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IN THE PAPER TODAY

Easter
Bunny
visits
Friday



Marshmallow drop: Westland kids enjoy the annual Easter bunny visit last Friday in Hines Park. Pictured above are Tom Lopp (right) along with his cousins, (from left) Devon Perrine, Brook McCloskey, Alli Tiller and Tiffany Bates. For more, see page A6.

HEALTH NEWS

Feeling healthy: Project Health-O-Rama will be offered at sites throughout western Wayne County. It will feature a variety of health tests. /F5

Preparing for surgery: Anesthesia involves more than just an anesthesiologist. /F5

SPECIAL SECTION

Focus on Business: A special section in today's newspaper focuses on Wayne County businesses.

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PLACES & FACES

At the library

More than \$2,000 was raised through the sale of used books, T-shirts and bags at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland during the library's grand opening, according to information from the Friends of the Public Library of Westland.

The Friends will host another used book sale on April 18, 19 and 20 at the library, located on Central City Parkway south of Warren Road in Westland. Volunteers are also sought to help with this sale.

Current members of the Friends' board include: Elaine Burg, president; Mary Piontkowski, vice president; Ernie Johnson, treasurer; Eleanor Addison, secretary; and directors James Collins, Jack Voight and Richard LeBlanc.

For information, call Burg at (313) 728-3787 or Piontkowski at (313) 326-9288.

Meritorious yearbook

The 1996 John Glen High School yearbook has been recognized with an Award of Merit by Taylor Publishing Co. honoring the book's excellence in outstanding yearbook achievement.

The "Satellite" was edited by Keri Dole and advised by Heather Glovac. Books were evaluated on cover design, theme, section design and overall effort.

Play laser tag

Prepare to play laser tag — at a new store opening in Westland.

Laser Quest will have its grand opening 4 p.m. Friday, April 4, at its location, 7277 Nankin Blvd. Mark Music is the store's manager. A ribbon-cutting and other official opening ceremonies are scheduled. For more information, call the Westland Chamber of Commerce at (313) 326-7222.

Land sales whittle down deficit



Wayne-Westland school officials say the district will still face a deficit on June 30, but recent land sales and plans to sell other parcels will trim it. Concerns remain, however, about state funding.

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Deficit-reduction measures are bringing some relief to Wayne-Westland school officials striving to combat an earlier-projected \$5 million shortfall for June 30.

School officials hope to avoid revisiting past budget cuts that gutted educational programs, eliminat-

ed student transportation and forced pupils to pay fees for extracurricular activities.

Revenue-boosting measures such as property sales have helped to reduce the district's deficit, but those one-shot efforts will do little to address long-term problems that need state-level solutions, top finance official Patricia Brand said. "We're still going to have a deficit"

for the 1997-98 fiscal year that begins July 1, she said Thursday. "I don't think there's any way to totally eliminate it."

Wayne-Westland faces loss of a 3-mill enhancement tax levy when it expires June 30. The two-year tax added revenue that can't be renewed by local voters because of 1994 Proposal A state legislation.

Problems run deep

But the problem goes deeper in a district where the financial scenario seems to constantly change. In the latest prognosis, Wayne-Westland faces an \$8 million gap between pro-

jected 1997-98 revenues of \$90 million and expenses of \$98 million, Brand said.

That doesn't mean an \$8 million deficit, however, and here's why:

■ District officials will have an estimated \$4.3 million to carry over from the current budget.

■ Last Monday's school board decision to sell the former Wilson School and site will bring in \$825,000 once the sale is completed.

■ An impending state grant that will protect the development rights of Sassafras Trails, a heavily wood-

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EGGSCEPTIONAL

Wildwood students hatch colorful ideas



STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JAGDFELD

Spring egg: Jacob Tykoski, a Wildwood kindergartner, shows off his egg creation: a daffodil in a flower pot. The bunny was one of the prizes he won for taking first place in his grade.



Corrie Olsen, fourth-grader

A major hunt was on at Wildwood School this week — a search for the best decorated Easter egg.

What judges found were six "eggsceptional" examples of student creativity — one top egg from each grade.

First-grader Amy Radeck and fourth-grader Corrie Olsen won, as did third-grader Shawn King with the Humpty Dumpty diorama, kindergartner Jacob Tykoski with a daffodil in a flower pot, second-grader Mason Hughbank with an aquarium and fish made out of an egg, and fifth-grader Kevin Molesky with eggs designed as a police officer and criminal.

The PTA-sponsored egg-decorating contest has been done for more than 20 years at the Westland elementary school, said organizer Lori Tykoski, whose son was one of this year's winners. It also gives students a chance to hone their creative and artistic skills, she added.

"It's something for the kids to do at home with parents — to get the parents involved," she said.

Judging the contest were: Wildwood principal Sharon Thomas-Brown, 18th District Judge Charles Bokos and Westland police Sgt. Harry Misener.



Shawn King, third-grader



Amy Radeck, first-grader



Mason Hughbank, second-grader



Kevin Molesky, fifth-grader

Costs reviewed for Friendship Center expansion, seniors continue fund-raising effort for interior

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Contract bids to expand Westland's senior citizen Friendship Center are higher than city officials expected, but the snag isn't expected to scuttle the project.

On a brighter note, seniors who promised to raise \$50,000 to furnish the 4,580-square-foot addition have collected \$33,100 from donations,

dances, bingo games, bake sales, craft shows and pop bottle returns.

"I'm overwhelmed with how the seniors have supported and backed the project. They are so excited," Friendship Center director Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek said. "And the community and the businesses have been so giving."

"Their generosity has been unbelievable."

CITY OF WESTLAND

Twelve project bids ranging from \$649,000 to \$1,058,000 have been received for the Friendship Center expansion, although the low figure apparently contains what Finance Director Michael Gorman called "discrepancies."

The next-to-lowest bid of \$715,000

is nearly \$100,000 higher than officials expected, Gorman said. City officials will meet next week to discuss the situation, he said.

The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development had

See FRIENDSHIP CENTER, A3

New teachers to lower class size

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
STAFF WRITER

Come September, third graders in Livonia Public Schools will get the same smaller class sizes first and second graders have enjoyed this year.

The \$750,000 cost to hire 15 elementary teachers is part of the district's 1997-98 budget. Each new teacher costs \$50,000, including benefits.

"We've put heavy emphasis on grades one to three," said Superintendent Ken Watson. "Research has shown that grades one to three, plus kindergarten, are critical. This will pay long-range benefits as the students go through the program. This, coupled with our reading recovery program, will have a long-range impact."

The 15 new teachers will join the 18 hired this school year, 10 of whom were put to work as first- and second-grade teachers in the seven elementary schools that need the most academic help: Adams, Cleveland, Cooper, Hayes, Johnson, Nankin Mills and Roosevelt.

Also budgeted are five new high school teachers and three new middle school teachers. The Livonia Board of Education is expected to give the go-ahead to begin hiring the 23 new teachers April 21.

The 18 new elementary teach-

ers hired for this school year reduced class size in first and second grades in the seven elementary schools to an average of 20.

Because of the extra teachers arriving next year, third graders in these elementary schools will see their class size fall to an average of 20.

"Such additional staffing will return us to the overall class size ratios in place during the 1990-91 school year," said Kent Gage, assistant superintendent for elementary education for Livonia.

Class size for third graders in the other 15 elementary schools will drop to an average of 25. The average class size for students in grades 4-6 is 28.

Student head counts taken in June will determine which elementary schools beyond the seven get an extra teacher, Gage said.

Last year, three of the seven struggling elementary schools — Cleveland, Hayes and Roosevelt — got an extra two teachers.

It won't be until the end of the 1997-98 school year before school administrators can document whether the cuts in class size in the district's elementary schools have paid academic dividends.

"We've had lower class size now for only one year," Gage said. "It's unrealistic to have measurable results this year. We will need two years to see the effects."

LIVONIA SCHOOLS

Last year, to improve elementary curriculum and boost test scores, the district spent \$1 million on hiring more teachers and \$760,000 on "Literacy Place," a new reading series adopted by the district.

When he became superintendent, Watson made reducing class size in grades one to three a top priority.

A community survey also showed that smaller classes are a high priority for residents in the district.

When asked for the top item on their "wish list", principals and teachers also named smaller class size.

"Our goal continues to be to offer as much program as we feel is possible to sustain not only now, but for the foreseeable future," said Randy Liepa, assis-

tant superintendent for business.

"We face many challenges in the future, including the unknown status of state aid funding, increased instructional hour requirements, and most important, the inability to raise additional revenues locally if something unexpected occurs."

Educators generally agree that big drops in class size are needed to achieve dramatic improvements in student achievement.

Last year, the district decided to put the 18 new teachers in targeted elementary schools rather than in all 22 elementary schools. This process will continue in 1997-98.

Gage determined the seven most-need elementary schools by comparing test scores over a five-year period.

3 new educators added in Livonia middle schools

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
STAFF WRITER

With the hiring of three new teachers, parts of the innovative pilot program launched in 1995 at Emerson Middle School will now take root in the three other middle schools in Livonia Public Schools.

The three new middle school teachers will join the five new teachers expected to be hired by September for the three high schools. The five high school teachers are being hired to teach sixth-hour option classes and to boost writing skills.

Next year, bits and pieces of Emerson's pilot program will be integrated into programs at Holmes, Riley and Frost middle schools.

"Each school will tell us how they will use their one teacher," said Superintendent Ken Watson. "We have not completed an evaluation of the Emerson program yet, so they won't get the full program. But, for those things that have been successful at Emerson, others want to experience at least some parts of it."

Emerson's program consists of team teachers, seven-hour school days, early morning gab sessions with an adviser, and "discovery" classes designed to enrich and expand a middle schooler's view of life.

For three years, a 55-member restructuring committee studied various middle school programs before making its recommendations.

The success of the program will be evaluated by the school board in June.

"So far, there's been favorable reaction," Watson said.

The district has the money to boost staff at both the elementary and secondary levels once again because it continues to enroll students at a steady pace, Watson said. The district this year gets \$6,574 from the state for each student enrolled.

"We have a 1 percent growth annually; that's slow but steady, and puts us in fairly good shape," Watson said. "If it flattens or decreases, we'll be between a rock and a hard place. The moment our growth stops, revenue will decrease."

Recycling site opens to residents tomorrow

Beginning tomorrow, March 31, the city of Westland Recyclable Materials Drop-off Center will be open to residents from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday.

The site will be closed on Sundays and holidays.

Please remember, no medical waste can be accepted.

The following rules apply to material accepted:

Bottles and jars

- Glass bottles and jars washed clean.
- Remove lids and metal rings (put those items in the metal bin).
- No plate glass.
- No ceramics (mugs or plates), Pyrex cookware, Mr. Coffee pots, dirty containers or containers with food left in them and no mirrors.

Newspapers

- Stack neatly approximately 6-16 inches high.
- Tie newspapers with twine, or pack into paper bags.
- Newspapers must be dry and have no mold.
- No junk mail, catalogs, magazines or phone books.
- No office paper, computer paper or cardboard.
- Place in container neatly.

Metal-aluminum (won't stick to a magnet)

- Cans only - no scrap metal.
- Out-of-state beverage cans with no Michigan deposit.
- No foil or foil containers.

Metal-steel (will stick to a magnet)

- Tin cans (actually steel cans with tin plating).
- Rinse clean, remove labels, remove both ends and flatten to save room in the dumpster.

Plastics

- Plastic drink jugs and colored laundry detergent-type jugs - HDPE No. 2 and PET No. 1 - must be cleaned and washed out.
- No lids.
- No plastic bags.
- No caustic material containers (such as drain cleaner).
- No oil or anti-freeze containers.
- All plastic material must be cleaned thoroughly for safety.

Batteries (household only)

- We only accept flashlight type dry cell batteries.
- No automotive batteries, watch batteries, camera batteries, ni-cad batteries, hearing aid batteries, or lithium batteries.
- There is a container for household batteries located at City Hall.

Used motor oil

Used motor oil will not be collected during the winter months.

It may be brought into the transfer site only when there is an attendant on site on Friday and Saturday only during the hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hazardous waste

Hazardous waste such as anti-freeze, gasoline, paint, should not be disposed of unless you contact either Painter & Ruthenberg (561-0303) or the Department of Environmental Quality (1-800-662-9278).

They will be able to give you some suggestions as to how to properly dispose of hazardous waste.

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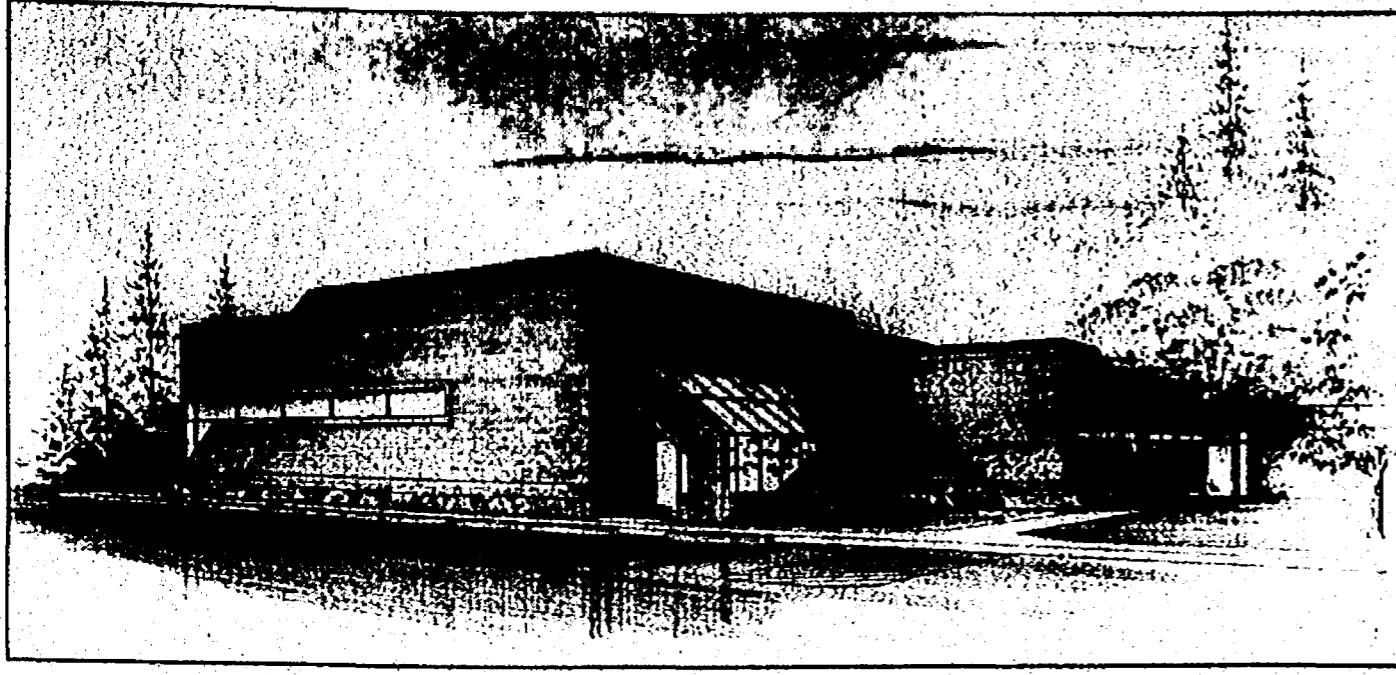
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An artist's view: Above is a rendering of the expansion at Westland's Friendship Center.

Friendship Center from page A1

pledged a loan for the bulk of the project, and the city had planned to repay the money over five years.

City officials may ask the federal government to increase the loan by about \$100,000, Gorman said. Another scenario would be to scale back the 36-percent expansion of the Friendship Center building.

Current plans call for expanding the 11-year-old building from 12,568 square feet to 17,148 square feet. The center is located at 1119 N. Newburgh, north of Marquette.

Construction is expected to begin this spring and be completed for a fall opening, probably in early November, Kozorosky-Wiacek said.

The addition is slated to be built onto the front of the center. It will include a large multi-purpose room that can be partitioned into as many as four smaller rooms, architect Scott Sherman has said.

The expansion also is intended to provide additional office space, more restrooms and an automatic entrance to ensure that the Friendship Center complies with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Sherman unveiled drawings of the addition during an Oct. 29 press conference at the Friendship Center — a place where hundreds of senior citizens gather to socialize and receive services.

The expansion comes as Westland braces for a projected 45 percent increase in senior citizen services during the next 25 years due to an aging population, Kozorosky-Wiacek has said.

The center has 1,600 members who pay \$8 each a year to participate in senior citizen programs, activities and services. Some seniors simply play

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cards on-site with friends; others travel on senior trips.

The center also helps an additional 4,000 non-members each year by providing on-site medical services, helping seniors with home chores and providing 125 meals a day for homebound seniors, Kozorosky-Wiacek said.

Volunteers also help by delivering meals and performing home chores such as shoveling snow during winter months, she said.

Response to fund-raising efforts for the Friendship Center expansion has exceeded expectations, Kozorosky-Wiacek said.

"I'm so proud of everybody."

Seniors have about \$16,900 to raise to reach their goal. To donate, make a check payable to Seniors of Westland and mail it to: Westland Friendship Center c/o Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland 48186. Returnable bottles also may be dropped off at the center.

Resident is charged in rest stop incidents

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Westland man accused of robbing sex partners he allegedly met at an I-275 rest stop in Canton Township now faces charges involving two victims.

Todd Stephen Nemeth, 31, was arraigned Thursday in 18th District Court on charges that he robbed and beat a 66-year-old Flint man and forcibly used the man's credit cards on March 11.

The incident allegedly occurred after the victim followed a suspect to a Westland apartment, where he was beaten, robbed of money and then forced to drive to an automatic bank teller machine for more cash, Westland police Sgt. Tom Kubitsky said.

Nemeth was charged Thursday with unarmed robbery, credit card fraud and being a fourth-degree habitual offender.

The latest charges came on the same day Nemeth was ordered by 18th District Judge Gail McKnight to stand trial on alle-

gations that he robbed a 50-year-old married Walled Lake man after having sex with him at his Westland apartment.

That incident allegedly occurred Feb. 19 after the victim was lured to a Westland apartment, only to be robbed afterward and forced to drive to an automatic teller machine for money, Westland police Sgt. Scott Fetner said.

Nemeth voluntarily waived a preliminary hearing Thursday, prompting McKnight to order him to stand trial on charges of unarmed robbery and being a fourth-degree habitual offender.

Nemeth still faces a hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial on charges involving the Flint man.

Westland police sergeants said the two incidents are similar because victims met a suspect at a rest stop on I-275 near Michigan Avenue and followed him home, Fetner said.

According to Fetner, the suspect also reportedly takes photographs of victims while they

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are performing certain sex acts on him and allegedly uses the pictures to try to keep the victims quiet.

The victims are married, Fetner said, and "there's an incentive not to report the crime."

On Thursday, McKnight kept Nemeth's bond at \$30,000 cash. The defendant remains jail pending the outcome of his case in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Nemeth could face a 15-year prison term if convicted, but a judge would have discretion to impose a longer sentence if he is found guilty of being a habitual offender.

Stabbing case will go to trial

CRIMEWATCH

A Westland judge Thursday ordered a Garden City man to stand trial on charges of stabbing a Westland man following a March 2 traffic altercation.

Westland 18th District Judge Gail McKnight ordered Eugene Henton Jr. 30, to stand trial on charges of felonious assault for an incident that occurred about 8:50 p.m. near Merriman and Grandview.

Henton could face a maximum four-year prison term if convicted in Wayne County Circuit Court.

During the incident, a 30-year-old Westland man told police he was driving south on Merriman

near Cherry Hill when a man driving a pickup truck in front of him slammed on his brakes, police said. The action forced the victim to swerve into another lane to avoid a collision.

The suspect continued to harass the suspect along Merriman Road until he forced him off of Merriman and onto Grandview, where the pickup driver got out and slashed the victim's tire with a knife, police said.

When the victim got out of his car to protect his property, he

was allegedly stabbed by the suspect in the left elbow and abdominal area, police said. The victim then fled to a nearby house where a resident phoned police for help.

Henton was later arrested following a line-up, and he was in court Thursday for a preliminary hearing. Henton waived his hearing, in a move that averted testimony Thursday. The judge kept Henton's bond at \$15,000 cash.

Bag it: Compost season begins in city

The City of Westland's Department of Public Service will begin its compost season tomorrow, March 31, and will continue through Nov. 28. Compost will be picked up the same day as your regular trash.

Compost must be in cans or plastic trash bags.

As a reminder to our residents,

compost must be separated from the regular household trash by at least 10 feet. Trash and compost must be separated — mixed compost/rubbish will not be picked up.

All brush or limbs must be tied in bundles of three three feet lengths and cannot be more than 40 pounds in weight.

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Cardboard boxes containing compost will not be picked up.

If you have any further questions, call the Department of Public Service at (313) 728-1770 between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Accolades given Franklin students earn honors

The following students were named to the Franklin Middle School honor roll. Information is provided by the Wayne-Westland Schools:

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ed area in Westland, will add \$520,000 to district purse strings once the agreement is finalized.

Officials are seeking to sell the former Monroe Elementary in Wayne for an estimated \$700,000, Brand said.

All school district departments have been told to reduce expenses, although that may be a "nickel-and-dime" approach because purse strings already are tight, Brand said.

"Internally, each department is looking at ways to cut expenses," she said.

Added up, the budget measures will combine to reduce the impending deficit to about \$1.5 million, Brand said, although that assumes that the Wilson sale is completed, that Monroe is sold and that the Sassafras Trails contract is finalized.

No massive cuts

School board president Patricia Brown said preliminary budget documents that she received from Superintendent Duane Moore show no massive budget cuts involving transportation or pay-to-play fees, but that scenario also hinges on the sale of Wilson and Monroe, she said.

Officials still are wrangling with ways to further reduce costs, Brand said. A budget deficit is illegal under state law and, in some cases, state officials have stepped in to manage districts that can't balance their books.

"Every program is going to be looked at," Brand said.

Brown said that any staffing cuts could likely be made through attrition, rather than layoffs.

Some school building administrators have already said their budgets are anemic because of cuts. At a recent school board meeting, Stevenson Middle School Principal William Camp said his building allocation has plunged from \$49,865 to

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*Patricia Brand
asst. superintendent/business*

\$23,563 in recent years, forcing educators to plan fund-raisers to help bridge the gap.

In the long term, Wayne-Westland officials are hoping for state-level relief for budget problems that are only expected to worsen.

The district's 15,600-student enrollment is expected to decline by an estimated 300 students a year, according to Moore, and that means a further erosion of state per-pupil aid.

Local officials have met with state Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton Township and other legislators who deal with school financing. Wayne-Westland district leaders are seeking solutions that could avoid potentially massive budget cuts in coming years.

"We're not really hearing anything at this point (from Lansing)," Brand said. "All we're hearing is that they're working on it."

Some Wayne-Westland residents have pledged to help school officials lobby for help from Lansing. A letter-writing campaign to legislators — a measure mentioned last week by former school board appointee Ed Turner — is among the suggestions for putting pressure on Lansing.

For now, however, school officials have no guarantees of more state help.

Talks continue over area codes

BY MATT JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

Livonia officials are prepared to take legal action against a looming plan for three area codes in the city, but Mayor Jack Kirksey said the odds recently swung toward a compromise with Ameritech.

Kirksey said filing a complaint with the Michigan Public Service Commission asking it to stop the plan would be a last resort. The Livonia City Council voted 7-0 Wednesday to support such a complaint.

"We don't want to have to go to the Public Service Commission unless we absolutely have to," Kirksey said.

Recent talks between the city and Ameritech, Kirksey said Thursday, have shown progress, and Livonia will wait at least a week before petitioning the Public Service Commission. More discussions should take place this week.

An Ameritech spokeswoman said Friday she shared Kirksey's

optimism about a possible compromise.

"We continue to work with the mayor and to partner with him in resolving his concerns," said Karen Sanborn, adding a Wednesday meeting with the city ended on a hopeful note.

Kirksey has won official and popular support with his stand against the area code plan, announced last summer as a way of enlarging the pools of numbers that are rapidly being used up by portable phones, pagers, fax machines and computer modems.

The plan begins Saturday, May 3, with mandatory 11-digit dialing, within Livonia, between its two codes — 313 and 810. Beginning Saturday, May 10, numbers in Livonia's 810 district can also be reached from outside the zone by dialing 248. Mandatory 248 dialing begins Saturday, Sept. 13.

On Saturday, Dec. 13, most Livonia numbers in the 313 zone will have an optional code of 734. Mandatory 734 dialing begins in

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But a small area on the city's east side, bounded by Vassar on the north, Lathers on the west, Curtis on the south and Inkster Road on the east, will remain in 313. It is that pocket, with 799 lines and about 650 households, that is the likely target of a compromise.

Kirksey said maintaining two area codes in the city would be an acceptable solution. Despite his displeasure, he has accepted 11-digit dialing between the codes as inevitable.

The mayor would not discuss details of a possible compromise, saying he did not want to jeopardize negotiations or promote false hope.

If a compromise falls through and the Public Service Commission does not halt Ameritech's

plan, Kirksey said, the city will ask for restitution of the expenses to businesses and households caused by the changes. Such expenses — and inconveniences — include replacing stationary and business cards and reprogramming phones, computers and phone switching systems.

Sanborn said Ameritech is studying phone service in the east-side pocket in order to determine if a compromise is feasible.

"We really need to know and understand who's affected," she said.

Sanborn said the area-code problem is industry-wide, and stressed that the planned changes will not affect phone rates. Calls that are local now will be local after the changes, she said, even if they require a different code and 11 digits.

OBITUARIES

MARION E. WOOD

Funeral services for Marion Wood, 82, of Westland were held in Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home, Westland, with burial at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy. Officiating was the Rev. K.P. Gravelle from St. John Episcopal Church of Westland.

Mr. Wood, who died March 22 in Wayne, was born in Highland Park. He was a tool and die maker for a tool and die manufacturer.

Surviving are: sons Harry Wood of Westland, Charles Wood of Port Huron; daughter Margaret Jackman of Henderson, Nev.; eight grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to Michigan Humane Society, 37255 Marquette, Westland.

ton Congregation. Officiating was Thomas Kausus. Local arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Mrs. Hovey, who died March 23 in Farmington Hills, was born in Holyoke, Mass. She was a homemaker. She came to the Westland community in 1980 from Livonia. She was a member of Jehovah's Witnesses, Plymouth-Canton Congregation.

Surviving are: husband George of Livonia; daughters Sandra Heinzelman of Livonia, Joan Wolding of Livonia and Georgette Ristic of Livonia; brother Louis Goguen of New Hampshire; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, Michigan Heart and St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Funeral Home with burial at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Nicholas Samra of Our Lady of Redemption.

Mrs. Abraham, who died March 25 in Dearborn Heights, was born in Lebanon. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: sons Raymond and Richard; daughter Dolores Abdallah; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Nathan.

RAYMOND L. HANCHETT

Funeral services for Raymond Hanchett, 69, of Garden City were held in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Christopher P. Harris from Garden City Presbyterian Church. Cremation rites were accorded.

Mr. Hanchett, who died March 26 in Ann Arbor, was born in Garden City. He was self-employed as a painter/plasterer.

Surviving are: wife, Mary; son, Kevin; daughters Cheryl Back-

ing and Rhonda Piccola; stepsons Larry Clark and Mark Clark; stepdaughters Trudy Schoeppey, Lynn Janik, Sue Garon and Allyson Todd.

Memorials may be made to the American Kidney Foundation.

ADELIA C. MINOR

Funeral services for Adelia C. Minor, 90, of Farmington were held in Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with burial at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Suzanne I. Paul from Farmington Hills Unitarian-Universalist Church.

Miss Minor, who died March 23 in her Farmington residence, was born in Norwalk, Ohio. Before moving to Farmington in 1945, she was a resident of Garden City and Clarkston. She taught 40 years in public schools, never missing one day. She taught for Redford Union, Garden City and Clarkston Schools. She earned her master's degree from Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., and a BA degree from Eastern Michigan University.

She was involved in Braille after retirement, including the translation of textbooks. She was also active as a Girl Scout leader in Garden City.

Surviving are: brother Anisole Minor and nine nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to American Council of the Blind, 19322 W. Warren, Detroit 48228 or Farmington Hills Universalist-Unitarian Church, 25301 Halstead, Farmington Hills 48018.

PAUL KOZLOWICZ

Funeral services for Paul Kozlowicz, 75, of Garden City were held in Our Savior Polish National Catholic Church, Dearborn Heights, with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Edwin Phillips.

Mr. Kozlowicz, who died March 23 in Dearborn, was born in Hamtramck. He was an inspector.

Surviving are: wife Helen of Garden City; sons Paul of Garden City, Gregory and David; daughter April Kozlowicz; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Geraldine Kozlowicz.

Memorials may be made to Our Savior Polish National Catholic Church. Local arrangements were made by John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home.

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Celebrating 50 years of academic excellence, the auction will be a tribute to Madonna's golden anniversary. The scholarship dinner and auction is planned from 5:30-11 p.m. Friday, April 11, in Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. Tickets are \$100 for Gold

Inner Circle seating or \$65 for general seating. For reservations or raffle ticket information, call the university advancement office at (313) 432-5588.

General chairpersons for this year's event are Jerry and Justine Raymond. Sponsors are Don Massey Cadillac Inc., Northwest Airlines and Kimcraft Printers Inc.

Items for bid include a mail boat ride for four on the J.W. Westcott, a morning with Dick Puritan and the Morning Team at WOMC 104.3 PM, a Christian Dior shearing jacket, four days at the John Jacobs School of Golf and accommodations at Mountain Shadows Resort in Scottsdale, Ariz., vintage wines, vacation trips to Disney World, Cheboygan, Branson, Mackinac Island, Napa Valley, Hawaii,

Germany and Greece.

Also on the auction block will be a Yamaha Clavinova digital piano and sports memorabilia which includes a baseball signed by Ted Williams.

Other items include a Salvador Dali area rug, a 10-bird pheasant hunt at Arbor Creek Hunt Club in Ann Arbor, golf for four at TPC and bed and breakfast packages in the metropolitan area.

Joe Weaver, retired broadcast journalist, will be the master of ceremonies.

All proceeds from the auction, which last year raised more than \$270,000, will go toward the Madonna University scholarship fund which benefits a variety of students, including those with special needs.

A raffle drawing will be held

at 9 p.m. The winner chooses among four items — a women's 35-carat 12-diamond fashion ring, 10 \$100 gift certificates for Marriott Resorts, Hotels and Restaurants worldwide, a 32-inch Magnavox color TV or an oak entertainment center. Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25. The winner need not be present to win.

The silent auction begins at 5:30 p.m.; a live auction begins at 9 p.m. Dinner is served from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The evening will end with a raffle drawing for a 1997 Cadillac Catera, donated by Don Massey of Don Massey Cadillac Inc. in Plymouth. Tickets for the Catera raffle are \$200 each and no more than 800 tickets will be sold. The winner need not be present.



Organizers: Jerry and Justine Raymond, general chairpersons of this year's event, will open the ninth annual scholarship auction by hosting a champagne, sweets and yellow roses welcome, setting the tone for the golden tribute theme of the evening.

SC trustees eye renovation plan

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Schoolcraft College students want more room to study on campus.

They probably will get their wish, too, as trustees are expected to approve a master plan in April to expand and renovate campus facilities.

Trustees received a priority list Wednesday from Butch Raby, vice president of business services, that outlined suggestions from students, business and industry customers for facility improvements over the next two years.

Raby outlined locally-funded projects for 1997-98, including laboratory renovations at the Forum Building, renovations to the Liberal Arts Building, expanded student seating in the Liberal Arts, Applied Science and Forum buildings and the Radcliff Center, and the expansion of the Media Center.

In 1998-99, improvements proposed are a lab consolidation at the Radcliff Center, equipping each classroom with a facility computer work station, expanding the Metallurgy Lab in the Applied Science Building, and the creation of office space in all buildings for part-time faculty and an expansion of distance learning capabilities.

"We hesitate to go beyond that," Raby said, as funding remains uncertain. Raby expects the board will review the plans every spring, upgrading them to have a two-year plan in place.

Raby also will ask the board next month to approve a resolution to send to the state for 50 percent funding.

Those projects currently include a mini-conference center/business and industry training center, technology service center, expansion of the Radcliff Center and the Forum Building addition and renovations.

Raby recently met with a group of student leaders who requested the addition of study areas in all classroom buildings, a reconfiguration of the study area in Bradner Library, including group study areas, and a 200- to 300-seat auditorium.

They also asked for a small bookstore in the McDowell Center and an enlargement of the Radcliff Center Bookstore.

The first four items were already listed in the master plan, Raby said. Student-requested improvements at

McDowell may be difficult, but Raby will ask the architect to place the items in the master plan.

Business and industry customers who use Schoolcraft for conferences requested expansion of those areas, including additional meeting rooms for 15 to 30 people, equipped with VCRs, overhead projectors, screens and computer hookups, and a larger room (200 to 300 seats) with that same equipment.

That group also requested small rooms (5 to 10 seats) for detail computer training, video-conferencing space, a bank of pay phones in the conference facility and large display area for conference-related exhibitions.

The board increased expenditures in the 1996-97 budget to begin an estimated \$426,000 renovations in the Forum, Liberal Arts, Radcliff and library buildings.

Classrooms aren't large enough in the Liberal Arts building, so walls will be removed to allow for more students in those classrooms, Raby said. Labs will be upgraded to make them more functional and safer at the Forum Building, while another classroom will be added at Radcliff.

The labs need improvement to make them safer. Gas valves leak, and lighting isn't adequate, Raby said.

Another \$200,000 was earmarked for the south parking lot at Schoolcraft, while \$78,860 was allocated for roof repairs to the Administrative Building.

The \$705,000 in new expenses will be funded through increased revenue in property taxes, collected from new development. Those taxes were collected after conservative estimates were made last May when the current budget was approved.

Schoolcraft also received \$122,641 more in revenue in tuition and fees due to increased enrollment, and \$163,000 more in state aid than was budgeted.

Investments earned \$50,000 more in income than was anticipated, Raby said.

The improvements were an important first step toward a state-of-the-art facility, said Conway Jeffress, vice president of academic instruction.

"The feeling is if we address immediate concerns, we can take care of the others at a normal pace," Jeffress said.

S'craft board seats open

Candidates must turn in nominating petitions by April 7 if they wish to run for the board of trustees for Schoolcraft College.

Voters will decide on two six-year terms in an election June 9. Those seats are currently occupied by trustees Dick DeVries and Carol Strom.

Petitions are available in the president's office and must be returned to the secretary of the Schoolcraft College District, in the president's office, by 4 p.m. Monday, April 7. The office is in the Grote Administration Center and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Candidates must be residents of the College District and registered voters. The district

includes the Wayne County portions of K-12 districts of Clarenceville and Livonia Public Schools; the Northville district; Novi Community Schools, excluding the portion covered by Oakland Community College and portions of the Plymouth-Canton school district.

The signatures of not less than 50 nor more than 200 qualified voters are required for nominations. There is no charge for filing petitions nor is there compensation for those elected trustee.

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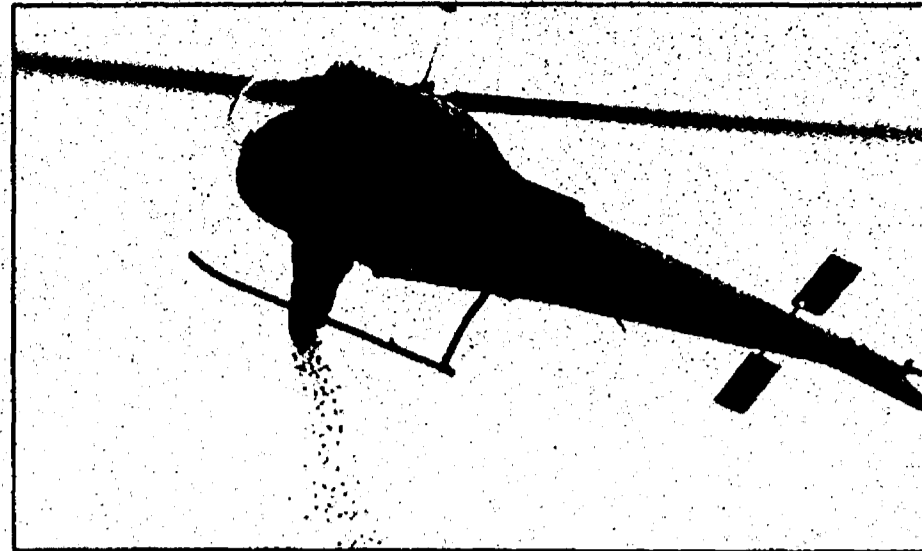
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On your mark: Hundreds of youngsters (above) lined up to collect marshmallows that were dropped from a helicopter at Nankin Mills County Park along Hines Drive. The children scrambled to collect the sweet treats and then turned them in for a prize-filled egg. (Above left) Julie Keener, 3, of Westland, holds her dad's hand while keeping one hand firmly on her basket. Julie parents and Tim and Geri Keener (not shown).

Register now for spring classes at Schoolcraft

Schoolcraft College is enrolling students for the spring semester, and offers a variety of methods to sign up for classes.

Students may complete and send in a mail-in registration form now through April 18. Forms are available in the spring/summer schedules or through the Office of Admissions.

New students must meet with a counselor before registering.

Students with a touch-tone telephone can telephone in their registration by dialing (313) 462-4800. Spring phone-in registration continues through May 1, during the

hours of 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 5 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Walk-in registration begins April 28 and continues through May 2, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Fridays.

Walk-in registration takes place in the McDowell Center, Room 200. Registration at the Radcliff Center takes place Wednesday, April 30 between 1 and 7 p.m.

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CHEF STEVEN ALLEN

Thaw makes me anxious to garden

Although I really enjoy Michigan winters, by the time April rolls around I'm ready for change. With the anticipation of spring comes the "seems like forever" wait for snow to melt and dirt to be warm to the touch.

As a child I recall that my neighbor, Mrs. Daniels, had a fabulous garden. Her backyard was small, yet packed with bountiful vegetables and flowering plants. I would spend my whole day helping her tend the garden. For my effort, she once gave me some small tomato plants that were over-crowding her garden.

Digging in

I brought them home, and armed with a small, broken hoe, and bucket of water, hacked away at the sod along our back fence line, carving out space for the plants. The ground was hard. Later, I discovered it was once an alley.

Days later, with careful watering, my tomato plants grew. What a feeling of accomplishment that was! I can still taste that first, warmed by the sun tomato, which I grew myself. After that, I was hooked on gardening.

The following spring, when I was 10 years old, I went with my mother to the Royal Oak Farmers Market to speak with local farmers, and learn more about their profession. I purchased starter plants, and placed them in the ground. I've had a garden ever since.

This year I'm planting about two acres of land. It's the equivalent of 60 flats of plants. I've already ordered what I could from Don Van Houtte at the Royal Oak Farmers Market, the farmer who gave me advice as a child. He always offers plant care instructions, and keeps me up to date on all the hybrids. My plants are scheduled to arrive around the last week of May. By that time I will have worked the ground.

Sunny spot

I am picking a spot that receives sun throughout the day. If you have limited space, choose ground that receives a southern sun exposure with little to no shade.

If you haven't attempted to garden before, start slowly with a small space that you can work comfortably. This will also help build your confidence, and not make you feel overwhelmed. The results will be just as gratifying. I promise with a little attention, water and passion, you will have a successful harvest.

Purchase starter plants, it will be easier than worrying about seeds germinating. Loss of product is reduced, and results are quicker. Some good plants to grow are tomatoes, cucumbers, green peppers, green beans, and zucchini.

Plan your garden now, while you wait for the ground to thaw. And to prove that vegetables fresh from your garden taste better than those you buy in the store, make a recipe with store bought vegetables, then make the same recipe again in the summer using home grown vegetables or vegetables purchased from a farmer's market. You'll notice a big difference.

BAKED EGGPLANT RATATOUILLE WITH TOMATO COULIS

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 eggplants, medium size
- 1 medium onion, diced, 3/4-inch
- 3 branches celery, diced 3/4-inch
- 2 green peppers, cored and diced 3/4-inch
- 1 small zucchini, diced 3/4-inch
- 1 small yellow squash, diced 3/4-inch
- 2 large tomatoes, peeled, seeded, and diced 3/4-inch
- 2 cloves chopped garlic
- 1 tablespoon fresh basil, chopped
- 2 teaspoons chopped oregano
- 1 teaspoon thyme leaves
- 1/4 cup tomato puree
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 375° F. Gently prick eggplant with a fork, rub lightly with a small amount of the olive oil.

Season eggplant with salt and pepper, place in a baking pan and put into the oven.

Bake for approximately 45 minutes, or until eggplant is fork tender. Remove from oven, let cool while bitter juices drain. Split eggplant long ways, scoop out inside pulp carefully, do not tear shell, reserve pulp.

Meanwhile, preheat saute pan with remaining

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- Give your spice cabinet a spring cleaning.



CALIFORNIA ASPARAGUS COMMISSION

Elegant entree: Rolled steak stuffed with fresh asparagus is an elegant dish to celebrate spring.

'FOOD OF KINGS' REIGNS IN SPRING



BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Even before last Sunday's surprise snowfall, I knew spring was on its way. In late February our pussy willow tree sprouted furry buds, and California asparagus started popping up at the grocery store.

King Louis XIV of France loved asparagus so much that he built special greenhouses so that he could have a ready supply of it year-round. That's why asparagus is called the "food of kings," but most of us crave asparagus in the spring when its freshest and tastes best.

Asparagus plants thrive in sandy soil in early spring when temperatures are 52° F., or slightly above. Hotter temperatures cause the plant to curl up.

According to the Michigan Asparagus Advisory Board, Michigan ranks third in the nation in asparagus production behind California and Washington. Most of Michigan's asparagus is grown along Lake Michigan with Oceana County being the top producer.

You'll have to wait until May to

enjoy Michigan asparagus, but California asparagus is readily available now. Michigan's harvest begins early in May, and peaks in early June.

For me, asparagus was an adult thing. We didn't eat it at our house. Mom served canned corn, green beans, icky peas, and mashed potatoes, but not asparagus, which she won't eat to this day.

My sister-in-law introduced me to asparagus, and from her I've learned, that when properly chosen, and prepared, asparagus is absolutely delightful.

"Most people cook it too long so it tastes stringy," said Bonnie Fishman of West Bloomfield, owner of Bonnie's Patisserie in Southfield. "First you have to break off the woody stem. Bend a spear until it naturally snaps off at the bottom, and toss that part away. Sometimes I'll do a couple to see where they break off, and cut the rest with a knife."

Whether you're planning to serve asparagus hot or cold, Fishman recommends cooking it in a lot of water. "I bring a four-quart pot with a gallon of salted water to a rolling boil and immerse one pound of asparagus for no more than two minutes," she said. "If the stems are pencil thin,

cook them for only a minute. If you're going to serve the asparagus cold with a dipping sauce, cook it 30 seconds."

Immediately after cooking, drain and rinse the asparagus under cold water to freshen it. "If you leave asparagus in the pot it will continue cooking," said Fishman. "This is a mistake a lot of people make. Rinsing it brings out the bright green color."

If you're serving asparagus warm, it's not necessary to rinse, but to save time in the kitchen for parties, Fishman recommends cooking asparagus in advance, and warming it briefly in the microwave.

Chef Richard Teeple of Plymouth, a chef instructor at Henry Ford Community College, likes to steam his asparagus, but he agrees with Fishman that it's important to cool it right away to avoid overcooking. "I throw ice cubes in the pan to shock the asparagus, and stop the cooking process," he said.

Stay away from large asparagus. "Choose the small, skinny asparagus," said Teeple. "It will have a better, sweeter, flavor. You can also peel

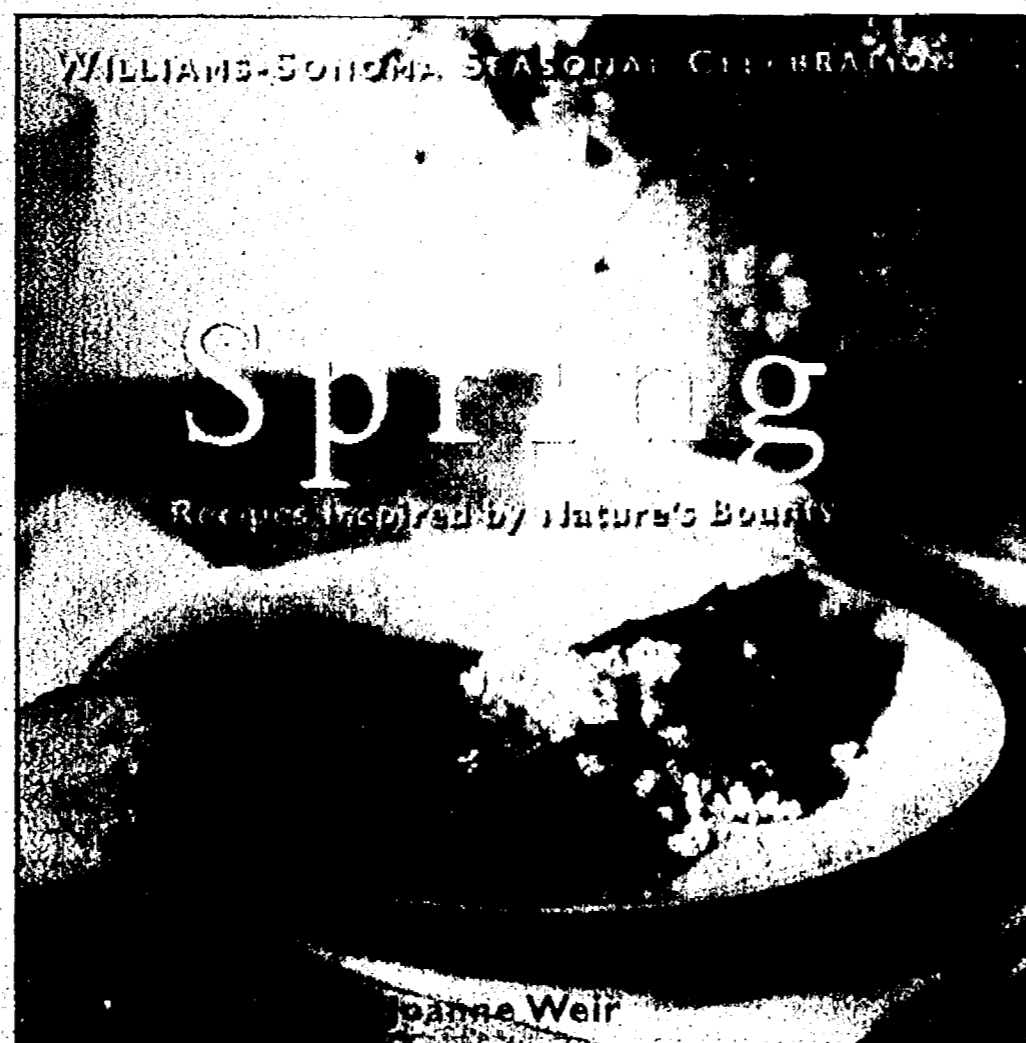
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Before you cook

■ Select bright green asparagus with closed, compact, firm tips. If the tips are slightly wilted, freshen them up by soaking them in cold water.

■ Keep fresh asparagus cool and moist until you intend to use it. Wrap a moist paper towel around the spears, and store them in the crisper drawer of the refrigerator. For best quality, use within three days.

■ Asparagus can be frozen for up to eight months. To freeze, wash, and blanch in boiling water for 1 to 2 minutes. After blanching, cool immediately in ice water. Drain well, and pack in plastic freezer bags or containers. Do not defrost before cooking.



New book celebrates 'Nature's Bounty'

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

My favorite cookbooks have pictures of the finished product. That's why I like "Spring: Recipes Inspired by Nature's Bounty," by Joanne Weir (Time-Life Books; March 1997, \$21.95 hardcover) the newest cookbook in Williams-Sonoma's Seasonal Celebration series. Every recipe has a matching color photograph so you know exactly what the finished product is supposed to look like.

Equal helpings of tips and recipes make this book appetizing. Novice cooks will appreciate the information for "Selecting Spring Ingredients," and "Spring Techniques" for preparing artichokes, asparagus, fava beans, and rinsing greens.

There are colorful pictures galore, beginning with a glossary of spring vegetables, fruits, and main course ingredients such as lamb, salmon, and soft-shell crabs. Every item is discretely numbered so that you can match the photo with a detailed description, which includes preparation and serving tips, on the page.

Recipes for openers, soups and sal-

ads, main courses, side dishes, and desserts offer lots of ideas for "dinner tonight," and special occasions. Step-by-step, instructions make these recipes "no sweat."

Quotes by famous people accompany each recipe, providing food for thought and conversation - "To get the best results you must talk to your vegetables," - Charles, Prince of Wales.

You'll relish Weir's recipe introductions, which are often presented with a dollop of history - "Over two centuries ago, English cooks first recognized the culinary potential of rhubarb, until then regarded as an ornamental plant. Although actually a hardy perennial vegetable, rhubarb is generally treated as a fruit and often combined with strawberries, which are also harvested in the spring."

An award-winning cookbook author and professional chef, Weir suggests lots of ways to make this spring one of memorable meals, and sweet endings.

• See recipes inside

Seasonal pleasures: The new Williams-Sonoma Seasonal Celebration series: "Spring: Recipes Inspired by Nature's Bounty" pays tribute to this season of rebirth.

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olive oil. Place onion, celery, and peppers into pan and cook. Stir occasionally until onions are slightly translucent.

Add squash, garlic and stir. Add remaining ingredients except Parmesan cheese to the pan including the pulp from the eggplant. Season with salt and pepper, stir, taste and adjust seasonings.

Place eggplant shells in suitable roasting pan. Fill shells with vegetable mixture, distributing evenly. Top with Parmesan cheese, place in oven and lower temperature to 325°F. Bake for approximately 20 minutes or until vegetables are tender and Parmesan has browned. Remove from oven. Place tomato coulis (recipe follows) on service plate. Place eggplant ratatouille on coulis. Garnish with herb sprig and serve. Serves 6.

TOMATO COULIS

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 stick butter
- 4 tomatoes
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 20 coriander seeds, ground

Salt and pepper to taste

Put a small pot of water on a burner to boil. Prep tomatoes for blanching by removing the core. Carefully drop tomatoes into boiling water. Leave in water for approximately 25 to 30 seconds.

Remove from pot and shock in cold water. Skins should peel easily. Split tomatoes cross-wise, squeeze out seeds, chop tomatoes coarsely. Using a stainless steel pot, heat oil and butter, add garlic and cook for 20 to 30 seconds until butter starts to foam.

Add tomatoes, coriander and small amount of seasoning (salt and pepper), stir and cook on medium heat for 10 minutes. Transfer to blender and blend until smooth. Keep warm for service.

Trained under Master Chef Milos Cihelka and in France under Chef Michel Guerard of Eugenie les Bains, Steven Allen is the executive chef of the Golden Mushroom in Southfield, which is celebrating its 25th year.

Asparagus Wonders with asparagus from page B1

the woody stem with a vegetable peeler, up to the tip, to tenderize it."

Asparagus is a member of the Lily family, and is Greek for "sprout" or "shoot." Its cultivation began more than 2,000 years ago in the eastern Mediterranean. With its high tolerance for salt and sandy soils, wild asparagus is found in England, central Wisconsin, Russia and Poland. It has been grown in Syria and Spain since ancient times. Asparagus gained popularity in France in England, and was brought here by colonists.

Low in calories (only 20 per five ounce serving) asparagus is a source of dietary fiber and potassium and sodium free. Asparagus is a source of folacin, a B vitamin necessary for blood cell formation and growth, that helps prevent cervical cancer, and birth defects. Asparagus is also a significant source of vitamin C, thiamin (B1), often called "the morale vitamin" because of its beneficial effect on the nervous system, emotions and mood.

See related story on Taste front.

ROLLED STEAK STUFFED WITH CALIFORNIA FRESH ASPARAGUS

- 3-4 pound flank steak, butter-filled opened
- 1 pound fresh asparagus
- 2 tablespoons horseradish
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- Preheat oven to 350°F. Spread 2 tablespoons horseradish, and minced garlic on the steak. Then arrange asparagus spears in a single row over spread.
- Roll tightly and tie. Roast in oven at 350°F. for 1 hour.
- Remove from oven and let stand 10 minutes before slicing.

Recipe from the California Asparagus Commission.

WARM CARROT AND ASPARAGUS SALAD

- 2 pounds carrots
- 1 1/2 pounds asparagus
- 6 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 small or 1 large red onion, cut lengthwise and then thinly cross wise
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1 teaspoon caraway seeds
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- Cut the carrots lengthwise into

quarters. Cut them into 2-inch lengths. Blanch carrots in a large pot of boiling water with salt until they are just tender. Use a strainer or slotted spoon to remove them from the water.

Remove the woody stalks from the asparagus and cut the asparagus into 2-inch lengths. Blanch them in the carrot water for 1-2 minutes. Remove with a strainer, refresh under cold water. Reserve the cooking liquid.

In a large skillet heat oil over moderate heat. Add the onions and cook until very soft. Add 1/2 cup reserved cooking liquid, red pepper flakes, caraway seeds, paprika and cumin. Bring the liquid to a boil. Add the carrots. Cook for 3-5 minutes, or until the liquid is reduced and the carrots are coated.

Stir in the asparagus. Season with salt and pepper. Just before serving, add the lemon juice. Serve warm or at room temperature. Serves 8.

Recipe from Bonnie Fishman, Bonnie's Patisserie.

SPRINGTIME STIR-FRY WITH SCALLOPS AND ASPARAGUS

- 3/4 pound asparagus
- Boiling water
- 3/4 cup chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon light soy sauce

- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 3/4 pound sea scallops, cut in half crosswise, if large, and patted dry
- 1 cup sliced button mushrooms or 3 to 4 ounces oyster mushrooms
- 1 medium clove garlic, minced
- 1 cup cherry tomato halves
- 2 to 3 green onions, sliced diagonally
- 2 cups hot cooked rice

Trim or break off asparagus spears at tender point; rinse and cut into 2-inch diagonal pieces.

In large saucepan, in boiling water to cover, cook asparagus until crisp-tender about 2 minutes. Do not over cook.

Drain and rinse under cold water. Combine chicken broth, cornstarch and soy sauce; reserve.

In large non-stick skillet, sprayed with no-stick cooking spray, heat oil. Stir-fry scallops and mushrooms with garlic until scallops are just cooked through, about 4 minutes.

Stir in cornstarch mixture. Cook, stirring, until sauce thickens. Add drained asparagus, tomatoes and green onions; heat. Add salt and pepper to taste. Serve over rice. Serves 4.

Recipe from the California Asparagus Commission.

Spring lends a hand

See related story on Taste front. Recipes from the Williams-Sonoma Seasonal Celebration: "Spring" (Time-Life Books, March 1997).

SUGAR SNAP PEA AND MINT SALAD

- 1 1/2 pounds sugar snap peas, ends trimmed
- 1 tablespoon Champagne vinegar
- 1 small shallot, minced
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup fresh mint leaves, cut into thin strips, plus mint sprigs for garnish
- Have ready a bowl of ice water.

Bring a large saucepan three-fourths full of salted water to a boil. Add sugar snap peas and simmer until bright green and tender 1 1/2 to 2 minutes. Drain immediately and transfer to the ice water to halt cooking. Let stand for 5 minutes, then drain and set aside.

To make dressing, in a small bowl whisk together the vinegar, shallot, olive oil and salt and pepper to taste.

To serve, place sugar snap peas and thin strips of mint in a bowl and drizzle with the dressing. Toss to coat ingredients evenly. Transfer to a serving bowl and garnish with mint sprigs. Serve immediately, arranging the salad attractively on each plate, if desired. Serves 4-6.

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ALANON

The Al-Anon group, designed to help family members of alcoholics, meets on Sunday evening at 8:30 p.m. at Garden City Hospital. Call (313) 729-0520 for information.

TOPS

The TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 1132 meets 10-11 a.m. Thursdays at the Garden City Hospital's community health and education center, 6701 Harrison, just north of Maplewood. The group helps members obtain and maintain a health weight. Dues are \$4 monthly. Call (313) 537-6267 or 255-1766.

RATIONAL RECOVERY

Rational Recovery is an international, non-profit self-help organization that meets at 12:30 p.m. every Thursday and at 7 p.m. every Friday in Garden City Hospital's Harrison Center, on Harrison north of Maplewood. The group is for

persons who are experiencing problems as a result of alcohol and/or substance abuse or any other self-defeating behaviors.

OBSSIVE COMPULSIVE

Obsessive Compulsive Disorder self-help group meets 7 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday monthly at 45000 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township. (313) 522-3022.

SUPPORT LINE

Have a problem? Want to talk? Call Life Care Ministries, (313) 427-LIFE, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Confidential. Free. Sponsored by Life Care Ministries of Livonia. This service is provided at no charge to the community.

MENTALLY ILL

Alliance for the Mentally Ill, a support group for family and friends of loved ones with mental illness, meets the first and third Thursday of the month at Oakwood Hospital-Merriman Center, on Merriman in Westland. (313) 562-2274 or 562-8498.

TOUGHLOVE

A Toughlove support group meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Northwest Wayne Skill Center, Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Farmington Road. Newcomers welcome. (313) 261-7880 or (810) 380-7748.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 10 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at Maplewood Community Center, Room 16, Garden City. (313) 541-6565 or 422-4238.

FOR CO-DEPENDENTS

A new Co-Dependents Anonymous 12-step support group meets at 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the new Salvation Army Service Center, 2300 S. Venoy at Dorsey, south of Palmer.

EMOTIONS ANONYMOUS

A 12-step program for "A New Way of Life" meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and 10 a.m. Thursday in Garden City Hospital Educational Center, Room 5, (former Harrison School), 6701 Harrison, Garden City. (313) 427-8193.

NEW BEGINNINGS

New Beginnings, a support group for people suffering as a result of the death of a loved one, will meet Thursdays at St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. (313) 422-6038.

CHADD

CHADD of Northwest Wayne County, a nonprofit, parent-based organization formed to better the lives of individuals with attention deficit disorders and those who care for them, meets 7:30 p.m. with check-in at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of every month at the Civic

Center Library, Five Mile east of Farmington Road, Livonia. (313) 380-0847.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT

A free support group for caregivers of people with chronic illness meets 7-9 p.m. the last Thursday of every month in Classroom C, Botsford Hospital, 28050 Grand River, Farmington Hills. 832-CIAC.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

A multiple sclerosis exercise program meets 6-7 p.m. every Friday at the Livonia Family YMCA with discussion and fellowship after 7-8 p.m. (313) 261-2161, Ext. 312.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

A new support group for families and friends of people with MS meets 7-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Inkster Recreation Complex, 2025 Middlebelt. Call Betty Priest, (313) 852-6613.

ADULT CHILDREN

A support group for adult children of dysfunctional families meets noon to 1:30 p.m. every Thursday. Deena or Cynthia, (313) 478-9222.

CHRONIC FATIGUE

Chronic Fatigue and Immune Dysfunction Syndrome support group will meet 7-9 p.m. the second Thursday of every month in First Presbyterian Church of

Dearborn, 600 N. Brady.

WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY

Women for Sobriety meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays at the Livonia Counseling Center, 13325 Farmington Road. 462-4214.

BETWEEN US

Just Between Us, an informal self-help group for women who have had breast cancer surgery, meets at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of every month in the American Cancer Society, 6701 Harrison, Garden City. Loretta, (313) 261-6188.

ARTHRITIS HELPLINE

The Arthritis Helpline provides general information on the types of arthritis treatments, medications, referrals and self-help aids, aquatic program and special exercise classes. The line is open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays. Call (313) 350-3030 or 1-800-968-3030.

SURVIVING CANCER

Henry Ford Health System and the Michigan Cancer Foundation sponsor a support group for young adults (ages 20-40) who are facing cancer, treatments and recovery. The group meets in the Michigan Cancer Foundation Lathrup Village office, 18831 W. 12 Mile, west of Southfield. Barbara Bicking, 294-4430

Public safety career fair scheduled

Schoolcraft College's Radcliff Center is the place to be on Wednesday, April 9, if you're considering a career in law enforcement or public safety.

Nearly two dozen agencies will take part in the school's annual public safety career fair, aimed at those interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement, fire fighting, emergency medical services or corrections.

The demonstrations, along with presentations by public safety organization representatives, will be from 4-7 p.m. in the Radcliff Center on Radcliff,

between Venoy and Wildwood and just south of Ford, on the Garden City-Westland border.

There is no charge for the fair which is open to the public.

Agencies ranging from the FBI to local fire and police departments will participate. The college is also planning two major demonstrations of equipment: an inter-active firefighting/emergency medical technician training system and a demonstration of the Firearms Training System, which is an interactive tool used to help police academy recruits learn how to react in a

critical situation.

Among the organizations planning to take part are:

Van Buren Township fire department, Dearborn fire department, Metroparks Public Safety, Ann Arbor police department, Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village, Pittsfield Township police, Flint police, Wayne County Sheriff, Federal Reserve Bank, Dearborn police, Waterford Township police, FBI, Huron Valley Ambu-

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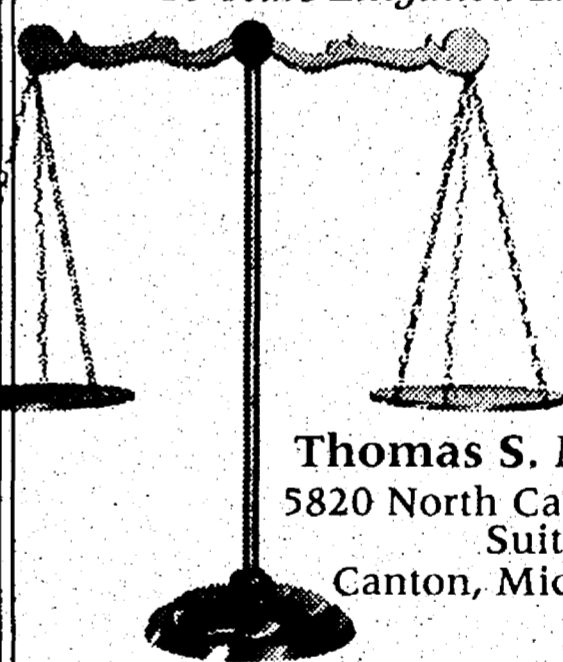
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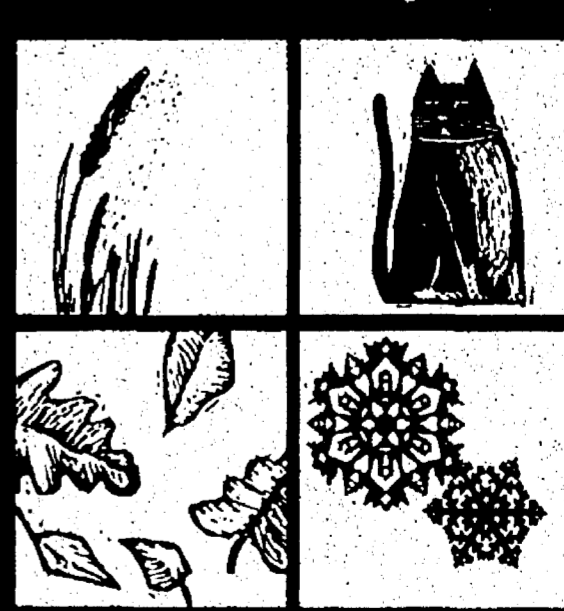
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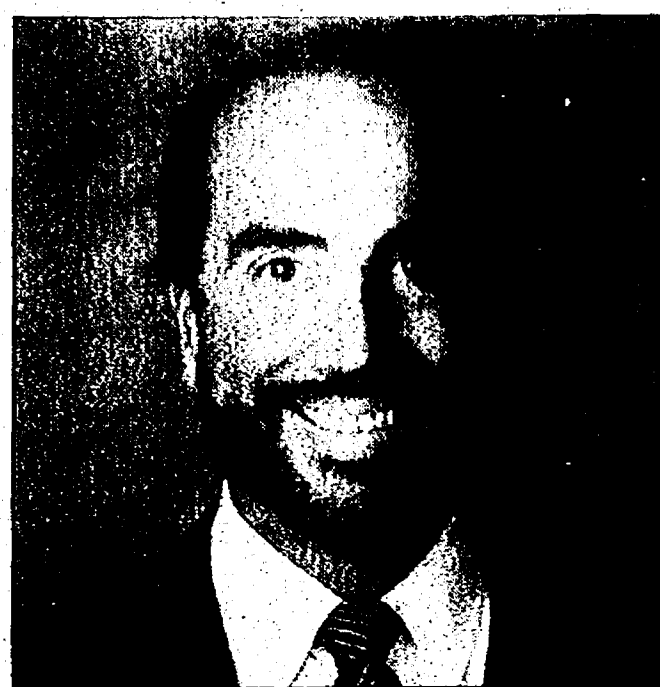
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BEAUTY AND THE BEST



Jeffrey Bruce

Fashion faux pas are half the Oscar fun

Every year, billions of people gather around their television sets to watch the Academy Awards and celebrate the best of the movie industry.

Well, at least that's what the studios like to think! The majority of us are watching to see who is arriving, what they are wearing and hoping for some sort of fashion/make-up or hair disaster. Try to recite the past five winners of Best Picture and you'll see my point. More of us remember Cher in her fantasy outfit by Bob Mackie, or Barbra Streisand in her see-through pants outfit, or perhaps Jack Palance doing one-armed pushups.

Faced with a sea of good taste this year, mainly because of the mob of newcomers on the scene, most of them garbed and adorned by designers, the Oscars were almost no fun. However, in an irreverent vein, here are some of those awards that you may have overlooked. (Big surprise to follow).

The "Bad Hair Day" Award had to go to Holly Hunter for her mixture of styles, dragged back and punctured with chopsticks. The runner up was Sandra Bullock, who decided to do absolutely nothing except part it in the middle and hope for the best.

The "Everything was Great Except the Hair" Award had to go to Helen Hunt. What was she thinking with the curls?

The "Best Make-Up of the Evening" Award was a four-way split: Celine Dion, Winona Ryder, Jodie Foster and Sigourney Weaver. (Sigourney wins the award for best coordination of make-up, hair and dress).

The "Double Bee-Sting" award, or, "How Do You Like My Training Bra?" Award goes to Clare Danes. Runner up is Courtney Love, who managed to stun most of us by just showing up in a gown.

The "I Crocheted My Own Gown" Award has to go to Andie McDowell. She saw fit to add to the look by wearing no make-up and just dragging her hair back into a junior Bride of Frankenstein facsimile. And this woman was a top model?

The "Mother of Jennifer Aniston" Award and "I'm Frozen In Time" Award both go to Goldie Hawn. Surely it's time to change something, anything. Please!

The "Victor/Victoria" Award goes to Frances McDormand. You figure it out.

The "Cat in the Hat" Award plus a dishonorable mention for make-up has to go to Dennis Rodman. Well, he does go where most men fear to tread.

The "She Tries Too Hard" Award and possibly the "One of These Days, I'll Find My Own Style" Award goes to Nicole Kidman, wearing a dress the color of which does not exist in nature.

The latest nominee to the Fashion Disaster Hall of Fame... the envelope please... Diane Keaton! Not only did she dare to wear a white pant suit, but it either has never been pressed or was so ill-fitting, and it went so well with the studded dog collar. This woman has never seen an outfit she can't mangle.

Juliette Binoche, wearing a blood-red Dracula outfit, is the winner of the "If I Knew That I Was Going to Win, I Would Never Have Worn This Outfit" Award.

Now to the men's side. Some of these who haven't ever heard of a tuxedo rental store: Will Smith, Billy Crystal, Kevin Spacey and James Brolin. I think that Mr. Brolin may have been rushed and borrowed Sharon Stone's Gap T-shirt from last year.

The classiest hair, make-up and gown of the evening? It had to be Lauren Bacall, who proves that less is more, and doesn't need to borrow from Harry Winston.

Representing the younger brigade of actresses who had it correct was Winona Ryder: pretty little face, perfect eye make-up, terrific flapper dress to show off her petite figure, shows originality every time she appears.

Madonna looked great... finally! Although it became obvious why she wasn't nominated for an award.

Jada Pinkett wins the "Wear This and Look Classy" award. It takes a lot of nerve to wear a bare midriff and get away with it. Added to that, the outfit was green — and she pulled it off. Congratulations.

The "Audrey Hepburn Classic Hollywood" Award goes to Kristin Scott Thomas. In her

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Artsy apparel

B'ham gallery presents unique fashion show

BY TODD WICKS
STAFF WRITER

Can clothing qualify as art? According to the staff at Artquest Gallery in downtown Birmingham, it can — and will, at the gallery's upcoming Bodyscapes fashion show/art exhibit being held throughout April.

Wearable art is the theme of Bodyscapes, which features one-of-a-kind jackets, vests, tops, skirts, hats, scarves, purses and jewelry, all the creations of local and national artists.

"The artists produce everything from raw materials, and make the clothing in their studios," said Roberta Grant, assistant director of Artquest. "Styles and sizes range and encompass things for all ages, (from) real funky things to more conservative... They're the one thing you can get for your wardrobe that's unique, and can go with anything."

The gallery has taken pieces of clothing from different designers and assembled suggested outfits that are guaranteed to turn heads.

"They're not 'one size fits all,' but they're easy to wear," said Cheryl Renton, vice-president of Artquest Gallery Inc. "They range from casual everyday wear to almost business attire."

Designed by Victor Saroki and Associates in Birmingham, Artquest Gallery opened in August 1995. Besides clothing, it specializes in colorful dinnerware, sculpture, jewelry, and mixed-media art.

There are creations of all kinds at the gallery: tall, candlelit metal lawn masks, found-art tables and sculptures created from rubble and knickknacks, plus the works of Grant and sales assistant Karen Cirino.

Grant estimated that at least half of the art and apparel in the store has been produced by a Michigan artist, including Alice Bronston of Bloomfield Hills, Murel Jacobs of Bloomfield Hills, Michelle Art Healing of Walled Lake, and Stan and Debby Megdall of West Bloomfield.

"We get a lot of positive response from customers and artists," said Renton. "One of our priorities is to carry work that is exclusive to this area."

Artquest has also been a way for owner Mary Lou Chinn to raise money for her favorite women's and children's charities. Each of the gallery's three annual openings has been a benefit, and Bodyscapes is no exception: 10 percent of the gallery's sales for the entire month will go toward the Women's Survival Center, an offshoot of the Haven shelter for battered women in Pontiac.

"The center does job training, so women can become independent and support themselves and their children," said Chinn. "I really feel that (these causes) have been ignored for too many years, and given the opportunity and direction these centers provide, women can achieve goals never thought possible."

The gallery continues this theme in October with its annual art exhibit "by women, for women, and about women," which raises money for the breast cancer program Reach to Recovery.

While the gallery contains its share of wild art and unusual pieces, Chinn believes its real appeal is in how practical and accessible the pieces are.

"It's not fine art, or really geared so that you have to be a real enthusiast."

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Wild styles: Roberta Grant, assistant director of the Artquest Gallery in Birmingham, models some of the "wearable art" featured in April. Hand-dyed silk patchwork jacket with Bemberg lining, \$350. Hand-dyed china silk scarf, \$35. Pink woven-fabric top hat with Parisian flower, \$80.

Firm turns backdrops into booming business

BY BARR PERT TEMPLETON
SPECIAL WRITER

When Peter Cottontail was hopping down the bunny trail at Wonderland Mall, he probably didn't expect to find giant eggs painted in silver and gold, lying alongside a huge cardboard computer monitor covered with colorful daisies.

It seems Peter was experiencing his first-ever Cyber Easter event.

The high-tech decor that greeted the Easter Bunny and all of his followers was brought to the mall in Livonia courtesy of The Display Group. The Detroit-based company provides unique and exciting backdrops for both corporate and retail clients across Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Owners Rick Portwood and Tim Arlington, who founded the company six years ago, also designed the displays for a recent Oscar benefit hosted by the Detroit Institute of Art.

"We also did the Detroit Science Center's Cyber Jungle display at Wonderland Mall," said Portwood, whose client list seems to grow by the day.

Capturing the ideas of his customers and turning them into a unique display was just what

Portwood had in mind when he opened The Display Group. His family first established a similar business in metro Detroit in 1922. Portwood did a number of jobs at the company, including making fake snow and managing the sales department, before branching out on his own.

"We saw that people still needed this kind of thing on a temporary basis, so we decided to make it available for rental rather than selling permanent fixtures," he said.

Taking off with his new venture, Portwood and his partner began gathering props and scenery that clients could rent for special events and promotions. Their first project was making a replica of the Spirit of Detroit, which they completed using parts of a man-

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nequin. "Generally there's a theme, and we come in and set it all up and we'll come back and take it all down later," said Portwood. "We also offer to pick up props for reduced prices if people prefer to take them and return them."

The company's main focus is creating three-

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An Internet Easter: The Easter Bunny looks cutting-edge against this high-tech backdrop at Wonderland Mall, assembled by The Display Group.

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 Sunday.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

Marine Corps Band
Westland Shopping Center hosts the U.S. Marine Corps rock band Task Force, performing at 7 p.m. under the trellis area. The 11-member band will perform a mini-concert lasting one-and-a-half hours, featuring music by today's popular artists.
Westland Shopping Center, Wayne/Warren.
(313) 425-6001.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Prom Seminars
Hudson's fashion consultants will hold informal seminars on what's hot for Prom '97 and

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how to look glamorous from head to toe. Door prizes will be awarded, and seating is limited. The program begins at 1 p.m.
Oakland Mall, 14 Mile/John R. Troy.
(810) 685-4000.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Barbie Doll Show
The eighth annual Barbie Grants-A-Wish, Michigan's premier all-Barbie doll show and sale, will be held at the Livonia Marriott. Salesrooms will feature some of the best dealers in new and vintage Barbies. Bring your old dolls, clothing, and accessories for appraisals. Dealers and collectors are always buying. Admission is \$4, and will be donated to children's charities.
Livonia Marriott, Newburgh/I-275/Six Mile

MONDAY, APRIL 7

Home Decor
Guests are invited to meet with Hudson's Interior Designers for a series of seminars on creating home decor. Each is 30 minutes long and is complimentary. Designer Rita Whitehead will speak about Floor Covering and Carpeting at 7 p.m.
Oakland Mall, 14 Mile/John R. Troy.
(810) 685-4000.

Road.
(313) 462-3100.

Toy show
Dolls, bears, toy trains, Star Wars figures, and all types of collectible toys will be part of a show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Livonia Holiday Inn. Admission is \$3, and children are free.
Livonia Holiday Inn, Newburgh/I-275/Six Mile Road.
(313) 464-8493.

RETAIL DETAILS

Retail Details features news briefs from the Malls & Mainstreets beat, compiled by Susan DeMaggio. For inclusion, send information to: Retail Details, c/o The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, or fax to (810) 644-1314.

Retail activity rises

The Michigan Retail Index reported that overall retail activity in Michigan rose during February. Forty-five percent of retailers reported increased year-to-year sales, compared to 39 percent in January. Of the five activities measured by the index, only one showed a decline from January: prices. The Index is a joint project of the Michigan Retailers Association and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Mall hosts job fair

The Westland Center is looking for sponsors and businesses that would like to rent a table at the annual Chamber of Commerce Jobs Fair, Saturday, April 12. The deadline to register for booth space is April 8.

The mall's marquee will highlight the event, and advertising by direct mail, newspapers, and radio is planned to attract job hunters. The \$200 Supporting Sponsor level is intended for those who cannot staff a table, but would like visibility at the fair. The \$275 Premium Deal offers \$50 off a table and a listing on all ad materials. For more information, call (313) 326-7222.

Kids shoe shop opens with trade-in promotion

To kick-off the grand opening of Richard's Stride Rite on the

boardwalk in West Bloomfield, shoppers are encouraged to trade in baby or children's footwear to receive \$5 off the purchase of a new pair (limit one pair per child) through April 21. The shoes collected will be given to Orchard's Children's Services. Owners Richard and Cherie Cerulli said the store will carry shoes for babies, toddlers and children up to girls size 4; boys size 6.

Labels include Stride Rite, Nike, Little Capezio, MIA, Elefantin, K-Swiss, Rachel and David Scott, and several European lines. Inquiries are welcome at (810) 932-5308.

Students play games at Fairlane

Over 30 Wayne County elementary and middle school students auditioned for a spot on the live "Where in Time is Carmen Sandiego?" game on March 12 at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn. The show is based on a popular children's game, and is shown on PBS.

All participants were the top

scorers from their schools on a history test which qualified them as finalists. Five students were selected to compete in the live version of the game, which took place March 15, also at Fairlane.

Homework Helpers

Universal Mall in Warren will hold "Homework Helpers," a program which invites 4th-8th graders to bring their homework to the mall for assistance from tutors and former teachers in a "storefront schoolroom."

The sessions go from 3-6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 1-5 p.m. on Saturdays until April 19. There will be giveaways and prizes to reward students. For details, call (810) 751-3161.

Coney Island opens

Arta's Coney Island recently opened in Downtown Walled Lake. The 2,400 square-foot restaurant is owned and operated by Doda Lucaj of Wixom, and is located at 602 N. Pontiac Trail.

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dimensional displays and backdrops made of wood and sturdy foam.

"We kind of flew by the seat of our pants for a while until we got the inventory up, but fortunately we knew where to get products," said Portwood.

"One of the strengths we have is that we have access to preexisting items from around the world, and what we can't find, we make — Tim is a carpenter. The Display Group gets lots of unusual requests from its clients. One recent order had them giving a Central American theme to five elevators and the lobby of the J. Walter Thompson building in Detroit. The company hired Portwood and his crew to set up the displays as a promotion for their employees.

Display Group tackled the task, including setting up all the displays and decor, in just one long night.

"Lots of our work is for companies that want to get a message to their clients or employees, and if they make the message memorable it sinks it more," said Portwood.

If clients call without their own ideas for a theme, Portwood and his staff are eager to assist. "We use a lot of freelance visual designers and artists from this area to help us create things," he said.

Malls always want something

created that's different and unique, and Portwood has also set up some huge displays at local theaters when certain high-profile films are released.

"The special events business is really, really growing," he said. "It's the fastest growing segment of marketing right now."

This growth and demand brought about change at the Display Group. Portwood said his company has begun to make their props more accessible so that clients can simply rent them out and set them up themselves.

"Using displays is a huge thing on the East and West Coasts, but it's just now slowly becoming popular in metro Detroit," said Portwood. "We do have an obscure service, but it's becoming more and more popular every year."

Such popularity has the Display Group employing 10 people today, and they recently purchased a building with 24,000 square feet of warehouse space. The site will allow for both the construction and storage of props for the firm.

"We're doing a lot more brainstorming sessions, thinking of themes and rough sketches," said Portwood. "And that's my favorite part — creating things is when I get a big rush out of this business."

Beauty from page B4

grand black gown, she understood the need for elegance, perfection and classiness. Runner-up is the ever-Armanied Jodie Foster, who has found a look that works perfectly for her.

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In April, I will be making appearances in Northville, Macomb, Ann Arbor, Royal Oak, Brighton and Waterford. The number to call about the Townsend dates and my future appearance.

Apparel from page B4

ist," she said. "I always hear the description that its kind of a home decor-type shop, because it appeals to just about everybody."

The Bodyscapes exhibition goes from April 3-30, with the opening reception taking place

from 6-9 p.m. on April 3. The Artquest Gallery is located at 185 N. Woodward, across the street from Crowley's in downtown Birmingham. Call (810) 540-2484 for details.

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GOOD-HEARTED

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Local glass artists hot for new work

Like all artists working in the contemporary studio glass movement, Observerland glass blowers, once they've mastered the skills of the craft, continue to experiment.

To celebrate the 17th annual Michigan Glass Month in April, I decided to track down new work being created by Don Schneider of Plymouth, Christine Fleischer and Joseph Wisniewski of Livonia.

Last fall Schneider decided to cut back on the glass lectures and demonstrations he gives all over the country to spend more time working in his York Street Glass studio in Plymouth's Old Village area. Schneider's vessels grow in size with each piece he pulls from the furnaces. Fluting on the outer edges of a darkly colored bowl capture rays of dancing light in the interior. Metallic swirls of purple add further interest to the exterior.

Experimenting

"I'm pretty excited because of the quality of the glass," said Schneider, who makes batches of glass from raw materials using his own formulations. "I've been experimenting with different combinations of chemicals."

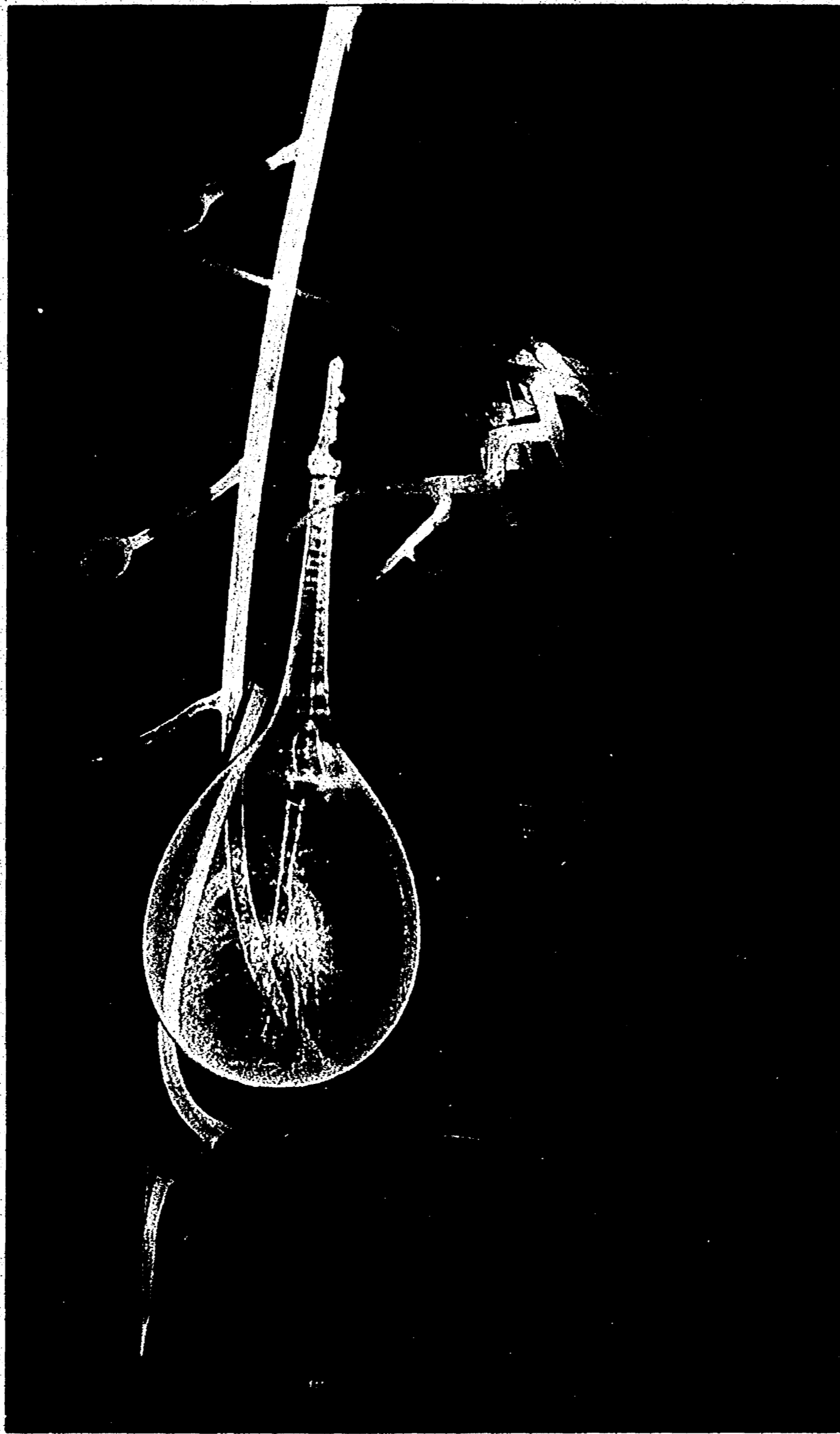
Schneider, who learned glass blowing at Greenfield Village in Dearborn, recently returned to the craft after more than 20 years of creating glass millefiori beads by spinning and working the material over a lamp flame. He finds glass blowing an extremely expensive operation because the melting furnace must burn 24 hours a day in order to maintain its 2,400 degree temperature. Additional energy costs come from the annealing oven, which ranges between 900 and 1,100 degrees, and the 2,200 degree "Glory Hole" or furnace where the glass is worked once it is gathered from the melting pots.

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New Glass: Don Schneider of Plymouth reduced the temperature in his glass furnace to create the metallic swirls in this vessel.



Hot Property: Mundy Hepburn worked with glass, neon gas and rope to create this glowing 86 by 36 by 48-inch piece titled "Flotsam and Jetsam II."

25th annual International Glass Invitational

What: An exhibition of contemporary studio glass by 100 artists from around the world. Meet more than 25 of the artists during the Grand Opening 8 p.m. Saturday, April 5.

Where: Habatat Galleries, 7 North Saginaw in Pontiac. Call (810) 333-2060.

When: April 5 to May 4. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m.

Related Events: In honor of the 17th annual Michigan Glass Month in April, dozens of exhibitions and activities will take place in cities from Birmingham to Muskegon. Here's a guide to a few of the events:

■ Italian glass artist Lucio Bubbaco, an exhibitor in the International, will give glass blowing demonstrations along with Albert Young beginning at noon Saturday, April 5, at the Michigan Hot Glass Workshop, 29 West Lawrence in Pontiac. For more information, call Young at (810) 338-3455.

■ A botanical glass sculpting workshop with Frederick Birkhill and Shane Fero takes place April 4-6 at the University of Michigan Dearborn. Call Richard Potts for information (313) 593-5374.

■ Also at U-M Dearborn is an exhibit featuring the glass collection of Bloomfield Hills artist Patricia Hill Burnett in the Alfred Berkowitz Gallery on campus. Opening reception 5:30-7

p.m. Friday April 4, (313) 593-5087.

■ "Ancient Glass: The Beautiful Legacy" April 5 to May 4 at the Donna Jacobs Gallery, LTD, 574 North Woodward; Birmingham, (810) 540-1600. Reception 1:5 p.m. Saturday April 5. Special Opening 1-4 p.m. Sunday April 6.

■ Stan Megdall of West Bloomfield is one of several glass artists exhibiting work in a show titled "Products of the Glory Hole" at the Atrium Gallery, 109 North Center in Northville. Call (810) 349-4131. The exhibit, continuing through April, consists of glass bowls, vases, platters, goblets, perfume bottles, sculptural figures, paper weights, and globes.

Exhibit showcases sparkling glass works

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Dozens of wooden shipping crates sat unopened in a cellar-like storage area waiting to reveal their glittering glass treasures in the annual International Glass Invitational April 5 to May 4 at Habatat Galleries.

For 25 years Habatat Galleries has documented the studio glass movement by showcasing the best sculptural works and objects being made by contemporary artists. On a recent visit to the Pontiac gallery, Ferdinand Hampson, founder of the International Glass Invitational, took a nostalgic look back at the largest, oldest and most celebrated exhibition of its kind, and the studio movement which spawned it.

"It's been an uphill struggle getting the medium accepted as a fine art material," said Hampson, a West Bloomfield resident. "We still have to overcome enormous prejudices by artists who feel casting in bronze is important, but casting in glass is not. Every year the International exhibition proves that the art world is becoming more open to using glass as an art material."

Hampson rarely thinks about the past because of his enthusiasm for the future and the promise of new works to come from artists experimenting with the medium.

Thirty of the artists are new to the 1997 exhibition and so is their work. Hampson discovered 10 of the artists during two visits to Czechoslovakia late last year. He is excited about the possibilities of finding even more new artists for the International "because countries like Czechoslovakia are opening up behind the Iron Curtain and names are more available now."

"We make changes every year to maintain the excitement," said Hampson, president of Habatat Galleries in Chicago, Boca Raton, Florida and Aspen, Colorado. "The new Czechoslovakian artists interpret glass slightly differently from the rest of the world. They typically use casting processes and are inspired by Czechoslovakian Cubism, a strong movement that never got the recognition."

Due to the size of this year's show, Hampson has rented the 7th House nightclub across the hall from Habatat Galleries for the month of April. From a few glass objects made by a dozen American artists, the exhibition has grown to 700 works highlighted by 500 spotlights.

Glass working techniques of slumping, casting, fusing, and lamp working used by artists in 1997 were unheard of 25 years ago. Today, many of the exhibiting artists

See GLASS, C2

Tattoos make body work of self expression

Getting Inked: The Art of the Tattoo

What: A conference covering the history of tattoo and manifestations of the art form in contemporary culture.

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 5.

Where: Detroit Institute of Arts, Lecture Hall, 5200 Woodward Avenue.

Cost: \$15, \$12 for Founders Society members, free to students with current ID. Pre-registration required. Call (313) 833-2323.

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Topics and speakers include "The Tattooed Jew" by Dora Apel, adjunct art history professor at Wayne State University; "Tattooing as a Medium," by Don Ed Hardy, internationally known artist; "Framing Tattoos: From Bodily Disfigurement to

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Marina Vainshtein uses her skin as a canvas to express her feelings about the holocaust. The 23-year old Jewish woman is one of the topics being covered during a daylong conference on tattooing April 5 at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

"Getting Inked: The Art of the Tattoo" will look at the history of tattoo as an art form, its manifestations in contemporary culture, and the reasons behind various artistic movements and styles.

Work of Art," by Margo DeMello of San Francisco University's anthropology department; "Skin and Site," by Alice Joanou of the San Francisco Art Institute, and "Tattooing and Youth Cultures" by Daniel Wojcik from the University of Oregon English department.

Tattooing, an ancient form of self expression, is gaining respect as an art medium according to Isabela Basombrio, assistant curator of the DIA's education department.

"Tattooing is developing into an art form that requires drawing skills and conceptual skills. There's a different consciousness now, the consciousness of tattoo artists as artists," said Basombrio, who conceived the idea for the conference.

The art of tattooing hails back to Egyptian times. Tattoos found on mummies date around 2,000 B.C. Polynesians used tattoos to denote social standing and for other purposes, erotic



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Getting Inked: The Detroit Institute of Arts will host a conference dealing with the art of tattoo 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 5.

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Best-selling mystery writer takes on British-Irish Feud

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

With a charmingly genteel British accent, and a glint in her eye, author Anne Perry talks with irrepressible pleasure about the crime that begins her latest novel, "Ashworth Hall."

It's the same lively joy she shows for her recently planted bluebells on her sprawling grounds in the northeast highlands of Scotland.

Perry visited Borders Book Shop in Birmingham Tuesday as part of her two-month U.S. book-signing tour. Currently, "Ashworth Hall," published by The Ballantine Publishing Group, is listed as the area's fifth best seller, behind perennial top-grossing author John Grisham's "The Partner."

Since her first published novel in 1979, Perry has attracted a growing number of loyal readers, said Larry Wrona, who manages the mystery fiction section at Borders. "All of her books — hard



Anne Perry

cover and paperbacks — sell well and consistently," he said.

With the mystery genre generating the largest share of the fiction market, Perry is emerging as a top-ten selling author, not in the class of Grisham or Michael Crichton, but approaching the ranks of Sue Grafton and Sarah Paretsky, said Wrona.

In "Ashworth Hall," Perry displays the type of storytelling virtuosity that has earned her a nomination for this year's prestigious Edgar Award, named in honor of Edgar Allan Poe and presented each May to the top mystery writer.

Set amid a great country estate outside of London, Perry's 24th novel features serial characters Thomas Pitt and his wife, Charlotte. The Pitts have been protagonists in 17 of Perry's Victorian-age novels. This time, however, the Pitts' odyssey transcends the stuffy manners of the Victoria era. In "Ashworth Hall,"

Perry takes readers into the heart of one of modern history's most longlasting bitter feuds: the British military presence in Northern Ireland.

"It's unfortunately common for people to find themselves with an inherited enemy so old and so deep that they don't remember where the hatred started," said Perry.

Depending on perspective, the armed British presence in Ireland has been called an "invited presence" or an occupation. Discarding polemics, Perry is concerned with telling an old-fashioned mystery aimed at reveal-

ing the menace of generational hatred.

But before the depth of the British-Irish feud can be contemplated, Perry grabs the reader's attention with a murderous crime that could change the course of history.

"I'm not supporting one side or the other," said Perry. "I think it comes down to having the virtues of compassion, courage and integrity. Without courage to do what's right, all else is in jeopardy."

Readers are attracted to the Victorian age setting in her novels, said Perry, because of the

similarity between the issues of that era and current times. "There seems to be common questions that people ask at the end of the century," she said. "Questions about what we believe in, and questions about the role of women."

Coming after the critically acclaimed "Weighed in the Balance," for which she received the Edgar nomination, "Ashworth Hall" could provide Perry's breakthrough to the top of the book charts. Eventually, she hopes her stories find a broader audience.

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mix techniques as well as mediums.

Miniature glass scenarios of a home office and a wine cellar, lamp worked by Emily Brock, mix found objects like a fountain pen with the glass. Czeslaw Zuber carves large scale lead crystal heads then enamels them with vibrant primary colors. Glass work by Leah Wingfield and husband Stephen Jon Clements bears influences of African art.

Mystical worlds revel inside glass boxes by Sydney Cash. Movement in John Healy's work becomes apparent as viewers take in different angles. Previously, the International-avoided styles such as the Pop Art of

Evan Snyderman. This year Snyderman's vintage glass camera, table-top cooling fan and iron recapture the romance of a bygone era.

"The International will be an important cultural event," said Hampson. "A glass exhibition in New York City at the Metropolitan Museum of Art drew tens of thousands of people. We have the same artists who were at the Metropolitan in the International here at Habatat."

Glass as an art material is one of the fastest growing art mediums today but its beginnings were not as lustrous. Until the 60s, glass was created by teams of blowers in factories belonging to such famous glass houses as

Tiffany and Steuban.

It wasn't until 1962 that the American contemporary studio glass movement was born when Harvey Littleton held a week-long series of hot glass workshops in a storage shed behind the Toledo Museum of Art. Littleton, known as the father of the contemporary studio glass movement, built a furnace prior to the workshops as an experiment to prove artists could blow glass individually in studios.

Only 15 percent of the art Hampson exhibited at the original Habatat Galleries in Dearborn was devoted to glass. Eventually, Hampson found glass so alluring he decided to show noth-

ing but glass in the gallery locations which followed in Southfield and Farmington Hills. Entranced by glass's beauty, Hampson has followed the progression of the movement as artists pushed the medium beyond preconceived limits over the last 25 years for one reason.

"What excites me is seeing the work coming in and watching the artists mature and evolve," said Hampson. "Many of the pieces are functional forms that don't portend to fine art yet make some of the most significant statements ever made. It will be interesting to see several hundred years from now the significance it brings to mankind."

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Schneider loves glassblowing, nonetheless, and considers the medium a canvas.

"The glass itself is more important than the vessel that carries the material," he said. You can call Schneider to purchase his work, (313) 459-6419. It will also be available at the Detroit Artists Market during the month of April.

Fleischer and Wisniewski began blowing glass six years ago under the tutelage of John Fitzpatrick at Touch of Light Studio and Gallerie in Ferndale. Like Schneider's new work, their glass works are experiments with color and increasing size.

Therapeutic quality

Yellow and red swirls through Fleischer's clear-glass paperweights reminding one of a life form from beneath the sea. Her knack for instilling a soothing, therapeutic quality in the work springs from her trade of caring for people as a registered nurse.

"It's amazing the things you can do with glass," said Fleischer. "I'm constantly experimenting with color and overall shape."

Wisniewski, an electrical engineer for Ford Motor Co., confidently handles larger-scale platters because of his increasing proficiency as a glass blower. Spinning the glass while its on the end of a blow pipe allows Wisniewski to achieve a scal-

loped-edge on a 15 inch yellow and blue platter.

"I'm working larger and gaining more control on the small ones," said Wisniewski. "Making a platter is less conservative than making a bowl. I enjoy spinning the glass like a pizza and letting it have its own way."

Also new for Wisniewski is wrapping the lip of a purple bowl with a slightly darker shade of the color in a manner reminiscent of world renowned glass artist Dale Chihuly.

If you can't wait to see their work at Art in the Park in Plymouth in July, glass vessels,

bowls, paperweights, and flowers by Fleischer and Wisniewski are on display at The Art Center and Thomas Nevin Jewelers in Mt. Clemens, and can also be directly purchased from the artists, call (810) 474-5022.

"The flowers are fun to make," said Wisniewski, "and it enables us to have something affordable at the shows for around \$10."

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and decorative. For New Guinea women, tattoos were a sign of beauty. Tattooing is practiced by many different cultures. The attitude with which a society regards tattoos varies with location.

"The meaning of tattoo is very different in tribal cultures," said Basombrio. "Tattoo artists are respected in tribal tattooing. In Western culture, tattoos are being related to a biker culture."

Apel became interested in tattooing, and the use of skin as canvas, as part of a larger pro-

ject she's researching on post war imagery of the holocaust.

Born in Ukraine, Vainshtein was instilled with a strong sense of Jewish identity because her grandfather fought in the Red Army against the Nazis and heard the stories of a holocaust survivor. Apel, who interviewed Vainshtein on several occasions, hypothesizes that Vainshtein was traumatized by the survivor's transmission and "became a surrogate witness to reclaim the body of the Jews."

"Tattooing is not a traditional medium but neither is video. Tattoos are endowed with a lot of meaning by the people who create them and the people who use their skin to express themselves."

Typically, in American society, few feel so compelled about a subject to cover their entire body with imagery like Vainshtein's. According to Tom Renshaw, a tattoo artist at Eternal Tattoos in Livonia, customers do, however, get tattoos because of a need to express themselves. Over the last four years, Renshaw's noticed an increase in the amount of people getting tattoos. The ratio of men to women is about equal.

"It's personal expression," said Renshaw who grew up in Birmingham. "I think more people are getting tattoos because the work is getting better. The art's improved."

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AUDITIONS & CLASSES

SUMMER SYMPHONY
Auditions for 1997 season with the volunteer, non-profit symphony orchestra from Ann Arbor. Auditions to be held April 12-13 and April 19-20 at a to-be-announced location. Schedule audition by April 1: (313) 677-4831.

SUMMER VISUAL ART CAMP AT BBAA
Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association is offering two summer art programs for children, grades 1-6, from June 16-27 and August 11-22. Daily session run Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Camp includes painting, drawing, pottery, crafts and hands-on activities. Call (810) 644-0866.

ARTISTS NEEDED FOR ARTS & APPLIES
Paint Creek Center for the Arts is seeking dance, music and theater ensembles for the annual Arts & Apples Festival, held in Sept. Individual artists are also encouraged to apply. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Art & Apples - Performing Artists, Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine Street, Rochester, 48307. Applications must be received by April 4. Call (810) 651-7418 or (810) 651-4110.

ENCOURAGING KIDS' SELF-EXPRESSION
Introductory classes for four and five-year-olds and more advanced art classes for 6-14 year olds at the Paint Creek Center for the Arts. Registration open for spring classes, which run April 12-June 14. See above for information.

CLASSICAL

BRAHMS CELEBRATION
Detroit Symphony Orchestra's "Brahms Festival" features conductor Neeme Jarvi and violinist Nadja Salerno-Connerberg on April 4-6 at Orchestra Hall. Tickets \$16-\$40; box seats, \$58. Times: Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 8:30 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m.

ST. MARY'S CLASSICS ON THE LAKE
Organist Dave Wagner with special guest Alexander Zonjic on Sunday, April 6 at 4 p.m. in the Shrine Chapel on the campus of St. Mary's College at Orchard Lake. Tickets: \$17, including afterglow; (810) 683-1750.

DETROIT LUTHERAN SINGERS
30th Anniversary Concerts with chamber orchestra: Handel's "Dixit Dominus" and Bach's Easter Cantata #4 on Sunday, April 13 at 7 p.m. at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, Novi; Sunday, April 20 at 3 p.m. at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Rochester. Tickets: Adults, \$7; senior citizens, students, \$5; (810) 988-0604.

OPERA

RIGOLETTO
Michigan Opera Theatre launches spring season with Verdi's "Rigoletto." April 5-13 at the Detroit Opera House in downtown Detroit's Harmonie Park, 1526 Broadway. Performances at 8 p.m., except for Sunday, which begin at 2 p.m. Call (313) 874-7464, or phone for tickets at (810) 645-6666.

JAZZ

JEFF HAAS TRIO WITH SPECIAL GUESTS
A jazz benefit for Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service features the Jeff Haas Trio with guests Marcus Belgrave and Maryn Kahn on Sunday, April 6 at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, W. Bloomfield. Tickets: \$25-\$100; call (810) 661-1000, (800) 288-5923.

FOLK

JEWISH ETHNIC SONGS
Performed by Lisa Wanamaker accompanied by guitarist Gordon Lustig on April 12 at 8:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, W. Bloomfield. Tickets \$10, members, \$15, nonmembers: (810) 661-7649.

RECEPTIONS

LEMBERG GALLERY
"In Place," paintings by Jennifer Reeves, opens with an artist's reception on Thursday, April 3 at 6 p.m. Show runs through April 26. Located at 538 N. Woodward, Birmingham; (810) 642-6623.

POSNER GALLERY
"Lenore," paintings by Lenore Gimpert, opens with an artist's reception on Thursday, April 6 at 6 p.m. Show runs through April 28. Located at 523 N. Woodward, Birmingham; (810) 647-2552.

ARIANA GALLERY
Glass artists of North Carolina will preview with an April 4 reception at 5 p.m. Exhibit runs through April 30. Located at 119 S. Main, Royal Oak; (810) 546-8810.

CUNIFF STUDIO GALLERY
David Mandberg's figure sculpture and drawings on April 4 at 6 p.m. located at 11 S. Broadway, Lake Orion; (810) 693-3632. Exhibit runs through April 26.

G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY
"Digital Abstractions," works of Jack Whitten, on Friday, April 4 at 6 p.m. Exhibit runs through May 17. Located at 161 Townsend, Birmingham; (810) 642-2700.

U-M DEARBORN
A patrons' preview will be held on April 4 at 5:30 p.m. for "Exotics: The Glass Collection of Patricia Hill Burnett" and "Botanicals by Michigan Artists." Exhibit runs through May 24. Located at the U-M Dearborn campus; call (313) 593-5058.

ANDERSON GALLERY
"Body Language," the latest fiber works of Lindsay Obermyer, on Saturday, April 5 at 7 p.m. Exhibit runs through June 14. Located at 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; call (810) 335-4611.

HALSTEAD GALLERY
Mark Citrett: New Work will open on April 5 with an artist reception at 5 p.m. Located at 560 N. Woodward; Birmingham; (810) 644-8284. Exhibit runs through May 31.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY
Meet artists Mary Ann Chinnl and Joyce Anne Menke on April 5 at 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Joint exhibit, "Designed Energies," contrast the artists' distinct techniques. Located at 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (810) 656-8040.

SHAWQUIDO GALLERY
Surrealistic and realistic sculptures by New York artist Michael Lucero on April 5 at 7 p.m. Exhibit runs through May 10; (810) 333-1070.



Digital Abstractions: Mixed-media works by Jack Whitten will open this Friday, April 4, at the G.R. N'Namdi Gallery in Birmingham. The exhibit runs through May 17. For more information, call (810) 642-2700.

York artist Michael Lucero on April 5 at 7 p.m. Exhibit runs through May 10; (810) 333-1070.

START GALLERY
Exhibit of work in various media by Sandra Cardew on Saturday, April 5 at 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Exhibit runs through April 30. Located at 211 N. Woodward, Birmingham; (810) 644-2991.

DONNA JACOBS GALLERY
In honor of glass month, an extensive exhibit of artifacts that span 2000 years of glass history. Reception held on Sunday, April 6 at 1 p.m. Exhibit runs through May 4. Located at 574 North Woodward, Birmingham; (810) 540-1600.

ON-GOING EXHIBITS

PAINT CREEK CENTER
Through March 31 - "Off the Map" fiber show and "Recuerdos," a solo show of paintings by Louisiana artist Rosa Sanchez. Located at 407 Pine Street, Rochester; (810) 651-4110.

CREATIVE RESOURCE
Through March 31 - "Walk on the Wild Side" by John Wawronek, combines vivid color, rich texture and repetition of natural elements. Located at 162 N. Woodward, Birmingham; (810) 647-3688.

THE FRAMESPACE GALLERY
Through March 31 - Exhibit/sale of original Star Wars and Star Trek marquee posters. Located at 4326 N. Woodward, Royal Oak, (810) 549-1640.

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Through April 4 - Ceramic artifacts from the eastern region of Persia and 9th-century Islamic art. Located at 574 N. Woodward, Birmingham; (810) 540-1600. Hours: Thursday, Friday 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 1-5 p.m.

ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY
Through April 15 - Art nouveau lithographs, including works by Privat Livemont and Alphonse Mucha. Located at 4520 N. Woodward, Royal Oak. Hours: 11:50-3:00 p.m.; Tues-Saturday; (810) 647-7709.

BUNTING GALLERY
Through April 21 - Paintings of Russian artist Iina Nakova on March 21 at 6 p.m. Exhibit runs at the gallery, located at 514 S. Washington, Royal Oak; (810) 545-4820.

ARTSPACE: RESALE GALLERY FOR FINE ART
Through April 26 - A special exhibit of black and white photography by Oregon photographer Thomas Dennis. Located at 303 E. Maple, Birmingham; (810) 258-8814.

CARY GALLERY
Through April 26 - Work of local artists Gwen Tomkow of Farmington Hills and Lilian Morat of Troy. Located at 226 Walnut, Rochester; (810) 651-3656.

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Through April 28 - Paintings of local artist Lenore at 523 N. Woodward, Birmingham; (810) 647-2552. Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

PONTIAC OAKLAND SOCIETY OF ARTISTS
Through April 28 - Lighthouse paintings of Ralph Hasolan at 1349 Ludean Drive, Highland; (810) 887-8442.

START GALLERY
Through April 30 - Recent works of Sandra Cardew at 211 N. Woodward, Birmingham; (810) 644-2991. Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Thursday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

WETSMAN COLLECTION
Through May 4 - Clay artist Charon Kransen at 132 N. Woodward, Birmingham; (810) 645-6212. Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

ARTS & CRAFTS, ANTIQUES

MACOMB COUNTY SPRING CRAFTS SHOW
10th Annual Macomb Community College Spring Arts and Craft Show will be held on Saturday-Sunday, April 5-6, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Student Activity Building Located at M-

59/Garfield in Clinton Township. Admission: \$1.50; (810) 677-5096.
ART & ANTIQUE AUCTION
Auction presented by the Ferndale Arts Council on Sunday, April 6 at 2 p.m., located at Miller's Artist Supply, 279 W. Nine Mile in downtown Ferndale.

PROGRAMS & LECTURES

CARTOONING FOR CHILDREN
D&M Studio presents a free workshop for first graders and older. "Cartooning Favorite Characters with Pencils and Pastels," on Saturday, April 5 at 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Limit of 20 children per session. Located at 8691 North Linden Road at Joy. Call (313) 453-3710.

ART OR THE TATTOO LECTURE
A conference that looks at the history of the tattoo as an art form on Saturday, April 5 at 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Detroit Institute of Arts Lecture Hall, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Cost: \$15, members; \$12, students; (313) 833-2323.

FABRIC: THE ULTIMATE MEDIUM
Award-winning Vermont fiber artist Sally Knight will present a slide/lecture for the Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan on Tuesday, April 8 at 9:30 a.m., open to the public. Tickets: \$5. First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, 1589 W. Maple Road; (810) 326-0068.

BOOKBINDING WORKSHOP
One-session overview of one-sheet books, concertinas, pamphlet stitch and stab bindings on Saturday, April 12 at 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. No experience required. Paint Creek Center, 407 Pine Street, Rochester; (810) 651-4110.

CARVING CLASS
Learn the basics of carving with wood as the medium in a three-session class at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Saturdays, April 5, 12 & 19. Fee: nonmembers, \$30; members, \$24; students, \$12. Call (313) 833-4249.

MEETINGS

MUSICALE OF PONTIAC
April 8 meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Central United Methodist Church, 3882 Highland, Pontiac. The Bellisimal Handbell Choir, directed by Hazel Lawrence, will present the program. Public invited.

FARMINGTON ARTISTS CLUB
Meeting on Wednesday, April 9 at Farmington Community Library on 12 Mile Road at 7 p.m.; (810) 478-9243. Guest speaker: Gail Mally-Mack.

GALLERIES, STORES & PLACES

THE ANDERSON GALLERY
The gallery in the Oakland Arts Building, 7 N. Saginaw in Pontiac, offers distinctive textures and fiber art. It features the works of local, national and emerging artists, such as Robert Alexander, Doris Bally, Sonya Clark, Julie Greinke, Rosemary Gratch, Anne Marie Kenny, Urban Jupena, Laura Miller Bryant and Lyn Perry. Call (810) 335-4611.

THE ANDY SHARKEY GALLERY
The shop at 204 W. Fifth, east of Washington in Royal Oak, represents more than 100 artists, most of whom live in Michigan. It features pottery, ceramics, wood, glass, silks, dolls, children's clothing and jewelry. Owner Andy Sharkey will paint used or new furniture, wall murals, doors, commercial businesses and bic-abrac. She has an assortment of old furniture on hand that you can select to be painted. Call (810) 546-6770.

THE ART EXPERIENCE
The new experimental studio at 17 W. Lawrence, Pontiac, offers classes, workshops and support groups, and art and creative therapies by appointment. Call (810) 332-3920.

THE ARTIST'S OUTLET
A Utopian Art Salon, featuring artists' visions of Utopia, is presented at 17627 E. Nine Mile, Eastpointe. Call (810) 777-6985.

ASHLEY-CHRIS GALLERY
Sculptures by Janice Trimpe of Grosse Pointe

Park are exhibited at the gallery on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park. Call (313) 824-0700.

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-theme 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 lamp-work 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 line-dries hand-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 Pewabic tiles and a large group of African artifacts, and specializes in unusual lamps for the home. Call (810) 258-1540.

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Michigan's only gallery showing exclusively Thomas Kinkadee. Located at 167 N. Woodward, Birmingham, (810) 594-7600.

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The gallery features Alaskan art and designer glass. It is seeking new artists of all mediums. Call or write for an appointment. Sides and resumes aren't required but welcome. Write the gallery at 208 N. Bridge, Linden 48451; call (810) 735-1393.

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The gallery is dedicated to presenting contemporary work by emerging artists; artists are encouraged to call about exhibit space and upcoming shows. The gallery is at 1501 E. Woodbridge, Detroit. Call (313) 259-9800.

CLIQUE GALLERY
The gallery of Eve and Elaine Redmond at 200 W. Fifth, Royal Oak, always features photo work, especially by young, emerging artists. It also shows other types of expression from artists that say something special, something that "clicks." The Redmonds believe that people who are willing to spend time looking at and appreciating what others create are a breed apart, in a special kind of clique. Call (810) 545-2200.

COLANGELO'S RESTAURANT
The restaurant at 2 N. Saginaw at Pike, Pontiac, supports the Pontiac arts explosion by featuring four artists from the Lawrence Street Gallery next door. While lunching or dining, customers can view four mini shows of lively and dazzling abstract works by Kris Lamb and Phyllis Paxton of West Bloomfield, Nancy Raitt of Farmington Hills and Alice Allhoff of St. Clair Shores. Each artist's unusual style is sure to excite your senses while you delight your palate. Call (810) 334-2275.

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 Troy 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.

DANCING EYE GALLERY
Decorative and functional tiles at 150 N. Center Street, Suite A in downtown Northville; (810) 449-7086.

DEBORAH ROBERTS DESIGN ROOM
The shop at 206 W. 11 Mile, Royal Oak, holds an eclectic array of treasures, including works from local and national artists and unusual gift ware for people of all ages. It is known for its selection of tin toys, blown glass, mini tea sets, funky pajamas and beautiful, handmade ceramics. The back of the shop is a functioning studio where Roberts' jewelry is made. Call (810) 543-7372.

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, hand-crafted "oil drum art" from Haiti, earrings and jewelry from Peru and Mexico, colorful "arpillera" tapestries from Chile and miniature scenes called "retablos" by Nicano 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) 542-8856.

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

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

FRAMES UNLIMITED
Bloomfield Hills artist Paula Lombardo has several pieces on display at 1914 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Lombardo's style has gone through many intricate changes in the more than 15 years she has been an artist. Inspired by early cave drawings and religious and folklore symbols, Lombardo translates the essence of them into her work. She finds beauty in the letters of the alphabet and the repetitive strokes of mathematical formulas. To her, they are in themselves works of art.

GALERIE BLU
The gallery at 568 N. Woodward, Birmingham, features new works by the Prince of Pop Art, Romero Britto; (810) 594-0472. Recognized for his contributions to the Absolut Vodka advertising campaign, Britto will be at the gallery in May. In anticipation of the show, Galerie Blu is exhibiting new original and limited edition releases by the artist.

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

GALLERY NIKKO
Colorful hand-crafted gift items, home accessories and wearables. Located at 470 N. Woodward, Birmingham; (810) 647-0680.

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

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

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

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.

KAPUT KAPOT
The ceramic studios, which recently opened at 151 S. Bates, Birmingham, feature ready-made bisqueware. Paint freehand 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.

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. Preregistration 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, Elyne Gross, Michael Jones, Rob Kängas, Lorraine Meyers, Julio Perazza, Carole Rich and Pam Aldred-Schofield, at 6911 E. Lafayette, Detroit; (313) 259-2400.

MOORE GALLERY
Presentation of internationally renowned contemporary African art with ancient traditional tribal roots. Located at 304 Hamilton Road, Birmingham; (810) 647-4662.

NATIVE WEST GALLERY
Handcrafted American artwork from the Southwest, including sculpture, pottery, sand-painting and fine sterling silver jewelry. Located at 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth,

Call (313) 455-8838.
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.

OBJECTS OF ART
The gallery at 6243 Orchard Lake Road, just north of Maple in West Bloomfield, presents an unusual and eclectic collection of art to wear. The affordable items are from very well-known (and some "struggling unknown") designers in the country. Objects of Art also celebrates contemporary art with pieces ranging from tranquil glass creations to powerful metal sculptures, from whimsical statuettes to dramatic clay carvings, for both indoors and outdoors. Unusual collections represent both well-known and emerging artists from the local area and throughout the United States. Call (810) 539-3332.

ON THE MOVE
7th Generation Studios Inc. has moved its Troy-based photography and digital imaging studio to 206 Walnut Blvd. in downtown Rochester. Works of core artists Jeff Laposky-Gaydash, Daniel Eiler and Lisa Affelt are on display. The 3-1/2-year-old company offers commercial and fine art photographic services with a strong emphasis in digital technology. Call (810) 651-2116.

PIERRE BITTAR GALLERY
World-renowned French Impressionist painter Pierre Bittar invites you to view his first original oil paintings of local Detroit area landmarks depicting Birmingham, Bloomfield and Grosse Pointe at 296 W. Maple, Birmingham. Paintings from northern Michigan, France and the Caribbean Islands are also displayed. Call (810) 433-9917.

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, handbills, 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 Quigley. 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.

RUSSELL KLATT GALLERY
The gallery at 1467 S. Woodward, Birmingham, has expanded its collection of European original and reproduction oil paintings. Renoir's festive "The Boating Party" and Cot's romantic "The Storm" are two of the reproductions now on display. In addition, limited edition serigraphs by renowned artists Don Hatfield, Henri Plisson and Roy Fairchild are shown. Call (810) 647-6655.

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, batiks, masks, textiles and quilts from local, national and international artists. Call (313) 965-4919.

THE SPORTS GALLERY
The sports memorabilia specialty store at 269 S. Woodward, Birmingham, showcases items including autographed photos from such professional athletes as Grant Hill, Barry Sanders and Ted Williams, as well as jerseys, lithographs, baseballs, bats, footballs, basketballs and display cases. Call (810) 642-0044.

STEWART AND STEWART
The printer and publisher of fine art prints since 1980 announces six new intaglio/monotype prints by Catherine Kernan, the on-site studios for which were done while sitting on cliffs in Ireland. Stewart and Stewart is at 5571 Wing Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Call (810) 626-5248.

WILD WING
"Harvest Moon Ball" by Terry Redlin is available at the Birmingham gallery, 155 S. Bates. In this latest painting, a dozen vignettes showing the transitional America of the 1920s and 1930s are presented. Some have special meaning in the artist's life. Call (810) 645-2266.

WOODWARD GALLERY
The gallery at 1357 Davis in Birmingham is the only dealer in the United States authorized to sell a limited edition series of photographs of jazz legends Miles Davis and Dizzy Gillespie. Gallery president and owner Dan Winter took the Davis photos. Also available are original prints and paintings by more than 300 artists, an unusual collection of sports photos and posters, and vintage photos and newspaper articles. Call (810) 642-1357.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

General Cinemas, Canton 6, Private Parts, Turbo: Power Rangers Movie, Star John R at 14 Mile, Absolute Power, Waiting for Guffman, Waterford Cinema, 24 Hour Movie Line, The Devil's Own, Cats Don't Dance, The English Patient, Liar, Liar, Donnie Brasco, Star Rochester Hills, Star Winchester, Birmingham Theatre, MJR Theatres, Main Art Theatre II, Showcase Dearborn 1-B, Star Theatres.

BOOKS Joyce Carol Oates affirms her talent in short stories



ESTHER LITTMANN

The author of 26 novels and numerous collections of poetry and short stories, Joyce Carol Oates is a familiar name to Detroit area fiction lovers. Some may remember her 1969 publication of "Them," a haunting saga of violence and addiction, told against the backdrop of Detroit's urban blight and decay. An English instructor at the University of Detroit during the 1960s, Ms. Oates is now professor at Princeton University and the recipient of many literary prizes, including the National Book Award and the PEN/Faulkner Bernard Malamud Lifetime Achievement Award for the Short Story. Her most recent collection of short fiction, entitled "Will You Always Love Me?" (Plume, 1996, \$12.95) affirms, once more, the author's ability to expose, with uncompromising clarity, the hurt, anguish, vanity, and pretense that make up the human psyche. In the first narrative, "The Act of Solitude," Oates helps us explore an age-old conundrum: Will people be "good" even when no one is watching? Stopping for a traffic light in the shabby warehouse district of town, corporate executive Chester Jensen is accosted by a vagrant who insists on wiping the windshield of Jensen's new Acura sedan. When all efforts to stop him fail, Jensen speeds away, ignoring the "muffled outcry" and the image in his rear-view window of a black man's body sprawled in the street. A litany of rationalizations notwithstanding, Jensen eventually feels ashamed of his behavior. If only there had been a witness, another presence in the car, then surely he would have behaved differently and kept his "truest self unaltered. Undefined." The genius of Ms. Oates' prose is that she can take any idea or sensibility and transform it into a suspenseful plot, replete with setting and all-too-familiar characters. "Is Laughter Contagious?" explores not the warm, expansive laughter that celebrates our common humanity but the laughter that, "like a sound of icicles touching," desensitizes and degrades. The narrative invites us into a world where perfection is the norm. A place where poverty, ugliness, and even illness are comical side shows, eliciting peals of laughter. Once exposed to mockery's influence, newly arrived resident Christine Delahunt falls victim to his malicious virus. "American, Abroad" is a tale of decadence reminiscent of Ger-

BOOK HAPPENINGS

Book Happenings features various happenings at suburban bookstores. Send news leads to Hugh Gallagher, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279. BARNES AND NOBLE BOOK-SELLERS (WEST BLOOMFIELD) Rabbi Arnie Sleutberg, Congregation Shir Tikva continues the series "Educational Exchange" with "From Biblical Sarah to Jerry Seinfeld: Jewish Humor Through the Ages," 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 1; storytime features "Winnie the Pooh's Silly Day" by Bruce Tackington, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 1; mystery writer William X. Kienzle will describe how his imagination is used to invite readers into the author's writing, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 3; Passover Book Fair, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 6, (call 810-737-1931); storytime features "My Map Book" by Sara Fanelli, 10 a.m. Monday, April 7, and 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 8; "Unlock the Mystery of the Haggadah: Hebrew is the Solution," discussed by Nira Lev, 7 p.m. Monday, April 7, at the store, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, (810) 626-6804. BORDERS BOOKS AND MUSIC (DEARBORN) Andrea Brunais discusses and signs her first novel "Night of the Litani," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 1; Antonia Manente-Martin holds taste-testing and book signing for her cookbook "Mangiare E' Squisito," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 10; Samantha Kingsley discusses and signs her book "Sands & Shores," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 15; Virginia Hamilton, reception and book signing, author of Newberry winning "M.C. Higgins the Great," 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at the store, 5601 Mercury Dr., Dearborn, (313) 271-4441. MURDER, MYSTERY AND MAYHEM Troy Soos signs copies of his new mystery "Hunting a Detroit Tiger," 6:30-8 p.m. Friday, April 11, at the store, 35167 Grand

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, April 4 "DOUBLE TEAM" They don't belong to any army and they don't play by the rules, one's a world class counter terrorist, the other a free spirited weapons specialist, together they're a team to be reckoned with. Stars Jean-Claude Van Damme, Dennis Rodman and Mickey Rourke. "BURBURBIA" Exclusively at the Main Art Theatre. A comic look at a group of young suburban friends who are forced to examine their lives when an old friend, now a successful rock star, comes home for a visit. "INVENTING THE ABBOTTS" Drama about two families that live under the shadow of an unresolved secret. Stars Liv Tyler, Kathy Baker. "THE SAINT" Action thriller based on the classic literary series about a debonair, wealthy pillar of society who is secretly a philanthropic crook. Stars Val Kilmer, Elisabeth Shue. "THAT OLD FEELING" Romantic comedy about a divorced couple who discover at their daughter's wedding, that the old flame and arguments still burn. Stars Bette Midler, Dennis Farina. Scheduled to open Friday, April 11 "ANACONDA" An adventure story about a documentary film crew that strays into dangerous territory when they move into the habitat of the world's largest snake - the Anaconda. Stars Jennifer Lopez, Ice Cube. "GROSSE POINTE BLANK" Offbeat comedy about a professional assassin who, at his 10-year class reunion reunites with his high school crust, only to be shocked at his next assigned hit. Stars John Cusack, Minnie Driver, Dan Aykroyd, Joan Cusack. Scheduled to open Friday, April 18 "CHASING AMY" Exclusively at the Main Art Theatre. The third installment of Kevin Smith's New Jersey Trilogy which started with "Clerks" and "Mallrats." A tale of tangled relationships, friendship, love and personal growth. "DAB BOOT: THE DIRECTOR'S CUT" Exclusively at the Main Art Theatre. The gripping tale of German submarine during World War II. Contains newly added footage and redesigned digital sound. "MURDER AT 1600" A detective is called in to investigate a murder in the White House and becomes embroiled in a top-level cover up. Stars Wesley Snipes, Alan Alda, Diane Lane. "PARADISE ROAD" A drama about women taken prisoner by River, Farmington, (810) 471-7210. HALFWAY DOWN THE STAIRS Storytime: The Big Spring Sock Hop (ages 2-6) 11 a.m. Saturday, April 12; Cafe Halfway Poetry Reading, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 25, invites people to read their own poems or their favorite poets. Free tickets available April 19 (4th to 6th graders), at the store 114 E. Fourth St., Rochester, MI 48307. SHAMAN DRUM BOOKSHOP Book signing by Beth Genne, noted American historian of British ballet author of "The Making of a Choreographer: Ninette de Valois and Bar aux Folies-Bergere," 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, April 1; book signing by Simon Gikandi author of "Maps of Englishness: Writing Identity in the Culture of Colonialism," 4-6 p.m. Thursday, April 3; "First Book Workshop," with poet Alice Fulton, 8 p.m. Monday, April 7, \$15 pre-registration is required, at the store, 311-315 S. State St., Ann Arbor, (313) 662-7407.



Twentieth Century Fox Drama: Joaquin Phoenix (clockwise from top), Liv Tyler, Billy Crudup, Jennifer Connelly and Joanna Going star in "Inventing the Abbotts."

the Japanese during World War II. Stars Frances McDormand, Glenn Close. "EIGHT HEADS IN A DUFFEL BAG" A raucous comedy about the hilarious consequences of a hit man and a med student who accidentally swap identical bags at the airport. Stars Joe Pesci, George Hamilton, Dyan Cannon. Date to be determined "THE EIGHTH DAY" Bittersweet drama about two very different men on the run - one a harassed advertising executive, and the other has Downs Syndrome. Cast includes Daniel Auteuil; Pasquale Duquenne, Miou-Miou.

ART BEAT

Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Send news leads to Linda Ann Chomin, Arts & Leisure reporter, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 691-7279.

SYMPHONY AUDITIONS

The Summer symphony, based in Ann Arbor, announces auditions for the 1997 season. All players interested in joining the orchestra are invited to audition April 12-13 and April 19-20 at a location to be announced. To schedule an appointment call Jon Krueger at (313) 677-4831 no later than April 1. Leave your name, instrument, phone number, and time you can be reached.

A nonprofit orchestra, the Summer Symphony is composed of talented professional, semi-professional and amateur musicians from Ann Arbor and surrounding areas. Music director/conductor is Jon Krueger.

The orchestra offers six free concerts during the months of June, July and August for four different communities.

AWARD WINNER

Howard Dombrowski of Redford won first place for an oil painting titled "Up North" in the 1997 Silver Medal Exhibition at the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth behind the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Juror for the show was Farmington Hills artist Tom Hale. He selected 58 works of art by 48 artists from an entry field of 130.

MARCHING BAND

The U.S. Marine Corp "Task Force" Rock band will perform 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, under the trellis area of the Westland Shopping Center, 35000 West Warren. The 11 member band will perform a mini-concert of music by today's popular artists.

STUDENT ART SHOW

Madonna University will host an art exhibit featuring students working in mix of mediums including painting, oriental brush work, sculpting, print making and more April 4-30 in the Exhibit Gallery of the Library Wing on campus. Admission is free.

Both fine and commercial art students will participate.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, until 7 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Madonna University is at 36600 Schoolcraft and Levan in Livonia.

ART WORKSHOPS

D & M Studio's Once Upon an Easel will host free mini work-

Bargain with the devil



French play: The Detroit Institute of Arts presents The Harlotry Players in a free performance of "The Miracle of Theophile" at noon and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 5.

shops in its art store at 8691 North Lilley Road and Joy in Canton.

From 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 5 children from first grade on up will learn about cartooning their favorite characters with pencils and pastels. There is a limit of 20 children per session. You must register in advance. Walk-ins will not be accepted. On Saturday, April 12 Cheryl Kaplan will demonstrate works in clay.

For information call (313) 453-3710.

BARGAIN WITH THE DEVIL

The Harlotry Players will give a free performance of "The Miracle of Theophile (Theophilus)" at noon and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 5 in the Great Hall at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue.

Directed by Professor Martin Walsh of the University of Michigan Residential College and department of theater and drama, the 13th century French play tells the story of a bishop's employee and his bargain with the devil. The plot is the forerunner of the legends of Dr. Faust, which were not written until the 16th century, but Theophile has a surprisingly different ending.

The play is being performed in conjunction with the exhibition "Images in Ivory: Precious

Objects of the Golden Age" continuing to May 11.

Admission is free with suggested museum admission of \$4 adults, \$1 children, Founders Society members free. For more information call (313) 833-4249.

UNVEILING

The Scarab Club will unveil its National Registry of Historic Places plaque in a ceremony at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 6. The ceremony will be held during a 2-5 p.m. reception for the exhibit "Fifty Years of Scarab Club Artists." The show commemorates the 90th anniversary of the organization originally named the Hopkins Club.

Most of Michigan's most famous artists belonged to the Scarab Club during the first half of this century. Curated by Pat and Randall Reed with Greg Stephens, the historic exhibit traces the work of such well known artists as John Carroll, Charles Culver, Robert Hopkin, and Sarkis Sarkisian. All were Scarab members between the founding of the club in 1907 and its 50th anniversary in 1957.

Also on April 6, a reception will be held for photographers Dave Dezsi and George Booth who are exhibiting their work in the lounge.

All events are free and open to

the public.

The exhibits run April 4-30. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

The Scarab Club is at 217 Farnsworth behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. Call (313) 831-1250.

DANCE COLLECTION

Dance Ensemble West will present "Dance Collection 1997," an annual presentation of ballet and modern dance works, 5 p.m. Saturday, April 12 at the Plymouth Canton High School Little Theater. Admission donation is \$8.

Comprised of dancers from Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Northville and Novi, Dance Ensemble West is under the direction of Barbara Raschke of Dance Unlimited in Plymouth and Elisa LaBelle. The dance concert will include pieces by

senior and junior divisions.

Dance Ensemble West is a performing arts organization that has provided dance and art education services in the community for more than eight years. These activities include adjudicated art festivals, annual concert performances, children's performances, and in-school lecture/demonstrations.

The company recently per-

formed for Tonquish Creek Manor residents and at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts.

For more information call (313) 420-4430.

ON THE FRINGE

The Arts Students League of Detroit with the support of Wayne State University's art and art history department, and the Detroit Institute of Arts will present "On the Fringe: Graffiti Art of Detroit 1990s," a two-day event dealing with the subject of graffiti.

From 2-5 p.m. Friday, April 11, local graffiti artists Andy Finlayson, Tolly Marcus, Andre Nguyen, and Jason Phillips will give a demonstration of the various techniques and styles used by graffiti artists. They will also be available to answer questions regarding their work at the event taking place on the northwest lawn of the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue.

From 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 12, Isabela Basombrio, assistant curator of the DIA's education department, will deliver a lecture on such topics as the historical relevance of graffiti in the art world, graffiti art as it relates specifically to the city of Detroit, and graffiti as an art form on the fringe of critical acceptance.

Directly following the event in Room 157 of the Community Arts Building at Wayne State University, Basombrio, the artists and Dr. Jerry Herron, WSU professor of American studies will open a discussion.

For information call WSU's art and art history department at (313) 577-2980.

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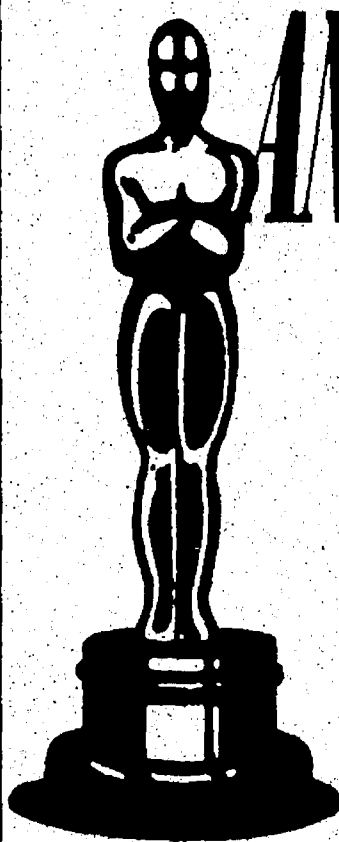
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ACADEMY AWARD PACKAGE A

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- Sandra Selley of Birmingham

Congratulations to all the winners!

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TRAVEL

Poland offers ancient treasures, vital new economy

By Hugh Gallagher
Staff Writer

Jane and Ed Wojtan of Livonia will lead their fifth tour of Poland beginning June 29.

The Poland they'll be exploring is a far different country from the Poland they first visited in 1989, when the country was still under Communist rule.

"Tourists will find remarkable difference," said Jane. "In '89 it was gray, subdued, no outdoor life in summer."

Burger King, McDonald's and Marriott have started to emerge in Poland's big cities alongside historic buildings dating from the Middle Ages. Rebuilding is going on all over the country, but the transition from Communism to a market economy hasn't been easy.

"One person said, 'Under Communism we had plenty of money but empty shelves; now the shelves are full but we don't have much money.' It especially hurts those who are on a fixed income," said Ed.

The Wojtans had a natural interest in going to Poland. Ed's parents came to the United States independently in 1912, settled and met in Amsterdam, N.Y., and then came to Detroit where Ed's father worked in the auto industry. Jane's parents were already married when her father came to the United States sometime between 1911 and 1914. Her mother followed after World War I. Both speak fluent Polish.

After their 1989 visit, the Wojtans went through their numerous photographs and volunteered to mount a photo exhibit at Livonia City Hall. This was followed in 1992 by a photo display and sold-out slide presentation at the Livonia Library. It was here that the Wojtans began recruiting others to take a trip to the newly free Poland. In 1993 they worked with a travel company to lead their first tour.

Despite the many changes, the Wojtans prefer the historic.

"We prefer the tried and true

places, that have improved," said Jane. "The restaurants are magnificent. One in Cracow opened in 1367."

The two major cities, Warsaw and Cracow, have many beautiful squares, churches and market places. Especially notable in Cracow are St. Mary's Church and Cloth Hall, a huge historic market center. In Warsaw Market Square, the Barbican city wall and Lazienki Park with its famous statue of Chopin are notable.

"In general any city you want to visit has a rynek or town square, old town," said Ed.

Jane said the squares are generally quite large with shops along the street level and apartments above, usually going for a premium price. The market economy has increased the cost of living in Poland.

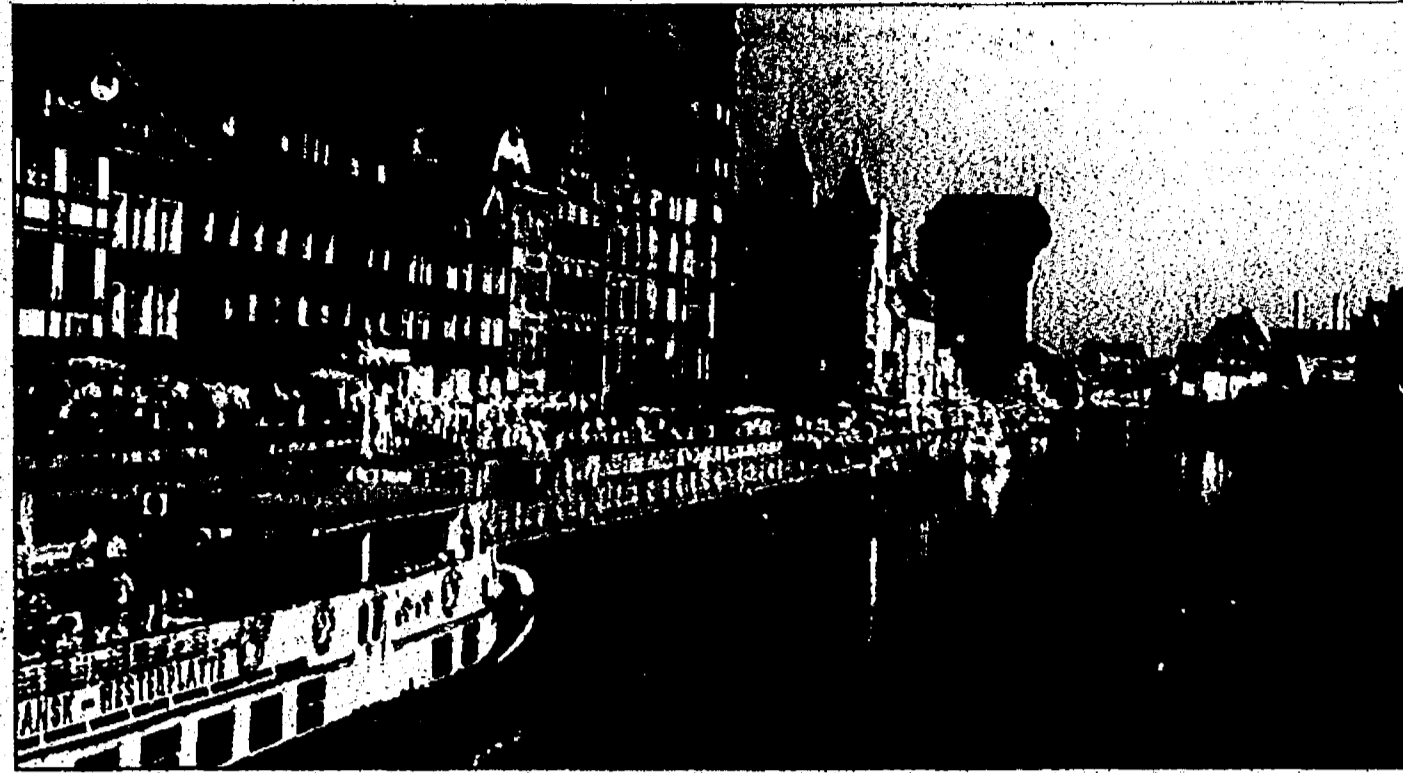
"A lot are having a hard time making a living," said Jane. "On the other hand many entrepreneurs are willing to get to work and make a go of it."

Still, Poland offers value for an American tourist. The Wojtans display many art works purchased on their trips. Jane said she enjoys seeking out artists on the square and buying a work of local art. Many artists will haggle over the price, and visitors can get very good deals. Ed said he purchased a carved wooden chess set at an inexpensive price.

Music is another appealing aspect of visiting Poland. Restaurants all feature strolling musicians. There are many native music festivals and bands. Poland is also a center of learning with several distinguished universities.

"The cathedrals are as impressive as those in England and Germany," Ed said.

But there is another aspect of Poland that the Wojtans do not avoid. Their tours include a visit



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ED AND JANE WOJTAN

Boat ride: A tour boat travels between Gdansk and Westerplatte.

to Auschwitz, the most infamous Nazi death camp.

"Most people are horrified, but most want to go through it," said Jane. "Some just can't. It's very interesting, reverential, enlightening insight into what happened."

At Majdenek camp, she said, there is a large dome monument where the ashes of the dead are held.

But, the Wojtans emphasize that Poland is also a place of good times and friendly people. Their tour includes the resort town of Zakopane. There are also restaurants serving gourmet meals with rich desserts, Chopin music concerts, boat trips in Gdansk (home of the famous shipyard where Solidarity was born) and numerous craft centers and fairs.

Harriette Batchik of Garden

City took a tour with the Wojtans in 1995.

"I enjoyed it very much," she said. "The mix of people was an enhancement to the trip."

Batchik had been to Western Europe the year before (Germany, Italy, Austria and France) and was able to compare the emerging Poland and found the people "weren't ready yet to take control of their economy." She said they seemed more interested in preserving and reclaiming their past than in moving forward into modern technology.

Batchik grew up in a Polish neighborhood and discovered many of the things she was familiar with were brought over from the old country. She said she especially liked the quaint town squares.

"Ed and Jane are wonderful tour people, you feel like family,"

she said. Batchik said many of the people on her tour were raised in the same Polish neighborhoods on Detroit's west side and Hamtramck.

"One person ended up being a cousin I didn't even know I had," she said.

This year's tour, "Our Vision of Poland," leaves June 29 under the auspices of Amerpol Enterprises of Hamtramck with the Wojtans as hosts. The 15-day tour costs \$2,440 per person and includes round trip air from Detroit or Chicago, first class hotel accommodations with private bath, deluxe motor coach, most meals, sightseeing program, English-speaking guides and hotel service charges.

For information, call the Wojtans at (313)425-2727 or Amerpol at (313)365-6780 or (313)365-6787.



Ethnic dance: Ed Wojtan enjoys doing a traditional Polish dance with a young woman in Cracow.

Before you travel, tap into the Worldwide Web

NEW YORK, March 20 /PRNewswire/ -- Whether planning a jaunt around the world with his family or a trek into Afghanistan for his book, "Fielding's The World's Most Dangerous Places," travel expert Robert Young Pelton taps in to the 'Net before he hits the road. Now, just in time for summer travel planning, the publisher of Fielding Travel Guides is sharing his "road map" for online navigation to a memorable vacation.

A seasoned traveler who often globe trots with his 13-year-old twin daughters in tow, Pelton is an expert at going online to plan all types of excursions from eco-adventure, to solo, to traveling with kids. As a 'Net guide, he goes beyond the more obvious Web sites to discover the best destinations and save time and money in the process.

"In the last six to 12 months, the Internet has opened up an entire new world of travel options which enable people to become their own travel agent and guide," Pelton says. "Before, vacation planners had to rely on someone else to find the deals, determine the best locations and book reservations. Now, they can create trips that match their fantasies and even the planning can be an adventure."

Before embarking on the Internet journey, Pelton suggests travel planners streamline the process by going through an online access provider such as AT&T WorldNet(SM) Service. "An Internet service provider is the key to discovering this vast new world brimming with more than 60 million Web sites. Through AT&T's service, I can link to sites all over the world, dissolve communication barriers and secure information on hotels, tours, exchange rates and local customs -- most of it free of charge." Pelton offers the following examples to illustrate his point:

■ Discover the 'Net. Use the travel area in the AT&T WorldNet. Service Web site (<http://www.att.net>) to discover a list of indispensable tools for the traveler. Web sites listed here will aid in converting currencies, in making travel, hotel, car and other reservations internationally, and provide useful information on topics ranging from health tips to local weather

worldwide.

■ Translate languages. <http://www.travlang.com/languages>, helps travelers practice basic travel phrases in other languages.

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■ Get the best deal. A Web site can become a personal travel

agent by instructing airlines to contact you whenever there is a great deal on airfare. Just request daily e-mail updates on deals. Or travelers can discover last-minute bargains through Airline Ticket Auctions and Last Minute Travel located at <http://www.travelbids.com>.

■ Be adventurous. Join a live feed from expeditions around the world through Mungo Park (<http://www.mungopark.com>) -- a Web site created and sponsored by Microsoft, which is updated daily by satellite with photos and journal notes.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Rockets sizzle in track

Mild weather Thursday enabled the Westland John Glenn girls and boys track teams to post some impressive season-opening performances.

The Glenn girls defeated Ann Arbor Huron, 66-62, as Nicolette Jarrett figured in four first place finishes.

She captured the long jump with a leap of 18 feet, 1/2 inch topping her Observerland best of 17-8 a year ago. Jarrett also took the 200-meter dash in 26.0.

The foursome of Kania Adams, Nicole Herring, Latoya Chandler and Jarrett won the 800 relay in 1:50.2, while Deanna McCargo, Chandra Underwood, Chandler and Jarrett won the 1,600 relay in 4:30.0.

In the 400 relay, Glenn's Jamie Arble, Underwood, Adams and Herring took first in 53.3.

Marjorie Brooks, an All-Observer pick in cross country, won the 1,600 and 3,200 runs in 5:50.3 and 12:16.0, respectively.

Other individual winners included Kristy Stone in the discus (92-5) and Adams in the 100 (13.1).

"It shows the girls that they can compete competitively," Glenn coach John Kitchen said. "I'm happy with the team's effort and the way the girls fought for third places, getting the one point to win, which added up. Hopefully we'll continue our winning ways."

Although the Glenn boys were defeated by Huron, 75-61, the Rockets posted several career bests behind the first-place finishes of Mike Samples, shot put, 50-1 1/2; Marc Dugas, discus, 149-2; and Harden James, 100 dash, 11.0.

David Jarrett also won the long jump with an impressive leap of 22 feet.

Glenn also won a pair of relay races — Reggie Spearmon, Steve Hester, Aaron Stephens and James in the 800 (1:34.4); Spearmon, Hester, Stephens and Jarrett in the 400 (45.1).

The Rockets were tied at 61 1/2-all heading into the final two races, the individual 3,200 and 1,600 relay, but got swept in both events.

More soccer signings

Michigan State University men's soccer coach Joe Baum recently announced the signing of Livonia Stevenson defender Scott Babinski, who helped the Spartans to a 19-2-1 record and its sixth state championship in school history.

The 6-foot-3, 180-pound Babinski scored 11 goals and added 13 assists for the Class A champions. He was also an All-State and All-Western Lakes Activities Association choice.

He joins former Stevenson Spartan and All-Observer player Derek Williford at MSU.

Charleston Southern (S.C.) women's soccer coach Eric Terrill announced the signing of Livonia Ladywood defender Michelle Roy to an NCAA national letter-of-intent.

Charleston Southern finished 11-8 overall and reached the semifinals of the Big South Conference Tournament.

The senior midfielder is a two-year captain and is entering her fourth season on the Blazers' varsity squad.

Roy also played for the Livonia Y Michigan Hawks, a club team which captured the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association Cup titles in 1990 and 1994. The Hawks were state runners-up the past two years.

This season Roy was nominated for the school's scholar-athlete award.

Meteors win tourney

In their first action of the season, the 1984 Livonia Meteors boys soccer team recently captured the Sonny Therrien Memorial Tournament in Fairfield, Ohio.

Goalkeeper Matt Esper recorded fourth consecutive shutouts while the Meteors scored eight times against competition from southern Ohio and northern Kentucky.

Other members of the Meteors, coached by John Cioma and Roger Stacey, include: Jeremy Atkins, Matt Austin, Matt Banks, Matt Champine, Brad Cioma, Ryan Davis, Ryan Drolet, Jim Hayes, Joe Lubinski, Brad Marshall, Tim Ross, Adam Stacey, David Stewart, Guiseppo Campo, Steve Khoe, Mike Kotowski and guest player Alan Holdorf from the 1985 Farmington Fury.

The trainer is Jeff Bobbo.

Collegiate baseball note

Eastern Michigan University senior right-hander Mark Rutherford (Livonia Churchill) picked up his third pitching victory of the season in a 20-7 victory for the Eagles last week over Michigan State.

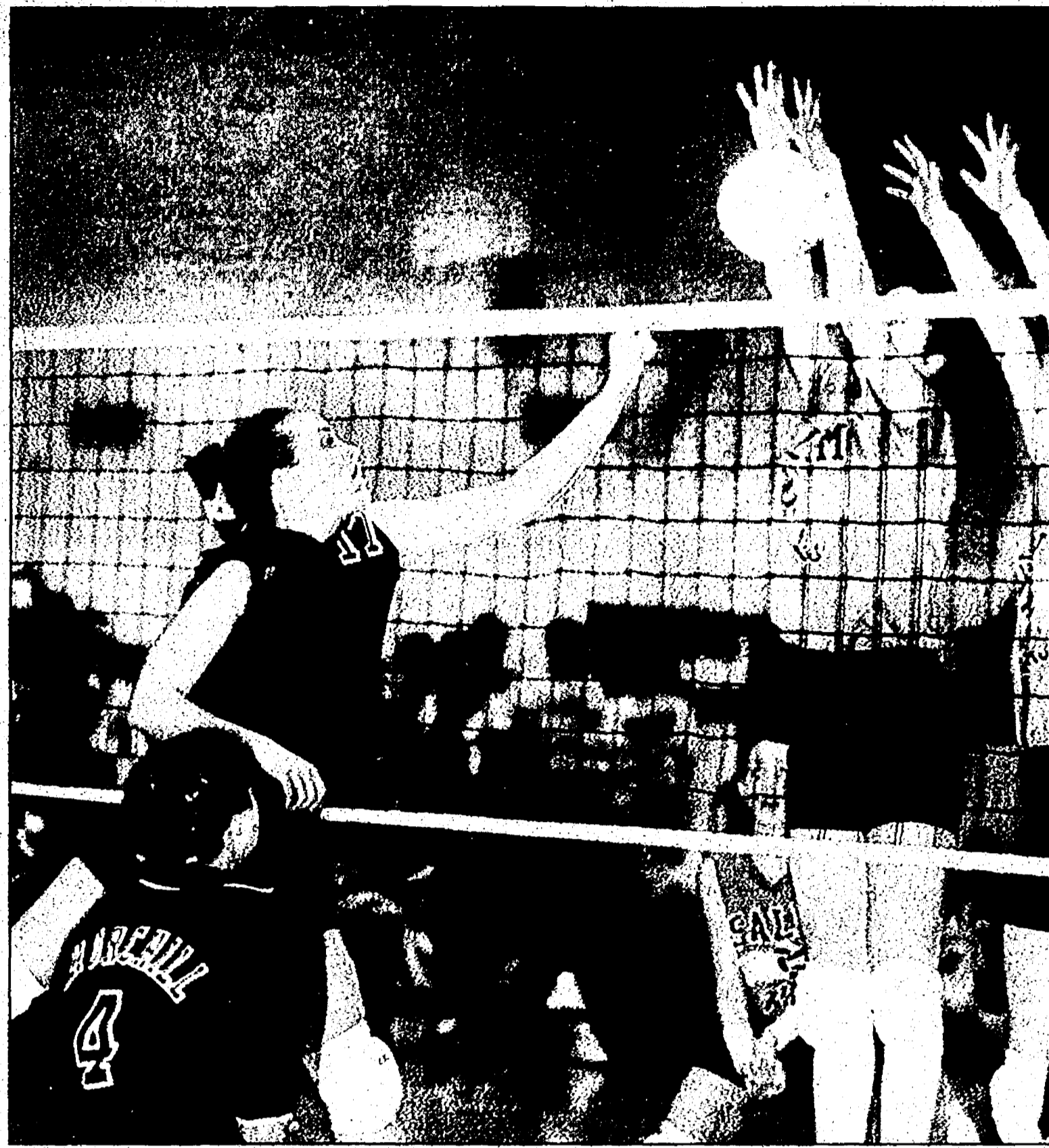
Rutherford pitched two innings, striking out the side in one and allowing one run on one hit in the other.

As a designated hitter, Rutherford doubled, singled and knocked in one run as EMU won its fifth straight.

3-on-3 hoop champs

Livonians Mark Willoughby, Rob Wilson, David Moran and Joe Joe Ruggiero won the at the Michigan Youth 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament (grades 7-8) March 15 at Redford St. Agatha.

The four went by the team name Firecrackers. The tournament was sponsored by Michigan Fire Systems, Value Center, Newburgh Plaza, Massey Cadillac, Melody Farms and Kroger.



All-Area talent: Livonia Churchill's Megan McGinty (left) and Plymouth Salem's Amanda Abraham (right) were both selected to the All-Observer first team.

Love it!

All-Observer spikers show lots of talent

By STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Alisha Love has mastered pit bulls and coaching, which is a shared art according to some NBA coaches.

Fortunately, teenagers are easier to deal with than millionaire basketball players, and few people coach high school volleyball as well as Love at Livonia Clarenceville.

Love, who trains several pit bulls at home, is Observerland Coach of the Year after leading the Trojans to a 29-13-1 overall record and a berth in the Class C state quarterfinals.

Clarenceville, led by junior Michelle Berry, came within a point of advancing to the Final Four, losing to Lake Fenton in three games in the quarterfinal.

It was the second trip to the quarterfinals for Love, who has a record of 194-65-34 in seven seasons at Clarenceville.

After winning the Metro Conference regular-season title with an 8-0 record, the Trojans were runner-up at the conference tournament.

Love graduated from Detroit Henry Ford where she learned to play under the coaching of Troy Walls.

"He taught me the basics," Love said.

Love went on to gain NJCAA All-America honors at Schoolcraft College under coach Tom Teeters, who doubles as Livonia Ladywood's coach.

"He gave me the chance to prove height isn't everything in this sport," Love said. "I want to thank my coaches and my family who stand by me and support me fully. I also thank God for this wonderful talent and the ability to transfer it to others."

You'll Love the rest of the team as well.

Among the honorees are repeat selections Nicole Vondracek of Livonia Ladywood and Brandy Malewski of Redford Thurston.

Ladywood and Plymouth Salem lead the way with two players each on the first team.

The Blazers rallied in the third game to beat Salem and win the Class A regional at Ferndale. Ladywood's season ended with a loss to long-time rival Temperance-Bedford in the quarterfinals.

Winning districts this year were Salem, Farmington Hills Mercy, Ladywood, Thurston and Clarenceville.

Following is a profile of each mem-



Alisha Love
Coach of Year

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1997 ALL-OBSERVER VOLLEYBALL SQUAD

1997 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM FIRST TEAM

Brandy Malewski, Sr., Redford Thurston
Nicole Vondracek, Sr., Liv. Ladywood
Amanda Abraham, Jr., Ply. Salem
Sarah Poglis, Jr., Liv. Ladywood
Megan McGinty, Sr., Liv. Churchill
Jenny Trott, Sr., Ply. Salem
Jessica Orleman, Sr., Ply. Canton
Tricia Traczyk, Sr., North Farmington
Michelle Berry, Jr., Liv. Clarenceville
Chrissy Harkless, Sr., West. John Glenn
Nicole Tobin, Sr., Liv. Stevenson
Gail Agacinski, Sr., Farm. Hills Mercy

SECOND TEAM

Randi Wolfe, Sr., Liv. Franklin
Kristen Dause, Sr., Liv. Ladywood
Gina Palmeri, Sr., Liv. Stevenson
Jenny Szaal, Sr., Redford Union
Jenny O'Connor, Sr., Red. Thurston
Kathy August, Sr., Farm. Hills Mercy

THIRD TEAM

Heather White, Jr., Red. Thurston
Nikki Kovachevich, Sr., Ply. Canton
Jenny LaChapelle, Jr., Liv. Ladywood
Lori Leszczynski, Sr., Liv. Churchill
Abby Ault, Sr., Farm. Hills Harrison
Amy Jones, Sr., Liv. Clarenceville

COACH OF THE YEAR

Alisha Love, Liv. Clarenceville

HONORABLE MENTION

Livonia Ladywood: Cathy Hermann, Jenny Young, Mary Lu Hemme, Katie Brogan; Plymouth Salem: Angie Sillmon, Andrea Pruet, Kristie Giddings, Jenny Storm; Kari Flynn; Livonia Stevenson: Kelly Kristy, Whitney Crosby, Lindsay Pfeifer; Livonia Churchill: Kari Buzewski, Andrea Will, Danielle Sockolosky, Amanda Eszes; Plymouth Canton: Jenny Sikora, Courtney Wells, Stephanie

Chelan, Donna Logsdon, Brandi Bernard; Livonia Clarenceville: Nicole Riedi, Danielle Sledz, Jackie Kibitko, Agnieszka Palarz, Kristin Jaber, Kristina Skreja; Redford Thurston: Kerry Dennis, Anne Sulkowski, Christie Koester; Farmington Hills Mercy: Ashley Schumacher, Erin Fitzgerald; Livonia Franklin: Brooke Hensman, Danielle Wensing, Cathy Wolfe, Missy Blanton, Melissa Zawacki; Westland John Glenn: Jamie Romej, Jenny Smith, Jamie Barker, Beth Bussard; Redford Union: Kasie Mathena, Kellie McKinney, Melissa St. Antoine, Shannon Bjerke; Farmington Hills Harrison: Sara Kloosterman, Kelly Derocher; North Farmington: Vivian Cheng, Kelly Brennack, Kristen Timper; Farmington: Sarah Mikel, Jennifer Neale, Emily Engelmann; Redford Bishop Borgess: Renisha Floyd, Taniqua Brumfield, Elisha Charles; Garden City: Missy Krol, Shannon Faber, Julie Fahner, Kelly Stone; Redford St. Agatha: Katie Miller, Annie Martin; Lutheran Westland: Jessica Joyce, Joy Tiernan; Wayne Memorial: Tammy Raines; Westland Huron Valley Lutheran: Stephanie Graves.

Fighting Crusaders back on winning track

By C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

It wasn't just the weather that turned spectacular Thursday. The bats of Madonna University's baseball team warmed as well as the Fighting Crusaders turned their home-opener into a double rout of Tiffin University.

The first two games of the season to be played at Madonna University Park ended the same way: in five innings, both by 12-2 mercy scores.

The sweep improved the Crusaders' record to 6-12, giving them three wins in their last four games. On Wednesday, they split a double-header at Grand Valley State, winning the opener 8-3 but losing the second game 16-5.

Grand Valley was 9-3 through Wednesday; Tiffin was 6-8-1 after Thursday.

"We've been swinging the bat very well," said Madonna coach Greg Haeger after Thursday's sweep. "Our pitching has been inconsistent. At times we've gotten some nice efforts, but I've liked to have seen something more."

"Our first 15 games have been against some top teams. And we've found out some things about ourselves — like we're not as good as we thought. We're going to have to work for everything we get."

On Thursday, what Madonna worked over was Tiffin. In the first game, the Crusaders collected 13 hits — including home runs by Jeff Warholik, a three-run blast deep over the right-center field fence, and Delano Voletti. Voletti finished with two hits and four runs batted in in the game.

Aaron Shrewsbury had three hits and three runs scored; Eric Marcotte (from Plymouth

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Canton) collected two hits and two RBI; and Brandon Jaskolski and Dan Taylor each had two hits, with Taylor getting one RBI and Jaskolski scoring three times.

Dan Pydyn earned his first win of the season after suffering three losses. He went all five innings, giving up two earned runs on six hits and two walks, with four strikeouts. Brett Gray was the loser for Tiffin; he was tagged for 12 runs (six earned) on 13 hits and a walk in four innings.

In the second game, Madonna put together three four-run innings, the last in the bottom of the fifth to reach the 10-run mercy.

In this one it was Shrewsbury who uncorked a mammoth homer, his to right field and perhaps slightly shorter than Warholik's. Shrewsbury finished with two hits and two RBI, making him 5-for-5 with five runs scored and two RBI for the twinbill.

Matt Hansen was 3-for-3 with two RBI, Marcotte and Voletti each had two hits and an RBI, and Kevin Foley had a hit and two RBI for Madonna.

Warholik started and went 3 1/2 innings to get the win (he's 1-0), allowing two earned runs on six hits and two walks. Pat Wood lasted just 2 1/2 innings for the Dragons, giving up seven earned runs on nine hits and a walk, in taking the loss.

At Grand Valley State Wednesday, Madonna scored eight times in the first four innings and held on behind the combined pitching efforts of Bob Mason (five innings, two earned runs on

four hits and two walks), who got the win (he's 1-1) and Mitch Jabczynski (two innings, no runs, one hit, one walk, four strikeouts).

Scott Maples took the loss for the Lakers, allowing five runs on seven hits and two walks in three innings.

Foley and Warholik each slugged homers for Madonna; each had two RBI, with Foley getting two hits. Pete Quinn had three hits and two RBI; Taylor had two hits and two RBI; and Voletti and Marcotte each had two hits.

The second game was all Lakers, as Madonna starter Craig Benedict (from Plymouth Canton) suffered through his worst outing of the season in dropping to 1-3. Benedict lasted just 1 1/2 innings, surrendering seven runs on six hits and two walks.

Matt Thornton was the winner for Grand Valley.

Shrewsbury and Foley each had two hits for Madonna, Shrewsbury driving in a run.

For the season, Voletti is the top hitter for average among regulars, batting .447 with one homer and eight RBI. Shrewsbury is hitting .421 with seven doubles, three homers and a team high 15 RBI; Warholik is hitting .313 with a team-best five homers and nine RBI; and Foley is hitting .286 with three homers and 11 RBI.

But poor defense continues to plague the Crusaders, although they showed improvement last week. For the season, they've surrendered 37 unearned runs in 18 games, and they've made 37 errors.

See ALL-AREA VOLLEYBALL, D2



Brandy Malewski
Redford Thurston



Nicole Vondracek
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North Farmington



Michelle Berry
Livonia Clarenceville

All-Area volleyball from page D1

ber of the first team as selected by the Observer staff.

FIRST TEAM

Brandy Malewski, Sr., Redford Thurston: The 5-foot-11 Malewski is a repeat selection on the first team.

The Madonna University signee had 296 kills in 700 attempts for a .310 hitting percentage. She served at an 88 percent clip, totaling 48 aces.

Malewski also averaged 2.92 digs per game, finishing with a total of 269, while passing at 88 percent accuracy. She led the Eagles with 130 solo blocks and 56 block assists.

A three-year varsity starter and team Most Valuable Player, Malewski also was a two-time selection on the University of Michigan Dearborn All-Tournament team. She was a team captain.

"She's an excellent all-around player," Thurston coach Cindy Riley said. "People look at her and think she's going to be a great blocker and attacker but in addition to that she's also an excellent defensive player. She's a very easy-going player to work with."

Nicole Vondracek, Sr., Livonia Ladywood: The four-year varsity starter is one of two first-team repeat selections on the All-Observer squad.

She was MVP of the Schoolcraft Invitational and made All-Catholic.

The 5-9 Vondracek, who carries a 4.0 grade point average, led the Blazers in total assists (712), averaging six per game. She also served at a 95 percent clip, including 64 aces and a team-high 308 digs.

"Nicole was a very versatile player who finalized her career by setting a 5-1 (attack)," Ladywood coach Tom Teeters said. "It was culmination of four years working for Ladywood. She not only made us

a strong team with her setting, but could also contribute defense, blocking, hitting and serve receive, if necessary."

Amanda Abraham, Jr., Plymouth Salem: The 6-foot junior was first on the Rocks in kills (454), solo blocks (125) and block assists (79).

Her kill percentage was .355.

She had 83 digs in limited action in the back row and finished the year with 50 serving aces.

"Amanda's never ceased to amaze me," Salem co-coach Allie Suffety said. "She's been our go-to player this year. She thinks where she can go to, to get the kill. Amanda led with her play, by example."

Sarah Poglits, Jr., Livonia Ladywood: The 6-1 Poglits started the year splitting time at setter before moving full-time to middle hitter where she led Ladywood with 370 total kills and a team-best .338 hitting efficiency.

She also had 360 assists, 155 digs, 86 blocks and 60 aces.

Poglits also made All-Catholic.

"Sarah offered us a real strong strong right-side block, set, and attack," Teeters said. "And that combination for 6-1 left-handed hitter is very valuable."

"She offered us a second ball attack off Katie Brogan's passing, and or Nicole's passing. It's unusual for right side to have the highest attack percentage and most kills on the team."

Megan McGinty, Sr., Livonia Churchill: The 5-9 middle hitter led the 27-10-6 Chargers with a total of 357 kills (.315 hitting efficiency), along with a team-high 34 blocks and 163 digs en route to Team MVP and All-Western Lakes Activities Association honors.

"Megan's performance this year was arguably the finest offensive performance in my tenure as coach of the Chargers," Churchill's Mike

Hughes said. "She was able to hit hard at any area of the court and ran the slide quickly and effectively."

"She was also a consistent blocker and led the team in solo blocks and block-assists."

"In addition to her offensive prowess, Megan was an excellent passer and played middle back on defense. With her tough serve she did not have a volleyball weakness."

Jenny Trott, Jr., Plymouth Salem: The 5-9 junior was first on the Rocks in digs (362) and serve reception with an .895 percentage.

She was second in both kills (367) and aces (70), recording a hitting percentage of .296.

Like her teammate and fellow first-team All-Observer first team performer Amanda Abraham, she played in all 136 games for the Rocks, who finished 40-9-5 overall.

"Jenny is versatile, she plays all-around," Salem co-coach Allie Suffety said. "That's what's nice about Jenny. She's really a student of the game."

Jessica Orleman, Sr., Plymouth Canton: The 5-8 middle and outside hitter had a team-high 400 kills (in 1,152 attacks) for a .227 hitting efficiency.

She also served at a .901 clip with 78 aces. Orleman also had 60 solo blocks and 11 block-assists en route to all-Western Lakes and All-Region honors.

Defensively, she posted a 94 percent serve receive and averaged four digs per game with a total of 456 on the year as Canton finished 34-10-2 overall and won its first-ever WLA Western Division crown.

"I'm tickled I'll be able to coach her two more years," said Canton coach Steve Anderson, who also doubles as an assistant at Henry Ford Community College. "Jessica is one of the best defensive high school players I've seen."

"She was forced to go to the middle and she played great. She's just a great all-around player."

Tricia Traczyk, Sr., North Farmington: The 5-foot-10 1/2 hitter recorded 142 kills out of 357 spike attempts for a 3.94 average and 27.73 kill percentage.

Traczyk also averaged 2.94 blocks (99 out of 106 chances) with 19 stiffs, 5.47 digs (155 of 197) and 5.25 serve receptions (161 of 189). She also had 21 aces while putting 108 of 125 serves into play.

"Tricia is very passionate about the game," North Farmington coach Kevin Patrick said. "In some games we would lose, she would be so emotional, because she was fired up about it. She's very competitive. She loves volleyball; that's for sure."

"She plays defense very well along with being able to put the ball away on offense. She has very good fundamentals, court awareness and skills."

Michelle Berry, Jr., Livonia Clarenceville: The 6-1 middle hitter came on strong during Clarenceville's tournament run which ended in the state Class C quarterfinals.

She led the Trojans with 185 kills in 68 games with an impressive .385 hitting efficiency. Berry also had 70 solo blocks, 35 block-assists, 170 digs and 35 aces.

"Michelle is one of those players who really didn't practice well, but performed well," Clarenceville coach Alisha Love said. "It took her some time to realize that she had talent."

"The only thing I had to do was give the confidence in herself because she has the skill and technique."

"As I tell my entire team constantly: 'Winners are like biscuits — when things heat up they rise to the occasion.'"



Chrissy Harkless
Westland John Glenn



Nicole Tobin
Livonia Stevenson



Gail Agacinski
Farm. Hills Mercy

Chrissy Harkless, Sr., Westland John Glenn: The three-year varsity performer helped Glenn capture a Class A district championship this season.

The 5-11 Harkless led Glenn with 296 total kills (.221 hitting efficiency) and 92 solo blocks (with 24 assist-blocks). She had a season-high 21 kills in a match against Farmington.

"Chrissy was an excellent all-around player," Glenn coach Stacy Graham said. "She was tough blocking at the net. was one of our best people at serve receive and played great defense (165 total digs)."

"She was a definite leader even though she was not vocal. She led by example. She was pretty consistent all year with no bad games."

Harkless also excels in the classroom with a 3.77 grade-point average.

Nicole Tobin, Sr., Livonia Stevenson: The third-year varsity starter was team captain and MVP for the Spartans, who finished 28-9-4 overall.

The 5-4 setter set a Stevenson record for all-time assists with 699. She was also first-team All-Region (Class A), made All-Tournament at Madonna and was All-Lakes Division in the WLA.

Academically, Tobin carries a 3.62 GPA where she earned Stevenson scholar-athlete and All-Region

recognition. "Nicole will truly be missed," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said. "We relied heavily on her to provide leadership. She controlled and ran the floor very well."

"She knew when to take charge and had smarts on the court as far as who to go to."

Gail Agacinski, Sr., Farmington Hills Mercy: The 5-11 outside hitter was one of the go-to players for the Marlins, averaging 3.5 kills per game. She received the majority of sets for 676 attacks and had 275 kills.

Agacinski was an all-round player who graded 84 percent on her passing, and she was Mercy's most consistent server as 97 percent of her serves were in play.

After graduation, she plans to study engineering at either Notre Dame or the University of Michigan.

"Gail's left-handed power and ability to read the block enabled her to place her hits with power and precision," Mercy coach Peggy Spengler said.

"Gail has been a team captain and driving force on the court. We could not have reached out level of success without her. She's an outstanding athlete, a great all-around individual and well-rounded young lady."

Note: The All-Area Boys Basketball team is scheduled for the Thursday, April 3, edition.



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BOWLING HONOR ROLL

Merit Bowl (Livonia)
 Lost Weekenders — Jim Dust, 279-279-257/815; Mike Bauer, 289-248-246/783; Bill Funke, 234-279-243/756; Clarence Bishop, Jr., 279-255/711; Wilson Bowden, 267-279-220/766; Erik Lyons, 247-237-224/708; Ken Nikkila, 231-258-234/723.
 Rite on Time — Corey Williams, 300/825; Rick Mamayek, 275/690 (106 and 156 pins o/a).
Cloverlanes (Livonia)
 Tuesday Detroit Edison Men's — John Aiane, 279-222-218/719.
 St. Aidan's Men — Vince Bastine, 231-226/649; Dave Golen, 229-217/645; Bob Bowman, 253; Cliff Merritt, 245; Jeff Amolsch, 213-203/606.
 All Star Bowlerettes — Aleta Sill, 256-232-245/733; Kathy Haislip, 248-266/710; Petesy Wray, 214-255-233/702; JoAnn Carter, 238-276/698;

Geri Beattie, 228-252-215/695.
Wonderland Lanes (Livonia)
 Storm All Star Classic — Kevin Kennedy, 278; Paul Grauzer, 279; Rob Schepis, 300.
 Classic — Jeff Roche, 278/792; Ron LeChevalier, 289/771; Mitch Jabczynski, 276/760; Mark Payne, 736; Ron Moore, 290/734.
 Nite Owls — Gary Laine, 266/678; Terry Bradford, 250; Ray Kufel, 629; Gary Cornelius, 629; Dan Lamentagne, 252/641.
Town 'n Country Lanes (Westland)
 Thursday Men's — Joe Komindo, 300; Tim Magyar 795.
 Merchants — Bob Burnie, 295; Brian Newcomb, 289; Ray Rohraf, 257; Jerry Wisely, 253; Scott Martin, 252; Ed Szmansky, 245.
 Tuesday Jr. Classic — Stan Karcheske, 279/772; Jim Pierce 771.
 Michigan Truck — Greg Rousse, 300;

Curtis Paul, 299.
Westland Bowl (Westland)
 St. Mel's Men — Barry Vess, 289/770; Den Davey, 265/661; Rob McAllister, 257/676; Jim Underwood, 236/639; Mark Brooks, 288/684.
Wayne Bowl (Westland)
 Western Wayne Youth Traveling Classic — John Paronish, 244-198-191/633; Jim Wilson, 226-192-212/630; Jason Thomas, 225-221/624; Scott Clemons, 244/620; Brad Fuchs, 231/613.
Mayflower Lanes (Redford)
 Good Neighbors — Ellie Buchanan, 507; Dawn Weigel, 194/527; Shirley Simmerly, 198.
 Senior Men's Classic — Ron Lancaster, 278-224/690; Bill DeLoach, 268/662; Bob Pershing, 254/677; Buff Stiles, 258/635; George Kompoltowicz, 212-234-232/678; Al Holden, 234-204-216/654.

Friday Seniors — Mel Albrite, 247/706; Jerry Holden, 248/696; Howard Davis, 248/672; Bob Butski, 240/617; Gerry Zaleski, 225/626.
Garden Lanes (Garden City)
 Sunday Night Swingers — Dave Owens, 212-300-195/707.
 Vinco Mens' — Joe Zupancic, 298/673; Bill Roe Jr., 268/666; Tod Wilson, 245-248/698; Ron Guntzville, 266-212-205/673.
 Wayne County Men's — Bill Gilbo, 269-232-249/750; Todd Winchel, 277/646; Doug Zhang, 286-265-275/826; Tony Humphrey, 242-216-265/723.
 St. Linus Classic — Al Joslin, 246-279/708; Dick Thompson, 221-257-225/703; Marv Gadde, 212-223-258/693; Dave Barina, 257-213-222/692; Scott Whisenand, 225-234-224/683; Jim Kowalski, 247-221-212-7680; Mike Baldwin, 290.

Country Lanes (Farmington)
 University Men's — D. Bajilo, 278/724; D. Glasser, 269/625; D. Adkins, 267/689; E. Lyons, 260/753; T. Clifton, 258/637.
 Metro Highway — Bob Garvin, 279-217/688; Mark Strzalkowski, 246-232-222/700; Sam Salloun, 242/631; T. Nelson, 236; T.D. Brown, 233-215-215/663.
 Country Keglers — Bill Johnson, 276/656; Scott Siefman, 266/690; Fred Ramirez, 258/686; Jerry Heath, 256; Lee Burk, 246.
 Sunday Goodtimers — Mark Silverstein, 265-204/653; Jay Waldman, 254/609; Mike D'Angelo, 219; Todd Wortinger, 217; Larry Kron, 235.
 Wed. Nite Ladies — Erma Dorsey, 233/505; Becky Sockow, 511; Muriel Kropp, 550.
 Wednesday Knights — Mike Kassa, 279/694; Gary Smauder, 265; Kevin Keranen, 257; Neil Beckman, 251; Frank Zagata, 249; Tina Schaeffers, 225.
 Ladies Singles — Susan Paschal, 258/653; Jill Fehrenbach, 254; Vicki Ingham, 248/645; Lynne Wegener, 674.

Country Janes — Joan Oakley, 213; Katie Szonye, 209/596; Lin Huber, 204/516; Lorraine Kujawa, 202; Chris Durham, 200/320.
 Western Women — Lisa Cave, 198; Lynne Meyer, 197/538; Rita Bartholomew, 195.
Troy Lanes (Troy)
 Strikers — Richard McClellan, 258; Tony Sauline, 236.
 Sparetimers — John Kerr, 236.
 Kamax-DuPont — Mark W., 246; Cary Fletcher, 246.
 Over The Hill Classic — John Cedar, 290-276/732; Larry W., 245-236; Jerry Wardell, 244-236; Aaron Lipshy, 266-233; Ron Pawliak, 242.
 Thurs. Men's Handicap — Golombek, 694.
 Double Trouble — Paul Gossett, 257/672.
 ITT Mixed — Paul Lobas, 278-222/712.
 Looney Toons Ladies — Marsha Brundage, 222-212/624.
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Heritage Residential Group has five spec units and two sites available. Key, a collaboration between Scott R. Jacobson and Thomas Purther, has about 40 lots available.

Both builders proudly promote the dollar value for product at the community on the east side of Decker Road between 12 and 13 Mile roads.

"That's the way we market ourselves - the most home for the money in Novi," said Steve Calverley, vice president of sales and marketing for Heritage.

"We're at a price point you won't find too often in Novi," said Jacobson, Key president.

Key offers nine floor plans ranging from \$230,000 base for a 2,142-square-foot two story with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths to \$264,000 for a story-and-a-half of 2,551 square feet with four bedrooms or three bedrooms and a loft plus 2-1/2 baths.

Key includes in all plans at base price two-car garage, first-floor laundry, fireplace, range and dishwasher and basement.

Heritage has four plans.

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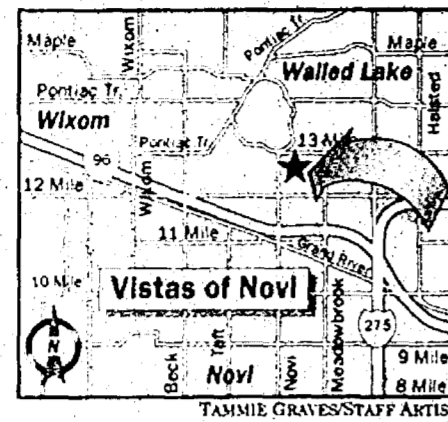
Included at no extra charge in all plans are fireplace, first-floor laundry, two-car garage, basement and range, dishwasher and microwave.

Heritage's exterior materials are aluminum siding, brick and wood trim.

The Hills is the first residential construction effort at Vistas of Novi, an ambitious, multi-phased, master-planned community.

"You can't beat the location. We're one-half mile from the mall," Jacobson said.

"Walled Lake is right here. You're a stone's throw from the highway," Purther added. "Every-



thing is here - shopping, movies, entertainment."

"They (visitors) love the neighborhood, love the fact that there's hills in here," said Lori Davidson, sales rep for Key. "There's protected wetlands and woodlands in here that will enhance privacy and values."

"You can't beat the setting," Jacobson said. "What else do you need?"

Key's model, the Canterbury, a two story of 2,171 square feet, features a formal dining room, formal living room, family room, and kitchen/nook with gourmet island that includes sink and snack bar.

The upstairs master with cathedral ceiling has two walk-in closets, separate tub and shower and dual sink vanity.

Two other bedrooms and a full bath also are on the second level, as is a loft area decorated as an office/entertainment center that could be converted to a fourth bedroom.

Base price is \$250,000. The model, with upgrades, costs about \$275,000.

Heritage's model, the Savannah, a two story of 2,400 square feet, features a living room, dining room, family room and kitchen/nook on the first floor.

Four bedrooms, including the master with cathedral ceiling, separate tub and shower and two walk-in closets, and a second full bath, are upstairs.

Base price is \$238,900. The model, because it's near the entrance to the sub, can be had for \$229,900.

The Hills at the Vistas of Novi will be serviced by city water



Key model: This two story features a dining room, living room, family room and gourmet kitchen on the first floor, three bedrooms and a loft or four bedrooms upstairs.

and sewers. The community has sidewalks and is within the Walled Lake school district.

The property tax rate currently is \$32.58 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of market value. That means the owners of a \$250,000 condo would pay about \$4,075 the first year.

The monthly association/maintenance fee is \$25.

Peter and Jo Ellen Nicholas, along with children Christopher, Leah and Anthony, will be moving into a two story built by Key.

"I like the idea of a planned community," Jo Ellen said. "I like

the idea of a town square, the idea of stores within walking distance."

The family wanted a larger floor plan due to its size and the number of guests who visit, Jo Ellen added.

"I like the openness of the kitchen ... separate laundry room," she said. "I like a larger

porch. I wanted more of a country look. The Muirfield (model) offered that. The roof line had a country look, gables, I liked."

John and Terry Dulzo, along with children Natalie, Bobby and Mary Rose, are living in a two story built by Key.

"We wanted something more traditional, more old-fashioned

... a salt-box look," Terry said. "It seems the area is secluded and you know how close we are to civilization."

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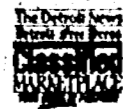
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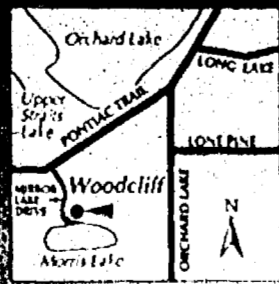


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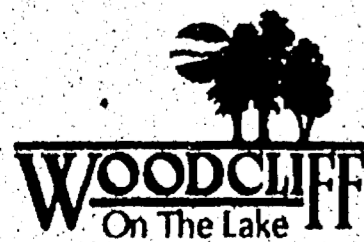


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Why custom homes cost more than spec houses



STEVE SIVAK

Having talked to lots of sub-contractors over the last few months, it has become clear to me why good-grade custom homes cost more than builder's houses.

The difference can be attributed to the use of premium goods and specifications by nearly every trade involved in the project. Lots of small features can add up to lots of extra costs in a hurry. But these small additive costs make for a more comfortable, better-looking and longer-lasting house and are worth having.

Let's start with the excavation: Many building sites are filled with clay, and it is this same clay that gets used as backfill against the either poured wall or the block basement wall. A structural engineer will tell you that

these walls are not designed to have clay backfill. It is too heavy and can eventually cause cracking and will certainly encourage the basement walls to be damp. Removing the clay from the basement perimeter and backfilling with sand will cost you a significant number of dollars - is it worth it?

Most homes pile up the excavation spoils around the perimeter to aid in directing the water away from the interior of the house. This is great, but it usually means that entering or leaving the house requires going up and down stairs or steps (just take a look at Bill Clinton's condition to see why this might not be such a great idea - and he is in pretty good shape.) The bottom line is that accidents rarely occur on the surfaces. Holding the finish floor close to exterior grade requires a stepped basement wall, which allows the floor joists to be below the required 8 inches above grade. What is a torn ligament worth to you?

Another nice trick is to slope the garage slab to a central drain so that melting snow will have a place to run to. Even if the drain must deposit this runoff in a french drain, it keeps the garage floor much drier and clean. Insulating the garage and bringing in a spare 20-amp circuit and 1-inch gas line for a future heater aren't bad ideas either as they will allow the garage to be expanded into a future work area if necessary.

Both are modest expenses if done at the time of construction but will cost thousands if done later on. A final deluxe item to have in the garage is hot and cold running water so that car washing, etc. can be done in the winter - if you do this and you are on a well, make sure that you are washing your car only with softened water or who-knows-what will happen to your car's paint.

Good framing (rough carpentry) is the corner stone of a good house. The materials are not all

the same, and future problems can be avoided by the use of proper materials. Framing material should be kiln dried #2 SPF (spruce pine fir). This higher quality material is not always used, but it is straighter and remains so over the life of the house.

High-quality houses will avoid using OSB (oriented strand board) wall sheathing and will use at a minimum Southern yellow pine plywood. Houses with higher-quality wood exteriors will rely upon fir ply because it will remain straight even when exposed to the elements.

Any house you expect to stay in for more than a couple of years must be framed with 2x6's - added insulation is one reason, and the other is greater wall stiffness, which keeps the house from shaking when the front door is firmly shut. The final reason in support of 2x6's is that the windows develop greater depth and they are more interesting to look at.

There are a few nice plumbing tricks that custom homes might include. The first is a recirculating hot water system: This allows distant bathrooms to have instantly accessible hot water as opposed to having to wait while the water gets there (this is especially important in larger homes).

Another nice feature is thermostatically controlled shower valves. These allow the user to set the temperature once and never have to mix again.

There are lots of possible electrical features that might be found on a custom home. This starts with an electrical plan that allows one to enter the house from the garage and front door and to move to the major bedrooms on three-way switching thereby never having to backtrack to turn off lights.

I also like to provide three-way switching at the master bedroom so that bedside lighting can be

turned on and off from the doorway and the bedside.

Exhaust fans can be wired such that when the room lighting comes on, the fans also come on automatically. Custom homes should use both task and ambient lighting in their layout. Last week's article addresses this topic.

The design of a custom house must be carefully considered; otherwise these features really become make-up applied to an insignificant structure. Great houses are not a pile of features but rather a complex list of ingredients, of which features are only a part.

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Builder's license training
Builder's Training Services offers a pre-exam builder's license training program 6-10 p.m. April 1, 3, 8 and 10 at the Clawson Troy Elks Club on Big Beaver Road east of Rochester Road.

Cost for the 16-hour course, which includes a training manual, construction guide, carpentry textbook and testing materials, is \$199. To register, call (810) 436-9610.

Real estate investing
The Real Estate Investors Association sponsors a program on the legal aspects of renting, leases and the basics of landlord/tenant law, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, 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 introduction package should call Wayne Koehler on the landlord hot line at (313) 277-4168.

Real estate investing II
The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland sponsors a free introduction to real estate investing 7-8:45 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, at the Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Topics include why invest in real estate, how to manage tenants and property, and finding, fixing and selling for profit.

For information or reservations, call (800) 747-6742.

Real estate expo
The Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers co-sponsor a free expo on the many aspects of buying and selling a house 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, in the Waterman Campus Center, Schoolcraft College, Livonia. The program features booths of home inspectors, home improvement companies, appraisers and mortgage

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The WWOAR will accept canned good donations at the door to be given to the Salvation Army. For reservations, call (810) 478-1700.

Home selling workshops
Several community adult education programs, including Troy, Farmington, Rochester, Birmingham and Waterford, will offer workshops on how to sell your house from A to Z.

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Topics include buying property, cost estimating, financing, building codes and permits and basics of wood frame construction, masonry and roofing.

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Registration required by April 17 at (313) 523-9277.

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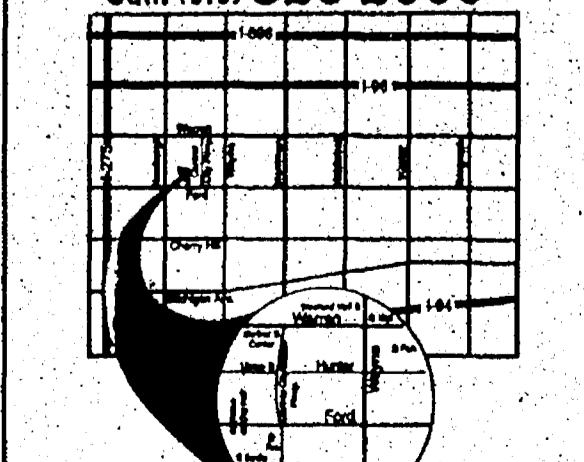
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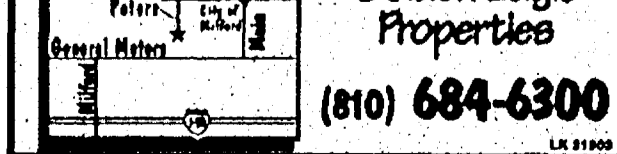
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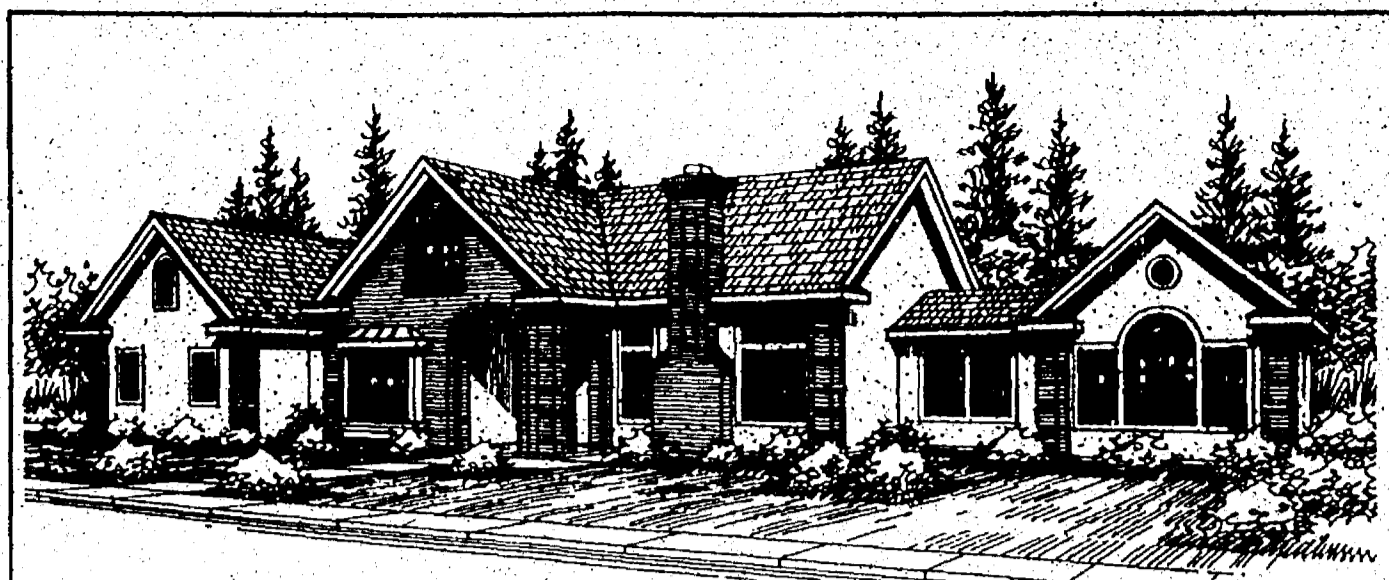
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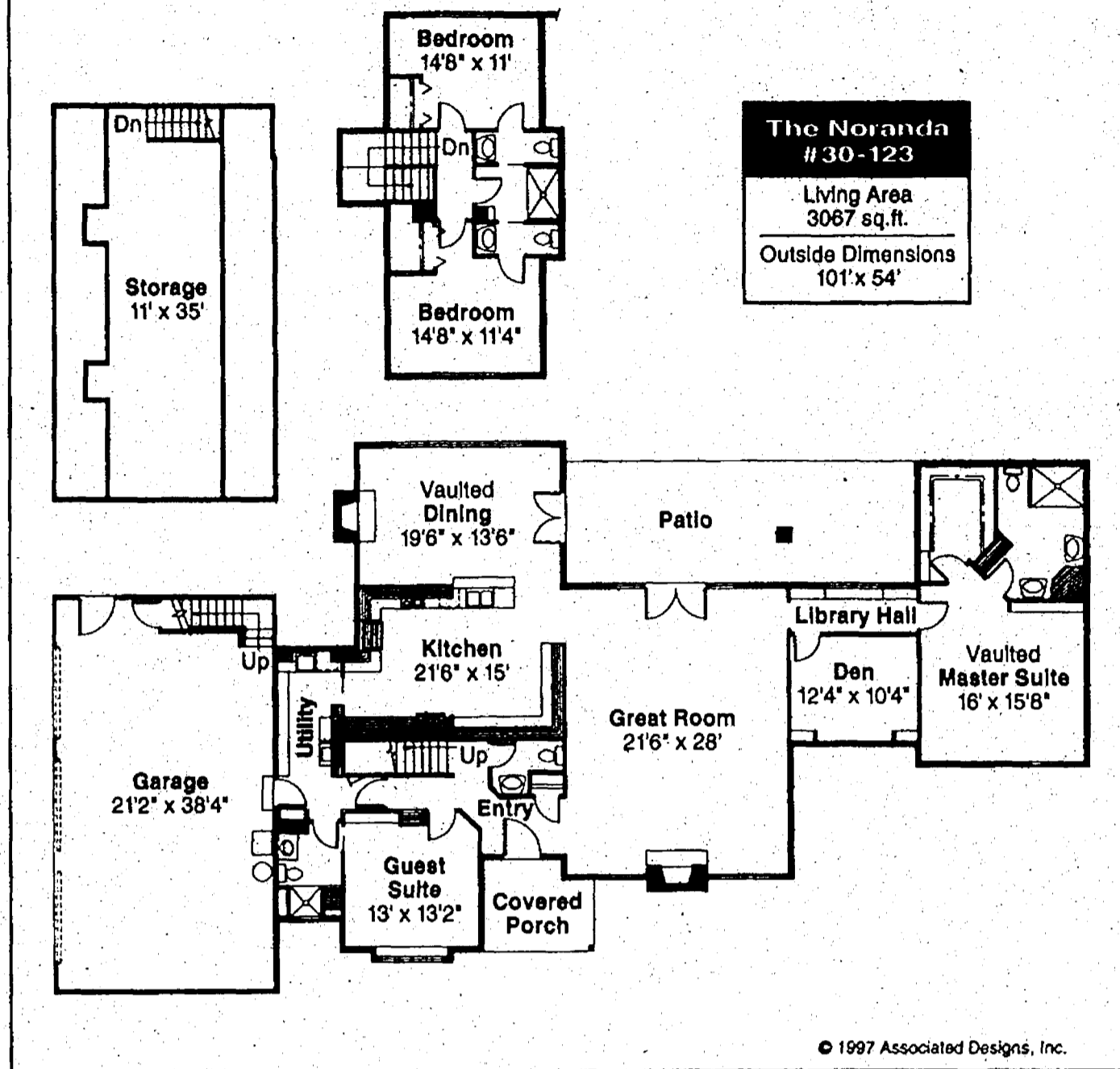
Kitchen and dining room flow together, separated by a wall section and an eating bar. The dining room is large, and the vaulted ceiling makes it feel even larger. This room, too, has a fireplace and double-door access to the patio.

Tile covers the floor of a kitchen large enough for a team of cooks to work together. Laundry appliances are just around the corner, in a long passageway that connects the kitchen to the three-car garage. The full bathroom at the end of this hallway is handy for garage access. It's also convenient to a play room that could just as easily be outfitted as a guest room.

Den, library hall and master suite nestle together in the quiet wing to the right of the great room. Shelving lines the library hall. Luxury amenities in the vaulted master suite include a huge walk-in closet and a plush private bathroom.

Two large bedrooms are upstairs in the Noranda, where they share a centrally located shower. Each bedroom has its own private toilet and lavatory. A separate second floor, accessible only from the garage, provides ample storage. Dormers and end windows provide natural illumination.

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Suggestions for modern comfort

The average U.S. house is 28 years old, according to Builder magazine. While homes of that age are developing character, problems are appearing in the existing features that need to be updated.

Upgrading older homes, like replacing inefficient windows, is easier than ever, particularly if homeowners are after a do-it-yourself project, says Randy Iles, senior vice president of marketing and sales for Pella Corp. He says these older homes often were built with window products that simply don't measure up to the modern designs available today.

Iles recommends that homeowners look for specific features in replacement windows.

First, the window should come fully assembled to prevent installation headaches that often accompany so-called sash replacement kits.

Second, the window should be made to the homeowner's precise measurements to prevent drafts and improve overall energy efficiency.

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By READER'S DIGEST BOOKS FOR AP SPECIAL FEATURES

A well-insulated, fairly airtight house is the first requirement for a comfortable home.

If your home is less comfortable than you would like it, a thorough assessment of your house, condo or apartment is in order. Your local utility company may provide a free or low-cost energy audit. In fact, some utilities even use heat-sensitive infrared video scanners that show how a house is losing heat.

If your utility company does not offer an energy audit, do your own. Move through your home searching out all drafts, cold or hot surfaces, improper humidity and stale air.

Most drafts are caused by indoor air that loses its heat to windows and exterior walls; the colder and taller the surfaces, the faster the draft moves. Also, when you sit near cold surfaces, you radiate heat to them; the colder the surface, the faster you radiate and the more uncomfortable you feel. Sitting beneath a hot ceiling that is not insulated in mid-summer has the opposite effect; even if the air is cool, the ceiling will radiate heat and cause discomfort.

To locate air leaks, wait for a cold, windy day. Then, hold a thin strip of tissue in your hand and move it around each window and door and see if the paper flutters. If you'd prefer to do it on a milder day, close all but one window, seal a box fan in that window and turn it on to pull air out of the house. Then do the tissue

Insulating your house and adding weatherstripping, storm windows or double-glazed sashes will help warm or cool interior surfaces and cut down on drafts. If the home is too dry in winter and too humid in summer, the

culprit may be excessive air leakage.

Adding insulation makes your home more comfortable and increases its resale value. The priorities for adding insulation are generally (1) the ceilings; below attics or other unheated spaces, (2) ductwork in attics or crawl spaces that are not insulated, (3) exterior walls and (4) under floors or against foundation walls.

Here are some tips to reduce air leaks. Doing so may also increase wintertime indoor humidity sufficiently to eliminate the need for humidifiers.

- Fit thin foam gaskets behind the cover plates on electrical outlets and switches.

- Weatherstrip the opening around an attic hatch with adhesive-backed foam tape.

- Apply duct tape around joints in duct runs.

- On the house exterior, apply caulk along joints where the siding meets the foundation, around vents from the dryer, bathroom and kitchen, and around through-wall holes made for outdoor electrical outlets, lights, or plumbing pipes.

- Also force caulk into small cracks in basement walls and slabs, and into joints between the chimney and wall.

- Use caulking rope or a can of expanding foam to plug larger leaks around through-wall holes and similar holes in ceilings and floors.

If your home has a fireplace or a combustion appliance — a water heater, fireplace or furnace fired by oil, wood, natural gas or propane gas — make sure they get adequate air for safe use.

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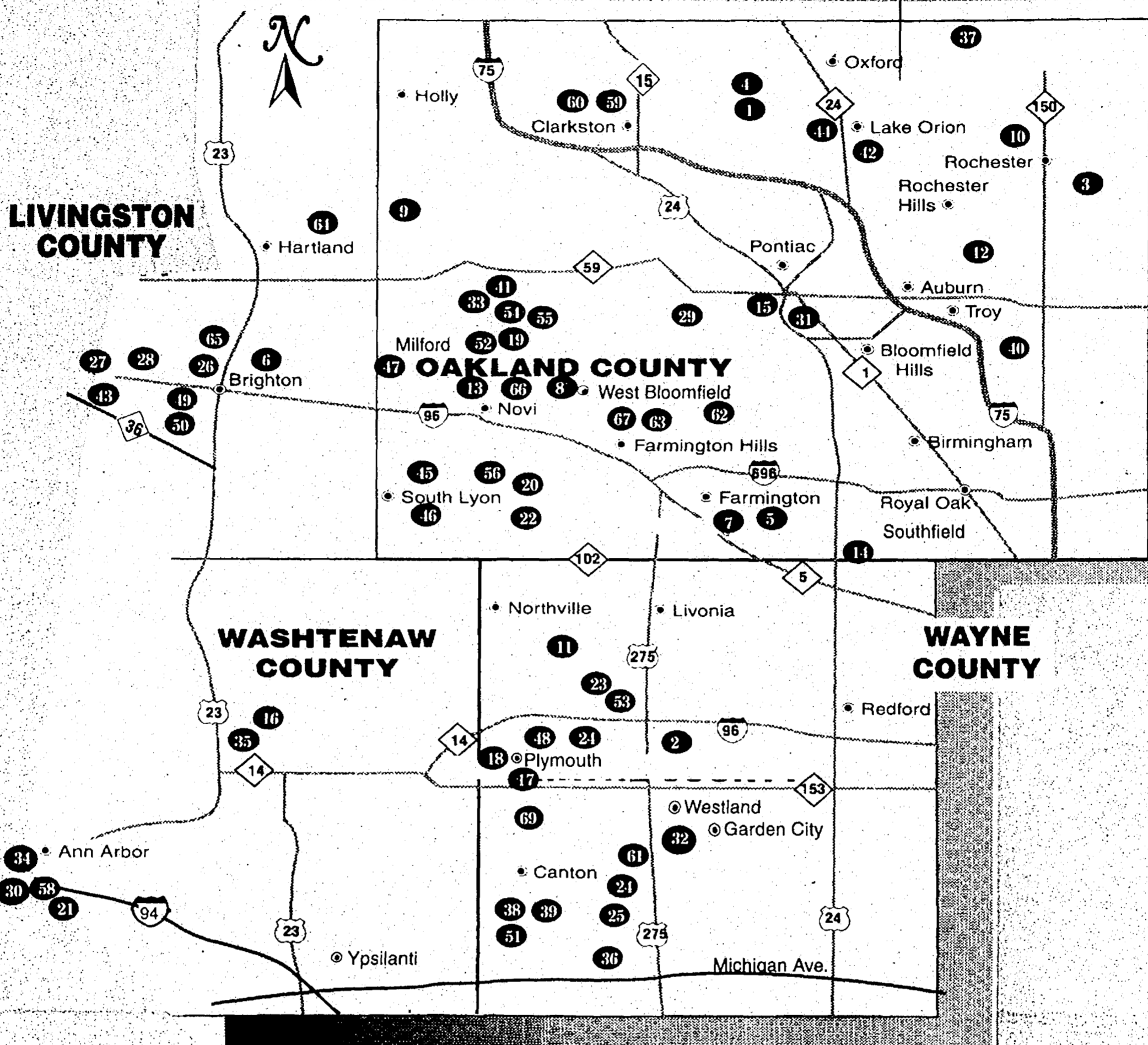
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HEALTH NEWS

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 1997

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Care center

Henry Ford Hospital has been named a clinical care center for patients with an inherited tumor disorder called Von Hippel-Lindau disease or VHL.

The designation was awarded by the Medical Advisory Board of the VHL Family Alliance, an independent resource agency in Brookline, Mass.

The disease is characterized by an overgrowth of blood vessels, and can lead to cancerous tumors in the eye, brain, kidney, adrenal gland and pancreas. Experts say the disease is considered rare, but that may be due to underdiagnosis.

"Because the initial symptoms may be vague, VHL is not usually part of the list of possible causes," said genetic counselor Peggy Rush, coordinator for the VHL clinical care center at Henry Ford Hospital. "For example, when a patient complains of headache, it may be attributed to stress. It's not until more symptoms arise or more extensive tests are performed that VHL is diagnosed."

Henry Ford Hospital was chosen to become the clinical care center because of the complete range of available expert care.

The disease is passed from parent to child. If one parent carries the gene, the child has a 50 percent chance of inheriting the disease.

Patients with VHL meet with a counselor and a doctor who specialize in genetics to learn about the disease and its management. The counselor arranges for the patient to see the appropriate specialists. Patients also must be monitored regularly with CT (computerized tomography) or MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) scans to make sure tumors are not developing in other parts of the body.

Genetic testing is offered to family members, including children. Those carrying the gene can be monitored for symptoms and some can avoid serious illness through early detection.

For more information about Von Hippel-Lindau disease, call Rush at (313) 876-3392.

Fighting heart disease

Cardiovascular disease continues to be the No. 1 killer in Michigan as well as the United States. Nationally, it claims the lives of over a quarter of a million people under the age of 65 each year. Tragically, Michigan has a higher rate of death attributed to heart disease than the rate for the nation overall, with more than 27,000 deaths in 1995 alone. But two new components of Botsford General Hospital's Cardiovascular Health Center give hope that these dire statistics will someday change for the better.

The Botsford Lipid Clinic and Lipid Analysis Research Lab, the only standardized lipid lab of its kind in the state, are under the direction of lipidologist Dr. James Maciejko, M.S., Ph.D. The clinic will seek not only to identify major risk factors of early cardiovascular disease, but devise treatment strategies to combat them.

Although medical research indicates that cardiovascular disease may have many origins, a major predictor is the presence of high amounts of triglyceride and cholesterol (or lipids) in the blood. Through the Botsford Lipid Clinic and Lipid Analysis Research Lab, hyperlipidemia will be identified and treated. The clinic and research lab went into full operation on March 10.

A lipid is a fat or fat-like substance. Examples of lipids in the blood include cholesterol and triglycerides.

"The work this clinic will do is particularly significant to the people of southeast Michigan, a region plagued with one of the nation's highest rates of cardiovascular disease," said Maciejko, also an associate professor of internal medicine at Wayne State University's School of Medicine.

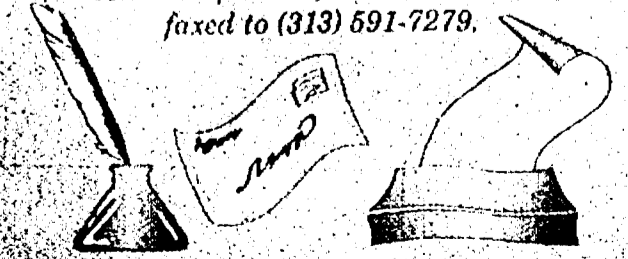
The Lipid Analysis Research Lab is the only Michigan facility (and one of only approximately 100 nationwide) which is designated as a "standardized lab" by the Centers for Disease Control/National Heart, Lung & Blood Institute Lipid Standardization Program. The significance of this designation is particularly important. The lab's accuracy and precision in measuring lipids and lipoproteins means it can better monitor and gauge patients' treatment and progress.

The lab will also serve area physician practices. The University of Michigan's MEDSPORT practice and the cardiology program at the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine are served by the lab.

The Lipid Clinic and Lipid Analysis Research Lab recently received \$70,000 in research and educational grants from three of the nation's top pharmaceutical firms: Bristol-Myers Squibb; Parke-Davis, a division of Warner-Lambert Company; and Merck & Co.

Items for Medical Briefs are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community.

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IT'S A GAS

System installation puts patients at ease

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Anytime someone we love goes under anesthesia, even if it's a simple outpatient procedure, there's a hope that everything will run smoothly. We hope that doctors and nurses will work without flaw. And sometimes we take for granted the equipment and mechanics of the things behind the scenes.

All the patients and their families see, at most, are hoses, tubes and instruments attached to the walls. But the heart beat is intricately connected to things like medical vacuums used during operations to remove liquid; ventilators; oxygen, nitrogen and nitrous oxide lines needed during surgeries; and other technical equipment that makes operating rooms run.

Proper installation is essential. If a line is crossed or a mistake is made in the pumping systems it could mean death to patients. And if that happens, beyond the grief it causes to families, it also leads to more litigation and increased insurance premiums for hospitals.

Engineers at Robert Carter Corporation explain how their Medical Gas Systems installed in St. Mary Hospital's new West Addition are checked so many times that it eliminates chances for mistakes.

"The system almost can't be put into operation unless it's fool-proof," according to Mike Johnson, Robert Carter Corporation plumbing superintendent. Robert Carter, of Oak Park, is one of the largest mechanical plumbing, heating and air systems contractors.

Everyone who works on Medical Gas Systems has to be certified, which includes extensive training programs, Johnson said, explaining that the company works hard to protect its medical customers, and ultimately the patients, against the hazards of crossed connections, leakage, pressure deficiencies and contamination sources.

"The handling of medical gas not only requires a high degree of basic skills and training on the part of the installers, but involves ethical aspects as well, since it is so depend-

ed on for a variety of vital supports," according to Stan Farrington, Robert Carter CEO. Part of that training includes showing installers a movie depicting real patients. One segment shows in horrible detail what could happen and what has happened if a gas connection mistake is made.

A little girl goes in for outpatient surgery at a clinic, not in Michigan, to remove a birth mark from her forehead. She is given the wrong gas due to a cross connection between lines. She dies. The movie drives the

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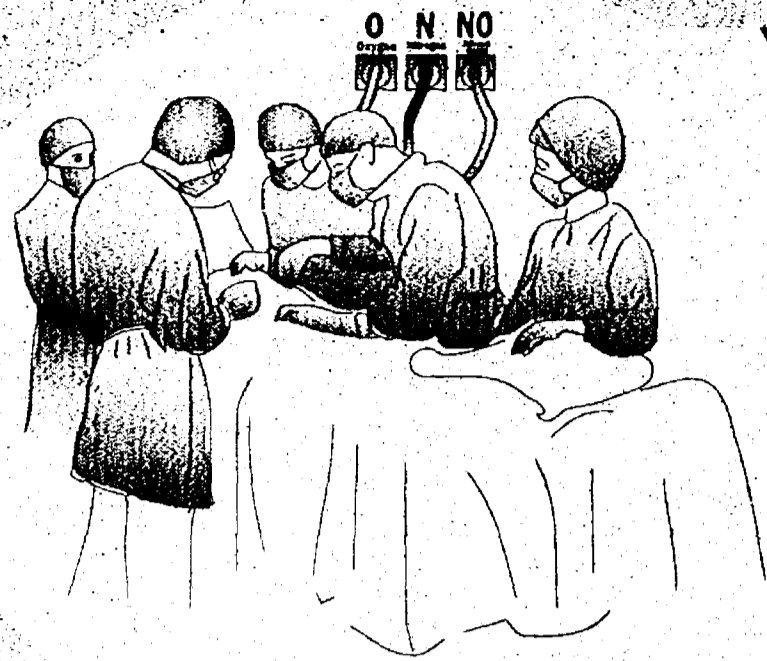
Mike Johnson
Robert Carter Corporation
plumbing superintendent.

point home to installers that what they do matters, Johnson said.

"You can't see any of our work, except for outlets on the wall," Johnson said. "There's quite a bit that goes into the process. If you've got something crossed, or you don't (clean a pump properly), it could mean the difference between life and death."

Robert Carter employees worked for 18 months installing the system at St. Mary Hospital of Livonia's addition.

"St. Mary Hospital and Robert Carter Corporation worked together on the new West Addition to make sure the highest standard in medical gas piping is available to surgical

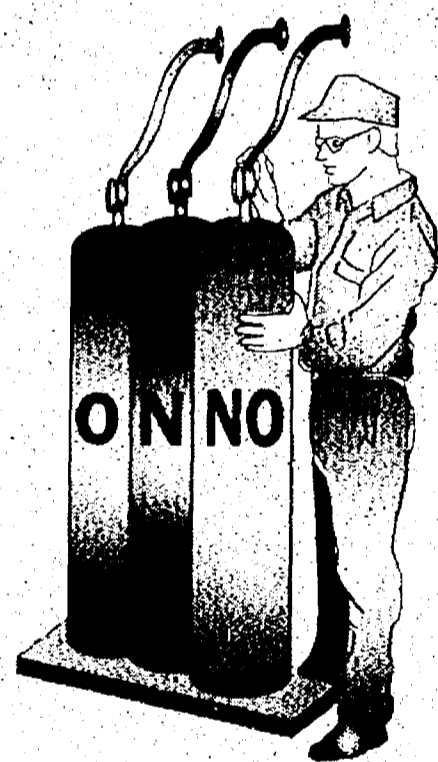


patients" according to Julie Sproul, St. Mary Hospital director of community relations. She emphasized that the "latest technology available" was used.

"It enables the hospital to provide patients the assurance of receiving the most up-to-date anesthetic care available during surgical procedures," she added. Medical installation for the building included surgical and decontamination rooms, medical gas installation and the central processing room, which is in the lower level of the west addition where sterile instruments are sent to operating rooms, returned for sterilization, repackaged and sent back to the surgical area.

In addition to the central processing room, the new two-story, 87,000-square-foot West Addition has eight new operating rooms, a new maternity center with 20 private birthing suites and two Caesarean section rooms and a new Marian Women's Center. It opened to patients the first week in March.

"In a project like this, where so many thousands of people will eventually put their trust in everything being right and functioning right, teamwork and partnering are essential," Farrington said.



HELEN FURCEAN / STAFF ARTIST

Project emphasizes good health for all

BY RENEE M. SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

If you've been putting off that yearly health check, mark your calendars now. The 18th annual Project Health-O-Rama is coming to more than 100 sites in southeastern Michigan this spring from Monday, April 7, through Friday, May 9. Open to anyone at least 18 years old, Project Health-O-Rama is the best health bargain in town.

The following basic tests and services will be offered at all Project Health-O-Rama sites at no cost: Blood pressure, height and weight, vision, glaucoma, counseling and referral, and basic health information.

In addition, the following optional lab-evaluated tests will be offered at a discounted handling fee: Blood panel of 23 profiles (requires a four-hour fast, excluding medications) - \$22; CA-125 ovarian cancer antigen blood test for women - \$25; PSA (prostate specific antigen) blood test for men - \$25; take-home colorectal cancer screening kits - \$8; H. pylori blood test for stomach ailments - \$15; and a take-home HIV test kit (simple, reliable and confidential) - \$35.

In Wayne County, Project Health-O-Rama will be at these sites:

■ Oakwood Annapolis Project Health-O-Rama

Where: Laurel Park Place, 37700 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia

When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 9-10

Where: Wonderland Mall, 29859 Plymouth Rd., Livonia

When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 16, 17, and 18

Other specialty tests include osteoporosis (bone density) screening (\$25) and Pap smears (\$5). The Pap smears will be done only at the Wonderland Mall 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 16; 1-6 p.m. April 17; and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 18. For more information, call (313) 467-4134.

■ St. Mary Hospital Health-O-Rama

Where: St. Mary Hospital, Five Mile and Levan roads, Livonia

When: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 19

A pulmonary function test (\$5) also will be available. For more information, call (313) 655-2956.

■ Botsford General Hospital Health-O-Rama

Where: Livonia Mall, 29514 Seven Mile Road, Livonia

When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 22-24

Osteoporosis (bone density) screening will be available (\$25). Also, oral and dental screening will be available from 1-5 p.m. April 22 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 23. For additional information, contact the Botsford Health Development Network at (810) 477-6100.

■ Canton Chamber of Commerce & Summit on the Park Project Health-O-Rama

Where: Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway, Canton

When: noon to 6 p.m. April 20

Additional free tests and services include: Nutritional counseling, body composition, massage therapy, medication counseling, oral and dental screening and fitness equipment sampling. Osteoporosis (bone density) screening will be available (\$25). For additional information, call the Summit at (313) 397-5110.

The Livonia Mall will host two Project Health-O-Rama bonus days 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 22-23. For more information on site locations and test offerings, call the PROJECT HOTLINE 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at (810) 424-8600.

MARKETPLACE

Marketplace features a glimpse of suburban business news and notes, including corporate name changes, new products, office openings, new affiliations, new positions, mergers, acquisitions and new ways of doing business. Items for Marketplace should be submitted to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48160. The fax number is (313) 591-7279.

New focus

The Harvard Drug Group, with headquarters in Livonia, recently announced that the wholesale drug company is redefining the industry by positioning itself as a "complementary" rather than secondary supplier. The announcement was made at the National Wholesale Druggists' Association Annual Marketing Conference. The former Great Lakes Wholesale Drugs also announced its consolidation as The Harvard Drug Group.

The Harvard Drug Group specializes in behind-the-counter (prescription) products and over-the-counter health care supplies. The group was founded in 1968 under the name Great Lakes Wholesale Drugs.

Jay Levine is president and chief operating officer. Randolph J. Friedman is chairman and chief executive officer.

Small business

The Small Business Association of Michigan wants to recognize the most innovative small business products and services

of 1996. The Small Business Innovation Awards competition will honor remarkable and unique products and services developed in 1996 by Michigan-based companies with fewer than 500 employees.

The entry deadline is May 1. Entry forms are available now by calling SBAM at 1-800-362-5461 or (517) 482-8788. There is no entry fee and the competition is open to any small business with headquarters in Michigan.

The competition is sponsored by SBAM, The Eli Broad College of Business at Michigan State University, The Detroit News and Old Kent Bank.

Helping Goodwill

La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries have developed a promotion in conjunction with Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit to offer consumers the opportunity to trade in their old chairs or sofas, make a tax-deductible donation to a good cause - and save \$60 to \$420 on new La-Z-Boy furniture.

The annual trade-in sale is under way at stores in Novi, Taylor, Sterling Heights and Warren and will continue through April 29. To qualify for the discount, customers bring in their old furniture to one of the stores, where sales consultants and store helpers assist in unloading the trade-in, provide a receipt and discuss discounts available on La-Z-Boy furniture.

In addition, La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries offer free pickup of donated furniture with

any delivery. The donated furniture is given to Goodwill in the consumer's name. Additional information is available at the stores.

Hotline

The Michigan Employment Security Agency operates a toll-free fraud hotline, 1-800-822-1122. Business persons or individuals are urged to call the number to report suspected fraud, such as an employee or ex-employee improperly collecting unemployment benefits or a business paying cash to employees to avoid paying taxes.

In fiscal 1996, the agency investigated cases of fraud totaling \$6 million, including penalties and interest, and the tally is \$2.6 million so far this fiscal year, said Tom Malek, MESA's acting director.

Reaching a milestone

American Axle & Manufacturing recently announced the production and celebration of its 10 millionth axle, which came off the line at the company's Detroit Gear & Axle Plant No. 3 on March 24. The rear axle is destined for installation on a Chevy C/K pickup truck to be manufactured at GM's Pontiac East assembly plant.

Attending the celebration were Richard E. Dauch, president and CEO; Richard H. Rossman, vice president, manufacturing; James A. Kline, plant area manager; Tom Jones, plant district committee man, UAW Local 235; and Richard F. Dauch, plant manager.



AAA honors: AAA Michigan President and CEO Ronald L. Steffens congratulated Sandra Theile of Plymouth during the 1997 Membership Sales Award banquet March 8 at the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids. Theile received a Membership Sales Award for outstanding Auto Club membership sales in 1996.

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(313) 458-7100.

TUES, APRIL 15

CHILDBIRTH

A six-week course on childbirth education will begin 7 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster in Garden City. There will be information on pregnancy, labor and delivery, newborn care and postpartum care. Registration should be completed early in the pregnancy. To register, call (313) 458-4330.

STROKE AND ANEURYSM

A Stroke and Aneurysm Support Group will meet at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster in Garden City. Family members and friends are welcome. For information, call (313) 458-4396.

WATER FACTS

Water is vital in fighting kidney stones, and Botaford General Hospital's Health Development Network will present "Water Works" 7-8 p.m. at Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. in Novi. Those attending will learn about various bottled waters. Price is \$5 and advance registration is required. To register, call (810) 477-6100. A second program, Kidney Stone Management, offers one-hour, one-to-one consultations by appointment only. Price is \$30. To schedule an appointment, call (810) 477-6100.

WED, APRIL 16

GRIEF TELECONFERENCE

A "Living With Grief" teleconference will be presented by satellite 1-4 p.m. by Madonna University's hospice education program and Angela Hospice at Madonna, Schoolcraft and Levan in Livonia. It will be presented by the Hospice Foundation of America and moderated by ABC News correspondent Cokie Roberts. A panel of experts will discuss bereavement issues. To make reservations for the free event, call Madonna University, (313) 432-5716 or (313) 432-5474.

PROSTATE CANCER

Dr. Hans Stricker, M.D., a urologist, will discuss risk factors for prostate cancer along with the latest detection and treatment methods 7-8:30 p.m. at Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane, 19401 Hubbard Drive in Dearborn. Admission is free. To register, call (313) 982-8384.

FOOT SCREENING

A foot screening for diabetics will be sponsored by MedMax, the American Diabetes Association, Patke-Davis, Michigan, the Medical Podiatric Association and Med. It will be 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at MedMax, 35600 Central City Parkway, across from Westland Center in Westland. There is no charge. For information, call (313) 458-7100.

LARYNGECTOMY

A Laryngectomy Support Group, for those who have had or are going to have surgical removal of their vocal cords, will meet 2 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster in Garden City. Family members and friends are welcome. There is no charge. For information, call (313) 458-3381.

BREATHER'S CLUB

A support group for those with respiratory problems and their families will meet 7:30 p.m. at Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building, 6245 Inkster in Garden City. The meeting will be in Classroom No. 2. For information, call (313) 458-3481.

APRIL 16-17

WOMEN'S HEALTH

Dr. Michael A. Roth, M.D., a specialist in menopause and women's weight management, will offer a seminar 7:30 p.m. at the DoubleTree Inn, across from Twelve Oaks in Novi. Topics will include menopause, osteoporosis and weight management to attain a healthier lifestyle. If interested in attending, call (810) 347-6100 for information.

BLOOD DRIVE

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster in Garden City. To make an appointment, call (313) 458-4330. Walk-ins are welcome in the afternoon.

APRIL 16, 23

CHILDBIRTH REFRESHER

A two-session class will meet April 16 and 23 at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster, for couples who have already had a birth experience. The course provides a review of the stages of the birth process along with exercises, breathing and relaxation techniques. To register, call (313) 458-4330.

THURS, APRIL 17

NO BROKEN BONES

A program on injury and death due to falls and prevention of in-home falls will be held 2-3 p.m. at Henry Ford Medical Center-Livonia, 29200 Schoolcraft.

Admission is free. Strengthening exercises to tone up muscles and improve balance will be taught. To register, call (313) 523-1704.

VEGETARIANS

A program on vegetarian eating will be held 10-11:30 a.m. at Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane, 19401 Hubbard Drive in Dearborn. Admission is free. To register, call (313) 982-8384.

APRIL 17, 24, MAY 1

TRANSFORMING STRESS

A program on "Transforming Stress Into Energy" will be held 7-8:30 p.m. at Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane, 19401 Hubbard Drive in Dearborn. Price is \$60. To register, call (313) 982-8384.

SAT, APRIL 19

SPINA BIFIDA

A Spina Bifida meeting will be 9 a.m. to noon at MedMax, 35600 Central City Parkway, across from Westland Center in Westland. This will be a support group meeting at which new members are welcome. There is no charge. For information, call (313) 458-7100.

MON, APRIL 21

CPR CLASS

Oakwood Healthcare System Community-Focused Health Promotion Network will sponsor a CPR class 6-9:30 p.m. at Oakwood Healthcare Center-Westland, 2345 Merriman in Westland. Price is \$12 and registration is required by calling 1-800-543-WELL. Participants will receive certificates upon completion.

MESSAGE

"Massage for Better Health" will

be offered at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia. Professional demonstrations will be followed by hands-on practice. Price is \$32. To register, call (313) 462-4448.

APRIL 21-23

DIABETES EDUCATION

A five-week series to help people live with diabetes will begin April 21, 22 and 23 at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster in Garden City.

The class is certified by the Michigan Department of Public Health and will cover hypoglycemia, hyperglycemia, foot care, meal planning and glucose monitoring. Physician referral is required for participation in the Diabetes Education series. To register, call (313) 458-4330.



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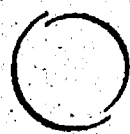
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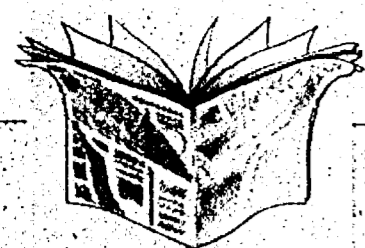
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Realtors offer home selling advice

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The Realtors put out a pamphlet explaining what they do and also outlining what you can do to get your home ready for sale.

The pamphlet lists nine advantages offered by going with a Realtor.

1. A Realtor knows the current real estate market and can help you set a realistic competitive price. A Realtor is also familiar with the local home loan market and can help you decide on financing that's best to expedite your sale.

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7. A Realtor maintains objectivity in responding to possible criticisms by the buyer and in presenting offers and counter offers until an agreement is reached.

8. A Realtor knows how to help the buyer meet local financing require-



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Sign up: Realtors John Delaney, Chris McDonald, Sherry Mifsud, Rich Halmekangas and Sandy Doner have ideas on how to make your house sell.

ments and go about obtaining a mortgage loan.

9. A Realtor can familiarize you with closing procedures by explaining them in advance. A Realtor usually attends the closing with you.

The pamphlet offers good advice on how to prepare your home for sale.

Here are some things you can do, according to the Realtors:

■ A fresh coat of paint for home, garage and even fences may be the one improvement that creates the most positive first impression.

■ Trim lawns and clear debris.

■ Seal gutters and clean downspouts.

■ Tidy the front entrance and polish the brass doors.

■ Clean storms and screens and

put out a new doormat.

■ Paint inside walls.

■ Tend to the little things - oil squeaking doors, tighten loose cabinet knobs, take out removable stains, replace damaged floor tiles.

■ All windows, doors and drawers should open and close easily. Fasten loose tread plates, clean soiled carpeting.

■ The kitchen is one place in the home that buyers look at closely. Tighten leaky faucets, repair or replace faulty wall switches, outlets, light fixtures and any appliances that will "go with the home."

■ The bathroom also gets close scrutiny, too. Keep it spotless. Tiles scrubbed and grouted, faucets polished, toiletries and medicines in

their chest. Laundry items in closed hamper.

■ Clean windows and clear, uncluttered closets and basement contribute to a more attractive home.

■ Clear out accumulated items from closets, cabinets and under counters - also from the garage. Consider holding a garage sale prior to showing your home.

■ Make your home as light, airy and spacious as possible. Draw back drapes. Turn on a few extra lights.

■ Keep pets out of the way. Soft background music can contribute to a relaxed mood, but a loud TV, like pets, will tend to be distracting.

■ Fresh bread or cookies baking in the oven help create a homey atmosphere.

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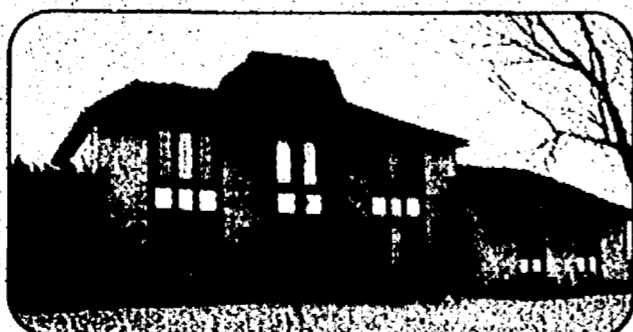
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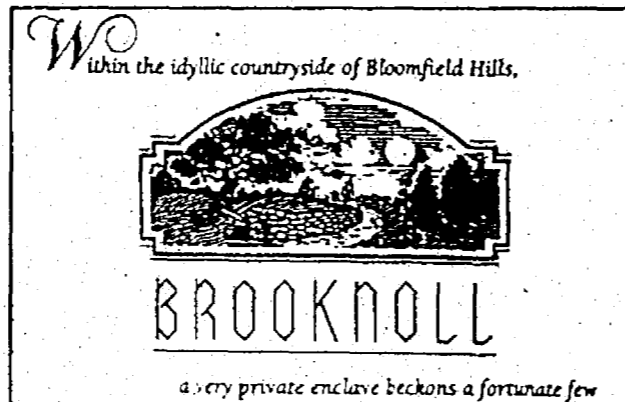
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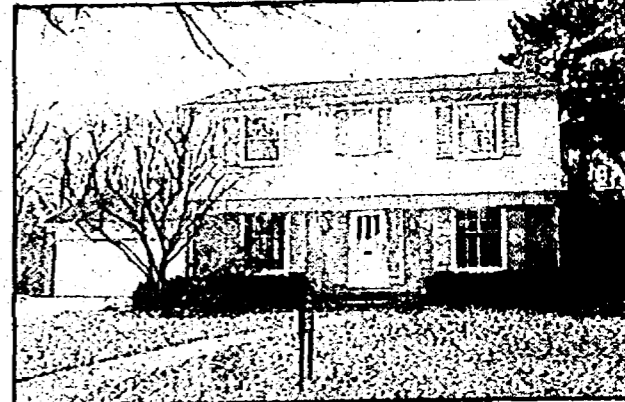
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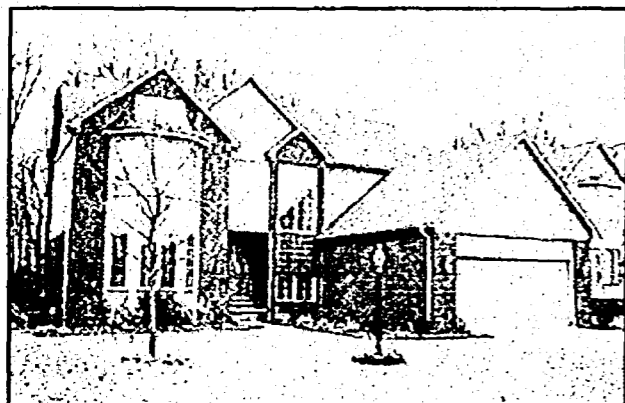
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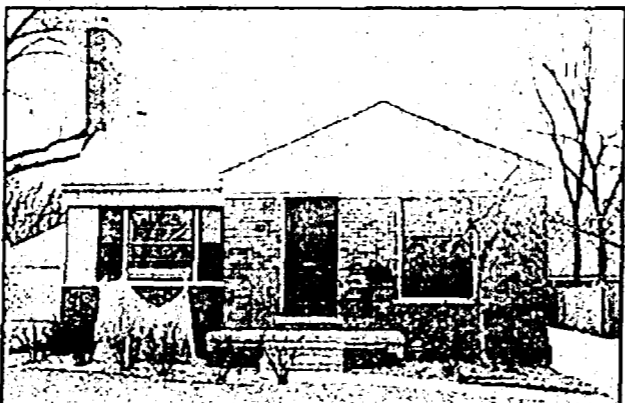
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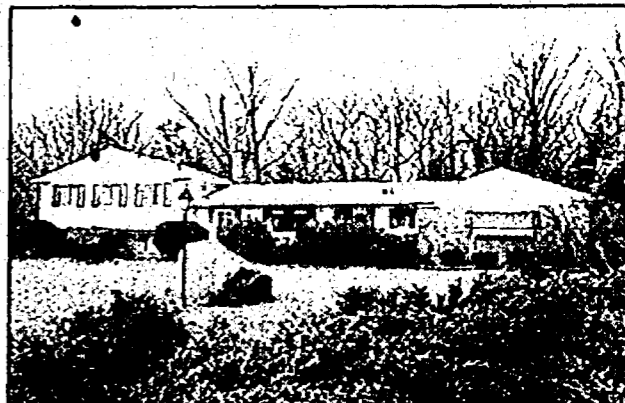
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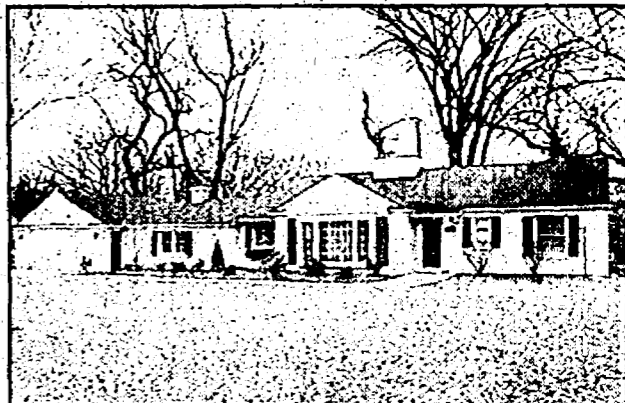
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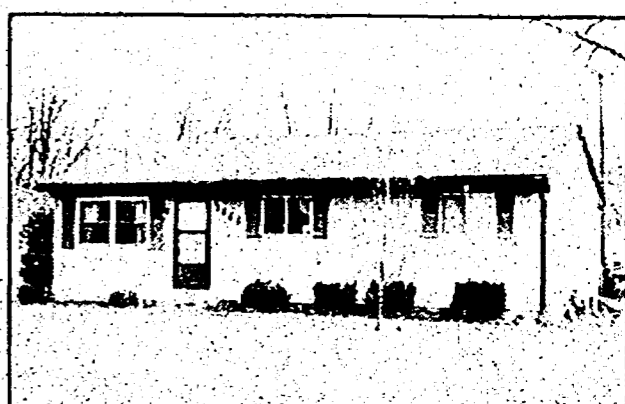
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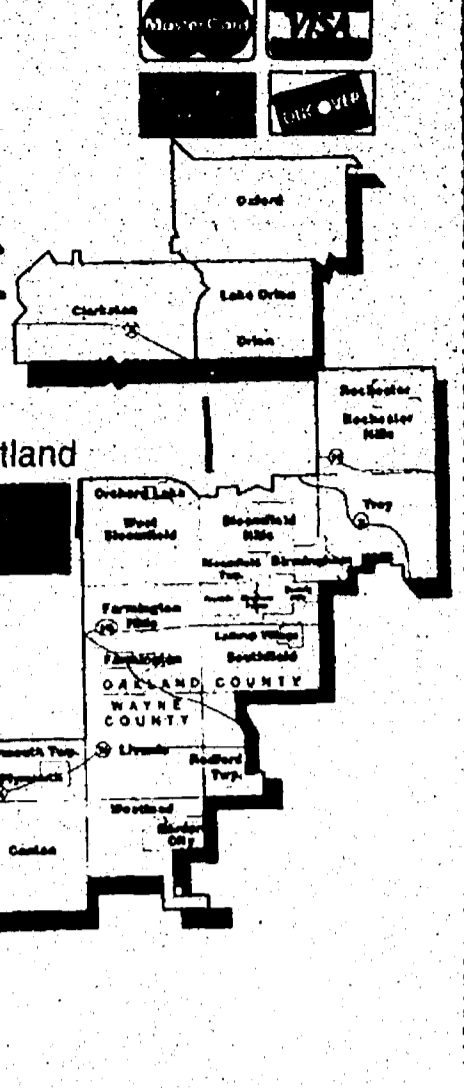
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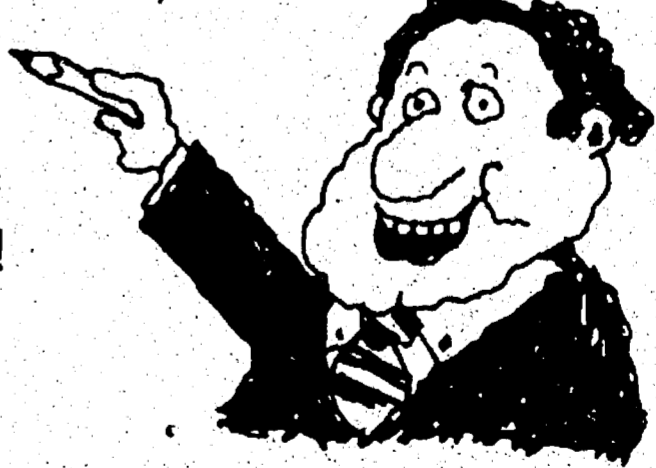
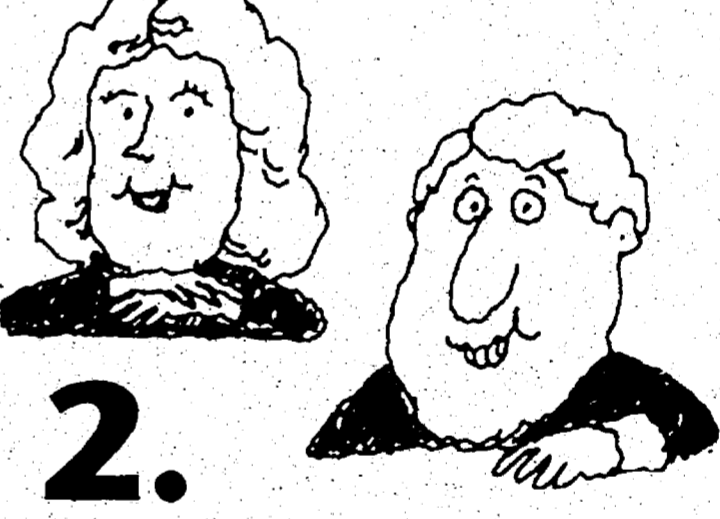
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Managers: It takes more to stay marketable

By Sheryl Silver Career Source

It's common knowledge that middle managers were hit hard during the last recession. Perhaps not as well known is the fact that middle management jobs have continued to be cut since the end of the recession. A recent survey by the New York based American Management Association (AMA) found that three middle management jobs are still being eliminated for every similar job being created.

Eric R. Greenberg, director of management studies for the American Management Association, believes managers can decrease their vulnerability to such cuts by acquiring in-depth expertise in more than one discipline. "The multi-skilled, multi-specialist manager will have the greatest security and marketability in the future," says Greenberg. "A human resource manager, for instance, who really knows about information technology, or a finance manager who also really knows about human resources-the more you know about the functions outside your current job, the better."

Howard Reitkopp, president of Management Recruiters International (MRI) of McLean, Va., also believes specialized expertise in at least one discipline is essential for managers seeking to remain marketable. "Companies don't just want someone who's a manager," says Reitkopp. "They want people with specialized skills in a particular discipline as well as management skills. No longer can managers stop rolling up their sleeves and staying abreast of the latest trends in their technical discipline. You have to continue learning, continue working at the 'bench level' in your field to remain marketable. You have to stay technically competent as well as managerially competent."

Reitkopp says information technology expertise can also increase a manager's value both to a current employer and the

marketplace at large. When cuts are made, says Reitkopp, "I see companies getting rid of dead wood and hiring more technology oriented managers."

If all this sounds as if companies are looking for more from managers than ever before, that's true, says Reitkopp and Greenberg. They're also looking for a different style of management. "Managers have traditionally been those who approved or disapproved of employees' actions in advance," says Greenberg. With the new trend toward flattening corporate hierarchies and empowering employees at all levels to make decisions, that management approach is no longer appropriate, says Greenberg.

"Instead, a manager's job today is to outline objectives and outcomes, then go to work for their subordinates to find out what resources they need-technological or other-to accomplish those objectives," explains Greenberg. "That's very different than the traditional authoritarian role."

Technology has contributed to major change in the role and skills required for management too, adds Greenberg. At one

time, he says, "a manager's job could be described as gathering, analyzing and disbursing information to employees. Arguably, desktop computers are now able to gather, analyze, and disburse that information more quickly and cost efficiently" (than managers). That, says Greenberg, is just one of several factors that will continue to place pressure on middle managers to redefine their roles and make themselves valuable to their organizations.

Reitkopp is enthusiastic about managers' ability to cope with the challenges facing them. Nonetheless, he admits staying abreast of the changes takes time and effort. "There's no coasting, no plateauing," he says. "You have to be the best at whatever you're doing. And you have to invest in yourself. You have to stay current. Self-education is critical. If you're not keeping up with the changes in your field, you're falling behind."

It's important, says Reitkopp, to make yourself valuable to your organization by being an innovator and problem solver. "Find ways to improve the company's bottom line in some way," he advises.

Greenberg agrees and offers another suggestion for managers seeking to make themselves more valuable, and therefore, less dispensable. "Find out which area of the company is growing and attach yourself to it by making your function or department a support to that area," he advises. "The key is not necessarily applying for another job in that growth area, but finding out how to make your role valuable to that department."

Equally important, says Reitkopp, is taking the initiative when it comes to making sure your skills are up-to-date. As an example, he says, "If your company isn't on the Web yet, immerse yourself. Learn about what can be done. Find out what your company's competitors are doing and become the catalyst for getting your department or company up to speed. Be proactive about making yourself valuable," he advises.

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WORKING LIFE: How to Avoid Job-Hunting Foul-Ups

By Deborah L. Jacobs

My mailbox has recently brought a flurry of typical job-hunting questions. Here are some answers, with tips about how to find-and keep-the job you want.

Q. I resigned from my position as a legal secretary to take a similar, but better-paying job. To my dismay, I was dismissed after just one week of work. My supervisor said it was because I didn't complete assignments quickly enough, and turned them in with too many errors. But I was having trouble getting used to the new company's equipment. Do I have grounds to sue?

Kay Taylor, New York, N.Y.

A. In New York, and most other states, a company can usually fire you for any reason, provided it doesn't break a contract or a law (like those prohibiting discrimination based on race or sex). Unless you have a written job agreement, you unfortunately have no legal recourse.

Cruel as it sounds, your boss may have done you a favor by pinpointing weaknesses in your work. While you look for another spot, try improving the basic skills you need. Sharpening these abilities (typing, spelling, and proofreading, for instance) will prepare you for the next place.

When you do start a job, don't try to wing it with office equipment you've never used before. If a company doesn't offer any formal training, you can always say something

like, "I've been working with Windows '95. While I'm not familiar with your computer system, I'm a quick study. Is there someone who could show me the basics, and field occasional questions until I get up to speed?" That will help keep the boss' expectations realistic as you grow accustomed to your new workplace.

Q. I was taught that the basic colors for interviews were blue, black, gray, and maybe tan. I've seen some women come to interviews in red fishnet stockings and high heels and some young men wear jeans and sneakers. Does what you wear to an interview depend on the position you're applying for?

Tracy William Heyward, Bronx, N.Y.

A: Yes. Generally speaking, the guidelines you cite still apply for men. For women, there's much more latitude about both color and style (but fishnets aren't a good idea). Still, the deciding factor for either sex is what people wear at the company you're applying to (though I'd never advise anyone to show up in jeans and sneakers). When in doubt, err on the side of being a little more conservative and dressed up than the person you're planning to meet.

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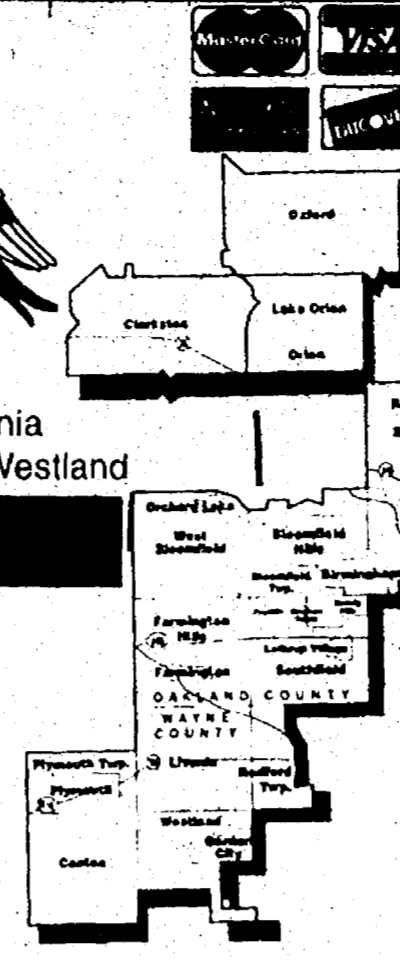
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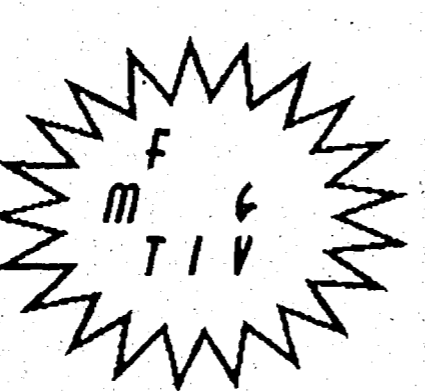
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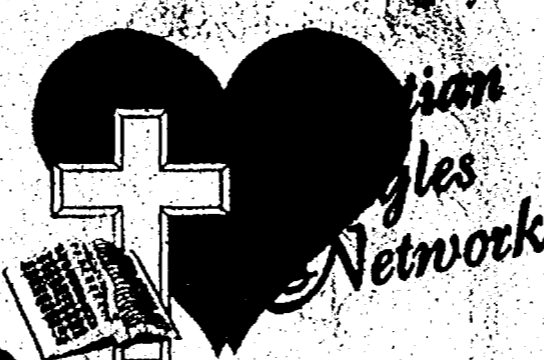
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W102
• Steinhauer - Between Henry Ruff and Merriman
• West side of Henry Ruff - Between Hively and Steinhauer
• Eastside of Merriman - Between Steinhauer and Fernwood

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W106
• Glen - Between Wayne and Christine
• Fairchild - Between Wayne and Christine

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GMC Jimmy looks good, feels right

CAReport



By Anne Fracassa
Avanti NewsFeatures
My 5-year-old, Francesca, was so happy when I brought home the 1997 GMC Jimmy that she actually jumped up and down.

For the first time in a very, very long time, she was able to sit right up front with me, seeing out the front wind-

shield, rather than being relegated to her usual back seat.

You see, the Jimmy is one of the few vehicles on the road today without dual air bags. And nobody — under any circumstances — should place a child under 12 in the front seat of a car or truck equipped with dual air bags.

This is your last chance to buy a Jimmy without the passenger's-side air bag — next year, it becomes law and Jimmy will be outfitted with one.

But for a week, I had one happy camper up there with me. She even asked her dad to sit in the back seat one day so she could have another chance up front. I also had a week of fielding 1,000 questions about all the instrumentation and what, exactly, each button and knob did.

Tested this week was a "cherry red" Jimmy 4-wheel drive 4-door outfitted with the Vortec 4300 V6 engine that outputs 190 horsepower. It also had a 4-speed automatic transmission with overdrive and a very comfy leather interior.

Never got a chance to take it off the street and test the 4-wheel-drive capabilities, but I'll tell you one thing: This Jimmy is a lot of fun to drive.

Although not much has changed on the Jimmy's exterior — it's still smart-looking, solid and pounces on the road aggressively — there are several changes worth mentioning.

There's a "Gold Edition" Jimmy this year that's available in emerald green, white, black and cherry red on the outside. You can now get a power sunroof on the Jimmy, there's a redesigned keyless entry control fob and the liftgate now has



The Jimmy is perfect transportation for any family on the go, the businessman who takes clients out to lunch or dinner or the single guy or gal that wants a versatile vehicle to ride around town in. It's good lookin', good feelin', good clean fun.

a liftglass rear access on the 4-door models.

Also new is the optional HomeLink 3-channel transmitter and trip computer. The system allows you to open up to three remote-controlled devices (like a garage door, estate gate and security lighting). The trip computer gives you a digital readout of your fuel economy, range, fuel used, elapsed time outside temperature and compass.

The optional uplevel AM/FM stereo/CD player has speed-sensitive volume controls and the console and floor shift is new. The Jimmy also can be bought in a snappy 2-door model. Besides that, there's also a 5-speed manual transmission, available (2-door models only), and the Jimmy can be ordered as a 2-, 4- or all-wheel drive model.

The Jimmy is low enough to the ground (just 7.5 inches) not to give you a whole lot of problems getting into and out of with ease. Even my 3-year-old, Becca, got in on her own without any help.

But you know what? This Jimmy, when it roars to life, acts more like a passenger car than a truck. It's got a solid stance on the road — like a truck — but it's so comfortable, like a car. Handling characteristics are a lot like a car as well. You

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don't feel like you're in a truck. The rear cargo area is more than enough room for a good trip to the hardware store. The rear seats also fold down flat, allowing you to take advantage of even more cargo room — 74.1 cubic inches, to be exact. The 4-door has seating for six, but that's stretching it a bit.

The standard equipment list is about a mile long: Daytime running lights, all-season blackwall tires, steel wheels with trim rings, underbody-mounted spare tire, power steering, power brakes, smooth ride suspension package, deep tint solar glass, floor carpeting with mats, front reclining bucket seats, intermittent wipers and gravel anti-chip protection.

All the right safety equipment is there for your protection, including driver's-side air bag, steel side door beams, daytime running lamps, 4-wheel anti-lock brakes and an energy-absorbing steering column.

The Jimmy tested had about \$5,000 worth of options on top of the list price of \$24,362. For the additional \$5,000 you get power windows, power door locks, dual power exterior mirrors, tilt wheel and speed control, roof-mounted luggage carrier, a luxury ride suspension package, AM/FM stereo with CD player and clock, power sunroof, a heavy-duty trailering equipment package and leather seats. The test truck's price topped out at \$29,931.

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It's good lookin', good feelin', good clean fun.

Anne Fracassa is senior editor of Avanti NewsFeatures.

1997 GMC Jimmy Vehicle class: Compact sport utility vehicle. Engine: Vortec 4300 V6. Mileage: 16 city / 21 highway. Where built: Moraine, Ohio, and Linden, N.J. Price: \$24,362.

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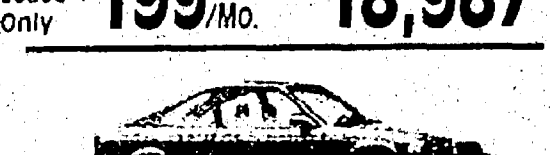
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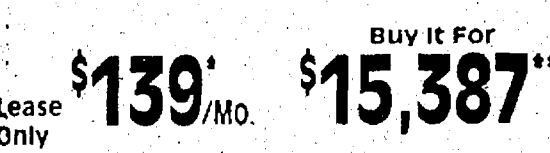
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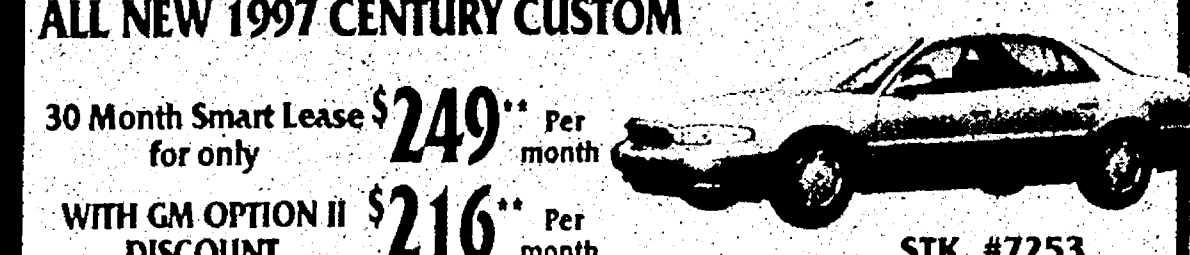
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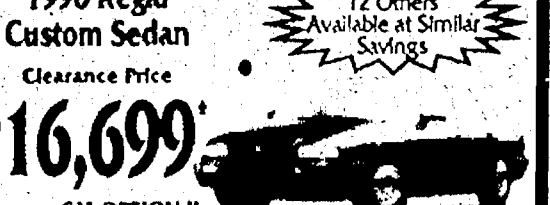
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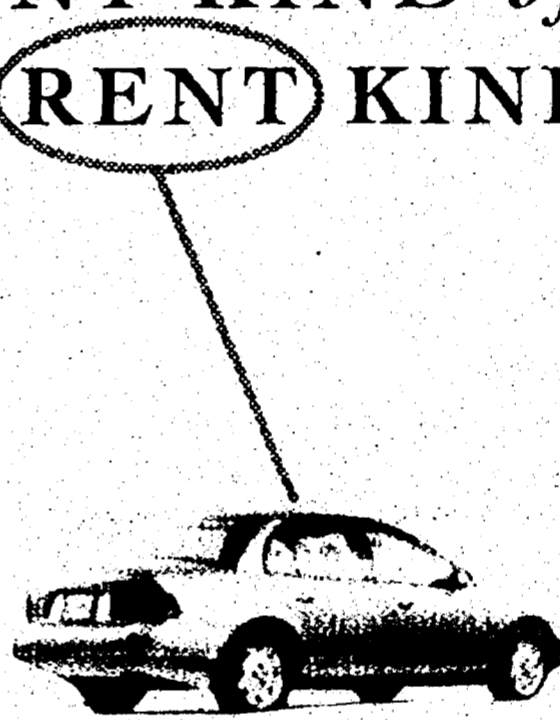
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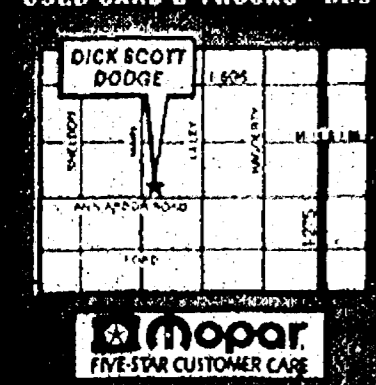
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