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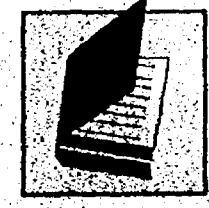
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Dear Readers,
Good morning. Today is the beginning of a new era for the Westland Observer.
We have researched, planned and planned some more for this day.
Our mission remains the same, to give readers community news that is unavailable anywhere else.
In today's newspaper you will find a Health section and business news. A new page in the Sports & Recreation section profiles a local snowmobiling club. Also featured are columns on bowling, running and nature.
Other sections new to our Sunday publication include New Homes, Real Estate and Arts & Leisure. In addition our Employment section has been expanded.
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Test results show schools vary



BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Scores differ widely between schools in recent state assessment tests for Wayne-Westland students. Officials say they can learn from each other about how to improve student performance.

A comparison of Wayne-Westland student MEAP scores shows some startling performance gaps among the district's 17 elementary schools. Consider that:
■ Only 8.3 percent of Vandenberg

Elementary School fourth-graders received a satisfactory reading score on the latest Michigan Educational Assessment Program test, compared to 76.4 percent of their Walker Elementary counterparts.
■ The percentage of Hicks Elementary fourth-graders passing the

reading test rose from 26.3 percent in 1995 to 68.9 percent in 1996. By contrast, Edison Elementary percentages plummeted from 50 percent to 31.4 percent during the same period.

A comparison of Wayne-Westland middle school MEAP scores also reveals some disparities. At Stevenson Middle School, 63.2 percent of seventh-graders passed the math test, compared to only 28.7 percent at Franklin Middle School.

Educators caution that local schools shouldn't be compared solely

School-by-school results, A4

on MEAP scores.
"It's one benchmark," said Jim Edwards, principal of Walker Elementary, which was recently renamed Walker-Winter in honor of longtime educator and school trustee Francis "Bud" Winter.
In his school's case, however, it is a pride-boosting benchmark. Walker outpaced all 16 other Wayne-Westland elementaries in the percentage

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Love in bloom: Our wedding and anniversary guide is included in today's newspaper.

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Winter warmups: After a long day, a simple meal of soup or stew restores our confidence in the knowledge that winter only lasts for a season. /B1

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Great outdoors: Snowmobiling takes many western Wayne County residents outside during Michigan winters. They know that fun - and safety - are the keys to having a great time in the winter. /6D

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Pregnant: Women over age 40 are more likely to give birth today. There are health risks associated with later-in-life pregnancy, but women also find many rewards. /E1

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Since 1964: Jerry and Lori Nozewski say where they live in Westland is like living in the country right in the city.

No place like HOME



Residents say it's about community

What makes Westland a good place to live? We asked longtime and new residents what attracted them. We also asked planners what goes into a community, checked out gathering places and took a look at history.

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Lori and Jerry Nozewski have lived in Westland since 1964 right after they were married.
"We lived for 20 years off Canyon Drive near Cherry Hill and we decided to purchase a bigger home with property," Lori Nozewski said.
"We went to Farmington, Livonia and Northville and the best deal for the money was Westland. We found what we wanted right in our back yard." They moved 4.1 miles away and have 2.5 acres.
"It's like we live in the country, but we're right here in the city," Nozewski said. "It's an especially nice piece of property. You wouldn't think of Westland as having deer and fox, but we do and more wildlife than people would think."
They've lived in their new home in Westland since 1984. Shortly after they moved in a second time the Nozewski's had questions for the city council.
"We went to the council and they have been very cooperative and they treated me

with respect," she said. "Throughout the years we've had very good council members and very good leaders. We went through how many different mayors, and they've all been wonderful. We really enjoy it. There's no doubt about it. We recommend our children move here, also."
The businesses, such as Westland Shopping Center, are nice and everything is close, she said adding that there are "plenty of churches."
"I've always liked Westland," Nozewski said. "For the money the prices of the homes are a lot more reasonably priced. They're probably \$20,000 less than in other communities for the same house."
They knew the city first as Nankin Township and of course they've watched a lot of development take place.
"We've got everything we wanted right here," she said. "We recommended it to

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Cadet kudos

West Point cadet Karen Deschaine, daughter of Thomas and Nancy Deschaine of Westland, is serving as regimental executive officer - the highest position in the cadet chain-of-command at the U.S. Military Academy.
Deschaine, a 1993 John Glenn High School graduate, was named to the West Point post "because of her superior academic and military performance as a cadet," an academy press release noted.

The 4,100 cadets are organized into a brigade that is further divided into four regiments. As regimental executive officer of 3rd Regiment, Deschaine has primary staff responsibilities for all logistical matters pertaining to the regiment. Deschaine's studies are concentrated in economics, and she plans to graduate in May and be

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commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Living trust

A living trust seminar - focusing on such issues as how to avoid probate and how to reduce taxes to heirs - is scheduled for 1-3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, 6123 Central City Parkway, between Warren and Ford.

Financial expert Paul Leduc will be featured, and he also will field questions about the advantages of a living trust. The program is free.

Student honors

Angela Szott of Westland has been elected to membership in Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.
She was inducted as an undergraduate student through Lambda Zeta chapter at University of Detroit Mercy. Sigma Theta Tau International is an organization of nurse leaders, scholars and researchers.

Walkers welcome

Westland Walkers Club will meet at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, in Westland Center's lower level, with guest speaker Mary Brown, director of the Wayne-Westland senior citizens Dyer Center. She will talk about self-esteem. The club meets the second Wednesday of every month.

Thomas calls for local control, fewer mandates



BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland Mayor Robert Thomas, accusing state and federal officials of mandating programs without paying for them, called Thursday for more local control of government purse strings.

Thomas, in a Rotary Club address at New Hawthorne Valley Country Club, said local municipalities are "caught in a triple squeeze" of shrinking revenues, mandated programs and increasing liability for new services.

"State and federal governments seem to be passing their responsibility to us without the

funding," Thomas said.

Funding and control should be placed in local hands, he said, "but the reverse is happening."

Thomas charged that state and federal governments should be reduced and that local municipalities should be given the money to pay for mandated programs.

Local governments are caught in a bind if they balk at mandated programs, because they risk being fined, Thomas said.

The mayor noted that Westland was named a "high performance government" in an independent study by Municipal Analysis Services Inc. of Austin, Texas.

In a study of government performance,

MASI found that Westland ranked among the top 10 percent of 8,331 cities and counties nationwide for its efficient use of financial resources.

Only 840 municipalities - among 8,331 studied - achieved the "high performance" rating.

Thomas also pointed to studies indicating that citizens have more confidence in their local governments and are more disillusioned with state and federal governments.

A 1995 study for the Council for Excellence in Government found that local governments earned a much higher rating than state and federal governments.

Fifty percent of respondents said they

believed that local governments spend taxpayer dollars more wisely, compared to 24 percent for state government and just 10 percent for the federal government. Sixteen percent weren't sure.

"People believe that local governments can do a better job with money," Thomas said Thursday following his Rotary address.

State and federal governments have pushed more responsibility onto local governments but maintained a tight grip on purse strings, the mayor said.

"The reverse needs to happen," he said. "We need more funding for local municipalities."

DeHart rejects pay raise: 'We have more important needs'

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

State Rep. Eileen DeHart, saying that a salary increase shouldn't be a Lansing priority, plans to funnel her legislative pay raise into local charities.

"We have many more important needs in the state budget, including education, crime prevention and health care," DeHart, D-Westland, said. "I feel a pay raise isn't warranted at this time."

A DeHart aide said Friday that state House salaries will increase from \$50,629 in 1996 to \$51,895 this year and \$53,192 next year.

That marks a 2.5 percent increase each year.

DeHart's decision to reject a pay raise means that \$2,563 from the two-year salary increase will be donated to local charities.

On Thursday, DeHart voted in support of a resolution to reject pay raises for elected state officials.

"Two years ago when we voted

on this issue, I also voted to reject the pay raise," she said. "And I pledged to donate the pay raise to local charities. I plan to do the same with this pay increase, as well."

DeHart co-sponsored a Democratic resolution to reject the pay raises, saying that she is satisfied with her current salary and that she believes the state has more pressing priorities.

Resolutions to reject the pay raises didn't receive enough votes to pass. A two-thirds majority was required for passage. Lack of legislative action automatically put the raises into effect.

Legislative salary increases are recommended by the State Officers Compensation Commission, which sets pay raises following a series of statewide

hearings.

The commission recommends salary levels for the governor, lieutenant governor, Michigan Supreme Court justices and legislators.

Pay raises for local government officials are recommended in a similar fashion. The Local Officers Compensation Commission recommends pay raises for Mayor Robert Thomas and seven

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Westland City Council members. The LOCC is expected to issue its recommendations soon, Thomas said Thursday.

Currently, the mayor's salary is \$77,084, although he also will receive \$2,700 this year in longevity pay that was approved

by the council in December.

According to the Westland City Clerk's office, council members currently are paid \$11,011. The pay is a little higher for the president and president pro tem who, respectively, make \$12,107 and \$11,559.

Local legislator named chair of retirement committee

State Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, was named Tuesday by House Speaker Curtis Hertel, D-Detroit, to chair the state House Retirement Committee.

"I am pleased to be chairing the House Retirement Committee, which focuses on many issues relating to senior citizens," DeHart said in a statement released from her office. "Much of the legislation we will be working on helps improve the quality of life

for our senior citizens, and we also work on legislation affecting the retirement plans for several types of public employees."

The committee will be urging Congress to make pensions "portable" and simpler for small businesses to establish, she said.

"Portable pensions' that employees can take from job to job are becoming more of a necessity," DeHart said. "Today, for a number of reasons, it is rare that an employee

works for the same company all of his or her career, so to ensure a secure retirement for all, we must urge Congress to take steps to make pensions portable."

DeHart will also serve as majority vice-chair of the House Consumer Protection Committee, and she will be on the Oversight and Ethics Committee, Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs Committee, and the Joint Legislative Retirement Committee.



Eileen DeHart

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Chamber lunch to feature insurance expert

The Westland Chamber of Commerce's Feb. 11 Business Luncheon will feature Dave Vaillencourt, director of group insurance from the Detroit Chamber of Commerce.

His topic will be "Blue Cross/Blue Shield - New Small Group Health Programs with Emphasis on New Medical Savings Accounts."

The event will begin at 11:30 a.m. and run to 1:30 p.m., which will include networking among the free EXPO tables.

The chamber recently affiliated with the Southeast Michigan Chamber Coalition and makes available a wide variety of health insurance programs, which will be discussed during the Feb. 11 luncheon.

Reservations required for program. Call (313) 326-7222.

Parents can register for choice program

Wayne-Westland Community Schools will again offer district residents a Schools of Choice program for the 1997-98 school year.

The program provides parents with the opportunity to move their child from one school to another within the boundaries of the school district provided there is room available in the school. Transportation to and from the school of choice must be provided by the parent or guardian.

Current choice program students must re-apply to remain eligible for the program next year.

Following is application information:

- Schools of Choice applications for the 1997-98 school year will be available in every Wayne-Westland school by Friday, Feb. 7, 1997.
- Applications for middle and high school students will be accepted in the Pupil Accounting Office at the Board of Education, 36745 Marquette Road, Westland, through March 7.
- Applications for elementary school students will be accepted in the Pupil Accounting Office between March 17 and April 14, 1997.
- Applications received according to these time lines will permit, as space permits, selected students to begin the 1997-98 school year in their school of choice.
- If more students apply for a grade and/or building than there are openings, a random selection process will be used to select students. The names of students not selected at that time will be placed on a waiting list.
- After the deadlines, applications will be accepted until Sept. 19, 1997 at the school of choice. These names will be added to the waiting lists on a first-come, first-served basis. Building principals will use the waiting lists to notify qualified students of an opening, and will place students only until Oct. 10, 1997.

A Schools of Choice student will be moved back to his or her home school if an overcrowding situation occurs within the first 10 weeks of the school year. After 10 weeks, the student may remain in the choice school for the rest of the school year.

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No place like **HOME**

History lessons hit close to home

By MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Area communities are looking ahead to the past.

The presence of museums and active commissions shows that the preservation of history is important around Wayne County.

Freeways and neighborhoods, businesses and shopping centers fill spaces once occupied by farmland and wild forests.

A sawmill, a post office, a blacksmith shop and a store made up the first business district in Garden City.

Plymouth was the site of the Alter Car Co. 1914-16, and the Daisy Air Rifle Co. was started there in 1886 (it gave Plymouth the title of "Air Rifle Capital of the World").

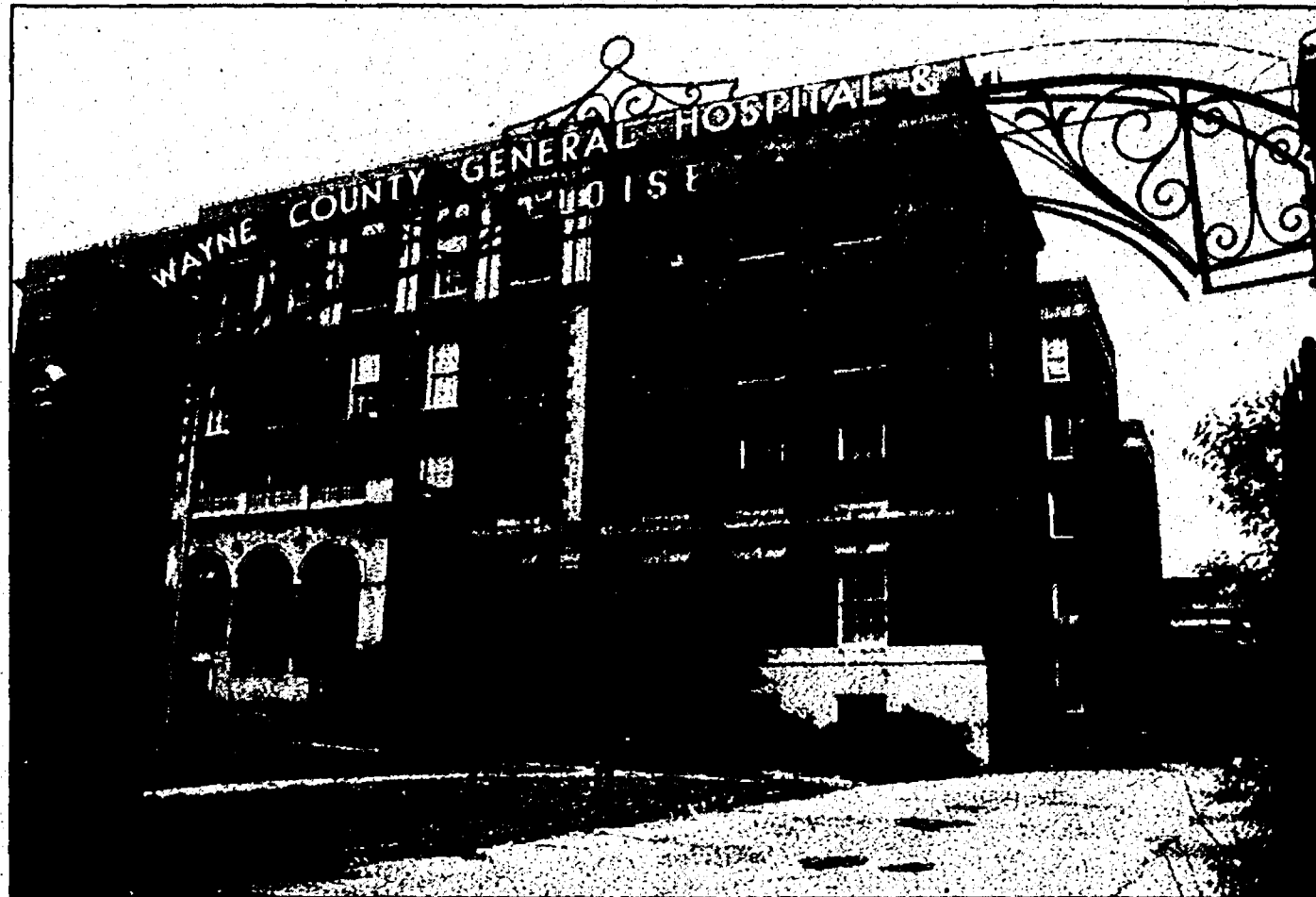
Redford Township once stretched over 30 square miles, from Inkster Road to Greenfield and from Eight Mile to Joy.

Such times may seem long ago, but communities haven't forgotten their roots. To visit area historical museums is to share in the pride felt about local history. Vital volunteers and groups are looking for ways to keep the past alive even as museums and ongoing programs are going strong.

"It's not so much important to preserve as it's a matter of human hope," said Jane Soltesz, vice president of the Livonia Historical Society and publicist for the Livonia Historical Commission.

"The people who lived 50, 100 years ago ... had it just as tough as we do. Man has gone ahead and made things better.

"You feel a connection," said Soltesz, who also chairs the Greenmead 2000 committee, a panel planning for Greenmead, the city's historical village at Eight Mile and Newburgh. "You



Local history: The Eloise site in Westland at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Merriman has a long history as a site for county-owned facilities after it was purchased in 1828. Above, is a building on the site dating from 1931.

know where you're coming from."

Livonia has two city commissions involved in historical preservation. The preservation commission is a watchdog for buildings and historic areas. The historical commission's responsibilities are archival.

Greenmead features buildings that show life from the 1850s to 1915. It is the site for such events as a Halloween walk, and a visit by Peter Rabbit in the spring. Teachers take classes to the old school building there. Every Christmas a different theme is presented.

History doesn't mean antiqui-

ty. For Beth Stewart, director of the Plymouth Historical Museum on Main Street, history reaches to as recently as 10 years ago.

"In the 20th century this community has changed so much as well," Stewart said. "We try to include things from past World War II. People don't think of that as history."

The Plymouth Historical Society works at collecting significant items and newspaper articles, and maintains archives, while the city's Historical District Commission has designated areas in the community as his-

torical districts and works with residents planning renovations of old structures. This year the museum plans to complete raising \$150,000 to acquire an Abraham Lincoln collection.

In the structure built specifically to serve as a museum, donated by Margaret Dunning 25 years ago, are featured permanent exhibits; a library of legal documents, journals, genealogies and personal letters; and a gift shop.

Westland had been primarily a farming community from its earliest days, so it's appropriate

that the historical collection of the community is kept in a farmhouse. The structure on Wayne Road housing the Westland Historical Museum was built around 1855 and was on an 80-acre farm bordered by Marquette and Cherry Hill roads.

Today, information - including school and township records, birth and death records, maps, biographies, election materials and newspaper clippings - is stored in acid-free boxes and protectors here. Information on local building preservation projects is available. Scouts, elementary school students and seniors are among those who go on museum tours. Historical books and reference materials may be consulted in a study area.

"It has to do with future generations coming up who want to see things from the past," said Ruth Dale of the Westland Historical Commission. "It's not just for the future but for the present too."

Demonstrations take place, and displays are rotated. A person attending a genealogy workshop contributed to the recent Christmas decor exhibit. The owner of an antique shop in Wayne donated an old armoire. The furnishings upstairs and downstairs include an organ, a stove, toys and clothes. A sauerkraut pounder is among the kitchen utensils. Glass fronts were put on the kitchen cabinets so glassware, dishes and old cans and boxes of goods may be shown.

The Garden City Historical Museum is in the Log Cabin in Garden City Park at Cherry Hill and Merriman, near the modern post office that was built a few years ago.

Families interested in genealogy and people interested in the older houses into which they moved are among the visitors

who stop by. The available materials include scrapbooks, newspapers, military records and maps.

The museum is a treasure trove of items that represent their time, including typewriters, a hand-operated ice cream maker, computer cards, tools (among them a saw from the 1860s "used continually to build homes in Garden City"), a Civil War cavalry sword, World War II uniforms, the stump of an elm tree cut down in 1975 thought to be almost 200 years old, daguerreotypes, a postmaster's chair, toys, and glasses commemorating an Apollo moon flight.

"The only thing we're short of is help," commissioner Shirley Wetlauffer said.

The Redford Historical Commission recently moved into an old school building by the post office on Beech Daly.

"Different articles are donated to us," said Sybil Raeside, township historian and a member of the commission. "We find so much history in the abstracts of people who lived in Redford Township."

Canton is active with two organizations: the Historic District Commission, a governmental body staffed by volunteers that works on preserving physical buildings, such as Sheldon School, and the Historical Society, which collects archival materials. The Canton Historical Museum is on Canton Center Road.

"One of the projects is an oral history ... of longtime residents," said Virginia Parker, a member of the historical commission.

Sets of these archival videotapes, "Canton Memories: A Collection of Oral Histories," are at the museum and the Canton Public Library and have been playing on cable TV.

Sense of community springs from places people gather

By RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Every community has its favorite gathering spots, those places where we can relax and rub elbows with a few of our neighbors. Maybe it's a favorite coffee house or neighborhood bar, a community recreation center or a climate-controlled mall with miles of space for winter walking.

In Plymouth, everyone with a taste for a cold beer, a juicy hamburger and a bit of conversation heads for the Box Bar. Located in the downtown area just across from Kellogg Park, the "Box" has been a favorite meeting place for families and friends since the early 50s.

"It's the local hangout. You meet people you normally deal with," said Plymouth resident Rick Jones, who was finishing up chili and a burrito with his wife JoAnn. "The Box is the central watering hole for getting something to eat and resting your feet."

"It feels kind of like home," said JoAnn. "And I don't like to cook."

Festivals contribute color to the fabric of community life, and Plymouth has its share. Every year, thousands of residents and non-residents attend the Fall Festival, Art in the Park and the International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

Annette Horn, owner of Native West Gallery and organizer of Plymouth's first Chili



In tune: Members of the Harmonica club gather to play their harmonicas at the Garden City Maplewood Community Center; (right to left) Robert Srock of Garden City, Harold (Happy) Vincent of Westland and Edward James of Dearborn Heights.

Cook-off last fall, said festivals impact positively on community life. "It takes you back to a time when things were not so hectic. It makes you slow down."

If you live in Redford Township, you're likely to dine with friends at least once a week at the Redford Inn on the corner of Five Mile and Beech Daly Roads, the kind of place where everybody knows your name and what you like to eat.

"It's like a little gathering place for all the senior citizens," said Debbie Manteuffel, the restaurant's manager and a Red-

ford resident for 19 years. "We have people who come in every day. If they didn't come, we'd worry. You get to know the people and you care about them, and they care about you."

In Garden City, if you're not meeting friends for Coney Islands at Plato's Place on Ford Road or coffee at Menka's Kitchen on Middlebelt Road, you're at the Maplewood Community Center on Merriman Road.

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friends who moved in, too."

When Arlene Simmons decided to move out of her mother's house and buy her first house in January she decided to stay in the same community she has lived in for 18 years. She likes the community, because it's close to Detroit and a lot of social activity, like the Detroit Institute of Arts, countless downtown functions and Pistons games to name a few.

"I wouldn't want to go anywhere else," she said. "It's got the country atmosphere with the city socializing," she said. "It's also convenient to where I work,

'I wouldn't want to go anywhere else.'

Arlene Simmons
-Westland resident

which is in Westland."

Quick access to Westland Center shopping mall and a number of area theaters is another attraction she enjoys.

"You don't have to travel too far," she said adding that her home is near a park where she plans to spend time bike riding. "I like the people, Simmons

added. They're nice, friendly and helpful."

She tells a story about an acquaintance who moved to Brighton not long ago. "He's ready to move back," she said. "The city shuts down. You have to travel miles to go to a Pistons game or anything else. I don't think I'd ever move out of this district. There's just too much to do."

After sitting through a couple of Westland City Council meetings, Simmons said, it's good to have easy access to local officials. "You can get involved if you want to," she added.



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Pay is linked to teachers

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
STAFF WRITER

Two of the four labor contracts just negotiated by Livonia Public Schools have pay hikes linked to whatever raise teachers get in 1996-97.

The Livonia Board of Education approved three of the contracts Jan. 20, on the same night two Livonia teachers asked the trustees to speed up talks between the district and its teachers.

The current three-year contract with the district's 1,000 teachers does not expire until June 1997. Under a reopener clause in the contract, both sides are now negotiating a pay increase for 1996-97.

"We're working harder than ever and earning last year's salary," said Holly Fehlig, speech and language impaired teacher at Cass, Coolidge and Washington schools.

"The school year is one-half over and an increase has not yet been negotiated," said Doug Lombardi, Hull Elementary media specialist. "This is casting an ugly shadow."

District workers who agreed to take the same raise teachers get are members of Livonia Educational Administrators and Supervisors (LEADS) and Supervisory Employees' Association (SEALS). The district serves a portion of Westland.

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Workers who did not get increases to teachers' salaries are members of Livonia Paraprofessionals Association (LPA) and Livonia Secretarial Association (LSA).

Negotiations have just started for two other groups represented by the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees.

All four three-year contracts recently approved by the trustees run from July 1, 1996, to June 30, 1999.

LEADS employees have linked any raise they get in those three years to raises given to teachers.

"They will take what teachers get in those three years," said John Rennels, assistant superintendent for personnel. "If teachers get an increase, they will."

SEALS employees have split their raises in the second and third year. Some workers at the top of the pay scale will get a set 1 percent raise for the two years, while workers at the low end will take what teachers get.

In the first year, all SEALS employees have agreed to a zero increase or whatever teachers get, whichever is higher.

Members of Livonia Paraprofessionals' Association will get no pay increase in 1996-97, no matter what happens with the teachers. In 1997-98, they will get a 2 percent increase; in 1998-99, a 1 percent increase.

The union, however, has negotiated hefty pay increases for paraprofessionals in special education programs. Up until now, they've earned 10 cents more per hour than their counterparts. In 1996-97, they'll get 28 cents more per hour; in 1997-98 and 1998-99, 46 cents more per hour.

"The nature of their job is very difficult," Rennels said.

The district's secretaries, members of the Livonia Secretarial Association, will get no pay hike in 1996-97. In 1997-98, they'll get a 2 percent pay increase; in 1998-99, a 1 percent increase.

Negotiations between the teachers and the district have been under way now about four months. Each voting meeting of the Board of Education brings out another group of teachers, all pressing for settlement.

The teachers' union, Livonia Education Association, has set Jan. 31 as the deadline to reach an agreement.

Wayne-Westland Community Schools MEAP Results • 1992-1996 Comparison

4th grade math						4th grade reading					
School	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	School	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Edison	36.8	45.6	66.7	54	35.3	Edison	35.1	24.6	45.6	50	31.4
Elliott	37.8	27.3	45.1	51.6	58	Elliott	24.4	13.6	25.5	24.2	46.4
Graham	50.6	61.6	65.1	73.7	71.9	Graham	42.2	45.3	38.6	46.1	54.7
Hamilton	40.3	40.6	54.2	53.8	61.2	Hamilton	29.9	32.8	52.1	56.4	38.8
Hicks	25	39.5	26.2	30.3	47.5	Hicks	19.4	34.2	9.5	26.3	68.9
Hoover	44	47.8	57.1	63	45.3	Hoover	24	32.8	40.5	44.4	34.4
Jefferson	25.9	32.4	39.2	48.7	27.5	Jefferson	13.8	21.6	18	28.2	27.5
Kettering	31.7	40.3	50.6	51.6	46.8	Kettering	33.3	21	34.1	31.2	32.3
Lincoln	18.4	31.3	30.2	35.7	35.6	Lincoln	16.3	14.6	13.2	31.4	24.4
Madison	50	55.4	52.3	70.7	62.7	Madison	44.4	50.8	36.9	35.4	58.2
Patchin	47.9	52.1	66.7	62.5	49.1	Patchin	25	37.5	37.8	46.4	30.9
Roosevelt	34.1	36.4	53.4	45.9	50.6	Roosevelt	24.4	20.5	31	23.5	33.7
Schweitzer	26.8	40.2	45.1	52.4	47.4	Schweitzer	33.8	50	25.3	43.9	50
Taft-Galloway	28.3	32.3	45.2	32.1	54.8	Taft-Galloway	15	16.9	24.2	16.1	32.3
Vandenberg	52.4	34.6	54.5	18.8	25	Vandenberg	42.9	34.6	30.3	2.6	8.3
Walker	32.3	50	57.4	69.8	72.2	Walker	29.2	48.1	35.2	73.6	76.4
Wildwood	48.9	55.6	64.2	55.1	58.3	Wildwood	35.6	31.1	47.2	44.9	44.4
District	35.4	41.6	50.6	51.4	52.1	District	29.8	32	32	36.5	43.2
State	42.3	48.9	61.6	63.1	60.5	State	36.7	43.6	43.6	49.9	49

7th grade math						7th grade reading					
School	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	School	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Adams	13.6	17.5	28.3	32.9	36.5	Adams	16	26	22.5	20.8	23.7
Franklin	15.4	18.3	22.8	31.1	28.7	Franklin	17.9	31.8	15.2	22.3	25
Marshall	19.3	20.6	36.5	44.3	44.5	Marshall	26.8	25.6	26.6	33	32.7
Stevenson	29	36.4	46.1	55.7	63.2	Stevenson	38.3	35	33.1	33.9	47.7
District	19.6	24.3	33.9	41.9	43.9	District	25.2	30.1	24.6	28	32.9
State	35.4	41.3	48.9	55	51.4	State	32.8	38.7	35.7	42.3	40.4

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of fourth-graders passing math and reading. (See chart.)
Edwards cited several reasons for Walker students' performance:

- Many parents are involved in their children's education.
- Teachers use a variety of teaching methods - both auditory and visual - to reach all students.
- Walker teaching lessons are aligned with the state's core curriculum, although that holds true for other Wayne-Westland schools, too.
- Walker teachers place a heavy emphasis on writing; every student in grades one through five keeps a journal.
- Pupils receive tutoring from former Walker students who return to help. Walker also has a summer school program.
- Parent volunteers are deeply involved in the school.
- Walker students receive many hands-on experiences. This week, for example, fifth-

graders are spending Monday through Friday at an environmental education camp, Storer, near Jackson. Students from three other schools are tagging along.

Edwards also stressed the importance of helping students to believe in themselves and their abilities to succeed.

"If I can get my boys and girls to believe in themselves, they're going to do well," he said. "All kids can learn."

Principals to meet

The latest MEAP scores give local schools an opportunity to learn from one another, in terms of what is working in the classroom and what isn't.

On Friday, elementary principals plan to meet at district offices on Marquette to discuss 1996 MEAP scores and to hear reports from certain school leaders whose buildings had high marks.

Officials focus not on the disappointing scores of some schools, but on the approaches that are showing positive results at other schools, said Jane Kuckel, assistant superintendent of instruction.

At Walker, for example, educators are making strides with a summer school program.

"We can see right now that that is paying off," Kuckel said.

As earlier reported in the Observer, Wayne-Westland students on a districtwide basis showed gains in every single category on the MEAP test, including math and reading in grades

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*Jim Edwards,
principal
—Walker-Winter
Elementary School*

four and seven.
At the same time, statewide scores declined in all categories. Although Wayne-Westland students still lag behind their state counterparts, the gaps have narrowed significantly in recent years.

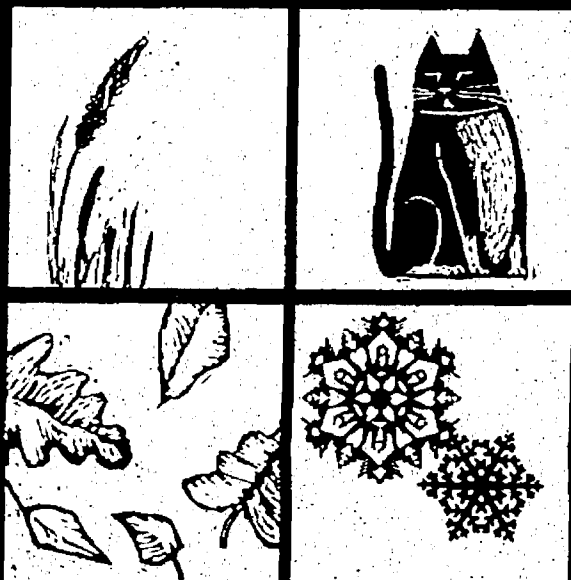
Kuckel has attributed many of the test-score gains to curriculum changes implemented in several subjects, such as math and world languages. Other revisions are nearly ready to implement in areas such as social studies.

"The teachers have put a lot of work into the new curriculum," Kuckel said. "They also put in a lot of extra time for staff development."

"We really have people who are going above and beyond the call of duty."

She also commended the Wayne-Westland school board for making curriculum and new textbooks a budget priority, although advances may become difficult because of worsening finances.

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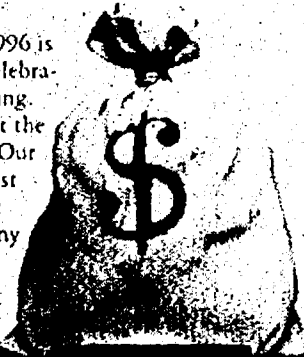
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Women's Health Series at Canton's Summit on the Park

Thursday, Feb. 20 (Register by Feb. 17)

Women and Heart Disease

Marli McClain, RN, MSN, Heart of a Woman program, Michigan Heart & Vascular Institute, SJMH
A woman has nearly a one in two chance of developing heart disease in her lifetime. This informal discussion will cover what's different about heart disease in women than in men and will answer your questions about how you can live a more heart-healthy life.

Tuesday, March 18 (Register by March 14)

Maneuvering Through Midlife

Donna Hrozencik, MD, Obstetrician/Gynecologist, SJMH
This program will help women in their late 30s, 40s and early 50s understand and prepare for the many changes that commonly occur during perimenopause and menopause. The presentation will include information about the physical and psychological changes as well as treatment options, including hormone replacement therapy and alternatives.

Thursday, April 10 (Register by April 7)

Osteoporosis: What Every Woman Should Know

Dana Bery-Richardson, RN, MSN, CFNP, and Judy Benkaser, RN, BSN, SJMH
Women of all ages will learn to identify and evaluate their risk factors for this bone-thinning disease as well as to learn the steps to take for disease prevention. Also, get the latest information about the advances in diagnosing and treating osteoporosis.

Please note: You do not need to be a Summit passholder or pay the daily entrance fee to the Summit to attend any of these programs.

Youngster finds man collapsed

A Garden City man was hospitalized for hypothermia last week after he was found unconscious in a nearby Inkster neighborhood by a 5-year-old boy near the boy's back yard.

Robert Turner, 26, had collapsed in a snowbank near the backyard fence of Mick Statham, father of Michael Statham, 5, who discovered Turner.

Turner was listed in stable condition Friday at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Wayne.

Hospital officials declined to say why the Garden City man lost consciousness.

The boy who found Turner in the snowbank was on his way to an Inkster School District Head Start class when he noticed an unconscious body near his backyard fence in the 6-degree cold.

The boy told his father who in turn called police.

Waiting for the arrival of paramedics, Mick Statham and his wife, Vickie, wrapped Turner in blankets.

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Experts: Planning makes community

BY BETH SUNDRIA JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

Whether it's older and established or newer and partially undeveloped, the success of a community is often in the planning.

"If a community is not clear on what it wants, it's never going to get it," said Jeffrey Goulet, Canton Township community planner. "Developers are going to do whatever they want to do," he added.

Change is the one thing that is constant in planning, according to certified planner Philip McKenna, president of McKenna Associates Inc. of Farmington Hills, the planning consultants for Garden City.

As an older city, Garden City is working on updating its master plan and that involves trying to estimate what the city will be like in the future, McKenna said. "If it becomes obsolete then people will abandon it." Keeping residents happy becomes a priority as their investment needs to be protected, he said.

"Cities spend a lot of money on their public facilities," McKenna said. "And also have the responsibility to plan for allocation of private land."

But, planning is more difficult in a city that is already built up, he said.

Livonia, also an established community, is working on keeping its single-family character. "Because the community is so well-established we are not going to change direction in any

significant way," said John Nagy, Livonia planning director.

The goal is to try to preserve the character of the community as strong single family residential and not to try to expand the nonresidential component just to expand the tax base, Nagy said.

"We don't have a downtown area," Nagy said, so many developers are attracted to the mile roads. But Livonia is trying to discourage too much strip development along the mile roads, because it causes increased traffic and that takes away from the residential enjoyment, Nagy said.

An established community must keep up good code enforcement, have housing rehabilitation programs and maintain services especially in older sections of the community, Nagy said.

Older sections of the community can't begin to look like they're forgotten areas, Nagy said. If the city keeps up its end, that will encourage property owners to maintain property as well, he said.

Westland and Redford Township are also working on plans to keep property, especially rental property maintained.

Focal points

Creating special districts called Downtown Development Authorities is a way communities raise money for needed improvements in business areas.

Westland established a DDA in the area of the Wayne Road-

Ford Road intersection last year and is working on plans for that area, Tod Kilroy, director of Westland's planning department, said. Canton, Livonia and Garden City also have DDAs.

As businesses leave parts of a city and properties become vacant, the challenge becomes to find another user. Livonia has successfully found users for the old Builders Square building on Plymouth Road with the arrival of Media Play, but faces the vacancies at the corner of Schoolcraft and Middlebelt with the closing of Handy Andy and a Chinese restaurant.

"It's just a matter of time and someone will come in and acquire that property," Nagy said.

Plans are on the books in Redford to redevelop Seven Mile from Inkster to Grand River, Leo Snage, Redford Township's director of public services, said. Some recent successful redevelopment projects in Redford Township are the new Home Depot and the new Pep Boys in Redford Township, he said.

Meanwhile, Plymouth and Plymouth Township officials are working together on the Ann Arbor Road corridor.

The plan will work on connecting the downtown which is pedestrian-oriented and the Ann Arbor Road area which is very driver-oriented. One way to do that is by establishing a focal point such as a clock tower or bell tower at I-275 and Ann

Arbor Road as an entry way to the Plymouth area, James D. Anulewicz, Plymouth Township director of public services, said.

Going downtown

The challenges of a downtown are something architect and Plymouth planning commissioner David Schaff has looked at from both sides - the developer's side and the city's side.

Everyone has the same wishes for the community, he said. But many times it comes down to who's going to pay for all these dreams, he said. Schaff is chairman of the Plymouth Planning Commission and an architect at Architects and Planners Inc.

Developers often don't realize they have responsibilities and may not want to meet certain requirements, Schaff said. But ironically that same developer may be attracted to build in the community because others have met those requirements, he said.

In Garden City, changes in retailing styles have forced the city to adjust. Most of the major roads in Garden City are fronted by retail buildings, and many of those buildings were built for a pedestrian-oriented market of 50 years ago, McKenna said.

Some elements of an older community may seem like mistakes in planning, but often it is not a mistake, just that the times have changed, McKenna said. "You don't wear the clothes you wore 40 years ago," he said.

About 90 percent developed,

Westland officials are looking to attract higher quality development than it has in the past, Kilroy said. Westland has plenty of apartments. "We are de-emphasizing them," and emphasizing single family home ownership, he said.

Other things older communities can do are to invest in streets, roads, parks and public facilities, enforce codes on deteriorating housing and make it easy for people to reinvest money in the city, McKenna said. The city might also have to assist the private sector to encourage redevelopment, he said.

The issue now is how to address the needs of the elderly, McKenna said.

Livonia will continue to attract single family detached housing, and begin to provide more housing for the elderly "as we become an aging population," Nagy said. In the future the city might have a few more condominium type houses for those who want to get out from under the responsibilities of a single family house, he said.

Development dilemmas

While older communities are working with what they have, in Canton Township, some areas are yet to be developed, and the community faces decisions on what will happen with future development, according to Jeffrey Goulet, Canton Township's community planner.

The township is now seeing

more higher priced housing, Goulet said. In general, housing density decreases as you move westward in Canton Township, Goulet said.

But the push to develop has caused township officials to turn introspective. "Developers are really pushing the envelope" in terms of developing the western area, Goulet said. That has meant the township has begun the process of re-evaluating its plans for the western part of the township, including lot sizes, utilities and preservation of natural resources, he said.

Industrial areas go a long way in providing services for residents, Goulet said. "We're lucky to be located on the I-275 corridor," he said.

However, the building of Interstate 275 and M14 began to divide Plymouth Township community, Anulewicz said. But that has been changed into a positive element, he said.

Now business and industrial areas are on the north side where they are an advantage to the community, and the area is something to be proud of, Anulewicz said. On entering Plymouth Township's industrial complex, people are "shocked at the amount of development," he said.

Staying in tune with the wishes of the residents is a common concern locally. "We try to provide them the very best in services that we possibly can," Snage said.

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ing, from exercise classes to providing meeting space for the harmonica club, the Maplewood Community center is busy. "The community center is serving the community in a diverse way," said Pat McKarge, the center's supervisor. "That's what a community is, a diverse group of people."

McKarge is especially proud of the center's drop-in program for kids who are not into organized sports. "They become friends with the adults who take an interest in them. Maplewood is more than a drop-in center, it's a caring center. Even our maintenance staff gets involved in people's lives."

Livonia residents often gather at Laurel Park Place, a self-contained metropolis of retail stores, offices, movie theaters, restaurants and a hotel with an adjacent health club. In many ways, the mall is Livonia's downtown.

"It's a gathering place for the community," said Michael Buescher, corporate marketing director for Schostak Brothers & Co., the mall's managing agent. "We try to go out of our way to be part of the community."

Besides hosting community

events, Laurel Park Place sponsors a walking club in conjunction with Botsford General Hospital.

Livonia also lays claim to the best burgers in town. Mason's Lounge, on Farmington Road and the Jeffries Freeway, has been serving them to working-class folks for 50 years.

"We cater to working people, college guys, baseball teams, just about everyone," said owner Robert Kazanowski, whose family has operated taverns for 160 years, beginning in Poland. "You can bring kids into Mason's and not hear foul language. We get nuns in here. I have a picture of the Pope above my cash register."

Westland residents know where to go for that perfect cup of coffee to accompany their conversation. The appropriately named Mugs on Ford Road just west of Wayne Road in Westland serves plenty of it to a clientele that includes Mayor Robert Thomas, judges, police officers, city workers and "lots of regulars from the neighborhood."

Jack Dubay, who owns the restaurant with his wife Ann, said that in addition to coffee,

super-sized toast and redskin potatoes at breakfast, people like the atmosphere. "They say it reminds them of up north."

Canton residents enjoy the best of the old and the new when it comes to gathering spots - Johnson's Restaurant on the corner of Ford and Lilly Roads, a popular eatery for almost two decades, and Summit on the Park, the community's year-old state-of-the-art recreational facility.

Carol Krause, Linda Jastrzebski, Carmen Laskowski, Eileen Vanderwill, and Margaret Newby are part of a group of women that meet at Johnson's every morning after attending Mass at Canton's St. Thomas A'Becket Catholic Church. Most of the women live in Canton.

"We know everybody here," said Jastrzebski.

"We know their histories," said Krause with a laugh. "It's a nice way to start the day. We Yak."

You can find Canton senior Marilyn Werner behind the desk in the Summit's senior citizen center four hours a day, five days a week. According to Wern-



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Workout: Greg Kirk of Garden City lifts 70-pound weights and friend Bryan Wright of Garden City spots at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City.

er, the center is a busy place.

"They have so many activities and day and overnight trips. Every day the men come in to

play pool (the center has two regulation-size tables). They also have congregate meals."

Werner also said seniors don't

have to be activity-minded to enjoy the center. "Some like just to come in and read, to have other people around."

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Drill team wins top honors

The Westland Whirlettes Ice Skating Drill Team received first place at the WinterFest ISI Open Team Competition on Jan. 12. The honor followed the group's Dec. 6 second-place finish at the Wayne ISI Open Team Competition held at the Wayne Community Center.

They will next compete at the States Competition in Southgate at the end of February and in April are headed for Illinois for the World Precision Classic. The team is sponsored by Howe Collision of Westland and Don Massey Cadillac of Plymouth. For sponsorship information, call 722-1091.

IRENE H. CASTLE

Funeral services for Mrs. Castle, 70, of Flintstone, Ga., were held recently in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Robert Millar.

Mrs. Castle died Jan. 22. A homemaker, she was a former resident of Romulus.

Surviving are: son, Anthony Castle of Dearborn; daughters, Anna Tews of Alpena, Phyllis Johnson of Flintstone, Ga., Norma Kosciolk of Romulus, Patricia Clark of Romulus; 17 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

LAVERNE A. MORRISON

Funeral services for Laverne A. Morrison, 88, of Dearborn Heights were held recently in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with burial at Glen Eden Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Bobby Blevins of Fellowship Freewill Baptist Church.

Mrs. Morrison, who died Jan. 25 in Dearborn Heights, was born in Mears, Mich. She was a clerk in retailing.

Surviving are: daughter, Joyce McKissack; brother, Raymond Ferrill; sister, Nada Knoop; nephew, William Ferrill.

DORA J. LESTER

Funeral services for Dora J. Lester, 97, of Dearborn Heights were held recently in Leonard A. Turowski & Son Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Roy Forsyth.

Mrs. Lester, who died Jan. 27 in Livonia, was born in Waco, Texas. A homemaker, she was a former Livonia resident.

Surviving are: her daughter, Virginia St. Louis of Dearborn Heights, and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

WILLIAM R. WOOLEY

Funeral services for William R. Wooley, 46, of Hersey were held recently.

Mr. Wooley, who died Jan. 18 in Reed City, was born in Highland Park. He was a resident of Garden City most of his life, moving to the Hersey area in 1989. He was employed the past 10 years with Conway Central Express Interstate Trucking in Cadillac.

Surviving are: his wife, Judy; daughters, Angela Wooley of Inkster and Sara Wooley of Hersey; mother, Edna Goodhue of Inkster; brother, John of Westland; and sister, Catherine Howard of Grant.

RUSSELL E. FERCH

Funeral services for Russell E. Ferch, 71, of Romulus were held recently in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, Mich. Officiating was the Rev. John Lehner.

Mr. Ferch, who died Jan. 27 in Dearborn Heights, was born in Muskegon. Before moving to Romulus, he was a resident of Inkster. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a security guard for a security company.

Surviving are: his wife of 31 years, Marian; sons, Frank Esch of Chatham, Ontario, Canada, and Robert Esch of Mississippi; daughter, Irene Wendland of Romulus; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

JAMES A. SZULANCZYK

Funeral services for Mr. Szulanczyk, 47, of Westland were held recently in St. Theodore Catholic Church, Westland with burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights. Officiating was the Rev. Tom Kuehnemund. Local arrangements were made by John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home.

Mr. Szulanczyk, who died Jan. 28 in Wayne, was born in Dearborn. He was a fabricator in the glass industry.

Surviving are: his wife, Margaret; sons, Aaron and Jason; daughters, Wendy Spaniel, Lisa Prusinski, Katheryn Cortez,

Tracey Szulanczyk; father, Alfonse Szulanczyk; mother Rita Zakrewski; brother, Marty; sister, Linda; and four grandchildren.

KAY M. WOOD

Funeral services for Mrs. Wood, 48, of Westland were recently in Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home with burial at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Dewton Hoilette.

Mrs. Wood, who died Jan. 26 in Westland, was born in Garden City. She was a medical biller for P.P.R. Medical Building.

Surviving are: sons, Ronald of Ecorse, and Eugene of Westland; daughter, Christine Spencer of White Lake; friend, Ralph Gesch of Westland; and one granddaughter.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, Livonia, or Karmanos Cancer Institute, Dearborn.

JOAN SPRIETZER

Funeral services for Joan Sprietzer, 65, of Garden City were held recently in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights. Officiating was the Rev. Edward Prus from St. Raphael Catholic Church.

Mrs. Sprietzer, who died Jan. 30 in Garden City, was born in Ahmeek, Mich. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: husband, John; daughters, Nancy Shaffer, Sharon Baker, Kathy Feret; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association.

FRANK A. VERBANAC

Services for Frank A. Verbanac, a Garden City resident who played for the Brooklyn Dodgers briefly in 1946, are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 3, from St. Norbert Catholic Church, 27355 Woodfield, Inkster. Burial will follow at the Calvary Cemetery, Brighton.

Visitation will continue from noon to 9 p.m. today (Sunday) at the Santeiu & Son Funeral

Home, 1139 N. Inkster Road, Garden City.

Mr. Verbanac, 69, and a Garden City resident for 40 years, died Jan. 29 in Garden City. Born July 5, 1927, in Detroit, he graduated Detroit's Cass Tech High and Wayne University.

For 35 years, he was known as Mr. "V" as a physical education teacher at Willis Elementary School on Detroit's east side.

He taught generations of families, "all of whom he as very proud," according to a family statement.

During summers, he coached and directed a youth program at Detroit's Fletcher Field. "Frank was a talented and accomplished athlete who played professional baseball briefly for the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1946 before enlisting in the Coast Guard," the family said.

"As a softball player for the Dee's Sport Shop team, Frank was selected to seven World's All-star teams as well as being inducted to the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame and the American Slow-pitch Hall of Fame. As a bowler, Frank rolled a '300' game along with three separate '700' series."

He retired from teaching in 1989.

Survivors include: his wife, Mary; sons, Christopher, Peter and Anthony; daughter Paula Peterson; three grandchildren; a sister, Katherine Perlove; and brothers Robert and Steve Verbanac.

MARY D. FEAST

Mary D. Feast, 73, of Garden City, died Jan. 27 in Westland.

Born July 11, 1923, in Detroit, she was a member of the auxiliary to VFW Post 7575 of Garden City and Westland Convalescent Center's director of housekeeping until she retired in 1986.

Survivors include: sons Edward and Garry; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother, Oliver Dawson of the Irish Hills; sister, Betty Lechner of California; niece, Kathy Smith, and nephews, David Kocsis and Mark Kocsis.

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Leadership of lodge passes to son

Leadership of the William M. Perrett Masonic Lodge #524 in Plymouth recently passed from a father to son, both Westland residents.

During the annual installation of officers in December, Albert E. Booth, Sr. passed the gavel to Albert E. Booth, Jr. This is the third time in history of the lodge that leadership has

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been conveyed from father to son.

The local lodge is also looking forward to a banner year, celebrating its 75th anniversary in 1997 with plans underway for a March 29 anniversary dinner.

Masonry has been part of Plymouth's history since 1852 when charter was granted for the first Masonic Lodge by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan. Since then, Masons have played

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Local duo matches students, families

BY LAURIE HUMPHREY
STAFF WRITER

Boundaries mean little to a Plymouth Township pair acting as matchmakers.

Gideon and Lynne Levenbach hosted a boy from Spain in 1988. Their two sons, aged 14 and 8 at the time, got along with the 13-year-old exchange student wonderfully. So good in fact, they felt more Americans would benefit from hosting exchange students and began recruiting local families.

"We still keep in contact with him," Gideon said about their Spanish "son". "He came back two years ago with his French girlfriend. They were on break from the university."

"My husband and younger son went to see him (five) years ago," Lynne added. "They all went to the Olympics in Barcelona."

Today, 15 exchange students later, Gideon and Lynne spend a lot of time matching up students with families in 21 school districts. They have helped place 150 students to date in Livonia, Westland, Redford, Garden City, Farmington and Plymouth-Canton schools to name a few.

"We even got a call today," said Lynne, during last week's interview, "from someone who had read an article in your newspaper." They are calls she said, the pair get quite often with the help of the newspaper.

She emphasized, however, that not everyone who calls necessarily signs up as a host family.

"People can call just to get information," she said. "We never put pressure on anyone."

Host families come in a variety of forms, according to the local couple.

"We've had seniors, parents whose children have moved out, we even have had single parents," she said.

"The key thing is that the family needs to have a good sense of humor and a sense of adventure," said Gideon. "These kids are not guests in your home, because someone can not be a guest for that long. They become a member of your family."

Students usually stay with the



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Learning experience: Getting a tour of the Observer Newspapers building are (from left) Lynne Levenbach, Leonardo Navarro, Gideon Levenbach, Rebecca McMullen (host sister), and Carol Pasquali. They look on as Observer photographer Bill Bresler demonstrates photo cropping.

host family for 10 months, although some students prefer the 5-month option.

Lynne recommends the longer stay because it takes a while before students get acclimated to their new surroundings.

For Leonardo Navarro, a 16-year-old Chile native living with the Pund family in Canton Township, the transition started immediately.

"I never saw snow before," said the teen, who hopes to attend college for computer engineering someday. "Except on television."

A student at Plymouth-Canton High School, Navarro said he almost didn't come because his father had not originally wanted his son to participate in the

exchange program. "But he changed his mind."

So, Navarro paid his \$2 million Chilean pesos, about \$5,000-\$7,000, and boarded a plane for the United States. Although, he did not pick Michigan, he is happy with his new family and friends.

When Brazil native Carol Pasquali stepped out from the plane five months ago, she had but one wish.

"I wondered if they (host family members) would be there in the airport," said the aspiring journalist. "I was scared." She stayed with the McMullen family in Plymouth, and attended Plymouth-Salem High School, until returning home last week.

Before she left however,

Pasquali "got to know a lot of new people and learned how to act independently. I got to make decisions on my own." She called the trip a learning experience.

Meanwhile, the host family is also learning, said Lynne.

"Hosting a student makes you look at everyday life in a totally new way. It's like having a toddler with the experiences of an adult."

"These kids come knowing nothing about our culture or what to expect," Gideon added. "It has changed our lives."

People interested in learning more about hosting students are encouraged to call the Levenbachs at (313) 453-8562 or (313) 453-6851.

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■ Starting Your Own Business or Franchise Operation (Feb. 11).

■ Detailing a Business Plan - Your Roadmap to Success (Feb. 18).

■ Finding Money for Your Business (Feb. 25).

■ Marketing Your Product or Service (March 11).

■ Legal Issues for the Entrepreneur (March 18).

The fee for individual courses is \$39. The entire series costs \$154.

In addition, there is Tax Matters for Small Businesses, which looks at the latest developments in employment taxes, new tax changes, case studies and completion of tax forms. Personal questions are encouraged and individual assistance will be provided.

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Hines bike path to get longer

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Bicyclists, joggers and walkers can expect to wheel, run and move their way down Hines Drive between Dearborn and Northville on an extended bike path later this year.

The path will be extended 5.4 miles from Inkster Road to the Nankin Mills Way Station in Westland once the Wayne County Commission approves a contract to complete the work.

The Wayne County Commission approved a financial agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation on Jan. 23. MDOT will pick up \$336,000 of the costs using federal funds, while the county will spend \$84,000.

A contract for the work is expected to be sent within the next few weeks to the commis-

sion for approval in time for the path's installation in the spring, according to Hurley Coleman, director of parks and recreation.

The contract - the path's third phase - will lengthen the path to 17 miles.

Hines Park extends from the border of Dearborn and Dearborn Heights near Ford Road near the middle branch of the Rouge River, and lies adjacent to or near the communities of Detroit, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford Township and Westland.

"It fits into the master plan to create opportunities for people to get closer to the park," Coleman said. "It will fit in to the plans to make more picnic areas and play areas."

The path will not be funded by the one mill levied for parks,

which was approved by county voters last year. Instead the project will be financed with \$336,000 in federal funds and \$84,000 from the county.

The federal money was distributed through a grant in the Intermodal Surface Transportation Enhancement Act extension between Wayne County and the state Department of Transportation. County commissioners approved that financial arrangement on Jan. 23.

Last year the path was extended from Haggerty to Ann Arbor Trail.

Coleman said this third phase of the path project will be constructed deeper into the park and away from Hines Drive in certain areas. He hopes access spurs can be constructed with the help of local communities.

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Local commissioners oppose pledge to back stadium bonds

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County residents will be notified in a legal advertisement that tax dollars will be pledged in "full faith and credit" to cover bonds for the new baseball stadium should the car rental and hotel tax revenue fall short.

Wayne County commissioners approved legal language Thursday, 11-3, to inform county residents that the county intends to issue no more than \$95 million

in bonds funded by the hotel and rental taxes approved by county voters in November. The notice also states the county intends to enter into a lease with the Detroit/Wayne County Stadium Authority.

Commissioners were notified Wednesday that they had to approve the agreement by Friday.

For the bonds to be issued March 31, a 60-day notice of intent must be published first, according to state law, county officials said.

The commission approved a memo of understanding in August 1996 that pledged the full faith and credit of the county "to the extent necessary" on the bonds.

The pledge is \$15 million higher than the \$80 million in bonds to cover expenses including legal counsel, reserve requirements, legal fees and insurance, according to Mike Duggan, assistant county executive.

Duggan likened the additional costs to those in mortgaging a \$100,000 house.

"You'll put down \$20,000, and borrow \$80,000, and add other costs like points," he said. Total payments amount to more than the \$100,000 amount, Duggan said.

Duggan expects the car and hotel rentals will bring \$5 million or \$6 million annually for the county to use in paying off the 30-year bonds.

The only local commissioner to support the resolution was Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland.

Commissioners Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia; Bruce Pat-

terson, R-Canton; and Michelle Plawecki, D-Dearborn Heights, opposed the authorization.

The commissioners authorized publication of a notice of intent to enter into a general obligation contract with the authority and an application with the state Department of Treasury.

The contract allows the authority to acquire a new professional baseball stadium to be constructed and will issue one or more series of bonds to finance a portion of the cost not to exceed

\$95 million.

The commission must publish the notice and allow a referendum period of 45 days during which time a petition signed by 15,000 registered voters may be filed with the county clerk requesting an election on the county's "full faith and credit" pledge.

If no petitions are filed, the county could close on the bonds 60 days after the publication of the notice.

Board OKs commission for women

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

A Wayne County Women's Commission has been created to help women who own businesses or are seeking job opportunities.

On Jan. 23 the Wayne County Commission approved ordinance language to create the 15-member women's commission.

Members will be appointed by the chief executive officer from persons nominated by commissioners.

Commissioner Edna Bell, D-Detroit, first proposed the idea of a commission in December. Bell said the commission could help women have a support system while making the transition from welfare to work and also examine the needs of women who own businesses.

The Women's Commission also will encourage the study and review of the status of women throughout the county, and strengthen home life by directing attention to critical problems confronting women as wives, mothers, homemakers and workers.

The commission will recommend to the county commission and county executive methods and ways to discourage discrimination against women. It is expected to promote more effective methods of enabling women to develop skills, continue education, become business and professional persons and to be retrained.

Under the ordinance commissioners can survey and study, and appoint advisory committees in education, social services, labor laws and employment policies, law enforcement, health, new and expanded services, legal rights, family relations and volunteer services.

Commissioner Michelle Plawecki, D-Dearborn Heights, who also introduced the ordinance, said the commission would seek ways to improve the quality of life for all women.

"The commission will look to better understand the needs of women in employment, education or different ways to improve their economic status," Plawecki said.

Plawecki expected the group would be modeled after a similar state commission and seek state- and federally-funded programs.

"Welfare reform is important, but in my district, creating economic development and jobs are just as important," Plawecki said.

Members will be appointed by the chief executive officer from persons nominated by commissioners.

Each commissioner will nominate at least three persons and the chief executive officer will appoint one of those persons from each commissioner's district.

The appointments will last generally for a term of three years, except for the first five appointees, who will serve for one-year terms, and the next five, who will receive two-year terms.

Commissioners will not be paid, but may be provided with food for their meetings and may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in performing their duties. No money has been allocated to the commission.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1997

FOCUS ON WINE



RAY & ELEANOR HEALD

Chinese cuisine and sherry are a fine pair

Conversation in the wine world today revolves around food and wine harmonies. They're also called match-ups or pairings. But one of the least touted may be the most stellar — oriental cuisine from China and fine sherry.

Much has been made of the pairing between oriental dishes and gewurztraminer wines. It's good, but nothing like the magic of sherry. And not any sherry will do. Go for it; get the world's recognized best. Remember this name — Emilio Lustau Sherries.

Emilio Lustau is one of the largest independent, family-owned sherry shippers. The oldest Lustau bodegas (wine cellars) located in the Jerez-de-la-Frontera heart of the sherry region, are constructed on either side of old Moorish ramparts. Because ancient and traditional is part of the firm's history, the most important element of Lustau sherry production in recent years, has been its revival of Almacenista Sherries. These are small quantities of great, old, privately owned sherry stocks purchased by a producer to enhance its blends.

The wine image of sherry doesn't hold a candle to the image of varietal wines in general, but your opinion will change if you sample the broad range of value-priced Lustau sherries available in this market. In celebration of the Chinese New Year beginning Feb. 7, drink them with Chinese cuisine and use them throughout the year in place of Chinese rice wine when cooking.

"Old amontillado and oloroso sherries bear an amazing resemblance to traditional Chinese rice wine and Japanese sake, all have a characteristically dry, nutty, aromatic pungency," said Christopher Cannan, whose company Europvin imports the Lustau Sherries. "Our experimentation has shown just how well dry sherry, with its higher alcoholic content and distinctive, intense flavor, can relate to many oriental dishes that may be too strong or spicy for normal table wines."

- Wine Selections**
- Cabernet sauvignon is warming with stews or other long-cooking meat recipes. Try these cabs on for size:
 - 1994 Bonterra (Fetzer) \$13
 - 1993 Conn Creek, Limited Release \$18
 - 1994 Hess Select \$13.50
 - 1993 Silverado Reserve \$50
 - 1994 Phelps \$24
 - Chardonnay and pinot blanc are "winter white" wines pairing handsomely with grilled or roast chicken, rabbit, sautéed pork tenders or pastas with light cream sauce. Best new releases include:
 - 1995 Hess Select \$13.50
 - 1995 Geyser Peak \$12
 - 1994 Clos du Val \$16
 - 1995 Silverado \$17.50 — the best we've tasted from '95 so far.
 - Pinot blanc:
 - 1995 Murphy-Goode \$15
 - Crisp sauvignon blancs for grilled fish:
 - 1995 Fetzer Barrel Select \$12.75
 - 1996 Rosemount \$13
 - Best buy at \$10 and under:
 - 1996 Rosemount Semillon-Chardonnay \$9, light, crisp and refreshing.

You're reading two "wok-ers" here. We've been in our Asian cooking phase for some time and we use Emilio Lustau Dry Amontillado Los Arcos Sherry \$11 in place of Chinese rice wine.

If you'd like to learn about sherry, begin with Lustau Light Manzanilla Sherry, Papirosa \$11. Its character, well suited to an aperitif such as Chinese dumplings or with soup, best explains its production. After traditional fermentation, young white wine called Mosto, is transferred to oak casks (butts) where a phenomenon occurs. Some butts develop a thick, white yeast layer called flor. It prevents the wine beneath it from oxidizing or becoming vinegar. Flor can neither be induced nor controlled. Its appearance and development are natural phenomena.

If it seems that the flor will remain, wine is fortified to about 15 percent alcohol and may be classified as a Fino. The coastal Spanish town of Sanlúcar de la Barrameda produces a special kind of Fino called Manzanilla. If the flor doesn't remain, the wine may be fortified to 18 percent. After it ages, it is classified as Oloroso or the rare Palo Cortado and then can be blended to produce a Cream Sherry. At Lustau, all sherries go through the flor stage. While under flor, some Fino is classed for later development as Amontillado, Palo Cortado or Oloroso.

With that understanding and continuing with a tasting order, Lustau Fino Sherry, Puerto Fino \$12, is great with egg drop soup. Go on to Lustau San Bartolomé \$13, also good for Chinese cooking; and notice how more oak begins to show. Next is Lustau Rare Amontillado Sherry, Escudrilla \$17, delicate, dry and beginning to show the nutty character associated with sherry — fab-

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LOOKING AHEAD

- What to watch for in Taste next week:
- Chocolate is hard to resist
 - Valentine's Day feast for two



Steamy soups, stews offer comfort

BY RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON
SPECIAL WRITER

Every country, every region, every ethnic group, has their own delicious soups, stews and warming dishes — whether they need the warmth or not. Soups, consommés, bouillons, stocks, stews, and porridge-type dishes have been around for centuries — well-known Chinese gastronome (often referred to as the Brillat-Savarin of China) Yuan Mei wrote, "Cookery is like matrimony. Two things served together should match. Clear should go with clear, thick with thick, hard with hard, and soft with soft."

Much like Escoffier's beliefs in harmony — "Soups should perform like an overture in a light opera (divulging) what is to be the dominant phrase of the melody throughout."

These warming dishes — thick or thin, have nourished the body, and the mind, throughout history... famous authors, William Thackeray, Lewis Carroll and Herman Melville (to name a few), have all written about soup — the fascination with soup, the need for soup, the delight in soup.

Unfamiliar and unusual names are given to soups and stews — they are only unfamiliar and unusual if we are not from the area of origin. Cawl is a tasty broth typical to Wales, especially on the farms — made primarily from welsh lamb, winter vegetables and sometimes, double cream. Many cawl recipes exist — depending on the farm or region of Wales — those cawls made without cream were often served in a basin or a bowl, with bread and the meat and vegetables served as a second course.

Borscht (Borsch) is a soup (can be stew-like) traditionally from Russia and Poland, made from fresh beets — and can be prepared by using an assortment of vegetables and/or meat, or both. Borscht can be served hot or cold and is usually garnished with a good-sized dollop of sour cream.

Gai Tom Kha is one of numerous soups

Tips for making stocks:

Soup Stock — a deep rich liquid developed from slow cooking of meats, bones, and vegetables in liquid.

- Bones can be roasted first to enhance the flavor of the stock.
- Always use cold water to cover the bones, meat and vegetables.
- Prepare large quantities at a time — use good time management, as making stock is somewhat time consuming, get a big batch done!
- Stock can be frozen in containers, or ice cube trays, to be used for flavoring foods as needed.
- Skim stock as it cooks — keep the liquid refined.
- Cool stock as soon as possible — and refrigerate or freeze. Stock can spoil quickly if left out. Place bowls or pot of stock in sink surrounded by cool water. Replace the sink water with cool, when it starts to feel warm.
- Once stock is cool (after refrigeration) remove fat, if any appears on the top. Refrigerate stock one to days, or freeze for three to six months. The sooner you use the stock, the better the flavor will be.

that make up an integral part of Thai cuisine. This soup is a bold combination of flavors — mixed with meat, poultry, or fish. The base is coconut milk and chicken stock.

Albóndigas comes from the Spanish word for "meatball." Sopa de Albóndigas is a beef-based soup with meatballs, rice and vegetables. Stifado is a traditional Greek stew made with meat (lamb or beef) tomatoes, onions, white wine (or wine vinegar), and flavorful sweet and savory herbs and spices. This stew has variations in ingredients, again depending on the particular region from which it comes.

Cock-A-Leekie is a traditional Scottish soup made with chicken broth, chicken meat, leeks, and sometimes cream or oatmeal.

Burgoo (often called Kentucky Burgoo — this is actually one from the United States) is a thick stew full of a combination of meats (beef, lamb, pork, veal and poultry) and vegetables. Early recipes of Burgoo were made with small wild game, today the meats are usually more mainstream, but certainly can be made with game meats.

With thousands of soup recipes to choose from, we all seem to cling to our own favorites. Our own preferences can include: those that are thick, those that are thin, those that are clear, those that are hot, those that are cold, those that are spicy, those that are bland, those that are loaded with beans, those reminiscent of nursery foods (our comfort foods from childhood), and those filled with esoteric vegetables and fresh herbs we can't identify or remember how to pronounce.

This time of year hot soups and stews seem to fit the bill — perhaps our propensity for warming winter meals comes from our environmental desire to formulate body temperature through our palate. Soups, stews and one-dish meals, become the perfect fix for cold winters' evenings filled with blustery snow laden winds, ice covered trees, and impassable stalled cars. Returning home in the dark from a long day of work or school, and tasting that warming winter meal — restores our confidence in the concept of comfort, and the knowledge that winter only lasts for a season... and as Lewis Carroll said:

"Beautiful soup, so rich and green
Waiting in a hot tureen!
Who for such dainties would not stoop?
Soup for the evening, beautiful soup!
Beautiful soup! Who cares for fish,
Game, or any other dish?
Who would not give all else for two,
Pennyworth only of beautiful Soup!"
See recipes inside

Elegant ball has menu with a heart

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY
SPECIAL WRITER

What do you serve at an elegant event that benefits the American Heart Association? When it comes to the 10th Anniversary Heart Ball, the chefs at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Dearborn, and planners decided that the meal not only needed to be delicious, but it had to healthy.

The AHA's Michigan Affiliate takes very seriously the mission to reduce death and disability due to cardiovascular disease and stroke, according to Anna Greenstone of Bloomfield Hills, who along with her husband Robert, is co-chairing the Feb. 14 black-tie fund-raiser. This mission translated even to the selection of the menu for the ball.

A shrimp-stuffed chicken breast was chosen for the entree and low-fat fruit tarts will be served for dessert. Other healthy considerations, such as using tarragon vinegar on the salad, went into the plan-

ning of this prestigious event.

February is American Heart Month, and the Heart Ball is just one activity marking the monthlong awareness programs. This year's theme — "Get in on the Action!" — urges everyone to make physical activity a part of their daily lives. According to Rhonda Welsh, metro communications director for the AHA, Michigan Affiliate, lack of physical activity has been clearly shown to be a risk factor for heart disease. Yet, only 22 percent of American adults get enough leisure time exercise to achieve cardiovascular fitness.

Someone in American dies every 33 seconds from cardiovascular disease, the number one killer in the United States today. Over 44 percent of all Michigan deaths in 1994 were caused by heart disease. That's 35 percent more than cancer, and almost 50 times as many as AIDS. Tickets for the American Heart Ball are \$200 per person. The

evening begins with cocktails at 7 p.m. followed by dinner at 8 p.m. Guests will dance to the romantic sounds of White Lace.

Other upcoming Heart Month activities include:

■ Healthy Families Day — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8 at the Farmington YMCA, 28100 Farmington Road, Farmington. The event will feature: cooking demonstrations, basic fitness tips, and fitness screenings.

■ Eat Well and Be Healthy — 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, the Canton Public Library, 1200 South Canton Center Road, will host a local expert to discuss the importance of maintaining a healthy heart through proper nutrition.

For more information about American Heart Month activities in your area, including Heart Ball, or to learn more about exercise in the prevention of heart attack and stroke, call (810) 557-9511. See recipes inside.

Heart Ball Menu

- **Hors d'oeuvres**
 - Smoked Salmon Roulade
 - Lemon Dill Cream with Multi-Grain Bread
 - Beef Yakatori
- **Bruschetta Station**
 - Toasted Baguette with Tapenade
 - Grilled Ciabetta with Garlic and Parsley
 - Toasted Focaccia Olive Oil and Basil
 - Toasted Onion Bread
- **Toppings include:**
 - Grilled Marinated Portabella Mushroom
 - Roasted Red and Yellow Peppers
 - Tomato Basil Fondue
 - Tapenade
 - Asiago and Goat Cheese
 - Roasted Garlic Paste
- **Dinner Entrees**
 - Mixed Greens with Marinated Mushroom and Vegetables, Roquefort Walnut Crouton, Tarragon Vinaigrette
 - Stuffed Chicken Breasts with Shrimp and Scallions with a Honey Pistachio Crust
 - Seasonal Vegetables, Red Skin Potatoes
- **Dessert**
 - Fresh Fruit and Betty Tart with Spun Sugar and Raspberry Coulis

TAMMIE GRAVES/STAFF ARTIST

Savory soups, stews offer comforting nourishment

See related story on Taste front.

WELSH CAWL CENNIN A HUFEN (LEEK SOUP CREAMED)

- 2 1/2 cups leeks, white part and light green part only
- 2 tablespoons butter (or margarine)
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 head celery, washed, trimmed and roughly chopped.
- 12 1/2 cups Mutton stock (lamb stock)
- 1/4 cup parsley, chopped
- Salt and Pepper
- 2/3 cup double cream (heavy cream or half and half)
- Lamb meat from stock for garnish (optional)
- Garnish: diced meat (optional)
- Sippets: small pieces of toast or fried bread — croutons

Clean the leeks thoroughly, chop them roughly, and set a little of the green aside for garnish. In a stock pot, French or Dutch oven, melt the butter and cook the leeks, onions, and celery under cover without browning them. Add the stock, bring to a boil, and simmer for 1 hour, skimming as necessary. Rub the soup through a fine sieve (chinois) or process in a blender, food processor or Vita Mix™. Reheat the soup, stir in the parsley, green of leeks, and diced meat (if used). Season with salt and pepper. Stir in the cream, correct seasoning, and serve with sippets. Serves 8.

This recipe comes from my friend Dee Dee Stovel's book — "Weekend! A Menu Cookbook for Relaxed Entertaining," by Edith Stovel and Pamela Wakefield, (A Storey Publishing Book, 1994 \$11.95). Dee Dee mentioned that when traveling through

Greece, she saw Stifado on many menus — all with slight variations depending on the region.

STIFADO

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 3 pounds lean stewing beef
- 2 1/2 pounds small white onions, peeled, or 2 pounds small frozen onions
- 1 (6 ounce) can tomato paste
- 1/2 cup red wine
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 small cinnamon stick
- 1/2 teaspoon whole cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
- 2 tablespoons currants (optional)
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

Heat the butter and oil in a large Dutch oven or heavy kettle. Add the meat and stir with the butter and oil just to coat, but not brown. Arrange the onions over the meat.

Mix the tomato paste, wine, vinegar, sugar, and garlic together and pour over the onions and meat. Spread the bay leaf, cinnamon stick, cloves, cumin, and currants over the top.

Bring the stew to a boil, reduce heat and simmer covered for 3 hours or until the meat is very tender. Do not stir the stew as it cooks, but adjust the heat so it doesn't burn on the bottom. Remove the cinnamon stick and bay leaf.

Stir the stew as you serve it. Serves 8.

Tips:
■ To keep the onions from falling apart, make an X in the root end of each with a sharp

knife.
■ If the stew bubbles while cooking, invert a plate on top of the ingredients to prevent excess movement.

ALBÓNDIGAS SOUP

- 12 cups beef broth (home-made or prepared)
- 1 can (28 oz.) crushed tomatoes (with liquid)
- 1 can (7 oz.) diced green chiles
- 1 large (about 1/2-lb.) onion, chopped
- 1 1/2 teaspoons dried basil
- 1 1/2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 1/2-1 teaspoon liquid hot pepper seasoning (Tabasco or any similar type seasoning)
- 1/2 cup long-grain white rice
- Meatballs (make your own favorite recipe or follow recipe below)
- 1/2 cup minced fresh cilantro leaves
- Cilantro sprigs (optional)
- Salt and pepper

In a large stock pot, French or Dutch oven, combine beef broth, tomatoes and their liquids, chiles, onion, basil, oregano, and hot pepper seasoning (to taste). Bring to a boil over high heat. Add rice; cover and simmer 15 minutes. Add meatballs; lid the pot and simmer until meatballs are not pink in the center (cut one to test). Cook 10 to 15 minutes longer. Stir in the minced cilantro. Ladle into bowls and garnish with additional cilantro sprigs (optional). Add salt and pepper to taste — adjust seasonings. Serves: 10-12

MEATBALLS

- 1 pound ground lean beef
- 1/3 pound bulk pork sausage
- 1/2 cup cornmeal
- 1/4 cup milk

seasonings. Garnish with coriander leaves. Serve hot. Serves: 6

■ You may want to serve cooked rice on the side for those that think it's too spicy.

COCK-A-LEEKIE SOUP

- 4 parsley sprigs
- 1 thyme sprigs
- 1 bay leaves
- Peppercorns
- 4 pounds chicken, raw
- 10 cups water
- 7 leeks
- 2 celery stalks
- Salt
- 1/2 cup pearl barley (Pearl barley refers to whole kernel barley, not a quick)
- 1 tablespoons parsley, chopped
- Chicken bouillon (if necessary)

Tie parsley, thyme, bay leaf, and peppercorns in a piece of cheese cloth or place in a tea ball. Thoroughly wash leeks, then cut white and 2" of green stems into 1/2-inch slices. Chop celery stalks. Cover chicken with cold water in a large stock pot, French or Dutch oven — bring to boil over medium-high heat. Skim off any scum that rises to the surface. Add leeks, celery, tied spices (bouquet garni), salt and barley — reduce heat to low. Partly cover pan and simmer 1-1/2 to 2 hours until meat falls off bones. Remove pot from heat and transfer chicken to a cutting board or platter. Cool slightly. Skim fat off cooking liquid. Remove and discard bouquet garni. Carefully detach chicken meat; discard skin and bones. Shred meat and return to soup. Simmer over medium heat for 5 minutes to reheat thoroughly. Sprinkle parsley over soup, adjust seasonings (add chicken bouillon if necessary) and serve at once. Serves: 8

KENTUCKY BURGOO

- 2 pounds lean beef, cubed
- Large soup bone
- 1/2 pound lamb, cubed
- 1 frying chicken, cut in pieces
- 16 cups water
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 cups diced potatoes
- 3 cups diced onions
- 2 cups lima beans
- 5 carrots, scrapped and diced
- 2 bell peppers (any color), stems removed, seeded and diced
- 3 cups corn (fresh — cut off the cob if possible)
- 2 cups okra, diced (or dried miniatures reconstituted)
- 6 cups diced seasoned tomatoes (Dei Fratelli if possible)
- 5 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 cup fresh parsley, minced

Place the beef, soup bone, lamb, chicken water, salt, pepper, and cayenne pepper in a stock pot, French or Dutch oven. Place over medium-high heat and lid. Bring to a boil, then simmer, covered for two hours. Remove the pot from the heat, remove the chicken skin and bones. Add the potatoes, onions, limas, carrots, bell peppers, and corn. Simmer another two hours, stirring occasionally. Mixture will thicken — add water if necessary. Add okra, tomatoes, and garlic — continue to simmer another 1 1/2 hours.

Remove the soup from the heat source and add the chopped parsley. This soup tastes better the next day, or the day after, or the day after. Serves: 10-12

Dei Fratelli tomatoes can be found at Shopping Center Markets (Hiller's Emporium's, Meijers, and Strawberry Hills.

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ulous with a dish such as shrimp with walnuts. Next in order is Dry Amontillado, Los Arcos mentioned before. It has less guts

than the Escaudrilla Amontillado, but more finesse and richness.

Then it's Lustau Palo Cortado

Sherry, Peninsula \$17, sensationally styled with the body of an Oloroso, but the taste of Amontillado. Graduate in order to Lustau Dry Oloroso Sherry, Don Nuno \$17; Deluxe Cream Sherry, Capataz Andres \$12; East India Solera Sherry \$18, a Lustau flagship and slightly sweet; Mascatel Superior Sherry, Emilin \$17 coming across like a fruit dessert in the glass; and Pedro Ximenez Sherry, San Emilio \$17 that's molasses like with nuts and dried fruit dessert flavors.

Kung Hei Fat Chol! In Chinese, that's Happy New Year. Enjoy it with premium sherry.

Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Sunday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

Low-fat French toast

AP — Impressive and delicious, yet surprisingly easy to make, this French Toast is a low-fat twist on an old favorite. Each serving has 231 calories and 2.8 grams of fat.

FRENCH TOAST

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 1/2 cup egg substitute
- 1/2 cup skim milk
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon grated orange peel
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon rum extract
- Dash ground nutmeg
- 12 slices French bread, 2 inches wide, about 3/4-inch thick
- 3 1/4 cups cornflakes, crushed to 1 1/2 cups
- 2 oranges

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Spray a 1 1/2-quart shallow, oval dish with nonstick cooking spray.

Combine egg substitute, skim milk, orange juice, sugar, grated orange peel, vanilla, rum extract and nutmeg in a shallow bowl; mix well. Dip bread in milk mixture, making sure all of the mixture is absorbed. Place cornflake crumbs in a shallow bowl. Dip bread into cornflake crumbs, coating both sides evenly. Place in prepared dish. Bake in a 425-degree F oven for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown, turning once. Garnish with orange slices. Top with butter and syrup, if desired. Makes 6 servings.

Recipe from: Corning Consumer Products Co.



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Turkey burgers quick, easy

Garlic-Crusted Tuscany Turkey Burgers, a grand prize winner in the Kretschmer Wheat Germ "Healthy Eating Made Easy & Delicious" Recipe Contest, is an example of how wheat germ's nutty crunch adds a new flavor dimension to a main dish.

The yogurt and sun-dried tomato topper complements the savory seasoned turkey burgers. And the recipe is a snap to make — 30 minutes from start to finish.

Try coating boneless chicken breasts or fish fillets with wheat germ that has been seasoned with Parmesan cheese and fresh or dried herbs.

Or, use wheat germ instead of bread or cracker crumbs in recipes for meatloaf, meatballs and burgers made with lean ground or ground turkey breast.

GARLIC-CRUSTED TUSCANY TURKEY BURGERS

Sun-Dried Tomato Topping

- 1/3 cup sun-dried tomatoes
- 1/3 cup plain nonfat or low-fat yogurt
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil or 1 1/2 teaspoons dried basil leaves

Burgers

- 1 pound ground turkey breast
- 1/2 cup wheat germ
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon fennel seeds, crushed
- 1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon ground allspice
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 6 lettuce leaves
- 6 whole wheat hamburger buns, split, lightly toasted

For topping, soften tomatoes in boiling water; drain and chop. Combine tomatoes, yogurt and basil; mix well. Set aside. (Topping may be made 1 day ahead and refrigerated until ready to use.)

Prepare grill or heat broiler. For burgers, combine all ingredients except garlic, lettuce and buns; mix lightly, but thorough-



Dinner in a hurry: Prize-winning Garlic-Crusted Tuscany Turkey Burgers are sure to please any time of year.

ly. Shape turkey mixture into six 1/2-inch thick patties. Sprinkle garlic evenly over both sides of patties, pressing gently.

Grill or broil 4 to 5 inches from heat source 3 to 4 minutes per side or until no longer pink and juices run clear. Line bottom half of each hamburger with lettuce; place burger on top. Spread top of burger with about 1 table-

spoon topping; close with top half of bun. Serves 6.

Nutrition information: 1/6 of recipe; Calories 270, Calories from fat 70, Total Fat 8 g, Saturated Fat 2g, Cholesterol 50mg, Sodium 370mg, Dietary Fiber 4g, Protein 24g.

Recipe from: Kretschmer Wheat Germ.

Festive fare on Heart Ball menu

See related story on Taste front.

LOW FAT FRUIT TARTS

- 1 3/4 cups one percent milk
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 vanilla bean, split lengthwise
- 2 tablespoons margarine
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 whole eggs
- 8 pre-baked tart shells
- Strawberries, blueberries, sliced kiwi, raspberries

In bowl, add eggs to cornstarch, whisk smooth; set aside.

In saucepan bring milk, margarine, sugar and vanilla bean (using tip of knife, scrape the seeds from vanilla bean into milk

mixture; add the vanilla bean pod) to boil.

Temper in egg mixture and cook stirring constantly until filling again boils and thickens. Remove from heat. Remove vanilla bean pod. Cool.

Fill each tart with 1/8 of filling. On top of each tart arrange 2 strawberries, 3 blueberries, 2 slices of kiwi and 2 raspberries. Serves 8.

STUFFED CHICKEN BREASTS WITH SHRIMP AND SCALLIONS

- Honey Pistachio Crust
- 8 (6 ounce) boneless, skinless, chicken breasts
- 3 cups shrimp
- 2 tablespoons scallions, sliced very thin

- 8 teaspoons honey
- 8 tablespoons chopped pistachio nuts
- Salt and pepper to taste

To make filling: Chop shrimp in food processor. Season to taste and stir in scallions.

Season chicken breasts with salt and pepper. Pound chicken between pieces of waxed paper or plastic wrap to 1/4-inch thickness.

Put 3 tablespoons of shrimp filling on chicken breast and roll.

Brush stuffed chicken rolls with honey and roll in chopped pistachios. Bake in 450 degree F. oven for 20 minutes. Serves 8.

Recipes submitted by Ritz-Carlton

CARRY-OUT DINNER

Hearts Afire Valentine's Day dinner for two, prepared by the students of Schoolcraft Community College and by Chef Kelli Lewton, owner of Two Unique Caterers in Bloomfield Hills.

All proceeds benefit Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts Program. Dinner for two \$34.95 per couple, includes Citrus marinated shrimp, salad, Chicken or Salmon entree, asparagus, winter risotto, breads and rolls from Breadsmith Bakery and dessert.

Call Chef Sylvia Hayes (313) 462-4491 to reserve your dinner, which can be picked up between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Feb. 14.

Renaissance Center's Jefferson Avenue lobby, Detroit. Barbra Streisand, Demi Moore, Tom Cruise, Kathy Mattea, and Billy Ray Cyrus have donated autographed photos. Grant Hill and Steve Yzerman have also donated items. (810) 423-9700

FOX HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

Valentine's Day Dinner Dance, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, Friday, Feb. 14, 7 p.m. hors d'oeuvres, 8 p.m. dinner, 9 p.m.: dessert table and dancing. Cost \$40 per person, includes all of the above, plus a corsage for your lady. Cash bar and pictures available. Discount for parties of 6 or more. Call (313) 453-7272 for reservations.

VALENTINE'S DAY HAPPENINGS

Send Valentine's Day dinner/event information to: Keely Wygonik, Arts & Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

MYASTHENIA GRAVIS ASSOC. KISSPRINT AUCTION

The 13th annual Celebrity KISSPRINT Auction for Myasthenia Gravis Association featuring more than 200 kissprints, photos, autographs and memorabilia items from local and national celebrities, begins Friday, Feb. 7, and ends with a live auction, noon Thursday, Feb. 13.

Feta Artichoke bites are appetizing

(AP) — If you're hosting a Valentine's Day party, plan a menu that's easy to prepare and serve. Savory appetizers, along with some fruit, cheese and crisp crudites, are ideal.

FETA ARTICHOKE BITES

- 1/3 cup butter, softened
- 1 large garlic clove, minced
- 6 1/2-ounce jar marinated artichoke hearts
- 1 cup seeded, diced tomato (about 1 large)
- 1-3rd cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 green onions with tops,

- thinly sliced
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 4 ounces crumbled feta cheese
- 5 English muffins, split

In a small bowl, blend butter and garlic; set aside.

Drain artichoke hearts, reserving 1 tablespoon marinade. Chop artichokes and set aside.

In medium bowl, combine chopped artichokes, tomato, 3 tablespoons of the Parmesan cheese, green onions, oregano and reserved marinade. Gently stir in feta cheese; set aside.

Lightly toast English muffin halves; spread with garlic butter. Spoon artichoke mixture onto muffin halves, dividing evenly. Sprinkle with remaining Parmesan cheese. Broil 4 to 6 inches from heat until heated through, about 5 minutes. To serve, cut each muffin in-half.

Note: Garlic butter may be made several hours ahead, or as long as overnight. Store in refrigerator tightly covered. Makes 10 appetizer servings.

Recipe from: American Dairy Association

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Linda Ann Chomin

Euro-style facials are salon's trade

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Mary Glanz credits her "honesty is the best policy" philosophy as the reason she's been in business for 30 years.

The Mary Glanz European Facial & Cosmetic Salon (offering facials, body massage, waxing, manicures and pedicures) has occupied the second floor of the same historic building on Pierce in Birmingham since Feb. 1, 1967.

Born in Transylvania and trained in beauty and skin care in Europe, Glanz immigrated to America from Romania in 1965. Her business success story began at once.

"I had just come to America and was learning to drive when I got lost and ended up in Birmingham. I fell in love with the town because Birmingham looked like Europe with people walking on the streets and the small shops," said Glanz, of Hungarian descent.

A pioneer in the salon business, Glanz was the first in Birmingham to introduce facials, waxing treatments including the bikini wax, and permanent makeup for eyes and lips. During the last three decades, the West Bloomfield resident witnessed tremendous changes in the salon and beauty industry.

"It's gone from fur coats to casual looks, from false eyelashes to a more natural appearance, but the people are the same. I have second, third and fourth generation customers."

In the early years, clients included the wives of corporate executives and actresses starring in shows at the Birmingham Theatre.

Today, working women comprise a sizable portion of Glanz's clientele, and 30 percent are men seeking facials and body massages.

"When I started, it was the rage to put eyelashes in one by one. But I was honest with clients and refused to do it because when they start falling off, your real ones come along with it. Honesty is very important if you want to stay in business and I never think of retiring."

Glanz creates individually-blended face creams using natural products with no preservatives. The newly-blended recipes are kept on file and dated for each client for future reference. Another unique service Glanz provides is waterproof camouflage makeup which allows clients with birthmarks, burn scars or excessive freckles to cover skin defects on the face and even capillaries on the legs.

Kathy Persha of Birmingham has come to the salon for facials and manicures for the last 15 years. She and friend Peg Huang of Huntington Woods were treating themselves to pedicures.

"I come because the people are warm and friendly and it's nice to be pampered once in a while," said Persha.

"They make me feel special," added Huang. Glanz has trained more than 100 facialists who presently own salons around the country and in Montreal. Passing on knowledge is important to her. She frequently speaks to groups, armed with slides of the beauties found in portraits at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

"Women during the Renaissance knew nothing about vitamins and minerals. They put raw meat on their faces at night because the living organisms made their skin beautiful.

"Thirty years ago people wanted cream that was nice and heavy. But today we know that everybody's skin is different. Winter and summer skin care is different. It's always changing."

Glanz relaxes by gardening and taking pottery classes.

She welcomes inquiries at (810) 642-6787.



Mixing 'n' matching: Mary Glanz in her Birmingham Salon.

Neat stuff

Store decor comes from around the globe



Retail decor items must add to the fascination of the merchandise, but not over power it. Most department stores have decorators who search shops around the world for interesting items and trendy accent pieces. If it inspires sales, a potted palm tree is worth its weight in gold.

By BARB PERT TEMPLETON
SPECIAL WRITER

The next time you're wandering through the mall admiring the decor - be it an unusual vase or a table set for four - rest assured filling that space took thousands of frequent-flyer miles.

"All of the individual pieces like frames, desks and pictures around the stores are collected from around the world by our visual display team," said Chris Morrisroe, Hudson's spokeswoman.

Hudson's visual director travels the globe picking up pieces that catch his eye, particularly when there is a renovation or new store about to open, explained Ray Boley, visual presentation chief for Hudson's stores.

"We go to lots of visual display markets in New York and it's interesting and always changing," said Boley. "At one time the displays had disco themes. Another time we found everything done in pink. Now it's much more casual and not as costly."

Marking his 26th year with Hudson's, Boley said each store display design is set up based on the lifestyle image being projected. The trend may be towards a contemporary or traditional look.

"Our displays always center around the merchandising themes as well as trends," added Morrisroe. "Like at our Somerset North store, things are real elegant with lots of marbles and woods. We wanted decor for that store to reflect that image."

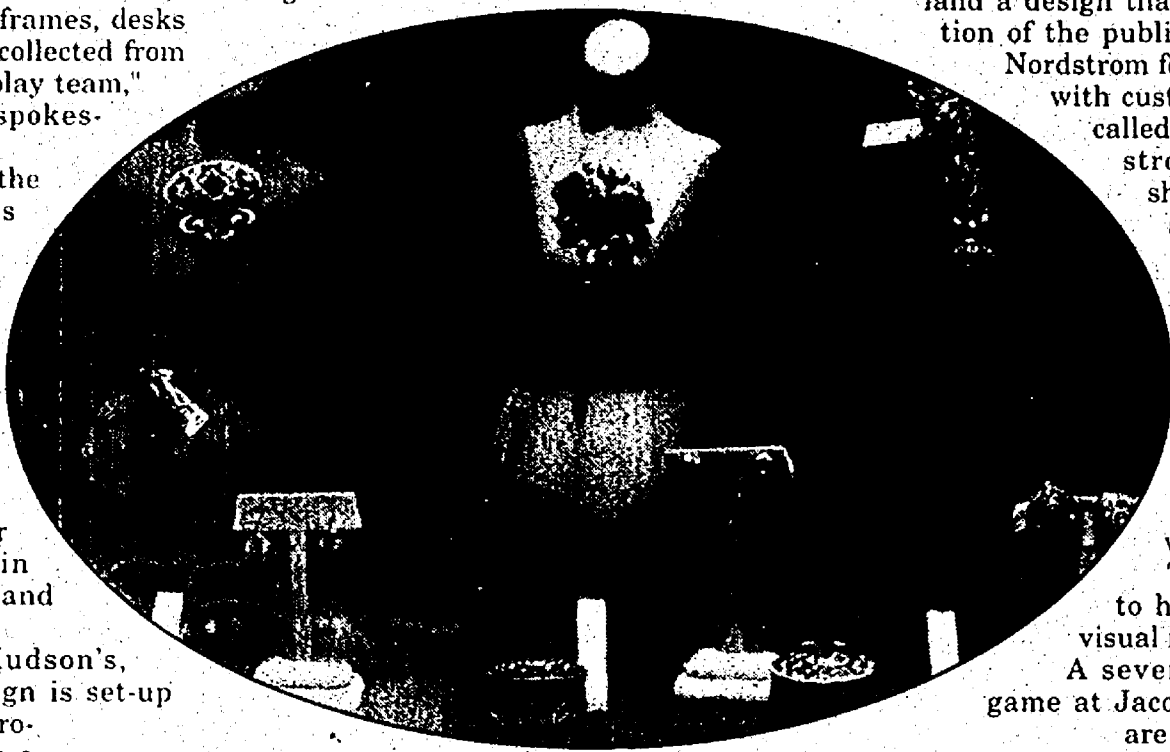
Other metro-Detroit Hudson's stores see the Casual Contemporary Look as the trend of the moment. Boley and staff are working hard to bring that feeling to displays in different parts of the stores.

"Right now we are doing an unusual display in our furniture area that's going to have a contemporary look that is cleaner and more relaxed. It has a loft to show simple living because so many of our guests' lives are on the run today. It's fun to do and there are a lot of repetitive accessories unlike traditional displays that have a lot of different accessories that require lots of dusting and cleaning."

Eyeing the runways

Preparing a look that will draw customer's eyes has display designers at Nordstrom scanning fashion runways in both Europe and New York.

"Our displays always start with fashion and designers



STAFF PHOTOS BY JERRY ZOLINSKY
Propped up: Felt-covered torsos show off Jacobson's brooches.

pull their story boards from there," said Joann Holder, the company's Midwest display director. "We get a basic feel for where fashion is headed. We select the colors and then a designer comes in puts it all on paper and turns it into a cohesive story."

A display layout for this spring at Nordstrom features a nature theme complete with fresh flowers, stone arches, and oversized leaves.

"We really see displays as an endorsement of our great merchandise. They are not meant to overshadow the merchandise," said Holder.

Noting that Nordstrom showcases many unique items in all of their stores, Holder said there is a specific distinction between merchandise displays and decorative displays.

Small tables or chairs and couches set-up in various areas of the store are considered merchandise pieces that will stay put in definitely.

Decorative items are things that are in the store for a specific promotion. For example, benches will line store ledges this spring to promote the Back to Nature Look, but they will come down and go into storage once summer hits.

"Over the holidays we like to have the decorative displays all over the store say something wonderful and festive is going on," she said. "We always have real Christmas trees because that's a Nordstrom tradition. You can't beat the shape and smell of a real tree."

Every once in awhile between the day to day decor and the seasonal display, Nordstrom will land a design that really captures the imagination of the public. Holder, who has been with Nordstrom for 20 years, said the biggest hit with customers was a spring promotion called "Out of the Blue" at the Nordstrom in Chicago. "We had this shimmering blue fabric hanging all over the ceiling like waves, and in between the waves we had fiberglass dolphins. It really looked like they were swimming up there," laughed Holder. "It became the talk of the town."

A clean look

"Clear, crisp and graphic without a lot of propping."

That's the way Jacobson's likes to host its displays, according to visual merchandiser Janice Cecil.

A seven-year veteran of the decor game at Jacobson's, Cecil said the visuals are changed every two weeks and most props are limited to use in window displays.

"Wire pieces are really big now.

We have wire chairs as props to decor props overshadow the merchandise."

Slip covers are another big trend sweeping the display market. Jacobson's uses them on their torso-shaped costumed that reveal the latest fashions. They also slipped bright silk slip covers onto cone-shaped Christmas trees and the when the lights shone up through the silk, shoppers were treated to a unique and beautiful holiday scene, said Cecil.

"My experience is that the customer needs to have merchandise presented in a total package," she said. "Like in our home department, we have a dining table with linens, the place setting, and character rugs because we want to show a total lifestyle look," said Cecil. "And we really romance it so shoppers can see pieces and not wonder what type of accessories they will need to go along with it."

Any 'body' can be a mannequin

By BARB PERT TEMPLETON
SPECIAL WRITER



Do I know you?: Today's ideal mannequin doesn't detract from the merchandise.

Having life-size mannequins with petite frames and expressive faces clamoring for attention used to be the norm around area department stores - not anymore.

Today mannequins are not only used less as design tools, but they also sport looks that are meant to blend into the background so the merchandise can shine.

"The mannequins are definitely not as important to the display areas as they were in the past," said Janice Cecil, Jacobson's visual merchandiser. "Many of our 'costumers' which are often used instead of mannequins, are headless and androgynous."

"Right now the mannequins have a whole new attitude," agreed Chris Morrisroe of Hudson's. "In the past they were designed to look like a real person but today the faces aren't really there, they have an abstract look. Shoes are built right onto the mannequin and most don't have a hair color."

Despite the fresh approach, having the right mannequin to accent a theme in a particular area of the store is still an important part of creating an attractive visual experience for the customers, said Morrisroe.

"We choose our mannequins from catalogs. For example, when we did a workday casual display, we had the mannequins designed just for that," said Morrisroe. "Even though they had red and blue hair to go with the fashion trend or theme, we wanted the faces to represent people in general. They look like anybody."

In the past, designers only used mannequins in sizes six or eight. Now they have them ready in all sizes - from petite to full figure models.

"I even think having a size eight was pushing it as I remember trying to pin up many a waist to fit clothing onto a tiny size six mold," agreed Nordstrom visual director, Joanne Holder.

"Now mannequins are much more like a real person and are sometimes nicer to work with."

Ray Boley, Hudson's display chief,

said Ralph Pucci in New York designed an array of mannequins to use at the grand opening of the Somerset North store last August.

Down the mall at Nordstrom, all the mannequins that hit the sales floor are special-ordered with custom faces and make-up to make them totally unique to the chain, said Holder.

"We work closely with the manufacturer on the poses we'd like," said Holder. "Dramatic poses, with wild arm gestures, used to be avant guard and desired, but now we have a more natural look which makes the clothes stand out not the mannequin."

Having their mannequins tout a more refined look isn't all Nordstrom strives for when ordering new models. They also like to have the plastic bodies offer a look of ethnic diversity to represent the varied backgrounds of shoppers.

"Mannequins are like a silent salesperson," Boley said. "With the right shoes, handbag, hoses and accessories, the customer looks at it and knows what they want to go with that outfit."

News of special events of interest to shoppers is included in this calendar. Send promotion information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o The Observer & Eccentric 805 East Maple, 48009; or fax (810) 644-1314. The deadline is Wednesday at 5 p.m. for publication on Monday.

MONDAY, FEB. 3

Cyberspace Safari

Explore the Internet and discover facts about dinosaurs through a program running until April. Co-sponsored by The Detroit Science Center and seven computer-related companies. Fees. Reservations suggested. School groups welcome. Near Service Merchandise entrance. Wonderland. Plymouth/Middlebelt. Livonia. (313) 677-8400, ext. 417.

THURSDAY, FEB. 6

Craft Show

Sponsored by Raab Enterprises through Feb. 9. Browse amid floral designs, needle crafts, stained glass works, metal sculpture, toys and more for show and sale. Regular mall hours.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Livonia Mall, Seven Mile/Middlebelt. (810) 476-1160.

Quilt Show/Benefit

Village Barn hosts more than 100 Amish and Mennonite quilts on exhibit for sale through Feb. 8. Free admission. Complimentary refreshments. Expert Gail Hurn available for questions. Wool quilts, pen and ink folk paintings, and wall hangings are special features of the 16th annual event, "Share The Warmth."

Owner Sandy Barr asks shoppers to bring a blanket to donate to the Salvation Army. In exchange, she'll put your name in a drawing for an original Amish wall hanging. 32760 Franklin. Downtown Franklin. (810) 851-7877.

SATURDAY, FEB. 8

Bridal seminar

Jacobson's hosts afternoon for brides-to-be, noon to 4 p.m. with manufacturer representatives, wedding party fashions, etiquette seminar on table settings. Seating limited. Reservations required. Laurel Park. Six Mile/Newburgh. Livonia. (313) 591-7696.

Spring trunk show

Spring suits and separates by Garfield & Marks, plus hand-knit outfits and vintage handbags by Margaret O'Leary, through Feb. 11 from 10 a.m. daily.

Boardwalk. Orchard Lake/south of 15 Mile. (810) 626-7776.

Winter carnival

Runs through Feb. 16 with illuminated ice sculptures around a 160-block ice sculpture. Shopping and dining, plus winter games for kids on Feb. 15-16 from Noon - 4 p.m.

Olde World Canterbury Village. I-75/Joslyn exit. Lake Orion. (810) 391-9882.

Where can I find?

Thanks to all the readers who phoned in locations for the hard to find items listed last week.

- We had three callers willing to part with copies of *Warner's English Composition and Grammar Complete Course* and they were put in touch with the searcher.
- Judy Trumbull of Trumbull's Antiques in Royal Oak said she's collected Woodward memorabilia for years and has many restaurant photos for John Jamian. She welcomes inquiries at (810) 684-0006.
- Three callers responded to the quest for Mike Douglas' recording of "Happy Birthday Jesus". "Marie" said Hammell Music (Middlebelt, north of Five Mile) has a copy of the words inside *The Reader's Digest Christmas Book*, which must be special-ordered. "Alan" said the Temple Baptist Church in Detroit used the song during a holiday choral program and the music director had the words.
- One reader suggested owners of rain lamps use the heavy mineral oil *Lub Laxative* sold in drugstores. "That's what I used in mine, successfully," she reported.

We still need to find:

- Old restaurant photos, menus, signs and other memorabilia for a history book on the Woodward Corridor by John Jamian. Specifically, he wants information about the old Corning's, Ted's Drive-In, Devon Gables and May's Drive-In. He welcomes information at (810) 540-0605.
- Paula MacCue hopes to quickly locate an antique "Boy Scouts in the Wilderness," which is part of an old collection for a shopping buddy.
- Sarah Suzman is looking for a store that sells snack tables with trays of Lucite or glass.
- Victoria Kulis is trying to track down an old black and white videotape "March of the Wooden Soldiers," by either Laurel and Hardy or Abbott and Costello.
- Roz Novak needs a copy of Danny Kaye singing "Momma Give Me a Drink of Water."
- Terry Brown hopes to find an out of print book by Marjorie Cahn Brazer *Well Savored Passage: A Guide to Lake Huron's North Channel*.
- "Jennifer" wants to know who sells clothing by *Smooth Ones*.
- Toni Trudell is looking for a phone number for Eddie Jay's Art-O-Graph Co. of Royal Oak. She has autographs she wants appraised.
- A reader is looking for a copy of "Boy on a Dolphin" by David Devine.
- Ever see Magic Baking Powder made by Nabisco of Toronto on your grocery shelf? A caller doesn't want to travel to Canada any more to buy it.
- A Birmingham resident can't find the Almay hypo-allergic all-over body splash that she used to buy at Montgomery Wards.
- Marion Rosinski of Canton is looking for a retailer who sells "Maine Woods" shoes. "I bought a pair at TJ. Maxx and they are the most comfortable shoes I've ever worn."
- Two callers are looking for out-of-print sheet patterns - king-size flat sheets from Martex in the Trade Blanket pattern, Wamsutta king-size sheets and pillow cases in the Textura pattern

If you've seen any of these items in your travels, let Malls & Mainstreets know and we'll print the answers. Please call (810) 901-2567 (and relate your message and phone number slowly and clearly!)

Street scene



State hood: Roots is selling a unisex, leather "Michigan" jacket in a rainbow of color choices, \$390. Find the shop at Somerset North in Troy.

What a surprise! — Men shop differently than women

Women browse; men buy. That's the skinny on shoppers from marketing directors at four area shopping centers.

They identified five characteristics that spotlight the difference between men and women shoppers:

1. Men know what they want. Men are product specific. They don't simply ask customer service representatives where to find the perfume counter. They want detailed directions to the counter that sells a particular brand.
2. Men appreciate gifts made easy. Those who come to the shopping center looking for a gift rather than a brand of perfume, are often eager for suggestions.

And those who ask for gift ideas are most likely to snap up prepackaged items in a coordinated and accessorized fashion display.

3. Men shop by habit. Once they find a store that carries the product they want, men return time after time to the same place. When they return to the store, they'll even park in the same spot and enter by the same entrance.
4. Men spend less time shopping. They don't browse or comparison shop as a rule.
5. Men are last-minute shoppers. They can be spotted choosing gifts the day before a special event. — Courtesy of the Taubman Co.

RETAIL DETAILS

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Mall dedicates family restrooms.

Anxious to flush out a good story, Malls & Mainstreets investigated the new family restrooms at the Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn. Shoppers with young children will appreciate the spacious, private unisex stalls, kid-size toilet, diaper dispensers, changing stations and automatic faucets. The new facility can be found on the mall's lower level next to Saks Fifth Avenue.

Another Fairlane family feature is the Frog Hop Playland near center court.

Barbie show and sale

Meadowbrook Village Mall in Rochester Hills hosts a Barbie Day, Feb. 8 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. with collectors items, appraisals, repair experts and custom clothes-makers on hand. Browse amid paper dolls, collectible dolls and Barbie Art. Norita Bergmann welcomes inquiries at (810) 816-8791.

Wild Ideas for Valentines Day

• Fool your sweetheart with a gift from The Tie Man in Livonia. Owner Mark McClellan will place your chosen cravat in an elegant white rose box adorned with a satin ribbon - call 5130-TIE.

• And from The Breadsmith Stores, heart-shaped Chocolate Chip Cherry Bread baked fresh Feb. 13-14, \$5.25 per loaf, reservations suggested. Call the Maple/Lahser store at (810) 540-8001 or the 14 Mile/Middlebelt store at (810) 855-5808 or the Long Lake/Rochester Road store at (810) 879-8997.

• Raphael's Magnificent Possessions of Berkley pairs fine chocolates with delicate hand-painted china plates. They also carry Victorian cards at the shop, 1799 Coolidge, north of 11 Mile Road.

Patricia Miles liquidates

The self-appointed "citadel of chic" the Patricia Miles Boutique, is holding a store-closing sale Feb. 3 through March 1 at her shop on The Boardwalk in

West Bloomfield. Inquiries welcome at (810) 932-5658.

Special events at Livonia Mall

You can help a blind child while shopping at the Livonia Mall, Feb. 13-30 - just toss a few coins into the fountain for "Seedlings Braille Books for Children." The money will be collected and given to the nonprofit agency to put special books into the hands of the seeing-impaired. While at the Seedlings booth, enter to win a weekend for two to Toronto, rail and \$200 included. No purchase or donation necessary to enter.

Are you a good speller? The mall is teaming up with WCAR Radio AAHS (a radio format for children) to attract students from grades 1-6 for a spelling contest Saturday, Feb. 22. Entries must be received by Feb. 19 through the local libraries in Livonia, Redford and Farmington. Call (313) 525-1111 for more information. The grand prize is a multimedia computer system with Windows 95.

Soap is star at new boutique

Gloria Boyagian, owner of Aetheria in Ferndale, said handmade or limited run soaps combining herbs, essential oils and time-proven recipes are the hottest trend in natural healing. She offers customers 150 varieties of soaps - including 20 varieties of soap-by-the-slice! Soap products are priced from \$2-\$10.

Hudson's hosts essay contest

Hudson's invites students to participate in a Black History month contest. Students must write (in 150 words or less) "What Black History Means to Me." Winners and runners-up will be chosen in three age groups: 6-9 years; 10-13 years; 14-18 years. Winners receive a \$100 gift certificate and four tickets to Greenfield Village & Museum. Pick up entries at any Hudson store - contest deadline is Friday, Feb. 28. Details on the entry forms.

Makeup book is exclusive

Through the month of February, Neiman Marcus introduces "Bobbi Brown Beauty: The Ultimate Beauty Resource Book" available for \$30 through the cosmetic department. Brown holds a degree in theatrical makeup from Emerson University in Boston.

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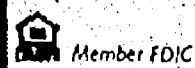
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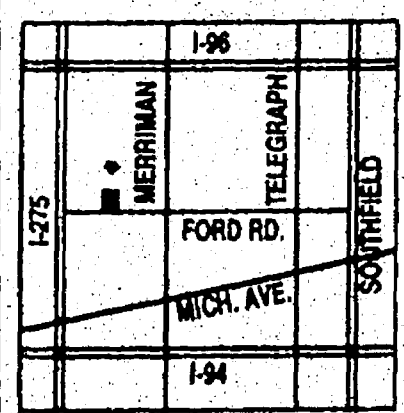
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Carvers warm up at local ice shows

As education coordinator for the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, Richard Teeple was doing everything he loved during the festival. The Plymouth chef, an ice carving instructor at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn, loves to teach, and watch his students compete in ice shows.

They'll be doing that through Feb. 3 at Zender's Snowfest '97 in Frankenmuth. Teeple will also be competing. He knows how costly the art can be. Last year, HFCC spent about \$3,000 per student for ice and tools. Those \$30 to \$45 blocks of frozen water add up fast.

"Carving displays for Plymouth and Birmingham is a win-win situation for the community and merchants who provide ice for students to practice their training that could otherwise be costly for them to do," said Teeple, whose most accomplished student, Ted Wakar of Canton, won the world championship in Japan last year with team mate Jim Bur Jr.

During the 1995-96 season, 37 awards in collegiate, amateur and professional competitions in seven cities throughout Michigan and Ohio went to members of the HFCC Ice and Snow Carving Club. Among the local winners last year were J.R. Lorentz of Garden City and Brian Riggs of Plymouth.

"Chef Teeple's classes are really exciting. I didn't know anything before I took the class. During this last year I've learned ice carving's a lot of hard work and takes a lot of dedication. If you're weak in your drawing you have to spend hours studying and drawing but I like competing. You just work full speed to finish your piece in the allotted time and hope you don't crash and burn," said William Rose who hopes to follow Wakar's winning ways when he competes at the U.S. National Collegiate Ice Carving Competitions in Frankenmuth this weekend.

Teeple's students will be at the Birmingham Winterfest Feb. 6-9 carving displays under the direction of Mark Scofield, a Livonia resident, part-time instructor at HFCC and chef for the Birmingham Community House.

French chefs originated the art of ice carving more than 200 years ago. Those first sculptures were used as functional food holders to keep food cold during elaborate buffets. Russian chefs learned the art from the French at the turn of the century. Japanese chefs picked up ice carving from the French in the last 30 years. Teeple wants to interest students in the art of ice carving because it's one aspect of being a chef but also because competing is a challenge.

For more information about the ice carving classes at HFCC call the continuing education office, (313) 845-9865.

Linda Ann Chomin of Canton is a freelance writer specializing in the visual arts. Her Artistic Expressions column appears weekly in the Arts & Entertainment section of The Observer Newspapers.



BILL FITZPATRICK

Rory and her playmates: Reddy (left to right), Rory, Buster and Duncan will perform a mix of original music and childhood classics with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra on Feb. 8.

Classical concerts programmed for families

BY CORINNE ABATT • SPECIAL WRITER

While focusing on the whole family isn't exactly new in the realms of classical music, right now, in our area, there's an increased emphasis on programming for all ages. Underlying this welcome flurry of musical events designed for everyone from tots to grandparents is the awareness of the importance of building future audiences.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra

"The Detroit Symphony Orchestra has been giving concerts, in one form or another, for young people for over 70 years," said Jill Woodward, spokesperson for the DSO. "A lot of our present subscribers started by coming to young people's concerts."

DSO does five concerts for young people at Orchestra Hall in Detroit, and three for tiny tots at Mercy High School Auditorium in Farmington Hills each season.

"We try to make a lot of these concerts participatory, and there's always an educational element," said Woodward.

Children's entertainer "Rory" kicks off the DSO's three-concert Tiny Tots series Feb. 8. Host of "Rory's Place" on The Learning Channel (TLC), Rory is visiting the DSO with three of her puppet playmates — Reddy, an inquisitive six year old girl who loves animals; Duncan, a five year old boy who is fascinated by machines; and Buster the Alligator, a composing curmudgeon who writes songs, plays the keyboard and harmonica.

Rory and her friends will perform a mix of original music and childhood classics with the DSO, conveying important messages through songs like "It's A Great Big World" and "Take Care of Yourself," while having fun with songs like "I've Been Working on the Railroad," and "Take Me Out to the Ball Game."

Livonia Symphony Orchestra

Bringing the classics to the suburbs has been the mission of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Volodymyr Schesiuik of Garden City. "I try to grow my audience by exposing them to different works," said Schesiuik. He encourages families — grandparents, parents and children, to attend his concerts.

Family concerts

- Tiny Tots Concert, Rory with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra — 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, Mercy High School Auditorium, (11 Mile Road at Middlebelt) Farmington Hills. General admission tickets \$10. Call (313) 833-3700.
- "Dance Internationale," Livonia Symphony Orchestra — 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, James P. Carli Auditorium at Churchill High School, (Newburgh between Ann Arbor Road and Joy), Livonia. Tickets \$10, call (313) 421-1111 or Ticketmaster (810) 645-6666.
- "Musical Carnival," Lyric Chamber Ensemble — 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, Millennium Theatre, Southfield (near Northland Shopping Mall on J.L. Hudson Drive). Two-for-one coupons for this and other LCE programs available at Hudsons and Target stores. Individual concert tickets \$18 adults, \$15 students and seniors; \$5 children 16 and under. Call (810) 357-1111. Concert Prelude at 3 p.m. features students of LCE's Summer Chamber Music Camp.
- "Family Fantasia," Plymouth Symphony Orchestra — 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16, Novi High School Auditorium, 24062 Taft Road (corner of 10 Mile Road and Taft Road). Tickets \$8 adults, \$4 children. Call (313) 451-2112. The first 250 people who purchase a ticket to "Family Fantasia" will receive a free ticket to the Detroit Whalers hockey game on Feb. 20. Limit four tickets per family.
- "Hot Buttered Pops," Farmington Area Philharmonic — 3 p.m. Sunday, March 2, Brighton Performing Arts Center, 7878 Brighton Road (Exit 147 off I-96). Tickets \$12, call (810) 227-3998 for information, or (810) 229-1419 for tickets.
- "Hot Buttered Pops — The Sequel," Farmington Area Philharmonic, 3 p.m. Sunday, March 9, Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. Tickets \$15 general admission, \$20 reserved. Call Metrobank (810) 474-6400 or (810) 478-2075.

"Classical music is not terrible, it's very interesting," said Schesiuik. "It can bring new pages to your life. Coming to these concerts is a first step toward introducing children to classical music. I would like to make this first step easier by presenting concerts that include some new and familiar music."

You'll be tapping your toes Feb. 8 when the orchestra presents "Dance Internationale," an evening of international dance selections featuring violinist Benjamin Robison, one of the LSO's Young Artist Competition winners.

The program is a mix of familiar and unfamiliar music including — Bernstein's "Symphonic Dances from West Side Story," Chopin's "Polonaise," and Zaporozhe Cossaks Dance by Gliere.

"We will be playing the music, with dance melodies, of different nations — United States, Ukraine, Romania, Poland, Armenia, Italy and Spain," said Schesiuik. Robison, a student at the

Cleveland Institute of Music, will be featured on Waxman's "Carmen Fantasia," written with themes from "Carmen."

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is taking a brave, new, exciting approach to luring youngsters and their families toward the classics.

"Family Fantasia" Feb. 16 at Novi High School Auditorium is truly a something-for-everyone event. It combines action, music, magic and rising stars in worlds of sports and classical music.

Magician Bill Heine is one of the guest performers. Young Artist Competition winner, Christopher Blossom, alto sax, will play Concerto da Camera by Jacques Ibert with the orchestra.

After that comes an actual tour of the orchestra when children in the audience are invited to walk-through the orchestra during the performance of Moussorgsky's "Night on Bald Mountain."

"We've done this before. It's so popular a lot of kids go through twice," said Bonnie Holyoak, PSO executive director.

Before the concert there will be rising sports stars in the auditorium lobby. Members of the Whalers Hockey Team, based at Compuware in Plymouth Township, will be on hand to greet folks and sign autographs.

Lyric Chamber Ensemble

Consider the family-oriented concert, "Musical Carnival" to be held at the Millennium Theatre in Southfield on Feb. 9 a test case. It's the second one of this kind on the current Lyric Chamber Ensemble Series.

Artistic director Fedora Horowitz said she's anxious to see if parents and grandparents will forget about baby sitters and brings their kids and grandkids with them to a concert.

"We always try to combine two different artistic groups in our concerts and use metropolitan area talent... we would love to continue to do these family-type programs. This one will tell us if it's desirable to continue."

"Musical Carnival," Horowitz says, is designed to appeal to all ages. The Detroit-based Atlantis

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EXHIBITION

Michigan Collectors

What: In celebration of the University of Michigan Museum of Art's 50th anniversary, major art collectors from across the country with ties to Michigan will loan their works for an exhibition of more than 125 paintings, sculptures, prints, and photographs. Admission is free.

Where: University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 South State Street in Ann Arbor. For information, call (313) 764-0395.

When: Feb. 8 through April 13. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday; until 9 p.m. Thursday; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Related Events:

■ Tea at Three — Conversations with Collectors features collector Marvin Eisenberg who will share his experience and expertise in collecting Oriental carpets and Dutch ceramic tiles 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21. A wide variety of teas and pastries from Zingerman's will be served. Admission is \$5, free to museum volunteers.

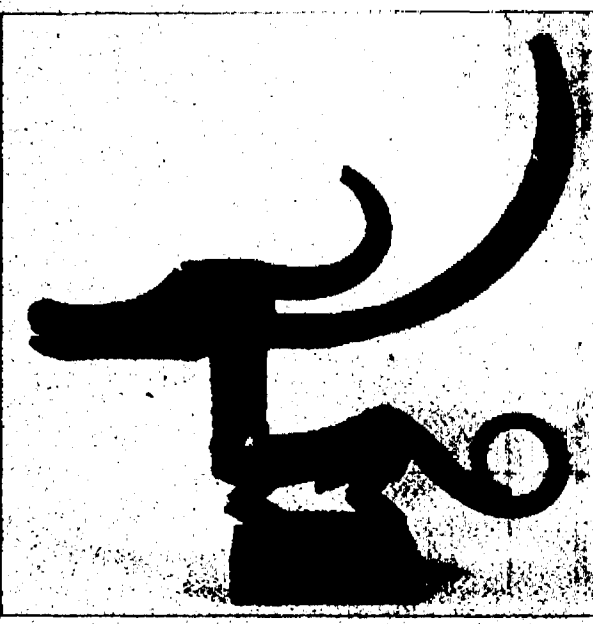
■ Collectors Seminars — 7:30 p.m. Thursdays March 13, 20 and 27 includes talks by leading collectors who have lent work to the Michigan Collectors exhibit. Admission to the series in the Museum space is \$30, \$15 for Museum Friends.

■ Aspects of Collecting — An Anniversary Seminar 1 p.m. Saturday, March 22 in the Alumni Center at Washington and Fletcher streets. Michigan alumni share their collecting experiences and offer tips on collection care, determining quality and authenticity, and the financial aspects of collecting in this seminar sponsored by the Museum and the U.M. Alumni Association. Call (313) 764-2201 or (800) 847-4764 for registration information.

■ The Museum Collects — 20th Century Works on Paper continues through May 4. This exhibition of recent acquisitions features nearly 20 American and European prints, drawings and photographs by Max Pechstein, Alfred Stieglitz, Louise Nevelson, Robert Motherwell, Sylvia Pillmuck Mangold, and Jim Dine.

Collectors share works with Michigan Museum

From Mall: Franklin collectors William and Ellen Kahn loaned this African carving to the University of Michigan Museum of Art for the Michigan Collectors exhibit Feb. 8 to April 13.



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Twenty-five years ago Jeffrey Roth wanted to buy a sports car. Instead his wife Wendy suggested they collect art. Now the West Bloomfield couple owns an extensive collection by contemporary American artists Roy Lichtenstein, Frank Stella and Alex Katz. Two of the Roths' prints are currently on loan to the University of Michigan Museum of Art for the Michigan Collectors exhibition.

If you've ever wondered what it would be like to glimpse into the home of a private collector, now's your chance. In celebration of the Museum of Art's 50th anniversary, major art collectors, with ties to Michigan, will loan their works for the Feb. 8 to April 13 exhibition of more than 125 paintings, sculptures, prints and photographs.

Art lent for the exhibit, which includes works by Willem de Kooning, Philip Guston, Georg Baselitz, Ansel Adams,

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The Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, offers a variety of programs.

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The DIA presents "A Celebration of Black Cultures," a variety of activities and events marking Black History Month, through March 2. Programs include lectures, gallery discussions, classes, videos, storytelling, a recital and a film. Docent-guided tours of the African galleries are offered noon Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays through February.

One of the events is storytelling by Barbara Clark 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, in Lecture Hall. Clark will tell tales from West Africa and the African-American experience. Sign-language interpretation featured.

A watercolor seminar, which may be taken as an individual, one-day class, concludes Saturday, Feb. 8. In Saturday's session, painter and Wayne State University professor Jim Nawara will discuss his work, demonstrate basic transparent watercolor methods and assist participants with color painting. Call (313) 833-4249 for fees and other information.

A class, "Survey of World Art III," will take place Thursdays, Feb. 20 to May 15, in the Holley Room (no class Feb. 27 and April 3). The class begins with 20th century art of the Western world, then turns to non-Western cultures, emphasizing African, American Indian, pre-Columbian, Islamic and Asian art. Instructors are DIA staffers. Call (313) 833-4249 for fees and other information.

Learn to use watercolors to create your own paintings inspired by works in the DIA's Michigan Water Color Society 50th Annual Exhibition in a drop-in workshop noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, in the Education Classroom.

Michigan Water Color Society chairman and WSU graphic arts professor Stanley Rosenthal will discuss the Michigan Water Color Society 50th Annual Exhibition in a gallery tour 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, in the Knight Gallery.

A lecture, "Starting Over," will take place 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, in Lecture Hall. Charles Gwathmey of Gwathmey Siegel and Associates will discuss contemporary architecture.



Video Presentation: Narrator Wynton Marsalis demonstrates parallels between Bearden's art and jazz exploring Bearden's creative genius, his philosophy of art, and unique use of the collage medium in the video "Romare Bearden: Visualize Jazz," to be presented 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2 and Saturday, Feb. 22 in the Lecture hall at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

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Canaletto, and Christo, was through the courtesy of collectors from across the country including 14 from Birmingham, West Bloomfield and Bloomfield Hills.

All contributors have connections to Michigan either as former alumni of the University of Michigan or as a resident of Michigan.

The Roths, whose son and daughter attend the University of Michigan as did Wendy, are loaning two works to the Museum of Art: one a mixed media print by Stella, the other a print by Katz titled "The Wedding Dress."

"I think it's very important for the public to see the work of different artists. I'm happy deriving pleasure from it so why not make others happy," said Jeffrey Roth, who established the Rita Roth Memorial Scholarship at the University of Michigan School of Art & Design in honor of his mother, a U-M graduate.

Former Sen. Jack Faxon, a longtime supporter of the arts who initiated legislation for the founding of the Michigan Council of the Arts, lent two African carvings: a 48-inch Epa mask from the Yoruba tribe featuring the figure of a high priest holding horns that contain magic, and a 36-inch Ibo male figure.

A painter himself with a loft in New York, Faxon initially collected modern art but gradually switched to African art nearly 30 years ago after realizing artists like Braque, Picasso and Brancusi were looking to it for inspiration. Even though Faxon holds a master of arts and history degree, the purchase of pieces from New York auctions and dealers around the country continues to be an educational process. When in doubt of authenticity or value, the University of Michigan graduate consults the experts at the Detroit Institute of Arts for confirmation.

"It is a tremendous challenge to learn and develop through the acquisition of objects that are not only aesthetically pleasing but historically related. Collecting is a form of lifelong learning. Each time you become knowledgeable. I research and read the literature about each acquisition. I'm always challenged by what I haven't seen or known before," said Faxon who lives in Birmingham.

For the last six months museum director William Hennessey traveled to New York, Chicago, Virginia and Oakland County in search of the drawings by Egon Schiele, a Greek bronze vessel dating from around 300 B.C., and a collage Christo created in preparation for his renowned California "Running Fence" installation.

Frequently playing the game "which one would he take home if he could," Hennessey let the selection grow naturally out of the visited collections.

"The show was curated in collaboration with the collectors themselves. We began with a small list of people we already knew and asked who else should we talk to. For me it was such an enjoyable experience to walk around the homes of passionate collectors and see the light shining in their eyes and excitement coming into their voices when speaking about their art," said Hennessey, concurring with Roth that the general public should have the opportunity to be exposed to work they might not otherwise see.

"I think most collectors take delight in owning these works and in sharing them with others.

And that's what good art is all about, that sense of sharing."

As he approached collectors, Hennessey found them very gracious. He sees each work loaned as a tribute and gesture of recognition for one of America's finest university art museums.

Although the museum adds more than 100 works to its collection annually, the purchase of a major painting happens only every couple of years. One the magnitude of Traversi's hasn't occurred in 10 years. Hennessey hopes the Michigan Collectors exhibition will inspire more gifts to the museum.

"The exhibit is important because you get a glimpse into the homes of people who collect, but also because we hope works will find their way to the museum as gifts," said Hennessey. "We're a small museum and don't have a huge amount of money so we depend on members of the community to add to our collection."

In honor of its 50th anniversary, the museum will unveil its latest acquisition on Feb. 8.

Hennessey spent the last year looking in London, Paris and New York for Gaspare Traversi's portrait of the biblical heroine Judith. The painting by the Naples artist is from the 1740s.

Although the museum adds more than 100 works to its collection annually, the purchase of a major painting happens only every couple of years. One the magnitude of Traversi's hasn't occurred in 10 years. Hennessey hopes the Michigan Collectors exhibition will inspire more gifts to the museum.

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Expedition Puppets will perform while The Cuttime Players, all members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, play "The Comedians" by Dmitri Kabalevsky, Polka and Fugue from "Schwan-

da the Bagpiper," by Jaromir Weinberger.

"I worked with Nancy Hanks (artistic director of Atlantis Expedition) years ago and they are as much for children as for adults. That time we did Stravinsky's "Firebird." Atlantis Expedition, founded in 1976, has always focused on the animation of classical music.

There will be a Mardi Gras theme after glow to benefit the

summer music camp. Tickets are \$40 per person. Call (810) 357-1111.

Farmington Area Philharmonic

The subject of family concerts is a hot one to Karen Nixon Lane, music director of the Farmington Area Philharmonic. "Since our group was founded in 1990, that was our specific purpose — to fill that void in family entertainment," she said.

Audiences that loved "Hot Buttered Pops" last season will have another chance to savor more of the same at "Hot Buttered Pops — The Sequel," at the Redford Theatre on March 9.

"Hot Buttered Pops," which featured music from "Rocky," "Schindler's List," and other popular movies will be presented at the Brighton Performing Arts Center on March 2. That concert, sponsored by the Brighton Rotary Club, is to benefit Brighton Senior Centers.

"Hot Buttered Pops was the most well-attended concert we've ever done," said Lane, who grew up in Livonia.

Like a movie sequel, the March 9 concert will include music from popular movies — "Toy Story," "Babe," and "Star Wars," and some surprises. Stay tuned for details.

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CLASSICAL MUSIC

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT
Pianist Grigory Sokolov, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6-\$36. (313) 833-3700

KEYBOARD MANIA — LETTIE ALSTON AND FRIENDS
Concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. Stanley Hollingsworth, Karl Boelter, percussionist Keith Claeys, and composer/pianist Lettie Alston, William Albright, Fontaine Laing and Flavio Varani, (810) 370-3013.

THE CONCORD TRIO
4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor. \$20; \$10 for students with ID. (313) 647-0521

PONTIAC-OAKLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Young Artist Concert featuring the Oakland University student soloists, also performance of Duke Ellington's "Three Black Kings." 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, Varner Hall, Oakland University, Walton and Squirrel boulevards, Rochester. (810) 334-6024

WARREN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Featuring pianist Robert Conway, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, Warren Woods Community Theater, 13400 12 Mile Road (west of Schoenherr), Warren. \$17; \$15 students and seniors. (810) 754-2950

IVID YOUNG
Pianist/organist performs 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty Road, Northville. Free. Child care will be available. (810) 348-7600

ARS POETICA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
With Cho-Liang Lin, violin, 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, Rackham Auditorium, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. \$12-\$20. (800) 221-1229

BUDAPEST FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA
With Conductor Ivan Fischer, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, Hill Auditorium, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor. \$16-\$42. (800) 221-1229

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NICOLE DIVAL
Viola player performs with vocalist Deanna Relyea, noon Wednesday, Feb. 12, Forum Recital Hall, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. Free. (313) 462-5218

CAROLYN HUEBL
Violinist, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (810) 751-2435

NARDIN PARK MUSIC SERIES
Featuring organist Melvin Rookus, minister of music at Nardin Park, violinist Karen Klimck, and a chamber orchestra, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile Road (west of Middlebelt), Farmington Hills. Free. (810) 476-8860

ELIZABETH ROWIN
Violinist plays a chamber music concert with pianist Flavio Varani, cellist Simon Fryer, flutist Jeffrey Zook, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University, Walton and Squirrel boulevards, Rochester. \$12; \$5 students and seniors. (810) 370-3013

RECEPTIONS

GARY GALLERY
"Wild Flowers: The Edge of Beauty," an exhibit of oil paintings by Mary Hatch, to March 8 at 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester. (810) 651-3656. Reception for the artist 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8.

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
"Art and Artifact," an exhibit in which ancient artifacts from the institute's collections are displayed with contemporary interpretations by students from Center for Creative Studies, through March 5 at 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; (810) 645-3243. Opening reception 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6.

FIRST THURSDAY
Today is the "First Thursday" of the month. The North Woodward and Townsend Street art galleries in Birmingham will have extended hours tonight. Call the individual galleries for more information.

LEMBERG GALLERY
"Choreographs," an exhibit of new paintings by James Nates, to March 1 at 538 N. Woodward, Birmingham; (810) 642-6623. Reception 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8.

START GALLERY
"Chairs," an exhibit of the latest work by fine art photographer Gene Meadows that expresses the bridge from the design community to the art community, to March 1 at 211 N. Woodward, Birmingham; (810) 644-2991. Reception for the artist 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8.

FOR THE LOVE OF THE ARTS II
A benefit for the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts to support the educational outreach activities of the Dance Theatre of Harlem Detroit residency program 6:30-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, Intermezzo Ristorante in Detroit's Harmonie Park. Call (313) 962-4303 for tickets. Tickets are \$50

GALERIE JACQUES
"Le Roi de Beaubourg," a show of paintings, drawings and sculptures by Jaber, will continue through March 15 at 616 Wesley, Ann Arbor; (313) 665-9889. Opening 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, featuring jazz and poetry 9:30 p.m. (Faruq Z. Bey and his "Conspiracy Wind Ensemble"). Reception 2-6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8.

SWANN GALLERY
"Progression of Masters," an exhibit of paintings by Lyle Mordis. "Artists That Teach II," an exhibit by the Detroit Art Teachers Association; "Throw Mama From the Train," a show of artists addressing issues; and "Small Figurative Works I," a group show by gallery artists; to March 9 at 1250 Library, Detroit; (313) 965-4826. Opening reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7.

EXHIBITS

THE VILLAGE BARN
"To Warm Your Heart," The Village Barn's 16th annual quilt show and sale, will take place 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 6-8, at 32760 Franklin Road, one mile west of Telegraph and south of 14 Mile, Franklin Village; (810) 851-7877. Admission is free.

INSIDE THE BBAA
Student show through Feb. 15. Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road. Hours 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

PROGRAMS

FARMINGTON ARTISTS CLUB
Meets 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, at the Farmington Community Library on 12 Mile. The public may attend. Speaker will be Kegham Tazian, a well-known and respected artist and sculptor and head of the art department at Oakland Community College. Immediate club membership openings are available. Call Helena Lewicki at (810) 478-9243.

MEADOW BROOK HALL
The Friends of Paint Creek Center for the Arts present a luncheon lecture by Michael Farrell 11:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 14, on the Oakland University campus in Rochester. Advance reservations must be made with the PCCA by Friday, Feb. 7. Register early to ensure space. Call (810) 651-4110 for more information.

NEEDLEWORK AND TEXTILE GUILD OF MICHIGAN
The guild presents "Seminar Day" 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham. Choose your class! Call (810) 642-9772 or (810) 689-4478.

ONGOING

THE COMMUNITY HOUSE
Through Feb. 3 - Black and white and handcolored portraits of children by Maureen Electa Monte of Berkley at 380 S. Bates, Birmingham; call (810) 644-5832; also at Borders Book Store in Novi.

MOORE'S GALLERY INC.
To Feb. 3 - "The Third Leg," an exhibit of intricately hand-carved walking canes, in a variety of exotic woods, from the Southern African region, at 304 Hamilton Row, Birmingham; (810) 64-SHONA (647-4662).

SISSON GALLERY
To Feb. 5 - "Figurative Sculpture" in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn; (313) 845-6490.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
To Feb. 9 - "Baubles, Bangles and Beads: Featuring organist Melvin Rookus, minister of music at Nardin Park, violinist Karen Klimck, and a chamber orchestra, 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile Road (west of Middlebelt), Farmington Hills. Free. (810) 476-8860

BUNTING GALLERY
To Feb. 12 - An exhibit of sculpture by Leslie Denyer, Nickolas Nagy and Sharon Que at 514 S. Washington, Royal Oak; (810) 545-4820.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
To Feb. 14 - "Maximum Drawing Show," and a display of paintings by Jim Colbert, at 407 Piñe, Rochester; (810) 651-4110.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Through Feb. 14 - An exhibit of works by 19th and 20th century Michigan artists at 47 Williams, Pontiac; (810) 333-7849. The extensive display includes oil, watercolor, pastel and other media in paintings and drawings from six different collections.

POSNER GALLERY
Through Feb. 15 - New works by Joseph Bernard, Mase Lucas, David Moskowitz, Monica Tiptito and glass artists Bryan Rubino and Phil O'Reilly exhibited at 523 N. Woodward, Birmingham; (810) 647-2552.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY
Through Feb. 15 - An exhibit of new works on paper by Michael Luchs at 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham; (810) 642-8250.

CLIQUE GALLERY
Through Feb. 15 - "30," a show of color photographs by Eve Redmond, at 200 W. Fifth, Royal Oak; (810) 545-2200.

THE SCARAB CLUB
To Feb. 15 - "Michigan Water Color Society: The Founders and Their Legacy," in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the MWCS, at 217 Farnsworth, Detroit; (313) 831-1250.

C POP GALLERY
To Feb. 16 - "Pop Tarts," a show of the underground pop art of Chicago, featuring works by Shane Swank, Kymml and Karen Zilly, at 515 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak; (810) 398-9999.

MATRIX GALLERY
To Feb. 16 - "Apparitions: Luminous Systems," current work by Timothy Allen Jackson developed in conjunction with Vis Viva, a Penn State University research group of artists and engineers involved in the production of engineered art systems, at 212 Miller, between First and Ashley in Ann Arbor; (313) 663-7775.

KELSEY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY
To Feb. 17 - "Images of Empire: Flavian Fragments in Rome and Ann Arbor Rejoined," continues at the University of Michigan museum, 434 S. State, Ann Arbor. Tours may be arranged by calling (313) 647-0441. Call (313) 764-9304.

FORD GALLERY
To Feb. 19 - "Paul Suttman: Encounters in Bronze" in the gallery in Ford Hall on West Cross Street at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti; (313) 487-0465.

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET
To Feb. 21 - An exhibit of Detroit's underground small press; "Detroit Underground: Pulp Visions and Cult Icons," featuring original art from sequential pages and full-color work drawn from published comics and graphic novels, at 300 River Place, Suite 1650, Detroit; (313) 393-1770.

THE ANDERSON GALLERY



Composer: Award-winning composer Marvin Hamlisch will perform solo, and conduct the EMU Orchestra in a benefit concert at Eastern Michigan University's Pease Auditorium, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7. Tickets \$28, \$25, and \$22. Call (313) 487-1221 to charge tickets, or (313) 487-3045 for more information.

To Feb. 22 - "From the Motherland," a historical exhibit of African textiles, head-dresses and other fine artifacts direct from Africa, at 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (810) 335-4811.

CLARKSTON FINE ARTS GALLERY
To Feb. 26 - "Water Works," an exhibit of watercolors by Julia Bearse, at 7151 N. Main, Clarkston; (810) 625-8439.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN MUSEUM/GALLERY
To Feb. 27 - "Sacred and Profane," a collaborative exhibit by Canadian artists Rochelle Rubinstein (large woodblock prints of felt and silk and artists books) and Lanny Shereck (large-scale carved and constructed wood sculpture and painted plaster figures), in the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield; (810) 661-7641.

The display is the artists' response to the Holocaust as a representation of the profanity of oppression and degradation and the sacredness of spirit, faith and transcendence.

CREATIVE RESOURCE GALLERY
To Feb. 28 - Bronze sculpture and drawings by Michigan artist Norma Penchansky-Glasser, and pencil drawings by Michael Martin, are featured in "natural currents: the figure through intensified reality" at 162 N. Woodward, Birmingham; (810) 647-3688.

GALLERY NIKKO
Through Feb. 28 - Clocks by Larry Hoedema, pewter frames by Celia Landman, wood chopsticks by Deborah Doyle and jewelry by Barbara Bayne and Terri Logan at 470 N. Woodward, Birmingham; (810) 647-0680.

HERMITAGE GALLERY
During February - The works of Viktor Shvaiko, recognized for his charming cafe scenes, and Robert Lebron, known for his Paris street scenes, featured at 235 Main, Rochester; (810) 656-8559.

THE LOCAL SCENE
Artist Diane Rometty's tribute to Black History Month with original pen and ink card designs is featured at 425-1/2 Main, Rochester; (810) 651-4690. Charles Rometty's bold oils on canvas are also displayed.

MESA ARTS
Through February - Landscape oil paintings by Laurie Church of Santa Fe at 32800 Franklin Road, Franklin; (810) 851-9949.

PARK WEST GALLERY
Through February - A one-person exhibit and sale of the works of renowned artist Francois Fanch Ledan at 29469 Northwestern Highway, Southfield; (810) 354-2343.

THE PRINT GALLERY
Through Feb. 28 - An exhibit of original posters from the Kenwood artist series wine label collection at 29203 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield; (810) 356-5454. The posters feature many different styles of art including works by Picasso, Miro, Sam Francis and Jim Dine.

ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY
To Feb. 28 - "Electronic Images: Norita Ficka, Robert Martin and Keith Veeland" in the Mardigian Library on the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus, 4901 Evergreen; (313) 593-5400.

CENTER GALLERIES
Through Feb. 28 - "Water, Water, Everywhere," a watercolor exhibit by Jerome Ferretti and Mary Brecht Stephenson of Detroit and Brian Kremer, and Ann Mikolowski of Ann Arbor, in the Park Shelton Building, 15 E. Kirby at Woodward in Detroit; (313) 874-1955.

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graphs, collectibles and gift items from America's most published artist. Kinkadee's newest painting, seventh and last in his San Francisco series, "Hyde Street Cable Cars and the Bay," now on display. Also on view is the artist's "Candlelight Cottage," a December release. Call (810) 594-7600.

GALERIE BLU
The gallery at 568 N. Woodward, Birmingham, features new works by renowned artist Stephen Hansen. His works are collected by many international corporations and museums, including the Smithsonian Institute. He is known for his life-size humorous papier-mache sculptures personifying everyday life and cultural cliches. On exhibit for the first time in two years is a collection of Hansen's original furniture, small tabletop, limited edition pieces and handcolored etchings. Call (810) 594-0472.

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
Three photos by David Clements of Royal Oak - "Packard Motor Car Company," "We Tote the Note" and "Wheels of Detroit" - have been selected to document older auto manufacturers and the advent of the used car lots at the "Motor City Exhibition" at the museum in Detroit's Cultural Center. The 100th anniversary of automotive manufacturing is celebrated with a new \$2 million permanent exhibit explaining how auto manufacturing evolved in Detroit, and providing a glimpse of the Motor City in the 21st century and how the industry has shaped metro Detroit's landscape.

DOS MANOS
The gallery at 210 W. Sixth, Royal Oak, has been renovated and expanded. Its newest folk art of Latin America includes high-fire ceramics and dinnerware from Mexico, handcrafted "oil drum art" from Haiti, earrings and jewelry from Peru and Mexico, colorful "arpillera" tapestries from Chile and miniature scenes called "retablos" by Ncario Jimenez of Peru. Many of the crafts are hand selected, bought directly from family and producer groups whenever possible. The gallery welcomes school groups, to introduce them to the rich folk art traditions of Latin America. Call (810) 542-5856.

FAITH GALLERY
A photographic exhibit of Michelangelo continues at 315 Center, Royal Oak; (810) 541-3979.

GROSSE POINTE GALLERY
Still life oil painting monoprints by Anna Jaap at 19869 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods; (313) 884-0100.

JANE SPEAKS MODERN ART
The gallery at 23 W. Lawrence, Pontiac, is the only one in Michigan that shows video and installation art exclusively. Call (810) 334-6038.

MARCIA CLEMENT ART STUDIO
The studio at 4417 S. Commerce Road in Commerce Township provides a variety of art classes for students of all ages and abilities, and one- or two-day workshops. Pre-registration is requested as space fills quickly. Call (810) 360-1216. The studio also offers matting and framing, graphics and fine art commissions, art consultations and specialty art-related gifts.

METROPOLITAN CENTER FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS
"Images 8," by photographers Mark Glenn, Elaine Gross, Michael Jones, Rob Kangas, Loraine Meyers, Julio Perazza, Carol Rich and Pam Aldred-Schofield, at 6911 E. Lafayette, Detroit; (313) 259-2400.

NEXT GALLERY
The gallery at 23 W. Lawrence, Suite 102, Pontiac, offers contemporary art at its best for \$1,000 or less. Call (810) 334-6038.

NEXT STEP STUDIOS
New works in clay by Kaiser Suidan, Rick Pruckler and Carolyn Wilson are exhibited at 477 W. Marshall, Ferndale. The studio is a collaborative effort by the three established artists. The gallery in front represents their work and their studios in back are open for viewing. Feel free to stop by and visit the gallery and the artists working on their next step. Call (810) 414-7050.

PONTIAC GLASS COMPANY GALLERY
The gallery at 23 W. Lawrence, Pontiac, features the local talent of Michigan Glass Guild members displaying blown, fused and flat glass sculpture, decorative and architectural items. Call (810) 332-6619.

THE POSTER GALLERY
The gallery on the main floor of the Fisher Building in Detroit presents an eclectic mixture of art and artists, classic one-of-a-kind posters and unusual art offerings, including original works by three of Detroit's own African-American artists - Walter "Rap" Bailey, Joseph Dobbins Sr. and Mwanza. Call (313) 875-5211.

ROCKCITY ART GALLERY
The gallery at 108 W. Fourth, Royal Oak, features original concert posters, hand-bills, postcards, original art work and T-shirts. Buy, sell or trade. Call (810) 584-2266.

ROOM WITH A VIEW
The photography salon at 803 N. Main, Royal Oak, features vintage and modern works. Vintage prints dating from the '20s focus on fashion to industrial images. Including works by Alfred Cheney Johnson, George Hurrell, De Mijian, Hommel, Eduard Steichen and Edward Guegly. Collectors will find modern images classical in beauty and contemporary in feeling by Lisa Spindler, Michael Edwards, Rodney Smith and Tom Van Dyke, exclusively represented by the salon. Call (810) 548-1446.

SIEGEL'S DELI
A show of acrylics and pastels by Bloomfield Township artist Suzanne Bauman at 3426 E. West Maple, one-half block west of Haggerty in Commerce; (810) 926-9555.

SPIRIT IN THE PARK GALLERY
The gallery at 635 Beaubien, near Greektown in Detroit (formerly in

Harmonie Park), features an ongoing exhibit of paintings, drawings, balloons, masks, textiles and quilts from local, national and international artists. Call (313) 965-4919.

ANIMAL ODYSSEY
Animals of the wild have been vividly caught in stained glass by Plymouth artist Jenna, who is displaying several of her pieces at the animal-themed gift shop at 971 N. Mill, Plymouth; (313) 453-5764. The highlight of the exhibit is the work entitled "Panther Eyes," made of semi-antique and full antique glass. Prices range from \$15.95 to \$550.

ARCHIVES A.D.
The eclectic and exciting gallery at 114 W. Third, Rochester, offers hand-painted furniture, art pillows, faux painted walls and columns, murals and screens, recycled metal garden stakes, sculpture, and handmade lampwork glass beaded earrings and pins by Peter Gierak. Call (810) 651-1485.

ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS
The studio in the Adams Plaza at 725 S. Adams, Birmingham, is filled with silk and dried flora in unusual containers. Owner/artist Patricia Ray lines dried picked blossoms and custom creates arrangements, both large and miniature. Colorful flower paintings by artist Marilyn Stockwell line the walls. Call (810) 644-8349.

ARTQUEST GALLERY
The gallery at 185 N. Woodward, Birmingham, offers contemporary works of art for the home. Gift certificates and bridal registry available. Call (810) 540-2484.

ARTSPACE II
The gallery at 303 E. Maple, Birmingham, specializes in reselling fine art works and antiques; representing individuals, museums and galleries. It also has local and regional art works ranging from \$60 up, a selection of Arts and Crafts furniture, historic Peawick tiles and a large group of African artifacts, and specializes in unusual lamps for the home. Call (810) 258-1540.

CONNOISSEUR GALLERIES
Connoisseur Galleries, provider of fine art sales and services, has relocated its office to 2025 W. Long Lake Road, Suite 106, Troy. Connoisseur has been in business since 1989, providing private sales, appraisal and consignment services throughout the United States, Canada and Japan. Call (810) 641-9901.

COWBOY TRADER
Michigan's only Wild West gallery offers cowboy and Indian antiques and collectibles, including saddles and chaps. Western art, Navaho rugs, Plains Indian artifacts, turquoise and silver jewelry, books and rare photos and antique firearms. The gallery is at 251 Merrill, Suite 209, in Birmingham. Call (810) 647-8833.

DEGRIMME GALLERY
The deGrimme Gallery in Michigan Design Center, 1700 Stutz in Troy, specializes in European, American and Latin American original oil paintings. Its unusual collection includes original lithographs by Graziella Roda-Boulangier, Alvar and Marcia Mouly; and one-of-a-kind, reverse, hand-painted, signed, copyrighted and numbered lamps, chandeliers and sconces by Ulla Darni. The gallery has an exclusive line of Louis XV and Louis XVI style furniture imported from Europe, and imported, ready-made baroque and ornate frames and mirrors. Free art consultation provided for individuals, corporations and law firms. Call (810) 649-4664.

EUROPA ART GALLERY
The gallery at Orchard Mall, 6335 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, features pieces ranging from cubism to contemporary, from the early 1900s through today. Rare original oils, pastel drawings and select sculptures from European and American artists are highlighted. Call (810) 855-2160.

FIELD ART STUDIO
Paintings and prints by Constance Powell and freerform silver jewelry by Lola Sonnenschein featured at 24242 Woodward, Pleasant Ridge; (810) 399-1320.

FORM AND FUNCTION
The gallery at 406 Main in Rochester specializes in glass art, contemporary lamps, metal art, furniture, jewelry and many other decorative accessories. Custom orders available. Call (810) 656-8290.

GALLERY ANIMATO
Vintage and contemporary animation cels and drawings from animated film classics are featured at 574 N. Woodward in Birmingham. Call (810) 644-8312.

GALLERY SHAANTI
The gallery at 361 E. Maple in Birmingham features arts and crafts of India. Call (810) 647-9202.

HAIQ GALLERIES
The gallery at 311 Main in Rochester specializes in ancient, Asian and tribal arts. Call (810) 656-3759.

KAPUT KAPOT
The ceramic studios, which recently opened at 151 S. Bates, Birmingham, feature ready-made bisqueware. Paint free-hand or use the studios' stencils, glazes and sponges. Call (810) 594-8423.

THE LOCAL SCENE
More than 30 artists help make the recently opened store at 425-1/2 Main, above King's Bikes in Rochester, a special place to shop for one-of-a-kind pieces, everything from jewelry to furniture. The entrance is on Main; call (810) 651-4690.

LUDA ART GALLERY
The gallery at 103-B E. Fourth, Rochester, presents for the first time a completely new collection of paintings of nudes by artist Luda Tcherniak, whose talent transports the viewer beyond the images and lines of her works into a focus on emotions and feelings. Call (810) 652-7052 for an appointment.

DANCE

American Ballet Theatre presents 'Apollo,' 'Swan Lake'

Michigan Opera Theatre's "Season of Dance" at the Detroit Opera House begins with American Ballet Theatre with a mixed repertory program Feb. 4-5, and a special performance of Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake," Feb. 6-9. American Ballet Theatre has not performed in Detroit since 1984.

The mixed program includes performances of George Balanchine's "Apollo," Kevin McKenzie's newly choreographed "Transcendental Etudes" and Agnes de Mille's "Rodeo."

Tickets are available at the Michigan Opera Theatre Ticket Office or phone calling (313) 874-SING. Tickets are also available at Ticketmaster outlets, (810) 645-6666.

In the 1940s American Ballet Theatre's promotional posters proclaimed the company as "America's first ballet theater, presenting the greatest collaboration in ballet history."

Since that time American Ballet Theatre has presented some

of the greatest ballet in this century. It is not surprising that the 1995 revival of George Balanchine's "Apollo" was received with critical acclaim.

American Ballet Theatre stars Jose Manuel Carreno, Susan Jaffe, Julie Kent and Paloma Herrera will dance the complete version of Balanchine's first masterpiece at the Detroit Opera House.

American Ballet Theatre Artistic Director Kevin McKenzie has choreographed a new ballet "Transcendental Etudes," to the music of Franz Liszt's "Transcendental Etudes," for Piano.

Of the Company's performance of Agnes de Mille's "Rodeo," the "New York Times," proclaimed, "The story of a cowgirl who wants to be one of the boys, until she discovers it is one of the boys she wants, is amusing...a pleasing evocation of that cowboy never-never land of childhood nostalgia."

"Rodeo" is danced to the music of Aaron Copland.

American Ballet Theatre will present five performances of "Swan Lake," Feb. 6-9. It has been said that dance studios around the world are filled with children who take ballet lessons because of seeing a performance of "Swan Lake."

The story, in its simplest form, is of a beautiful princess who, under the spell of a wicked sorcerer, meets a brave prince who swears to love her forever and save her from the fate of living the rest of her life as a swan.

Choreographed after the original Petipa/Ivanov version, and set to music by Peter Ilyitch Tchaikovsky, this production is sure to please.

The series continues March 11-16 with the Dance Theatre of Harlem's "Detroit Residency Program."

April 15-20 features the Cleveland Ballet's "Blue Suede Shoes," in a production designed by Hollywood star Bob Mackie, accompanied by 36 songs by Elvis Presley.



PAUL KOLN

Ballet: Susan Jaffe and Jose Manuel Carreno in the American Ballet Theatre presentation of George Balanchine's "Apollo" at the Detroit Opera House.

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RECEPTION RESCHEDULED

Due to treacherous weather conditions on the original date earlier this month, the Madonna University art department has rescheduled its "Origami V" reception for 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6 in the library wing Exhibit Gallery on the Livonia campus.

A free demonstration and lesson in the ancient art of paper folding will take place by members of the Ann Arbor Society 4 Origami whose origami is on display. The public is invited to the free event. This is also the final opportunity to view the exhibit which closes after the reception.

ARTISTS OF THE MONTH

The Livonia Arts Commission features diverse exhibits of basketry and watercolors in two of its three venues during the month of February.

Opening Feb. 3 in the second floor showcases at the Livonia Civic Center Library is basket making by Kathi Fricke of Eaton Rapids. A third generation fiber artist, Fricke designs baskets influenced and inspired by the Native American culture and her love of the great outdoors. Her work has been exhibited at the Dayton Institute of Arts' Oktoberfest and the Michigan Renaissance Festival. Although Fricke is primarily self-taught, she has studied with nationally known weavers. She has shared her knowledge and talents as a guest instructor in West Bloomfield schools. Fricke's basketry remains on exhibit through Feb. 26.

Farmington Hills artist Edee Joppich opened her 26th one woman exhibit Jan. 26 at the Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery. Joppich, an instructor at the Visual Arts Association of Livonia and owner of Joppich's Bay Street Gallery in Northport, uses her large scale paintings as a vehicle to communicate human experiences and thereby provoke thought in viewers.

Joppich's work continues on display through Feb. 22 in the Fine Arts Gallery.

The Livonia Civic Center Library is at 32777 Five Mile Road east of Farmington. Hours for both shows are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

POETRY READINGS

Just in time for Valentine's Day, the Plymouth Poets present the second of a four part Winter Writer Series 7-11 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13 at the Coffee Bean Company, 884 Penniman, at Harvey, in Plymouth.

"A Night of Women Poets: Love That Went Right and Love That Went Wrong" will feature Reba Devine, Monica Pope and Ann E. Horvath, who will read her poems "Thirsty" and "Serial Relationships."

"Poetry opens emotions in people whether you write or simply listen," said Ann E. Horvath.

The Winter Writer Series con-

tinues the Plymouth Poets' five year tradition of bringing Michigan poets and writers to Plymouth every second Thursday until July. There is an open microphone at all shows and taping of the live event for the Plymouth Poets' cable TV show "The Poet and the Power."

Upcoming readings include the well-attended Irish Writers Night at the Box Bar (Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street in Plymouth) on March 13 featuring Rod Reinhart, Tony Johnston, Jerry Malonie, Kim Webb, and Bill Joyner.

To learn more about the series or reading your poetry during the open microphone segment, call Rod Reinhart, (313) 459-7319, or Ann Horvath, (313) 728-5734.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

The University of Michigan-Dearborn Art Museum Project is looking for artists who live or work in Michigan to participate in an art competition. Deadline for entry is Feb. 28.

Selected works will be displayed in the "Exotics: Botanicals by Michigan Artists" exhibition in the newly created Alfred Berkowitz Gallery at the UM-Dearborn in April and May.

Kenneth R. Gross, director of the art museum project at UM-Dearborn, is specifically seeking two dimensional artworks depicting exotic floral subjects such as orchids, calla lilies and jack-in-the-pulpits created in various techniques and media including drawing, painting, photography, print making and collage.

Works will be selected from slide entries by artists age 18 and older.

For more information or to request a competition prospectus call Gross at (313) 593-5058.

WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Organizers of the Plymouth Ice Spectacular recently released the final results of the competitions which took place Jan. 15-20. Among the winners were many Observerland ice sculptors including J. R. Lorentz of Garden City who with his partner Matt Cooper (Fenton) took the Third Place Bronze Medal in the Professional Team category.

Jim Bur, Jr., a graduate of Livonia's Churchill High School, won the First Place Gold Medal for Professional Individual.

Dana Leja of Livonia placed fourth for a Silver Medal.


In the College Team competition Paul Litton and Lawrence Nault of Schoolcraft College in Livonia took Third Place Bronze Medals, and in College Individual Clayton Ealy, also from Schoolcraft, won a Third Place Silver Medal.

Students from Catholic Central High School in Redford dom-

inated the High School category. Taking First Place in the High School Individual division for a second year was Nicholas Watts, a Plymouth resident and student at Catholic Central High School in Redford. Chris Ford of Plymouth won Second Place and Steven Watts, also of Plymouth, placed Third. Brothers Nicholas and Steven Watts teamed with Ford to win First Place in the High School Team division.

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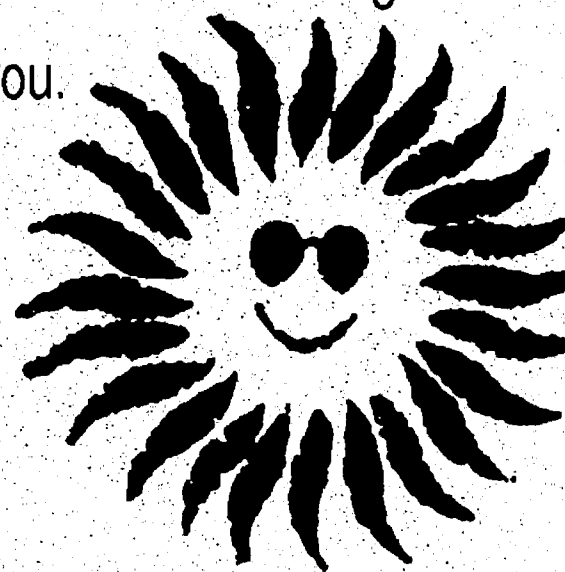
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TRAVEL

Michigan ski slopes expanding to meet demand

Michigan's ski areas are expanding both on the slopes and off, to lure new eager learners, as well as, steady customers.

"To meet the growing recreational pursuits of families, seven ski areas are building new snowboard parks or enlarging existing ones," said Bill Best, AAA Michigan's Travel Service director.

The focus on family continues at most Michigan ski areas. At least seven ski areas are also introducing rentals of new "super-sidecut" skis, designed to allow nearly effortless turning. The industry hopes these new skis will revitalize long-term interest in skiing and build on last winter's success.

The state's largest ski development news comes from **Boyne Mountain** near Boyne Falls, which didn't end the previous season until May 12. In its largest expansion ever, Boyne opened 12 new runs this winter, increasing its terrain by nearly a third.

Runs as the new Disciples Ridge include five beginner, or "green" runs, three intermediate, or "blue" trails, and three advanced, or "black diamond" runs. The 12th new run, billed as Michigan's steepest trail, named Devil's Dive, is rated double-black diamond, with a 61 percent grade. The area is served by a new three-person chairlift.

Boyne added beginner's "carousels" at Boyne Mountain and **Boyne Highlands**, near Arbor Springs, which expanded its runs in 1992. First timers are towed in a circle by four revolving booms while gaining their balance and confidence. Boyne Highlands also created a second snowboard half-pipe, serviced by a rope tow.

In the Upper Peninsula, **Indianhead Mountain**, near Ironwood, cut three mile-long downhill trails, while **Marquette**



All aboard: These three young skiers ready for the chairlift in anticipation of what rests ahead.

Mountain, near Marquette, has a new all-terrain run for skiers and snowboarders, two glade trails, and a second snowboard half-pipe.

Nub's Nob, near Harbor Springs, is featuring 10 more runs and a new four-place chairlift. This season, two beginner runs have been added, and a glade created in an intermediate area, adding 11 acres of terrain.

Just for families, Nub's also doubled the size of the children's terrain garden, rebuilt on four-place chair lift and increased snowmaking capacity. Cross-country skiers will find nearly four more miles of trails for striders and skaters.

Other improvements by region

include:

SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

Alpine Valley, near Milford, revamped its entire snowmaking system for greater efficiency and is offering day care for parents purchasing lift tickets.

Regulars at **Mount Brighton**, near Brighton, will return to an advanced ski hill that's up to 25 feet higher, plus sidecut ski and snowboard rentals.

Pine Knob, near has a new snowboard terrain park served by a rope tow.

WEST MICHIGAN

Bittersweet, near Otsego, added a rope tow to its terrain park and increased snowmaking 10 percent. At **Crystal Moun-**

tain, near Thompsonville, construction is underway on the 50-unit Inn at the Mountain. The first 28 units will open next season, increasing hotel rooms by nearly 40 percent.

Crystal is offering snowshoe rental this season, with 1,200 acres of woods to explore. Downhillers can try "Sidecuts to Success," a new ski school program featuring super-sidecut skis.

Mount Holiday, near Traverse City, expanded its lodge for extra ski school and locker room space, upped snowmaking capacity 10 percent and enlarged its snowboard park, adding a rope tow and a second slide.

Shanty Creek, near Bellaire, is offering sidecut ski rentals

and special five-day ski packages to emphasize midweek skiing, and is enhancing its children's terrain area.

The Homestead, Glen Arbor, will introduce guided cross-country telemark ski day and moonlight trips through private property in Leelanau County, geared to all ability levels (telemark cross-country skis allow easier downhill skiing.) Snowshoe rentals also will be available.

Swiss Valley, near Jones, increased its snowmaking capacity. **Treetops**, near Gaylord, is expanding its children's ski program for 4- to 10-year-olds to offer full and half-day lessons, and will feature high performance and sidecut ski rentals at its ski shop as well as snowboard rentals.

UPPER PENINSULA

Blackjack, near Bessemer, is in the second phase of snowmaking expansion, added a skier's terrain trail with jumps, tunnels and waves, as well as new snowboard rental equipment for its half-pipe and terrain park.

Norway Mountain, near Vulcan, opens a three-acre snowboard terrain park this winter. Half its downhill runs have been widened by up to 50 percent, and it will offer sidecut ski rentals.

Pine Mountain, near Iron Mountain, will open an eight-acre terrain garden and snowboard park served by a paddle lift. Sidecut skis are available for rent.

At **Ski Brule**, Iron River, the rental center and equipment have been expanded by 60 percent, with 100 sets of boards and boots. The ski shop will offer sidecut ski rentals.

EAST MICHIGAN

At **Apple Mountain**, near Freeland, children ages 4-6 ski free, and there are special learn-to-ski family packages. **Snow-nake**, near Harrison, sports a

Snow conditions
■ For current snow conditions, provided by AAA Michigan, call (800) MID-SNOW.

■ Some World Wide Web sites to consider when planning your ski getaway this winter:

Ski Michigan
<http://www.michiweb.com/ski/condition.html>

This comprehensive site includes the 1996-97 Internet Picnic Table Snow Cam, which tracks snowfall in northern lower Michigan. The picnic table is about 10 miles southeast of Traverse City.

Nordic Skiing
<http://www.skinordic.org/>

The Northern Michigan Nordic Skiing Home Page highlights nordic skiing conditions and provides snow reports, along with a comprehensive list of upcoming nordic events.

Travel Bureau
<http://www.travel-michigan.state.mi.us/season.html>

Michigan's official travel site offers an (800) number for updated winter ski reports.

AAA News Wire
<http://www.aaamich.com/information/newswire/index.html>

This index provides a statewide roundup of ski conditions (updated weekly).

■ For a complete list of all 44 downhill ski resorts and a 178 cross country trails, consult the 1996-97 Michigan Winter Travel Guide & Calendar of Events, published by the Michigan Travel Bureau, P.O. Box 3393, Livonia, MI 48151-3393.

re-contoured snowboard area for easier chairlift access, and upgraded rental stocks.

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"Best of Canada West," presented by Bob Willis, takes the audience first by plane to the land of the "midnight sun," then south to Saskatchewan, the Rocky Mountains, scenic resorts in Jasper, Lake Louise, natural hot springs and ancient glaciers.

Tickets are \$4, and can be purchased at the door on the evening of the film, or at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. Tickets may also be purchased or reserved over the phone by calling (810) 424-9022. For more information, call (810) 424-9022.

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SPECIAL WRITER

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A Can Rail pass allows 12 days of travel in a 30 day period. In low season which is Oct. 15 to May 15, with the current rate of exchange, the cost is \$286 U.S. In high season, which is May 15 to Oct. 15, the cost is \$420 U.S.

Rooms in the sleeper cars are available, but for the average traveler the cost is a bit pricey. For instance, for the trip I took from Toronto to Vancouver and back - the price would have been over \$2,000.

So, for me it would be the economy class which provides a nice wide seat that reclines 45 degrees.

When I was booking the ticket I asked the ticket agent if it was possible to survive the four day and 3 night trip without a sleeping berth. In a charming French/Canadian accent he deadpanned, "Well, we haven't lost anybody yet."

Having completed the trip to and from the west coast, I can verify that on the trains I was on there were no casualties. Sleeping in a chair is not easy, but it is also a part of what makes it an experience.

I had the benefit of two seats to myself and was able to lay down with my head on my armrest and put my legs wherever I could fit them. It was far from perfect, but with the help of some ear plugs and with the confidence of having survived a couple of nights I eventually learned to let the motion of the train rock me to sleep.

Older passengers, whether it was because they were more experienced train travelers or because they simply had more patience, were better at getting themselves to sleep. There were men and women in their 50s on up that would be out like lights and snored through the night (remember ear plugs!) and looked refreshed in the morning.

The younger ones, which included college students from across Canada, couples from Europe and several solo sojourners from Australia and New Zealand, would writhe and contort in an effort to get comfortable at night and take naps throughout the day to compensate.

But sleeping was the only hard part and it also made it a bonding experience. Everyone on the train, young and old, was extremely friendly. By the time I reached my destination I felt I had gotten to know a lot of people. Several people from Canada and even Switzerland invited me to their homes. I had a French lesson as the train crept through the mountains and there was plenty sharing of food, magazines and CDs.

The tables in dining cars were covered with cloth. The silverware tinkled whenever the train

would pick up speed. Limited space meant having to share a table. This took a little getting used to, but it was great for meeting and talking to interesting people. There was a man on his way to Sioux Lookout in Northern Ontario, almost 90 years old, who shared his memories of when he was a child in England during World War I; there was a man in his 20s who was a Royal Canadian Mounted Police officer in the Yukon Territories; and there was a miner from New Zealand who was working his way around the world, just to name a few.

The food was surprisingly good although nothing very fancy. And considering we were captive customers, the prices were quite reasonable. A meal was usually \$5-\$6 Canadian. The first meal I had, I paid for it with an American \$20 bill. With the rate of exchange at 30 percent in favor of the U.S. dollar, I received more than \$20 change in Canadian currency.

While all of this was going on inside, on the outside the continent was slowly changing shape.

There are more lakes in Canada than the rest of the world combined. I suggest this trip if you need any convincing. Between Toronto and the Ontario/Manitoba border - a stretch that takes almost 26 hours - the train snakes its way through a thousand miles of rocky hills, lakes and streams. It is rather slow going due to the lack of straightaways, stops to let freight trains pass and picking people up and dropping people off in the little towns along the way. There were stops in towns like Hornpayne, Gogama and Sioux Lookout. Once, the train stopped, two backpackers got off and vanished into the woods.

Just before reaching Winnipeg, the Great Plains begin. With the perspective of riding in a train, which is higher than riding in a car, the prairies seemed even more immense than I remembered them to be. There

were several farms where there was not a barn or farmhouse anywhere in sight. The only variation in the landscape was what looked like huge white sand dunes in the distance, but what was really potash being mined.

The scenery was not as interesting, but it felt good to be making time. The train rolled across Manitoba, Saskatchewan and into Alberta through the course of the night. It is roughly the distance between Toronto and Manitoba but took about half the time.

In the morning the train was about 150 miles from Edmonton and the landscape began to change. We were still in farmland, but the farms were on rolling hills with an occasional river or lake. It was in this area I saw a gray wolf running at full tilt about 200 yards from the train.

On the other side of Edmonton there is a stretch that is surprisingly similar to Northern Michigan. It featured gently rolling hills, forests and farms and some large lakes surrounded by cottages.

The comparison stopped around the town of Hinton, which is where we got our first glimpse of the Canadian Rockies. At that point the train trip became a scenic tour. First, there were rocky cliffs and by the time we reached Jasper, some 30 miles later, we were surrounded by snow covered peaks. By the side of the railroad tracks were elk and big horned sheep.

Jasper is the highlight of the trip and for many of the train's passengers was their destination. Jasper offers skiing, mountain climbing, mountain biking, bus tours, restaurants and lodging. It is touristy, but it isn't overbuilt.

If you are not in a big hurry it might be a good idea to get off the train and spend some time sightseeing. But if you do get off it will be a couple of days before the next train comes through.

Just beyond Jasper the train



Across Canada: The VIA Rail train makes at stop at Sioux Lookout, Ontario, on its way west to British Columbia.

PHOTOS BY PATRICK IVORY

crossed the continental divide and into British Columbia. It also began its long descent toward the Pacific Ocean. Just to the north at this point we could see Mount Robeson, the highest point in the Canadian Rockies.

Unfortunately, a good amount of time in this part of the mountain is in the dark both coming and going, although on the way back, a full moon silhouetted these huge hills all night long.

When I awoke the next morning on the trip west, we were near the town of Hope, British Columbia. It is the beginning of an area known as the Fraser River Valley. It is one of the fastest growing areas in Canada

and it is easy to see why. When I was there, in early May, this area was lush and green.

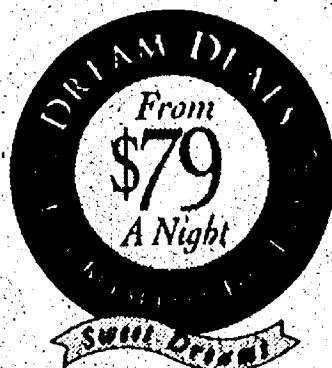
Vancouver is similar to Seattle, which is only 140 miles south, in style and vibrancy. The downtown features sparkling modern skyscrapers and miles and miles of new housing developments around the city.

Unlike Seattle, mountains rise up immediately to the east of the city. The combination of the skyline and the mountains is stunning.

It may say more about the

modern traveler than it says about train travel that four days on the train might seem daunting. We have become accustomed to hopping on a plane and in no more than a few hours arriving at our destination. And when you are given only two weeks vacation it's hard to decide on spending half of it getting to and from where you are going. But if you've got the money, the time and are willing to give up a little comfort in return for an interesting experience, a trip on the VIA Rail is a trip you'd never forget

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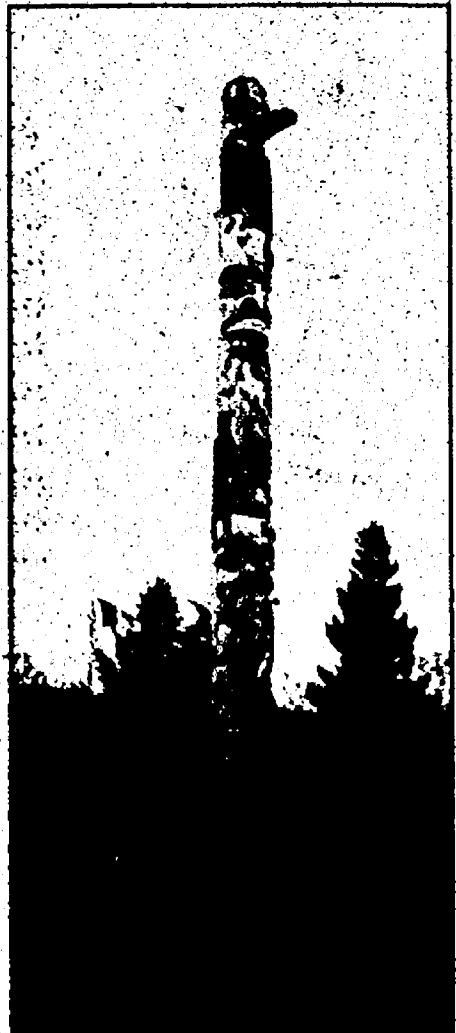
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Crusaders win in OT

The Madonna University men's basketball team went on the road Thursday and earned a much needed 90-85 overtime victory at Cedarville (Ohio) College.

Trailing 37-33 at halftime, the Crusaders rallied to send the game into overtime tied at 79-79.

In the extra session, Madonna outscored Cedarville 11-6 to improve its record to 7-17.

The Crusaders won despite shooting only 34 percent from the field and being outrebounced 49-39.

Center Mike Maryanski paced Madonna with 26 points. Kristian Magro poured in 21 points and grabbed 11 rebounds.

Magro was 13-for-16 at the free throw line. The Crusaders had the edge at the charity stripe where they converted 29 of 39 tries. Cedarville hit 13-of-17 attempts.

Also playing well for Madonna was John-Mark Branch, who chipped in with 10 points and 11 boards. Christian Emert tallied 16 points.

Brandon Slone (Plymouth Salem) came off the bench to contribute 14 points, including four three-pointers.

Madonna nailed 15 treys to only four for Cedarville.

John Krueger's 23 points paced Cedarville (9-12 overall).

On Wednesday, Madonna lost to the 18-4 Siena Heights Saints, ranked fifth in the NAIA, 108-74.

All 13 Saints scored, led by Joe Dettling's 18 points (scored in only 15 minutes of action). Anthony Staffney and Sam Lofton added 13 and 12 points, respectively.

Leading the way for Madonna was Emert, who netted 16 points. Magro added 14 points and Maryanski chipped in with 11 points and 11 rebounds.

Mike Slone (Plymouth Salem) came off the bench to score 10 points, including two triples.

Lady Ocelots romp

Tough defense has helped push Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team back toward the top of the Eastern Conference standings with a 72-43 win Wednesday at Alpena.

The Lady Ocelots held their last two conference foes under 50 points in posting road victories. Last Wednesday at Alpena, the Lady Jacks managed just 16 points in the first half (10 by Marsha Stoppa; she led Alpena with 15) as SC built a 39-16 halftime advantage.

Julie Schmidt paced the Ocelots with 21 points (12 in the opening half). Christine Edwards contributed 11 and Alana Caver — a transfer from Henry Ford CC who became eligible for the second semester — scored 10.

The win boosted SC's conference record to 6-2; the Ocelots improved to 15-5 overall.

Going into last weekend's action, St. Clair CC led the conference with a 7-1 mark, with SC second. The Skippers only conference loss came at home against SC; the two teams have a rematch at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at SC.

On Jan. 25, SC visited Henry Ford CC and obtained a 68-49 victory.

Sheilah Coulter's 29 points (21 coming in the first half) led SC. Esther Ross added 10, and Kristi Engel (Redford Thurston), Christine Edwards and Schmidt chipped in with eight apiece.

Joanne McComb was high scorer for Henry Ford (3-5 in the conference, 7-13 overall) with 24 points.

In men's basketball, Schoolcraft lost Wednesday at Alpena, 76-70.

The loss drops the last-place Ocelots to 2-6 in the Eastern Conference and 5-15 overall.

LJFL baseball signup

Baseball registration for youths ages 8-14, sponsored by the Livonia Junior Football League, will be from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday, Feb. 8 and 22 at the Bentley Center.

Those registering must reside in either the Livonia or Clarenceville school districts.

CC baseball clinic

Redford Catholic Central is having a baseball clinic (grades 6-8) will Saturday, Feb. 22. Two sessions, limited to 35 players, will be offered.

The first session is from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The second session is from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The sessions will be directed by CC varsity coach John Salter.

Cost is \$25 and includes clinic T-shirt, beverages and prizes.

Medical forms must be completed and filed before or at registration.

For additional information, call Bob Murray, clinic director, at (313) 622-4393 or Bob Malek, clinic committee member, at (313) 397-0439.

Collegiate note

Central Michigan University senior thrower Patricia Rich (Livonia/Redford St. Agatha) finished second with a toss of 48 feet, 9 1/2 inches Jan. 25 at the Michigan Intercollegiate women's indoor track meet held in East Lansing.

To submit items to the Livonia Sports Scene, write to Brad Emons, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mi. 48150; or send via fax to (313) 591-7279.

Dallas goalkeeper the future

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

If patience is a virtue, then Jeff Cassar is working on his doctorate as a 22-year-old goalkeeper for the Dallas Burn of the Major Soccer League.



Jeff Cassar

The former Livonia Church Hill High standout begins official workouts for his second season, Feb. 15 in Dallas, before the Burn move on to training camp next month in Orlando, Fla.

With the season opener scheduled for mid-April, Cassar is chomping at the bit to get started. He left home last month to get a head start on training sessions.

And he takes with him a brand

new two-year contract, plus an option year.

Not bad for back-up keeper, who got only one MSL start last year and played in only one other league game.

Mark Dodd, 33, is currently the Burn starter. His future is now.

But it will only be a matter of time before Cassar is breathing down his neck.

"There were other teams interested, but coach (Dave Dir) didn't want a trade," said Cassar, who is considered one of the rising young American keepers in the game. "I'm learning and I'm still young. They say I'm the future."

"I know I have to have patience. They don't want to bring me along too fast."

Cassar admits Dodd enjoyed an "awesome season" in 1996 as the Burn finished second in the Western

Conference. (They lost in the first round of the playoffs, twice in shootouts.)

"But once I get the chance, I want to get the job," Cassar said. "This year it would be nice to play every third game and then earn a starting spot."

Cassar considered a move to Wichita in the indoor National Professional Soccer League, "but I didn't want to get hurt and develop bad habits."

He's content to stick it out in Texas.

"Sometime in my career I'd like to play overseas," he said. "But right now I like Dallas. I like the coaching staff and the players are great. And I like the city."

Dir, who played goalkeeper for the old Chicago Sting and most recently coached the Colorado Foxes in the American Professional Soccer

League, believes their is a tremendous "upside" with Cassar.

"I'm a big fan of Jeff's," Dir said. "Most goalkeepers don't hit their prime until they're 27 or 28. The times he's played he's done a phenomenal job, better than I expected for limited professional experience. Seasoning is a big part of the position. He's young, but he has all the tools. He has all the skills and physical talents."

At 6 feet, 2 inches, 190 pounds, Cassar looms large in the nets.

"I like his size, his strength, but more importantly his character and his intensity," Dir said. "He's like a middle linebacker. He has that fire that scares opponents. It fits his personality."

Cassar started playing soccer at age 5, but didn't get his feet wet as a

See CASSAR, D4

Stevenson reign ends vs. Vikings

PREP WRESTLING

BY BILL PARKER
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson's five-year reign as the wrestling champion of the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division has ended. Walled Lake Central saw to that on Thursday night.

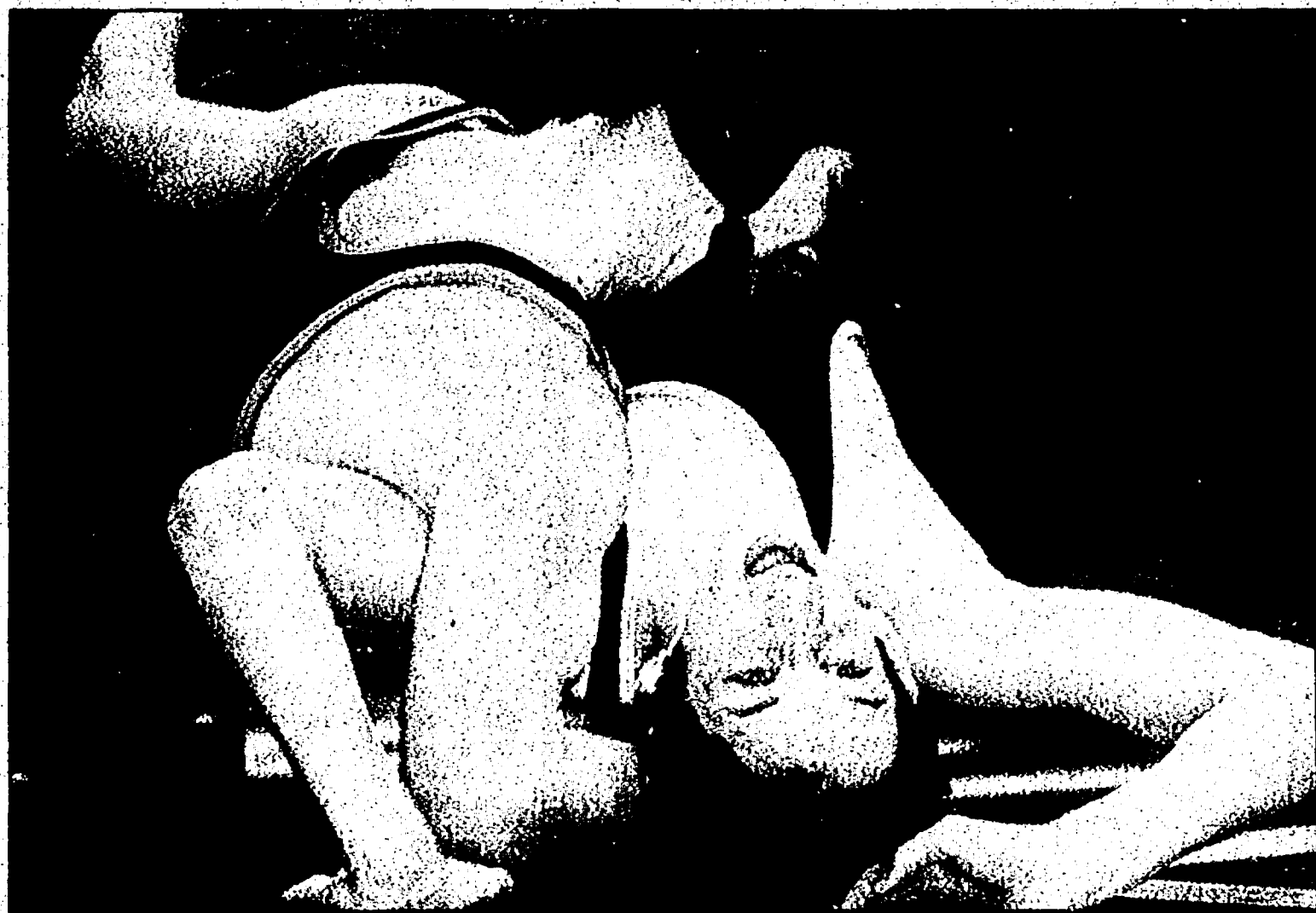
The host Vikings took advantage of two Stevenson voids and came up with a huge pin when they needed it most to earn a thrilling 31-30 victory over the defending WLAA champion Spartans.

The win gives Central its first ever Lakes Division championship with a 5-0 record. Stevenson ends division competition with a 3-1-1 mark.

"I'm very happy," said Central coach Carl McBride, whose team won the Oakland County championship earlier this season and owns a 19-3 overall record. "I don't believe they have ever won the division championship here. It was just an amazing meet. You can't get any closer than that."

The meet progressed like a chess match with both coaches jockeying wrestlers into different weights in hopes of gaining the upper hand.

With the Spartans holding a 21-19 lead, Stevenson coach Don Berg was forced to void the match at 171 pounds, where the Vikings featured last year's state qualifier and team captain Derek Vos. McBride coun-



STAFF PHOTO BY DAN DEAN

Spartan pinfall: Livonia Stevenson's Jeff Brach (top) pinned Walled Lake Central's John O'Brien at 125 pounds. Central came away with a one-point victory in a key Lakes match.

tered by putting Daryl Hilyard in to take the void at 171 and moved Vos up to wrestle at 189.

The move paid huge dividends as Vos pinned James Dickson in 1:10 and improved his personal record to 23-2.

The pin (worth six team points), coupled with the void at 171 (also worth six points) gave Central a commanding 31-21 lead with two matches remaining. The Spartans needed no less than a pin and a technical fall to pull out the victory.

Derek Wieland (22-9) did his part for the Spartans when he pinned

Central's Evan McDonald (8-7) with 22 seconds remaining in the second period of their match at 215 pounds. The pin pulled the Spartans to within four, 31-27.

Heavyweight Rich Bramer (15-4) led the entire match and earned an 8-4 decision over Viking Josh Heitsch (20-5), but the three team points awarded for a decision left the Spartans one point shy.

"We just ran out of people," said Berg, whose team stands 9-4-1 on the year. "When Vos pinned after our second void, I knew we were done. Our 215-pounder did his job

and our heavyweight won, but he couldn't pin him. We went down like champions though. We went down fighting and gave them everything they could handle."

Central's other winners included Eugene Koziol (23-6), who earned a 13-2 major decision over Stevenson's Brian Barker (17-11) in the match at 145; Ryan Parks (15-9), a 7-5 winner over Joe Moreau (17-6) at 112; 119-pounder Scott Aubry (21-11), who used a reverse and a near fall in the final 10 seconds of his match

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Franklin cagers romp

Pats shoot 65 percent in 69-52 win over Churchill

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Right now, Livonia Franklin is considered a "bubble team" to make Western Lakes Activities Association boys basketball playoffs.

With four games left on the WLAA schedule, Franklin took a step in the right direction to earn a spot the eight-team playoffs with a convincing 69-52 win Friday over visiting Livonia Churchill.

The Patriots had some pop in their shots, hitting a blistering 65 percent (30 of 46) to improve their overall record to 5-6, but more importantly they are 3-4 in the WLAA.

Franklin started a bit slowly, trailing 14-12 after one quarter, but suddenly they became microwave, ala Vinnie Johnson, in the second and third quarters.

Heating up in a hurry, coupled with pin-point passing inside and outside, the Patriots made 11 of 13 shots in the second quarter and 10 of 14 in the third to take a commanding 57-37 advantage before riding out an uneventful final quarter.

"I've always thought from the beginning of the year that we have some kids who can shoot the ball," Franklin first-year coach Dan Robinson said. "Tonight we were patient with our offense, passed the ball well and hit the open shots."

All 11 Patriots who dressed scored, led by Kevin Biga and Matt Bauman with 12 apiece.

"We're under the bubble right now, but definitely one of our objectives is to get into the playoffs," Robinson said.

The 6-foot-8 Bauman, who had six rebounds and four blocked shots, scored eight in the second quarter, while Biga chipped in with six.

In the third, Franklin was hitting on all cylinders.

Nick Mongeau's behind-the-back, no-look pass to Paul Terek for a layup midway through the fourth quarter made it 46-30.

Jay Fontaine then converted a three-point play, increasing the margin to a 20-point cushion with less than a minute to go in the quarter.

"Everybody scored and no one player stood out, it's what you call a team victory," Robinson said. "Biga was the exception, he's been playing really well the last three or four games. Offensively he's under control and he's playing with confidence. I'm real pleased with him."

Craig Duprey came off the bench to add eight points for the Patriots, while Mike Klisz, Mongeau and Terek each contributed six.

Even 6-11, 130-pound Eddie Wallace got into the action, getting into the scoring column with a three-pointer with just 15 seconds left.

"We gave them wide-open looks and anybody can hit those shots when they're not contested," Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "We played tough team defense in the first quarter. Our game plan was to contain Bauman, then if all disintegrated from there. We have to learn to play 32 minutes of consistent team defense to survive against a team like Franklin."

"When you're outmanned you have to play team defense because Bauman is a force. But give them credit, they shot well from the outside and they didn't need Bauman inside."

The loss dropped Churchill to 1-12 overall and 1-6 in the Western Lakes.

Matt Van Buren led Churchill with 15 points and nine rebounds. Kevin Renaud added 14.

"Matt Van Buren was our shining star tonight," Austin said. "He should be our model so we can get the rest of the team to play like him. And I thought Renaud stepped up offensively. He ran the point and did a nice job."

It was Churchill's third game in four nights, but Austin wasn't going to make excuses.

"The kids knew it was on the schedule a long time ago," he said. "The kids are in great shape. We take pride in that. We just didn't play with the heart and desire."

Glenn derailed



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL EMONS

Top Rocket: Reggie Spearman had 11 points and seven assists in Westland John Glenn's 89-72 loss to Salem. See page D4.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

North rallies past Spartans

Nobody likes to sit on the bench.

But the key is to be ready when called upon. Perform and you'll get called on more often.

Al Pennala was ready Friday night. And when Coach Brian Swinehart of North Farmington called on him, he did what he was supposed to do — make shots.

Junior Pennala scored nine points in the second half to lead North Farmington to a 41-37 victory over visiting Livonia Stevenson in a Western Lakes Activities Association game.

"It was a case of two teams being real patient," Swinehart said after Pennala and Carter Campbell each scored nine points to lead the Raiders, 2-5 in the WLA and 4-9 overall. The Spartans are 5-6 this season, 3-4 in the league.

Stevenson held a 37-28 lead with 5:30 to play and was outscored 13-0 the rest of the way.

The lead had shriveled to 37-32 with 3:37 and by 1:29 to go Pennala's triple tied the score at 37. Junior Ray Lusia also hit a trey with 52 seconds to go to make it 40-37.

Then, with four seconds to play, Campbell got a rebound, was fouled and made a free throw to account for the final point.

"Those two, Pennala and Campbell, really came up big," Swinehart said. "Al didn't play

ROUNDUP

in the first half, then hit three threes in the second.

"We were looking for a shooter. We were getting great looks in the first half, yet we were 1-for-13 from the three-point arc.

"We were struggling to find somebody. Al's a good shooter, so we put him in there. He hit his first shot, then was 3-for-4 from the three-point arc.

"As a team, we were 5-for-10 from thjere. That was a big lift for us. And we held them to five (points) in the fourth quarter."

"Pennala's last two threes really kind of broke our back," Stevenson coach Tim Newman said. "That was it."

Tyrone Davidson and Ed Szumlanski led Stevenson with 12 points each. Tony Datillio added 11 for the Spartans.

"We played a hard ball game," Newman said. "We played 28 minutes of intelligent, hard basketball.

"But there were 3 1/2 minutes where we lost our concentration. That's what it came down to.

"They did nothing different. They just upped their intensity a bit, and we just didn't handle the pressure very well. And that's unfortunate."

Stevenson led, 13-12, after one period and 33-15 at the half. Both teams scored 10 points in the third quarter but it was 16-5 in the fourth.

The Raiders made 7-of-15 free throws compared to just 2-of-4 for the Spartans.

Junior Kirk Moundros had seven boards was "working his tail off all game long," Swinehart said. "He scored six points and played great defense.

"We only had seven turnovers, that was another big key. And Julian Cochrane did a great job of getting us into our sets. He only scored one point, but he did a great job."

•REDFORD CC 70, DeLaSalle 52: Senior guard Marc McDonald paced the Shamrocks to their eighth win in 12 tries with 25 points.

Host Redford Catholic Central got off to a 19-11 start, increased it to 37-22 by halftime and turned on the cruise control from there.

The Shamrocks are now 6-2 in the Detroit Catholic League.

Junior forward Joe Jonna and junior center Chris Young notched 15 points apiece.

Young gathered in 11 rebounds. Sophomore Dave Lusky scored six points.

Warren DeLaSalle was led by senior forward Tom Dombrowski, who scored 12 points. The Pilots could not counter the Shamrocks 35 rebounds.

Catholic Central made 8-of-19 free throws to just 3-of-12 for DeLaSalle.

•LUTH, NORTHWEST 82, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 73: The Warriors dropped back to .500 despite a career-best 27 points from Kevin Wade.

Lutheran High Westland and Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest are both 6-6 overall and 5-5 in the Metro Conference.

"Northwest shot the lights out," Warriors' coach Dan Ramthun said. "For us to score 73 is good, but they hit their shots. We just couldn't keep up with

them."

Joe Pruchnik added 18 points while Wade hit three threes and went 8-for-11 from the line.

The Crusaders countered with 23 points from Todd Pontillo and 21 from Jason Ehlfeldt.

•LAKELAND 56, CHURCHILL 55: The Chargers' one-game winning streak came to an end Wednesday as Milford Lakeland hit a pair of free throws with 12 seconds remaining.

Dale Smith's basket with a minute to play had given Churchill a 55-54 lead after the Chargers had led virtually the entire game in their quest for a second straight win following 10 straight losses.

Churchill dropped to 1-11 while Lakeland is now 5-6.

Shawn Woloszyn scored 17 points to lead the Chargers. Kevin Renaud added 12 and Matt Van Buren 10 plus nine rebounds.

Senior guard Eric Hardin hit a game-high 28 points for Lakeland. Both teams hit nine free throws.

•ANNAPOLIS 68, CLARENCEVILLE 60: A cold start doomed the Trojans.

Dearborn Heights Annapolis, whose 10-3 record leads the Mega Division, jumped out to a 15-1 lead Wednesday as Livonia Clarenceville, 6-7, started a different lineup.

But the Trojans fought back to trail, 19-13, and then were down by one, 23-22, at the half. But Annapolis came out with a 14-8 fourth quarter and protected it by making 11-of-13 free throws down the stretch.

Sophomore guard Albert Deljosevic scored 22 points and had three assists for Clarenceville. Justin Villanueva scored 20 and added 14 rebounds and Donahue Fulton scored 10.

Annapolis received 20 points from Rob Myrneza and 17 from Kevin Gregory.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL
Monday, Feb. 3
Saline Christian at Agape, 6:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 4
Huron Valley at School-Deaf, 7 p.m.
Urban at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.
Luth. East at Luth. Wsl., 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Cranbrook, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Romulus, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Wyandotte, 7 p.m.
Edsel Ford at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Allen Park at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at Canton, 7 p.m.
Northville at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Harrison at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Salem, 7:30 p.m.
St. Agatha at Inter-City, 7:30 p.m.
Notre Dame at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.
Brother Rice at Borgess, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 7
Greater Life at Agape, 7 p.m.
Cranbrook at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
Harper Wds. at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Fordson at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Annapolis, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Northville, 7 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
N. Farm. at Farmington, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Central, 7:30 p.m.
W.L. Western at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.
St. Agatha at St. Florian, 7:30 p.m.
Brother Rice at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.
Borgess at U-D Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Bethesda, 7:30 p.m.
Taylor Baptist at PCA, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 8
Bridgeport at Redford CC, 1:30 p.m.
Franklin at Lakeland, 6:30 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Monday, Feb. 3
Redford CC vs. Cranbrook at Redford Ice Arena, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 4
Stevenson vs. Southfield United at Southfield Civic Ctr., 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 5
Redford CC at Trenton, 7:30 p.m.
Redford Union at Royal Oak, TBA.
Churchill vs. W.L. Central, Franklin vs. Dexter at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 7
Redford Union vs. Southfield at Southfield Civic, 3:30 p.m.
Franklin vs. Stevenson at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 8
Redford CC vs. Divine Child at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Feb. 8
St. Clair at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
Alpena at Oakland CC, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 8
Madonna at St. Francis (Ind.), 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 8
Macomb at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.
Oakland CC at Flint Mott, 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Feb. 4
Concordia at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 5
St. Clair at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m.
Oakland CC at Flint Mott, 1 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 6
Madonna at Spring Arbor, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 8
Macomb at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.
Oakland CC at Borgess, 1 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Monday, Feb. 3
Saline Christian at Agape, 4 p.m.
Fairlane at Luth. Westland, 6 p.m.
PCA at St. Francis Christian, 5:30 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Western, 6:30 p.m.
Farmington at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Salem at Harrison, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at N. Farm., 7 p.m.
Wayne at Woodhaven, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Romulus, 7 p.m.
St. Agatha at Aquinas, 7 p.m.
St. Alphonsus at Borgess, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 4
Flint Valley at Huron Valley, 6 p.m.
Mercy at Marlon, 6:30 p.m.
Ladywood at Regina, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 5
Stevenson at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
N. Farm. at Northville, 6:30 p.m.
Harrison at W.L. Central, 6:30 p.m.
Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Salem, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Monroe at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Wyandotte at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 6
Bethesda at Huron Valley, 5:30 p.m.
Mercy at Ladywood, 6:30 p.m.
Luth. Wsl. at Luth. N.West, 6 p.m.
Luth. East at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.
Inter-City at PCA, 7 p.m.
St. Agatha at Borgess, 7 p.m.
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with Chris Goings (17-10) to earn a thrilling 10-8 victory; and 135-pounder Andy Krause (14-8), who earned an 11-5 decision over Phil Ruewer Kay Sueda (26-4) staked the Spartans to a quick 5-0 lead when he earned a technical fall over Central's Chad Wilson (11-9) in the opening match at 103 pounds, Steven-

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HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Tie is right

Stevenson gains share of South Division

A tie is never as good as a win — unless it does something like give you a championship.

Livonia Stevenson played Royal Oak to a 3-3 tie Friday night at Eddie Edgar Arena, but clinched the South Division title in the Suburban High School Hockey League.

The tie left Stevenson 10-0-2 in the SHSHL, 12-3-2 overall, while Royal Oak went to 7-1-2 in the North Division, 8-3-3 overall.

The Spartans started fast and saw the first period end with them on top, 2-1. Royal Oak carried the play in the second period, taking a 3-2 lead, but Stevenson tied it in the third on an unassisted goal with 4:52 to play by Darin Fawkes.

Fawkes put the puck in the net with 1:20 left but the referee disallowed it, saying the Stevenson player kicked it in off his foot.

"It was a great game," Spartans' coach Mike Harris said. "There was only one penalty the entire game."

"Shot were 34-31, in our favor, and the score was 3-3. I probably have got about 50 more grey hairs."

"I want to compliment our kids' character. We were down one going into the third period, and our kids came back and played like champions."

"If Fawkes' second goal would have counted, we win 4-3."

Andy Domzalski scored unassisted 2:37 into the game and Mike Schmidt made it 2-0 with 1:47 to play, assisted by Domzal-

ROUNDUP

ski and John May.

But 46 seconds after that, Nick Luxon got Royal Oak on the board, assisted by Scott Schnedler.

Just 1:28 into the second period, John Farhat knotted the score assisted by Scott Fuelling and Brian Maurer. Schnedler, assisted by Luxon and Maurer, scored with 7:26 to play in the second period to break the tie.

Anthony Alfonsi was excellent in goal for Stevenson, as was Brandon Casanta for Royal Oak.

"Our team owes Alfonsi an awful lot," Harris said. "The score could have been lot worse without him in the second period. We came out fast in the first."

"I just wish we could put three good periods together in one night. We're capable of it. But we go in spurts."

•REDFORD 11, WYANDOTTE 1: Mike Porter led the Shamrocks with three goals and an assist Wednesday night.

Eric Bratcher and Ian Devlin scored two goals each in the Michigan Metro Hockey League game while Marc Tardif, Scot Curtin, Brad Karabelski and Dan McLellan had one goal apiece.

Recording two assists each were Greg Berger, Tardif, Karabelski and Tim Cibar.

The winning goaltender was Jordan Braciszewski.

The Shamrocks are 14-0-1 overall, 11-0-1 in the Metro.

•BIRMINGHAM 4, CHURCHILL 0: Darin Egerer's hat trick carried Birmingham United to the shutout win Thursday

over Livonia Churchill at Cranbrook Ice Arena.

Birmingham is now 10-3-1 in the SHSHL and 10-4-1 overall.

Gavin Scratch added the other goal. Goalie Todd Weston, who made 23 saves, posted the shutout.

Churchill is 7-6-3 overall and 4-4-3 in the Suburban League.

•CHURCHILL 3, ANDOVER 1: In the first game of an SHSHL double-header Wednesday at Edgar Arena, Livonia Churchill scored a pair of unanswered goals in the second period to beat Bloomfield Hills Andover.

Ed Rossetto, on a redirect from Brandon Martoia, tallied the game-winner at 47 seconds of the second period. Matt Grant then scored on a rebound from Martoia and Matt Wysocki to wrap up the win.

Andover's Dave Tigay opened the scoring at 5:40 of the opening period, but Jason Hendrian responded later in the period from Martoia, who wound up the night with three assists.

Goolie Mark Felker stopped 23 of 24 shots for the Chargers, now 7-5-3 overall and 4-3-3 in the Suburban League.

•LAHSE 4, STEVENSON 2: Mark Canike scored his first career goal Wednesday as SHSHL leader Livonia Stevenson (12-3-1, 10-0-1) downed Bloomfield Hills Lahser Wednesday at Edgar Arena.

John May, Andy Domzalski and Mike Schmidt tallied the other Stevenson goals.

Darin Fawkes added two assists, while Joe Suchara, Brandon Zagata, May, Schmidt and Domzalski contributed one each.

Mark Willis and Sharie Austin scored goals for Lahser, who cut the deficit to 3-2 after two periods before Schmidt's

goal at 4:31 won it in the third. Stevenson outshot Lahser, 28-20, as Doug Peacock tended the Spartans' goal.

•RU 5, FRANKLIN 4: Greg Job and Jeremiah White each had two goals and one assist Tuesday, but it wasn't enough as Livonia Franklin (4-9-3, 3-6-2) fell to host Redford Union in an SHSHL game.

Eric Hillebrand and Brad Thornhill added two assists, while Tony Sata had one.

Andy Zukovs and Trevor Pagel led RU with a pair of goals. Jon Price had a goal and one assist for the Panthers (7-7-1, 6-5-1).

"It was the best we've played in four games," Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt said. "We've made some major line changes and the move seemed to improve the whole team. Tom Taylor (goalie) played excellent through two periods (before giving way to Phil Brady)."

SUBURBAN PREP STATISTICS

SUBURBAN HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY LEAGUE STATISTICS (as of Jan. 31)

SOUTH DIVISION STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 10-0-1/21 points; 2. Birmingham, 9-3-1/19; 3. Livonia Churchill, 4-4-3/11; 4. Redford Union, 4-7-1/9; 5. Livonia Franklin, 3-7-2/9; 6. Walled Lake Central, 2-9-1/5.

Overall records: Stevenson, 12-3-1; Birmingham, 10-4-1; RU, 8-7-1; Churchill, 7-6-3; Franklin, 4-9-3; W.L. Central, 4-11-1.

NORTH DIVISION STANDINGS: 1. Bloomfield Hills Andover, 7-3-0/14; 2. Royal Oak, 6-1-1/13; 3. Walled Lake Western, 2-5-0/4; 4. Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 1-9-0/2. **Note:** Southfield has withdrawn from the league.

Overall records: Andover, 12-4-0; Royal Oak, 9-3-2; W.L. Western, 5-8-0; Lahser, 6-10-0.

SOUTH LEADING SCORERS: 1. Greg Job (Franklin), 14 goals-16 assists/30 points; 2. Jon Reepmeyer (Birmingham), 10-17/27; 3. Darin Fawkes (Stevenson), 14-10/24; 4. (tie) Darin Egerer (Birmingham), 13-10/23; Zvezlaski (Stevenson), 5-17/22; 7. Mike Schmidt (Stevenson), 5-14/19; 8. (tie) Josh Del Dotto (RU), 7-9/16; Andy Zukovs (RU), 5-11/16; 10. Mike Redakovich (Stevenson), 6-8/14; 11. (tie) Brody Flanigan (Birmingham), 7-

6/13; Bill Marshall (Stevenson), 6-7/13; Eric Hillebrand (Franklin), 4-9/13; Jeremy Motz (Central), 4-9/13; Zack Kadro (Birmingham), 3-10/13; 16. (tie) Ted Marotta (Stevenson), 4-8/12; Dan Hofelikh (Franklin), 3-9/12.

SOUTH LEADING GOALIES: 1. Doug Peacock (Stevenson), 10 goals against/2.00 average; 2. Todd Weston (Birmingham), 28/2.56; 3. Mark Felker (Churchill), 26/2.8; 4. Tony Alfonsi (Stevenson), 17/2.83; 5. Justin Yanalunas (Central), 35/4.38.

NORTH LEADING SCORERS: 1. Dave Tigay (Andover), 13-13/26; 2. Robbie Kohan (Andover), 12-11/23; 3. (tie) Kevin Ayers (Royal Oak), 9-12/21; Jared Lutz (Andover), 9-12/21; 5. Nick Luxon (Royal Oak), 7-9/16; 6. Scott Fuelling (Royal Oak), 7-8/15; 7. Ben Knight (Lahser), 8-6/14; 8. (tie) Justin Robinson (Western), 10-3/13; Damien Lewis (Royal Oak), 7-6/13; 10. Amir Emani (Andover), 6-5/11; 11. (tie) Andy Dalek (Lahser), 6-4/10; Clay Carlson (Western), 4-6/10; Darl Orandi (Andover), 3-7/10.

NORTH LEADING GOALIES: 1. Jeremy Kemp (Andover), 35/3.50; 2. Brandon Casanta (Royal Oak), 24/4.00; 3. Justin Holmes (Lahser), 53/5.3; 4. Dorian Willis (Western), 25/5.37; 5. Mike O'Keefe (RU), 46/4.4.

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Rocks' sophomore center Jancevski defuses Rockets

BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

For the first time this season, Plymouth Salem coach Bob Brodie inserted Tony Jancevski into the starting lineup — and the sophomore center didn't disappoint.

Jancevski recorded a career-high 16 points Friday in helping lead Salem to an impressive 87-72 victory over visiting Westland John Glenn.

Salem's victory increases the pileup in the race for the Western Lakes Activities Association regular-season title. The Rocks and Glenn are now 5-2 in the league — one game behind Walled Lake Central (6-1). Farmington Hills Harrison

and Plymouth Canton are also in the hunt with 5-2 records.

The victory kept the Rocks (10-3 overall) alive after two straight losses to Central and Canton.

"I was wondering if the team would bounce back after two tough losses, but they met the challenge," Brodie said. "We finished our toughest stretch of the season, but it doesn't get any easier in the league this year."

"This game was pivotal for us and we turned in a great team effort. The win keeps us alive."

Jancevski admitted he wasn't sure he would start, but was sure the Rocks would bounce back.

"We were down after the Canton loss, but we just weren't hitting our shots," Jancevski said.

BOYS HOOPS

"We let that loss go, but we hope to see Canton in the districts."

Jancevski's inspiring play wasn't the only difference Friday. No matter who they had on the floor, the Rocks were hitting on all cylinders.

Nine players scored, led by Andy Power's 18 points and six assists. Nate Gray, who made 8-of-9 free throws in the fourth quarter, finished with 17 points.

But it was Jancevski's play that threw Glenn off early. Jancevski scored six of Salem's first 12 points, to the surprise of Glenn coach Mike Schuette.

"We scouted them and Power

and (Andres) Lopez had great games," Schuette said. "Tony played well but I didn't realize he'd score so much tonight. He was impressive."

The Rocks jumped out to a 20-12 lead, but three-pointers by David Jarrett and Bryce Loughlin closed the gap to two entering the second quarter.

A three-point play by Reggie Spearmon gave the Rockets their only lead of the game, 23-22. But the Rocks went on an 21-10 run to end the first half, sparked by a pair of Power treys.

Triples by Power and Matt Mair gave Salem its biggest lead at 59-42 late in the third quarter.

Salem then got a big lift off the bench from Ben Szczepanski,

who scored seven-straight points and grabbed four rebounds.

A 10-0 run by Glenn to start the fourth quarter cut the Salem lead to 65-57 with 4:50 left. The Rockets couldn't get any closer and were forced to foul.

Salem converted 16-of-20 free throws in the fourth quarter to hold off Glenn. For the game, the Rocks hit 21-of-28 attempts.

A courageous effort by Jarrett wasn't enough for Glenn, which fell to 6-6 overall. The senior forward poured in a game-high 23 points and grabbed seven boards.

The Rockets perhaps deserved a better fate. They shot 46 percent from the floor (26-of-56) and out rebounded Salem 32-29.

But the Rocks shot even bet-

ter, finishing at a 51 percent (30-of-59) clip. Salem also took care of the ball (only 11 turnovers to Glenn's 22).

Glenn received 12 points from Brad Wilde, who came alive in the fourth quarter. Spearmon came off the bench to add 11 points and seven assists. Jon Becher chipped in with 10 points.

Salem held Glenn's impressive freshman, Eric Jones, to seven points. Jeff McKian added nine points and eight boards for the Rocks.

"They just scored too many points and got too many second chances," Schuette said. "I thought we matched up nice with them, but they played real well tonight."

Walled Lake ace Cummings too much for Stevenson girls

Livonia Stevenson put up quite a battle Wednesday, but host Walled Lake Central came away with a hard-fought 7-15, 15-13, 15-13, 16-14 volleyball victory.

The loss drops Stevenson to 18-4-3 overall and 4-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

State-ranked Central is unbeaten in the WLAA at 6-0 and 26-3 overall.

Becky Cummings, a 6-foot-2 All-State candidate headed for Michigan State on a basketball scholarship, enjoyed a big night for Central with 30 kills, 13 blocks and 13 digs. She was also 21 of 23 serving.

Stevenson's top hitter was Kelly Kristy and Lindsay Pfeifer with 12 kills apiece. Kristy also had seven solo blocks.

Setter Nicole Tobin was Stevenson's top passer, with 31 assists.

Other standouts for the Spartans included Gina Palmeri (11 kills/six solo blocks), Whitney Crosby (eight kills/four aces), Stacey Nastase (18 for 18 serving), Beth Pinneo (10 digs) and Lanette Moss (four kills/three solo blocks).

Chargers block Glenn

Defense was the key Wednesday as Livonia Churchill gained a 15-11, 6-15, 15-3, 15-13 volleyball victory over host Westland John Glenn.

Churchill improved to 15-4 overall and 4-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Glenn drops to 10-15-5 overall and 2-4 in the WLAA.

Susan Hill and Andrea Will spearheaded the defense, according to coach Mike Hughes.

"Susan showed outstanding defensive play and did a nice job with her left-side hitting," Hughes said. "Andrea turned in an excellent performance. It was our best defensive match of the year."

Jennifer Laidlaw served six points in the third game after Glenn won the second to even the match.

VOLLEYBALL

Churchill's top hitters were Megan McGinty (16 kills) and Lori Leszczynski (11 kills).

Chrissy Harkless paced Glenn with eight kills, 11 digs and three aces. Setter Jamie Romej added 14 assists, 12 digs and three aces.

Patriots clips Hawks

Livonia Franklin improved to 15-7-9 overall and 3-3 in the WLAA with a 15-9, 15-8, 15-9 victory over visiting Farmington Hills Harrison.

Setter Randi Wolfe had 31 assists for the victorious Patriots, while teammate Brooke Hensman added 11 kills.

HVL wins game

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran won its first game of the season, but couldn't come up with the match win Thursday against visiting Taylor Baptist Park, losing 11-15, 15-9, 15-7 at St. Paul's Lutheran in Livonia.

"The girls played real well, it's what I've been looking for," said HVL coach Jeff Hale, whose team is 0-12 on the year. "The team did well considering we're so young. We hope to build on this. Everyone contributed."

Among the Hawk leaders included Stephanie Graves (three kills/two aces/two blocks), Stacie Graves (five aces/five assists), Anya Day (three aces), Gretchen Grosinske (five aces), Kelly Kovach and Vickie Martin (two aces each), and Jessica Whitaker (two kills).

Clarenceville prevails

Kristina Skrela had 14 digs, one ace and one block as Livonia Clarenceville (15-9-1 overall, 2-0 Metro Conference) won 15-8, 15-8 at Bloomfield Hills Kingswood.

Other top performers for the Lady Trojans included Nicole Riedl (four aces), Agnieszka Palarz (four kills), Amy Jones (two kills/10 digs) and Jackie Kibilko (18 digs/two aces).

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goalkeeper until Brian Borde of the Olympic Development Program got ahold of him as a freshman in high school.

"I was raw," Cassar recalls. "Bryan taught me a lot of technique."

Cassar, who developed rapidly, helped Churchill reach the 1990 state Class A high school finals. His teammates included Scott Lamphear and Mike Gentile, who led Wisconsin to the 1995 NCAA championship, along with Dominic Vella and Dario Rauker, who recently sparked the University of Detroit Mercy to its first-ever NCAA berth.

Cassar then played in the World Junior Cup for the U.S. under-20 squad where he was tutored by Tony DiCicco (now the U.S. Women's National Team coach).

Cassar earned a scholarship to Florida International University where he started all four years with a goals-against average of 1.17 in 70 starts. As a junior, FIU made the NCAAs.

He also capped with the U.S. National Team in a game against Trinidad & Tobago and was a member of the U.S. Pan American Games team in 1995.

Last summer, Cassar shuttled back-and-forth from Dallas to Atlanta as an alternate with the under-23 U.S. Olympic team. Those practices and exhibition game appearances proved to be beneficial.

"He's one of the best young keepers, every bit as good as the

other two who were at the Olympics," Dir said. "Other teams are interested in him, but we're not interested in making a trade."

"Given the right time, in the right amount of increments, he'll gain the right experience and he'll be ready when he comes into his prime. He's in a good situation. To start him now and put him in a pressure situation would be unfair. It's hard for someone of his age to be patient, but it will come. It's a matter of understanding (the game)."

Dir considers Cassar just a level below keepers such as Kasey Keller, Brad Friedel and Tony Meola.

"He's in the next tier," Dir said. "And he's going to be one of the best we've seen in this country."

And for the time being, Cassar is getting accustomed to the life of a professional soccer player who plays new and exciting sports league.

He has endorsement deals with Mitre (shoe) and Reusch (gloves). The Burn is sponsored by Nike. He does a lot of public appearances in Dallas.

"I like the pressure, the money and the bonuses for wins," Cassar said. "It's my job and I have fun. That's why I'm doing it."

"For me this is all new. I'm really overwhelmed I'm making money. But now it's time to go back to work."

And he must remember his time will ultimately come.



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Miami of Ohio to sign CC standout

Redford Catholic Central defensive lineman Gino DiGiandomenico has made a verbal commitment to attend Miami (Ohio) University.

DiGiandomenico, a 6-foot-5, 260-pound first-team All-Observers choice, turned down scholarship offers from Indiana University and a couple other Mid-American Conference schools.

He decided on Miami last Wednesday after waiting to hear from the University of Michigan on a possible scholarship offer.

DiGiandomenico's only official visits were to Miami and U-M.

It appears the Wolverines would have offered DiGiandomenico a scholarship if some other possible recruits fell through.

FOOTBALL

He had a scholarship offer from IU despite not making an official visit to the Bloomington, Ind. campus.

A full-ride scholarship from Miami was on the table for DiGiandomenico since he made his official visit before Christmas to the campus in Oxford, a half hour from Cincinnati.

"Miami was recruiting me from the beginning and I can get some pretty good playing time the first year," said DiGiandomenico, who resides in Livonia. "Michigan (coach Jim Hermann) called me (last) Monday and said they wanted to talk to

me again Friday, but I told them I wanted to make my decision by Wednesday.

"Miami was calling at least once, twice a week. They said I was one of the top guys they wanted, that I made their recruiting class better."

Miami has earned prestigious nicknames over the years.

It is called the Cradle of Coaches for being the first stop of coaching greats like Paul Brown, Bo Schembechler, Woody Hayes and Ara Parseghian.

It has been called the Harvard of the Midwest for its solid academic reputation.

The Redskins are annual contenders for the MAC championship. They were the only team to beat Northwestern two years

ago during the Wildcats' dream ride to the Super Bowl.

"I like the college itself, the campus is great and they have a good program," DiGiandomenico said.

The new Motor City Bowl, which will be held at the Silverdome and match the MAC champion against an at-large team from the Southeastern Conference or Big Ten, is a bonus, DiGiandomenico said.

The Redskins' non-league schedule next year includes games at Army and Virginia Tech. They will play at North Carolina in 1998; at Northwestern and West Virginia in 1999, along with Purdue and Ohio State in 2000.

Hartsock leads Marlins to slalom victory

The Farmington Hills Mercy ski team showed improvement Thursday at Mt. Brighton - from top to bottom (of the slopes).

The Marlins earned first place in the Slalom race with 16 points. Brighton was second (40) and Okemos third (41).

The improvement was significant from the week before when the Marlins had only two girls finish the course.

"We self destructed in slalom last week," Mercy coach Tom Gable said. "We're young and just rocketing in the GS, didn't take the speed off. Weather conditions went from soft to hard and I only finished two girls (Christie Dabringhaus, who took third, and Jamie Borowicz in ninth)."

Gable credited the improvement to "Some hard training, mental preparation, adjustments they made. They needed to think more down the course, get in the mode where they knew what was coming. Consistency is what I'm really trying to coach. This proves they're coachable."

HIGH SCHOOL SKIING

Juniors Denise Hartsock and Dabringhaus finished first and second, respectively. Hartsock had a combined time of 41.12 seconds, followed by Dabringhaus at 42.19.

Junior Kristen Smith was fourth (44.02) and sophomore Renee Burek was ninth (45.74).

Borowicz took 31st place (58.23). The Marlins competed without sophomore Kristen Salla, who has had two varsity starts in the GS.

The Marlins are in first place in the Southeastern Michigan Ski League Mt. Brighton Division with 28 points, one more than second place Brighton.

The division championship is at 9 a.m. Thursday.

The top three teams will qualify for the Southeastern Michigan League championships sched-

uled for Thursday, Feb. 20 at Alpine Valley.

The Mt. Holly, Alpine and Pine Knob divisions also will be at the league meet.

In Thursday's boys race, Redford Catholic Central took third place with 48 points, the Shamrocks' lowest finish of the season.

Brighton was first (26) and East Lansing second (46).

The Shamrocks were off to a flying start as seniors Nick Muccino and Ryan John finished one-two after the first run.

Each skier missed the gate, however, on their second run. The mishap caused Muccino to finish 21st overall (42.66) and John lower still.

Senior Courtney Robison led the Shamrocks with a fourth-place finish (38.06). Junior Jason Anderson was 10th (39.38) and junior Matt Kessler 13th (39.79).

Brighton is first in the overall standings with 40 points, followed by CC (35) and Okemos (22).

PREP BOYS SWIM RESULTS

FARMINGTON HARRISON 100.8
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 82.5
Jan. 30 at Churchill

200-yard medley relay: Harrison (Josh Duffy, Robin Trombley, J.T. Svoke, Matt Walker), 1:49.83; 200 freestyle: Justin Barringer (FHH), 1:53.81; 200 individual medley: Robin Trombley (FHH), 2:12.5; 50 freestyle: Matt Walker (FHH), 24.72; diving: Matt Marshall (LC), 183.2 points; 100 butterfly: Trombley (FHH), 1:01.71; 100 freestyle: Barringer (FHH), 52.22; 500 freestyle: Danny Price (FHH), 5:33.78; 200 freestyle relay: Harrison (Walker, Trombley, Barringer, Svoke), 1:38.35; 100 backstroke: Duffy (FHH), 1:02.68; 100 breaststroke: Walker (FHH), 1:07.42; 400 freestyle relay: Churchill (Kevin Grant, Charlie Corazza, Don Melow, Bill Randall).

NORTH FARMINGTON 119
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 66
Jan. 30 at Glenn

200 medley relay: Glenn (James McPartlin, Ryan Zoumaris, Paul Merandi, Bill Cummings), 1:47.5; 200 freestyle: Patrick Duthie (NF), 1:55.89; 200 IM: Dan Gabriel (NF), 2:09.8; 50 freestyle: Zoumaris (WJG), 24.0; diving: Joe Lebovic (NF), 207.2; 100 butterfly: Duthie (NF), 1:55.69; 100 freestyle: D. Gabriel (NF), 2:09.6; 500 freestyle: Aaron Rycroft (NF), 5:32.04; 200 freestyle relay: Glenn (McPartlin, Zoumaris, Merandi, Cummings), 1:35.21; 100 backstroke: Jim Gabriel (NF), 1:05.55; 400 freestyle relay: Glenn (McPartlin, Zoumaris, Merandi, Cummings), 3:39.21.

CITY OF LIVONIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Council of the City of Livonia, at a meeting held on December 18, 1996, adopted the following resolution:

#1175-96 RESOLVED, that having considered the report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, dated December 3, 1996, submitted pursuant to Council Resolution 636-96, and the report and recommendation of the Livonia Citizens Advisory Committee on the Enactment of an Ethics Ordinance for the City of Livonia, dated November 18, 1996, the Council does hereby designate **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1997, at 8:00 P.M.** as the date and time for conducting a **PUBLIC HEARING** with regard to the **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD THEREIN AN ETHICS ORDINANCE**, such hearing to be held at the City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan; and the City Clerk is hereby requested to do all things necessary in order to give proper notice in writing, as well as by the publication of a notice in the City's official newspaper of such hearing and the date and place thereof so that all interested persons may attend and present their views on the proposed Ethics Ordinance.

JOAN McCOTTER, City Clerk

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PROPOSED SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 27423 LONG LOT 41 IN THE ARGONNE SUBDIVISION, WITHIN THE CITY OF LIVONIA.

Proposals must be submitted on forms furnished by the Director of Finance of the City of Livonia. Proposal Forms, Instructions to Bidders and Specifications for items required may be obtained at the Office of the Director of Finance, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan.

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The City reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposal in whole or in part and waive any irregularities therein.

JACK E. KIRKSEY, Mayor

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

- BOWLING HONOR ROLL** bowled was 216.
- Country Lanes (Farmington)**
Sunday Goodtimers - Todd Wortinger, 244/652; Ralph Davis, 234/607; Wayne Lanning, 223/632; Leonard Wispe, 222; Mike Lanning, 214/600.
Greenfield Mixed - Chuck O'Rourke, 279-248-227/754; Julie Wright, 204-234/619; Ed Dudek, 248-255/698; Ed Wright, 257-210/660; Ryan Wilson, 210-224-255/689.
St. Paul's Mens - Roger Ferguson, 244/602; Robert Gola, 237; Mark Gallagher, 235/619; Floyd Duncan, 232/604; Ken Dean, 227/604.
Spares and Strikes - Patti LaPlante, 209/555; Kevin Landacre, 204/531; Kristi Bertello, 202.
Loon Lake - Dean Condikey, 246/649; Don Wagner, 244/599; Jay Salling, 244/575; Frank Hilkowski, 236/628; Mike Clarahan, 234/625.
Wednesday Night Ladies - Muriel Kropp, 211/548.
Wednesday Knights - Dave Green, 280; Julie Wright, 279; Mike Tremonti, 266; Mike Kassa, 257/757; Ken Witt, 256/680.
Country Keglers - C.J. Bishop, 255/616; Walt Ulrich, 248/686; John Whaley, 248; Lee Burk, 247/638; Clarence Bishop, 240/620.
Country Janes - Katie Szonyb, 204/546; Terri Letwinski, 203/524; Lin Huber, 201/535.
Bel-Aire Lanes (Farmington)
SCS Health Care - Steve Kiefer, 300.
Just For You - Tom Flynn, 240-297/730.
Our Lady of Sorrows - Lelf Olsen, 256-223/670; Steve Eirschele, 234; John Everett, 223; Larry Lafond, 222; Glenn Weatherly, 225.
Michigan Bell Mens - Steve Eirschele, 247-256/693.
Novel Bowl
West Side Lutheran - Don Johnson, 278/702; Kevin Chambers, 251-257/702; Lynn Lewis, 258-258/694; Mike Mockeridge, 641; Randy Krohn, 618.
- Merrl Bowl (Livonia)**
Saturday YABA - Eric Gambrell, 300.
Sunday Parent/Child - Eric Gambrell, 289/723.
Christ Our Savior - John Nurmi, 289.
Lost Weekend Trio - Scott Matu-sicki, 300/727; Bob Campbell, 244-236-299/779; Chris Campbell (Bob's wife), 222-226-289/737; Dave Farlane, 235-238-298/771.
Delphi Tuesday Mens - Roy Hixson, 222-252-276/750; Lloyd Wilson, 235-277/695; Bob Truszkowski, 222-225-244/691; John Wilamowski, 287-213/690; Rick Biegas, 244-226/669.
Cloverlanes (Livonia)
All-Star Bowlerettes - Aleta Sill, 259-259/710; Marianne DiRupo, 248-246/697; Patti Husken, 242-217-213/672; Cheryl Slipek, 252-210/655; Lisa Bishop, 229-214-205/648; Jeanne Christie, 275.
St. Aidan's Men - John Golen, 225-200-216/641; Cliff Merritt, 228-200; Bob Racey, 209-233-212/654; John Nemeec, 213; pat Vandelaarce, 211.
NASCAR Mixed - Michael Fox, 230/576.
Woodland Lanes (Livonia)
Wonder Women - Alice Williams, 243.
Bator's - Terry Decamillo, 257/723; Mark Wenzel, 236/667; Jim Edney, 275/687; Jim Strange, 248/671; Jeff Pinke, 297.
Guys and Dolls (Senior) - Erwin Ottensman (age 90), 223.
Men's Trio - Dan Lenart, 267/732.
Senior House - Joe Kassab, 280/767; Ken Kubit, 288/783; Jeff Roche, 290/755; Doug Spicer, 299/740; Jon Knoll Jr., 264/714; Dick Shoupe, 276/710.
Wonderland Lanes (Livonia)
In Between - Lori Janigan, 256/572; Kathy Rowe, 225/542.
Storm All-Star Classic Doubles - Rusty Shaffer, 300; Doug Spicer, 299; Jason Johnson and Rusty Shaffer shot 579 for a two game set - the third highest in GDBA history. League average - 222.
Night Owls - Dan Shelman, 255/668; Ken Christie, 256/648; Dennis Madden, 246/636; Gary Laine, 267; Gary Steinman, 635.
Wonderland Classic - Dave Kroll, 277/791; George Steffan, 287/750; Bryan Gogolin, 277/746; Mark McCusker, 284/737; Bill Gallagher, 265/732.
Garden Lanes (Garden City)
St. Linus Classic - John Crunk, 244-247-223/714; Ray Joganic, 203-243-258/704; Marv Gadder, 237-247-217/701; Dave Bazner, 235-245-215/695; Frank Bollinger, 242-283/694; Brian Jonca, 269-229/682.
Mayflower Lanes (Redford)
Good Neighbors - Sarah Belkowski (130 ave.), 197.
Friday Seniors - Don Hochstedt, 246/659; Mel Albitre, 284/643; Don Bak, 245/641; Bob Butski, 253/638; Al Thompson, 247/803.
Wednesday/Senior Men's Classic - Rich Davis, 255-254-218/727 (his first ever 700); Ted Kulisz, 252/624; Ron Lancaster, 227-266-198 (13 strikes in a row)/691; Bill Britton, 266/652; Tom Pawlowski, 245/635; Jack Dahlstrom, 243/654; Paul Temple, 247/616.
Honorable mention: Frank Verbanac, 173-164-218. Frank passed away the next day. The last game he ever

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PURCHASE OF THREE (3) 18-PASSENGER BUSES WITH ONE (1) WHEELCHAIR POSITION AND ONE (1) DRIVER'S SEAT FOR THE CITY OF LIVONIA'S SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAM

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JACK E. KIRKSEY, Mayor
City of Livonia

CITY OF LIVONIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Council of the City of Livonia at a meeting held January 15, 1997, adopted the following resolution:

#28-97 RESOLVED, that having considered a communication from Michael D. Thomas, High-Tech Installation, dated December 11, 1996, submitted on behalf of William Strickland, which in accordance with the provisions of Section 19.0 of Ordinance No. 543, as amended, the Zoning Ordinance, takes an appeal from a determination made on December 10, 1996, by the City Planning Commission in its resolution 12-230-96 with regard to a permit application submitted by William Strickland for a satellite dish antenna on property located at 18982 Stannoor Drive in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 13, the Council does hereby designate Monday, February 24, 1997, at 8:00 p.m., as the date and time for conducting a public hearing with regard to this matter, such hearing to be held at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan; and the City Clerk in hereby requested to do all things necessary in order to give proper notice in writing, as well as by the publication of a notice in the City's official newspaper of such hearing and the date and place thereof, in compliance with the requirements set forth in the Ordinance 543, as amended, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia.

JOAN McCOTTER, City Clerk

CITY OF LIVONIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PUBLIC SERVICE DIVISION ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY CHILLER REPLACEMENT

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Livonia, Michigan, as owner, until 2:00 p.m. on **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1997**, at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154, at which time said proposals will be opened and publicly read.

The City of Livonia seeks proposals for the following:
REPLACEMENT OF CHILLER AT CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY, 32777 FIVE MILE ROAD, LIVONIA

Proposals, contract forms and specifications under which the work will be done may be obtained without charge at the office of the Director of Public Works, 12973 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48150.

A mandatory pre-bid inspection of the site will be held on Thursday, February 6, 1997, at 2:00 p.m. to inspect the existing chiller and site conditions. Prospective bidders should meet in the lobby of the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the proposal, payable to the City of Livonia, as security for the acceptance of the contract. A Bid Bond in the Michigan Standard Form issued by an approved surety company may be furnished in lieu of a certified check.

No bidder may withdraw his proposal within sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening thereof. Project must be substantially operational within twelve (12) calendar days of chiller delivery (scheduled for early April, 1997). All work must be complete within ninety (90) days of contract execution. The City reserves the right to reject any bid or all bids and to waive irregularities in bids.

ADDRESS ALL BIDS TO THE CITY CLERK IN A SEALED ENVELOPE WHICH CLEARLY STATES THE NATURE OF THE BID.

ROBERT J. BECKLEY, Director of Public Works
JACK E. KIRKSEY, Mayor

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MARY BETH DILLON

A prime highlight of the winter running season arrives at 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, with the Riverview Winterfest Four-Mile Run at Seitz Junior High School.

Known for its fast, flat certified course and strong field, the race features a pancake breakfast, hot showers, raffle, awards, and long-sleeved T-shirt. Late registration at Toal Runner, 15955 Dix-Toledo Road in

Southgate, is \$15 through Feb. 8.

Race day entry at Seitz Junior High, at Williamsburg and Kennebec in Riverview, is \$18.

Race director Eve Soltesz is expecting a good field of runners numbering about 600.

"There's such a gap between the New Year's Eve run and the spring races," said Soltesz. "We think it's a nice way for runners to test their training ability and to see their fellow runners at the same time."

For more information, call (313) 282-1101 or (810) 354-1177.

METRO MACOMB RUNNERS host a three-mile Think Summer Run at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at Metropolitan Beach Metropark, on Metroparkway (16 Mile Road) on Lake St. Clair.

The route follows a paved path through the park with sweeping views of Lake St. Clair — a sight to behold in winter.

Entry fee is \$6; awards go to all finishers. For more information, call Jeff Seegert, (810) 426-7221.

RUNNERS, WALKERS AND CYCLISTS are headed for a marathon in Anchorage, Alaska, and 100-mile ride in Lake Tahoe, Nev., with the Leukemia Society of America's Team in Training.

Athletes who meet fund-raising goals will take part in a four-month training program and receive an all-expenses paid trip. Interested athletes are invited to free, no-obligation informational meetings this week.

They're set for 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, at the Livonia Marriott, 17200 N. Laurel Park Drive north of Six Mile and west of Newburgh; 8 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at Jim's Restaurant, 714 S. Washington in Royal Oak; and 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, at the Holiday Inn on the University of Michigan's North Campus, 3600 Plymouth Road in Ann Arbor.

For reservations, call 1-800-456-5413.

M.B. Dillon is a reporter for the Observer Newspapers and is rated as one of the top master runners in the nation. Information about runs coming up can be faxed to her at (313) 459-4224.

NATURE



TIM NOWICKI

To most people it's white cedar, to the botanist it is arborvitae, the tree of life. This evergreen is a common resident of river banks and frequently makes up forests in low, wet areas of land. It does not like to be saturated like the tamarack, but it does like very moist conditions.

I was reminded of this majestic tree while wading along a northern Michigan stream. Several fallen logs laced the stream underwater, while overhead the leafy branches formed a canopy that shaded the river below.

Along the edge were the exposed roots of some mature trees. Soil had been washed away, exposing the roots and allowing floating debris to wear away the outer protective bark.

Moistened by the water and polished by particles flowing in the water, the roots showed a beautiful jasper color.

The thick canopy didn't allow much light penetration to the forest floor. This limited the number of green plants growing beneath.

Scattered ferns were growing and in some sunny spots nettles were beginning to grow, but the two fawns I saw along the edge of the river did not have much to nibble on.

In winter, this thick canopy will reduce the snow accumulation beneath and allow deer to move around more easily. Cedar swamps are traditional wintering areas for deer in northern Michigan.

Deer use the leaves for food and reach as high as they can to feast.

Man also used the leaves to add Vitamin C to his diet. Early French explorers suffering the effects of scurvy learned from Native Americans that a tea made with white cedar cured their illness.

As a result, they called it the tree of life, which when translated into Latin is roughly translated to arborvitae.

Arborvitae was used by Native Americans to build canoes because it is a tough, yet light wood.

They used the wood to build the supports of their canoes and sections of bark were used as shoulder and head supports for portages.

Colonists split the wood into small, thin strips used for making baskets. Arborvitae wood is rot-resistant and easily split, making it ideal for shingles on homes.

Northern or Eastern white cedar doesn't grow as tall as the Western red cedar. A 60-foot arborvitae is considered tall. The trees are long lived, many known to live 200-300 years.

Those along the stream I was wading in were not quite that old, but their arching trunks, colorful roots and shading branches provided a grand beauty that comes with maturity.

Tim Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence Oaks Park in Oakland County. He lives in Livonia.

Taking a break: (Right) Members of the Livonia Snowmobile Club, which draws members from much of western Wayne County, takes a break near the Manistee Bridge during a ride on the Boardman River trail. (Bottom) Members of the Livonia Snowmobile Club snapped this photo of the Manistee River during winter on a recent trip.



SNOWMOBILES

Making a path to winter activity

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
STAFF WRITER

In 1927, J. Armand Bombardier, a Canadian living in Quebec, hitched a motor to a toboggan sled so doctors could get to patients in winter. In doing so, he revolutionized the way people travel in the back country over miles of snow.

In Alaska, even native Inuits have given up their dog sleds for the sleek machines called snowmobiles.

Because of snowmobiles, Michigan's Upper Peninsula bustles with activity as much in the winter as in the summer.

Towns that once hibernated for six months now vibrate. Communities that once collapsed economically during the long winter months now thrive as snowmobile fans sleep in motels, eat in restaurants, buy groceries at the IGA and gas from the corner station.

Whether they love or hate the noisy machines, those who live in the North County know how vital snowmobiles are to the local economy.

"We just had a snowmobile endurance run that brought up couple of hundred people, many from around western Wayne County. They filled up the motels and bars," said Kathy Ballard, formerly of Plymouth, who now along with husband Mike runs the Hilltop Cabins in Grand Marais in the eastern Upper Peninsula.

Snowmobilers spend thousands of dollars to buy a motorized sled that will speed them across the wintry countryside.

They share the same passion felt by the skiers and snowshoers who prefer less costly, quieter ways to conquer the snow.

The passion? How incredibly beautiful is the forest draped in the white and quiet and cold of winter.

Thousands from western Wayne County who troop up north during the summer see a land painted in green. Only the truly obsessed love that same land when it's buried under layers of frozen white.

In Observerland, some of these hardy souls belong to the Livonia

Tips for a safe winter outing

- Take a safety course to learn rules.
- Join the Michigan Snowmobile Association. Dues help build new trails.
- Never go out alone. Ride with experienced persons or groups and stick together. Listen to those who have more experience than you.
- Carry such emergency gear as tow rope, first aid kit, communications equipment and matches.
- Buy quality clothing. Get advice on the best items to buy.
- Spend the extra money and buy quality carbide steering and traction equipment.
- Go out with a travel plan. Tell someone where you are going and where you plan to end up.
- Start out small when buying your machine. Match it to your ability.
- Know your machine well, how it handles at various speeds and in different conditions.
- Start out slowly on your trip. Take it easy at first.
- Know your limits, such as how long you can ride.
- Don't go out in -20 degree weather if you never did it before.
- If you have back problems, don't go on a 50-mile trip.
- Don't stay out all day if you're riding with little children. They get cold.
- Don't override trail conditions or use excessive speed.
- Use common sense and good trail etiquette.
- Don't tailgate.
- Use proper hand signals to turn or stop.
- Stop and check traffic at main roads.
- Don't drink and drive.
- Stay on trails or private land leases may not get renewed.
- Use caution on lakes at night. Know your machine's stopping distance; don't over-drive your headlights.
- Stop at every gas station, especially if you're riding in the Upper Peninsula.

Source: Livonia Snowmobile Club



Snowmobile Club. For them, weekend trips on miles of snowy trails are as de rigueur as boat trips are for the summer crowd.

From January to March, club families haul their rigs up I-75 to places hidden under tons of snow.

They don't avoid the white stuff; they seek it out.

Journey's end is places like Mancelona, Indian River, Atlanta, Houghton Lake, St. Ignace, Kalkaska, Marquette, Grand Marais and Paradise.

Imagine riding the frozen ice that links St. Ignace with Mackinac Island, following the line of Christmas trees stuck in the ground by islanders so travelers don't get lost in the swirls of

white. Connie Richart, a surgical nurse for Grace and Garden City hospitals who lives in Redford, did this last year on her Ski-Doo.

Imagine seeing a bull elk, antlers held high, lumbering in the brush.

Frank Ward, an auto repair technician who lives in Farmington Hills, spied the elk from his Yamaha.

Imagine, in -25 degree weather, following the same trail Louis and Clark took in the Rocky Mountains, from Montana to Idaho.

Rick Sawicki, a Ford Motor Co. manager, followed in the two explorers' footsteps on his Ski-

The cost

- An average machine, \$5,500
- Top-of-the-line Thundercat, \$9,000
- Beginner's Puma, \$3,000

Source: Livonia Snowmobile Club

Doo. Imagine heading eastward from Munising along the Pictured Rocks to Grand Marais.

Bill Taylor, a Ford Motor Co. employee who lives in Plymouth, made the trip on his Yamaha.

Imagine riding from Marquette along Lake Superior to Big Bay.

Jeff Williamson, an engineer with General Motors Corp. who lives in New Hudson, took the scenic trip on his Arctic Cat.

Imagine crossing Ontario's North Channel when it's frozen in ice.

Jerry Lalonde, a General Motors employee who lives in Commerce Township, crossed the ice on his Arctic Cat.

All are members of the Livonia Snowmobile Club, which meets at the Senior Citizens Center at Five Mile and Farmington during the winter months to plot out weekend trips.

Besides the camaraderie of pursuing an adventure together, one of the reasons the club exists is because of this main tenet of snowmobiling: Don't ride alone.

The rule exists because of the very nature of machines: they break down.

In asking club members how they got involved in snowmobiling, two themes emerged. They like motors, engines and "going fast."

And there's a family history of cottages up north, of first trips taken long ago with grandfathers and other family members.

Last year, Jeff Kolar, of Livonia, traded his boat for two jet skis and two snowmobiles.

Fifteen years ago Lynn Ward, a computer programmer for Ford Motor Co., got around the northern back country in a three-wheeler. One day, she traded it in for a snowmobile. And it was only natural that when dating her future husband, Frank, he would learn to like the sport.

It was a love match. The Wards now have six machines.

TEN PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

Now that this is a Sunday paper, there are bound to be new bowling readers.

Our Observer communities have the greatest numbers of bowlers per capita than just about anywhere in the nation. There are 30 bowling centers in the area and

about 50,000 bowlers. Bragging rights: Grandfathers love to brag about their grandchildren, and John Berci, owner of Berci

Printing in Southfield is no exception. He bowls in the Senior Men's Classic League at the Mayflower Lanes, and was talking about a terrific young bowler named Eric, his grandson. On my rounds to collect bowling scores at Merri Bowl, there was Berci's grandson's name being hoisted on a banner for a 300 game he rolled in a YABA league. Eric Gambrell, 16, was the first YABA bowler to roll a perfect game at Merri Bowl. His series was 691. He failed to hit a 700 series, so the next day he bowled a 723 with a 289 game in the Parent/Child League.

Gambrell was well-taught. First

by his grandfather, John Berci, and by his uncle, Rick McCaffery, an All Star bowler.

Gambrell is an 11th-grade student at Stevenson High School in Livonia and a baseball player.

Hypothetical case: The story is true, but the names have been changed to protect the innocent. There's a mixed league, the Friday Funsters. On it, the team of Agnes and Horace Pickleberry and Ophelia and Juan Moonshine are among the top teams. One night, Horace put together 12 strikes for a 300 game. But on the automatic scorer, he used

the nickname Egg. Nobody checked the rule book, so he was awarded his 300 ring. If anyone had checked, they could have called a rule violation. The ABC/WIBC book states: No person shall bowl under an assumed name or under the name of another person scheduled to bowl on a sanctioned league or tournament. The penalty is forfeiture of the games.

Think twice before you fool around with the names on the scorers. Horace was lucky. You may not be.

Al Harrison writes a weekly bowling column for the Observer.

HEALTH NEWS

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1997

MEDICAL BRIEFS

Mammograms essential

At Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center in Dearborn, Dr. Thomas Siegel believes that all women in their 40s should receive a mammogram every one to two years. Siegel is associate director of the breast program for the Cancer Center of Excellence.

The National Institutes of Health recently issued guidelines on mammography. "The policy we've set forth (at the Cancer Center of Excellence) is that women in their 50s and older should receive a mammogram every year," said Siegel. "Women in their 40s should receive a mammogram every one to two years."

Although concerns have been raised about the radiation safety of mammography and the visual limitations that come from young women's dense breast tissue, Siegel feels that these concerns are unwarranted.

"The radiation that a woman receives from a mammogram is about the same as a transcontinental flight," he said. "As for dense breast tissue, calcifications usually appear on a mammogram."

These serve as a warning sign to a doctor that changes in the tissue are occurring and cancer could be a factor. "There have been many technological advances that have been made in the fight against breast cancer; the NIH guidelines do not keep up with advances we are seeing today," Siegel said.

Siegel emphasizes that "early detection of breast cancer can offer a cure to women. That's why mammograms are important to women of any age."

Prostate cancer detection

Researchers from the Michigan Prostate Institute of the University of Michigan and elsewhere have found a way to increase the sensitivity of the PSA (prostate-specific antigen) blood test.

The findings will improve the detection of prostate cancer in its early, most curable stages and eliminate many of the unnecessary, invasive prostate biopsies done in this country every year. The findings appeared in the January issue of *Urology*.

"By having established when and how to use this new test, we can now find many more curable cases of prostate cancer and thus decrease the death rate from this disease," said Dr. Joseph E. Oesterling, M.D., director of the Michigan Prostate Institute, urologist-in-chief at the U-M Medical Center, and an author of the report.

"The regular old-fashioned PSA test is just not specific enough to always pick up an early, curable cancer out of an ocean of benign conditions that may also be elevating the PSA level. This has caused us to miss cancers in their early stages and to do many unnecessary negative biopsies."

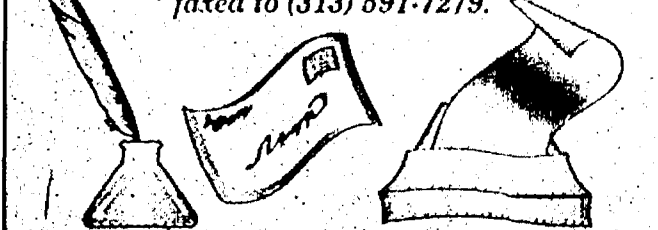
In the U-ology study, the Oesterling team studied hundreds of patients with prostate disease and found that the percentage of "free PSA" (one of several molecular forms of PSA) in patients with prostate cancer was lower than in those with benign disease. Using this information, they developed guidelines for the percentage of free PSA in the blood that corresponds to a strong likelihood of cancer.

With this added information, physicians can now detect cancer in men with PSA levels between 3 ng/ml and 4 ng/ml. (Traditionally, any PSA level below 4 was considered normal.) Also, for men with levels between 3 and 10, these guidelines will identify whether the elevated PSA is due to cancer or a benign prostate condition that does not warrant biopsy.

Oesterling estimates that this new technique will enable physicians to detect 44 percent more early-stage prostate cancers and eliminate unnecessary prostate biopsies by 15 percent, thereby saving the health care system millions of dollars.

"This study has determined the correct situations for using percent-free PSA and has established its upper limits of normal. Ultimately, this information will help save lives," Oesterling said.

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Women giving birth later in life

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Nancy Wilt didn't plan on being 40 and pregnant, but now that she is, she sees benefits and drawbacks to having a baby later in life. She has a daughter, 12, and compared to that pregnancy she feels different.

"Physically it's a littler bit harder," according to the Westland resident. "It seems to take a lot more out of me this time. I'm more tired." But on the other hand, she and her husband, Ron, 39, are more established.

"And I don't feel like I'm in the hurry all the time that I was when I was younger," she said. Being pregnant, she said, "makes me want to take better care of my health." Wilt also says she worries about health problems for the baby, which is due in May. Wilt will be 41 in April.

"That's the thing, there's a whole lot of worry," Wilt said. "But I worried that much the first time, too. There's a lot more tests and things available now than when I had my daughter."

"I feel a little awkward even when I go into a store looking at maternity clothes," she said. "My doctor said you're not too old until you stop ovulating."

Wilt is part of a nationwide trend among women 40 and older having babies. In fact, women between 40 and 44 years old are giving birth to live babies 50 percent more often than they were a decade ago, according to statistics provided by Steve Gold, director of planning and evaluation for the Wayne County Health Department.

In 1992, for every 1,000 live births 5.9 were delivered by women 40 to 44 years old, according to the latest national

statistics available. In 1980, 3.9 live babies were born to women in that age group. In 1992, for every 1,000 live babies born only .3 were born to women 45 to 49 years old. And an even smaller number were born to women 50 and older.

In Wayne County, of the 32,872 live babies born in 1995 500 were born to women 40 and older. Twenty of those 500 babies were born to women 45 and older.

"Compared to past eras there is a greater expectation that women get higher education and that they can have rewarding professional careers and not simply jobs and these oftentimes require them to pay their dues while they're in their 20s and 30s," according to Dr. Arline Geronimus, University of Michigan School of Public Health associate professor. "As a society we haven't really figured out good ways for women and parents to combine childrearing and work," she said. "I think in order to pay those dues women often feel they need to postpone childrearing."

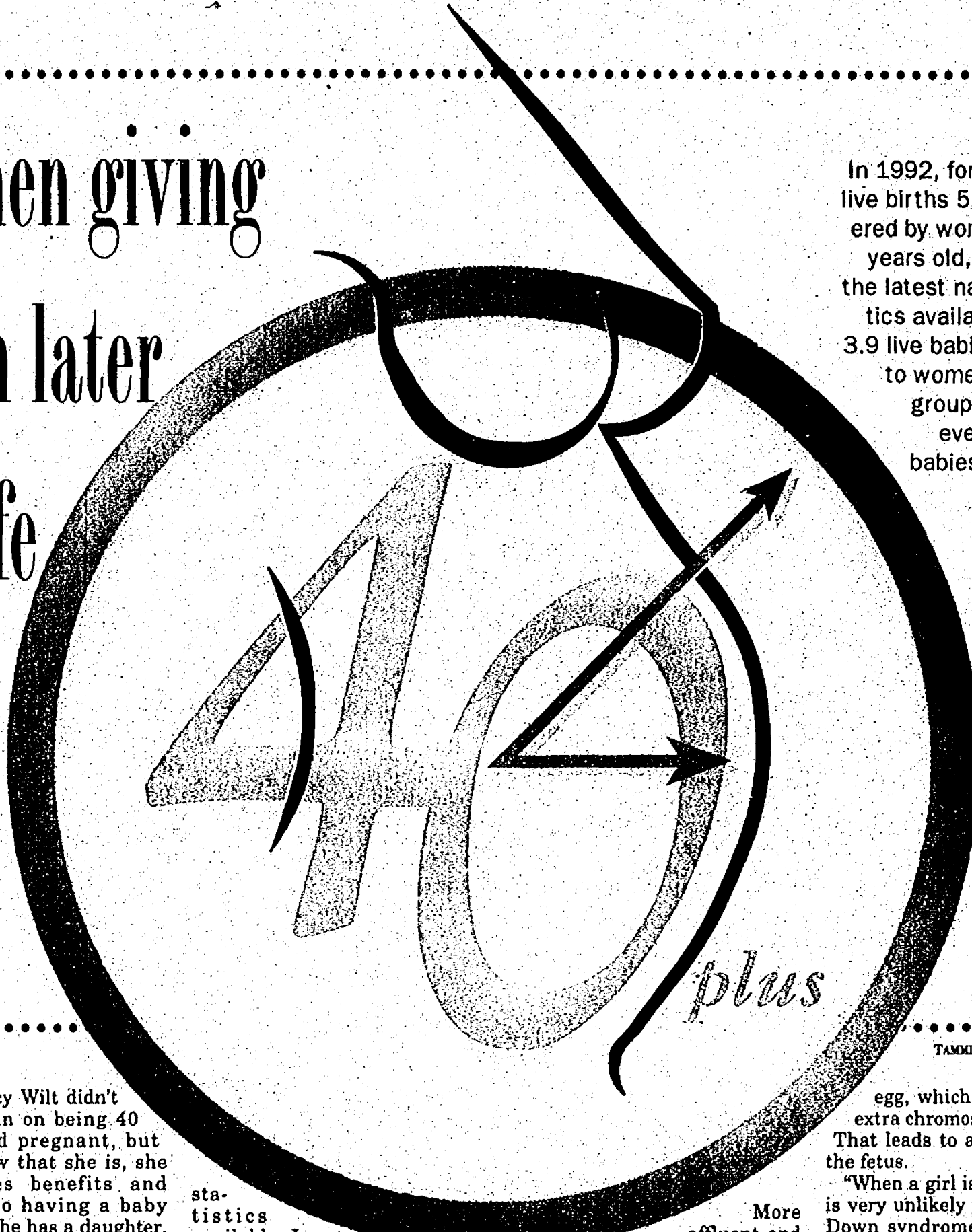
People in general tend to think having babies later is all right, she added. "As a society, we may want to think about whether this is the best we can do to help women and parents fulfill both family and career ambitions," Geronimus said. "I don't know if postponing childrearing to their 40s is the best idea and I don't think we've wrestled with all these conflicts."

More affluent and educated women also tend to be quite healthy and have access to the best medical services. Advanced medical technology helps women who may have been infertile in the past and for those who would have miscarried. Medical strides also saves babies who are born prematurely and would have died years ago. Some risks remain even though technology has improved.

"There are health risks for mother and child for all pregnancies, but risks for problems with the mother and the fetus are increased with increasing maternal age," according to Dr. James O. Brown, III, an obstetrician/gynecologist who is a St. Mary Hospital staff physician and is part of a group practice, Westside Obstetrics and Gynecology, with offices in Canton and Novi. One risk to mothers is that due to advancing age there is a bigger chance of heart disease and high blood pressure. Also, older women have a more difficult time achieving pregnancy.

The highest risk to babies born to older women is chromosomal abnormalities and this happens during the development of the mother's eggs, which occurs in two stages. In the first stage, the woman's egg is partially made while she is developing, herself, as a fetus. The second happens when the mother ovulates during her menstrual cycle before conceiving. The older the mother is the stickier the later stage of the

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egg, which could cause an extra chromosome to develop. That leads to abnormalities in the fetus.

"When a girl is 15 years old, it is very unlikely you would get a Down syndrome baby or other abnormalities, but it is still possible," Brown said. "At age 40 it is substantially more likely."

When a woman is over 35 an amniocentesis is ordered. This test reveals fetal abnormalities. Consider that one in every 384 births to a 35-year-old woman is born with Down syndrome and one in 204 births born to a woman in that age group has one of many different types of chromosomal problems. At age 40, the risks rise.

One in every 106 births born to a woman 40 years old has Down syndrome and 1 in every 65 births born to women in that age group have some type of chromosomal problems. The numbers continue to rise as the woman ages.

"Certainly more women over 35 are having babies," Brown said. "I think that it's important that they understand there are no guarantees at any age that things are going to have a good outcome, but the chances of a problem are increased with advancing maternal age."

It is important to have a pre-conceptual visit with a gynecologist to be advised of risks and to know what to expect, Brown said. The doctor will review medications that could harm a developing fetus, review genetic diseases in the family and consider existing medical problems. Also, the woman would likely begin taking prenatal vitamins before conception. Lectures on prenatal care are available at local hospitals. Call the hospital nearest you for more information.

Contest helps students put best foot forward

The 10th annual Michigan Foot Health Poster Contest is taking place through April 25 and is open to all Michigan students in kindergarten through 12th grade. The contest promotes Foot Health Month, April, by having students construct creative posters depicting the importance of proper foot health.

The contest is co-sponsored by the Michigan Foot & Ankle Health Foundation and Michigan Podiatric Medical Association, statewide organizations of physician specialists of the foot and ankle.

Every student who submits a poster will automatically receive a

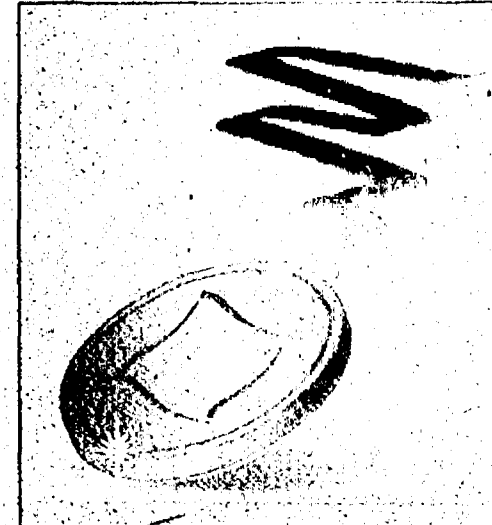
certificate of recognition and a chance to win cash prizes totaling over \$2,500. Also, the first 1,000 students who submit posters will receive a free T-shirt. Nine winners will be selected from the three categories and the winners will be honored at an awards presentation in Lansing.

Poster judges include Michigan legislators and podiatrists. Winning posters will be displayed at health care conferences and in doctors' offices.

The deadline for entries is April 25. Posters cannot exceed the maximum measurement of 16-by-20-inch-

es and the phrase "MPMA Foot Health Month, April 1997" must appear on the poster. Each poster must also contain a slogan or phrase promoting foot health or podiatry.

The contestant's name, age, address, phone, school, teacher and category must appear on the reverse side of the poster. Categories will be: kindergarten through fifth grade; sixth through ninth grade; and 10th through 12th grade. Posters should be submitted to the MPMA, 1003 N. Washington Ave., Lansing, Mich. 48906. For contest rules, foot health brochures or more information, call the MPMA at 1-800-968-6762.



HEALTH News

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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The American Red Cross will be accepting blood donations 2-8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 4-5, in Madonna University's Take 5 Lounge, Schoolcraft (I-96) and Levan in Livonia. To make an appointment, call (313) 432-5428. Walk-in donors are also welcome.

THURS, FEB. 6

NEW DADS
St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a class, "Just for Dads - Childbirth and Beyond," 7-9 p.m. in Pavilion Conference Room B near the south entrance off Levan Road at Five Mile. The class will help new fathers and fathers-to-be understand feelings and changes associated with the birthing process, how to become an active participant in childbirth and the new role of fatherhood. A demonstration on infant care is included. Price is \$10. To register, call (313) 655-3314.

FRI, FEB. 7

PARTNERS FOR LIFE
"Partners for Life," a presentation on women's health issues, will be held noon to 1:30 p.m. in Room 179 of the Engineering Lab Building at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. It is sponsored by the Commission for Women and the Women's Studies Program at the university. It will feature Florine Mark, president and CEO of Weight Watchers, and Dr. Lewis Jones Jr., a radiologist at Harper Hospital in Detroit. To register, call Annette Lozon at (313) 436-9152.

FRI-SAT, FEB. 7-8

MADONNA WORKSHOP
Madonna University will offer a workshop on "Psychological Issues in Child Abuse and Neglect" 6-10 p.m. Feb. 7 and 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Feb. 8. Non-credit fee is \$95. Madonna University is at I-96 and Levan in Livonia. For information, call (313) 432-5731.

SAT, FEB. 8

WOMEN'S HEALTH
The Oakwood Healthcare System and Turning Points committee will present the seventh annual Turning Points conference 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Dearborn Inn, 20301 Oakwood

Blvd., Dearborn. The focus is on "Women's Health - Stages Through the Ages." The keynote address will be presented by Dr. Elisabeth Small, practicing psychiatrist and professor of psychiatry emerita. Topics will include prevention of heart disease, maintaining a sense of inner balance, healthy meal substitutions, and sexual health. To register, call 1-800-543-WELL.

SIBLING CLASS

The Marian Women's Center next to St. Mary Hospital will offer a sibling class 10 a.m. to noon in the Miracle of Life Maternity Center Postpartum Lounge on the third floor of the main hospital, Five Mile at Levan in Livonia. Cost is \$10 per family and registration is required. To register, call (313) 655-3314 or 1-800-494-1615. Young participants will learn how much fun it is to be a big brother or sister. Parents are also invited.

MON, FEB. 10

MENOPAUSE

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Ann Arbor is offering an education and support group for women in the perimenopause and menopause years. The four-week series will be offered 5:30-7 p.m. Mondays, beginning Feb. 10. There is a fee, to be paid at the first session. Enrollment for each series is limited to 15 and advance registration is required. To register, call (313) 712-5400 or 1-800-231-2211.

COOKING CLASSES

The Michigan Heart & Vascular Institute at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Ann Arbor is offering a series of cooking classes emphasizing low-fat, high-fiber foods. "Tasting Is Believing" will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays beginning Feb. 10 in the MHVI multipurpose room on the hospital's East Huron River Drive campus. The cost for the three-week series is \$60 and class size is limited. For registration information, call (313) 712-3583.

TUES, FEB. 11

LESSON ON DISCIPLINE

Oakwood Healthcare System Community-Focused Health Promotion Network is sponsoring a free session on "Positive Discipline" from 7-8 p.m. at Summit Academy, Flat Rock. Participants will learn alternatives to

punishment and new skills to develop self-discipline, responsibility and mutual respect. To register, call 1-800-543-WELL.

MOTHER-BABY SUPPORT

The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a Mother-Baby Support Group 10-11 a.m. in the Miracle of Life Maternity Center's Postpartum Lounge, on the third floor of the main hospital, Five Mile at Levan. Mothers and their babies are invited. To register, call (313) 655-3314.

FEB. 11-MARCH 18

I CAN COPE

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a free cancer education program, I Can Cope, Tuesdays, Feb. 11 through March 18. The six-week class will meet 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Pavilion Conference Room B near the south entrance off Levan Road. The program is sponsored by the American Cancer Society and is designed to help newly diagnosed cancer patients, their friends and family learn how to take an active role in their treatment and recovery. Registration should be completed by Feb. 10 by calling (313) 655-2922 or 1-800-494-1650.

THURS, FEB. 13

CHOLESTEROL SCREENING

St. Mary Hospital will hold a blood pressure and cholesterol screening 5:30-8 p.m. in Pavilion Conference Room B, near the south entrance off Levan Road at Five Mile in Livonia. It will include measurement of HDL, known as the "good" cholesterol. Blood pressure measurement is free. Price is \$15 per person for cholesterol screening. To make an appointment, call (313) 655-2922 or 1-800-494-1650.

TUES, FEB. 18-MARCH 18

PARENTING CLASSES

Oakwood Healthcare System Community-Focused Health Promotion Network is sponsoring Active Parenting Today. The program focuses on important topics such as discipline, self-esteem, communication, and family enrichment for parents and children. The class runs from 7 to 9 p.m. at Romulus High School, 9650 Wayne Road.

See MEDICAL, E3

Class offered for nurses

Nurses can brush up on old skills or learn new ones in Schoolcraft College classes.

"Physical Assessment Refresher" will review the respiratory, cardiovascular, neurological and musculoskeletal systems and their basic physical assessment techniques. Those participating should wear comfortable, loose clothing and bring a stethoscope.

The one-day class will be 9 a.m. Feb. 10, with a fee of \$59.

"Math Refresher for Nurses" will review the fundamentals of mathematical operations relevant to the nursing profession. The six-week class begins 6 p.m. Feb. 11, with a fee of \$83.

The study of medications and how they relate to various systems of the body will be considered in "Naples Theory, Medication & Lab Experience." The course will emphasize using

nursing process and nursing care related to various medications. Students will learn to identify medication side effects and work with needles and syringes. The 10-week class will begin 6 p.m. Feb. 3. There is a \$194 fee, which includes the exam fees.

Infant, child and adult CPR, airway obstruction management and mouth-to-mask procedures are topics of "Healthcare Provider BLS-C Course." Students who successfully complete the course will receive an American Heart Association CPR card. Students must hold a valid BLS-C certification card to attend. The one-day course will be 9 a.m. Feb. 15, with a fee of \$41.

For registration information on any class, call (313) 462-4448. Schoolcraft is at 18600 Haggerty, in Livonia.

Kids learn about fitness

For the second year in a row, SelectCare and Kmart are teaming up to improve the health and fitness of elementary school students in the metro Detroit area.

This year they are again sponsoring, with additional support from Star Theatres, a program called "SelectStudents: Fit for the Future."

The program, which last year involved more than 6,000 students from more than 50 schools, will run through May.

The "Fit for the Future" program asks students in kindergarten through sixth grade to devise a plan - as a group - to be healthier, and to implement this plan into their lives by reaching out with their idea to their

peers, schools and communities at large.

The children send their plans to SelectCare with their estimated budget. SelectCare provides them with the money to conduct these plans and then awards further prizes for winning entries.

Mini-grant applications must be postmarked by Feb. 5. Student projects at local elementary schools are expected to run through March, and project evaluations are due back for judging by mid-April. First-, second- and third-place prizes will be awarded to student teams at each grade level.

For information, contact program coordinator Dan Saad at (810) 583-1400.

MEDICAL NEWSMAKER

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Dental Studies.

More than 200 dentists and dental assistants from throughout the country have attended variations of the

Katz

seminar.

Dentist at conference

Dr. Raymond Katz, D.D.S., who has a Livonia practice, recently completed a two-day advanced dental course with researcher and clinician Dr. J. Tim Rainey. The course is run by the Texas Institute for Advanced

Katz's office specializes in dentistry with little or no pain. For an appointment, call (313) 464-2000.



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TUES, FEB. 4

BREAKFAST DIALOGUE

The Greater Detroit Interfaith Round Table, the Detroit Chapter of The National Conference continues the "Challenges in The Workplace" Breakfast Dialogue series with "Decentralizing HR (Human Resources) Functions and Its Impact" scheduled with Joan Moore, president of the Arbor Counseling Group. The session runs from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Greater Detroit Interfaith Round Table office, 150 West Boston Blvd. at Second Avenue in Detroit. The series seeks to bring together business, labor, government, education and community representatives to discuss issues affecting equal opportunities in the workplace. Cost, \$5. To register for more information, call (313) 869-6306.

SELLING PRODUCTS, SERVICES

The Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center will sponsor a seminar on "How To Use References and Testimonials To Sell Your Products and Services" 8-10 a.m. at the Industrial Technology Institute-Ann Arbor. Price is \$35. For registration

information, call Cristina O'Connor, 1-800-292-4484, Ext. 4165.

QS-9000

The Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center will offer a seminar on "QS-9000: Production Scheduling and Shop Floor Control" 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Schoolcraft College, on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia. Price is \$150. For registration information, call Cristina O'Connor, 1-800-292-4484, Ext. 4165.

WED, FEB. 5

BOUNDARY LAW

A seminar on Michigan boundary law, sponsored by the National Business Institute Inc., will be held 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Plaza Hotel in Southfield. Presenters include: Wilfred A. Steiner, Jr., senior member of the law firm of Dykema Gossett; William B. Beach, senior attorney with the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone; and Raymond J. Donnelly, founder and president of Raymond J. Donnelly & Associates, a land surveying consulting firm. Price is \$149, or \$139 each for three or more registrants from the same firm. To register, call (715) 835-7909.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The International Special Events Society will meet 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Water Club Grill

in Plymouth Township. Local industry leaders will discuss trends in catering, budgeting, theme design and other subjects. Price is \$25 for members, \$35 for guests, including dinner. For information, call Julie Ashley at (313) 459-6660.

THURS, FEB. 6

ACCOUNTING

The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants will offer a winter accounting and auditing conference at the MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Those attending should take the Crooks Road exit off I-75. Registration will be 7:50 a.m., with adjournment at 4:50 p.m. There will be a number of breakout sessions. For registration information, call (810) 879-2456.

CYCLE COUNTING

The Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center will offer a seminar, "Cycle Counting," 8 a.m. to noon in the Schoolcraft College McDowell Center, Room MC310, on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia. Price is \$95. For registration information, call Cristina O'Connor, 1-800-292-4484, Ext. 4165.

MON, FEB. 10

LIVING TRUST SEMINAR

Financial expert Paul Leduc will

advise participants on how to avoid probate court, how to reduce taxes to heirs and spell out the advantages to a living trust from 1-3 p.m. at the Westland Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway. The discussion is free and open to everyone. Call (810) 540-8710 for reservations or more information.

TUES, FEB. 11

COLLECTION TECHNIQUES

A workshop will be held 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor, for those having problems with accounts receivables. It is sponsored by the Ann Arbor Credit Bureau Inc. Price is \$55 for members, an additional \$10 for non-members, and an additional \$10 after Feb. 1. The workshop will be of particular interest to office managers and their support staff. Attorneys and professional collection representatives will be present. To register, call 1-800-710-4821.

FAMILY FIRM INSTITUTE

The Family Firm Institute-Metropolitan Detroit Chapter will have a dinner program 5:30 p.m. at The Community House, Birmingham. David L. Littman, first vice president and senior economist of Comerica Bank, will speak on "America's Second Revolution Must Be Economic." Edward J. McKibbin, director and managing partner, Laine, Appold & Co., will speak on "A

Tax Perspective: 1996 Review and 1997 Preview." FFI serves as a resource for family-owned businesses. For information or to register, call Sheila Switzer at (810) 619-2582.

TUES, FEB. 18

STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center will offer a seminar on "Strategic Planning for Small and Mid-sized Firms" 8-10 a.m. at the Industrial Technology Institute-Ann Arbor. Price is \$35. For registration information, call Cathy Danhoff, 1-800-292-4484, Ext. 4224.

FEB. 18-19

BUSINESS EXPO

A Business Expo will be held at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft in Westland, by the Livonia Chamber of Commerce. The event will feature breakfast and workshops. Call (313) 427-2122 for prices and additional information.

FRI, FEB. 21

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants will offer a Financial Management Conference at the DoubleTree Hotel, formerly Sheraton Oaks, 27000 Sheraton Drive, Novi.

Registration fee is \$125. The topic will be "Managing in the 21st Century." Keynote speaker will be David L. Littmann, first vice president and senior economist for Comerica Bank, discussing "Is This the Best of Times?" There will be numerous breakout sessions. For registration information, call (810) 855-2288.

SAT, FEB. 22

TAX ASSISTANCE

The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA) will offer free answers to Michigan and federal tax questions from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Callers will be limited to two questions each once calling (800) 795-2CPA. Information given to callers is not intended to be all-inclusive and had not been approved or disapproved by the MACPA.

TUES, FEB. 25

TAX STRATEGIES

John Hancock Financial Services will present a tax strategies workshop 1:30 and 7 p.m. at the Mt. Clemens General Building, 22500 Metropolitan Parkway, Clinton Township. The speaker will be David Howard, CPA. There is no charge. For reservations, call (810) 792-3939, Ext. 269.

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The information and skills taught are designed to help parents of 2-12 year-olds to develop responsible, cooperative and courageous children. It will assist in understanding your child and show you how to solve problems together. The program uses videos and group discussions during six 2-hour sessions. Cost is \$35; spouses are free. Preregistration is required. Call (313) 941-0610.

chologist, will discuss how to recognize attention deficit disorder in children and adolescents and the latest treatment options 7 p.m. (6:30 p.m. refreshments) at Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane, 19401 Hubbard Drive in Dearborn. Price is \$7. To register, call (313) 982-8384.

THURS, FEB. 20

DEPRESSION IN SENIORS

A program on depression in older adults will be offered 10-11:30 a.m. at Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane, 19401 Hubbard Drive in Livonia. It will be led by

psychiatrist Suzanne Keller, Ph.D., of Henry Ford Medical Center. The program is free. To register, call (313) 982-8384.

PREMARITAL AIDS

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a Premarital AIDS Class 7-8 p.m. in Pavilion Conference Room B, near the south entrance, Five Mile at Levan. Upon completion, participants will receive the certificate necessary to obtain a marriage license. Certificates are valid for 60 days. Registration is required, and cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. To register, call (313) 655-3314 or 1-800-494-1615.

CREATIVE COOKING

Oakwood Healthcare System Community-Focused Health Promotion Network is sponsoring a program for those seeking tips

on lowfat cooking. The class will be 7-9 p.m. at the Dearborn Inn, 20301 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Tony Ragozzine, a sous chef at the Dearborn Inn, and a regis-

tered dietitian will present the program, which costs \$10. To register or for more information on the program, call 1-800-543-WELL.

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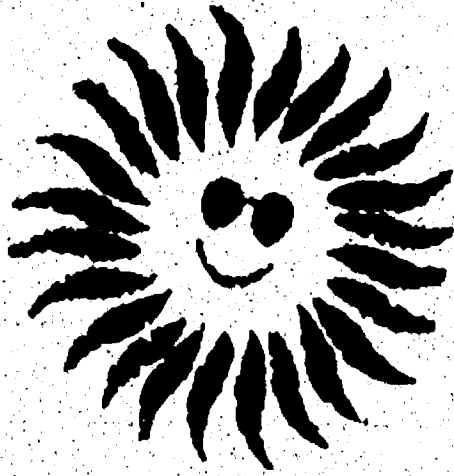
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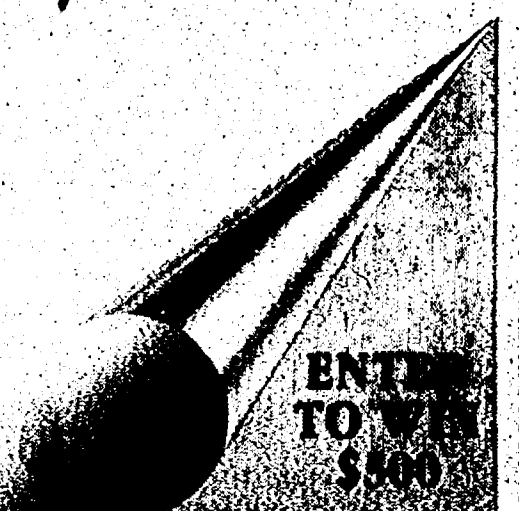
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TRUSTWORTHY MOM
Talkative SWF, 32, Catholic, easygoing, fun-loving, sincere, enjoys walking, the outdoors, dining out, seeks honest, non-smoking SM, who won't play games. Ad# 2222

GENTLE SPIRIT
Compassionate SWCF, 42, good listener, great sense of humor, attends Christian concerts, enjoys playing guitar, crafts, seeks N/S, humorous, caring S dad, for give & take relationship. Ad# 5258

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Roman Catholic SWF, 47, outgoing, friendly, educated, enjoys horseback riding, biking, golf, walking, seeks good-natured, honest, sincere SWM. Ad# 4850

KIND OF QUIET
Protestant SWF, 57, enjoys good conversation, plays, movies, dining out, walks, seeks caring, compatible, humorous, honest SM. Ad# 2121

GOOD LISTENER WANTED
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COMMUNICATE WITH ME...
SWF, 41, easygoing, down-to-earth, enjoys bowling, dancing, hockey games, walking, seeks honest SM. Ad# 6175

OPEN-MINDED
Catholic SWF, 25, attends Christian activities, enjoys dancing, movies, outdoor activities, seeks honest, caring, outgoing, humorous SM. Ad# 8971

REALLY NICE
Catholic SW mom, 31, outgoing, enjoys camping, fishing, ceramics, dancing, seeks fun, nice, respectful SM. Ad# 1997

GOOD-HEARTED
Roman Catholic SW mom, 36, bubbly, easygoing, attends Christian activities, enjoys dining out, dancing, travel, seeks Catholic SM, N/S, with good morals. Ad# 5127

GREAT ATTITUDE
Catholic SWF, 50, energetic, fun-loving, caring, active, enjoys dancing, the outdoors, walks, biking, seeks fun-loving, sincere SM, with a positive attitude. Ad# 5755

LIGHT-HEARTED
Protestant SWF, 26, active, athletic, cheerful, enjoys Christian gatherings, movies, outdoor fun, sports, hiking, seeks free-spirited SCM, for dating. Ad# 1681

COMPASSIONATE GAL
Gregarious SWF, 59, outgoing, assertive, hobbies are cooking, gardening, reading, politics, seeks college educated, good-humored, liberal SM. Ad# 4213

PHYSICALLY FIT
Protestant SWF, 50, outgoing, easygoing, attends Christian activities, enjoys crocheting, bowling, gardening, seeks honest, dependable, fun SM. Ad# 5540

EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY
Baptist SWF, 38, fun, lively, active, enjoys concerts, movies, live theater, reading, dining, dancing, the outdoors, seeks SM, with good morals and character. Ad# 8528

VARIETY OF INTERESTS
Pentecostal SWF, 49, enjoys walks, movies, traveling, cooking, seeking sincere, honest, up-front SM, N/S, drug/alcohol-free. Ad# 1147

OUTGOING FRENCH LADY
Affectionate SWF, 68, Protestant, enjoys Christian functions, travel, walking, bowling, exercise, seeks moral, church-going SM. Ad# 7123

POSITIVE ATTITUDE
Catholic SWF, 52, 5'5", blonde hair, outgoing, enjoys reading, long walks, dancing, music, seeks humorous, open, outgoing SM, for casual dating. Ad# 3344

TALK OVER COFFEE
Classy, romantic, loyal Born-Again SWCF, 48, slim, blonde hair, enjoys videos, dancing, seeks Born-Again SCM to share life's ups & downs & prayer. Ad# 8883

FUN-LOVING
SWF, 18, caring, likes to talk, attends Christian activities, enjoys walks, nature, church, seeks trustworthy, caring SM, to have a good time with. Ad# 1878

FAMILY-ORIENTED
SBF, 30, Baptist, laid-back, enjoys reading, theater, music, seeking honest, caring, trustworthy SM. Ad# 1667

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY
Catholic SWF, 47, warm, caring, affectionate, enjoys cooking, needlepoint, skiing, camping, seeks SM, with good morals & sound judgment. Ad# 1228

WORKING ON HAPPINESS!
Energetic, personable SWF, 24, 5'3", brunette, hazel eyes, enjoys bowling, biking, music, movies, seeks honest, sincere, romantic SM, who could be her best friend. Ad# 9624

ADVENTUROUS
SWCF, 32, 5'5", brown hair/eyes, enjoys biking, skiing, line dancing, concerts, seeks SWCM, 28-36, for friendship possible relationship. Ad# 5264

CALL ME!
Protestant SWF, 39, outgoing, attends Christian concerts and activities, enjoys anything fun, seeks SM, with good qualities. Ad# 3639

LOVE FOR LIFE
Adventurous SWCF, 53, Catholic, hobbies include reading, traveling, movies, the theater, looking for honest, secure, adventurous SM. Ad# 6057

WALKS WITH THE LORD
Born-again DWF, 48, 5'5", auburn hair, blue eyes, reserved, volunteer, open, honest, enjoys crafts, Christian concerts, sports, seeks gentle SM, N/S. Ad# 5279

LIKES TO HAVE FUN
Religious SBF, 39, witty, outgoing, understanding, enjoys aerobics, plays, travel, fundraisers, seeks honest, sincere, understanding, considerate SM. Ad# 3485

FIRE FOR LIFE
Born-Again SWF, 47, friendly, hobbies include making crafts, decorating, seeks happy, fun-loving, thoughtful SM, who lives for the Lord. Ad# 3113

CREATIVE
SWF, 45, 5'5", 128lbs., blonde hair, green eyes, Presbyterian, likes family activities, sports, seeks honest, trustworthy, Christian, educated SM. Ad# 3257

RELIGION IS IMPORTANT
Friendly SWF, 34, Lutheran, outgoing, enjoys dancing, horseback riding, seeks honest, loyal, financially/emotionally secure SM. Ad# 2488

ENERGETIC MOM
Bubbly SWF, 32, Catholic, enjoys golfing, tennis, collecting miniatures, seeks honest, energetic SM, who likes children. Ad# 1225

LOVES DAILY LIFE
Catholic SWF, 19, talkative, likes hockey, car racing, telephone chats, soccer, seeks goal-oriented, honest, likeable, true SM. Ad# 1969

HAVE A COUNTRY HEART?
SWF, 47, 5'7", seeking family oriented SWM, who is tall/husky, looking forward to this exciting, special time in our lives, I love romance, Shipshewana, dancing, the U.P., holding hands, Florida. Ad# 1949

MARRIAGE-MINDED
Baptist SW mom, 27, 5'8", brown hair/eyes, easygoing, attends Christian activities, enjoys movies, dining out, comedy clubs, seeking SM. Ad# 8389

MANY INTERESTS
Fun-loving SWF, 28, seeks nice, honest, caring SM, who enjoys live music, comedy, camping and more. Ad# 6543

SOLID FRIENDSHIP
SW mom, 25, brown hair, blue eyes, open, likes volleyball, rollerblading, reading, seeking honest SM, good quality friendship, must like children. Ad# 2630

ONE OF A KIND!
SBF, 40, enjoys sports, walks in the park, concerts, theater, quiet evenings at home, seeks SM, with similar interests. Ad# 5522

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
Professional SWF, 27, loves long walks, fires, old movies, holding hands, seeking educated, N/S SM, 25-35, with similar interests. Ad# 5145

WAITING FOR YOU
SBF, 24, outgoing, enjoys movies, bowling, traveling, shopping, seeking SM, for friendship, possible relationship. Ad# 2727

WALK WITH THE LORD
Born-Again DW mom, 33, 5'6", brown hair/eyes, N/S, professional, enjoys singing, playing guitar, seeking devoted SWCM, who is family-oriented. Ad# 2663

SPEND TIME WITH HER
SW mom, 33, 5'7", 295lbs., reddish brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys church, music, camping, movies, fireplaces, seeking SM, for relationship. Ad# 1020

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SW mom, 25, 5'6", brown hair, blue eyes, emotionally & financially secure, seeks down-to-earth, funny, compassionate SWM. Ad# 8855

VERY FAMILY-ORIENTED
Full-figured SWF, 32, 5'2", blond hair, green eyes, enjoys horseback riding, kids, music, movies, animals, nature, seeking honest, loyal, cuddly SM, similar interests, for dating. Ad# 5564

SHY AND QUIET
SWF, 22, 5'6", blue-eyed blonde, full-figured, easygoing, loves animals, kids, movies, cuddling, walks, seeking romantic SM, for dating. Ad# 4985

A KIND HEART
DW mom, 31, 5'9", brown hair, hazel eyes, kind-hearted, good sense of humor, two kids, enjoys movies, dining, camping, traveling, sitting and talking quietly, seeks SM. Ad# 7146

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
SWF, 49, easygoing, enjoys movies, dining out, concerts, seeking SM, with similar interests. Ad# 1946

TO THE POINT
SWF, 21, employed/student, seeking SM, for companionship, fun, maybe more. Ad# 6925

HONESTY & COMMUNICATION
SWF, 34, 5'5", brown hair/eyes, Italian, never married, likes sports, horseback riding, dining, reading, shows, quiet evenings at home, seeks 5'9"+ D/SM, who wants kids. Ad# 1942

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SWM, 21, Catholic, black hair, brown eyes, nice, enjoys swimming, reading, cars, seeks loving, caring, blue-eyed blonde SF. Ad# 8381

WITTY MAN
SWM, 38, Catholic, friendly, easygoing, sincere, likes working out, skiing, tennis, biking, jogging, museums, movies, computers, seeks friendly, sincere, monogamous SF. Ad# 1910

HAS SERIOUS SIDE
Protestant SBM, 33, sensitive, sincere, fun-loving, attends Christian activities, enjoys biking, writing poetry/songs, seeks sincere, honest, sensitive SF. Ad# 8433

GOOD-HEARTED
Protestant SWM, 35, humorous, enjoys old car shows, movies, the outdoors, seeks SF, who is easy to get along with. Ad# 9223

SHY AT FIRST
SWM, 27, Catholic, likes weight lifting, concerts, clubs, rollerblading, seeks outgoing, easygoing, caring, kind, fit SF. Ad# 4227

PICK UP THE PHONE
Patient SWM, 51, calm, easygoing, honest, enjoys dancing, seeks SF, 5'-5'6", who likes to dance. Ad# 6521

WEEKEND GETAWAY
Catholic SWM, 36, 6', 180lbs., fun-loving, sincere, enjoys the theater, ballet, romance, travel, seeks marriage-minded, slim, trim, physically fit SWAF. Ad# 9976

EXTROVERTED
Catholic SWM, 39, self-confident, attends Christian activities, enjoys photography, computer software, seeks sincere, trustworthy, intelligent SF. Ad# 4321

LOVES CHILDREN
Catholic SWM, 21, attends Christian activities, enjoys martial arts, woodworking, reading, dancing, seeks church-going SF, with true faith. Ad# 1356

LIKES ANTIQUES
Catholic SWM, 45, easygoing, kind-hearted, attends Christian activities, enjoys woodworking, biking, seeks honest, faithful SF, with integrity. Ad# 1987

DANCE WITH ME
Shy SWM, 48, Lutheran, easygoing, enjoys fishing, old cars, country music, seeks attractive SF, with similar qualities. Ad# 2158

ENJOYS COMEDY CLUBS
Lutheran SWM, 25, professional, easygoing, fun-loving, hobbies are church, weightlifting, billiards, seeks honest, good-humored SF, cute looks a plus. Ad# 4560

CAN WE TALK?
Catholic SWM, 27, enjoys sports, music, dining out, dancing, seeks sincere, loving, caring, honest SF. Ad# 5226

BOO BOO BEAR
Catholic SWM, 41, kid at heart, enjoys biking, hiking, the outdoors, animals, seeks good-hearted, cute, sensitive, passionate, caring SF. Ad# 4822

ADVENTUROUS
Catholic SWM, 23, fun-loving, easygoing, attends Christian activities, enjoys movies, romantic dinners, seeks fun-loving, easygoing SF, no game players. Ad# 7373

GOOD UPBRINGING
Catholic SWM, 30, humorous, spontaneous, attends Christian activities, enjoys travel, golf, bowling, seeks bubbly SF, 25-35, with good morals. Ad# 6759

GOOD CATCH
Congenial SWM, 23, Catholic, hobbies include rollerblading, mountain biking, snow skiing seeking outgoing, sincere, caring SF. Ad# 8521

MARRIAGE-MINDED
Catholic SWM, 37, outgoing, fun-loving, sincere, has various interests, seeks supportive, physically fit, intelligent SF. Ad# 3636

CALL THIS AD!
Catholic SWM, 25, N/S, non-drinker, fun, outgoing, enjoys working out, seeks employed, fun SF, N/S, non-drinker, with a good head on her shoulders. Ad# 6869

THOUGHTFUL HEART
Catholic SWM, 39, fun-loving, understanding, passionate, enjoys family times, his friends; seeks intelligent, slim, trim, petite, warm, romantic SF. Ad# 6666

POSITIVE OUTLOOK
Catholic SWCM, 40, curious, enjoys biking, walks, jogging, music, movies, reading, thinking, friends, family, seeking fit, trim, humorous, kind, articulate SF, willing to share her life with another. Ad# 4141

LIKES TO CUDDLE
Religious SWM, 39, outgoing, attends Christian activities, enjoys travel, walks, quiet times, seeks honest, faithful, articulate SF. Ad# 8273

HOLD THAT THOUGHT
Catholic SWM, 26, open-minded, good-humored, hobbies include boating, fishing, hockey, the outdoors, seeks open-minded SF, to share good times. Ad# 9780

BELIEVES IN GOD
SAM, 42, humorous, easygoing, intelligent, enjoys music, quiet evenings, cuddling, seeks educated, affectionate SCF. Ad# 9934

ENERGETIC
Funny SWM, 24, Catholic, hobbies include air brushing, movies, traveling, dining out, seeking honest, caring, active SF. Ad# 7733

THOUGHTFUL
SWM, 40, Catholic, sincere, romantic, likes the outdoors, athletics, seeks intelligent, honest, family-oriented, slim, fit, sincere SF for long-term relationship. Ad# 4444

GIVE ME A CHANCE
Catholic SWM, 19, romantic, enjoys sports activities, car races, track meets, seeking understanding, caring, good-looking SF. Ad# 1196

LOVES THE LORD!
Catholic SBM, 35, easygoing, humorous, enjoys sports, movies; school, seeks sensitive, intelligent SCF. Ad# 1666

MARRIAGE-MINDED
Catholic SWM, 38, fun-loving, romantic, sincere, thoughtful, enjoys outdoor activities, romance, seeks slim, trim, affectionate, thoughtful SF. Ad# 1966

SEEKS HEALTHY TYPE
Lutheran SWM, 20, funny, shy, intelligent, enjoys tennis, golf, weightlifting, seeks kind, organized, physically fit SF. Ad# 9106

HAS SERIOUS SIDE
Protestant SWM, 46, positive, upbeat, nice smile, enjoys golf, the outdoors, college football, seeks open, honest, articulate, good-hearted SCF. Ad# 7450

LIKES DOING EVERYTHING
Warm, kind, sensitive SWM, 37, Catholic, enjoys Christian concerts, baseball, movies, shooting pool, walks with kids, seeks kind, warm, sensitive SF. Ad# 5858

EVEN TEMPERAMENT
Humorous SWM, 51, Protestant, enjoys stamp collecting, table tennis, volleyball, short trips, seeks non-materialistic, punctual, petite SF, Western Oakland county a plus. Ad# 7777

LET'S CHAT
Protestant SWM, 57, easygoing, likeable, enjoys general outdoors, religion, seeks nice, pleasant, wholesome SF to share thoughts & interests with. Ad# 3290

RELATIONSHIP DESIRED?
Fun, outgoing, humorous SWM, 20, Catholic, enjoys fishing, hunting, going out, seeks understanding, caring SF. Ad# 1214

A CHEERFUL MATE
Catholic SW dad, 38, kind-hearted, sensitive, enjoys baseball, videos, family fun, billiards, seeks understanding, caring SF, with children. Ad# 2323

SERIOUS CATHOLIC
Shy, impulsive, competitive SWM, 48, professional, enjoys animals, jogging, gardening, sailing, canoeing, computers, seeks moral, non-drinking, N/S SF. Ad# 4546

GOOD LISTENER
Baptist SBM, 25, outgoing, spontaneous, attends Christian activities, enjoys cooking, baking, basketball, seeks smart, spontaneous, up-front SF. Ad# 1971

SWEETNESS FOLLOWS
SBM, 33, fun-loving, yet serious, enjoys reading, writing, Christian activities, politics, spectator sports seeks spiritual, family-oriented, intelligent SF. Ad# 7876

COMMON INTERESTS?
Outgoing, easy to get along with SWM, 38, Catholic, enjoys camping, biking, reading, movies, working out, seeks good-humored SF. Ad# 1977

LIKES HAVING FUN
Catholic SWM, 20, outgoing, enjoys computers, drawing, cars, seeks caring, funny, outgoing SF. Ad# 7566

HIG ON LIFE
SWM, 26, Catholic, funny, likes dining out, dancing, socializing, seeks loving, caring SF, who will spend time with him. Ad# 3019

RELIGION GUIDES MY LIFE
Sensitive, caring SWM, 35, Lutheran, enjoys time with his kids, movies, dining out, ice skating, seeks talkative, honest SF. Ad# 7034

GOOD ATTITUDE
SWM, 51, calm, easygoing, honest, attends Christian activities, enjoys dancing, seeks slender SF, 5'2"-5'5". Ad# 1258

VOLUNTEER
SWM, 43, Catholic, kind, hardworking, caring, likes astronomy, the outdoors, nature, seeks honest, kind-hearted, loving SF. Ad# 2677

DON'T PLAY GAMES
Affectionate SWM, 40, easygoing, humorous, enjoys fishing, hunting, quiet evenings, seeks down-to-earth, romantic SF. Ad# 1112

QUIET AT FIRST
Religious SWM, 29, positive, attends Christian activities, enjoys aquarium, pets, working on house, seeks caring, affectionate, honest SF. Ad# 4099

HEART OF GOLD
Spiritual, independent SWM, 34, enjoys gospel music, dining out, shopping, reading, movies, seeks gentle, down-to-earth, loving SF. Ad# 3331

DINNER FOR TWO?
Methodist SWM, 43, brown eyes, loving, sensitive, gentle, enjoys bowling, movies, concerts, dinner for two, seeks loving, spontaneous, independent SF. Ad# 5571

VARIOUS INTERESTS
Jewish SWM, 49, seeking vibrant, intelligent, caring, loving, warm, personable SF, for companionship. Ad# 7098

NEEDS TO FOCUS
SWM, 19, Baptist, student, a little shy, likes fishing, camping, nature, seeks honest, sincere, goal-oriented SF, who can be herself. Ad# 8213

FIND OUT MORE
Loving, caring SWM, 26, Catholic, student, enjoys hockey, coaching, seeks very honest, cute, outgoing, easy to get along with SF. Ad# 9441

UPLIFTING PERSONALITY
Catholic SWM, 30, caring, member of charity organizations, enjoys flea markets, auctions, jet skiing, boating, seeks spontaneous, lively SF. Ad# 4593

WITTY CATHOLIC
SWM, 53, enjoys volunteer work, children, cooking, dancing, seeking sharing, creative, exciting, communicative SF. Ad# 3853

HARDWORKING GUY
SWM, 44, Protestant, outgoing, employed, enjoys Christian activities, reading, working out, current events, seeks kind, considerate SF, with a sense of humor. Ad# 8096

UP FOR A CHALLENGE?
Well-rounded SWCM, 40, enjoys daily exercise, reading, the Bible, theater, cross-country skiing, seeks caring, empathetic, communicative SF. Ad# 3638

SPOILS HIS GAL
Baptist SBM, 39, respectful, enjoys basketball, shooting pool, bowling, movies, seeks witty, caring SF, for relationship. Ad# 4360

TAKE AN INTEREST
Honest, sincere SBM, 32, likes biking, reading, writing, sketching, walks, playing with his cat, seeks sincere, honest, affectionate, caring SF. Ad# 3333

LIKES DIFFERENT THINGS
SWM, 32, easygoing, fun-loving, hobbies are cars, pool, movies, biking, seeks understanding, energetic SF. Ad# 3438

COULD WE GET ALONG?
Protestant SWM, 46, happy, humorous, enjoys antique cars, museums, walks, history, seeking honest, caring, truthful, loving SF. Ad# 1956

ENJOYS LIFE
SWM, 60, easygoing, good sense of humor, likes the outdoors, flea markets, dining out, doesn't dance, seeks honest SF, with similar interests. Ad# 7818

LET'S HAVE A PICNIC!
DWM, 39, 5'8", husky build, brown hair, hazel eyes, not into bars, N/S, light drinker, likes pool, bowling, walks, seeks SF, with similar interests. Ad# 4712

GOOD COOK A PLUS!
DBM, 48, 5'11", 206lbs., fit, active, professional, enjoys outdoor activities, conversation, seeking SF, 35-53, small-medium, intelligent, neat SF. Ad# 4287

BOWLER
DWM, 54, 6', brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys cooking, gardening, seeks loving SF. Ad# 1885

LOOKING FOR FRIENDSHIP
DWCMM, 44, trustworthy, hardworking, self-employed, down-to-earth, seeks friendship with SF to enjoy time with. Ad# 6797

ARE WE COMPATIBLE?
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Richard III has his day and say on the Internet

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One of the new films released is Al Pacino's "Looking for Richard," which puts Shakespeare's "Richard III" in the filmmaking news for the third time in the last year.

Because Hollywood is what Hollywood is, there's little resemblance between "Richard III" as seen in the movie houses and the version written by Shakespeare. And that upsets the folks from the Richard III Society.

Gampton Reeves, a professor of history at Ohio University and chairman of the American Branch of the Richard III Society, is pleased that the current focus on the classics returns Shakespeare to the hearts of the people. But, at the same time, Reeves is dismayed that "Looking for Richard" perpetuates a lot of myths about a historical person who was well-thought of by his contemporaries.

Shakespeare's demon-king, who murders family and friends to capture and keep the throne, bears little resemblance to the historical Richard, according to

the society. "We are not anti-Shakespeare," said Reeves. "As a matter of fact, many of our members relish a rousing performance of 'Richard III.' Anything that increases interest in the humanities is important to us, and we applaud Al Pacino's efforts to make Shakespeare more accessible. But setting the historical record straight is also very important to us."

This column is not the place to set the record straight, but Internet users can examine online texts including 15th- and 16th-century documents long out of print by pointing to <http://www.webcom.com/blanchrd/gateway.html>.

Information on the Richard III Society, founded in England in 1924, was forwarded to our newspaper by society member Janet Trimbath of Rochester Hills and passed on to me. The society is dedicated to the noble purpose of the study of late 15th-century English history and culture and to a celebration of the life and times of Richard III. It has more than 4,000 members of whom 750 are in the U.S.

Vital records online

Applying for vital records such as birth certificates is now much easier by simply visiting the Michigan Department of Community Health's Office of the

State Registrar Web site at <http://www.mdch.state.mi.us/>.

Applications for birth, death, marriage, and divorce certificates can be printed while online or downloaded from the Web site. "MDCH will be continuing to develop ways to make it more convenient for citizens to request copies of vital records," said James Haveman, department director. "It's important for people to be able to get these documents with a minimum of red tape."

Personally, I found the site quite useful. Last summer, I learned that what I thought was an official birth certificate was really only a hospital certificate not legally recognized. So I visited this site and printed out the application with ease. It saved me a couple phone calls and waiting for the form to arrive by snail mail. It printed out with complete instructions and the address where to send the form.

The site also provides interesting stats such as rates of cancer cases for the state and counties, leading sites of cancer, county and state death rates, infant death rates, leading causes of death, fertility, abortion and pregnancy rates, hospitalization rates, and estimates of the number of physicians by county.

The site also includes reports on early diagnosis of breast can-

cer, the leading causes of death, availability of nurses in Michigan, and the changing use of MRIs.

Help with repairs

Autosistance provides unbiased professional help with auto repair questions, product recalls, safety recalls, warranties, consumer rights in auto repair matters, and much more.

"Today people would rather endure a root canal without Novocaine than take their car in for service," said Roy Sutfin, president of Autosistance. "This is primarily because they feel they will be taken advantage of, and rightly so."

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Anyone interested in the services provided by Autosistance can visit its Web site at <http://home.earthlink.net/~autosistance/> for a picture of what the firm does and how it does.

AutoConnect

Speaking of automobiles, a joint partnership recently has been formed to promote the use of the Internet as an automotive retailing medium.

Joining hands were Hall Auto World, one of the largest automotive dealership retail chains in the U.S., and ADP AutoConnect, a new one-stop free automotive Internet service.

Point to <http://autoconnect.net> and you will find AutoConnect which allows consumers to find easily and conveniently answers to virtually any automotive question. This site has links to nearly 4,000 auto dealerships, more than 90 auto manufacturers, auto clubs and associations, parts and service sites, and online auto industry publications.

With direct access to a dealership home page, potential car buyers and service customers can access information on sales, service, location, personnel and hours of operation.

Savings Bond online

The Savings Bond Informer Inc., a company that has tried to educate U.S. Savings Bond owners since 1990, has made its expertise and insight available on a Web site.

The TSBI Web site contains tips and information for bond owners on such topics as common misconceptions, tax traps, and savings bond resources. Dan Pederson, an author and savings bond expert, also is featured on the site. Point to <http://www.bondinformer.com>.

Web Jewels

The Internet Business Center is a Web server for information specifically related to business use of the Internet. This site includes links to Internet statistics, maps, and charts, as well as to Internet business sites and services. Point to <http://www.imperative.com/cgi-bin/genobject27TC=new>.

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BUSINESS PEOPLE

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings and other key personnel moves within the suburban business community. Send a brief biographical summary, including the towns of residence and employment and a black-and-white photo, if desired, to: Business People, Observer Business Page, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

Peer recognition

The Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association recently announced that Dan Bywalec, president of D & B Landscaping in Detroit, was recognized by his peers in Michigan's nursery and landscape industry. Bywalec, a Canton resident, was inducted into MNLA's Quarter-Century Club during the 1997 Great Lakes Trade Exposition in Lansing.

More than 3,600 nursery and landscape industry personnel attended the expo.

The Quarter-Century Club recognition honors those individuals who have made contributions to the professional development and growth of the nursery and landscape industry by having been employed in it for at least 25 years.

New shareholder

Steven G. Boggs, CPA, became a shareholder and principal member of Grant, Millman & Johnson, P.C., Certified Public Accountants and Business Consultants of Farmington Hills.

SPOTLIGHT ON: FINANCIAL STRATEGIES FINANCIAL MATTERS



by Pat J. Paige CPA

GETTING CREDIT WHEN IT'S DUE

Anyone whose loan request has been turned down is entitled to a free credit report if he or she requests it within 30 days. The first thing on the minds of many of those who do make this request is whether or not the report is accurate. According to one *Wall Street Journal* report, about one third of those who requested their credit reports challenged the information they received as being inaccurate or outdated. Another survey found that nearly half of the reports had errors and 19 percent had major mistakes. Common errors include: confusing the name on the credit report with someone else with the same name or similar Social Security number, failing to incorporate comments or changes based on information provided by creditors, and/or failing to remove damaging information after the issues have been resolved.

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NEW HOMES

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It's a team collaboration at Fairway Pines

Three builders have combined to design nine different floor plans - colonials and Cape Cods - containing just about anything a buyer might want for the second phase of Fairway Pines in Pheasant Run.

Curtis Building, Orloff Homes and the Richard Group will construct 156 houses on a rotating basis in the platted sub off Canton Center Road south of Cherry Hill in Canton.

Base prices range from \$252,500 for a colonial of 2,600 square feet to \$289,500 for a colonial of 3,319 square feet, each containing four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths.

"We felt it was necessary for aesthetics and for architectural control to offer a variety of plans for the market," said Melvin Menuck of Curtis. "We customize. We won't be the cheapest. We're trying to be the best."

"You have three builders here who not only have experience in production housing, but also custom housing," said Robert Orloff. "Almost all of our homes here we're tweaking, modifying."

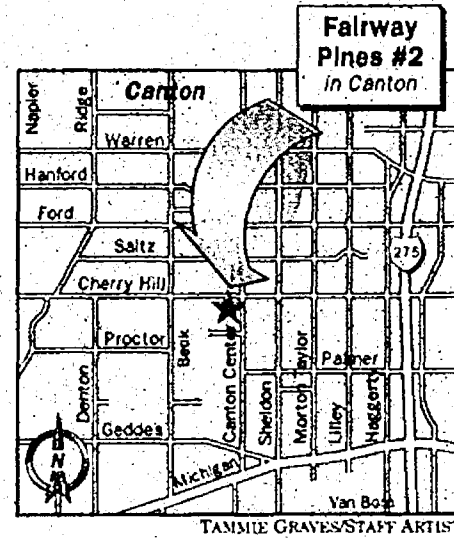
"We've tried to take proven plans and improve them," said Richard Cherkasky of the Richard Group. "This is the upper end of Canton. The main thing I see is experience and quality they (buyers) can draw on here."

The three builders combined have a 120-year family history in the business.

Freeway access, I-275, M-14, I-96 and I-94, is readily available from Fairway Pines. Metro airport is 15 minutes away. A host of shopping and dining opportunities are nearby.

"I think the key is we're close to all facilities Canton has to offer," Orloff said. "We're within walking distance to city hall, the library, baseball fields, soccer fields and the new Summit indoor sports facility."

A three-car garage, fireplace,



dishwasher, range and microwave, basement, and first floor laundry with tub and sink are standard inclusions in all floor plans.

Primary exterior materials are brick and vinyl siding with wood accents.

Each of the builders has constructed a model.

The Augusta II, a 2,660-square-foot Cape Cod, situates a luxurious master suite on the main floor. The master with cathedral ceiling has a pair of walk-in closets, dual sink vanity with make-up area, separate tub and shower and plant shelves.

A curved staircase and plant shelves over a hall closet accentuate the foyer.

The main living area also includes a library with cathedral ceiling, kitchen/nook with island and sloped ceiling, great room with cathedral ceiling and dining area.

Two bedrooms and a full bath are upstairs.

"It's open, spacious and private," said Menuck, who built the model.

The Augusta II carries a base price of \$264,900. The model with upgrades including wall and window coverings, landscaping, premium elevation and air



Augusta II: This Cape Cod situates the master bedroom suite on the first floor, two bedrooms and a full bath upstairs.

conditioning goes for \$307,760.

The Turnberry is a traditional 2,930-square-foot colonial.

The main floor features a library, living room, dining room, kitchen/nook with island and family room.

All bedrooms are upstairs.

The master, with an unusual geometric-shaped ceiling, a cross between pan and cathedral, also has a separate tub and shower, dual sink vanity with make-up area and two walk-in closets.

Three other bedrooms and a second full bath also are up.

"The thing that's consistently nice is all rooms are good size," said Cherkasky, who built the model.

Base price is \$270,500. The

model with upgrades is \$317,866.

The Pinehurst II is a fancier colonial of 3,319 square feet with two staircases, one off the foyer, the other where the nook/family room converge.

The step-up master with cathedral ceiling has two distinct vanities and separate tub and shower.

Two of the other three upstairs bedrooms have walk-in closets. A second full bath services those bedrooms.

A library, living room, dining room, kitchen/nook with island and built-in desk and family room with two-story ceiling are on the main floor.

"The home has all the luxury

features you would find in a much more expensive home," said Orloff, who built it.

The base price of the Pinehurst II is \$289,500. The model with upgrades is \$338,654.

Fairway Pines is serviced by city water and sewers. It has sidewalks and is within the Plymouth-Canton school boundaries.

The property tax rate currently is \$31.22 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of market value. That means the owners of \$287,000 house, the average buyers are so far spending, would pay about \$4,480 the first year.

The annual association fee to maintain common areas is \$250

per house. Phyllis and Craig Coulter bought a colonial.

"My husband and I recently relocated from Minneapolis," Phyllis said. "Canton is a straight shoot to Detroit and Ann Arbor. Canton is a growing area with lots of conveniences. We felt the value, price of the home compared to other subs, was better."

"We like the openness, traditional floor plan," she said. "The quality, workmanship, has been very good."

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DAVID C. MULLY

Last week I began discussing the features of loans offered by the FHA and how they differ from conventional loans. Let's continue reviewing FHA loan features and cover some of the advantages for both buyers and sellers, using some of the most frequently asked questions I hear about FHA loans.

What are "points" and do I have to pay them?

"Points" (also referred to as "discount points") represent the amount of money that is being charged by the lender to give a loan. A point represents 1 percent of the mortgage amount, 3 points equals 3 percent, etc.) Generally, points are paid on all financing. Either the buyer or the seller may pay the points. This means the decision about who pays the points is negotiable between the buyer and seller and should be clarified when you

sign a purchase agreement. It is best for the buyer to shop around for a "Direct Endorsement Lender" for the lowest interest and point deal.

Does a buyer have to be a first time home buyer to qualify for an FHA loan?

No. The FHA program is open to anyone. There are no restrictions on who may apply or how many times a home buyer may obtain an FHA loan. Single people, married couples and people who have previously purchased homes using FHA loans or other financing methods are eligible to obtain an FHA loan. FHA also has special programs for senior citizens and young families.

Are there loan amount limitations for buyers who are interested in FHA loans?

Yes. There are maximum loan amounts depending upon the area in which the home is located. The amounts are approved by FHA for each area based on average home prices. In most cases, the maximum loan amount is more than adequate for the area in which the home is located. There are no income limitations of any kind. Call me at the number below for loan amounts in

this area. This opens a wide door to the people of our eight-county southeastern area who have been wanting to purchase a new home, but have trouble coming up with a down payment. These limits are periodically reviewed and updated.

Can FHA financing increase the number of potential buyers?

Yes. Sellers who consider FHA financing terms increase their number of potential buyers by 25 or 30 percent. Since FHA buyers need less cash to purchase a home, more buyers are eligible to make an offer on the home. This means the home may sell more quickly and at a higher price

than for a seller who does not offer FHA terms. FHA, after all, has more programs to offer to more buyers and sellers than any conventional product out there today.

If FHA is so advantageous for both buyers and sellers, why don't more people know about the program?

FHA is a 60-plus year old government program that invented the modern home mortgage. There are a great many people who have learned about FHA and have successfully used the programs to buy or sell their home. However, there are an even greater number of people who simply have not inquired of

who have been misinformed about these new financing methods. FHA is still the best method by which a buyer and seller can reach an agreement that is mutually beneficial.

The employees of FHA/HUD have been working hard to overcome the mythical stories about FHA. They have placed many people in their first, second or subsequent homes in less than five weeks of processing time. Most of these people had never heard of FHA and are now happily living in their new home.

In next week's third article in this series on FHA loans, I'll continue with more information, look at which buyers would be

interested in FHA loans and consider buying qualifications.

David Mully has been writing his weekly "Mortgage Shopping" column for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers since July 1995. He has been directly involved with residential mortgage lending in the Detroit area since 1988 and is a local mortgage consultant. For information about a new mortgage, call Mully toll-free at 800-405-3051, fax him at 810-380-0603 or send e-mail to cgbr04d@prodigy.com. You can access Mully's previous Mortgage Shopping articles on-line at <http://leonline.com/~emoryd/mully>.

Job-safety video aimed at kids

More than 30 of Michigan's construction associations have joined forces in a collaborative effort to produce a one-of-a-kind construction job-site safety video for children.

The video, aimed at young people kindergarten through sixth grade, warns about the risks of playing on or near construction job sites.

"I've talked to a number of contractors over the past several months, and almost every one of them has recounted at least one incident involving kids trespassing on job sites after hours," said Brenda Zimmerman, director of industry affairs for the Construction Association of Michigan.

"The results can be costly, including injuries and malicious mischief like vandalism and theft," she said.

"Anyone who has spent time with kids knows that it's almost

impossible to keep them from getting into places they shouldn't be, no matter how many precautions are taken," Zimmerman said. "We're trying to educate children about what can happen when they make a decision to trespass on a construction site."

The new video, entitled Smart Kids Play It Safe, is scheduled to be formally introduced next week at Design & Construction Expo '97, the largest annual construction event in the Midwest.

More than 200 third-graders from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties have been invited to the premier at the Pontiac Silverdome.

The kids will be treated to breakfast at the Main Event Restaurant, a special screening of the video and a guided tour of the show to see the big equipment displays.

"Following the premier, the

associations plan to take the safety video to every elementary school in the state using a group of volunteers from each organization," Zimmerman said.

"It will be a massive effort considering that there are over 2,000 public elementary schools in the state," she said.

Following are sponsors who contributed \$2,000 for the Smart Kids Play It Safe video.

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surfaces, such as dresser tops, drawers and shelves.

"Choose the base-coat color carefully," says Tracy Lovejoy, a design expert with The Home Depot. "Make sure your base coat and all of your accent coats work well with your furnishings and floors, or that the colors won't make the room appear smaller."



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4. Crumple up a lint-free rag in your hand so that most of the wrinkles are on the side that will face the wall. Press the rag lightly on the wall surface, taking the glaze off as you go. Touch the rag randomly throughout the section to achieve a uniform look. To get into corners and tight spots, use a smaller rag.

Fireplace, kitchen efficiency highlight this plan

Gently arched windows and a combination of hipped and gabled roof lines draw the eye to the Clarkston, a mid-sized family home with a vaulted great room. Its dramatic entry portico, supported by a massive square brick column, adds to the attraction. The arched transom window over the door mirrors the shape of the exterior brick arch.

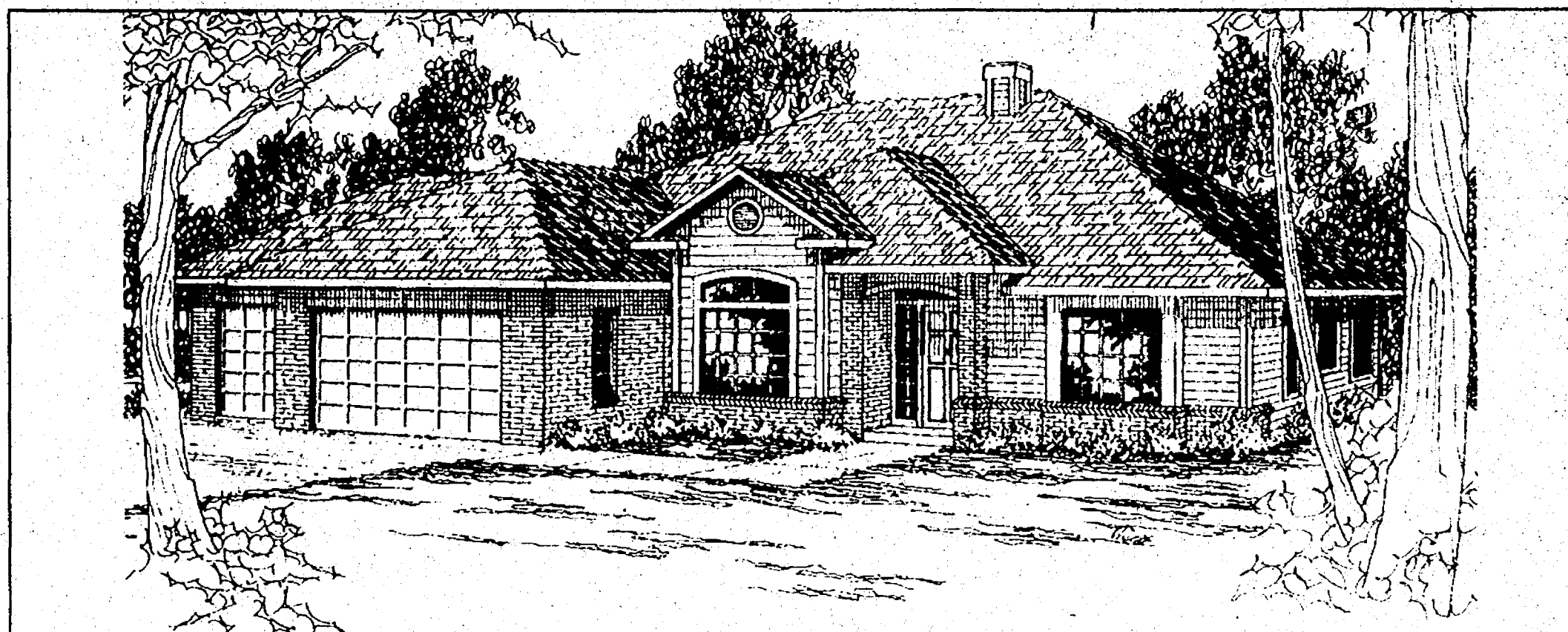
A freestanding fireplace is at the core of this informal plan. Its central location allows enjoyment of the warmth and colorful flames from the kitchen, nook and family room. The home has no living room, which many contemporary families see as a plus. But it does boast a large dining room facing the street, along with another bright room that could be outfitted as a home office, den, or a fourth bedroom.

Efficiency was a major consideration in designing this kitchen. Range, sink and refrigerator are set in a tight triangle that minimizes wasted steps. Sliding glass doors provide patio access for outdoor dining. Utilities are tucked in a pass-through space that connects the house with a three-car garage. A small powder room is nearby.

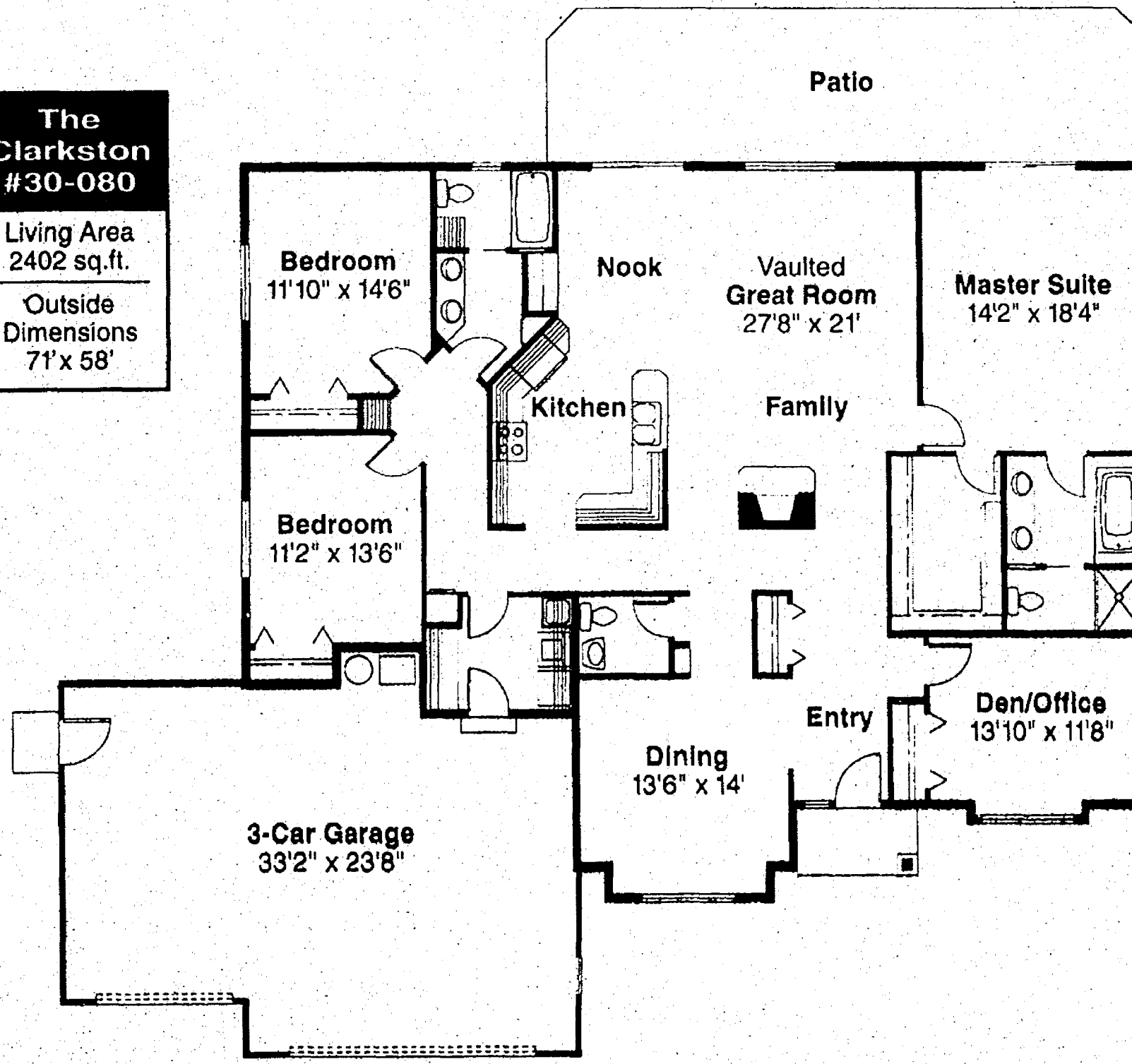
Master suite and secondary bedrooms are on opposite sides of the great room. Master suite amenities include a huge walk-in closet, and a private bathroom. A pocket door separates the toilet and shower from the tub and double vanity, while sliders in the sleeping area open onto the patio.

The Clarkston's secondary bedrooms share another dual-compartment bathroom. The double vanity in the outer section allows teens the luxury of extended mirror use without blocking access to the toilet or tub.

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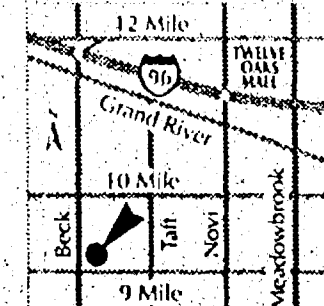
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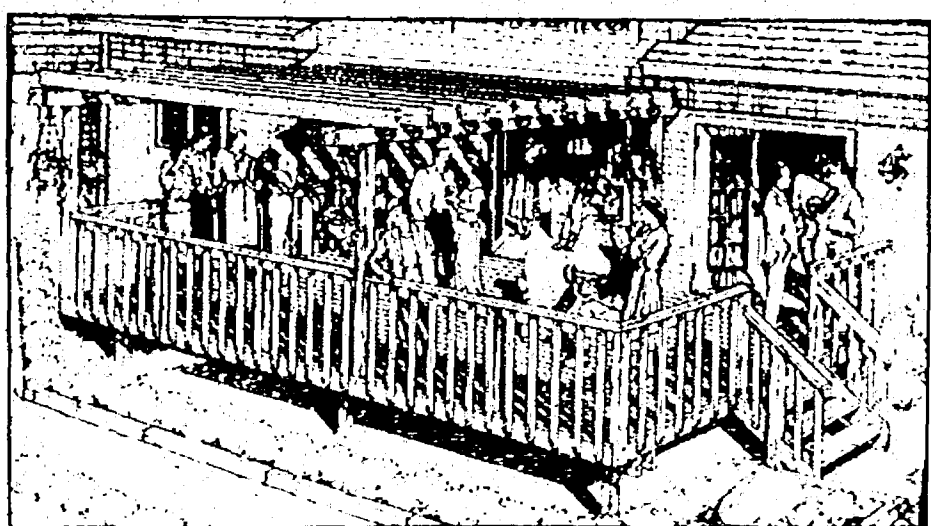
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Demand causes lot prices to soar

Prices of residential building lots rose last year, driven higher by persistent demand for new housing and the increasing costs of land development.

U.S. Housing Markets, a tracking/reporting service based in Canton, said development of new sites appears to be keeping pace with absorption in most major markets.

Southeastern Michigan, however, is one of the few busy locales nationally with a shortage of building lots.

"It has been amazingly hot here in terms of all major metro areas," said Brian Bragg, editor. "It's really outstanding as far as this being a colder climate, an older market."

"Good lots at times have been coming on stream at prices half again higher than similar lots in the same neighborhoods a year

earlier," Bragg wrote in his report.

"This has been the case in some parts of the Detroit metro area, where employment growth has been tremendous in the past few years," he wrote. "Demand for one-family lots in northern and western suburbs has been relentless."

Here's what U.S. Housing Markets reported about our market.

"Southeast Michigan's housing boom has rocketed the price of raw land and developed lots throughout almost the entire region.

"Some easing is likely as the economy moderates in 1997; meanwhile, building sites are in short supply in many locales. Land speculation is evident by quick flips; turnover is high throughout the market.

"Employers have been generat-

ing some 50,000 to 80,000 net new jobs annually for the past few years. Such expansion has fueled southeastern Michigan's strongest economic boom in nearly 20 years.

"Single-family builders in 1996 worked at their fastest pace since 1978. Through it all, housing prices continued to rise. Inflation of existing home prices hit double digits, and builders were able to command ever-better prices for their products.

"Prices of finished lots are escalating, particularly in Detroit's western suburbs. Preservation of wetlands and tree regulations have curbed new supplies.

"In most subs, a low-end 60-by-120 lot for starter product will cost at least \$20,000. In more popular transportation corridors north and west, 60-foot lots will

command \$32,000-\$40,000. Builders note a distinct shortage of these sites.

"Lots of 70 to 80 feet will seldom be found for less than \$30,000, and will often run up to \$50,000 in the most desirable neighborhoods.

"Raw single-family land on the edges typically sells for \$8,000 to \$20,000 per acre. Multi-family dirt will bring \$25,000 to \$40,000 per acre in most situations.

"Regulators of Macomb County have slammed the brakes with a two-year moratorium on sewer permits in three busy townships in the northeast suburban area.

"The heated pace of development has spawned more restrictive zoning. Large-lot regulations are being applied in Novi, Milford, Brighton and Ann Arbor."

Don't neglect lighting features

When redecorating a room, colors are taken into account, space, furniture, carpeting and even wall sockets.

One thing that's sometimes forgotten is the feature that allows you to see all your improvements - the lighting.

With all the different options available to today's decorator, there's enough variety to satisfy even the most demanding homeowner. The important thing to remember is to pick lighting that meets your needs as well as looks good.

It won't do any good to have great looking lighting fixtures if you can't see them because the light's too dim.

Before you decide the style of lighting you need, consider the kind of light that can be produced.

■ Direct light is harsh and produces sharp shadows and contrasts.

■ Indirect light is reflected either from the ceiling or the walls and produces a softer light.

■ Semi-indirect light combines both direct and indirect light with the major portion of light reflected off the ceiling.

■ General illumination refers to overall illumination where shadows are at a minimum.

■ Localized lighting refers to lighting for a specific area.

■ Decorative light is used to identify to a fixture important in the lighting plans because of its appearance.

■ Accent lighting refers to dramatic or unusual lighting effects without drawing attention to the light fixture itself.

Once you determine the kind of light you want to use, you can choose from a variety of fixtures to meet your needs.

Recessed lights are incandescent or fluorescent fixtures set into the ceiling or wall so that the fixture is flush with the surface. This type of light is used for accent or general illumination.

Ceiling-mounted fixtures are installed close to the ceiling and are attached directly to the outlet box. These types of fixtures with glass shades provide both direct and semi-indirect light. This fixture is used primarily for general illumination.

Stem or chain fixtures are suspended from the outlet box. Depending upon the fixture, they provide direct, indirect or semi-direct lighting or a combination. These lights are used for general illumination and when hung low can be used for downlight local lighting.

Reel fixtures are similar to stem fixtures

but are suspended from the ceiling on an enclosed reel that permits the light to be raised or lowered.

Cove lighting is indirect light produced by lamps concealed in a molding of wood, metal, plaster or glass fastened to the upper wall or an actual part of the wall itself.

Wall lights are equipped with fluorescent lamps and are primarily used for general illumination, but they also are used as window valances, bed lamps, over-the-sink lamps and desk lamps.

Wall brackets are fixtures that mount on the wall.

Wall bracket lighting can provide any of the three types of lighting or a combination of the three. They are used for localized lighting, decorative lighting or background illumination.

Accent lights are adjustable lights that can be mounted on the walls or ceiling. They direct light to a specific location. These lights are used to create dramatic and interesting effects.

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Mortgage rates dip slightly

WASHINGTON (AP) - Thirty-year, fixed rate mortgages averaged 7.85 percent this past week, down from 7.87 percent last week, according to a national survey released Thursday by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.

It was the lowest since Jan. 9, when rates also averaged 7.85. Last week's average was the highest since April 18, when rates averaged 7.88 percent.

On one-year adjustable rate mortgages, lenders were asking an average initial rate of 5.57 percent, unchanged from last week.

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Construction expo

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anticipated.

Free tickets are available in advance by calling the Construction Association at (810) 972-1000. Tickets at the door are \$10.

Roads report

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan hosts an Oakland/North Oakland County Builders Forum 5-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11 at Mitch's II, 6665 Highland, Waterford.

Guest speaker: Brent Bair, managing director, Oakland County Road Commission.

Cost, which includes dinner, is \$20 for BIA members, \$40 for non-members. To register, call (810) 737-4477.

Pella award

Pella Window & Door of Detroit has received the 1996 Pella President's Award for outstanding performance in customer satisfaction, service and training.

Louis Kasischke, distributorship president, accepted the award.

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TMP award

Construction hasn't really started yet, but Oakland University's Recreation and Athletic Center in Rochester has received a coveted architectural design

citation by the magazine American School and University.

The citation appeared in the November issue honoring the most outstanding school and university facilities around the nation.

TMP Associates of Bloomfield Hills is the main architect of the center which will feature a 50-meter pool, bubble pool, spa, arena seating 3,000, walking/running track, racquetball courts and social lounge.

The \$31 million facility is expected to open in fall, 1998.

Kahn project

Albert Kahn Associates, a 100-year-old architectural and engineering firm in Detroit, has been selected by German auto maker Mercedes-Benz to serve as pro-

gram manager and architect/engineer for an assembly plant in Brazil.

The 1.1 million-square-foot facility is scheduled to begin production at the end of 1998.

Builder's license training

Builder's Training Services offers a pre-exam builder's license training program 6-10 p.m. March 4, 6, 11 and 13 at the Clawson Troy Elks Club on Big Beaver Rd. east of Rochester Road.

The same class will be offered 6-10 p.m. March 3, 5, 10 and 12 at the Livonia Elks Club on Plymouth Road between Middlebelt and Merriman.

The 16-hour course includes a training manual, textbook and information to help candidates

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Cost is \$199 with registration by Feb. 27, \$224 afterwards. To register, call (810) 436-9610.

Real estate investors

The Real Estate Investors Association sponsors a program on women in real estate, the feminine view, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, at the Southgate Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline one block east of I-75.

Cost for non-members is \$10. Beginning landlords interested in a free introductory package should call Wayne Koehler, president, at the landlord hotline: (313) 277-4168.

Mirrors reflect good decorative taste

By BARBARA MAYER FOR AP SPECIAL FEATURES

Mirrored walls make rooms seem bigger and brighter, and mirrors in decorative frames offer an economical alternative to expensive artwork.

Pamela Heyne, a Washington, D.C., architect and author of "Mirror by Design" (John Wiley & Sons, \$49.95), says mirrors shine especially bright in a house with very little natural light. She knows firsthand, from remodeling her rather dark Georgetown townhouse.

Heyne started in the kitchen, mirroring the ceiling inside the hanging cabinets and the wall behind the sink.

She says the cabinet mirrors make it easier to see what's on the top shelves, while the mirrored backsplash doubles the

light around the sink and visually enlarges the room.

She used mirrors to advantage elsewhere in the house, too.

"To bring in light from outdoors, I placed a mirrored three-panel screen near the window in my dining room, which is very dark," Heyne says. "I also often use mirrored place mats that reflect the sky on the dining table."

In the living room, she mirrored the walls on either side of the fireplace rather than making a mirror over the fireplace.

While mirrors visually expand space, they should be used with care. Make sure they reflect the most attractive portion of a room, not an eyesore. And, Heyne suggests, avoid putting a mirror directly opposite an entrance. Few people enjoy see-

ing themselves entering a room.

As a design consultant to the North American Mirror Manufacturers Association in Potomac, Md., Heyne is in a good position to talk about what's happening in the market.

One thing is tinted mirrors. While not new, they're currently popular. The glass, in colors such as bronze, gray, pink and blue, is tinted before the back is silvered.

Blue is the color of choice in Florida, she says, "perhaps because it makes a room look cooler and suggests the color of the water."

Two recent manufacturing techniques for mirrors are more practical than decorative. A pyrolytic process replaces silvering, which has a ten-

dency to corrode in damp areas such as the bathroom. Ultra-clear mirrors, devoid of the usual hint of green in the glass, make colors truer. That's particularly handy when applying makeup.

Many creative uses of mirrors are centuries old, pre-dating the electric light. The Hall of Mirrors at Versailles, installed in the late 17th century, was the first major use of built-in mirrors. The look was widely imitated in palaces

throughout Europe in the 18th century.

In the 19th century, Sir John Soane of London had slivers of mirror placed in the woodwork and circular mirrors mounted in the upper walls of his townhouse, which is now a museum.

Heyne says it is well worth borrowing the 18th-century idea of installing mirrors on the walls between windows. These so-called pier mirrors double the

apparent size of the room and make the window wall a focal point.

In Shakespeare's time, "ghosts" appeared on stage, thanks to the use of angled mirrors. Such mirror tricks can be played at home.

"It's fun to take a small mirror up to a window," Heyne says. "You can often grab a better view by placing the mirror to the side of the window."

New breed of gas furnace heats homes more evenly

Every wish you could just take the chill out of your home's air without being overwhelmed with a full blast of heat from your furnace?

Well, now you can, thanks to a new development in gas furnaces called two-stage, variable-speed heating.

According to the Trane Home Comfort Institute, most older furnaces are single-stage, single-speed furnaces. This means the valve that controls the flow of gas into the furnace has just one setting, high, and the blower that distributes heated air through the home has just one speed, maximum.

Two-stage, variable-speed furnaces, on the other hand, have a gas valve that automatically operates at either high or low to provide the correct level of fuel with the most efficiency and a blower that automatically adjusts its speed according to the home's heating needs.

Heating experts at the Trane Home Comfort Institute explain that, in conventional furnaces, the blower is either on or off. And, any time the blower is on, it's running at full capacity. This frequent on-again, off-again cycling can result in uncomfortable temperature fluctuations, especially if the furnace is


a lot larger than it needs to be for the coldest weather.

It can also result in higher-than-normal operating costs. Compare it to the operation of a car, and it's similar to the difference in fuel economy between highway driving and stop-and-go driving.

Instead of starting with a full blast of heat from the outset, the blower in a variable-speed furnace starts at a low speed to gently warm the home and then gradually builds up to a high speed if more heat is required for maximum comfort. This means there are no sudden bursts of air, ensuring a more even and comfortable flow of heat.

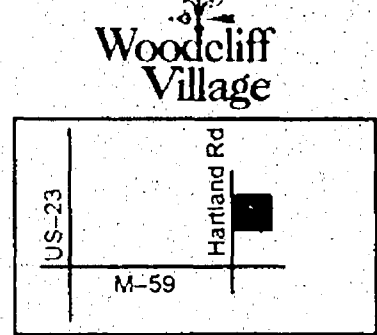
It also means quieter operation and improved indoor air quality. A variable-speed blower produces less noise because it operates at slower speeds most of the time. You won't hear a "thunking" noise when it comes on.

And, because it operates at slower speeds, more unwanted particles cling to the filter, allowing cleaner air to flow into the home. In a conventional furnace, air is pulled through the filter at a consistently high rate of speed. This lessens the filter's ability to collect dust and allergens.




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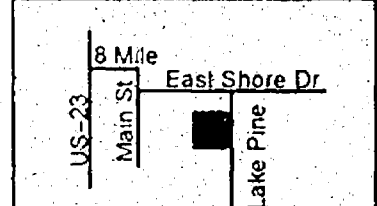


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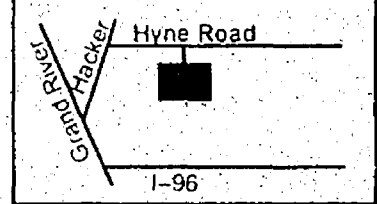


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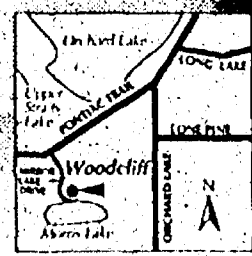


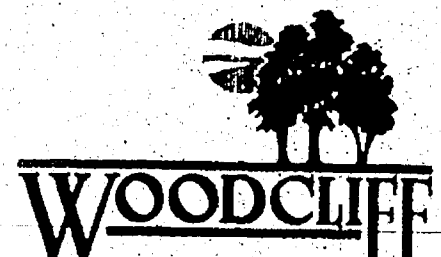
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Almost any electronic gadget plugged

into an outlet can be damaged or ruined by a power surge. Obviously, the stakes go up if you are operating an expensive computer system, stereo system or home-theater system.

This is why buying a surge suppressor may be necessary. It could be considered as an investment as insurance against having the circuitry of your computer burned to a crisp - even for computers with some degree of built-in protection.

For a decent suppressor, you can expect to pay more than \$50. Most of the models have at least six outlets, a light to show when some form of protection is ineffective, a resettable line-current circuit breaker, some type of warranty and compliance with the UL 1449 standard. (The best rating is 330 volts; a rating higher than 600 volts can be unnecessary.)

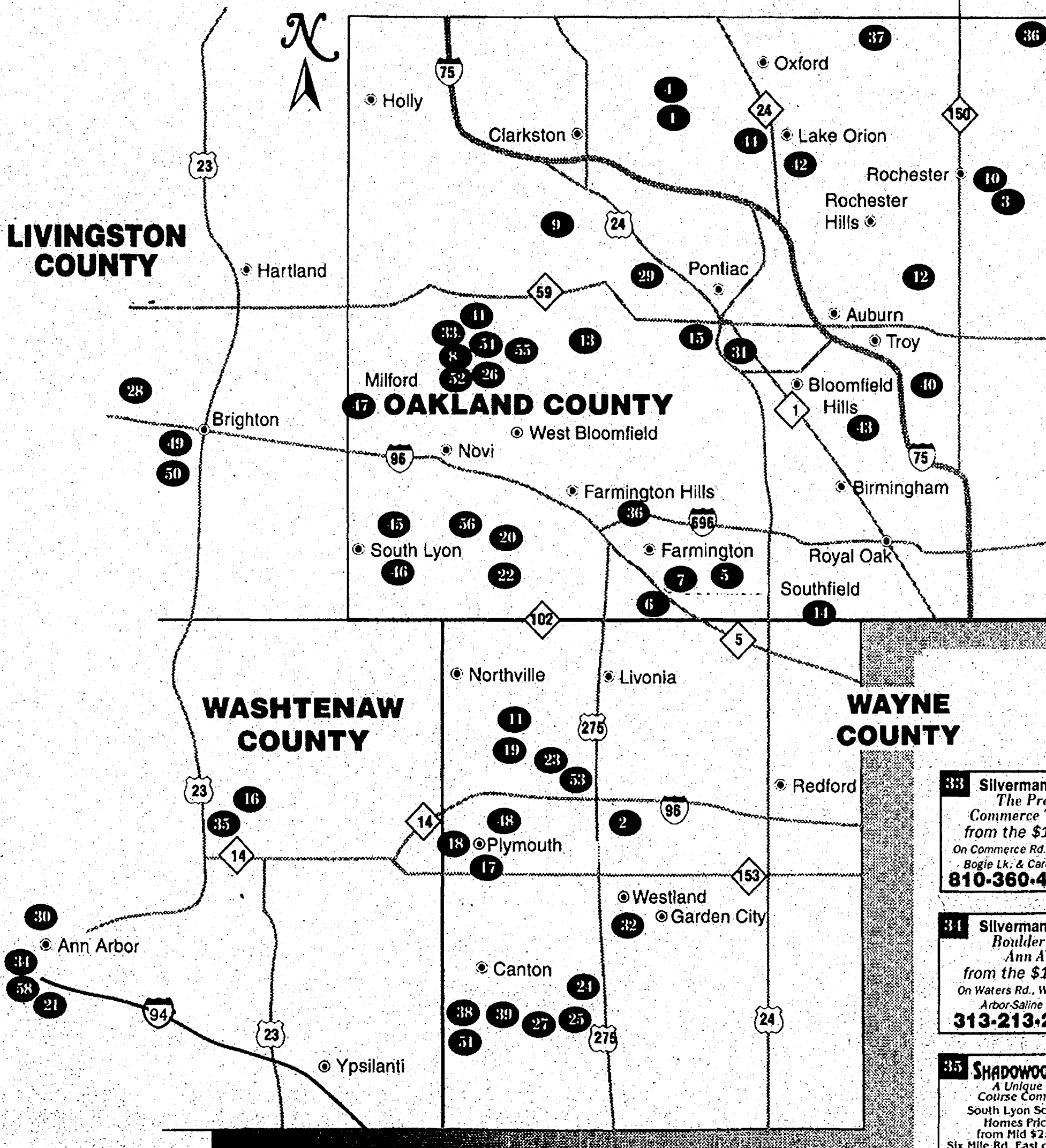
If you have a fax/modem, there are many brands that offer a simple connection to protect anything on the telephone line from surges.

By stopping power to the computer when the flow gets too low, the equipment is shielded from irregular spikes that occur at the time of failure and when the power comes on again.

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Name: HAWTHORNE RIDGE
Price: From the \$170's
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Location: On Ann Arbor Saline Rd. S. of I-94 in Ann Arbor
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Name: PHEASANT WOODS
Price: \$180,000
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Location: On Lilley, S of Cherry N of Palmer
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Name: ROYAL CROWN ESTATES II
Price: From the \$240's
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Location: On 8 Mile between Beck & Taft in Novi
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This elegant French Chateau-style home has soaring ceilings, crown moldings and exquisite marble and wood flooring throughout. From the beautiful private grounds with a bridge over a fish pond to the elegant decor, this custom estate sized home is one of a kind.

The dramatic two story foyer/reception hall has also been referred to as the parlor or music room, once housing an exquisite grand piano.

Amenities include four bedrooms, three full baths and two powder rooms, a huge-gourmet kitchen with full wall garden window and luxuri-

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Highlights of the master bedroom include a 24-foot by 10-foot double wide walk-in closet, master bath with oversized whirlpool tub, separate shower and a balcony overlooking the lush, beautifully landscape grounds.

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Bloomfield Hills is convenient to the many shops and amenities of downtown Birmingham.

Located in the city of Bloomfield Hills with Bloomfield Hills schools.

Open house is today, 1-4 p.m.



Custom built house ideal for in-town Birmingham

**819 Greenwood
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(South of Oak and west of Woodward)
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Birmingham is known as an upscale community offering a wide array of interesting, charming homes. The downtown shopping district is just large enough to boast many fine bookstores, small boutiques, jewelry stores, children's shops, art galleries, coffee shops, restaurants and the beautifully restored Birmingham movie theater, but still small enough to walk the entire area.

The more than 100 community

organizations greatly add to the character and culture of this city. Shain Park is in the heart of downtown and fills the area with art, music and other cultural events several times a year.

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The home is 3,200 square feet with two bedrooms, three full and one half bath, great room with fireplace, a family room, library, breakfast area and two car detached garage.

Birmingham schools serving the neighborhood are Pierce Elementary, Derby Middle School and Seaholm High School. Many appliances included.

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300 Homes

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VICTORIAN HOME
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306 Brighton

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308 Canton

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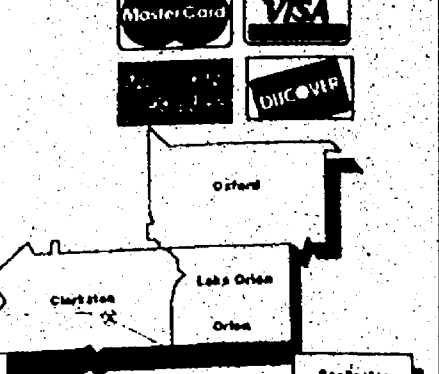
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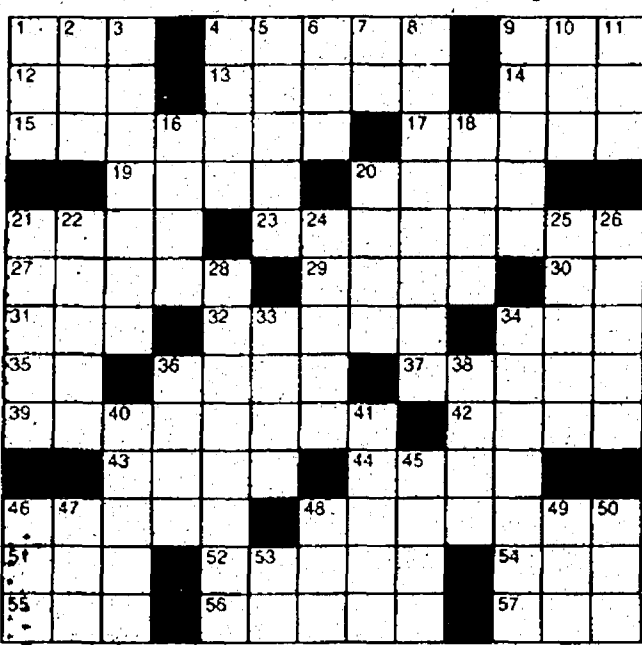
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Surveys offer optimistic outlook for '97

BY SHERYL SILVER
Is "changing jobs in 1997" one of your New Year's resolutions? If so, two recent surveys suggest you're likely to encounter a pretty healthy job market for at least the first six months of the year.

One survey, which polled 1000 Chief Financial Officers (CFOs), found 43 percent of those polled expect to grow their businesses in 1997. The survey, conducted by Robert Half International, a California headquartered staffing service with 190 offices in the U.S., Canada, and Europe, found only 8 percent of respondents forecast any cutbacks.

The survey revealed some variation in projected hiring levels by industry. It was CFOs in the retail, transportation, public utilities, and construction industries who predicted especially strong growth.

Projections also varied somewhat according to the size of the organization responding. CFOs at companies with 50-99 employees anticipated the most active business expansion with 50 percent reporting plans for at least some growth in 1997. "Companies with 50 to 100 employees make up one of the fastest growing and strongest segments of the small business market," noted Max Messmer, chairman and CEO of Robert Half International. "Their expansion plans are geared toward keeping pace with heightened competition and accommodating internal growth."

Commenting generally on the survey results, Messmer added, "Businesses are optimistic about 1997. This healthy outlook for corporate expansion bodes well for job growth in the year ahead."

A survey that appears to support that optimistic outlook for job growth was conducted by Management Recruiters International (MRI), an Ohio based international recruiting and search firm with offices throughout California. This survey, the 38th in a series conducted by MRI, found an

increase in projected hiring for executive, managerial and professional level positions during the first half of 1997.

According to MRI, of the nearly 2000 executives surveyed, 49.6 percent indicated plans to increase their middle management and/or professional staffs during the first six months of this year. This figure represents an increase of 1.7 points from projections for the last half of 1996, when new hire projections reached what was then the survey's record high of 47.9 percent. An MRI spokesperson says this level of projected new hires is the highest the company

has seen for these job categories in 16 years of conducting its semi-annual hiring survey.

Of the survey results, MRI's president Alan Schonberg said, "New hire projections for the last half of 1996 reached an historic high, and now that high has been exceeded. Businesses are hiring at an unprecedented rate at a time when the pool of qualified candidates is shrinking. Competition for workers in this segment of the work force is already tight and promises to become fierce during 1997."

Also worthy of note were the regional differences in projected hiring revealed by the MRI data. The West led the nation in projected hiring increases with 64.5 percent of respondents for the region indicating plans to add to their current ranks. According to MRI, this is the third consecutive hiring survey in which the West emerged as the region with the highest projections. Ranking second and third this time were the Southwest and North Central regions with projected hiring levels of 52.7 percent and 48.8 percent respectively.

Keeping your job search on course

BY DEBORAH L. JACOBS

How long does it take to find a job? One month for each \$10,000 of salary is the stock answer career counselors and head hunters usually give. But in truth, no one can really predict how quickly you'll land the next spot. The longer this tough mission drags on, the greater the risk you'll lose focus or (worse yet) slip into the doldrums. Here are some ways to keep your job search on track:

• **Use more than one job-hunting technique.** Rather than just relying on the want ads, try more individualized methods that don't generate as much competition from other job hunters.

Most people get jobs because they hear about an opening from someone they know. You can start by making a list of friends, family, neighbors and former coworkers. Set a goal to call a certain number of them each day (say, five if you're currently working, and 12 if you're unemployed).

No matter how bummed out you may feel, try to sound upbeat when you call. Highlight your credentials and the kind of job you hope to land (it helps to give a few examples of places where you think you might fit in). Ask everyone you talk with about

giving you the names of other people to contact.

Another way to up your odds is by getting in touch with businesses directly. The best gateway is not the personnel department, but going through company managers.

Ideally, you'll have leads to them through someone you've already contacted. If not, you might have to make some extra phone calls. For instance, someone with a marketing background would want to find out who's in charge of selling each of the company's major products.

Using index cards or computer software, maintain a log of contacts. You'll want to include the date you spoke, the gist of the conversation, any correspondence that followed, and how you plan to follow up. Send thank-you notes to people who spend a half hour or more talking with you by phone, who meet with you in person, or who refer you to another helpful lead.

• **Stick to a schedule.** Looking for work is a full-time job. If you're still employed, you may need to start the day earlier, and end later to make time for phone calls and meetings. You can use evenings and weekends to write letters and do library work — like reading business magazines that

can give you ideas about where to apply.

To ward off the job-hunting blues, people who are out of work should also adopt a routine. That means getting up and going to bed at the same time every day (which helps you sleep better), and using a calendar. At the end of each day, make a realistic list of tasks (in order of priority) you'd like to accomplish on the following one.

If you're conducting a job search from home (as opposed to spending time at an outplacement center), try to set up a work space free from distractions.

• **Build a support system.** Even with all the layoffs in recent years, many people are still ashamed of being unemployed. One way to overcome that is by tapping into a job-support group. Coworkers laid off together have an instant source of camaraderie. Other possibilities are groups forming through churches, synagogues and community organizations. Or, check the phone book for the nearest branch of Forty Plus, a nationwide network for displaced workers.

Finally, when you do land a spot, don't let the contacts go stale. In today's volatile job market, you never know when you'll need them next.

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United Training Services, Inc. A national organization specializing in improving human performance has a full-time position available for an experienced desktop publisher. Must be highly proficient in Windows 95, MS Word and PowerPoint. Must also be a flexible team player able to work with tight deadlines.

Please submit resumes to:
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Attn: Human Resources
26211 Central Park Blvd., Ste 500
Southfield, MI 48076
Fax: (810) 352-3628

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EOE M/F/D/V

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Full time live in Manager for group home for adults with mental retardation. Experience and training helpful. Call and leave name and phone number. 313-945-0044

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Formulate batches and prepare solutions for coating or operate coating equipment in accordance with product specifications. Previous experience helpful, but not required.
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Convert coated materials to customer specifications. Set up converting machines and performs trial work. Previous experience in paper and film converting, specifically in slitting and rewinding and machine set-ups, required.
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Walled Lake, MI 48390
Fax #810/363-6017
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Technical Recruiter: Responsibilities include recruiting, interviewing and placing engineering and information systems professionals for an established client base. The ideal candidate must possess a Bachelors degree in Business Administration or Technical discipline and have two to five years experience in sales or customer service.

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You'll fabricate, fit, build and assemble plastic/rubber extrusion dies, heads and components, run/maintain w/w EDM, and interface with designers/engineers. You'll require 10 years' related experience, ability to work with tolerances and on own tools. Knowledge of CNC milling/turning equipment is a plus.

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Your charge will be to maintain/service shop machinery and equipment, troubleshoot/repairs systems (electrical, AC/DC power/motor control circuits, electronics, pneumatics, hydraulics, refrigeration, HVAC), conduct preventive maintenance procedures, interface with vendors/suppliers/vendors, install/de-install equipment and perform purchasing functions for parts/supplies. To qualify, you'll need good working knowledge of electrical, pneumatic, hydraulic, and mechanical trades as well as ability to read prints/schematics. Forklift/carpentry skills preferred. HS diploma is necessary.

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Job-share for full time (35 hours/week) assistance for Oakland County CARE House and development programs. Includes scheduling professionals to interview abused children, serving as liaison for children and their families, providing assistance to fundraising functions, correspondence and computerized data entry and records responsibilities. Requires excellent people-oriented skills, computer skills and ability to organize a variety of duties within job. Pay range to \$10 per hour. Send or fax resume (no phone calls, please) by Mon. Feb. 10th to: Employment and Training Dept., Oakland County, 45 Franklin Blvd., Pontiac, MI 48341. We are an equal opportunity employer.

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Project Engineering Manager, ergonomic material handling system, mechanical, electrical, instrumentation, computer based control necessary. Send resume to Knight Industry, 1160 Centre Rd., Auburn Hills MI 48326. Ann M.M.

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Full time position (45hr a week) with marble & granite contractor. Must have good basic math & computer skills, prefer individuals with strong architectural and/or construction background. Starting pay \$9.50/hr. 810-474-2500

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Special purpose machine tools. Part processing/metal removal/work holding experience. Apply in person and have a minimum of 5 years' experience. Recent CAD experience would be advantageous.

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Position open at well established specialty retail store. Join our team and work in an interesting and fun environment. Must be reliable, responsible, energetic and work some evenings and weekends. WILL TRAIN! Apply in person between 10am & 3pm. JIMMIES RUSTICS 29500 W. Six Mile, Livonia

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Full time position available at busy specialty retail store located in Livonia. We are looking for a highly motivated, responsible individual with a minimum of 2 years retail management experience. Benefits include medical with dental, vacation & retirement. Reply to Box #1265 36251 Schockhardt Rd. Livonia, MI 48150

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Licensed professional preferred for Thurs, Sat & Sun, noon-5pm. Call Bernadette: 810-656-0800

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With knowledge of gas, diesel and small engines. Duties include maintenance, repair, and operation of shop inventory, record keeping and course maintenance as schedule permits. Must have 5-12 yrs. exp. plus OSHA 10/30 hrs. plus vacation, golf privileges.
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Catera brings entry buyers to Cadillac



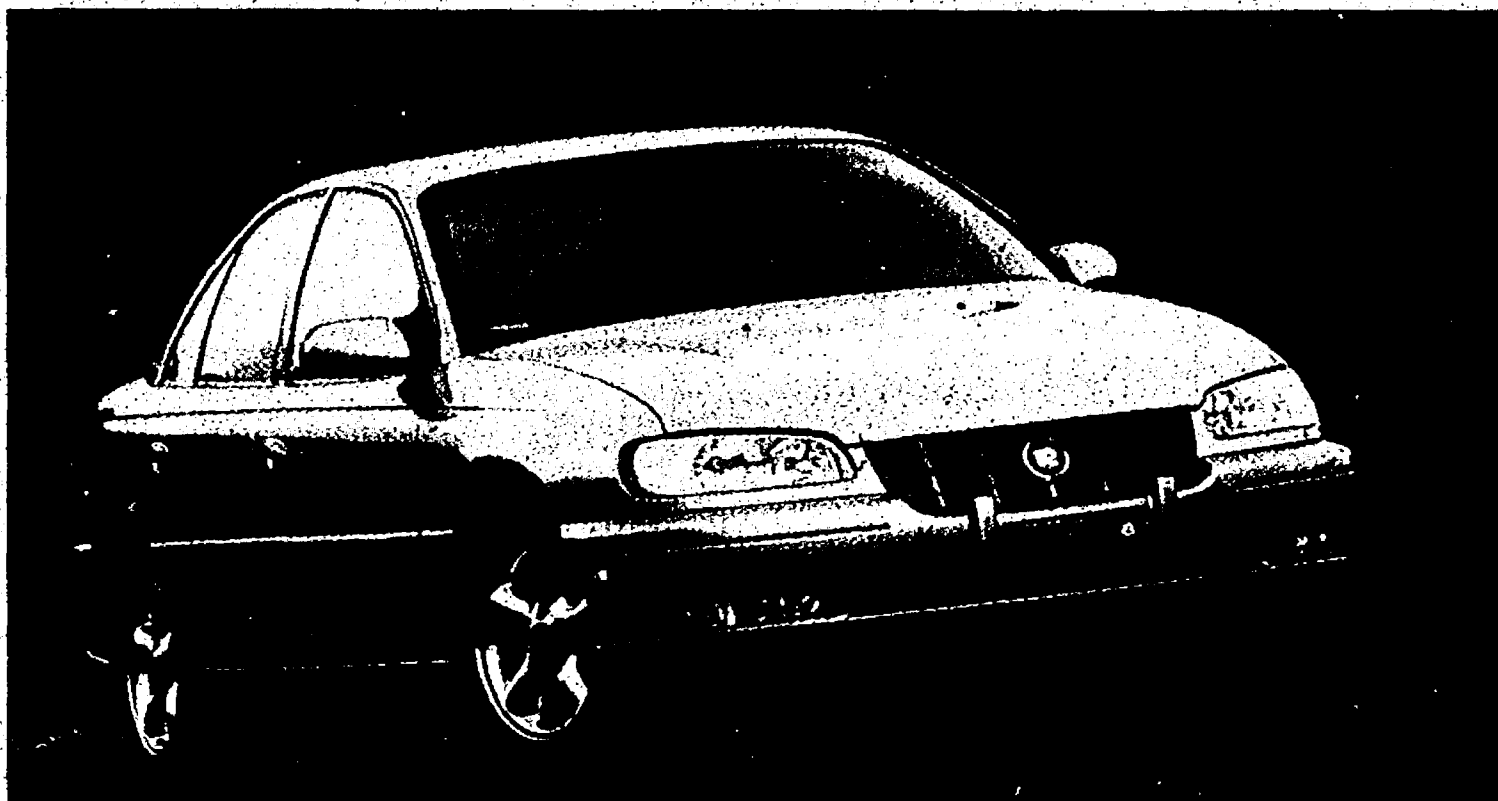
BY ANNE FRACASSA
Avanti NewsFeatures
Let's go back a little bit. Back to when there was a shortage of gasoline and the need for smaller cars that got great mileage drove the market. And Cadillac entered the fray with Cimmaron. It sold, but not well, and, well, probably the last

one around is in the Cadillac museum.

Although the 1997 Cadillac Catera can't be compared to the other thing, it is like the Cimmaron in that it's such a departure for Cadillac. Don't get me wrong. There are Cadillac appointments throughout the Catera. There's the Cadillac badging. There's even the optional comfy leather heated seats (both front and rear). It just doesn't feel like a Cadillac. The kind of Cadillac I'm used to, anyway. You know, the engine that can kick you-know-what, the ride that's just so superb you'd think you're riding on a cloud, the response and handling that's just oh-so-Cadillac.

The Catera is a joint effort by Cadillac and Germany's Adam Opel AG. The Catera is even built by Opel in Ruesselsheim, Germany, and shipped over here. And maybe that's why it just doesn't feel like a Cadillac. The Opel was built for Europeans. The Catera was supposed to be built for us. What the Catera is, however, is an affordable Cadillac. As Cadillac's entry-level 5-passenger 4-door sedan, it can be had for under \$30,000. And that's where I had to wake up. This was not the STS in miniature. Or the DeVille, even. The Catera is a way for you to get into a Cadillac and not spend more than \$37,000. It's a way to bring a whole new generation of customers into Cadillac showrooms — you know, the baby boomers entering their 40s — the ones who drive entry-luxury and ill move up to the DeVille or STS next time.

Great marketing strategy, if you ask me. The itty-bitty duck commercials make me smile every time I see them. Competition for the Catera isn't lame. It



Powered by a 200-horsepower 3.0-liter dual overhead cam V6 mated to a 4-speed automatic transmission, the Catera performs well. Acceleration is constant and passing power is adequate. The car is rear-wheel drive and equipped with 4-wheel disc brakes, standard anti-lock brakes and the tried-and-true traction control that keeps you sure and steady in inclement weather.

includes the Mercedes-Benz C280, BMW 328i and Lexus ES300. It's the first time a domestic automaker will compete in the fast-growing entry-luxury market segment. The safety equipment is all there and includes dual airbags, dual steel beams in each of the four doors, reinforced body pillars, a rigid roof and cross-car beam. Side airbags will become standard equipment this spring as well. The Catera has a cozy interior. Opt for the leather seats. In front, there are adjustable buckets. In the rear, there is a three-section bench seat that folds down. If you need to carry some skis, fold the middle armrest. Need a bit more, fold them all own.

The real surprise comes when you open the trunk. With the seats all up, trunk space is a whopping 14.5 cubic feet. A feature I really liked was the low, lift-over floor. No need to lift more than you have to get your heavier cargo in. Instrumentation and controls are not a problem to read or understand. There are analog gauges galore, including speedometer, tach, coolant temp gauge, voltage gauge and fuel gauge with low-fuel warning. It's all white-on-black, which is really pleasing to the eyes.

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Standard equipment on the inside includes tilt steering wheel, heated windshield washer nozzles that don't allow the fluid to freeze, electrochromic inside mirror that dims automatically, heated rearview mirrors, power windows and door locks, an engine isabating theft-deterrent system, AM/FM stereo, remote keyless entry, illuminated entry, lighted vanity mirrors, map lights, rear reading lights and a lighted glove box.

In the center console up front are dual cupholders, a box to store whatever and the parking brake is just in front of it. On the steering wheel are buttons to operate the stereo and climate controls. The Catera is ultra modern in its uniquely designed window buttons and door lock buttons. Everything is backlit so you can see it all in the dark. The climate-control system features a filter that helps remove irritants from the outside air. There are floor ducts for rear passengers. A really cool feature — an air-conditioned glove box so you can store film or your favorite Hershey bar inside. Optional is a Bose sound system with eight strategically placed speakers and 12-disc trunk-mounted CD changer. The test Catera had the system, which was music to my ears. The sound that came

out of the system was so superb, so soothing and could be very loud. Really nice sound system.

Cadillac's Twilight Sentinel system automatically turns on the headlamps when the sun goes down. The headlamps are automatically turned on when the windshield wipers are on for more than 20 seconds. Front fog lamps and daytime running lamps are also standard.

On the exterior is smart, efficient styling that easily sets the Catera apart from anything else on the road. It's understated, however, and comfortably fits in with the rest of the crowd. Its large wheel wells show off the Catera's unique 16-inch alloy wheels.

Cadillac has gone out on a limb with the Catera. Only time will tell if the company that made its name selling American-made luxury cars to Americans had a good idea when it decided to seek out entry-level buyers with a car it assembles in Germany. Anne Fracassa is senior editor of Avanti NewsFeatures. 1997 Cadillac Catera Vehicle class: 5-passenger, 4-door sedan. Engine: 3.0-liter dual overhead cam V6. Mileage: 18 city / 25 highway. Where built: Ruesselsheim, Germany, by Opel. Base price: \$29,995.

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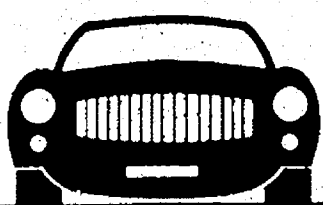
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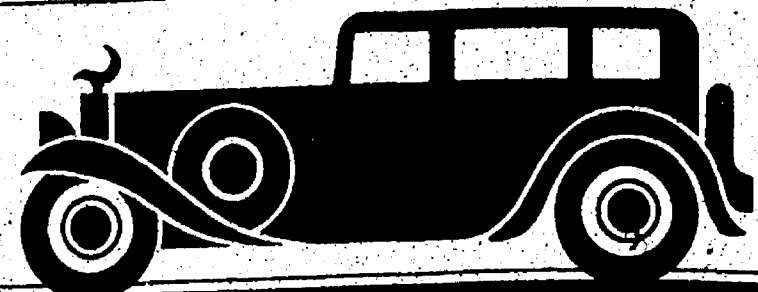
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JAGUAR 1988 SJ6, well maintained, runs & looks 100. \$6995
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JAGUAR 1990 - XJ6, Black/gray, Excellent condition. Non-smoker. \$15,900. 810-795-9550; 644-5655
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MERCEDES 1994 320, 48,000 miles, black/tan leather, loaded, like new. \$27,888.
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Air conditioning, skid ring window, CD Stock #733337



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24 Month Lease

10% Down \$1120	Per Month \$99**
ZERO DOWN	\$159**

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—Three at this Price—

4.0 liter V6, automatic transmission, air conditioning, splash suspension, chrome wheels, ABS brakes, speed control, tilt, dual air bags, sliding rear window, power windows, power locks.



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Power windows, power locks, cruise, tilt, AM/FM cassette, floor mats, air, auto. Stock #71981.

YOU PAY \$16,675*
24 Month Lease

10% Down \$1667	Per Month \$245**
ZERO DOWN	\$325**

'97 EXPLORER PREMIUM SPORT

9348 pkg., premium sports pkg., chrome wheels, CD player, step bar, auto. lamp, trailer tow, power windows, locks & seat. Stock #72889. Was \$30,335

YOU PAY \$25,270*

24 MONTH LEASE	10% Down \$2527	Per Month \$274**
	0 Down	\$389**

1997 CONTOUR

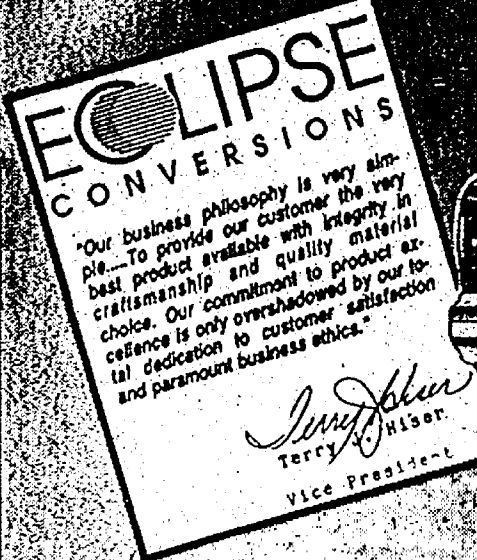
236A pkg., air, defroster, power locks, speed control, cassette. Was \$16,675

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24 MONTH LEASE	10% Down \$1386	Per Month \$169**
	0 Down	\$234**

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8 at this price

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200 Pick-ups Available Including A Few 4x4 Super Cabs With Off Road Pkg. Act Fast!

1997 F150 XLT



5-speed, air, power windows & locks, cassette, tilt, speed control, aluminum wheels. Was \$20,345

3 at this price **YOU PAY \$15,395***

24 Month Lease	10% Down \$1539	Per Month \$139**
	0 Down	\$229**

1997 F150 XLT SUPERCAB



5-speed, air, cassette, tilt, speed control, power windows, locks & mirrors. Stock #71962. WAS \$22,935

YOU PAY \$18,164*

24 Month Lease	10% Down \$1816	Per Month \$169**
	0 Down	\$256**

1996 WINDSTAR GL

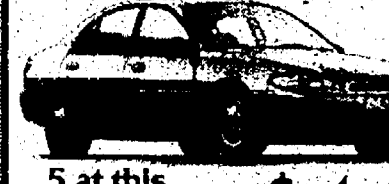


Equipped The Way You Want It! Only 8 Left! 472A pkg., aluminum wheels, privacy glass, floor mats, power windows, power locks, speed, tilt, cassette, 25 gal. tank. Was \$24,405

29% APR **YOU PAY \$17,696***

24 Month Lease	10% Down \$1799	Per Month \$253**
	0 Down	\$335**

1997 ESCORT 4 DR.



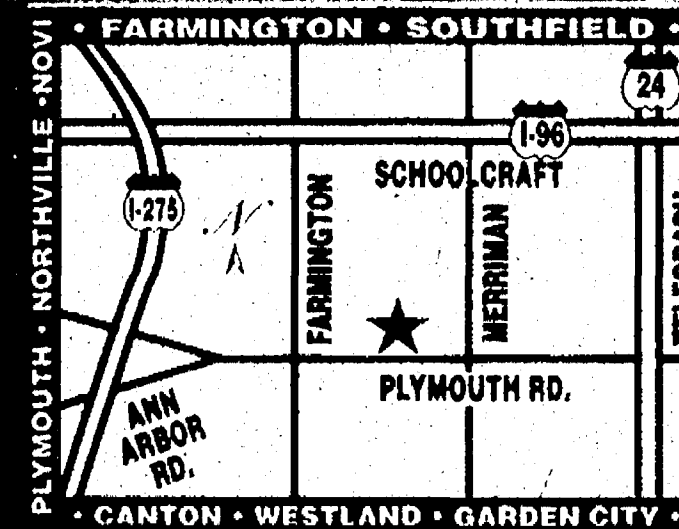
317 pkg., air, five-speed, rear defrost, cassette, mats. Was \$13,500

5 at this price **YOU PAY \$11,099***

24 Month Lease	10% Down \$1109	Per Month \$168**
	0 Down	\$219**

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BILL BROWN



MODEL	SECURITY	MSRP	EVER
'97 F-150	10% Down \$250	\$1839	\$550
'97 TAURUS	10% Down \$275	\$2300	\$725
'96 WINDSTAR	10% Down \$375	\$2425	\$725
'97 RANGER	10% Down \$125	\$1489	\$350
'97 ESCORT	10% Down \$200	\$1550	\$500
'97 F-150 S.C.	10% Down \$225	\$2316	\$600
'97 CONTOUR	10% Down \$200	\$1850	\$550
'97 EXPL	10% Down \$275	\$3150	\$800
'97 ASPIRE	10% Down \$175	\$350	