick. A victim may experience flu-like symptoms followed by more severe, long-lasting symptoms if the disease is not treated. A brochure with more details is available from the American Lyme Disease Foundation, Inc. Call 1-800-876-LYME.

To protect yourself from these and other dangers that lurk in home gardens, the American Skin Association suggests the following:

— Stay out of the sun between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. or try to work in shady parts of the garden during peak hours.

— Wear clothing that protects your skin — hats, gloves, long-sleeved shirts, long skirts or pants.

— Use a sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 16 or higher.

— Wear light cotton glove liners under rubber gloves to avoid skin contact with rubber.

— Learn to recognize and avoid sources of contact dermatitis including certain plants and insecticides.

— Be aware of open sores. If you notice one, rinse it clean, treat with an antibiotic ointment and cover the area with a dressing or bandage.

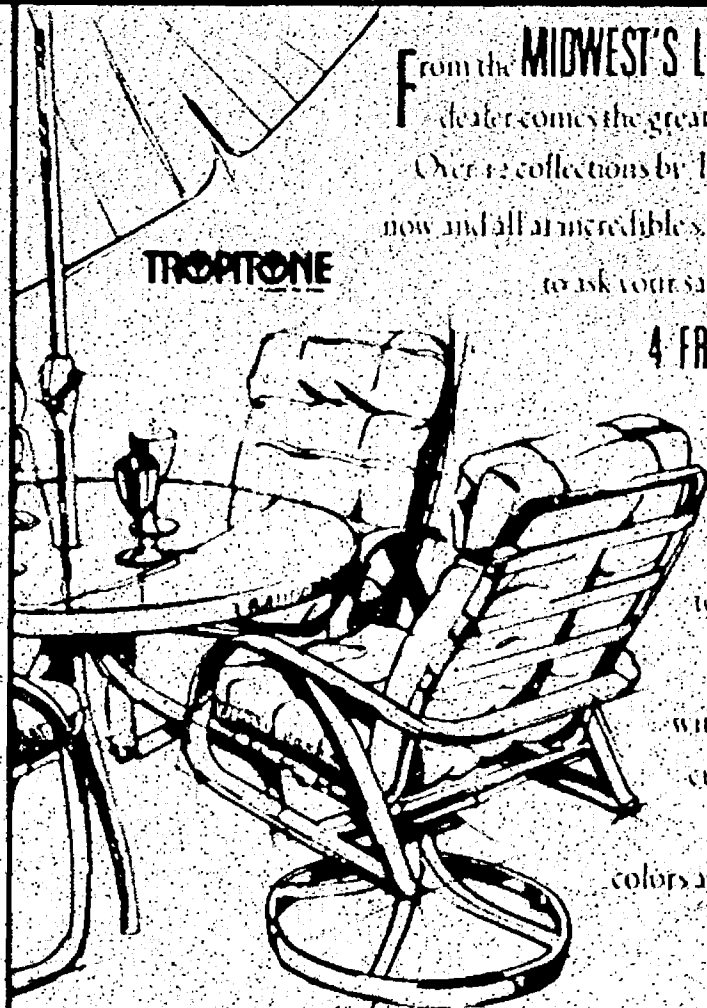
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Raised beds give gardeners a lift

WASHINGTON, PRNewswire. It may take a stage magician to levitate a person, but a weekend gardener can raise a bed — and the results can be almost as amazing, according to the American Wood Preservers Institute.

Raised bed gardens have become a popular way to grow vegetables and flowers. There are several reasons for this popularity. Raised bed gardens are ideal where the natural soil has high clay content, since you can supply your own soil mix for the beds. Furthermore, because soil in raised beds warms earlier in the season than does ground soil, gardeners can get a head start on planting.

You can also work in wetter weather without getting your feet muddy or compacting the soil. And you save your back because you can tend your plants and pick your vegetables with less bending. A typical raised garden consists of long beds, 6 inches to 3 feet high. Beds need be no broader than you can reach and can extend as far as your property lines allow. The path between beds does not have to be wider than 12 inches or so. To prevent mud, top the paths with gravel or build a wood walkway.

The walls of the beds should be built of durable material. For its long life and workability, pressure-treated wood is a common choice. Available at nearly every lumber yard and home center, this wood has preservative protection against termites and rot, and is normally water resistant.

Despite widespread commercial use for decades, stories have circulated that treated wood will contaminate plants. EPA conducted an 8-year scientific study on pressure-treated wood and put no restrictions on its use in gardens. Once the walls have been constructed, the beds can be filled with soil and compost. Then you're set to plant. And when you do, consider those who don't have adequate food, in a campaign called "Plant a Row for the Hungry," the Garden Writers Association of America is encouraging gardeners to donate surplus produce to a local food bank or shelter for consumption by those in need. Hungry neighbors get more healthful meals, while gardeners get added pleasure from their hobby. The efficiency of raised garden beds makes it likely that you'll have plenty of food to share.



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Radish is vegetable of '96

BY JAMES E. WALTERS
AP SPECIAL FEATURES

Radishes and sunflowers are the National Garden Bureau's choices for vegetable and flower of 1996. Both have been cultivated for centuries.

Founded 76 years ago, the bureau describes itself as a nonprofit educational service of the home-garden seed industry. Most major retail and wholesale seed companies are members.

The radish is one of the most ancient of cultivated vegetables. It was grown in China as early as the seventh century B.C., and Egyptian pharaohs made it part of the daily diet for workers building the pyramids.

The center of origin for sunflowers is considered the Western Plains of North America, as early as 3000 B.C. For most American Indians, their primary use was as food. Spanish explorers introduced the sunflower to Europe, and it spread quickly throughout much of the continent.

Sunflowers grown in home gardens fall into two categories: those grown for their decorative flowers and those grown for edible seeds. The bureau says they come in many sizes and colors. Since 1986, three new types of sunflowers have been introduced into this country. One has a sturdy central stem that produces multiple branches with many flowers excellent for cutting and does not require staking. The second is a dwarf reaching 1 to 2 feet tall. The third is a pollenless type bred for cut

flowers.

The new varieties include "Floristan," "Hallo," "Holiday," "Music Box," "Prado Red," "Sonja," "Valentine," "Big Smile" and "Sunspot." The sunflower is a member of the Compositae family. "Start your sunflower with good soil preparation," advises the bureau. "While good fertile soil will yield the largest flower heads and meatiest seeds, the sunflower is not picky. They will grow in just about any type of soil except where there is standing water."

"Prepare the soil by tilling to a depth of 8 inches. Incorporate manure, compost, organic matter or a slow-release general purpose fertilizer into the soil. Rake smooth. Use the handle of rake or shovel to trace a straight line one-fourth to one-half-inch deep. Sow seeds in this furrow 6 inches apart and cover with one-eighth-inch of fine soil. Germination will take five to 10 days."

When the first true leaves appear, thin to 24 to 30 inches apart and a booster application of fertilizer is recommended when the flower head begins to appear.

Sunflowers have few garden pests, but clean-garden practices are recommended. Large-type plants require staking.

The seed is very high in minerals, vitamins and essential oils, and calories. Their protein is rated at 24 percent, the same as beef. Their nutrients are believed to improve cardiovascular

health.

The radish is a member of the Crucifera family, which also includes broccoli, and apparently developed in the Mediterranean area.

Shapes are generally long or round. Round ones may be as small as marbles or as large as a base. They are classified according to the length of growing time from seed to harvest as short-crop, midseason or long-season.

Recommended varieties include "Cherry Belle," "Champion," "Sparkler," "Snow Belle," "Easter Egg II Blend," "French Breakfast," "White Icicle" and Oriental types such as "April Cross" and "Summer Cross."

"A sunny location and loose, even sandy, well-drained soil are the simple but important requirements for growing radishes," says the bureau.

"All radishes are grown from seed placed into prepared garden soil. The initial crop can be started in early spring, about four weeks before the first frost-free day. Radish seeds will germinate in cool soil but prefer a soil temperature above 60 degrees Fahrenheit. Seedlings should emerge in less than a week and, if a short-crop variety, should be ready for harvest in under 30 days."

The bureau recommends sowing seeds thinly at least one-half-inch apart to a depth of one-half-inch, allowing 12 inches between rows, and planting small amounts of seed every week or 10 days.

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Feeley designated



Eleanor Feeley, a Realtor with the Prudential Great Lakes Realty in Rochester Hills, has received the professional designation of Certified Residential Specialist.

Eleanor Feeley

Feeley, an Oakland Township resident, also has earned the Certified Home Marketing Specialist designation through Prudential Relocation Management as well as Graduate Realtors Institute.

She has been a real estate professional for 13 years.

Finn appointed



James M. Finn, a Farmington Hills resident, has been appointed president of Aggressive Mortgage Corp. based in Southfield.

James M. Finn

Turner certified



Gail Turner, a Realtor with Real Estate One in Northville, has acquired two professional designations - Graduate Realtors Institute and Certified Buyer Representative.

Gail Turner

Turner also is a member of Real Estate One's President's Council of Excellence.

Williams on board

Steve Williams of Chapel Hill Homes in Clarkston, is on the board of directors of the Michigan Association of Home Builders. He will serve a two-year term.

"We concentrate on legislative issues that affect home ownership, affordability and property rights in the state," Williams said.

Williams also has been named a Professional Master Builder by the Building Association of Southeastern Michigan.

Criteria include pursuing additional education and training, subscribing to a code of ethics, providing warranty protection and building in an environmentally sound manner.

REAL ESTATE

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It's the law - you can't discriminate

If buyers and sellers were always to follow the Golden Rule, there wouldn't be a need for open housing laws. Attitude, prejudice and discrimination are individual choices.

BY DOUG FUNKIE
STAFF WRITER

April is Fair Housing Awareness Month.

You might think that in this day and age, with all the laws on the books outlawing discrimination and competition among lenders to make mortgage money available, we wouldn't have any problems with open housing.

And you'd be wrong, say directors of non-profit monitoring/information agencies who keep their fingers on the pulse of the industry here.

"People like to build fences and keep people out," said Clifford Schrupp, director of the Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit since 1977.

"People who purchase property, and renters, too, tend to believe that gives them a right to control who lives nearby," Schrupp said. "They don't and courts have essentially held that."

"Most of our complaints involve apartments, but we have an equal concern for real estate sales," he said.

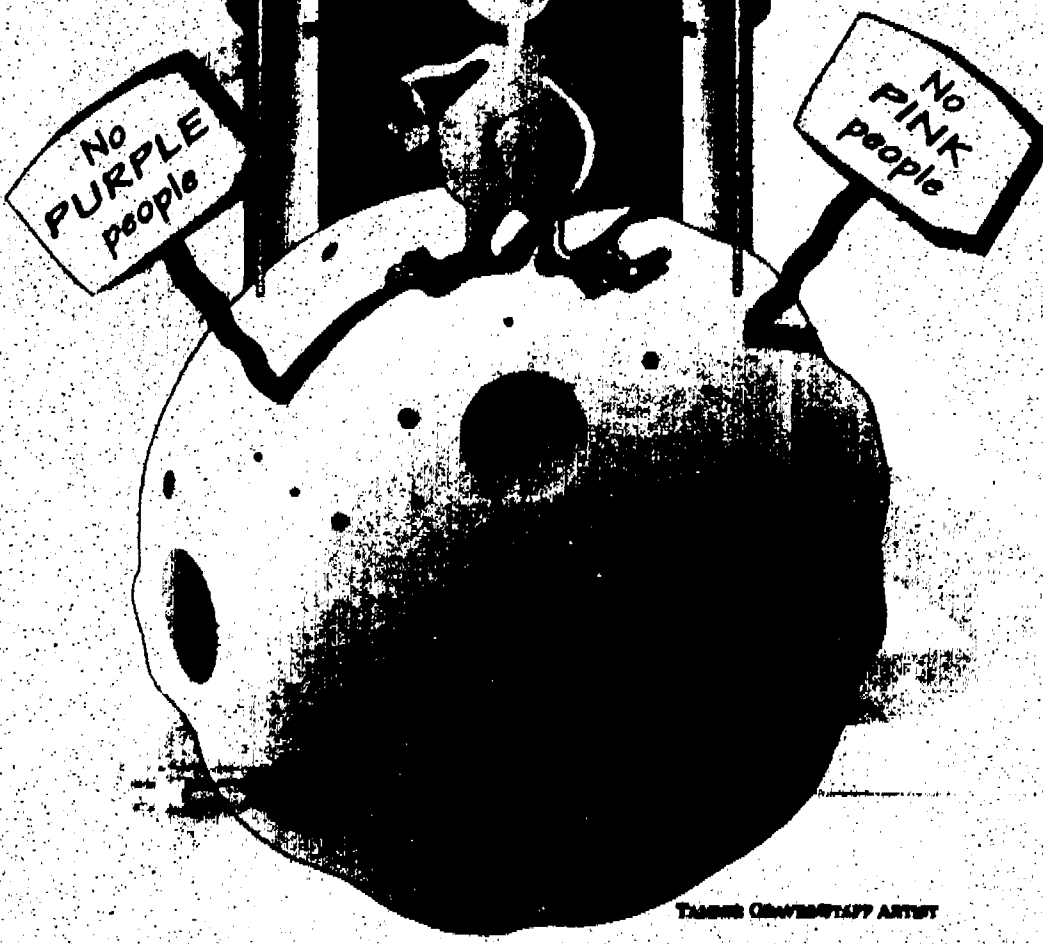
"We still do testing. Fifty-five to 60 percent involves race discrimination. The rest involves familial status, families with children, and people with disabilities."

Lawsuits eventually get filed in about 10 percent of the 250 to 300 cases that arise each year, Schrupp said.

"Some inroads have been made, but if one person has been discriminated against, it's one too many," said Valerie Vintoc Weatherly, director of the Oakland County Center for Open Housing.

That agency provides statistical information about communities. It doesn't investigate complaints.

"If someone has a concern, we'd refer them to the Fair Housing



THOMAS CHAMBERS/STAFF ARTIST

Center, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Civil Rights Commission or the Department of Justice," Weatherly said.

"For Realtors, it's an economic and sensitivity issue," said Michael Peck, executive vice president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors headquartered in Farmington.

"How would you feel if you put yourself in a position of a handicapped person or minority who for years have been treated as less than a normal person?"

"You can't economically afford to discriminate," Peck added. "For not paying attention to sensitivity, there's a tremendous financial penalty courts will mete out."

Mary McLeod, an associate broker with Caldwell Banker Schweitzer and WWOCAE president, said she personally comes across one or two cases a year where a seller doesn't want to sell to a buyer of color.

"I contact the listing agent and

tell them to tell their seller that they signed a listing contract not to discriminate in any way, shape or form," McLeod said.

"Many real estate brokers and sales associates are taking proactive steps to guard against housing discrimination," said Nita Anderson, an office manager with the Prudential Great Lakes Realty and president of the Birmingham Bloomfield Rochester South Oakland Association of Realtors in Troy.

"Education is one of the primary things, getting out to seminars, getting out to law classes, getting to know what we are supposed to be doing," Anderson said.

"We try to do a lot of charity work so we are out in the community," she said. "I think if you know people one on one from different walks of life, different economic situations, you're more in tune. You understand what's happening."

"We work very hard to make our

members aware of their responsibilities in fair housing," McLeod added.

"We can't steer, perhaps direct, a number of people to a neighborhood where a number of people of their race or nationality live," she said.

"If someone were to ask the make-up of a neighborhood, our response has to be, 'We can't keep those records. We don't know.'"

And what's a Realtor to do if a seller doesn't want to deal with a particular person based on race, sex or religion?

"We teach them to basically say, 'Here's the federal law. I can't violate the law. You're putting myself and my broker in a precarious position,'" Peck said.

Most sellers who misguidedly want to protect their neighbors or community by not selling to certain people understand the law after it's explained and they choose not to risk legal sanctions, Peck said.

"A lot of decisions (to discriminate) are individual," Schrupp said. "You can't blame it all on the real estate industry."

"A whole bunch of people are making their own personal decisions. Every time someone puts up a for sale sign when a black family moves in reinforces prejudice."

"You don't find many programs or activities by units of government, church groups and educational institutions to try to counter that," Schrupp said.

"People of goodwill can initially make sure they support fair housing laws and the resources to enforce those laws. Welcoming shouldn't wait until someone burns a cross on a lawn."

"People can organize and work through churches and institutions to make sure people feel welcome and make sure communication goes on," Schrupp said.

The telephone number for the Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit is (313) 963-1274. The number for the Oakland County Center for Open Housing is (810) 539-3993.

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REAL ESTATE QUESTIONS



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q: I am contemplating the acquisition of a block or two of vacant lots in various cities in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties. Is it true that while the lots are vacant until development begins, that I will receive liability protection on them through my homeowner's insurance policy without any action on my part. My plan calls for building single family homes, duplexes and townhouses, but some of the structures will be erected across the existing lot lines. Do you think it would be a time and cost advantage to "condominiumize" this type of redevelopment. Are there any tax or equity advantages. I have some business questions so could I do the paperwork required to satisfy legal and administrative requirements myself, or much of it myself, for review by a professional. How can I get started with or without professional help.

A: While your plan is ambitious and may well be successful, it is important in developing any type of real estate that you help establish a team of consultants to assist you in the process. You have raised a

number of issues concerning the development of raw land. Obviously, the type of insurance coverage that you will need should be reviewed with you by an insurance consultant who has expertise in this area. With respect to the question of whether or not you should condominiumize the property, that would depend on a number of factors which would require more facts than what was presented in your question. There are obvious tax consequences to any type of development that you create and the form utilized by you in creating the redevelopment/ It is clear, however, that you should engage those professionals necessary to properly assist you in preparing the necessary legal documents to establish and operate your redevelopment plan subject to your review. In short, you do need professional help before you begin.

Q: I have a claim against the seller of our property who I believe concealed water damage, although the purchase agreement that I signed indicates that I bought "as is" and I had no pre-sale inspection. Do I have any legal basis to pursue the seller under these circumstances as I am out a substantial sum of money.

A: While the law in this area seems to be changing with each new decision, the latest from the Michigan Court of Appeals suggests that there can be no "con-

cealment" under "as is" contract where a defect should reasonably have been discovered upon such inspection. If in fact a defect could reasonably have been discovered upon such inspection, the seller is not liable. Courts have indicated that where property is sold "as is," the buyer has the risk of loss until the seller knows of concealed defects and does not disclose them. The buyer has the risk of loss when a defect should have reasonably been discovered upon the inspection and was not. An "as is" clause does not transfer the risk of loss to the buyer when the seller makes a fraudulent representation. Obviously, each case depends upon its own facts and you are advised to consult with an attorney who can give you an opinion concerning the particular circumstances with which you are involved.

Robert M. Meisner is an Oakland County area attorney concentrating his practice in areas of condominium, real estate, corporate law and litigation. You are invited to submit topics which you would like to see discussed in this column, including questions about condominiums, by writing Robert M. Meisner, 30900 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Bingham Farms, MI 48025. Meisner can be heard weekdays at 9:45 a.m. on WPON, 1640 AM. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.

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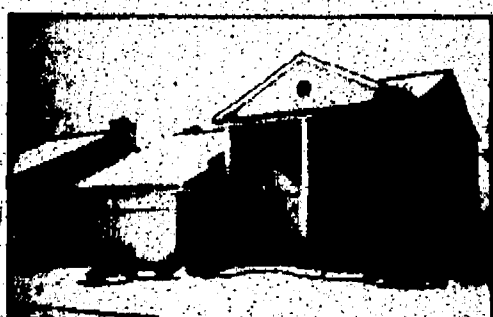
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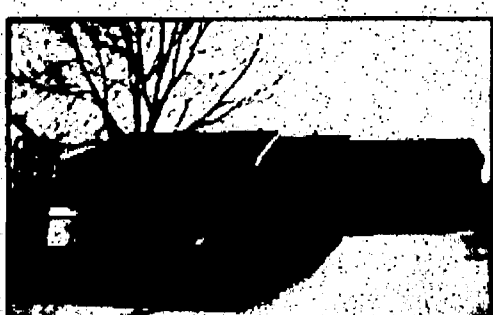
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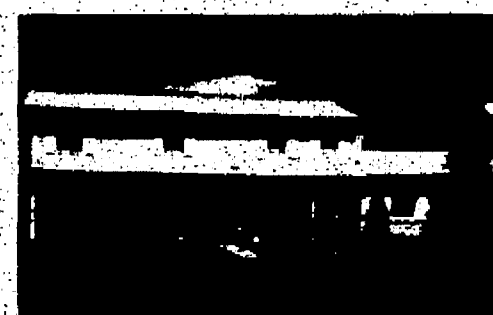
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Officers selected

The Construction Specifications Institute Metropolitan Detroit Chapter has selected its officers for fiscal year 1997. They include:

Harry Peck, CCS, Ghafari Associates, Dearborn, president; Gerard Reed, CCPR, Williams Products, Troy, first vice president.

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Pete M. Apostolou, United Paint, Southfield, secretary; and Tony Wolf, CCS, Nordstrom-Sam-

son Associates, Dearborn, treasurer.

CSI's objective is to advance construction technology through communication, education, research and services.

Career Night

Real Estate One's Troy office, 1111 W. Long Lake Road Suite 201, hosts a free, no-obligation career night 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 24. The office is on the southwest corner of Crooks and Long Lake.

Anyone interested in a real estate career is encouraged to attend. Experienced agents will discuss the pros and cons of the real estate profession and will answer questions.

Refreshments will be served.

Seaver Title

Philip R. Seaver Title Co., one of the largest title insurance companies in Oakland County, is celebrating its 20th anniversary.

The firm employs more than 100 with offices in Bloomfield Hills, Farmington Hills, Clark-

ston, Southfield and Clinton Township.

Seaver, the firm's president, was chairman of the consumers protection and arbitration committee of the North Oakland County Builders Association for 11 years.

He currently serves on the board of directors of the North Oakland County Board of Realtors.

Fair Housing Awareness

The Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors hosts a free town hall meeting on Fair Housing Awareness 1-4 p.m. Monday, April 22, at Holiday Inn Livonia West, 17123 North Laurel Park Drive.

A video will precede a panel discussion including Clifford Schrupp, Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit, Valerie Ventes, Oakland County Center for Open Housing, Steve Tomkowiak, a lawyer for fair housing, and Michael Peck, WWOCA executive vice president.

To register, call WWOCA at (810) 478-1700.

Home building seminar

Oakland Builders Institute and Livonia Community Education sponsor a course to help people build a house, vacation or retirement home on their own or with a contractor 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 7-30 at Riley Middle School, 16555 Henry Ruff, Livonia.

Cost of \$170 includes textbook and materials.

Topics include reading blueprints, buying property, financing, building codes and permits, and construction basics including estimating materials.

Registration required by May 3 at (313) 523-9277.

Investors Association

The Real Estate Investors Association hosts a program on tenant applications, selection and legal screening techniques 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 7 at the Ramada in Southgate, Northline Road one block east of I-75.

Cost for non-members is \$10. Beginning landlords interested in a free introductory package.

can call Wayne Koehler, president, at (313) 277-4168.

Neumann/Smith project

Kenneth Neumann/Joel Smith and Associates, an architecture, planning and interior design firm based in Southfield, has been selected to conduct a feasibility study to revitalize the Dearborn Civic Center.

Neumann/Smith will work with Barker-Rinker-Seacat & Partners Architects of Denver, Colo.

The two recently completed Summit on the Park, a community aquatic/recreation center for Canton Township. They're currently collaborating on Fitness Works, a new health and fitness center for Henry Ford Health System and General Motors in Detroit.

Trammel Crow

Trammel Crow, a commercial real estate firm in Southfield, recently completed six lease transactions of an aggregate 48,000 square feet in that community.

The firms included Right Associates, an executive employment firm, 30 Oak Hollow; FAG Bear-

ing, automotive supplier, 30 Oak Hollow; and Automated Time Systems, computer software, Aureus Center.

Also, Tempco, a temp agency for health professionals, 30 Oak Hollow; CET Services, government consulting, Advance Building; and Amoco Oil, regional franchise office, Advance Building.

Technology conference

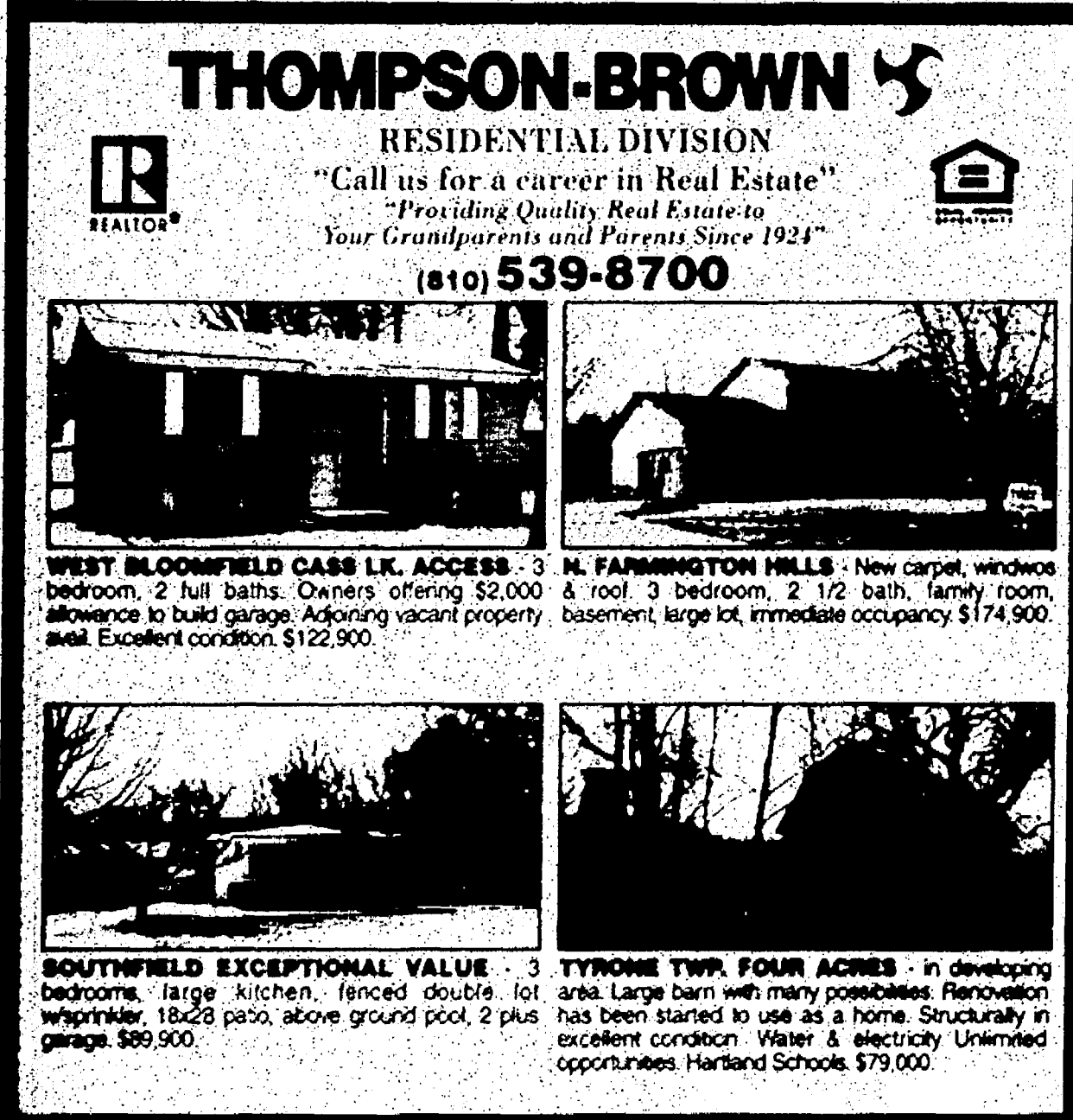
The Greater Detroit Chapter of the Associated General Contractors hosts a construction technology conference 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 23, at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield.

Topics include Megatrends Impacting the Construction Industry; Computer Integrated Construction and Controlling Your Computer Development.

The conference is geared to owners, architects, engineers, general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers and related professionals.

Cost is \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door and \$5 for students. To register, call Joe Nuessendorfer at (810) 948-7000.

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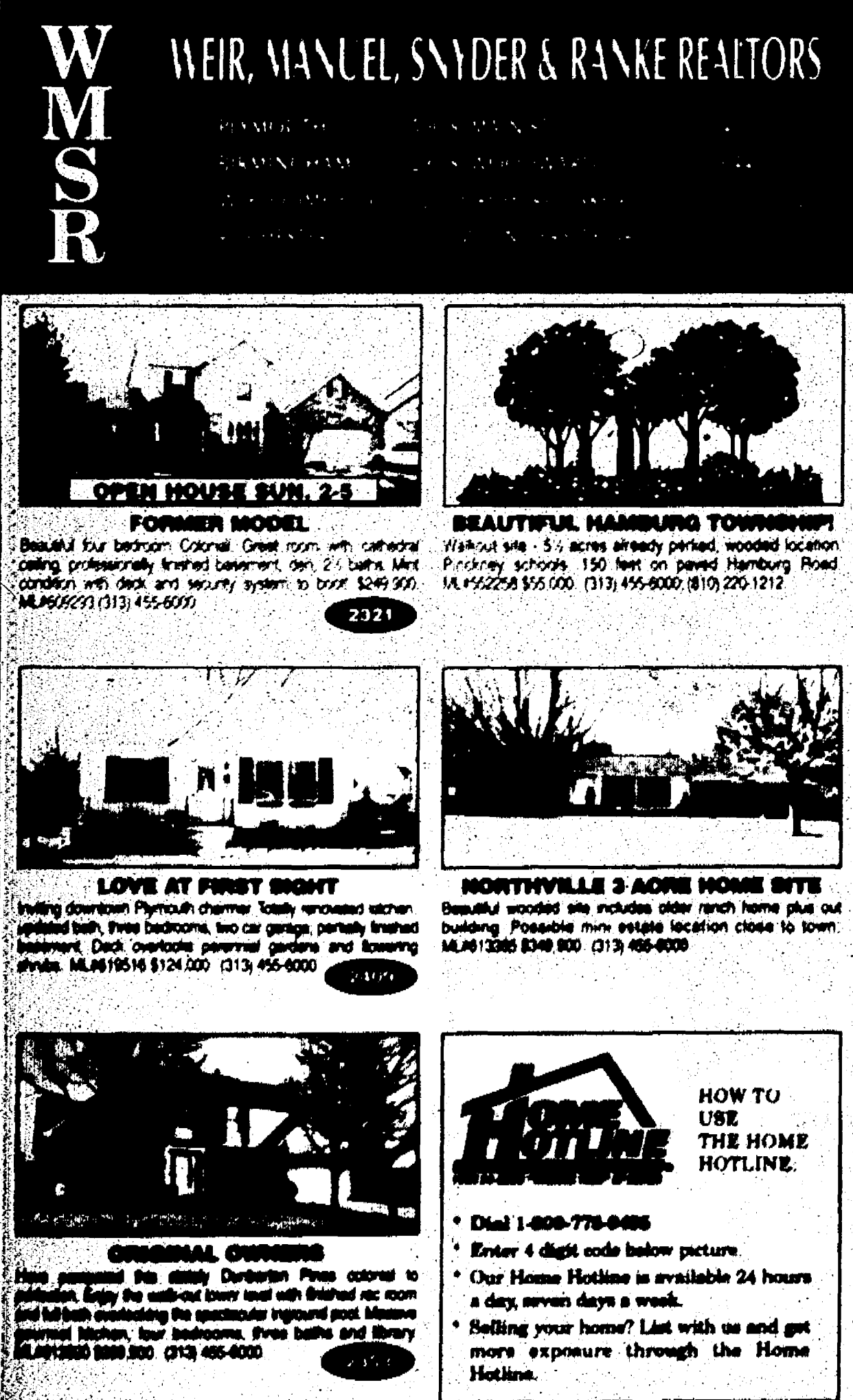
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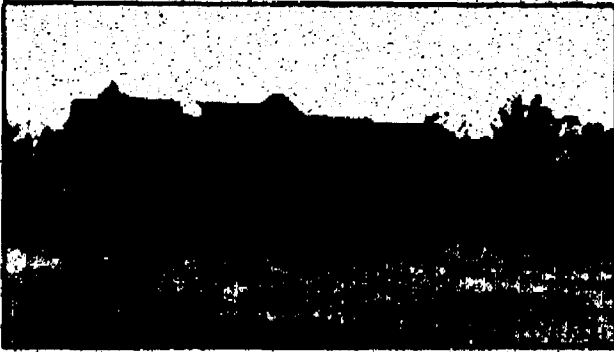
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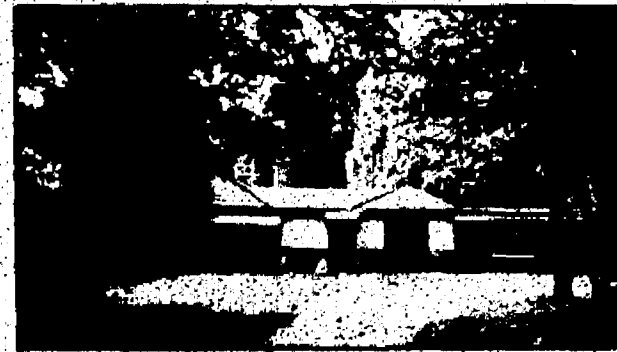
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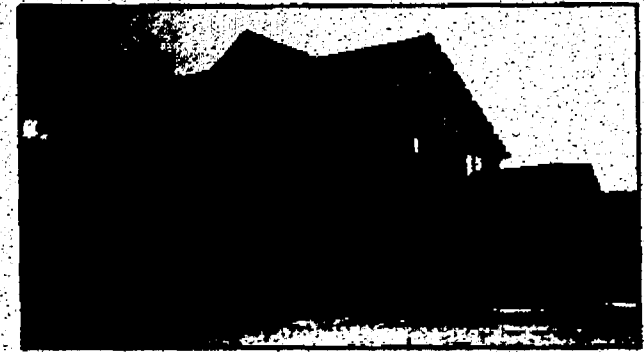
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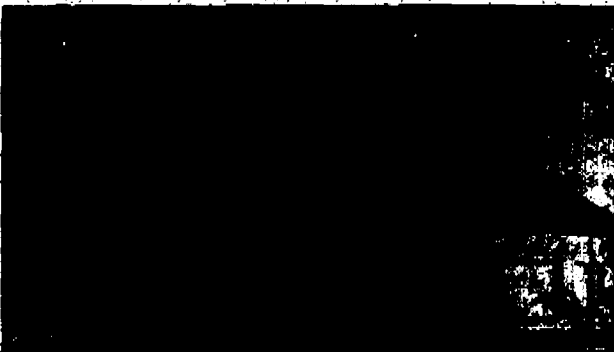
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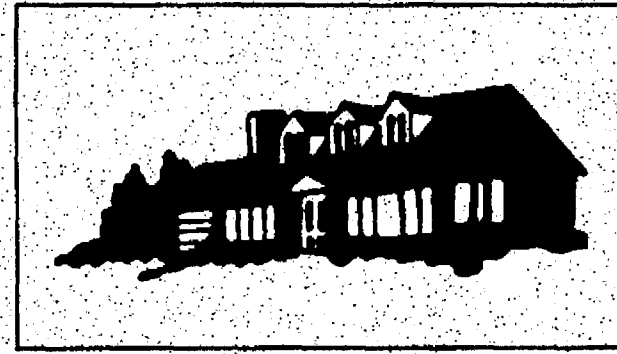
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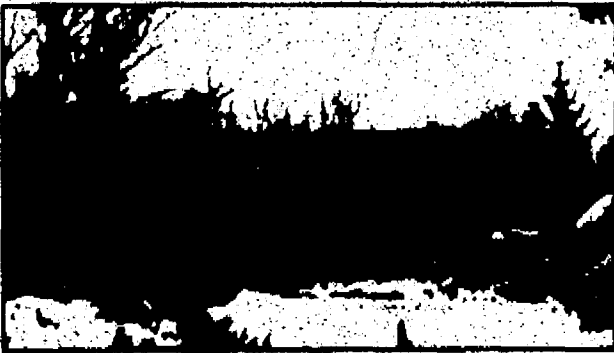
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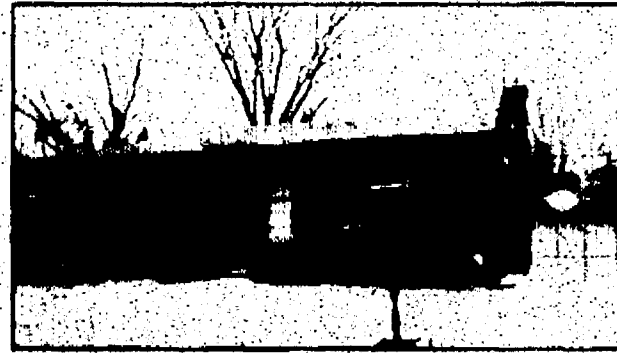
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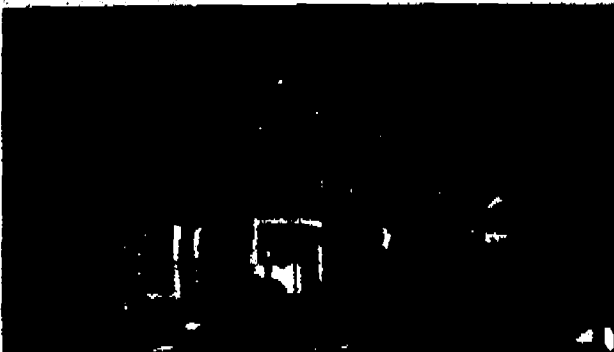
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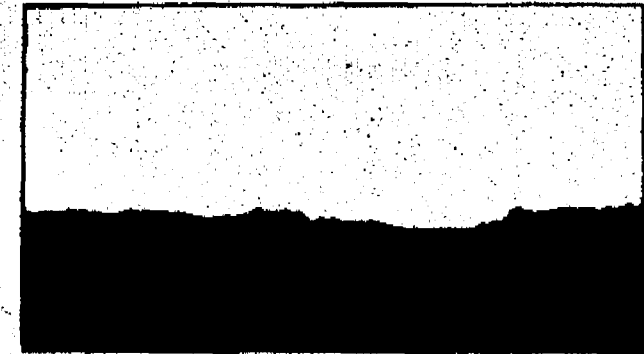
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Editor's note: This is the last of a three-part series on the advantages of FHA financing.

This week's mortgage shopping tip:

FHA programs can make buying a home easier.

One of the best mortgages available today is the FHA, one-year adjustable rate program. It has advantages for every home buying situation. I can say from my personal experience as a loan officer, this program helps people buy homes, plain and simple. The main reason is that when applying for an FHA, one-year ARM mortgage, the borrower only needs to qualify at the first year rate which is usually very low and, therefore, it's easier to qualify.

For example, let's say a couple makes \$3,000 combined gross monthly income. The going fixed rate is about 8 percent. Based on that rate, they would qualify for approximately a \$97,000 mortgage. Now let's consider the exact same situation for an FHA one-year ARM mortgage where the beginning rate is about 6.5 percent. This same couple now qualifies for approximately a \$113,000 mortgage, a difference of \$16,000. Add that \$16,000 to a home's sale price and this couple now can afford a nicer home without spending much more in total out of pocket expense. This is only one example but illustrates my point... the program literally can help you buy more home for the same money.

It may calm your fear of adjustable rate programs to know that the FHA ARM has built-in rate hike protection with restrictions on how much the rate can change from year to year. The maximum increase is 1 percent and the total maximum increase over the life of the loan is 5 percent. This compares favorably to 2 percent yearly/6 percent over the life of the loan caps on conventional

loans. Using the 6.5 percent first year FHA ARM rate mentioned above, your rate could only rise to a maximum of 7.5 percent in the second year of the loans, 8.5 percent in the third year and so on up to a maximum of 11.5 percent over the life of the loan.

This does not necessarily mean that the maximum will be reached. It depends on what the rates are when it is time for your yearly adjustment. The rate could even go down.

Remember, most people who use this program only stay in the home for a few years and don't experience the potential increase of 5 percent. Another rate minimizing strategy is to consider refinancing. After you have taken advantage of the first few years of low rates, you may refinance to a fixed rate.

Another FHA loan, the versatile 203(k) Mortgage and Improvement Loan, is a smart way to buy and remodel a home for owner-occupants or investors. You can purchase, repair and remodel the home of your dreams with just one loan which includes all the advantages of traditional FHA financing. FHA's 203(k) is a unique loan that allows you to include the cost of needed repairs or improvements with the purchase price of your home.

You can even refinance your home and get money to repair and remodel it at the same time. Your 203(k) mortgage loan will include money to buy the home (or refinance) plus money from improvement. A minimum of \$5,000 in eligible work must be done to qualify. You still have the option of choosing a fixed or adjustable rate mortgage. For investors, a 15 percent downpayment is required; for owner-occupants, as little as 3 percent is required for the downpayment. There are certain lenders specializing in this type of loan and you would be wise to seek an experienced loan officer and lender when needing this type of financing. I have touched on some basic considerations but there is a lot more to learn, so consult a lender near you or call me for referrals.

Last week I mentioned the FHA Mortgage Insurance Premium, also

known as MIP. HUD charges a premium to insure mortgages. The premiums are used to pay claims to lenders when a borrower defaults on an FHA-insured mortgage. Most borrowers with FHA-insured mortgages currently pay an up-front mortgage insurance premium (MIP) and an annual MIP as well. The up-front MIP can be financed into the mortgage. If you move or pay off the FHA mortgage early (within 3 to 5 years) you will be entitled to a refund of the MIP. A lender can provide you with more information or feel free to call us and we will be glad to explain in more detail.

In the last three weeks I have tried to point out the most important features of the FHA financing. There is still more information that could be covered but I hope these writings will give you a better understanding of FHA financing and its advantages.

This week's questions

Q: I read last week's article on FHA and you said the total money you need to buy a home is less than with other types of financing. Can you be more specific?

A: The borrower's initial cash investment on a home is the difference between the amount of the mortgage and the total cost of the home. The total cost includes the purchase price and closing costs, but it does not include prepaid items that you have to pay at settlement, such as real estate taxes and hazard insurance. Most FHA programs require the borrower to invest a minimum of 3-5 percent of the total cost of the home. For example, if you purchase a home for \$90,000 and your taxes on the home were about \$1,500 per year, your total cash investment could end up being between \$5,000 and \$8,000.

Dave Mully is president of Mortgage Search, a free one-stop mortgage shopping service. If you have questions or would like free assistance with your mortgage search, call 1-800-405-3001 or fax at (810) 380-0603 or write him at P.O. Box 485, Novi, MI 48376-0485.

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Economists predict existing home sales will rise 2.4 percent in 1996 to 3.86 million. With more homes on the market, how can a seller distinguish their home from all the others?

Outside your home. It is estimated that more than

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Paint or repair siding, wood and fences. Replace damaged window and door screens/glass. Additions like new house numbers, a brass door fixture, and a large plant or doormat will enhance your entrance. Also, consider purchasing hanging flowers

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Inside your home. By making necessary repairs to your home, you'll eliminate buyers' objections before they arise. If you think something is too much trouble to fix, chances are the buyer will too. Buyers also tend to think repairs will cost more than they do.

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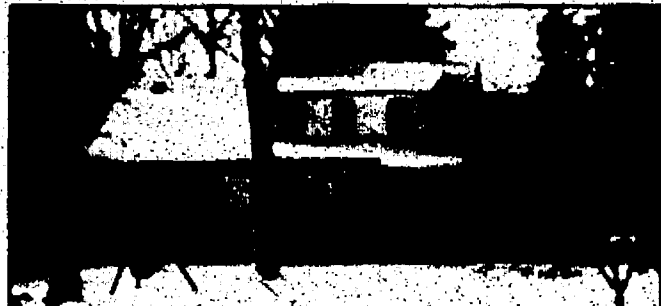
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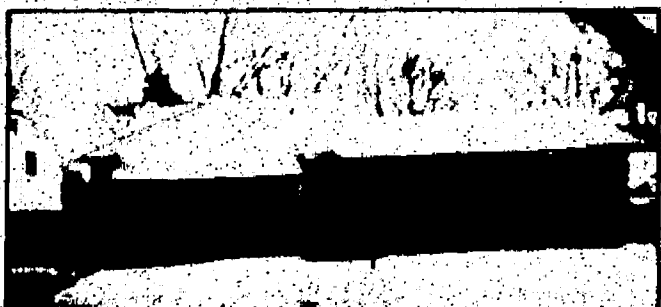
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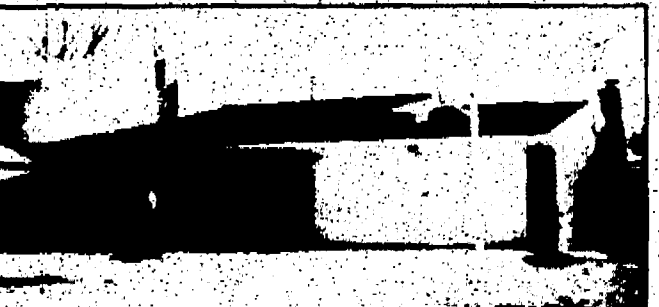
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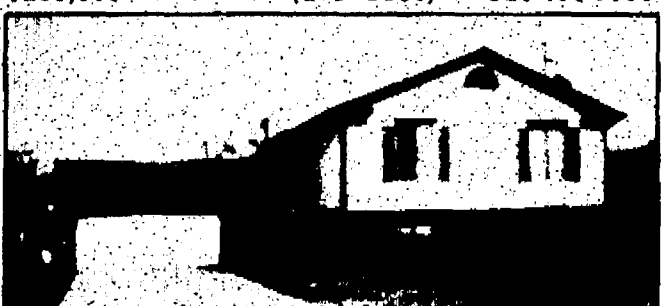
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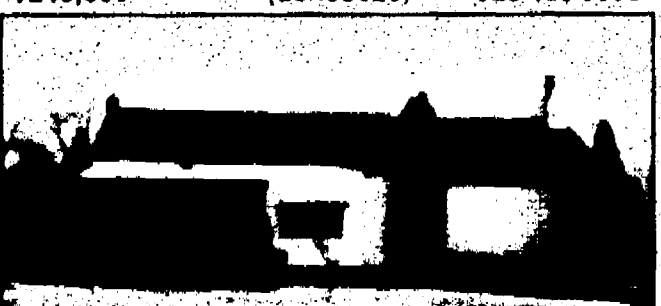
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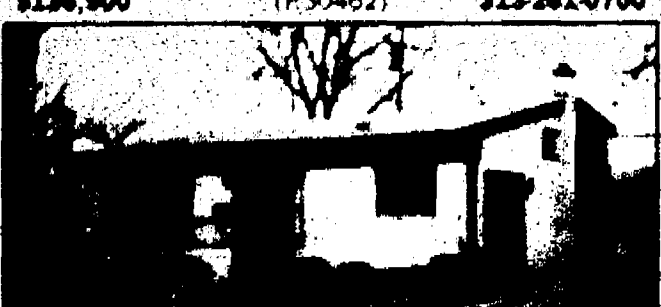
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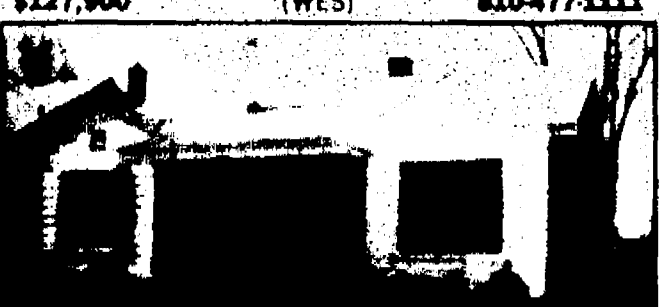
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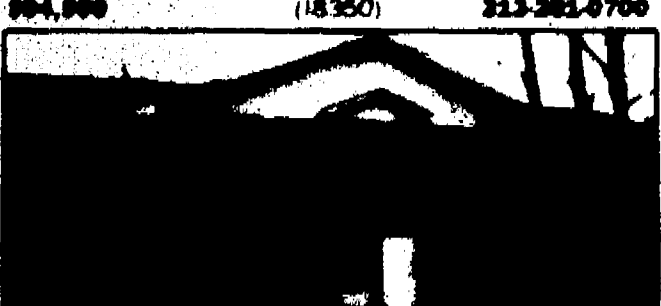
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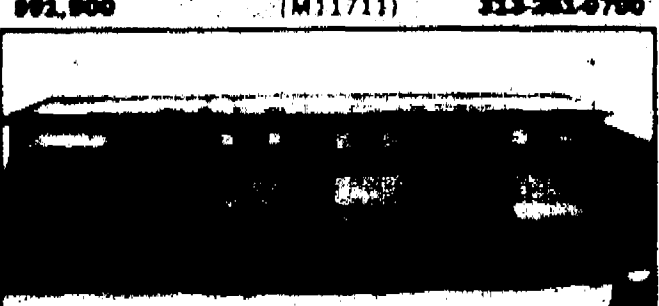
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Condos arise on site of family get-away

Gary Tringale, who said he purchased a 12 1/2-acre farm in Farmington Hills in 1989 because he saw potential for residential development, is finally getting around to business.

"I bought it as a developer and ended up buying horses," Tringale recalled. "I fell in love with it. We had a family retreat and every Sunday it was a fun thing to come to."

"A few subdivisions at the time were going in and they're cleared (sold) out now," he said. "There was more of a demand and I felt it was a good time to start developing."

The result is Carroll Farms, 22 site condominiums off Nine Mile between Drake and Halstead. The effort is Tringale's first at residential developing/building.

"I have someone here, Robert Beauchamp, who's been doing this (residential) for 15 years," Tringale said. "I have another fellow working with us as well, Jason Monczka."

"I've built commercial buildings. I feel building is building. At the present time, I feel residential is the right thing to build," Tringale said.

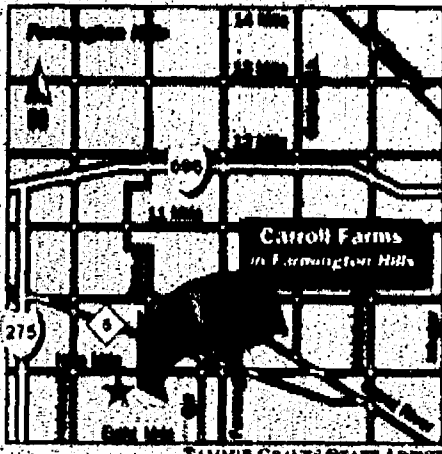
Seven floor plans, all with two levels of living space and a basement, are included among sales materials for Carroll Farms.

Prices range from \$279,900 for 2,608 square feet with four bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths to \$349,000 for 3,400 square feet with four bedrooms and 3 1/2 baths.

"We offer a lot more than other builders in standard features," Tringale said.

All plans include a fireplace, air conditioning, two-car garage, cooktop, range and dishwasher, first floor laundry, whirlpool tub in master suites and a choice of ceramic or hardwood floor covering in the foyer and kitchen.

Exterior materials must be brick, stone and wood - no vinyl



TAMMIE GRAVES/STAFF ARTIST

or aluminum siding.

"We have a very good school system (Farmington), we're centrally located off expressways, 275 and 696, shopping," Tringale said. "Farmington Hills is close to the town of Farmington, one of the last (small, Main Street) towns left."

"Carroll Farms is not one of those large subdivisions carrying 150, 200 houses," he said. "It's secluded, but an area where your kids can grow up and be around other kids."

Two models are going up. The Boulder, a traditional colonial layout, includes a library with built-in bookcases, living room, dining room, kitchen/nook and family room with full-length windows on the main floor.

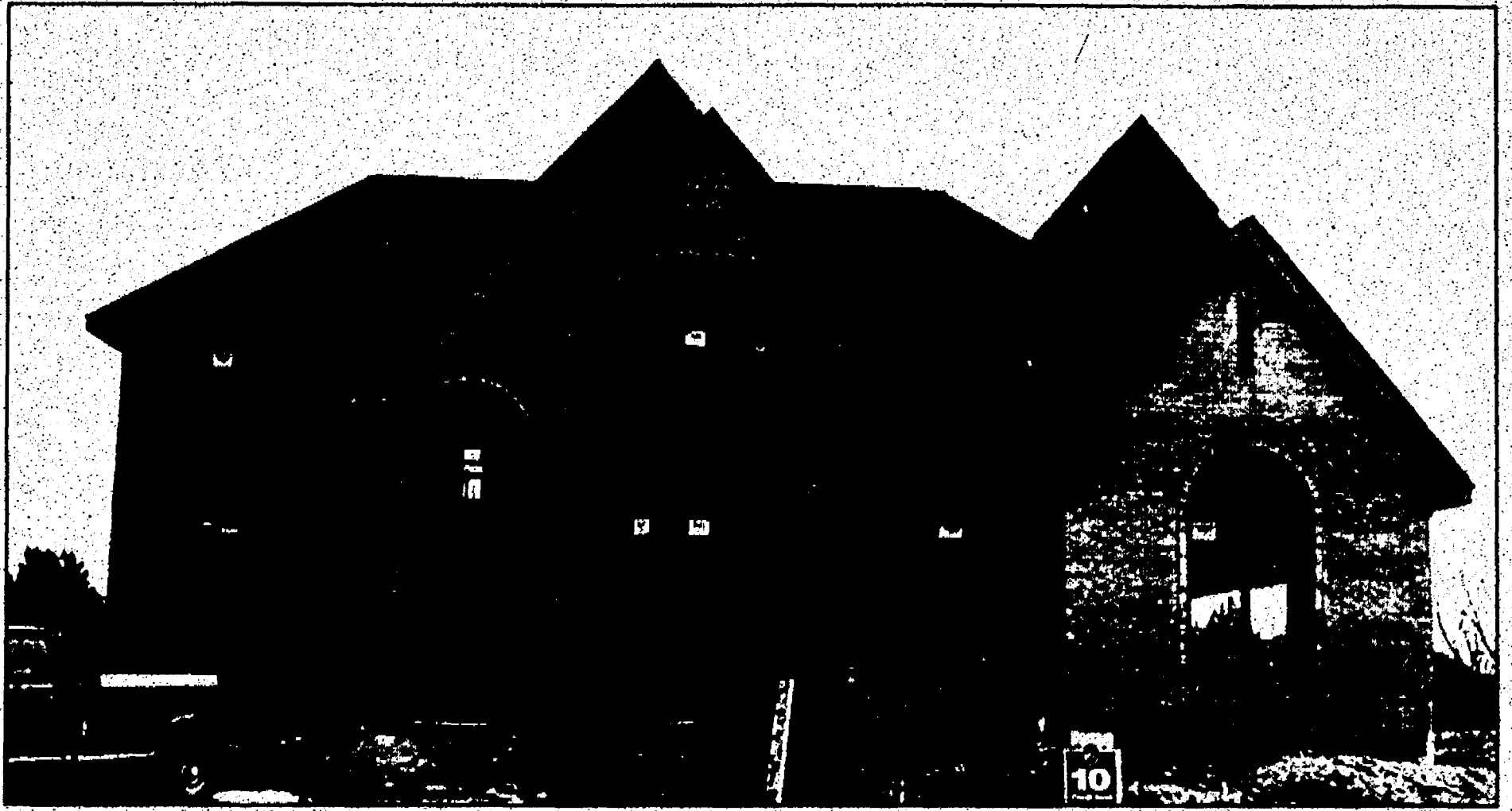
There's a mud area with closet between the garage and kitchen.

The master has a pan ceiling, two separate vanities, walk-in closet and separate tub and shower. Three other bedrooms and a full bath also are upstairs.

The Boulder, 2,866 square feet, carries a base price of \$305,000.

The other model under construction, the Chestnut, has a formal dining room and butler's pantry, kitchen/eating nook, library and family room on the main floor.

There's a two-way fireplace between the library and family



SHARON LEMUS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Boulder Model: This traditional colonial at Carroll Farms has a living room, dining room, family room, library and four bedrooms.

and a peaked ceiling over both rooms. Again, there's a mud area and closet between the laundry and garage.

Three bedrooms, a full bath and the master, with cathedral ceiling, dual sink vanity, separate tub and shower and walk-in closet, are upstairs.

Base price of the 2,700-square-foot Chestnut is \$289,000.

Carroll Farms, serviced by city water and sewers, will have sidewalks.

The property tax rate is currently \$38.86 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of market value. That means the own-

ers of a \$300,000 condo would pay about \$5,800 the first year. The association fee is projected at \$150 annually.

Tom and Susan Kopeck along with children Bryan, Jenny, Chrissy and Daniel, will be moving to Carroll Park.

"It's close to areas accessible to freeways," Tom said. "Nine Mile is still a pretty part of Farmington. It's not a super-lane road. Lot sizes were pretty nice."

"We designed our own model. We took some of their ideas and changed what was best for us. They were very open, as long as they matched theirs outside," Kopeck said.

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Tringale Development Co.

Jim and Dedra Clark will live in a Boulder Model with children Chris and Colin.

"Probably the biggest thing that drew us in is it's on one road with a little cul-de-sac," Jim said. "Traffic will be limited."

"Sidewalks go around it. That's an important feature," Dedra said.

"We're coming from a ranch. We wanted an upstairs and a downstairs. We like the openness, the big kitchen, family room."

The sales office at Carroll Farms, (810) 473-5589, is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Closets ranks 1st in onerous chores

WASHINGTON, April 16 (PRNewswire) - Whether it's weeding out clothes that no longer fit or going through boxes of old papers, 36 percent of Americans most dread cleaning out their closets when they start their annual spring cleaning ritual. Twenty-four percent wish they could say, "I don't do windows." 22 percent dread cleaning the basement, and 17 percent report they are not looking forward to cleaning out the garage.

Overwhelmingly, more women than men dreaded cleaning out their closets and windows, while more men than women dreaded cleaning out the garage. Both genders equally dreaded cleaning the basement.

The Fannie Mae Factoid is a new popular opinion information service from Fannie Mae, designed to provide insight into the American psyche on a variety of topics related to the home. New data will be released each month. Information for the Fannie Mae Factoid is gathered from callers to Fannie Mae's Public Information Office. Fannie Mae, a congressionally chartered, shareholder-owned company, is the nation's largest source of home mortgages. It has committed to provide \$1 trillion in targeted lending for 10 million homes by the end of the decade. Fannie Mae's website on the Internet can be found at <http://www.fanniema.com>.

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Gato Del Sol looks stylish and has functional layout

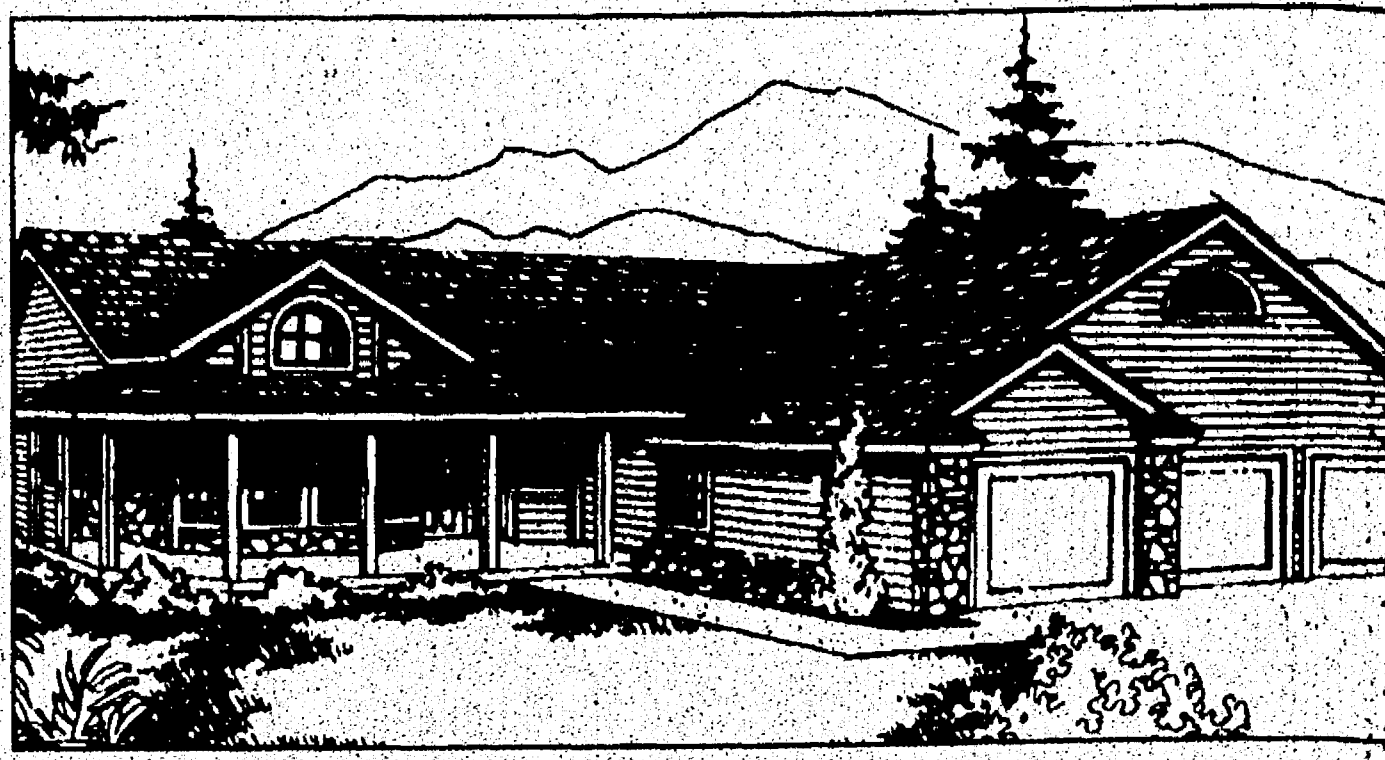
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Gato Del Sol: This ranch has an appealing appearance and a functional and innovative floor plan (see below).

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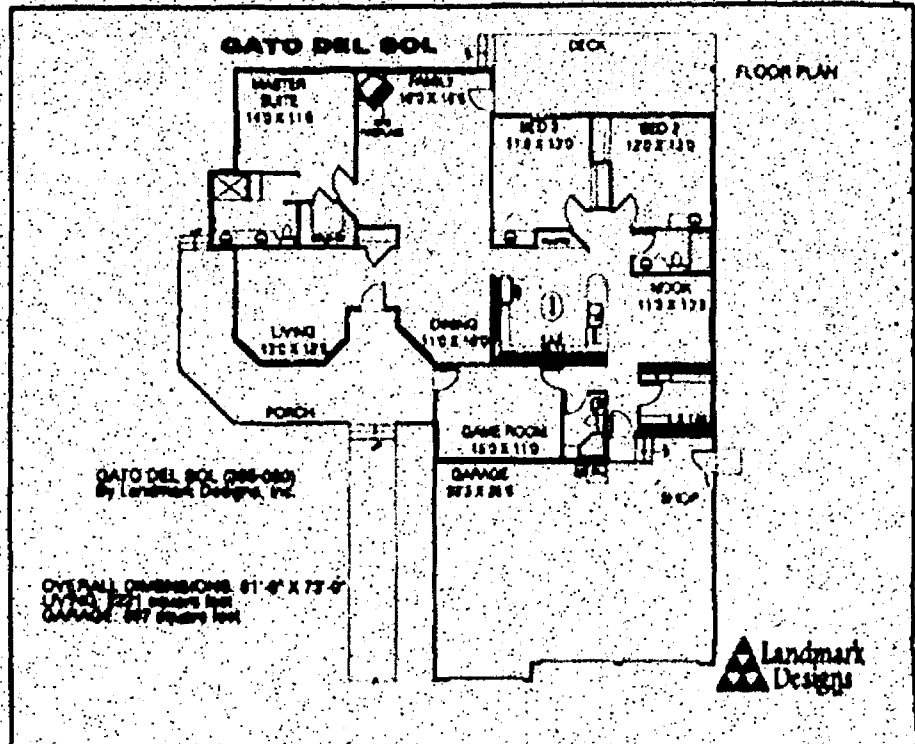
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AP Q: We have a moisture problem. Our four-year-old, two-story home, is a few hundred feet from a saltwater creek. By midsummer, condensation develops in the crawl space under the house and drips down on the plastic vapor barrier that covers the crawl space floor. By autumn, the dampness has caused the oak flooring in the room above it to buckle. When the heat comes on in the winter, the floor dries out and settles down, though not completely. Can you help us solve this problem?

A: Check that the vapor barrier on the crawl space floor has no holes or open joints. Specifically, check the joints between the vapor barrier and the foundation walls. All open sections must be sealed with duct tape.

In addition, during the winter when the humidity is low, install a vapor barrier (large polyethylene sheets with taped overlapping joints) to the underside of the floor joists in the area below the room with oak flooring. Also, place a dehumidifier in the basement that can discharge condensation to the outside by means of a condensate lift pump. Disconnect the dehumidifier during the winter.

It's important to keep the crawl space dry, not only for the oak flooring, but because excessive dampness promotes rot and creates conditions conducive to termite infestation.

Q: I have light-colored shingles on the roof of my house to reflect the summer sun and thereby reduce my air-conditioning costs. The problem is that the shingles are discolored by dirty streaks of what I believe is mold. Is this discoloring due to mold, and can anything be done to eliminate it?

A: The discoloration is probably caused by mildew spores. According to the Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association, this is a common problem and is often mistaken for soot or dirt. Fortunately the mildew spores do not cause the shingles to deteriorate.

The discoloration cannot be eliminated, but it can be lightened temporarily with bleach. Gently sponge a dilute solution of chlorine bleach on the shingles then rinse it off with a hose. Don't scrub the shingles or you will loosen their granules.

Q: The porcelain in my bathtub is worn off on about half of the tub. The remaining porcelain is very rough and porous. I cannot replace the tub, but I think that a good

paint and primer system would improve its appearance. Do you have any suggestions?

A: We would definitely not recommend painting the tub. This is considered a temporary solution. We have seen tubs where the finish has peeled, cracked, chipped and discolored in just a few years. It would be better to replace the tub or to cover it with a Re-Bath Liner. Re-Bath manufactures hi-impact acrylic liners with a nonporous surface that is custom molded to fit over existing tubs. They have over 400 models of tubs with different shapes and sizes.

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For more information, contact Re-Bath at (800) 428-4573.

To submit a question, write to Popular Mechanics, Reader Service Bureau, 224 W. 57th St., New York, N.Y. 10019. The most interesting questions will be answered in a future column.

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When it comes to redoing your house, your remodeling dollar goes a long way when you use it to purchase new laundry equipment, say Whirlpool home economists.

The Consumer Price Index, a monthly listing put out by the Bureau of Labor Statistics showing the comparative costs of those day-to-day items that people buy, indicates that washers and dryers have gone up in price only a fraction of what other consumer items have over the years.

For example, college tuition went up a whopping 122.2 percent between December 1984 and December 1994. During the same period, fees for cable television went up 83.7 percent and the price for the average newspaper increased by 61.4 percent.

Laundry equipment prices, on the other hand, say the Whirlpool home economists, have only gone up 6.4 percent over the past 10 years. In fact, in terms of how many work hours it takes a person to earn the money to buy a piece of laundry equipment, it actually takes less time today than it did in 1970. Back then, it would have taken 71.3 hours on the job in order to afford the average automatic washer. In 1993, it took less than half that 32.5 hours.

Dryers have also become a better buy over time. In 1970, buying an electric dryer meant 50.5 hours on the job, while a gas dryer took 57.9 hours. By 1993, though, the price to be paid had dropped to only about 27 hours for either dryer.

So, with inflation, you're actually getting more washer and dryer for your dollar today than you did a decade ago. And, that doesn't even take into account all the

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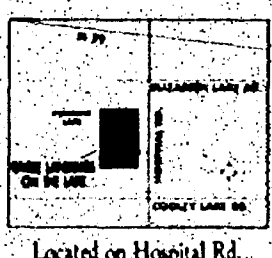
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Ice dams from melting snow could cause major leaks

(NU) - If you looked out of your window this past winter and saw icicles hanging from your roof's gutter, you may have a problem with ice dams.

"Taking precautions this spring by making improvements to your home's roof will pay off next winter," says Russell Kennedy, vice president, marketing and sales for GAF Materials Corp., a leading manufacturer of residential and commercial roofing products.

Basically, ice dams occur when snow melts on a roof, runs down and freezes at the eaves - the edges of the roof which extend beyond the house's exterior walls. As the snow thaws and refreezes, the ice builds up in the gutter and blocks drainage,

which can back up under the shingles and seep through the roof deck.

The damage from the water seeping through the roof deck can range from a stained ceiling to substantial water damage that leaks into the home's living areas. Improperly designed attic insulation and ventilation are major culprits to the forming of ice dams.

When heat escapes through the roof of a house, it melts the snow on the roof much more quickly than a house that is adequately ventilated. Ideally, the attic temperature should be the same as the outdoor temperature to avoid the melting and refreezing of snow on the roof.

The damaging effects of ice damming can be prevented by installing a waterproofing underlayment under the shingles and by improving the attic's ventilation.

A waterproof underlayment acts as a barrier between the shingles and the roof deck and should be applied around the critical areas such as the roof's valleys, ridges, rakes, eaves, chimneys, flashings and around dormers and skylights.

Weather Watch® underlayment by GAF Materials Corp. is one type of waterproof underlayment. It is a modified asphalt mem-

brane, which protects a roof from damage caused by ice dams during the winter and wind-driven rain during the spring and summer.


Underlayments come on a roll and most have self-adhering backing. They must be applied directly to a smooth wood roof deck during new construction or when the roof is replaced. If you're reroofing your house this spring, then installing a water-

proof underlayment is an important consideration and a wise investment.

The second way to remedy ice damming is to improve the overall attic climate. Proper insulation and ventilation systems promote good attic air circulation and help prevent heat from escaping the house's living space. The U.S. Department of Energy recommends an R-value of insulation of at least R-30 for


houses in warmer climates and R-49 for colder parts of the United States. The R-value denotes the insulation's resistance to heat loss.

An attic's ventilation can be improved by installing turbine vents, roof louvers or a ridge vent. A benefit to ventilating the attic with a ridge vent or louvers is that it's invisible from the outside of the house.



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Building permits acquired

Building permits were acquired for 760 units in Oakland County and 401 units in Wayne County for the first two months of this year, according to Housing Consultants, a tracking service in Independence Township.


Estimated aggregate value of the permits in Oakland County is \$94.6 million; in Wayne County \$40.3 million.

Ninety-four rentals were in the Oakland total, 80 in Wayne.

Leading communities in Oakland were Orion Township, 127 units, West Bloomfield, 99, Waterford, 82, and Rochester Hills, 79.

Showing the way in Wayne County were Canton, 192 units; Livonia, 61, and Plymouth Township, 27.

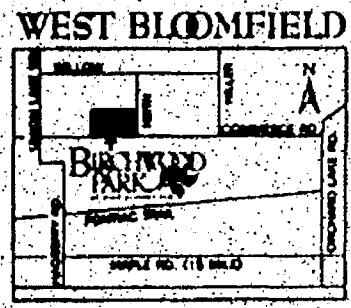
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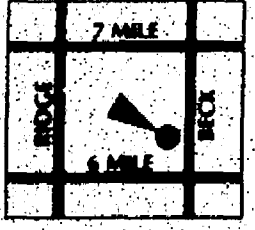
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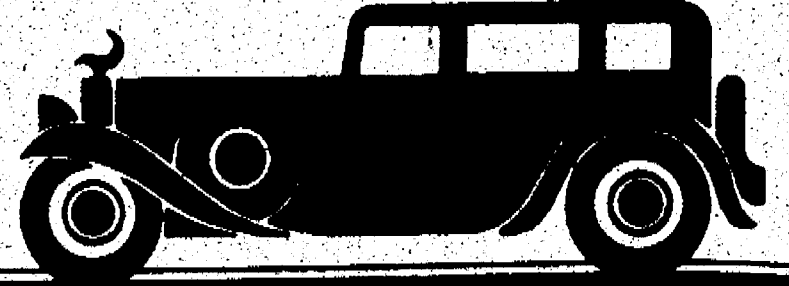
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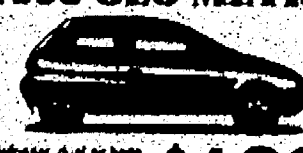
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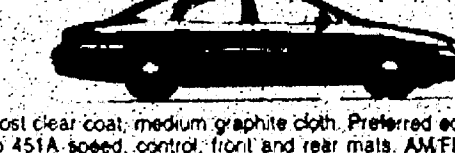


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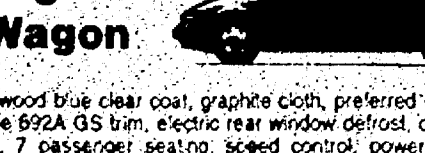


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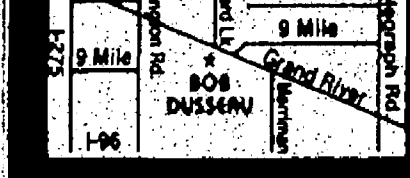
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