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THE WEEK AHEAD

ALL WEEK

Books and more: The Westland library and Hudson's Westland will celebrate National Children's Book Week Nov. 14-20. Events include the play "The Emerald City of Oz" 7 p.m. Monday; Phil Kaput, "The Rhythm Man," 7 p.m. Tuesday; Craft Day Wednesday afternoon; and a Book Quiz all week. Registration is required for some events; call (734) 326-6123.

MONDAY

City Hall: The Westland City Council will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in council chambers of City Hall, on Ford near Carlson.

SATURDAY

Santa's coming: Santa Claus will arrive at 11 a.m. Saturday by horse and carriage outside Entrance 6 of Westland Center, just east of J.C. Penney. Santa and Westley Holiday Bear will visit with kids and hand out candy canes. Photos will be available for purchase.

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Church fixes homes, hearts

■ Families are finding good deals on nice three-bedroom homes in a Westland neighborhood that is being spruced up with help from a local church.

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A Westland church's crusade to revive a deteriorating southeast-side neighborhood is helping families like Darrell Stewart's find new, affordable housing.

A nonprofit arm of Peoples Community Missionary Baptist Church has sold three new homes and started construction on two others in Carver subdivision, southeast of Middlebelt and Annapolis roads.

Stewart and his girlfriend, Shawna, moved into a three-bedroom, stick-built house on Annapolis in late October, one month after their baby, Brianna, was born.

Stewart found a mortgage company and is buying the \$79,000 house that was built and sold by Peoples Community Hope For Homes - the church group that will use the money to spur other Carver revitalization efforts.

"This is the style of house we wanted," Stewart said.

Until the couple found their nearly 1,300-square-foot home, Stewart and his girlfriend had become frustrated by price tags between \$130,000 and \$210,000.

"Now we're paying \$485 a month, and we had been paying \$505 a month for a one-bedroom apartment in Taylor," Stewart said. "It was real small. I like the space that we have now."

Their new home also is close to Metro airport, where they both work. "It's four minutes down the road," Stewart said.

Peoples Community Hope For



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

A new home: Darrell Stewart, 24, holds little daughter Brianna inside the three-bedroom house he is buying through a program sponsored by Peoples Community Missionary Baptist Church.

Homes, initiated in 1997 by the Rev. John Hearn, has begun to make a tangible difference in Carver subdivision.

Up to 12

As many as 12 new homes could be occupied - and on the city's tax rolls - by next year, Hope For Homes Executive Director Sam Brown said.

Consider: ■ Stewart has bought a house on Annapolis, and two other families have moved into new homes on Richard Street.

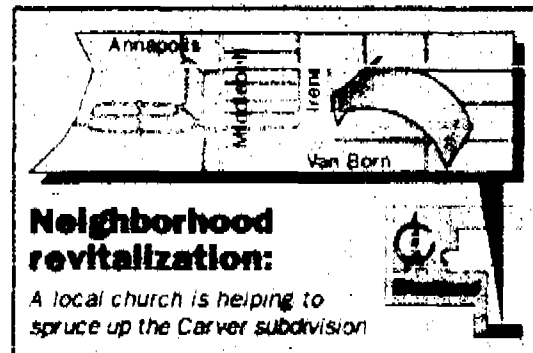
■ Two other new houses, under construction on Annapolis near Irene, could be ready for the market as early as March.

■ Another house near Annapolis and Irene is pegged for construction next spring.

■ A dilapidated house on Middlebelt between Eton and Richard has been demolished to make room for a new home next spring.

■ A run-down house on Powers is pegged to be demolished, and replaced.

■ Hope For Homes has acquired



Neighborhood revitalization:

A local church is helping to spruce up the Carver subdivision

land that will be used to build four more houses on Annapolis.

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■ 'I feel that the church is at its best when it is outside of the walls that you're doing your work.'

Rev. John Hearn
—retiring pastor
of Peoples
Community
Baptist Church



Pastor's gifts reach beyond community

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A Westland pastor who fights poverty in Haiti as faithfully as he battles neighborhood blight near his church is retiring.

After 42 years, the Rev. John Hearn is leaving his pastoral post at Peoples Community Missionary Baptist Church on Annapolis, on the city's southeast side.

"He has been the father of the church - the first pastor and the only pastor," church member and office manager Frances Jones said. "He has nurtured it like his own baby, his

own family." Hearn plans to remain involved in the church, which has 300 active members, but he is ready to relinquish his duties to his son, pastor-elect Gerry Hearn on Nov. 28.

"Unless something changes, I'm just as happy as I can be," Hearn, 69, said Thursday inside his church office.

Hearn, an Inkster resident, has carried out his duties by following a simple but deep-felt philosophy: "I feel that the church is at its best when it is outside of the walls that you're

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Livonia district sorts out millage priorities

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A new textbook or a new sink? When it comes to spending money, the Livonia Public Schools does not want to choose between instruction and maintenance, said Superintendent Ken Watson during an interview Thursday regarding three proposed millage votes April 10.

The millages are: ■ The renewal of .75 mills on home and private property, which generates \$1.9 million a year, and the renewal of 18 mills on business property, which generates \$29 million a year.

■ The renewal of a sinking fund tax of 1 mill on all property, which generates \$4 million a year. By law, this money must be used exclusively for renovation and repair.

■ A 25-year, \$35 million bond issue for the expansion and renovation of gymnasiums and athletic facilities for the three high schools and four middle schools. It would cost taxpayers .4 mill a year for 25 years.

District officials have asked the board to set the election date at the Nov. 29 meeting. They have requested the board to formalize the ballot language - setting the actual amount of

the bond issue - by mid January. "We're working through a two- or three-month process," said Watson.

He offered further explanation of the millage votes. The 18 mills is factored by the state into the district's foundation grant and, while mandated by state law, it must be authorized by voters.

The .75 mill on homes represents a

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Disability doesn't mean life can't be rewarding

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Angela Long's bosses never worry that she's shirking her job duties.

Even when she talks to customers at the Kroger store on Ford Road in Westland, Angela keeps bagging groceries.

"Some of my other employees can't seem to figure out how to do that," assistant store manager Ed Mogielski said.

Angela's mother, Linda Long, said her 17-year-old daughter has always felt she had more to prove than most people because she has Down syndrome.

"I'm trying to get the word out in the community that these kids can make it, and they can become productive,

tax-paying citizens of the community," Landa Long said.

Angela, a John Glenn High sophomore, got a temporary, grant-funded job at Kroger last summer after she received help from Dan Burtka, who heads her school's special education programs.

She did such a good job that she got hired for a part-time job, and she now works about 20 hours a week. She makes \$5.70 an hour.

"I bag the groceries and bring the carts in from outside and sweep the store," Angela said. "My favorite part is bagging because I don't like going out side that much."

She often sees neighbors, friends and relatives while she's working, and she

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Worker: Angela Long bags groceries at Kroger on Ford in Westland. The John Glenn student has Down syndrome.

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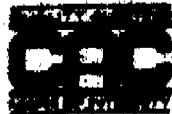
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reduction of 4 mill over the last time voters authorized the millage in 1995.

The question is, he said, "Should we use the .4 reduction and convert it to a .4 bond that would generate \$35 million to remodel and expand our gymnasiums?"

Repairs needed

The \$4 million sinking fund maintains, rather than adds anything to, buildings, Watson said.

"Our newest high school, Churchill, is 30 years old. Our newest middle school, Holmes, also is over 30 years old. Our other middle schools are approaching 40 years old. We have doubled the number of sports, and we have shifted our physical education program from team sports to physical fitness."

Watson doesn't want to compromise these programs. "Our health and physical education programs are the highest ranked

programs in the state by the Governor's Council of Physical Education and Fitness."

At a board study meeting Monday, school board President Ken Timmons asked administrators how they decided how much money was needed.

"We went to our buildings and all our leaders in the various departments," said Dave Watson, director of operations, "and said, 'What do you think this is going to cost?'...even these exceeded funds from a 1 mill increase and then we'd have to prioritize from there."

The district has a 15-year history of setting aside money and legally earmarking it for repair and maintenance, said Superintendent Watson. It is spending \$4 million, from money saved over a six-year period, to build restrooms and locker rooms to accommodate sports teams that play outside.

"It didn't cost the taxpayer any additional money," he said.

Also, after receiving money from the Durant settlement, the district refunded money back to taxpayers for the demolition of half of the Bentley Center and renovation of two high school pools.

Possible problems

The district wants to secure the April 10 date in case the millage does not pass, and a June back-up date is needed. The 1 mill yearly tax, used the last five years for renovations and remodeling, expires Jan. 1.

"If we do not get it authorized, we'll miss the summer tax collection," Watson said.

Watson is concerned voters will perceive the proposed \$35 million gymnasium bond as redundant in light of the city's plans to build a \$27.2 million recreation center.

On Sept. 14, voters approved the city's \$35 recreational package, which includes new soccer fields and a new ice surface by a

narrow margin: 7,315 to 6,517. The owner of a home valued at \$135,000 can expect to pay about \$54 more a year in taxes.

"For us, there's no duplication," Watson said. The city's center is for Parks and Recreation use; the gymnasiums are for school sports and physical education programs.

There is no other way to renovate and expand the gymnasiums than to ask for a bond, said Watson. "If we could do it a little bit of a time over 10 or 20 years, it would defeat the purpose." Interest rates and construction cost rise, he added.

As for the 1 mill sinking fund for renovation and repair, Watson wants the board to remain in the position of not having to choose between "purchasing a new textbook or a new sink." "Pay as you go and save the community the interest on a bond."

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has made new friends who ask about her if she's not at Kroger when they come in to shop.

"She'll come home talking about seeing somebody that she knows," Linda Long said.

Angela is busy outside of work, too. She maintains good grades and serves on Glenn's student council, Students Against Driving Drunk group and a school bowling league. Her favorite subject is science.

"She's been able to keep her grades up while she's working, which is great," her mother said.

"And she's a good worker." Angela has saved \$1,500 - money that she is plans to use for her college education. She wants to study computers.

"Her job is helping her to learn about responsibility and being on time," Linda Long said.

Angela conceded that she likes it when her superiors notice the

job she's doing.

"I like the comments I get from the managers," she said.

Mogielski had nothing but praise for Angela, who works three to four days a week.

"It's hard to find dependable people, and Angela is always here," he said. "You don't have to go looking to see where she is. You won't find her hiding somewhere. She's always on her job."

CLARIFICATION

Westland City Councilman David Cox's full-time job was listed incorrectly by the Westland Observer in coverage of the Nov. 2 council election. His official title is assistant to the mayor of Romulus.

Cyclist loses leg

A 38-year-old Garden City man involved in a Nov. 7 accident in Westland has lost his right leg, a police sergeant said.

John Suveg's leg had to be amputated by doctors after a car hit his 1999 Harley-Davidson at Newburgh and Avondale, Sgt. Peter Brokas said.

"He lost his leg below the knee," Brokas said. "But we're confident that he's going to survive."

Suveg was hit at 1:58 p.m. Nov. 7 by a 1990 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Richard Kobe II of Westland.

Suveg was flown to University of Michigan Medical Center.

The accident occurred as Kobe tried to turn northbound onto

Newburgh from eastbound Avondale, Brokas has said.

Kobe apparently didn't see Suveg because the motorcycle was hidden from view by a van that was turning east on Avondale from southbound Newburgh, Brokas said.

Kobe pulled out because the van had its right turn signal on - and didn't see that motorcycle that was continuing south on Newburgh, Brokas said.

Suveg was thrown from the motorcycle. Kobe was not injured.

Police on Friday had not yet issued a ticket, although Brokas said one is likely.

Alcohol was not suspected as a factor in the accident.



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The houses are 1,200 to 1,300 square feet in size and are selling for \$75,000 to \$90,000, Brown said.

Potential homeowners may qualify for as much as \$5,000 in assistance for a down payment and closing costs, but their earnings must meet certain guidelines before they are eligible to buy one of the houses.

A family of three, for example, has a \$43,000 cap on income, a family of six, \$55,450.

The church-led group had \$650,000 in federal dollars to start its revitalization plan; and money from the sale of new houses is used to spur other growth.

Property values

The plan will not only generate new city tax revenues; it also

will boost property values for longtime Carver subdivision residents, said James Gilbert, Westland housing/community development director.

"Property values will go up for everybody," he said. "They're going to see tremendous increases in their property values."

Carver revitalization efforts, Gilbert said, will be complemented by three other development plans:

■ Galaxy Builders plans to build 143 single-family homes on 30 acres on the north side of Van Born Road between Middlebelt and Henry Ruff.

■ A new fire station - Westland's fifth - is expected to be built next year on the southeast corner of Annapolis and Irene. The building also would house a part-time community police officer.



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HANLEY

■ The city has hired a company to install infrastructure for a new street, Currier, on the south

end of Carver subdivision where developer Daryl Williams plans to build 32 houses.

The infrastructure work has started, and City Attorney Angelo Plakas said Williams' attorney has been given a preliminary development agreement to review.

While touring Carver subdivision, a few boarded-up houses can still be seen, but the long-term goal of Hope For Homes is to rid the neighborhood of blight.

"We would like to have all of the abandoned houses back on the tax rolls," Brown said. "And we'd like to have new families living on all of the vacant, buildable sites."

■ 'Property values will go up for everybody. They're going to see tremendous increases in their property values.'

James Gilbert
—housing/community development director



New housing: Two new houses (top) are being built on Annapolis near Irene as the nonprofit Peoples Community Hope For Homes continues its effort to revitalize Carver subdivision. Above, the organization's executive director, Sam Brown, explains the layout of one of the houses. At left, work crews continue a separate Carver subdivision project to install infrastructure on what will be Currier Street. Developer Daryl Williams plans to build 32 new houses along Currier, a development that city leaders say will complement the Hope For Homes' revitalization effort.



From afar: The Rev. John Hearn has many items in his office from his travels to places like Haiti, Africa and Germany. Hearn is retiring from his pastoral duties after leading Peoples Community Missionary Baptist Church for 42 years.

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doing your work."

His leadership proves it. For 16 years, Peoples Community Baptist Church has run a mission to help people in poverty-stricken Haiti. Hearn spent last week there.

Called the Caring and Sharing Mission, it also includes a school and an orphanage.

"Haiti is one of the poorest countries in the western hemisphere," Hearn said. "The word that we use to describe poverty here in the United States can't even be used to describe the poverty there."

Hearn also helped to initiate his church's nonprofit Peoples Community Hope For Homes, which is spurring new housing in the long stagnant Carver subdivision southeast of Middlebelt and Annapolis.

He wants to help local residents find better, affordable housing and to preserve the neighborhood's history.

Hearn said a good pastor can't just care about his congregation on Sundays.

"You've got to be concerned about the total person," he said.

That means providing food and clothing to the needy, performing weddings, visiting people in hospitals and taking late night phone calls when someone has lost a family member.

Hearn goes to them.

"If they think enough to call you, then you know that is your cue to go," he said.

Born in Arkansas, Hearn moved to Inkster when he was 14, partly to attend better schools. His church also now has a school.

He hadn't intended on becoming a pastor.

"I thought I'd probably be a businessman," he said. "But I wanted to broaden my knowledge, so I enrolled in the Detroit Bible College."

All these years later, he plans to remain active in his church and its efforts to improve the community. Plans are taking shape for building a 75-unit senior citizen complex behind the church.

Hearn said that would mean his church would serve all ages, from schoolchildren to senior citizens. That's what he means by helping the total person.

Jones attributed Hearn's accomplishments to "a lot of self-sacrifice" and said he serves as "a shining example" for other churchgoers.

Hearn summed up his feelings about his long pastoral career in three words: "I'm humbly grateful."

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Program sparks interest in learning about science

Learning about science can be a lot of fun. Students at Madison Elementary agree, especially following Friday's S.P.A.R.K. Day at school. S.P.A.R.K. stands for Science Plus Activities Reaching Kids. The day was planned by a committee of parents, staff and students. "We all get fired up about it," said Mary Goedert, Madison principal. "It's just wonderful." The program, for kindergarten through fifth grade, gets many parents to volunteer at the school, she said. Hands-on science workshops were the order of the day, with presenters representing such walks of life as a chemist, computer programmer, forester, veterinarian and others. Activities at Madison Friday included "Birds of Prey," "K-9 Corps," "Photography," "Little Creatures," "Rain Forests of the World," "Astronomy," "Kidney Stones and Animal Bones," "Slime, Gummy Worms and Super Sponges," "First Aid for Little People" and "Water, Water Everywhere." "It's going really well," Goedert said Friday morning of S.P.A.R.K. Day, the fourth annual

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event. It included new presenters and returnees, and nearly all who were scheduled made it Friday. Rocketry was one subject being explored outside the school building, she said. Students were moving around the building, learning about different subjects. "They're happy today. The kids are really happy." She and others like for students to see that science is real and impacts everyday life. The day could spark interest in a new hobby or a career, said Goedert, mentioning an Air Force representative teaching photography. "Not only that, it's a lot of fun." It reinforces what teachers teach, gives new ideas/resources to staff and benefits parents and presenters, too, the principal said, saying it's beneficial to the school community.



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Check this out: During S.P.A.R.K. Day at Madison Elementary last Friday, Kayla Mickel, a fourth-grader, tries out a microscope.

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Team effort: Terri Jo Kadlec get some chemistry help from Susan Thomas during the school event. This is the fourth year the program has been held at Madison.

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Reptile: Daniel Briere shows students an albino python during S.P.A.R.K. Day at Madison Elementary School.

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Metroparks bow hunts called a success

BY MIKE MALOTT
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Bowhunters "culled" 37 deer from Stoney Creek Metropark near Rochester Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 5-7, in the first of a series of hunts aimed at reducing the size of the herd in three Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority parks.

Dave Moilanen, chief of interpretative services and public relations for the metroparks, rated it a success. There were no accidents. Hunters behaved professionally. Protesters both for and against the hunt exchanged words but not blows at the park entrance. Some two miles from the area, protesters did not disrupt the hunt.

Only a few helicopters overhead imposed. The HCMA is still trying to identify one of the

choppers, Moilanen said. If found, its owner could be charged under Michigan's hunter harassment law, which makes it illegal to disturb game in an attempt to disrupt a legally conducted hunt.

Some of the outdoorsmen complained one television chopper came in too low to get footage. The station won't be cited, Moilanen said, although its reporters are being asked to stay farther away from the area.

That's the report Moilanen gave to the HCMA board in a meeting Thursday, Nov. 11, in its administrative offices in Kensington Metropark. The board got its first chance to review the hunt at that time.

It also means the HCMA's plans are on track, Moilanen said, both to remove a total of 175 deer from Stoney Creek by

■ The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority believes the ideal density for the deer population is 20 to 25 per square mile, but a count last year showed densities in Kensington as high as 117 per square mile.

the end of three more weekends of hunting by mid-December, and for future culling at the Hudson Mills park near Ann Arbor and Kensington Metropark in Milford.

The most seriously over-populated park, Kensington is scheduled for a night hunt, over bait piles, conducted by professional sharpshooters sometime in mid-January. The Kensington herd needs to be thinned by some 200 to 250 deer, Moilanen explained, although he said he doubts that many will be taken this year.

The HCMA believes the ideal density for the deer population is 20 to 25 per square mile, but a count last year showed densities in Kensington as high as 117 per square mile. Already, park naturalists believe they have lost some 23 species of plants due to deer grazing and that smaller animals are being pressured out of the park. There have been unconfirmed reports of deer deaths due to starvation in past years.

Moilanen denied accusations from anti-hunt activists that

culling at the parks is a back-door attempt to open HCMA lands to sportsmen.

Protesters Noreen Owens and Judy Brock issued a press release just prior to the Stoney Creek hunt, pointing out that the Hunting and Fishing Task Force of Michigan, a panel appointed by Gov. John Engler, has recommended that parks in southeast Michigan be opened to deer hunting. Although HCMA parks were not mentioned, the recommendations called for the opening of "urban parks" to hunting.

Moilanen said there is no connection between the HCMA and the task force. Nor are there plans to continue hunting in the parks. He said the culling is strictly a "management tool" intended to regulate the size of the deer herds.

Professor awarded scholarship

Stanley Ngeyi, chairman and professor of physical and applied science at Madonna University, was awarded a \$10,000 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship to teach science at the University of Buea in Cameroon, Africa.

Ngeyi will take a sabbatical from Madonna during either the winter 2000 or 2001 term to teach thermodynamics and quantum chemistry in Cameroon. He also plans to visit area high schools.

This is the third consecutive year that a Madonna University faculty member has received the award.

CWW: New juvenile program needs county commission action

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Western Wayne County officials are wondering when county commissioners are going to act on a contract sent to them to establish a new juvenile justice program or whether state money will be jeopardized by any delay.

Under the new juvenile justice program, Wayne County would contract with Growth Works in Plymouth as one of five care management organizations to oversee programs to help juvenile delinquents. Dale Yagiela, executive director of Growth Works, met with Jeriel Heard, director of Wayne County's Department of Community Justice, in October and finalized an agreement with county officials. Those officials sent a contract to Commission Chairman Ricardo Solomon for commission approval.

Wayne County expects to use these care management organizations to help juvenile delinquents with drug or alcohol problems obtain general equivalency degrees or job training.

On Friday, representatives of the Conference of Western Wayne, a legislative consortium of the leaders of 18 communities, asked Kay Beard, vice chair of the Wayne County Commission, about the status of the contract. The CWW is a consortium of elected officials from the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren.

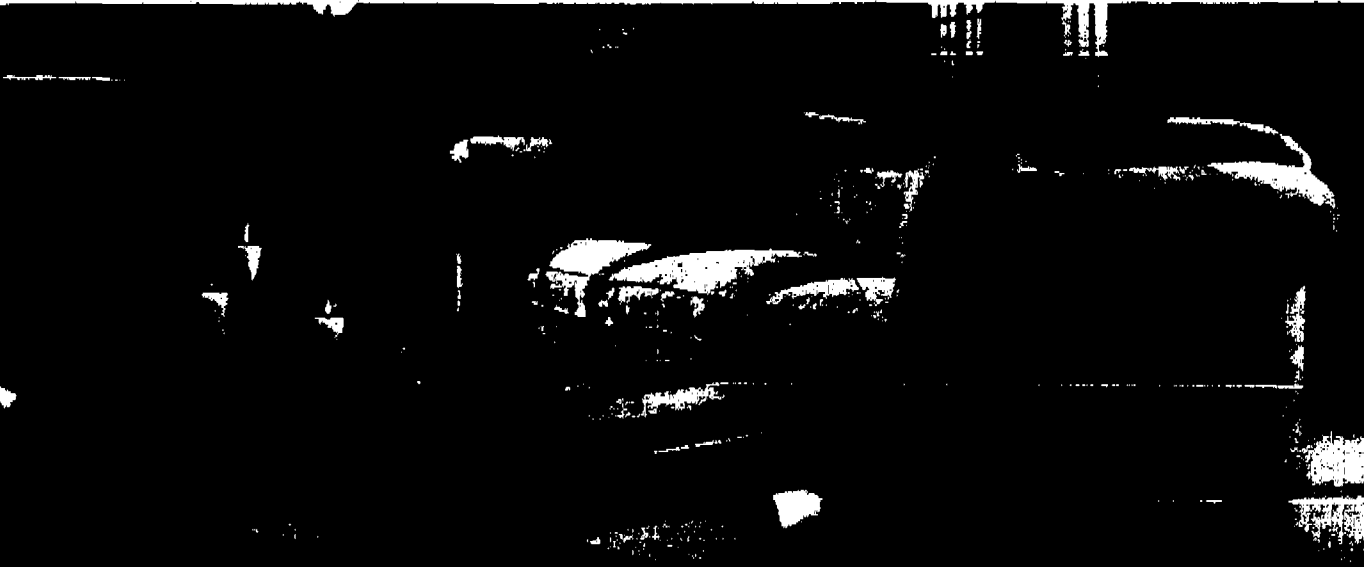
Wayne County was supposed to take over juvenile delinquency programs from the state's Family Independence Agency on Oct. 1 and the state was sup-

posed to split with Wayne County the costs of the program. County officials believed the state grant was at least \$20 million short of covering the costs of the program, so when it became apparent that the money would fall short, the county decided to use child care funds to start the program.

Beard said the contract had not been studied by the commission yet, and she could not give a definite answer on when it would be studied. "It's a tremendous amount of money involved with the contracts, and they will really have to be looked at," Beard said.

CWW officials, who have worked since May with Yagiela to set up the program, weren't pleased that the commission hasn't acted on the proposal. CWW chair and Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey said any further delay would be "extremely disappointing."

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'Think Ford First' focused message at Franklin High

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
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Fingerprints were everywhere — on the hood, doors, windshield, trunk and dashboard. Anywhere on the new, shiny black Ford Focus they could touch, the automotive and marketing students at Franklin High School in Livonia touched.

And touched, and touched and... The team of top Ford executives who had come to Franklin to introduce the Focus to a younger, hipper generation,

didn't care. They wanted the students to get up close and personal with an automobile named Europe's Car of the Year 1998.

"We're not on a sales mission. We're on a fact-finding mission," said J. Mays, vice president of design.

So the big wheels stood back, hands in suit pockets, and listened.

"It's pretty roomy," said Brian Zelek, 14, of Livonia. "But the engine is kind of compacted — hard to work on."

Scott Witte, 14, of Livonia agreed the engine was compact-

ed but said mechanics were well-trained nowadays.

Witte liked the Focus. "Inside is very nice. Lots of space. You can have big people and little people sitting in the car. The trunk space is good. You can put lots of hockey equipment in it."

However, Don Rinke, a big, beefy sophomore, said seating capacity was a bit snug. "Too small. You could fit four guys, but it wouldn't be comfortable. Just not enough comfortableness for the rear people."

Ernie Clinton, a freshman, agreed. "We're really some big guys."

Rinke eyeballed the Focus once again and added: "Two-liter, four-cylinders... not enough horsepower. But the radio is good. They hit the bull's eye on it."

Senior Khalil Chahine gave the Focus positive reviews. "Actually, I like the whole style of it. It's a nice-looking car. I think Ford is looking at the right age group to buy it. It's like an upgraded Escort."

Philip Calleja, a freshman, also liked the Focus, but with a few reservations. "I kind of like the style of it. It's kind of a girly car. It's feminine. Needs more chrome on the wheels. Do you know if those hubcaps are standard? The engine is OK."



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Wheels: Franklin High School students were able to check out a new Ford Focus. Inside the vehicle, junior Kat Borowski (left) and sophomore Brandon Chappell check out the dash, as well as the radio.

Senior Brandy Wallace sat in the front seat a long time. "I like it a lot. I want one. I like how it looks. It has a lot of room for your friends. I like the way the radio looks, like something from the future."

Does Wallace believe the Focus will be a good seller? "Yes, especially for the teenage girl. It's cute."

Automotive instructor Steve Huth was impressed with the entourage from Ford. "It was a

nice opportunity for the students to see a new automobile."

Huth laughed when he saw the half dozen executives wiping the fingerprints off the Focus before they brought it outside for display. "That's about three-quarters of a million dollars wiping down that car."

Cindy DeMan, a marketing teacher, said the Ford visit gave her students an opportunity to learn about the concept of focus groups in marketing. "It's all

happening right here."

Outside of the school, Ross Roberts, president of Ford Investment Enterprises and vice president of Ford Motor Co., was handing out key chains. He was impressed by the students' questions about safety issues and crash tests.

He also was a bit intimidated. "They know more about what's under the hood than I do. I just hope it works."

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HAROLD A. SLACK

Services for Harold Slack, 71, of Westland were Nov. 10 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at Oakland Hills Memorial Park in Novi. Officiating was the Rev. George Turner.

Mr. Slack was born Aug. 29, 1928, in Michigan and died Nov. 7 in Westland. He was an operating engineer for a construction company. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Canton.

Surviving are his wife, Myrtle; sons, Brian (Pam) Morrow of Westland and Howard (Carol) Morrow of Pinckney; daughters, Sharon (Frank) Lipke of Westland, Kathy Slack of Texas, Dawn Slack of Bronson, Mich., Dale (Larry) Morrow of Fowlerville, Mich., Kelly (Scott) Underwood of Coldwater, Mich., and Janette (Robert) Groundis

of Alpena, Mich.; two brothers; two sisters; 19 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

GLORIA R. SHIRLEY

Services for Gloria Shirley, 74, of Westland were Nov. 8 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was Brother O. L. Holloway.

Mrs. Shirley was born Sept. 27, 1925, and died Nov. 5 in Livonia. She was a homemaker.

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Mrs. Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, Fred.

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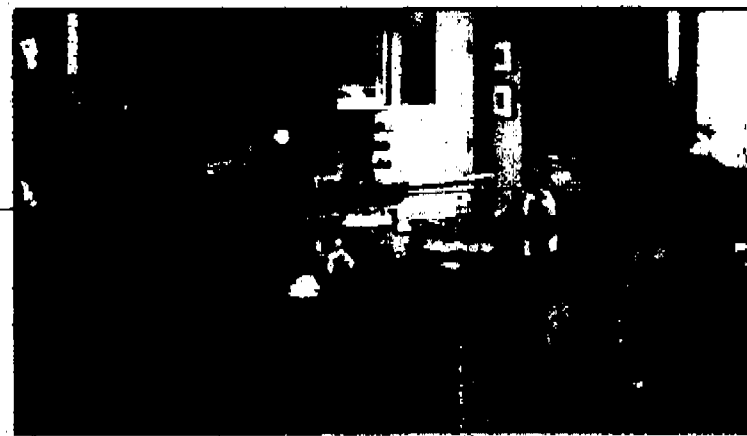
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Plymouth firm's workers help North Carolina flood victims

(PRNewswire) - When Hurricane Floyd caused massive flooding in eastern North Carolina last month, roads, airports, bridges, phone lines and power plants shut down.

But the "human spirit" didn't, and at Simpson Industries' Greenville plant, a group of people pulled together and solved a manufacturing challenge that threatened to shut down production lines in locations across North America.

At Simpson headquarters in Plymouth, 47603 Halyard Drive, the call immediately went out company-wide for contingency workers.

Part of a plan put in place in 1997 to ensure that Simpson deliveries would not be interrupted, the voluntary staffing plan recruited 35 people - including salaried, "front office" staff and hourly workers - from Simpson plants.

Several people from the Plymouth operation agreed to help.

Those going to North Carolina from the Plymouth operation (for anywhere from two to 10 days) included Marie Eicher (Litchfield), Joe DeVerna (Plymouth), Dick Hardin (Westland), Steve Zimmerman (Canton Township), Jerry Harkiewicz (Jackson), Rob

Hewitt (Plymouth), Dick Leonard (Wayne), Sarah Prosser (Canton), Nancy Johnson (Dearborn), Rick Noetzel (Canton), Eric Swanson (Lansing), Matt Mattson (Garden City), John Rembisz (Howell) and Bob Rehley (Canton).

Jim Strahley, vice president for human resources at Simpson in Plymouth, said the workers traveled by bus down south and were put up in local hotels.

The firm's employees collected about \$18,000 to help Simpson workers in Greenville who were flooded out of their homes.

Simpson Industries manufactures engine products and chassis components found on most cars and trucks. Among the firm's customers is GM's Delphi Automotive plant in Ohio.

Simpson executives found the company's Greenville facility surrounded by floodwaters in the days following Hurricane Floyd.

Bridges were closed, highways barricaded, and the airport was under water. The governor declared a state of emergency. But worst of all, devastated residential areas meant that plant employees were in serious trouble too.

"We had 18 people who lost everything," says Mike McCall,

plant manager of the Greenville plant, "and many others who were evacuated and couldn't get back to their homes. For me the worst part was just trying to find out about our people."

Management had closed the Simpson plant the night before the storm hit and made advance shipments to Simpson's customers to cover for the shut-down. But when rivers reached 500-year levels after the storm, flooding cut the region in half and threatened to halt production shipments indefinitely.

The machinery at the Simpson plant was unharmed by the hurricane, and floodwaters did not get inside. Instead, the flooding surrounded the plant, isolating it from roads and employees.

Highways were closed for miles around and all but one bridge in Greenville was impassable. The Greenville airport was 12 feet under water. Employees were stranded at inland shelters far from home.

Additional assistance to North Carolina employees came from Cummins Engine, Mack Truck, and several suppliers who sent a flow of cash, food, clothing and other goods to help.

"What impresses me the most," says Roy Parrott, chair-

man of Simpson Industries, "is the commitment on the part of our people. Despite their own horrific conditions, they were concerned for each other and came in to get the plant running."

Rusty Dennis, a machine operator and 12-year employee, said: "My family is living in an RV now. We were evacuated three times in all... Simpson met most of our financial needs. They told me to take all the time off that I needed. They brought us food and water. And everyone keeps asking, 'What can I do? When can I help you work on your house? Do you need any money?' From the office to the floor, people have just stepped right in."

Simpson Industries supplies powertrain and chassis products to original equipment manufacturers in the automotive and medium and heavy duty diesel engine markets.

Revenues were almost \$500 million in 1998. The firm has been profitable since it went public in 1972.

Information about Simpson is available on the Internet at <http://www.simpsonind.com>

-Staff writer Doug Johnson contributed to this report

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Drive continues for Vietnam monument

DETROIT, Nov. 9 (PRNewswire) - The Michigan Vietnam Monument Commission (VMC) today announced the status of its "Path of Life" campaign. The Commission, to date, has raised approximately \$2 million and is entering the last phase of fund-raising required before construction can begin on the Michigan Vietnam Monument in Lansing.

"We're well within reach of our goal and this is an exciting

time," said Brigadier General John Kulhavi, chairman of the VMC. "We've done an outstanding job raising money given the fact that we're still without a major corporate sponsor," Kulhavi continued.

Michigan Vietnam Monument Commission (VMC) has expanded the campaign to include Michigan veterans of all wars who have honorably served their state and country.

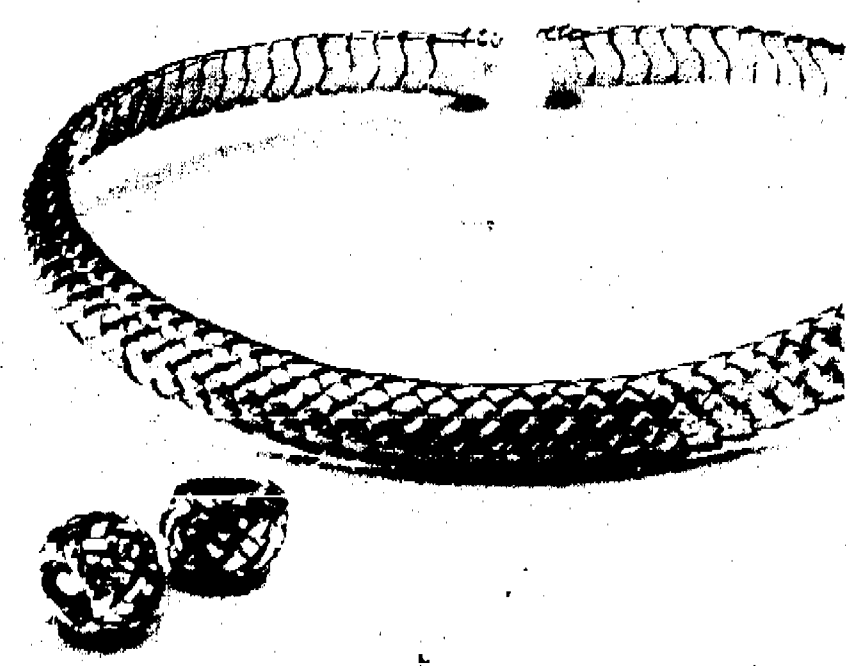
The decision to expand the

campaign stemmed from the recent move to cancel plans for the proposed All Veterans Park in the state capital. The original intent of the "Path of Life" campaign was to honor Michigan's Vietnam Veterans.

Commemorative star pins are available for \$26.49. Personalized, engraved bricks are still available in single size (\$100) and double size (\$150). Duplicate bricks can be ordered for half the cost of the actual brick

that will be placed along the side of the Michigan Vietnam Monument (the "Path of Life").

"These bricks are a great way to commemorate those who have sacrificed their lives for our freedom," concluded Kulhavi. The money raised from the brick campaign will go towards building the Michigan Vietnam Monument, which is scheduled to be completed by Veterans Day 2000.



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Bethel boots Madonna

Andres Rodriguez scored a pair of goals Wednesday, leading host Bethel College (Ind.) to a 3-1 NALA region semifinal men's soccer victory over Madonna University.

Bethel (19-3) advanced to Saturday's region final, while Madonna finished the year 15-7-1.

Rodriguez opened the scoring 24:03 into the first half on an assist from Javier Lopez.

But Madonna's Matt Buzewski (Livonia Churchill) tied it at 39:40 on a pass from Charlie Bell to Keith Barber.

Lopez then scored on a penalty kick with 1:36 left until halftime to make it 2-1.

Rodriguez put it away on a header from Pablo Gutierrez 39 seconds into the second half.

Bethel had 13 shots on goal to Madonna's five.

Dave Hart was in goal for the Crusaders, while Lee Duracz was in the nets for Bethel.

Lady Crusaders roll

Chris Dietrich hit nine of 11 free throws on her way to a game-high 23 points, lifting the Madonna University women's basketball team to a season-opening 81-58 victory Thursday at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Kathy Paganis and Kristi Fiorenzi (Plymouth Canton) each added 14 points for the Lady Crusaders, who opened up a 42-33 halftime lead with late 13-4 run.

Jennifer Jacek also hit double figures for the Lady Crusaders with 11 points.

Fiorenzi also grabbed a team-high six rebounds, while teammates Michelle Miela and Carissa Gizicki each dished out five assists.

The Lady Crusaders were deadly from the free throw line, hitting 24 of 27 for 88.9 percent.

Michelle Season scored 19 points in a losing cause for UM-Dearborn.

Collegiate note

Kalamazoo College sophomore defender **Stacey Nastase** (Livonia Stevenson), who helped the Lady Hornets' soccer team to a 16-3 overall record, was recently named All-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Conference for the second straight year.

Nastase finished with three goals and one assist, while holding MIAA opponents to only three goals in eight games.

Kalamazoo, a 2-1 regional semifinal victim to Wheaton (Ill.) on Nov. 5, finished No. 19 in the NCAA Division III rankings. They also finished 8-0 in the MIAA, along with a total of 11 shutouts on the year.

Youth soccer champions

The Wayne-Westland Mustangs, an under-10½ boys and girls soccer team, defeated the Livonia Chargers, 3-1, clinched the Ontario Division of the Great Lakes Soccer League with a 6-2-1 fall record.

Jim Gramm scored a first-half goal, while Mike Ianni notched a pair of second-half goals. Goalkeeper Mark Mullett held the Chargers scoreless in the second half.

Other members of the Mustangs, coached by Don Mullett and Paul Albright, include Ryan Albright, Ronnie Battles, Kaitly Coleman, Robert McNally, Christopher Miller, Jeremy Proffitt, Jonathan Sanico, Chloe Songaleski and Linzy Vanberkel.

The team manager is Beth Gramm.

Prospects Tournament

Compuware Arena will be the site of the 1999 USA Hockey Top Prospects Tournament (formerly the King of the Hill Tournament) Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

The North American Hockey League, the United States Hockey League and the America West Hockey League will send 17-man teams to compete.

A fourth team will consist of other players from all three leagues and some U.S. National Team Development Program players.

The round-robin schedule will begin with the USHL stars taking on the combined all-star team at 11 a.m. Nov. 29.

The NAHL stars will battle the AWHL stars at 9 p.m. Nov. 29.

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Rockets crash land vs. Western

Offense stymied by Walled Lake in 35-0 setback

PREP FOOTBALL

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There was no let-up or letdown by the Walled Lake Western football team Friday night in the Division I-Region II championship game.

The Warriors, coming off a big victory a week earlier against No. 1-ranked and two-time defending state champion Redford Catholic Central, didn't miss a beat by putting a 35-0 hurt on visiting Westland John Glenn.

"Western is a great football team," Glenn coach Chuck Gordon said. "They have a lot of speed. There's nothing else to say than they're just damn good."

The Warriors, now 12-0 overall, racked up 350 yards in total offense while holding Glenn to 128 net yards.

"They bring a lot of pressure and you don't have a lot of time to do stuff," said Gordon, whose team bowed out a 9-3 overall. "We had too many mistakes and turnovers. You can't do that against a great defense with that kind of speed."

The Warriors' defense pretty much put the brakes on Glenn with the exception of senior tailback Eric Jones, who was able to finish with 151 yards on 29 carries.

The Rockets were stymied in the air, connecting only two of 11 passes for minus-2 yards as quarterback Brian Cechiewicz was under constant duress. The freshman signal caller was picked off twice by safety Lorenzo Parker.

Parker's interception and return to the Glenn 10 with 5:33 left in the opening quarter set up Western's first score, a 10-yard touchdown run by 6-foot, 210-pound fullback Cody Cargill.

That came after Glenn dodged two bullets in the opening quarter when Dan Fedulchak blocked an Alan Mukhtar 26-yard field goal attempt followed by a 50-yard miss by Mukhtar.

Western scored again with 10:35 left in the second period on quarterback Chris Payton's 26-yard TD pass to Cargill.

Cargill accounted for 105 yards rushing on 13 attempts, while Payton passed for 124 yards (eight of 15) with another 40 yards on the ground.

Western fumbled twice in the second period (both recoveries made by linebacker Jake Tharp), but Glenn could not capitalize despite 101 yards



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER

Marked man: Westland John Glenn tailback Eric Jones (with ball) is tackled by Walled Lake Western's Mike Pisha during Friday's Division I-Region II championship playoff game. Jones finished with 151 yards in 29 carries, but it wasn't enough in a 35-0 loss to the Warriors.

on 12 carries by Jones.

"He looks like he's getting tired and the next thing you know he's 40 yards downfield," Western coach Mike Zdebski said of Jones. "We were calling him Jim Brown all week. He used to do that, too. He's a dynamite back. We were lucky to have someone in the right place to trip him up."

In the second quarter, the Rockets were intercepted again, and had two

field goal tries by Jeremy Catarino go awry.

Defensive end James King blocked Catarino's 35-yard attempt, while a high snap threw off Catarino's 37-yard effort with just seven seconds left in the half.

Glenn stopped Western on its initial series of the third quarter, but the Rockets failed on a fourth-and-3 at the Western 39 when Jones was tackled for

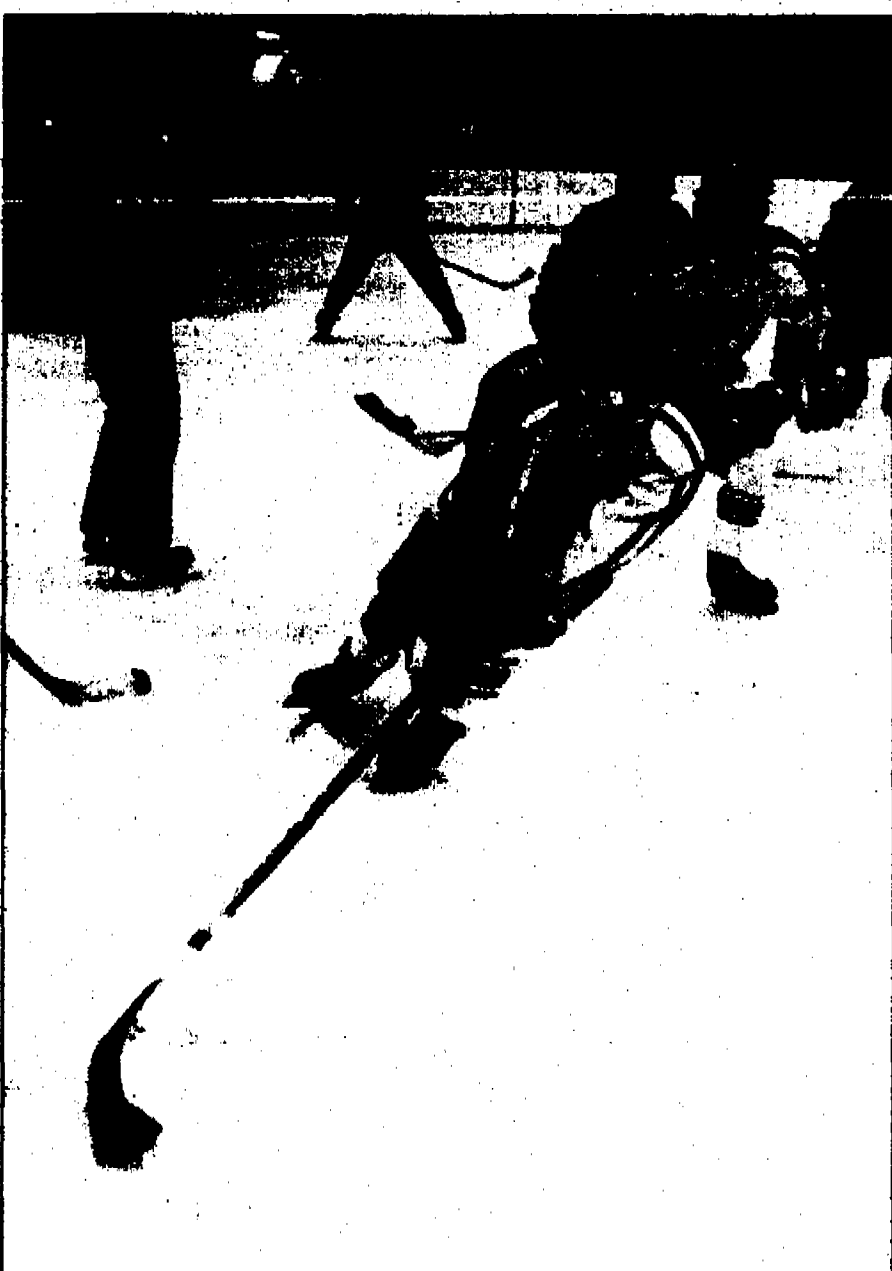
a 6-yard loss by Robert Pisha.

Meanwhile, Western moved ahead 21-0 with 4:11 left in the third quarter when Payton hit Justin Barrett for 24 yards and Parker for 20 more yards, setting up Cargill's third of four TDs, a 1-yard run.

With Glenn's defense tired and demoralized, Western tacked two more

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Realignment puts Livonia in WLAA



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL GRAMMA

Patriot returns: Trevor Skocen is back this season for Franklin, a team expected to be much improved.

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Out with the Suburban High School Hockey League and in with the Western Lakes Activities Association hockey.

The new league will feature nine schools with a 16-game schedule. Each WLAA team will play home and away with an overall champion and divisional champions determined.

Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Northville, Walled Lake Western and first-year varsity program Plymouth Canton will comprise the five-team Western Division.

The Lakes Division will include four schools: Livonia Stevenson, newcomer Plymouth Salem, Farmington United and Walled Lake Central.

"Now that it's shaken out, we'll have some outstanding rivalries and everybody in our league will be involved in good competition just like they have in the other sports," said Stevenson sixth-year coach Mike Harris, whose team captured last year's SHSAA title. "I expect Salem and Canton to have competitive teams because they have enough students to draw from."

"And Fred Feiler (Salem's coach) and the Canton coach (Dan Abraham) who comes from Allen Park are both outstanding coaches."

What are the prospects for the three Livonia schools?

Stevenson, 19-3 2-4 year ago, lost 11 seniors

PREP HOCKEY PREVIEW

but returns first-team All-Area forward Mark Nebus, who had 19 goals and 26 assists as a junior.

"I don't want to put pressure on any one player, but we expect Mark to score," Harris said.

The Spartans also return junior Kevin Marlowe in the nets along with back-up Chris McComb, a senior Marlowe finished 10-3 with a 1.62 goals against average.

The defense is anchored by third-year varsity player Alex Piotrowski. Newcomer Mike Majkowski, who played Junior B last year, should also help on the back line.

Two AAA players, junior forward Mark Blazok and Josh Lutzman will give Stevenson some firepower up front to go along with Nebus.

"We have the potential to develop into a balanced offensive team," Harris said. "I feel we have the speed and the physical presence to be a good offensive team in time."

Churchill coach Jeff Hatley, in his eighth season, returns a slew of players from last year's 14-8-4 squad.

But junior goaltender Ryan McBroom, a second-team All-Observer pick and All-State selection with a 2.43 goals-against average, will not be ready for Saturday's season opener at East Kentwood because of a bothersome groin injury.

"We have a lot of questions to be answered," Hatley said. "Our success will hinge upon us playing well on the road."

"I'm not worried about the league standings or scoring race. That's nice talk at the barber shop, but it doesn't win games in the state tournament. We'll use the league/WLAA to develop our hockey team."



Mark Nebus
Stevenson forward



Andrea Parker
Livonia Stevenson



Heidi Frank
North Farmington



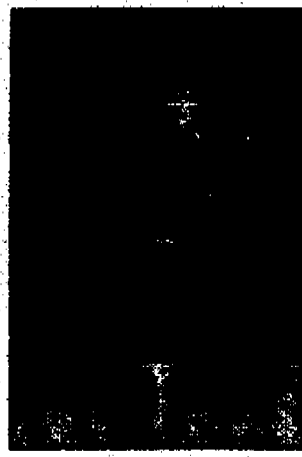
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All-Area harriers earn high marks, praise

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Lutheran High Westland coach Dave Brown knows a good cross country program when he sees one.

That's because Brown has put together one of the state's most consistent Class C programs.

This year, Lutheran Westland finished undefeated in the Metro Conference and captured the Class C regional at Erie-Mason.

His Lady Warriors, without top runner Tess Kuehne (attending a figure skating event), wound up 17th in the state meet.

The 40-year-old Brown, named Observerland Coach of the Year, is a native of Rochester and attended Macomb Lutheran North High School. He also ran for Concordia College in Seward, Neb.

Before coming to Lutheran High Westland in 1995, Brown coached at Detroit Lutheran West High School.

Individually, this year's All-Observer squad has some familiar faces, led by Livonia Stevenson's Andrea Parker, a four-time first-team selection.

Parker and Kuehne are repeat first-team selections along with Farmington Hills Mercy's Sarah Polletta.

Introducing the 1999 All-

Observer girls cross country squad:

Andrea Parker, Sr., Liv. Stevenson: The area's undisputed premier runner over the past two years, Parker enjoyed another banner season capped by an 11th-place finish in the state Class A meet (18:50).

She captured six races this year including the Ann Arbor Pioneer regional and Western Lakes Activities Association (repeat) titles, along with the Shamrock, Center Line, Ypsilanti and Riverview Gabriel Richard Invitational. She also placed second at the Brother Rice Invitational.

Her 13-meet average time in 1999 was 19:26.

She is a four-time All-WLAA, All-Observer, and All-Regional medal winner, along with being a three-time All-State selection.

Parker holds the Stevenson 5,000-meter record with a time of 18:28 (set at the 1998 state meet).

"Andrea completed a four-year career unmatched by any previous Stevenson runner," coach Paul Holmberg said. "She set records for the fastest time and the greatest number of invitational wins."

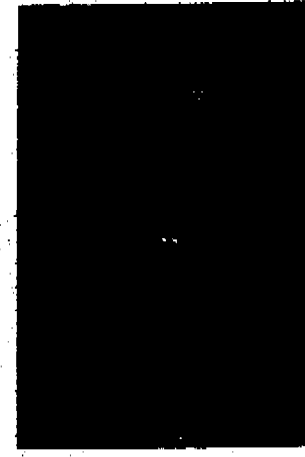
"Andrea never had a bad race. She is the most consistent runner I have ever coached."

Heidi Frank, Sr., N. Farmington: Frank was North's top runner all season and won the individual public-school city championship for the second year in a row.

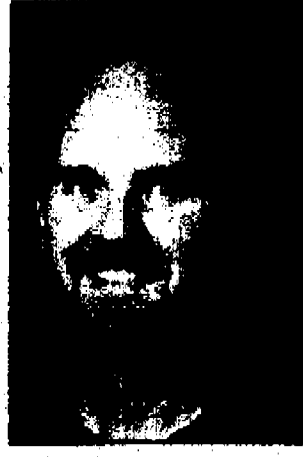
She was first in the Redford Union Invitational, second in the Western



Rachel Jones
Plymouth Salem



Megan Annarino
Farmington High



Dave Brown-Luth. High
Coach of the Year

Lakes championships and third in the Brother Rice and New Boston Huron meets.

Frank also placed seventh in the regional and was the top Farmington female runner at the state meet, finishing in 62nd place. Her best time for this year was 19:49.

Frank ends her career with one of the top-10 times by a North runner on its home course at Oakland Community College and has the third-best time on any course by a North runner.

Coach Bill Pinnell places Frank, who lost only one dual meet and ran over 20 minutes on three occasions, in a category with former North standouts Keegan Keefeover, Becky Naglik, Lisa Rives and Emily Shively.

"Heidi provided leadership throughout the season as a co-captain," North coach Bill Pinnell said. "She was very focused and determined. It was great seeing her hard work, dedication and discipline pay off."

Tess Kuehne, So., Lutheran Westland: Another repeat All-Observer performer, Kuehne won nine of the 10 races she entered this year, winning three invitational (Brother Rice, New Boston Huron and Gabriel Richard).

She was also Class C regional champion at Erie Mason and Metro Conference champ (1998-99), but she missed the state meet to compete in a national figure skating event.

The only race she lost all season was to Karen Leroy of Oxford, the 10th-place finisher overall in Class A, at the Shamrock Invitational (19:53). Her average margin of victory for the eight other races was 30.4 seconds.

Kuehne, who won all three Metro Conference jamborees, also excels in the classroom carrying a 4.0 grade-point average.

"Tess worked hard over the summer

to make herself a better runner and it paid off," coach Dave Brown said. "I would have liked to see her run at the state meet to see where she could have finished."

"But she had a great season overall and she made our team so much better." Sarah Polletta, Jr., Farm. Hills Mercy: Polletta qualified for the state finals for the second straight year, finishing 96th (20:05) out of nearly 300 runners.

She was third in the Catholic League meet (20:00) and fourth in the Operation Friendship meet (20:04); she earned all-league and all-city honors as a result of both performances. Polletta ran her best time of 19:20 at the Center Line Invitational.

"She's a really strong runner; she's very competitive," Mercy coach Gary Servais said. "She learns from race to race and year to year. But I still think there's more ability there."

Valerie Burnisky, So., Farm. Hills Mercy: Burnisky was a first-time qualifier for the Class A finals, finishing 147th (20:27). She was fifth in the Catholic League meet (20:26) and third in the Operation Friendship meet (19:45).

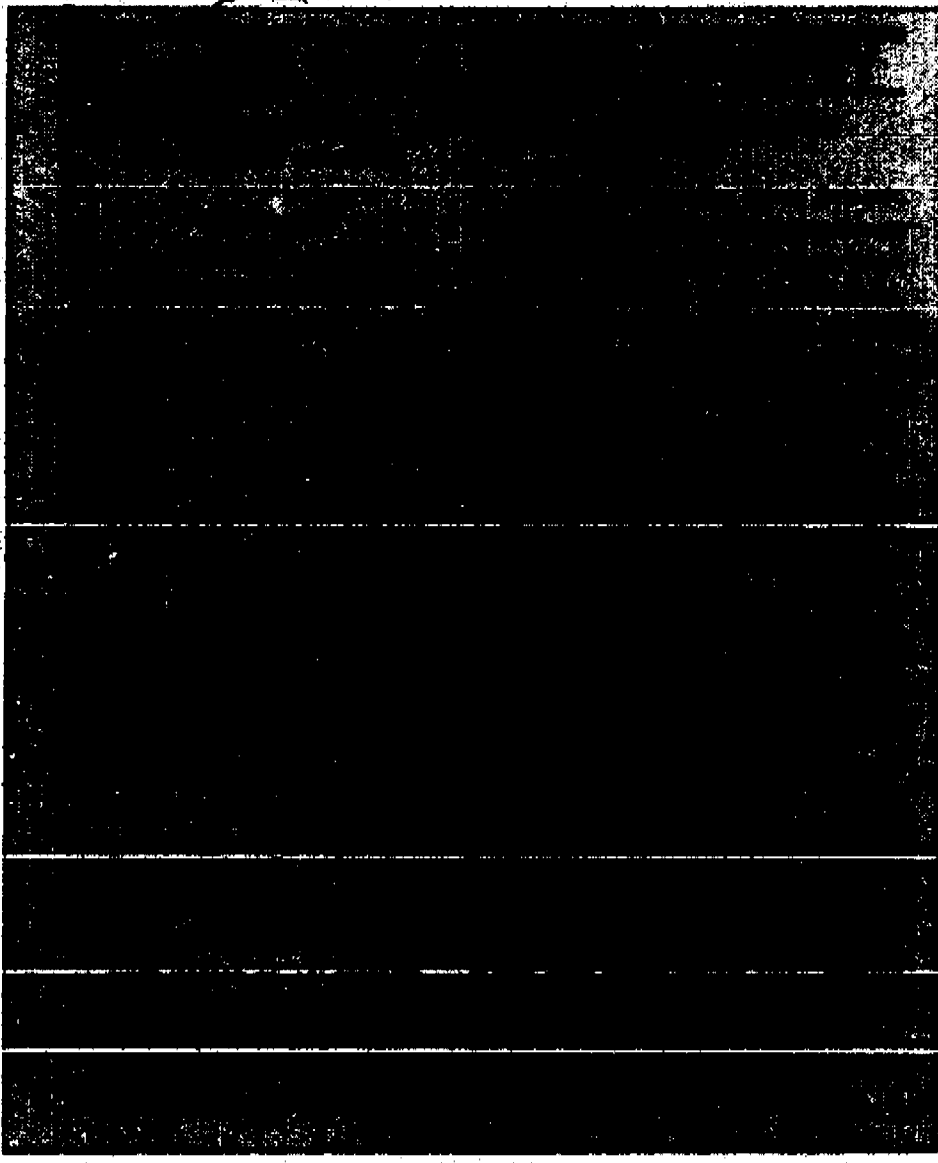
"I don't think she's aware of how good she can be yet," Mercy coach Gary Servais said. "Hopefully, this season made her aware she can be better. I'm expecting bigger and better things from (Burnisky and Polletta) next year."

"Hopefully, they can recruit some of their friends and get more people in there to help them."

Kristin Balla, So., Farmington: Balla's first year of cross country was a success. She was a medal winner in four of five invitational and qualified for the state meet.

Balla earned all-Western Lakes honors, placing eighth (21:06) in the league meet; she was 14th in the regional with

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The contingent fee is a fairly typical fee arrangement between attorney and client by which the lawyer receives a percentage of any money recovered on the client's behalf. Generally, if no money is recovered, the client is not then responsible for any attorney fees. However, the expenses involved in filing the lawsuit, paying for the serving of summonses, and paying a court reporter to take depositions remains the client's responsibility.

The advantage of the contingent fee arrangement to clients is that they can afford to retain an attorney to protect their legal interests when they would not otherwise be able to do so. Contingent fees are commonly used in personal injury cases and allow the attorney to do whatever is necessary to represent a client to obtain the best settlement, judgment, and collection of money available.

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At 99, still bowling strong



Walter Schultz had just bowled a 176 game when I arrived at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth to meet him.

That was a very good score considering he is 99 years young.

As the 69th annual Old Timers Tournament and party is fast approaching, it seemed that this would be an opportune time to find the oldest participant, and sure enough, proprietor Frank Mocerri came through with the entry fee for Schultz.

He will turn 100 on July 30, 2000 and appears to be in great shape for someone so young at heart.

Just to think about this a moment, he was born before the Wright Brothers' first flight, before radio signals were ever sent, before there were mass produced automobiles, and some bowling balls were made of wood.

He was born on a farm near Hadley, near Ortonville and Lapeer. Schultz came to Plymouth where he became a pharmacist for the Dodge Drug Store. He later bought the store and operated it until his retirement in 1968.

Walter bowled during the 1920s, but not a whole lot until after he retired.

He used a 14-pound ball until six years ago and now is bowling with a 10-pounder. He bowls in the Holiday Park Senior League and carries around a 126 average. His highest game was 227 about 10 years ago.

Walter has a lot of friends, but there aren't many around his own age. "The Lord has been good to me and I pray every day that he gives me strength. I know he has taken care of me or I wouldn't have lived this long."

Schultz is a member of the Owls where he enjoys the various activities and field trips.

When he bowls in the Old Timers Tournament, he is likely to take this year's honors as the oldest competitor.

Joe Norris, the legendary one from the 1940s and '50s will be coming here from his San Diego home as he has done every year.

Joe is only 91 now and still going strong. Lou Saad, 96, will also be compete.

Of course, you do not have to be all that old to bowl in the Old Timers, which will be Saturday, Nov. 27 at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park.

The Morning squad bowls at 9:30 a.m. while the second squad is on at 1 p.m. followed by the buffet and party.

Than's when I will be installed as the incoming president of the Old Timers Bow-



Walter Schultz still bowling strong

ing Association of Greater Detroit.

•Tune in to WJR for the Michael Barr bowling reports at 7:33 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday.

If there is a Red Wings hockey game on Thursday, Barr will shift to Friday for that week. He gives the hourly newscast and this is something new for the area bowlers.

Barr has not only the golden voice on radio, he has a golden arm which is talented enough for him to compete in the All-Stars. Michael has always been gracious enough to emcee several bowling events each year, many of them for various local charities.

"They all call him 'Big Bill,' and that is a fitting name for Bill Kandilian, who is a pretty big guy. And lately who has come up with some big, big scores, including a 300 game in the Friday Seniors League at Mayflower Lanes in Redford.

Last year, Kandilian rolled a big 800 series where he is usually among the big shooters of the day in the Wednesday Men's Senior Classic.

"Big Bill" is easy to identify in a crowd because he has the biggest unit cigar in his mouth. But now he also has the biggest smile in town, as result of a perfect game last Friday.

Youth Bowler Adam Silverman from Woodland Lanes in Livonia recently took first place in the Junior Pro-Am at Taylor Lanes. His prize was a \$500 scholarship. These funds are made available when he enrolls in college.

Before stalking deer, be careful



BILL PARKER

It's here! The highly anticipated opening day of the 1999 firearms deer season begins one-half hour before sunrise on Monday.

The season always brings excitement and joy to the hunters who have waited

nearly a year for its return. But before venturing afield in search of the wily whitetail let's take a moment to review the 10 Commandments of Firearms Safety.

•**Treat every gun as if it were loaded.** Always open the chamber of a gun to be sure it is unloaded and treat every gun with the same respect you would treat a loaded gun.

•**Never point your gun at anything you don't intend to shoot.** Always be aware of where the muzzle of your gun is pointed.

•**Know your firearm and its ammunition.** Be sure your firearm is in safe working condition and that the barrel is free of all obstructions. Double check your ammunition to be sure it fits your gun.

•**Do not load your gun until you are ready to hunt.** Always store your firearm unloaded and in a case. Never leave a firearm loaded or unattended.

•**Be sure of your target and what is behind it.** Before putting your finger in the trigger be absolutely sure you have correctly and positively identified your target, then look past your target to be sure it is safe to shoot.

•**Beware of fatigue when handling a firearm.** Long hours on the hunt can cause fatigue, which leads to carelessness. Be sure you're well rested and if you get tired take a nap to rejuvenate yourself.

•**Never take chances with a loaded firearm.** Never climb fences, jump ditches or make awkward moves while carrying a

loaded firearm. Either unload the weapon or hand it to a companion to hold while making your move.

•**Use care when practicing.** Be sure your backstop will prevent ricochets.

•**Store your guns safely.** When not in use, always store your guns away from ammunition and out of the reach of children and inexperienced users.

•**Never mix firearms with alcohol or drugs.** Never consume alcohol or mood altering drugs before or during target practice or hunting.

Mandatory hunters orange and hunter safety classes have drastically reduced the number of hunting accidents in the state. But one is still too many.

If everyone practices safety during the upcoming season we could well match the success of our neighbors in Minnesota who had a fatality-free deer season in 1999.

Metroparks hunt success

The first of several controlled hunts to manage the burgeoning whitetail populations at the Metroparks was a success, according to Metropark Information Officer Denise Pogorski.

"Overall it went very well," she said. "We had 33 hunters and they killed 37 deer, including one that was killed by a car. I saw a real dedicated group of people who put in a lot of effort and a lot of time to do a job for a good cause."

The meat from the animals that were harvested will be processed and donated to area food banks and soup kitchens.

Additional hunts are scheduled for later this year at Stony Creek and Hudson Mills.

Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314 or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

Garden Lanes (Garden City) St. Uinus Classic: Mike Gaffel, 242,209 210,721; Bob Rayl, 209,674; Larry Curtis, 237,145,674 Friday Nite Ladies Classic: Sue Siemens, 223,206,148,677; Margie Harcomb, 620; Lisa McClanahan, 218,613 Mayflower Lanes (Romora) Wednesday Senior Men's Classic: Dick Barina, 274,259,661; Adam Frescura, 258,604; Tom Jones, 268,223,651; Chuck Rice, 244,243,680; A.V. Thompson, 227, 219,688; Bud Gardner, 237,217,223,677; Ray Hoyer, 274,620 Good Neighbors: Gona Metz, 201; Kathy Risch, 190 Friday Seniors: "Big Bill" Kandilian, 300,727; Lou Zindel, 248,705; Howard Davis, 258,702; Benjamin, 252,701; Frank Federico, 258,698; Lou Menard, 267,652 Monday Seniors: Big Bill Kandilian, 276,720; Norm Bochenik, 266,694; Paul Temple, 255,642; B.C. Nunery, 237, 239,666; Jess Macchioco, 279,664; Mike Knox, 244,661 Thursday Nite Men: Mitch Jabocinski, 299,804; Larry Franz, 263,756; Dan Kowalski, 269,709; Carl Harden, 260,702; Eric Lyons, 267,743 Last Weekend's Men's Trio: Scott Farnsworth, 222,649; Ron Maruk, 237,611; Dave Shonbin, 226,628; Bob Richards, 265,734 Monday Men's Junior House: Joe Fortier, 247,615; Beau Sykes, 300,639; Charles Phipps, 234,667; Russ Brown, 226,600; Wayne Lawson, 234,638 Ford Parts Men: Mark Tompkins, 235,657; Mark Hettner, 288,620; Tim Radtke, 223,660; Tom Nowicki, 246,666; Bob Ander- son, 245,703 Merrit Bowl (Livonia) Sundowners: Denise Stancato, 235,598; Mary Mavens, 551; Jean Pasha Karnis, 532; Chris Campbell, 241,632 Early Risers: Wendy Kleski, 223; Michelle Loren, 211; Ev Rorion, 208,207,554; Cathy Truskowski, 213,582 Woodland Lanes (Livonia) Ford T & C Ladies: Cheryl LeBlanc, 216, 216 Ford Parts: Tim Maxwell, 265,758; Jason Lollar, 289,755; Mark Wenzel, 273,734; Dennis Weatherford, 255,715; Tim Schultz, 708 Morning Stars: Derna Berni, 606 Men's Trio: Ev Watson, 300,826; Greg Wizgird, 268,735; Steve Hubble, 269,700; Mark Payne, 267,715; Glenn Bradford, 289,745 Early Birds: Joan Hyslop, 517; Marlene Miazeki, 536; Bernie Hildebrandt, 511; Jean Grazak, 510 Guys & Dolls (Seniors): Ed Zdanowski, 255,230,663; Lenora Miller, 217,579	Jerry Miller, 224; Irvin Naldany, 206; Kris Bar- bour, 200 Thursday Midnight Men: Clem Digno, 754; Tim Hicks, 724 Grandale: Greg Lynn, 764 Senior House: Gary Durard, 280,780; Brian Ziemba, 266,716; Rob Schepis, 278,740; Greg Wizgird, 255,719; Dennis Seaman, 265,717 Gay '90s (Seniors): Harry Dumedal, 220; John Kilbourne, 211 Saturday Youth: Nina Zabkiewicz, 204,188 pins of all Sunday Offsets: Jim Vincentini, 300,772; Ray Gallorani, 652; Chris Anderson, 621 Sunday Sunflowers: Ev Gressens, 256,581; Don Rutkowski, 246,675; Paul Brewer, 236,625 Morning Glories: Kelly Smith, 222 Monday Seniors: Chuck Simpson, 209,200; Fernando Meliano, 202; Doug Arnold, 200; Frank Surchik, 207,219 Lyndon Meadows: Cheryl Gill, 209, 205,591; Kathy Folk, 223,655 Wanderland Lanes (Livonia) Senior Men's Invitational: Tom Ranes, 689; Al Messicat, 672; Jess Macchioco, 672; Jim Zellen, 672; Ed Dudek, 669; Walt Arsenault, 661 Wanderland Classic: Mitch Jabocinski, 721; Ron LeChevalier, 698; Ronnie Moore, 693 Saturday Nite Live: Jim Hopkins, 278,699; Chris Spisak, 694; Marc Wadsworth, 267, 685; Randy Payne, 255,658; Judie May- nard, 541 No Names: Ken Bashara, 269,716; Robbin Champlin, 694; Debbie Dawson, 242,637; Debbie Harrison, 608 Bowlingettes: Dawn Sosak, 225,596; Sue Marsella, 222,570 St. Paul's Presbyterian Mixed: Jim Day, 257,742 Nite Owls: Dennis Madden, 279,257,732; Alan Blasutto, 246,683 Cloverlans (Livonia) St. Aidan's Men: Rich Radak, 243,645; Rob Jackson, 246,627; Dan Gierkes, 247, Pat Ramsey, 248,654; Mike Kowalski, 248,641 Tuesday Prime Time: Brian Gordon, 247,630; Aly Khan Harter, 259,686; Larry James, 245; Chris Embry, 231,627 Tuesday Seniors: Andy Wright, 256,629; Tony Rye, 233,223,624; Larry Stravin, 216,563; Frank Baron, 223,567; Eddie Sal- ba, 211 FolMoCo Thursday Night: Chuck O'Rourke, 299,753; Bob Aschcraft, 277,742; Randy Thompson, 258,732; Jim Casteel, 267,729; Bill Crabtree, 266,707; Ron Thornton, 273 All-Star Bowlingettes: Kim Kopf, 280,757; Aleta Sili, 269,753; Renee Tesner, 267,745 Lisa Bishop, 260,709; Petesy Wray,	268,697; Cyndi Black, 255,691 Junior House: Barry Lawrence, 266,717; Randal Stohler, 266,733; Sam Johnson, 273,668; James Gendjar, 275,799; Steve Newcomer, 300,769; Nelles Denny, 300,765; Bob Lee, 279,726; Mitchell Wood- ward, 258,720 Friday Seniors: Reggie Duda, 220, 203,582; Earl Berryman, 217,561; Joe New- ton, 236,206,589; Bob Gaim, 246,587; Larry Stavin, 227,547; Sade McNamara, 205 Town n' Country Lanes (Westland) Senior Classic: Matt Vecheta, 309 Airlines: Larry Edwards, 300 WB Memorial: Lloyd Kowalk, 349 Thursday Gals: Nancy Wilson, 255,621 Inter City Mixed: Bryan Gabeau, 264,244; Jeff Peic, 248 Youth/Adult: Vicki Dean, 230,632; Kim Pritchard, 267,645 Westland Bowl Friday Twin Parish: Roger Drake, 300 Detroit Diesel: Alan Dante, 300 NASCAR Tri: Dan Dodde, 260,589; Mike Boucher, 233,582; Lou Swindell, 202,575 Sunday Sleepers: Mack Turley, Jr., 249,259 263,771; John Borden III, 257,269,748; David Hemming, 266,268,750; Mike Suchy, 235,246,264,745; Rich Trullard, 257, 254,737; Paul McMurry, 267,715; Kurtis Paul, 245,261,707 Westland Champ: Dee Pitt, 226,559; Cathy Franzen, 215,559; Susan Trachur, 222,522; Sharon Woods, 209; Sunday Gals 208-606 Thursday Nite Mixed: Dan Harrison, 266,730; Frank Boner, 235,660; Brian Bal- ley, 229,657; Ken Forbes, 223,566; Genevieve Forbes, 232,614 Plaza Lanes (Livonia) Suburban Prop. Travel (Men): Jeff Bennett, 269; Bruno Di Mambro, 240,668; George Kayganich, 237,618; John Hurley, 236,659; Mark Vought, 236,597; Paul Butler, 230 Suburban Prop. Travel (Ladies): Barb He- nandez, 234,539; DeJaye Jones, 193; Janice Reiter, 192 Super Bowl (Canton) Friday Funsters: Gene Wenzel, 239,606; Curt Richards, 300,247,728,826,511; Vonglan, 234,596; Sturgis Chanin, Jr., 2,502 Wednesday Morning Ladies: Mary Jo Opela, 207; Catherine Schultz, 205 Double Nickel Plus: Peggy Bakman, 217,561; Rene Rusil, 204,571; Wally Abern- ethy, 202,528; Jerry Miller, 200,543 Thursday Junior Majors: Chris Roggen, 264,578; Brian Kral, 214,544 Friday Juniors: Russell Markwood, 181,611; Schmitter, 158; Brian Walker, 150 Saturday 11 a.m. Juniors: Ray Litag, 202; Crystal Niekirk, 144 Sunday 9 a.m. Majors: Alan Badger, 210; Jon Johnson, 214,542; Buster Horvack, 217,565; Todd Schmanske, 217,540	Friday Majors: David Jacobs, 251,650; Steve Jacobs, 249,655; Keith Kingsbury, 212 Parent/Child Mixed: Beau Beck, 194 Saturday 11 a.m. Majors: Matt McCathey, 214,558; Cory Canross, 215 Country Lanes (Farmington) Sunday Goodtimers: Mort Silverman, 244,591; Keith Oswald, 221; Todd Wotinger, 221,607; Bob Solomon, 209; A. Harrison, 215,601 Greenfield Mixed: Ed Ben, 266,228,676; Tom Gak, 212,225,216,693; Mark Linton, 223,203,217,643; Lynne Wegener, 212, 203,600; Ken Smith, 237,213,842 B'Nal Birch Brotherhood/Eddie Jacobson: Andy Rumm, 264,226,229,719; Mark Wenger, 257,246,703; Dennis Eder, 279,216,698; Gary Hinger, 235,645; Lee Poth, 232, 216,630; Steve Weinberg, 276,687; Larry Sutzy, 266,684; Dave Rader, 286,638 B'Nal Birch Plogah: Steve Lusky, 278, 248,721; Wayne Lusky, 247,696; Keith Kington, 237,678; Bryan Levine, 244,667; Alan Zupke, 246,666 Metro Highway: Brandon Teedy, 257, 257,719; Bruce Doran, 246,691; 9; Mark Oever, 236; Frank Kasprinsky, 238; Don Jaskolski, 236; T.D. Brown, 236,236, 212,681 Country Keglers: Harold Crane, 269,696; Derek Takala, 257,669; Mike O'Donnell, 246; Dan Dwyer, 245; Gary Drisy, 243,666 EVER-7: Mike Ksziazek, 269,749; Rob Horton, 267,726; Barry Knorr, 257,696 Ron Mathison, 256; Dan Heffernan, 247,672 Drakeshire Lanes (Farmington Hills) B'Nal Birch Morgenthau L'Chayim/Zeiger- Gross: Ross Berchick, 205,265,658; Larry Hawkin, 279,647; Steve Hoperman, 263,638; Alan Kiegor, 248,636; Lee Wein- stein, 224,617 B'Nal Birch Downtown Fox: Nanci Rakotz, 268,228,221; Bette Jeff Sprague, 277, 246,702; David Little, 246,214,211,671; Larry Kaplan, 246,225,639; Bruce Reserbat, 224,216,611 Nov Bowl West Side Lutheran: Tom Corley, 269,675; Steve Lewis, 602; Will Grube, 660; Terry Klum, 278,646; Dan Stone, 646 Cherry Hill Lanes Mater Dei Invitational: The Tina Group, 279; Jeanne Percola, 261,711; Sandra Bev- ers, 698 Friday Men: Anthony Corley, 215,245, 277,734; Stanley Hays, 692; Dennis Farn- ham Friday Suburbanites: Cheryl Klein, 243,588; Dorey Bennett, 220; Cheryl Nolan, 231,695; Elaine Hasty, 264 Monday Nite Men: Len Gwizak, 400,757; Ray Pittaway, 673; Steve Klein, 681 Foxy Ladies: Dorey Vermer, 222; Linda McMahon, 215; Marilyn Alvarez, 226,585
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A room for rent? And what a view!



TIM NOWICKI

Every time I drive by a particular black locust tree I think of an apartment complex.

Instead of a building to house people, this is a tree with holes up and down the main trunk that could house

many different kinds of animals. Most of the holes look like openings made when branches broke off near the main trunk and decay hollowed out the inside of the branch where it emerged from the trunk.

The holes are scattered up and down as well as around the tree. None of the holes are large, but there are many of them.

During the summer I frequently watch starlings enter some of the holes. Those openings I undoubtedly lead to their nest. I even recall watching some house sparrows entering holes in this animal apartment complex.

Some of the holes are probably occupied, but I can not see their occupants. Many animals rely on cavities in trees, especially during winter. Wood is a good insulator and helps animals conserve their heat.

Those nesting starlings probably use some of the openings for a night roost in winter when it gets cold.

Black-capped chickadees, tufted titmice, white-breasted nuthatches are other local birds that would occupy a tree cavity for shelter. Many other birds use the shelter of evergreen trees.

Screech owls also use cavities to roost in during the day. Years ago I remember spotting a nice round cavity near the top of the remainder of a large tree that had lost its upper half, filling that opening was the face of a

screech owl. I could have very easily missed seeing the owl because its face filled the hole making it appear like part of the tree.

One of the most secretive occupants of tree cavities is the flying squirrel. They may be very active at night, but during the day they remain hidden inside the cavity.

On a couple of occasions I've seen them pop their heads into the opening during the day to see what was causing a disturbance to their tree.

Leaf nests built by fox squirrels near the tops of trees may be used during winter if tree cavities are in short supply, but they would prefer a hollow because it provides more protection.

If you watch squirrels in your yard, you may see them collecting dried leaves and depositing them in a cavity. Those leaves act as added insulation from the cold.

Even larger animals use tree trunk openings. Raccoons, for instance, can use some holes that are much smaller than you might think would be possible for them to enter.

I watched a raccoon one morning enter its daytime roost through a very small hole. It was not a huge raccoon, but watching it lower its ears to stick its head inside the hole was the first clue that the hole was small.

After its head was inside the hole, all I could see was a round ball of fur with a stripped brown bottle brush sticking out.

Slowly the balloon ball of fur began to disappear, almost like the sand in an hour glass shifts from one side of the constriction to the other.

Once the hips disappeared, the tail sailed in easily, completely filling the opening. Maintaining trees with holes in them can be very beneficial to animals.

Prospects tourney

Compuware Arena will be the site of the 1999 USA Hockey Top Prospects Tournament (formerly the King of the Hill Tournament) Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

The North American Hockey League, the United States Hockey League and the America West Hockey League will send 17 man teams to compete. A fourth team will consist of other players from all three leagues and some U.S. National Team Development Program players.

The round-robin schedule will begin with the USHL, starting on the combined all star team at 11 a.m. Nov. 29. The NAHL starts with the AWHL stars at 2 p.m. Nov. 29. For ticket information, call Compuware Arena at 453-8490.

Soccer referees

Training for new soccer referees will be held in the Auto Nation USA community room from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on four consecutive Saturdays: Jan. 29, Feb. 5, Feb. 12 and Feb. 19. Those interested must attend all four sessions.

You must be at least 12 years old to take this class. To register, send your name, social security number and a check for \$43 made payable to the Michigan Referee Committee to 9115 Muirland, Plymouth, MI, 48170. Class size is limited.

For further information, call (734) 454-7333.

Coaches needed

The Catholic Youth Organiza-

tion's Community Recreation Basketball League in southwest Detroit is seeking volunteer youth basketball coaches. Players will be between 6-16 years old. League play begins Saturday, Jan. 8.

High school juniors and seniors are more than welcome. Coaches training will be offered in December. For further information, call Bob Toboy at (313) 963-7172, ext. 162.

Mini softball clinics

Any girls interested in improving their softball games, Oakland University is offering a couple of different camps under "the bubble" on the OU campus in Rochester.

Full mini-clinics will be on Monday and Thursday evenings

or on Saturday afternoons, starting Nov. 18. The mini-clinics are for fast-pitch softball players, 6-16 years old.

In the first grouping, there are three sessions on Mondays (Nov. 22, 29 and Dec. 6, 13); Thursdays (Nov. 18, Dec. 2, 9 and 16); and Saturdays (Nov. 20, Dec. 4, 11 and 18). Those 13-and-under meet 6:45 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, 2:30-4 p.m. on Saturdays, 2:30-4 p.m. in the advanced age division meet 8:15-10 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, 4:15-6 p.m. on Saturdays.

Other winter clinics are available. Cost is \$85 for the four-session mini-clinics; single-day holiday camps are \$50 each.

For more details, call OU softball coach Steve Ogg at 248-470-5103.

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Adventurous SWF, 35, 5'5", is seeking an honest, marriage-minded SWM, 30-38, who enjoys golf, fishing and dining out. Ad# 4528

KNOWS WHAT SHE WANTS Pretty DWC mom, 44, 5'4", 145lbs., with light brown hair and hazel eyes, a N/S, non-drinker, is seeking happiness with an easygoing, family-oriented DWCM, under 54. She enjoys swimming, movies, bowling, and reading. Ad# 4108

ONCE IN A LIFETIME

Attractive, personable Catholic SWF, 38, 5'4", with brown hair/eyes, is seeking an outgoing, sincere and handsome Catholic SWM, 33-44, who enjoys tennis, sporting events, reading and horseback riding. Ad# 6884

BORN-AGAIN

This vibrant DWCF, 55, 5'7", a blue-eyed blonde, is a member of the choir who enjoys praise and worship, youth ministry, church activities, and seeks fellowship with a similar SWCM, 56-62. Ad# 5144

A RARE FIND

Compassionate DWPC mom of one, 47, 5'3", with reddish-brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys movies, concerts, walking, biking, travel, dancing and dining out, wants to meet a family-oriented SWCM, 42-52. Ad# 8317

VIVACIOUS

Active, energetic DBCF, 58, 5'4", is seeking a childless, healthy SBCM, 58-69, for a possible LTR. Her interests include church, movies, and more. Ad# 1103

TO THE POINT

SWCF, 39, 5'5", full-figured, with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys horseback riding, swimming, and more, is looking for a sweet, sincere SWM, over 30. Ad# 2220

LOVES THE LORD

Outgoing, Born-Again SWCF, 43, full-figured, who enjoys music, swimming, singing, bible study, and more, is seeking a SWCM, 40-50, N/S, without dependents. Ad# 1956

A RARE FIND

Sincere, compassionate SWF, 58, 5'4", full-figured, who enjoys music, Bible studies, traveling, movies, long walks, and more, is looking for a caring, compassionate SWM, 54-62. Ad# 7141

LIFE GOES ON

This friendly, sincere SWF, 47, 5'4", who enjoys meeting new people, dancing, and walks in the park, is looking forward to meeting an upbeat SWM, 44-50, who shares similar interests. Ad# 2652

HERE SHE IS...

This caring DWCF, 51, 5'1", is a lady who enjoys church activities, her work, and would like to meet a similar SWCM, 49-62. Ad# 1665

IS IT YOU?

This friendly SBF, 39, 5'6", who enjoys movies, dining out, theater and travel, is hoping to meet a loving, family-oriented SM, 33-50, who shares similar interests and has a good sense of humor. Ad# 4581

WORKS & PLAYS HARD

Attractive, ambitious, secure DWPC mom, 36, 5'5", with blonde hair and green eyes, loves working out, outdoor activities and reading. She's looking for a SCM physician, 36-48, who will treat her well. Ad# 8888

JUST ONE CALL

Picnic with this educated, churchgoing SBF, 35, who enjoys walks in the park, movies, and spending time with her son. If you're a sociable, humorous SBM, pack your basket and give her a call. Ad# 1234

HEAVEN SENT

This friendly SWF, 47, 5'9", whose interests include gardening, travel, taking walks in the park and camping, is looking to meet an honest, gentle SWM, 35-50, who likes children. Ad# 6561

SHARE MY FAITH

This churchgoing SWCF, 57, 5'7", wants to meet a tall, caring, sincere SWCM, 57-69 who enjoys hiking and the outdoors. Ad# 7575

CIRCLE THIS AD

Employed, family-oriented SBF, 26, who likes long walks, outdoor activities, movies and is seeking a SBM, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 2218

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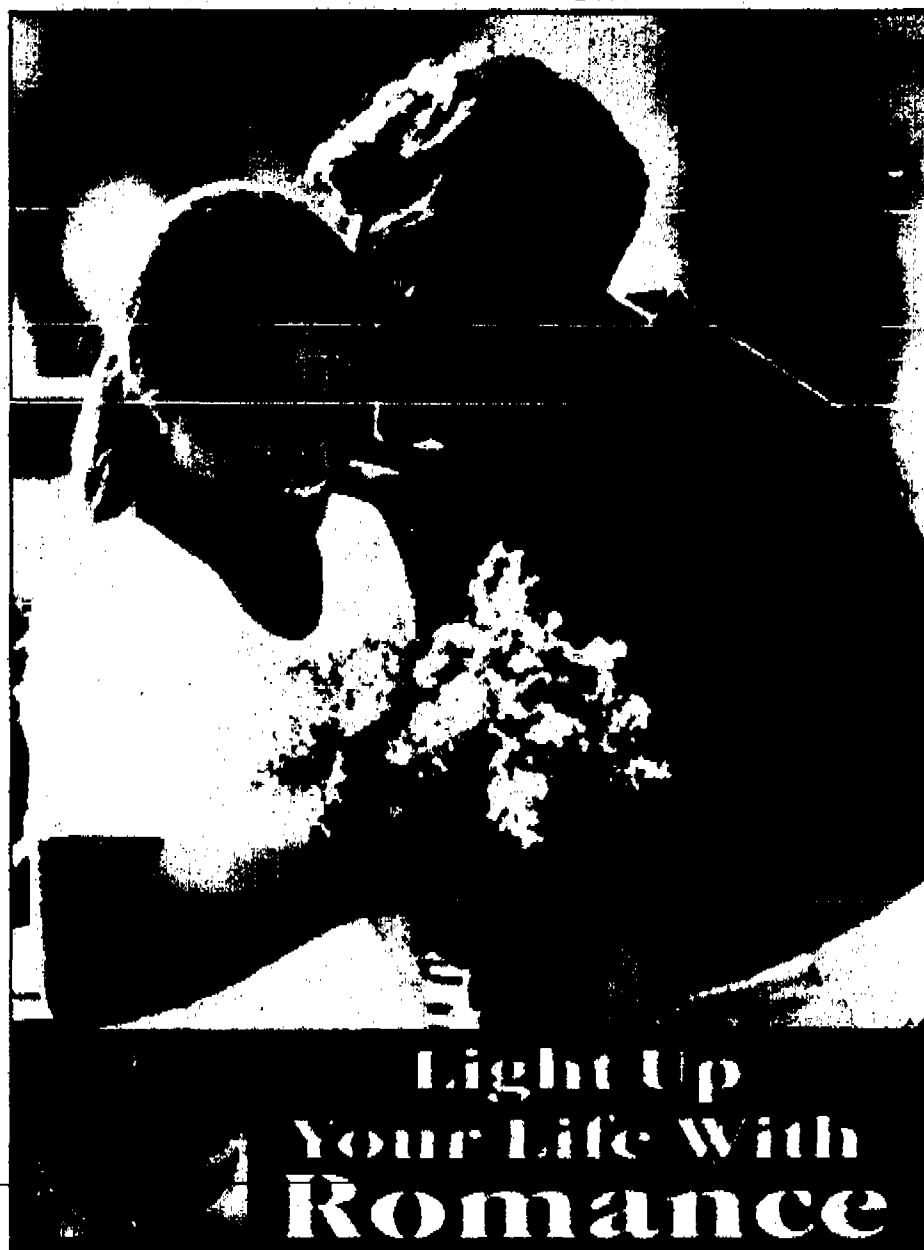
Her dream is sharing a romantic, long-term relationship with an outgoing, sincere, handsome, SWM, 40-55 who enjoys biking, taking walks, music, and dancing. Be sure to let this very lovely, quite charming SWF, 43, know you're interested! Ad# 9915

THE BEST THERE IS

Never-married, attractive SWF, 36, 5'2", with red hair and green eyes, who enjoys sports, music, traveling and playing cards, is ISO a kind-hearted SWM, 30-45, with similar interests. Ad# 6354

END MY SEARCH

Creative, educated and Jewish, I am a DWF, 55, 5'6", slender, with blonde hair and light blue eyes, who enjoys cooking and movies. I am looking for a communicative SWM, over 46, who knows what he wants. Ad# 2525



SIMPLY PUT

Romantic SWF, 60, 5'2", 118lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys dancing, travel, the theater, long walks and more, would like to meet a trustworthy SWM, 55-65, with similar interests. Ad# 5555

IS IT FATE?

Say hello to this personable SWCF, 38, 5'7", who enjoys cooking, jazz music and traveling. Her heart is set on sharing a long-term relationship with a responsible, handsome SWM, 36-47. Ad# 9455

SO MUCH FUN TO BE HAD

This SWF, 21, 5'7", would like to spend time with a fun-loving SWM, 21-30, who likes children and sports. Ad# 1098

DEDICATED

She's a never-married SBF, 33, 5'9", N/S, non-drinker, who is looking for a sweet, sincere SWM, over 34. Ad# 1980

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE

Fun-loving DWCF, 47, 5'5", who enjoys sports, the outdoors and gardening, is seeking a sincere, dependable SWCM, 45-51, for companionship. Ad# 4488

LET'S CUDDLE

Catholic DWF, 59, 5'2", 125lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys family barbecues, picnics and more, seeks a Catholic, Italian SWM, 51-61. Ad# 1992

COMPANIONSHIP

Outgoing, honest and fun loving, describes this Catholic DWF, 50, 5'9", looking for friendship with a Catholic SWM, 45-55. Ad# 4536

FRESH START

Hardworking, Catholic DWF, 48, 5'3", who enjoys walking, movies and going to church, is looking for a compatible, caring, Catholic WWW, 48-52, with-out children at home, for friendship first. Ad# 3907

FOCUS HERE

This friendly, handsome DWM, 46, 5'11", who enjoys most sports, traveling and comedy clubs, is seeking a fun-loving, attractive SWF, 33-44, who shares similar interests. Ad# 1301



CONTACT ME

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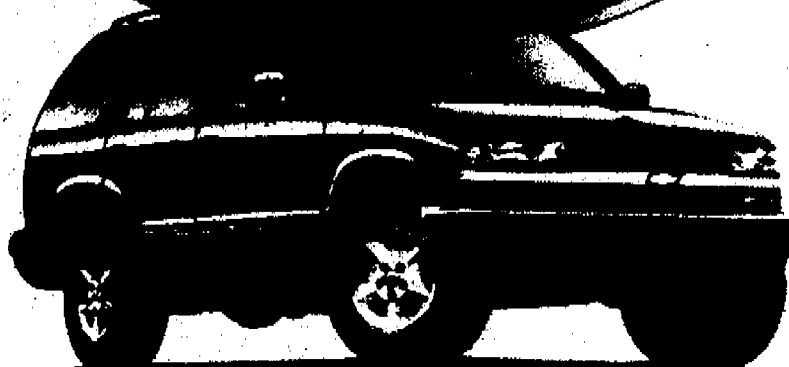
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Artists show imagination in multiple mediums

While making my usual rounds of local art exhibits, I was pleasantly surprised to find weavings, woodcuts, and works made from seed beads and torn paper instead of the usual watercolor florals.

Don't get me wrong. I enjoy watercolor, and the rest of the painting mediums, but it's refreshing to view works by artists who use a variety of materials. I applaud the Livonia Arts Commission and Plymouth Community Arts Council for hosting these exhibits.

Michigan Weavers Guild

Ken Allen wove 15 objects in the Michigan Weavers Guild show which continues through the end of November in the Fine Arts Gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library. A member of the Guild for 12 years, Allen even hand-spun the Merino angora he wove into an off-white shawl. He creates a range of works from a vibrantly colored wall hanging to a soft-toned baby blanket.

Weaving is something the Livonia resident always wanted to do even while he was teaching biology at Schoolcraft College

in Livonia. After retiring, he made that dream a reality. Today, Allen spends many days weaving on the six floor and table looms he owns.

"Weavers seem to do that," said Allen, who belongs to four weaving guilds. "We like collecting looms."

Established in 1947, the Michigan Weavers Guild draws members who work in several different styles and forms. Much of the work by Bloomfield Hills weaver Daniel Bodine is native inspired. "Bert and Bertha" are the exception. The two black birds are a humorous sculpture by Bodine, an instructor at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. Bob Owen, a Livonia weaver, is showing scarves, a table runner and lap robe. Also in the show are ornaments and dolls, each with an

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Class of '61: E. Lynne O'Rourke used torn paper to create this collage about a single woman debating whether or not to go to her class reunion



Seed beads: Colleen O'Rourke uses humor in this work titled "Loretta's Night In."

Lights, cameras, action — Students in control of 'Madonna Magazine'

By LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Chuck Derry and Sue Boyd couldn't stop smiling as they stood outside the TV studio at Madonna University on Wednesday, Oct. 20.

Derry, assistant professor for TV and video communications, and Boyd, senior producer for "Madonna Magazine," were about to tape the 400th edition of the regionally syndicated public service program, which is produced by students on the Livonia campus.

Hosted by Channel 7 News helicopter reporter Dennis Neubacher, "Madonna Magazine" is watched by more than 40,000 people in the Detroit area.

This particular evening, Neubacher was interviewing wildlife photographers Carl Sams II and Jean Stoick about their recently published children's book, "Stranger in the Woods." The show will air 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, on Channel 17 in Plymouth, Canton and Westland, Channel 18 in Garden City, and Channel 19 in Livonia and Redford.

"It's a magazine to allow us to do different kinds of shows," said Derry, who began his career teaching photography at Madonna in 1969. "In the beginning, it was mostly talk then we had cooking and a band. We try to increase the difficulty for students as we go. We've had everything from Michigan mushroom hunters to Elvis impersonators."

Derry was teaching TV

courses at the university when he founded the show to provide "real life" experiences for his students. That was almost 15 years ago. For several of those years, the magazine ran on Channel 20. Today, it's carried on CTND, the Catholic Television Network.

"It's a public service show, but we also like to educate," said Boyd, who works on the show with her husband Dan, an engineer. "We would eventually like to get on the Internet live."

Stranger in the woods

A few minutes before Sams was about to go on, he stood in the control room before the flashing screens reading verses from the book. His excited voice sang out the words to the story about a "stranger" who appears after a winter storm. The snowman is the topic of conversation between all the birds and animals in the woods.

"I'm having a good time reading it," said Sams. "Who wouldn't? Listen to

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On the air: Jean Stoick (left), Carl Sams II and Dennis Neubacher tape the 400th edition of "Madonna Magazine."



In control: Students Curt Rogers (front), Bernice Bowman, Brian Duffour, Ingrid (A. J.) Boatner, Pat Barber, Dan MacKae, and Nick Popovich keep an eye on the studio.

Action: Courtney Assemany works behind the camera on "Madonna Magazine."



Stranger in the woods: Carl Sams II and Jean Stoick waited for hours in the cold during a snow storm on Feb. 2 to take this photograph for their children's book.

Wildlife are dear to the hearts of photographers

By LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Five hours in the woods in early February can seem like forever, especially when you're waiting for a deer to snatch a carrot nose from the face of a snowman.

Carl Sams II didn't mind shivering in the cold. He and his wife, Jean Stoick, needed to photograph the deer to complete their children's book "Stranger in the Woods." They'd spent most of the winter shooting photographs for the story about how animals and birds react to a snowman who takes up residence in Kensington Metropark after a winter storm.

The wildlife photographers frequently wait hours, sometimes holding their breath, just to capture the right moment. This was the next to the last snow of the year and they worried the deer might never bite.

"Five hours later, I was ready to force feed the deer," laughed Sams. "We videotaped the entire process so people would know these were straight (unaltered) pictures. We plan to release the video in the coming year."

"Stranger in the Woods" began as a book about a white tail deer family Sams began photographing in 1982 at Kensington. He got hooked on the project after he "went over to Kensington and got close to a white tail." Eighteen years later Sams and Stoick have taken 60,000 photos of the deer family. They were trying to narrow down the images when Stoick thought of building the story around a snowman and turning it into a children's book. Stoick, who was an art teacher for Hartland Farms Middle School for many years, wanted the best for the "Stranger in the Woods," so she and Sams chose Precision Color in Plymouth to do the separations.

"There's more than 20 deer I can walk through the woods with at Kensington and one I can practically put my arms around," said Sams.

That vision of Sams seems natural considering the Milford photographer grew up in northern Michigan. It was while living on an island in the Au Sable River that Sams fell in love with wildlife and nature.

Today, he is "trying to do everything he can to save the deer family" from being killed during hunts proposed to relieve deer overpopulation at the park. "Stranger in the Woods" introduces children to the photographers' world where wildlife become friends to be respected.

"There's only four fields that they live in," said Sams. "Kids come out all the time from schools to see them. Birds land on their hands. How many places can you do this? Kensington's a special place. To me, it's my Yellowstone"

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MUSIC FOR THE SOUL

Singers, ringers gather to give thanks for 2,000 years

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As director of music ministries at St. Edith Church in Livonia, Barbara Colbeck is "always looking for big things to do."

She may have outdone herself this time by organizing more than 250 singers and musicians from Catholic churches in Livonia, Canton, Plymouth and Redford to perform in a Thanksgiving Festival concert Sunday, Nov. 21, at St. Edith Church.

Choreographing singers, ringers of the Northwest Wayne Vicariate Handbell Choir, musicians, and children marching with banners is no easy task.

"The ingredients have all been put in the pot and we'll see what happens on Sun-

day when we all rehearse," said Colbeck. "Everybody's supposed to know their music already."

So far, so good for the large-scale effort to form a single choir with singers from St. Edith, St. John Neumann in Canton, Our Lady of Good Counsel and St. Kenneth, Plymouth, St. Agatha, St. Robert Bellarmine and St. Valentine, Redford, and St. Genevieve, St. Maurice, St. Michael, and St. Priscilla, Livonia.

"We all have had experience in ecumenical services but this is a first for all the area Catholic churches to come together," said Colbeck, who thought of the idea for the concert after attending a luncheon for the Northwest Wayne Vicariate music directors more than a year ago.

"All of these people are talented musicians and all still have their normal responsibilities, so it's going above and beyond the call of duty."

Huddled in two pews at St. Edith, several of the music directors talked about the concert. All the music directors were asked to submit their favorite music. Mark Newton, music director at St. Robert Bellarmine, came up with the name Thanksgiving Festi-



In tune: Patricia Knorp leads members of the Northwest Wayne Vicariate Handbell Choir as they prepare for the Thanksgiving Festival

STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CAENEGIE

val. It's also the title of one of the hymns they'll be singing along with selections ranging from Gregorian chants to modern-day anthems.

"Each director has their own interpretations and tempos so the rehearsal should be interesting," said Newton.

The Rev. Jim Scheick, pastor of St. Edith, is looking forward to the festival.

"I've been pushing for a concert for some time with a famous choir to tie

the churches together," said Scheick. "It's a pretty good sound and it's a lot of fun for the members."

The only challenge for most of the directors has been finding time in regular rehearsals to run through the festival music.

"We're also rehearsing for a concert with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, and for performances at nursing homes and Domino Farms along with

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element of weaving or fiber. Sue Walton, a Bloomfield Hills resident, creates a one-of-a-kind mauve and brown coat.

"Weavers guilds today are not just for weavers," said Allen. "We have a variety of interests."

Woodcut prints

Michael McCullough is displaying woodcut prints in the showcases in the second floor room next to the gallery. A Farmington Hills artist who grew up in Redford, McCullough's subjects range from a rhinoceros to a lighthouse in this show sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission. His works were popular at a number of art fairs this year including the Livonia Arts Festival, the Greek-town Arts Festival, Plymouth's Art in the Park, and the Detroit Festival of the Arts.

If you'd like to see more, McCullough is exhibiting his works in an art fair 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14 in the Physical Education Building at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Admission is \$1.50. Proceeds fund student

scholarships. For more information, call (734) 462-4400.

McCullough will also be in the Michigan Guild's Holiday Art Fair 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 in Building H at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

Mother and daughter exhibit

E. Lynne O'Rourke and her daughter Colleen took over the gallery at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Their torn-paper and seed bead works provide plenty of subjects to ponder. Lynne creates primitive collage works that have an impressionistic element to them. Sure to be local favorites are the images of Kellogg Park, the Penn Theatre and the Baker House. St. Francis with the animals has a gitt-like border. Lynne frames many of the pieces this way. The borders bring unity to the scenes which can sometimes overwhelm the eyes.

Lynne admits her hands suffer from sometimes spending more than 150 hours in glue just to create a work such as "Fantasy

Family." This is "your typical portrait of the perfect mother, father, kids and dog except for the fact the father is folding clothes."

"I don't think I could ever make a living at it because it takes so long," said O'Rourke, a Grand Rapids resident who began doing collage in 1991 after working in other pieces. "I can't produce enough pieces fast enough."

O'Rourke "Class of '61" is about a single woman debating whether or not to go to her class reunion. O'Rourke frequently incorporates symbolism or hidden objects in the background of many of the collages. In this work, she includes the pictures of her classmates.

"I hope they get enjoyment from the work and see themselves in it," said O'Rourke, who's shown with her daughter two other times. Both use plenty of detail.

"We feel we complement one another," said O'Rourke who gives a collage workshop 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17 at the arts council. "My son is a graphic artist who also does very detailed fine art." The love of art seems to run in the family. Husband Tom is a video producer.

Colleen uses humor in many of her two- and three-dimensional works. The Chicago resident glues or sews the seed beads in place. All of the works create stories. My favorites were the sculptural figure seated in a field of cornflowers, and a two-dimensional work featuring a group of characters socializing at a roof top cafe or party.

If you have an interesting idea for a story, call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 553-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

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this: 'Who-hoo's in the woods? Why is he here? When? When did the stranger come?' asked the Owl of Many Questions."

Sams flipped several pages and continued to quote the chattering squirrel. "Someone needs to go and, and check-check-check 'em out!"

Before long Sams, Stoick and Neubacher were beginning their interview. Tappings, held once every two weeks and usually of two shows at a time, allow students to learn and hone the skills necessary to land jobs in the fields of broadcasting and video communication. Students especially benefit from learning from Derry, who was a stage manager at Channel 7 for 30 years.

Brian Duffourc toured other

colleges before deciding to attend Madonna University. A graduate of Catholic Central High School in Redford, Duffourc is director of "Madonna Magazine."

"I liked the fact it was a small group of students so you could get hands-on," said Duffourc, a junior. "Basically, I direct shots for the show and watch all the different cameras. You really get experience. We do 15 shows a semester. It's the experience to do real shows that stations like Channel 20 would even pick up."

Ingrid (A.J.) Boatner of Detroit, a senior in the program, is technical director for the show.

"I've gained a lot of professional experience," said Boatner. "I try to learn everything."

Boatner would like to find work as a stage manager and

thinks her experience at "Madonna Magazine" gives her an edge.

"I like to interact with people," said Boatner. "And I like making sure that things run smoothly."

And they do, most of the time. The evening of the magazine's historic taping went like clockwork, except for one unforgettable moment when Boyd's 4-year-old daughter, Nancy, who was sitting on Stoick's lap during part of the interview, stuck her tongue out for the camera.

Nancy appears in some of the photographs at the end of the book, with a big brother played by Brandon DePoy. You can view the hilarious incident on Nov. 16.

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Park. This is a place where people can come and be close to nature. I'd just as soon see them moved."

It's been just three weeks since the book's release, but the "Stranger in the Woods" is selling so fast that Sams and Stoick often stay up until 3 a.m. signing books. So far, they've sold 11,000 of the 20,000 of the hard-cover books they published.

The quick-talking, energetic Sams says they decided to self-publish to maintain the artistic integrity.

"I'm excited about the book taking off," said Sams, whose work has appeared in national and international publications

including Audubon, BBC Wildlife, Birder's World, Michigan Natural Resources, National Geographic, National Wildlife, and Ranger Rick. "We've reordered another 40,000 books, and they should be in by Dec. 5."

The big hearted photographers are donating all or a portion of the proceeds from sales of some of the books to the Grand Traverse Land Conservancy, Children's Hospital of Cincinnati and Mott's Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. They are still looking to work with other groups.

"They can use the book as fund-raising for kids and to protect our natural resources," said Sams.

Stoick and Sams will sign books during a Gallery Glow in downtown Rochester. The signing, 6-9:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29 at Eugenia's 3rd Street Hair Gallery, 212 W. Third, is a fundraiser to benefit The Rainbow Connection which grants wishes to chronically ill children. For information, call (810) 656-0560. The photographers will also sign books 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23 at Jo John Gallery, 5052 Highland Road, Waterford. Call (810) 673-3033.

"Stranger in the Woods" is \$19.95. To order, call (248) 685-2422, (800) 552-1867 or visit the Web site at www.carlsams.com

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our regular Christmas services," said Patricia Knorp, director of Northwest Wayne Vicariate Handbell Choir and the ringers at St. Kenneth and St. Valentine.

This is the first year the ringers have joined their churches' handbell choirs together as well.

"We wanted to do something special to end the first 2,000

years," said Knorp. "What could be more perfect than to collaborate and we've made new friendships. I just met Mark."

When asked if she was nervous about the concert, St. Edith Choir director Adele Popoff replied, "Absolutely. We've thought about having special concerts for some time. We're kind of hoping that this will take off and continue in the future."

A vesper service after the concert will feature a premier performance of "Te Deum," written by Louis Canter. An instructor at Madonna University in Livonia, Canter is music director at St. Augustine in Richmond.

"Te Deum is the official song of the church for the jubilee, which is celebrated every 25 years," explained Newlon. "This one is more significant because of the millennium."

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Tour the Standard Federal Art Collection from 6-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 16. 2600 Big Beaver, Troy. (248) 645-1113

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

Weekends of special holiday sales starting Thanksgiving weekend. The "Small Works" fine art sale runs through Thursday, December 30 in the DeSalle Community Gallery with more than 200 works priced under \$300. The jewelry sale and glass sale is Friday to Sunday, Nov. 26 to 28. The fiber sale is Thursday to Saturday, Dec. 2 to 4 and the pottery sale is Thursday to Saturday, Dec. 9 to 11. Hours are Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. in December. 1516 South Cranbrook Road Birmingham. (248) 644-0866

CRAFT SHOW
"Festival 1999 Craft Show" 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 20 at Athens High School, 4333 John R. (248) 689-0253.

FINE ARTS AUCTION
The Ecumenical Institute for Jewish-Christian Studies is holding its first arts auction from 4-7 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 21 at the Botsford Inn Coach House in Farmington Hills. (248) 557-4522.

GIRL SCOUT ART BENEFIT
The 10th annual gala is 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18 at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
The Ann Arbor Art Center's open house is 6-9 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 18. The Holiday Gift Show continues through December 29, 117 West Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-8004.

BENEFIT

ST. DUNSTON'S THEATRE GUILD
Presents "Goldilocks and the Three Bears," 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 at the theater, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$6, 50 percent of net proceeds benefit the Old Newsboys Goodfellows Fund of Detroit. (248) 644-0527.

AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS

NANCY GURWIN PRESENTS
Auditions for "Oliver" 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 for children and adults at the Jewish Community Center in Room 107A. For more information, and to make an appointment for audition, call Nancy Gurwin (248) 354-0545 or (248) 352-2797. Children are to prepare both a ballad and up-tempo song. The show will open 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 in the Aaron D'Arroy Theatre at the Jewish Community Center and run weekends through Sunday, Feb. 27.

CALL FOR ARTISTS
The Creative Arts Center is seeking artists in all media for its January 2000 show whose theme is "Visions of Peace and Evolution for the Next Millennium." Slides or photos and resume should be submitted by Dec. 1. Selections made by December 15. Send materials to: Exhibit Coordinator, Creative Arts Center, 47 Williams Street, Pontiac. (248) 333-7849.

CEGAR POINT
Auditions for singers, dancers, musicians and technicians from 2:30-4:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 18 in the Welker Room of the Michigan Union at the University of Michigan. For more information contact the hotline at (419) 627-2390.

CRAFTERS CALL
Crafters wanted for the Troy Athens Band and Orchestra Boosters "Festival 1999 Craft Show." Sat. Nov. 20 at Troy Athens High School. Call Jackie Garcher at (248) 689-0253.

CRAFTERS WANTED
"Seasonal Sensations." The annual Senior Fair and Craft Show at Southfield Christian School is seeking crafters for its Dec. 4 show. 28650 Lahser Road, Southfield. (248) 357-3660, ext. 270.

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC
Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan is holding auditions for the 1999-2000 season. Call Wendy Bernard at (734) 591-7649 for an appointment.

METROPOLITAN SINGERS
The adult choir of mixed voices is looking for new singers, especially men, to sing blues, pops, hit tunes and folk tunes. Choir meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays at Birney Middle School vocal room, 27000 Evergreen Road, Southfield.

MICHIGAN FINE ARTS COMPETITION
A juried exhibit presented by the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. Slide deadline is January 3, cash prizes totaling \$9,000 will be awarded. 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

ARTS MEETINGS

THE LIVONIA ARTISTS CLUB
Meets 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 15 in Room C at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 30177 Van Meter, east of



Swirling: New Works and Constructions by dzine are on exhibit through Dec. 18 at Masterpiece Gallery, 137 W. Maple, Birmingham, (248) 594-9470.

Farmington. Marge Chellstorp demonstrates some of her watercolor techniques. Chellstorp is an instructor at Madonna University, the Visual Arts Association of Livonia and the Belian Art Center. For more information, call Marge Masek at (734) 464-6772.

ARTIFACTS ART CLUB OF LIVONIA
Meets 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16 at the Livonia Civic Center Library. There will be an informal critique and Thanksgiving party. Visitors and guests are welcome. For more information, call Peggy Gray at (734) 522-5989.

CLASSES

ART CLASSES
D & M studios offers fine art classes for preschooler through adult. Classes held at three locations: 8691 N. Luley Road, Canton, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. (734) 453-3710.

BELLY DANCE INSTRUCTIONS
An eight week instruction with Naomi Handelman from 7:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Jewish Community Center, 15110 West Ten Mile, Oak Park. (248) 967-4030.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER OF PONTIAC
Fall 1999 classes for children through adults in fine arts, computer design and music at the center, 47 Williams Street. Fees vary per class and a limited number of scholarships are available based on financial need. (248) 333-7849.

DETROIT BALLET
Classes in child and adult classical ballet, tap, and jazz. Adult beginners welcome. Classes offered at the Betty Johnston Dance Studio in Farmington Hills at Folsom and Nine Mile Road. (248) 474-3174.

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
All levels of classes for recreational and professional students, including modern, ballet, pointe, tap and jazz for children ages 3 and older, at the studio, 1541 W. Hamlin Road, between Crooks and Livernois roads, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-5850.

FIBER SYMPOSIUM
Features Ann Hamilton, Gerhardt Knodel, Mary Anne Friel, Christina Roberts, Jane Lackey and Yael Davids, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 20, Cranbrook Art Museum, 1221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3361.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
Adult art classes every Mon., Wed. and Fri. from 9 a.m. - noon. Woodcutting classes take place Monday-Friday at 9 a.m. Jazz classes for first third graders starting Monday, Nov. 15, 15110 West Ten Mile Road, Oak Park. (248) 967-4030.

KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES
Advanced and professional classical ballet program, 9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday, intermediate level, 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. At the studio, 5526 W. Drake, West Bloomfield. (248) 932-8699.

NAVAL ACADEMY
Introduction to Belly Dance for all ages and skill level. Classes meet weekly, 32832 Merritt Drive, Westland. (734) 422-1246.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Classes and workshops for all ages at the center, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Livonia. Classes meet 9:45 a.m. - noon, every third Tuesday of the month. (734) 416-

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VISUAL ART ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA
Classes in watercolor, figurative drawing and painting, workshops in batik and watercolor monotypes, at the Jefferson Center, Room 16, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia. (734) 455-9517.

CONCERTS

AMAH! AND THE NIGHT VISITORS
Mary Callaghan Lynch stars the family classic to benefit the JHM Sisters Retirement Fund 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 20 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 at St. Mary's Auditorium in Monroe. (248) 433-0950.

MUSICAL THEATER
The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents soprano Pamela Jordan Schiffer and tenor David Gordon who sing everything from Cole Porter to Andrew Lloyd Webber 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. Tickets are \$25. Call (734) 416-4ART.

CHRIST CHURCH CANTORIAL
Music for a New Century is 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14 at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-5210.

CIVIC ORCHESTRA CHAMBER PLAYERS
Performs at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, 313-783-7969.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Joint concert with the Detroit High School for the Performing Arts at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, Itzhak Perlman performs at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14. The Flying Karamazov Brothers with conductor Eric Kuntze, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18; 8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19; 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, 3 p.m. Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111.

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY
The Piano Ensemble performs at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14. The Oakland Chorus and Oakland University Chorus performs at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19. The African Ensemble performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20. The Chamber Ensemble performs at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21. All shows in Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. (248) 370-3013.

PIOTR FOLKERT
The pianist performs music of Frédéric Chopin, 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 20, St. Hugo of the Hills Church, 2215 Oakvale, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-5460.

RACKHAM SYMPHONY CHOIR
Presents King David at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 24815 Power Road, Farmington. (313) 441-3466.

UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY
Rac de Lucia & Sentet 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19 at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538.

LECTURES

BROWN BAG LECTURES
Dorwin Drake presents a lecture on U.S. Marshal Drake including a reenactment of his duties during the Civil War at noon, Thursday, Nov. 18 in the Information Technology Auditorium, County Campus, Waterford. (248) 858-0415.

CRANBROOK SUNDAY BRUNCH SERIES
Art and Music of the Vikings in Denmark, 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 14 at Cranbrook Institute of Science, 1221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3210.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENINGS)

CARY GALLERY
Opens Saturday, Nov. 20 - oil paintings by Lila Kaday through Dec. 24. Opening reception, 6-8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 20, 226 Walnut, Rochester. (248) 651-3656.

GALLERY 212
Opens Friday, Nov. 19 - The Marriage, a solo exhibition of Rex Harrington through Dec. 12. Artist's reception, 7-11 p.m., Friday, Nov. 19, 212 S. Main, in Arbor. (734) 665-8224.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY
Opens Friday, Nov. 19 - New paintings by Robert Wilbert through Jan. 8, 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 642-8250.

ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY
Opens Saturday, Nov. 20 - A Tribute to Time group exhibition through Dec. 30. Opening reception noon-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, 32782 Woodward, Royal Oak. (248) 647-7709.

POINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Opens Friday, Nov. 19 - Barbara Abel: Tragic Beauties through Dec. 23. Opening reception 6-8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 19, 407 Pine Street, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

STARKWEATHER SOCIETY GALLERY
Opens Tuesday, Nov. 16 - Inaugural Exhibit of this new art and cultural center located in Romeo. (810) 752-5700.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

ALLEY CULTURE
Through Nov. 27 - Dignidad, works by young artists and muralists of Southwest Detroit at Alley Culture, the alley between Trumbull and Lincoln, Red building south of Willis, Detroit.

ARIANA GALLERY
Through Jan. 1 - "Let There Be Light" 119 S. Main St., Royal Oak. (248) 546-8810.

ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY
Through Dec. 12 - "The Michigan Friends of Photography Annual Membership Exhibition" Marjigian Library, University of Michigan Dearborn campus, 4901 Evergreen Dearborn. (313) 593-5400.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER
The work of Italian-American artist Donato Mancini and sculptor Sergio De Gustis, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-0866.

BUCKHAM GALLERY
Figuratively Speaking, Painting and mixed-media works, 134 1/2 W. Second Street, Flint. (810) 239-6334.

C-POOP GALLERY
Through Nov. 17 - "Nagars Leaves Something Witchy," 4160 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-9901.

CASS CAFE
Through Nov. 30 - Current works by David Snow, Robin Sommers and Rick Vian, 4620 Cass Ave., Detroit. (313) 831-1400.

EMU ART ALUMNI INVITATIONAL
Through Nov. 24 - Annual exhibition at Ford Gallery, 114 Ford Hall, Ypsilanti.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN MUSEUM/GALLERY
Through Nov. 21 - Women of the Book, Jewish Artists, Jewish Themes, 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-7641.

GALERIA CASA DE UNIDAD
Through Dec. 17 - Day of the Dead, Orenda exhibit, 1920 Scotter, Detroit. (313) 843-9598.

GALERIA BIGGAS
Through Jan. 1 - Breaking Through a multi-media art exhibit, 35 Grand River, Detroit. (313) 961-0634.

GALERIE BLU
Through Nov. 30 - Stephen Goodfellow New Work, 7 North

Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 454-7797.
GALLERIA
Through Nov. 29 - An exhibit of Chinese brush paintings, 1200 North Telegraph, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

GALLERY 212
Through Nov. 14 - Dark Amusements, 212 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-8224.

GALLERY AT MARYGROVE COLLEGE
Through Dec. 15 - The works of Sandra Cardow/Marilyn Schechter, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit. (313) 927-1336.

G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY
Through Nov. 27 - Bob Thompson, works on canvas and paper. Opening reception, 2:5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 24. Through Jan. 12 - Herbert Gentry: Different Wants, Different Wishes, 161 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-2700.

HABITAT GALLERIES
Through Nov. 26 - New work by American artist Daniel Grayman and Czech artist, Pavel Hlava, 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 333-2060.

HILL GALLERY
Through Nov. 30 - Richard Nonas, sculpture, installation and granite works. Through Dec. 31 - Donald Sultan: Selected Drawings, 407 W. Brown St., Birmingham. (248) 540-9288.

ELAINE L. JACOB GALLERY
Through Nov. 30 - "So What Kind of Name is That?" - paintings with text by Ken Aptekar, 480 W. Hancock, on the campus of Wayne State University in Detroit. (313) 577-2423.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY
Through Dec. 7 - Abstraction: New Directions for a New Millennium, 107 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-3909.

ELLEN KAYROD GALLERY
Through Nov. 30 - Watercolor artist, Carol LaChiusa, 4750 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-1300.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY
Through Nov. 27 - Presents an exhibition by Robert Gniexek entitled "Detroit: Theater's Past and Present," and a solo exhibit by Victor Rodriguez, 163 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 433-3700.

LAWRENCE ST. GALLERY
Through Nov. 30 - The works of Lauren Finn, Pat Pearce-Martin, Sue Schultz and Chris Trombley, 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6716.

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION
Through Nov. 30 - Fabric art by Michigan Weavers Guild in the Fine Arts Gallery, Through Nov. 30 - Wood block prints by Michael McCullough, Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. (734) 466-2490. Through Nov. 30 - Watercolors by artist Kathy Phillips, Livonia City Hall Lobby, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. (734) 466-2540.

MANISCALCO GALLERY
Through Nov. 8 - Imaginary Expressionism, a group exhibition, 17329 Mack Ave., Detroit. (313) 886-2993.

MASTERPIECE GALLERY
Through Dec. 18 - Carlos "Dzine" Rolon: New Works and Constructions, 137 West Maple, Birmingham. (248) 594-9470.

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY
Through Jan. 9 - Colliers and Curfs: The Politics of Fashion in European Portraiture, 1630 to 1880, Meadow Brook Art Gallery, Oakland University, Rochester. (248) 370-3005.

MOORE'S GALLERY
Through Nov. 19 - Murcko and the Massai, 304 Hamilton Row, Birmingham. (248) 647-4662.

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART
Through Dec. 20 - Document USA, a survey of art at the end of the millennium, 7 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6038.

NETWORK
Through Nov. 23 - Maureen McCabe Abracadabra, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-3911.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA
Through Nov. 29 - An exhibit of Chinese brush painting, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

PARK WEST GALLERY
Through Nov. 14 - The collection of Joseph Barbera, half of the Hanna Barbera animation team, 29469 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. (248) 354-2343.

PEWABIC POTTERY
Through Dec. 31 - Earth's Treasures, the annual holiday show and sale, 10125 East Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 822-0954.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Through Nov. 23 - Torn paper collage by E. Lynne O'Rourke and seed bead designs by Colleen O'Rourke, 774 N. Sheldon Rd. at Junction, Plymouth. (734) 416-4278.

POSNER GALLERY
Through Nov. 15 - Reflective Refrains, 523 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 647-2552.

REVOLUTION GALLERY
Through Nov. 27 - Howard Kottler: Howards, 23257 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 541-3444.

SOUTHFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Through Nov. 20 - A juried exhibition by members of the Palette & Brush Club, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. (248) 424-9022.

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY
Through Nov. 20 - Howard M. Moss III displays his black & white scratch board pieces, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. (248) 948-0460.

LITERARY

BOOK SIGNING
Fred Glaysher of Rochester Hills signs copies of his "Into the Ruins: Poems" at 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 20 at Barnes & Noble, 2800 S. Rochester, Rochester Hills. (248) 853-9555.

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON
Author Ann Turner speaks at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 18 at the Community House, Birmingham. (248) 594-6405.

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
Through Jan. 2 - Turbulent Landscapes: The Natural Forces That Shape our World, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANbrook.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Through Jan. 9 - "What is a rare book? A Glimpse into the Research Library's rare book collection, "Glass, Glass, Glass: From the DIA's Collection" through March 5 at 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

TROY MUSEUM
Through March 30 - "Going West: Michigan Cavalry, Indian Wars," 60 Wattles, Troy. (248) 524-3570.

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
Through Jan. 2 - "I made this jar," The Life and Works of the Enslaved African American Potter, Dave, 315 E. Warren, Detroit. (313) 494-5800.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART
Through Jan. 2 - When Time Began to Rank and Rage: Figurative Painting from Twentieth-Century Ireland, 525 South State, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-0395.



Faces: The paintings of Boyko Asparouhov, Tim Burke and Ron Zakrin are on exhibit through Jan. 8 at the Maniscalco Gallery, 17329 Mack Avenue, Detroit, (313) 886-2993.

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MON-THURS. 12:30, 3:45, 7:40
NO AMERICAN BEAUTY (R)
1:10, 4:15, 6:50, 9:30
MUSIC OF THE HEART (PG)
1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:45

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1:30, 4:30, 8:00
NO LIGHT IT UP (R)
1:55, 3:10, 5:25, 7:35, 9:45
NO THE BONE COLLECTOR (R)
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12:50, 4:50, 7:30, 10:50
NO POKEBON (G)
12:00, 12:30, 2:15, 2:45, 4:30, 5:00, 6:45, 7:15, 8:50, 9:20
NO THE BACHELOR (PG-13)
12:10, 2:30, 4:45, 7:20, 9:40
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NO THE MESSENGER (R)
11:20, 12:20, 3:00, 4:00, 6:10, 7:10, 9:30, 10:30-NO VIP TICKETS
NO ANYWHERE BUT HERE (PG-13)
12:00, 2:30, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
NO VIP TICKETS
NO THE BONE COLLECTOR (R)
10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:35, 4:40, 6:20, 7:20, 9:00, 10:00
NO BEING JOHN MALCOLM (R)
11:20, 12:50, 5:40, 8:00, 10:35
NO VIP TICKETS
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10:40, 1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 9:40
NO LIGHT IT UP (R)
10:10, 12:40, 3:30, 6:30, 8:55
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THE STRAIGHT STORY (G)
9:50, 12:55, 3:35, 6:05, 9:00
THE HOUSE ON HAUNTED HILL (R)
10:35, 12:45, 3:05, 5:45, 8:10, 10:40
THE BEST MAN (R)
11:15, 2:00, 4:50, 7:30, 10:15
WHINGING OUT THE DEAD (R)
10:45, 1:20, 4:05, 6:45, 9:15
STORY OF US (R)
11:55, 2:35, 5:05, 7:35, 9:55
OMEGA CODE (PG-13)
7:15, 9:35 PM ONLY
RIGHT CLUB (R)
12:55, 3:15, 6:15, 9:25
SUPERSTAR (PG-13)
10:15, 12:15, 2:25, 4:35, 6:45, 8:40, 10:50
ELMO IN CROCOWLAND (G)
10:25, 12:35, 2:45, 5:00
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Be part of this very special edition of your hometown Observer with a picture and message about your family, your service organization, your place of worship...the list is endless. Perhaps you had a significant anniversary, a special event, or another important milestone in your lives during the past century. Here's your opportunity to record it for your friends, family, neighbors and business associates!

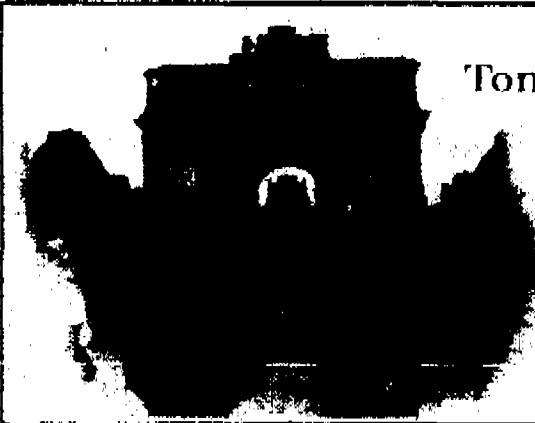
These special messages will appear on the pages of the January 1st edition of your hometown Observer on January 1, 2000 and you can deposit the entire issue in your own time capsule, so that when you look at it again in the years to come, you'll enjoy remembering or telling your grandchildren what was going on in your hometown!

Here's all you do to be part of our Hometown History pages:

1. Fill in the information requested on the form below.
2. Clip one of the sample ads below and send it with your message and photo
3. Enclose one photo, no larger than 8"x10" per message. (If you wish photo returned please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope)
4. Compose your message of 25 words or less.
5. Tell us in which Observer newspaper you would like your message to appear.
6. Include your check for \$30, \$60, or \$90 for your message, made payable to: "The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers"
7. Mail to: 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150—Attention: Hometown History
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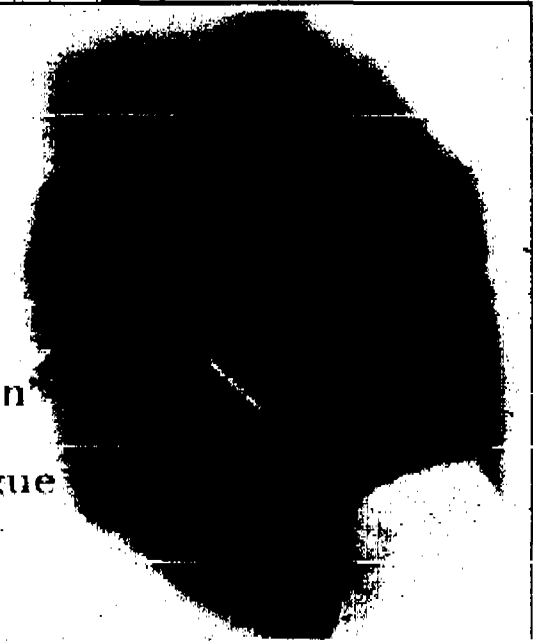


The Hammerheads hail the new millennium and remember March 16, 1999.



Tom and Ken in Paris

May your dreams come true in the new millennium!



Max, "All Star Champion" Left Outfielder, Canton Little League

Swinging into the New millennium and batting 2000!

Please include the enclosed message and photo on **The Observer HomeTown History pages!**

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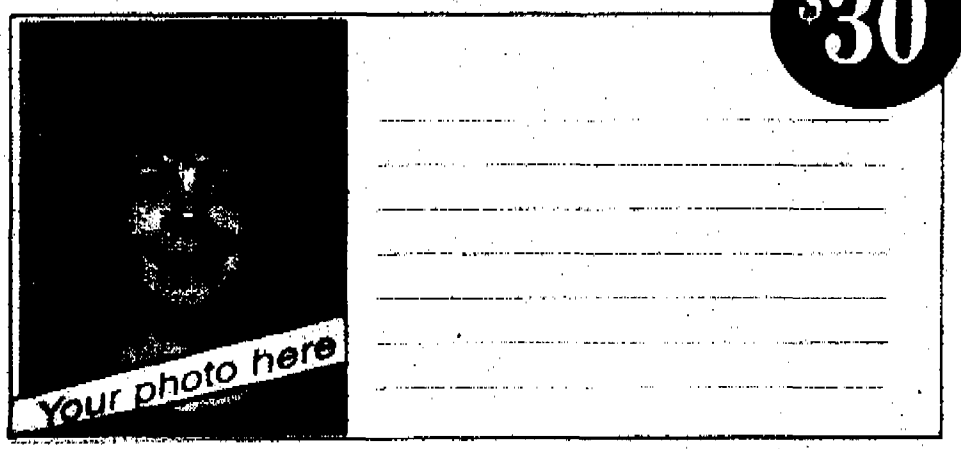
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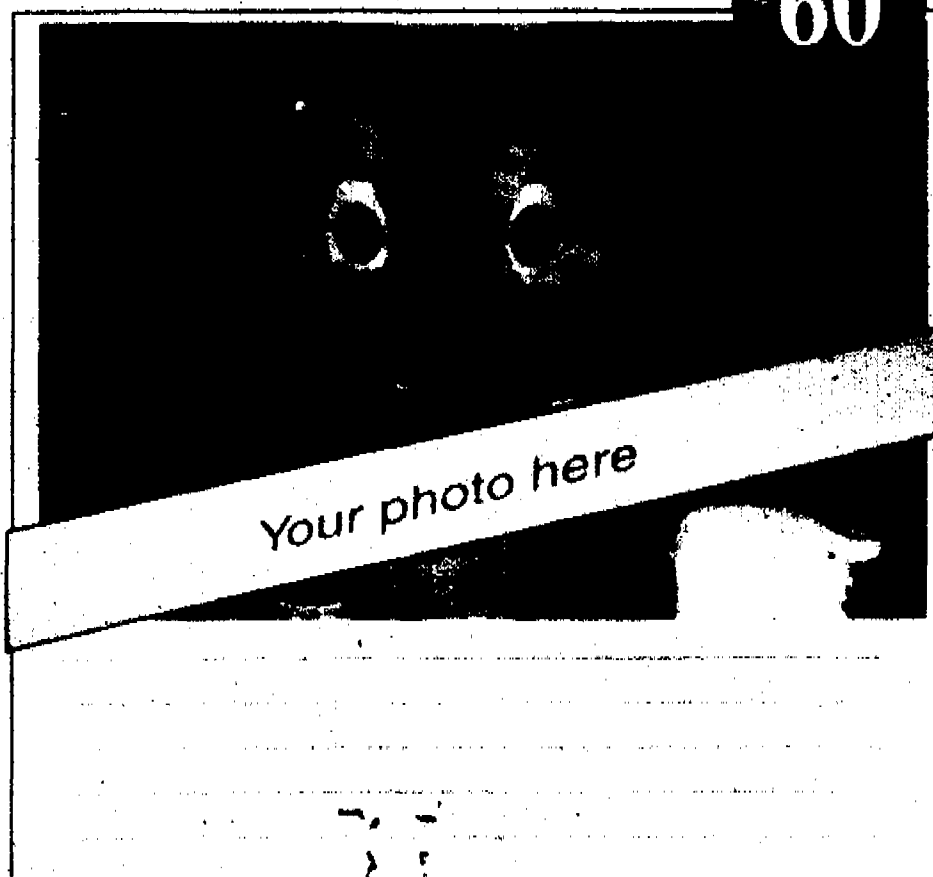
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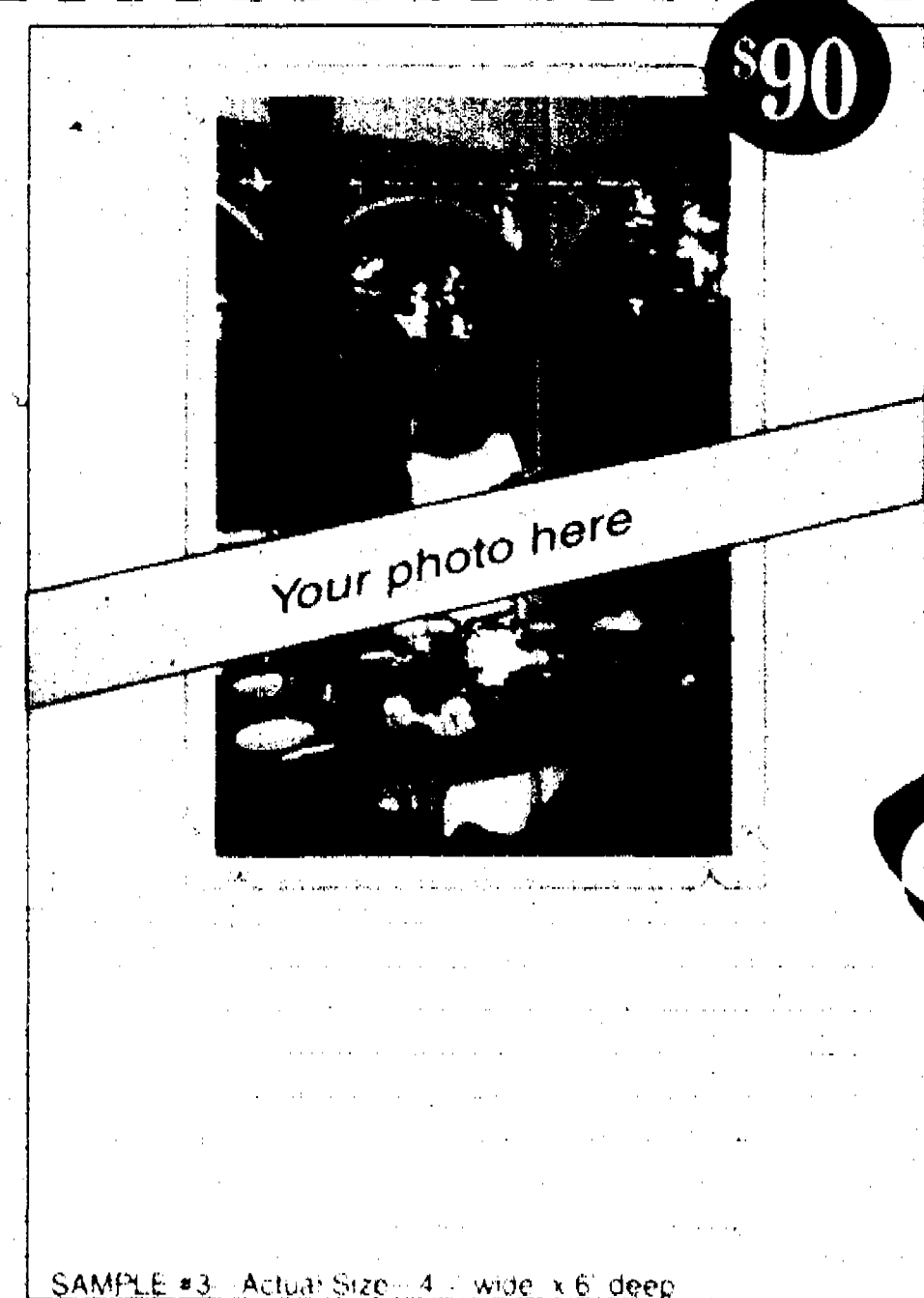
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Use the sample ad you want, attach it to the message form, along with your photo and mail with your payment.

Shop early for popular holiday jewelry gifts

THE JEWELRY LADY



DENISE RODGERS

Not your mother's bobby-pin

Have you noticed all the jeweled hair butterflies and flowers bouncing in the hair of young jewelry lovers?

The look, popular through the summer, will continue to hold weight as we approach the holiday season. You'll notice hair jewelry on display in area department stores and accessory shops.

And, in reverse of the way things usually work, fine jewelry manufacturers are picking up on the trend and starting to create jewelry for the hair.

These companies also are starting to promote hair jewelry. For example, Cameron Diaz wore a diamond-set clip in her short blond hair at the Oscars. Bride's magazine recently featured a model wearing jeweled butterfly hair clips.

In Michigan, we're generally not as quick to pick up on the latest fashion trends, but this is definitely one to watch and embrace.

Always wanted to be a jewelry designer?

Now you can design your own engagement ring courtesy of the Internet and jewelry maker De Beers.

Log on to De Beers' web site at www.adiamondisforever.com, and click on the "Design Your Own Engagement Ring" feature.

Once there, you'll be able to choose a diamond size and shape and select a precious metal, yellow gold, white gold or platinum.

How about a few more diamonds on the side? Just name the shape, and like magic they appear on the screen.

After you've completed your design, you can make a print to give to your local jeweler, e-mail the design to yourself or anyone else in your address file who might benefit from the information.

While your design choices are limited to a simple band and side diamonds, the possibilities become much more exciting when you choose the "Browse Similar Designs" option. At that location, you'll be able to look at more unusual and asymmetrical ring configurations.

De Beers plans to promote the site on Nov. 5 with a commercial called "Click," so keep an eye out for it.

In the commercial, a woman clicks on her computer mouse and a "real" engagement ring materializes on her finger, as a voice says "design the perfect diamond engagement ring in just minutes. You'll have the rest of your life to design the perfect husband."

Now that would be an interesting web site.

But seriously, if you're serious about designing an engagement ring, rather than treating the De Beers site like the free video game that it is, you will still need to interact with a person to get what you want.

The De Beers site will direct you to your local jeweler and is linked to the Jewelers of America web site, which lists local affiliated jewelers. While these are a fine bunch of stores, don't limit yourself to that list. Many reputable local stores were not on the list.

Something white

Wrap up white for the Y2K holiday season — and shop early.

Jewelry fashion experts predict the present infatuation with white, as in white gold, silver or platinum will continue. Check out these metals to give as holiday gifts, but do so early. Otherwise, what your loved one wants might be out of stock.

PricewaterhouseCoopers predicts a 5.5 percent increase in general retail sales from last year's holiday shopping season. The same PricewaterhouseCoopers report predicts consumers will procrastinate even more than they did last year, so, once again, shop early.

South Sea pearls might be another smart holiday gift. While citrus shades, like lime and orange, will inform spring fashion, the neutral gray of South Sea pearls will continue to be a fashion keeper according to the experts.

Send your questions to The Jewelry Lady by e-mail, rodgers@mich.com, fax, (248) 522-2223 or mail, c/o the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, Mich. 48009.



Waiting: Lisa Schrader, of Northville, waits for the Duchess of York's autograph.

Shoppers are thrilled to meet Fergie, buy china

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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When Lisa Schrader, of Northville, learned Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York, would be autographing Wedgwood china at Hudson's, she knew she'd be there.

She knew she'd drop a few bucks on Wedgwood china, too.

"Obviously, the duchess is signing thousands of pieces" said Schrader, who was standing in line with a Wedgwood vase and platter she purchased for \$330, putting in her 30-minute wait for the former princess' autograph. "I just feel this is something to have. How much and how often can you have something like this."

The duchess appeared at Hudson's at the Somerset Collection in Troy on Thursday to promote England's Wedgwood china and talk about setting tables

the way the Brits do.

Like most in-store celebrity appearances, the event generated lots of excitement and lots of sales.

Schrader's sister, Debbie Olive, of Farmington, also spent a few dollars to get Fergie's signature, \$118 on a Wedgwood teapot. Olive collects and uses teapots, but admits that, "no, I wouldn't have just come for Wedgwood."

Southfield resident Barbara Pihette also came with her sister. Although Pihette didn't plan on buying anything, she found herself in the back of the autograph line with three platters for Fergie's signature, one for herself, another for her sister and the third for a holiday gift.

"It's a collector's item," said Pihette. "It's kind of neat to get something like that. ... Even though she's not royalty anymore, this is probably as close as we're ever going to get at Somerset mall."

Schrader, Olive and Pihette definitely weren't alone, though.

ROYAL WARES



Royal words: Sarah, Duchess of York, talks to an audience of about 500 people at Hudson's at the Somerset Collection in Troy on Thursday. Fergie visited the store to promote Wedgwood china and sign pieces of the china purchased by customers.



Flowers: Mike Senkow and his mother, Mary, both from Windsor, wait to give Fergie flowers.

The line of patrons waiting for Fergie's signature extended more than 100 people for over an hour. Many fans stood in line over 30 minutes to meet the duchess. Hudson's staff passed out punch, coffee and pastries to those waiting in line.

Smart Fergie fans purchased Wedgwood china — about 60 pieces were sold in advance of the event — from Hudson's last week.

At the duchess' speaking event, a lesson about how to set a table with Wedgwood china, there were about 150 more individuals than the 400

who had made reservations, said Michelle Goldstein, spokesperson for Wedgwood.

Most, if not all, came to catch a glimpse of Fergie, rather than learn about setting a proper table, a reality with which the duchess seemed more than in touch. Ferguson made lots of jokes, had a man from the audience stand on a Wedgwood tea cup and told her fans to "be your own style, be original, be yourself" when it comes to setting the table.

Birmingham-based rug retailer Hagopian among businesses honored for community involvement

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Business as usual it wasn't for many Michigan retailers last week.

Community involvement, rather than boosting sales, took center stage at the Michigan Retailers Association's retailer of the year luncheon held Wednesday at the Detroit Institute of the Arts.

Three retailers, including Birmingham-based Hagopian Family of Companies, which operates Hagopian World of Rugs in downtown Birmingham, received the group's 1999 Michigan Retailer of the Year awards.

"We're extremely honored. We work hard in our business, and we work hard in our community, and I'm glad it shows," said Edgar Hagopian, chairman of the company, which operates two other rug showrooms, one in Oak Park and another in Novi.

In Hagopian's mind, community involvement ought to be business as usual. "It's very important. Every business, every person, has an obligation to the com-

munity because man is such a social being," said Hagopian.

Larry Meyer, Michigan Retailers Association CEO couldn't agree more. "For business, public service is important. I think good companies have giving back to the community as part of their culture."

Since such good deeds are often overlooked, the association has a responsibility to draw attention to them, added Meyer. "All of us in our busy lives go to these stores to buy things, and I think we have a tendency to take (things) for granted."

The award program, founded in 1998 and sponsored by the association, The Detroit News and Michigan Radio Network, honors businesses in three sales categories, under \$2 million, \$2-20 million and more than \$20 million.

Rogers Department Store in Grand Rapids was honored as retailer of the year in the large business category. Sunnyslope Floral & Gift in Grandville was selected for the award in the small business category.

Hagopian's company annually holds a design scholarship competition for students at Detroit's Center for Creative Studies. In addition to providing student

scholarships through the program, the retailer transforms the first-place student design into a rug for exhibition and sale.

About 500 students have participated in the competition and thousands of dollars in scholarship money has been awarded since the competition's inception in 1989.

Hagopian also sponsors an interior design competition for Michigan universities, holds a Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings concert series in their Birmingham store and regularly contributes to many charitable organizations.

Hagopian said his father, who founded the family's rug business in 1939 after emigrating to the United States from Turkey, instilled a strong belief in giving back to community in him. Hagopian's father, an Armenian, left Turkey in 1921 during a period a genocide against Armenians in the country.

"America was a haven for my father," said Hagopian. "As a result of America offering the opportunities it did to him ... I really do feel strongly that I have to give back to the community and the country."

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

GET WITH VISIT
Visit the Clinique counter and enjoy a make-up consultation at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, and receive a beauty gift through Nov. 21, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Cosmetics & Fragrances, first floor. For an appointment, call (248) 614-3367.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

HERRERA SPRING COLLECTION
View Carolina Herrera's special order collection for spring through Nov. 16 at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Salon, second floor. To make a personal appointment, call (248) 614-3383.

DESIGNER APPEARANCE

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Meet clothing designer Ron Leal and view his spring collection at Jacobson's in downtown Birmingham, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Collection Sportswear.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

HOLIDAY CENTERPIECE SEMINAR
Master gardener and writer Nancy Szerlag shares ideas for decorative holiday centerpieces and tips for caring for poinsettias at Art Van Furniture, 8300 Wayne Road in Westland, 6:30-8 p.m. For information, call (734) 425-9800.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

MAKE YOUR OWN SWAROVSKI JEWELRY
Parisian, Laurel Park Place in Livonia, hosts a Swarovski Crystal Studio event, at which customers create their own jewelry using Swarovski jewelry pieces and crystals, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. through Nov. 19.

For additional information, call (734) 953-7500.

SHIPWRECKS TREASURE SHOW
Tierra Fine Jewelers, 64 S. Main Street in downtown Clarkston, hosts the Lost Galleon Treasures exhibit of sunken treasure with shipwreck recovery expert Andy Matroci through Nov. 21, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday and noon-6 p.m. on Sunday. For additional information about the exhibit and related events, call (248) 625-2511.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

MICHAEL DAWKINS APPEARANCE
Meet jewelry designer Michael Dawkins at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Jewelry, first floor.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

STORYTELLING
Wonderland Mall in Livonia hosts Auntie Poo's Story Time for children, 2-3:30 p.m., Food Court. For additional information, call (734) 522-4100.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

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Photo packages start at \$10. For more information, call (734) 425-5001.

SPORTS GIFT GALLERY

If you're looking for a holiday gift for a sports fan, drop by **Tel-Twelve Mall** in Southfield and check out the mall's card, coin, stamp and sports collectibles show and gift gallery during the Southfield mall's regular hours, Nov. 18-21. Also, Detroit Red Wing Alex Delvecchio will autograph hockey gift purchases 1-3 p.m. Nov. 20. For more information, call (248) 353-4111.

SANTA AT LAUREL PARK PLACE

Santa Claus comes by horse-drawn carriage to **Laurel Park Place** in Livonia, 6 p.m. Nov. 18. Santa will arrive through the mall's Newburgh Road entrance near Talbots while the Wayne Chapter Renaissance Choir performs holiday carols. Prior to his arrival, children can decorate holiday cookies. After, children may have their photographs taken with Santa, and shoppers may take

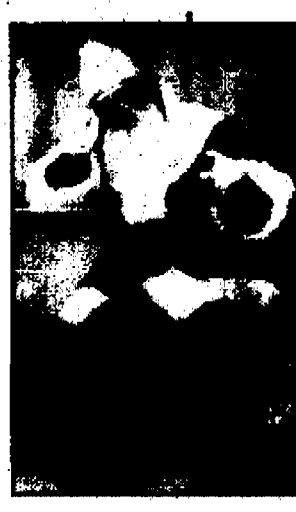
free carriage rides. Santa will be available for visits and photos at the mall through Christmas Eve. For more information, call (734) 462-1100.

MISTLETOE MADNESS

Nordstrom, the **Somerset Collection** in Troy, hosts a private holiday shopping party and the mall's annual Mistletoe Madness event, 7-11 p.m. Nov. 20. Guests will enjoy dinner and dessert buffets, dancing to a live band and a variety of special shopping services. Tickets are \$60 and benefit the Junior League of Birmingham. For reservations or additional information, call (248) 542-9393.

SANTA PARADE

Meadow Brook Village Mall in Rochester Hills holds a parade to celebrate Santa's arrival at the center, 7 p.m. Nov. 19. A horse-drawn carriage will deliver Santa to the mall's Winter Village, then he will join a mall-wide parade of musicians, singers and costumed characters. Visits with Santa will be available 11 a.m.-8 p.m.



Santa's arrival: Santa Claus arrives next week at many area malls.

Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Nov. 20-Dec. 24. For more information, call (248) 375-9451.

WINTER WONDERLAND AT WONDERLAND

Join the parade and welcome Santa to **Wonderland Mall** in Livonia, 9 a.m. Nov. 20. And, between 10 a.m. and noon, donate a toy or \$5 and receive an autograph from Dino Ciccarelli. The sounds of Bobby Lewis & The Crackjack Band perform 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on the mall stage. For more information, call (734) 522-4100.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item from another reader, rather than a store, we will call you. But, please be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.

WHAT WE FOUND:

- DuBarry. Sophisticated makeup can be ordered from **Laurel Heights Pharmacy**, 2602 N. Main, San Antonio, TX 78212, (210) 736-3161.
- One Inspector Gadget right arm from a reader.
- Music for the songs "Mother's Love" and "Little Man You've Had a Busy Day" from a reader.
- Leather jacket repairs are done at **The Craftsman**, 15080 Middlebelt Road in Livonia, (734) 261-5222, and at **Leather & Lace** in Union Lake.
- Lightweight leather Harley Davidson jackets can be purchased at **Boomer's** on Dixie Highway and Andersonville roads in Waterford.

- Mary Proctor ironing board covers can be bought at **Adray's** on Carlisle in Dearborn, (313) 274-9500. The covers may also be ordered from the **Gustin Kramer Company**, P.O. Box 528, Boston, MA 02136, (617) 361-7700. (The company will mail an order form with pictures).
- One 1956 Detroit St. Joseph's High School yearbook is available from a reader.
- Sander's chocolate bumpy cake is available at **Guernsey's Farm Dairy/Restaurant** on Novi Road, west of Eight Mile Road, and at the **Hild Ice-cream Cafe**, 10930 Farmington Road in Livonia.
- **Kathy's Cheesecake** is sold at a store on Six Mile Road in Detroit, but we don't know the store's name.
- One copy of **Dykes Automotive Encyclopedia** for antique cars is available from a reader.
- One copy of **Pillsbury Classic Cookies Galore** cookbook is available from a reader. Another reader has a copy of the classic cookbook.
- One copy of the video tape "Barney at the Beach" is available from a reader.
- One 1984 St. Agatha of Redford Township High School yearbook is available from a reader.
- Snow/rain plastic boots - apparently they're called Drizzle

- boots - can be purchased through **The National Company catalog**, (800) 480-4673.
- One Austrian Swarovski crystal "Unicorn" is available from a reader.
- Chantilly roll-on deodorant is sold at the **Sears** store at the Livonia Mall.
- WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:**
- An under-the-kitchen cabinet knife holder on a hinge that pulls down for Peggy.
- A store where **Roadhouse barbecue sauce** is sold for Dan.
- A store where "Dream Catchers" in different sizes are sold for Lorie.
- A store where **Cutex Rescue medicated cuticle cream** is sold for Marge.
- A **Revere six-inch frying pan** with a copper bottom for Betty.
- A shop that inserts children's names into story books for Andrea.
- A pattern and instructions for making quilts from T-shirts for Roseanne.
- A store or stores where **Yardley Lavender talc powder** and **almond paste** for baking cookies are sold for Nancy.
- A store that sells replacement seats for kitchen chairs for Ed.
- A 1948 **Royal Copenhagen** (blue and white) Christmas plate

- for Helen.
- A store where **Miss Lee's books** are sold for Jackie.
- A store in the **Livonia/Westland** area, other than **Farmer Jack**, that sells **Helms tomato juice** and **Knorr's hungarian goulash mix** for Joyce.
- A 1956 **Harvey H. Lowrey** in Dearborn High School yearbook for Anne.
- A 1968 **Romeo High School** yearbook for Cathie.
- The game "Catch Phrase" for Carol.
- A store where **Hill & Archer men's underwear** is sold for Linda.
- A 1964 **Betty Crocker** cookbook for Georgine.
- **Bill Blass** perfume and **Coty lipstick** for Nancy.
- A "Making Faces" doll for Diane.
- A store that sells **Schaefer fountain pens** and **peacock-colored ink**.
- A 1979 **Churchill High School** yearbook for Linda.
- A store where **Red Cross shoes** are sold for Shirley of Waterford.
- **Buster Brown children's clothing**.
- Another store that sells **Kathy's Cheesecakes** or the name of the **Detroit** store where the product is carried.

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Turn back the clock in Chicago suburb of Oak Park

BY DOUG JOHNSON
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If you're seeking a low-impact weekend and like looking at and touring vintage homes, consider a trip to the old Chicago suburb of Oak Park.

Here you'll find wide, tree-lined streets and old, lovingly restored and maintained homes.

Here, also, is the legacy of America's greatest architect, Frank Lloyd Wright.

Oak Park and nearby River Forest offer a remarkable variety of homes done in the Prairie style, the architectural design made famous by Wright and several other Chicago architects. Wright was the acknowledged master of the Prairie house.

The style is "among the more short-lived styles having flourished and declined in the years between 1900 and 1910" according to Virginia and Lee McAlester's "A Field Guide to American Houses" (Knopf, 1997). Their book has extensive drawings and photos of all types of American homes from pre-colonial to present.

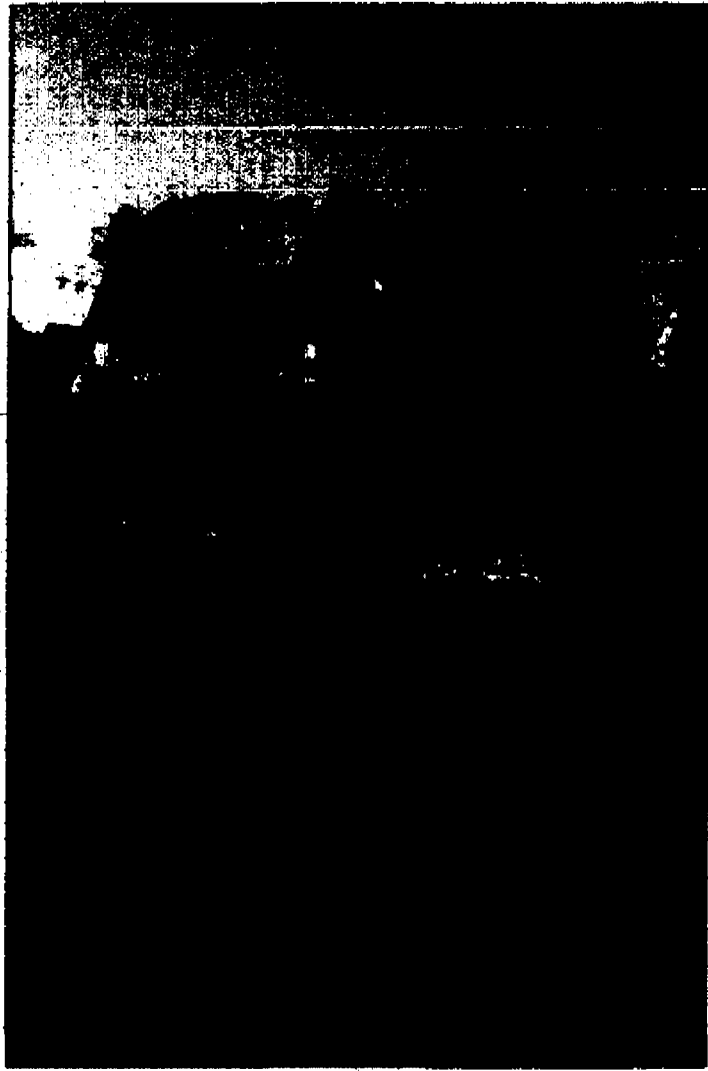
The 1893 Winslow House in River Forest was probably the first Prairie house.

These houses emphasized horizontal lines mimicking the flat, horizontalness of the American prairie west of Chicago. Also, Prairie houses often have massive square porch supports, flat chimneys, low-pitch, hipped roofs, ribbons of windows tucked under the ultra wide eaves, and hidden entries.

To the first-time visitor to Oak Park, the Wright houses may seem "modernistic" but in fact some of them are more than 100 years old.

Here's a summary of details about an architectural and historic tour of Oak Park:

■ Call the Ginkgo Tree Bookshop at the Wright home and studio and pay \$4 for the "Architectural Guide Map" and have them mail it to you. The excellent map contains clear photos and addresses of all Wright homes and all other architecturally significant homes in Oak Park. You will immediately see how little walking there actually is to be able to see many Wright homes and Unity Temple, his first public building. Phone (708)



Spectacular: Tours of the Moore-Dugal house have been suspended due to a death in the family. The home has been open on weekends for tourists.

848-1606.

■ The Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio Foundation maintains his home and studio and offers daily tours. They also offer walking tours of nearby streets. Tour hours are 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. daily and every 15 minutes from 11 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. on weekends. Weekend reservations are suggested. Tours are prompt. Phone (708) 848-1978.

■ Each May, the foundation sponsors inside tours of several Wright homes. The 26th annual Wright Plus Housewalk tour in 2000 will be May 20, and you will be permitted to tour 10 homes.

■ You can see 14 Wright homes' exteriors in a short mini-tour near the Wright home. Some of the first homes you see on the self-guided tour are Queen Anne designs, and others done after 1900 are Prairie style.

■ One interesting "Wright event" Oak Park visitors might try, to fully steep themselves in details of Wright's architecture and life, is an overnight stay at Cheney House, a bed and breakfast establishment.

Cheney House, 520 North East Avenue, is one of the Wright houses in Oak Park and is about four blocks from his home/studio.

It may even seem romantic to stay in one of the two-room suites given the history of Cheney House.

A recent documentary about Wright on Public Television revisited the famous details. An architectural commission for electrical engineer Edwin Cheney led to a love affair between Wright and Mamah Borthwick Cheney, the engineer's wife. Cheney and Wright left their families for a year in Europe in 1909.

This part of his life ended five years later when Mrs. Cheney and her children were killed by an insane servant at Wright's retreat in Wisconsin. Their "free love" relationship scandalized Oak Park and the nation.

Rooms at Cheney House are \$155 a night and include a continental breakfast. The home has been owned by Chicago attorney Dale Smirl and his wife for 22 years. Call (708) 524-2067 for reservations.

The red brick Cheney House



Modernistic: This red brick house near the Wright home/studio looks like a recent addition to the area, but it was built in 1902.

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No tourists: A careful reader can see a "no tourism" sign in this house's window, indicating not everyone in Oak Park likes visitors looking over these beautiful homes.

has many typical Wright details: a large overhung hip roof, hidden front entry, bands of windows tucked under the eaves and a stone sill surrounding the structure.

■ The magnificent, high-gabled Moore-Dugal home very near the Wright home and studio has been offering inside tours

until recently; a death in the family has stopped these tours, offered on Saturday and Sundays April through October. Local inquiry with the Oak Park Visitors Center is recommended as it handles the tour tickets: (708) 848-1500. Just walking around the edges of the fenced property is worth the short walk

from the studio center.

■ Under the Ginkgo Tree Bed and Breakfast, 300 N. Kenilworth, Oak Park is a Queen Anne Victorian home built around 1890, air conditioned, with a wraparound front porch. It is just one block from the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio. Savor a light breakfast in the elegant dining room or bright homey kitchen; weather permitting, breakfast is served on the veranda. Phone (708) 524-2327.

■ Several other famous people are from Oak Park: Ray Kroc, founder of McDonald's, Edgar Rice Burroughs, creator of Tarzan, Ernest Hemingway, psychologist Carl Rogers and TV star Bob Newhart. Hemingway's birthplace home and museum, two separate facilities, can be toured. Phone (708) 848-2222 for information on either. This past summer the city hosted a gala celebration of the life and times of Hemingway on the 100th anniversary of his birth.

Oak Park is a turn-of-the-century gem. Going back in time 100 years seems particularly appropriate as we move into the 21st century.



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KELLI LEWTON

Stir up some one-pot meals and memories

Homemade soup evokes memories from my childhood. Grandma's stews always made me feel warm and fuzzy. Soup was my friend in sickness and a special treat on cold winter days.

My family had many traditions that centered around the bowl and a large spoon. The mandatory raking of fall leaves was always rewarded with homemade beef stew. Even though I couldn't have cared less about the big football game, I would linger near the action anticipating my mom's famous chili with enormous chunks of tomato and Cheddar cheese melted on top.

Hungry for homemade

I'm not the only one who still looks forward to homemade soup. In a soup and stew class I recently taught at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, one gentleman told me he enrolled in the class after discovering that the soup he held sacred in his taste bud memory as his mother's homemade was exposed to have originated from a packet box mix. He confessed he had sampled the exact same soup at his friend's house for a quick warm snack. He then admitted he is not even sure if he has ever had homemade soup. I'm happy to report my student is on his way to making homemade soups.

You don't have to look far to see that soup and stew is coming to a boil across the country - from the soup spoofs featured on the popular TV sitcom "Seinfeld" to nearby cities and towns where you are bound to discover a soup and bread establishment on a corner near you.

If you really stop and think about it, you would be hard pressed to find another finished food commodity that is so sensitive to today's diverse and demanding lifestyle. Soup can be the perfect food to accommodate many of our daily life food challenges including budget, health, utilization of leftovers and various fussy palettes from youth through adult.

Perfect one-pot meal

It is without a doubt the perfect one-pot meal. You can produce most soups and stews a day or two in advance as well as over-produce and freeze them for another time. With good planning it can be a truly economical way to nutritiously feed your family and yourself. What I find baffling is that...

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Soup & Stew Glossary

- Broth** - Flavor extracted from meat
- Stock** - Flavor extracted from bones
- Consommé** - A clarified stock. Clear thin broth
- Cream soup** - Usually the addition of dairy product
- Puree** - Refers to the consistency of soup achieved by grinding, mashing or pureeing your vegetables that were simmered in stock and then returned to the soup. This can be achieved by using a blender, food processor or mashing through a sieve.
- Stewage** - A thick, rich soup generally consisting of pureed seafood and vegetables and cream.
- Chowder** - Thick, chunky seafood soups of which clam chowder is the best known. This term is also used to describe any thick, rich soup containing chunky style foods.
- Bases** - Store-bought flavor-enhanced base (usually a paste) you reconstitute with water to produce stock for the purpose of soups, soup stews as well as other hot food applications.

Keeping Soup Light

- Use milk, yogurt, rice or soy milk instead of cream; olive oil instead of butter.
- Substitute veggie stock for meat stock.
- Use vegetable purees to thicken soup instead of cream or flour.
- Use herbs, spices, acidic products to sharpen taste profile instead of fat.
- Trim fat from all bones.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Get ready for Thanksgiving
- Focus on Wine

SIMMERING SOUP

A LITTLE ATTENTION GOES A LONG WAY

BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS
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Soup making is enjoyable, but it's time-consuming. When my dad makes soup, he carefully selects the freshest ingredients, cleans and peels and chops the vegetables, mixes and blends the ingredients, chooses the right size pot and nurtures the process along in a loving manner.

He is quite attentive, and it reminds me that making soup is kind of like raising kids. A little attention goes a long way. It isn't about how fast you can get everything into the pot. It's more like adding a few ingredients, adjusting a little here and there and getting the blending of flavors, textures and spices just right so that the soup can "hold its own" and carry on to make a meal. Making soup is one of the most satisfying and least precise of kitchen tasks.

Soup is an emotionally nourishing food; some cultures use soup for medicinal purposes. In my family, soup was a soothing addition to the meal. Another nice thing about soup is that it is just as good or sometimes even better the next day.

Take stock

The foundation of every good soup is the stock. Stock is a liquid in which solids have been cooked and then strained out, with the goal of transferring the flavor from the solids to the liquid. The solids are usually discarded and the liquid strained and defatted. You can find a huge variety of canned, cubed and powdered soup stock in the grocery stores. These pre-packaged stocks make whipping up soup quick and easy. But a homemade stock adds such depth and body to your soup that it is definitely worth the effort.

Start with a tall, narrow pot to slow water loss from evaporation. Use cold water to help extract flavor from the ingredients. Add vegetables, meat and seasonings to the cold water. Heat to boiling and then simmer.

Stocks are not compost heaps. Cruddy old vegetables and aging



chicken will never improve the soup stock. The beauty of stock is that the ideal ingredients are usually the trimmings of the vegetables you're about to use in the soup. Celery leaves, leek roots, potato parings and other vegetables add amazing flavor to the stock water. My dad's rule is "nothing canned except tomatoes." All of his vegetables are fresh or frozen.

Cook meat stocks for a long time over low heat, usually one to five hours. Vegetable stocks cook much quicker, usually in 30 minutes to an hour.

Bones are an important part to a meat stock soup but be sure there is a little meat on the bone to give the best flavor. Buy a whole chicken

and save the wings, back and neck for the soup stock. However, scraps of fat and skin will not make a good soup stock.

Vegetables from the cabbage family (cauliflower, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, turnips and rutabaga) do not make good stock. Neither do powdered herbs, ground black pepper, artichoke trimmings or too many greens. When in doubt, simmer the ingredients separately first and taste the water.

Don't allow stocks to boil vigorously. The fat will become too dispersed to be skimmed and the stock may taste too greasy. Bring the stock to just about boiling and skim

Please see SOUP, D2

No time to cook? Get crocking

Wouldn't it be nice to come home to a warm, hearty, home-cooked soup or stew?

Well, with just a few minutes of prep time, you can! Pull out that Crock-Pot that's stashed away back in your pantry and get ready for some tasty home-cooked meals.

For many people who work outside the home, little time is left in the evening for meal preparation. One way to remedy this is to do your chopping and mixing in the morning (15 minutes is all it takes, including clean-up). If you're not a morning person, do the preparation the night before and store everything in the Crock-Pot in the fridge. Then in the morning, all you do is plug in the Crock-Pot and let it do the work while you're gone.

A Crock-Pot cooks at low temperatures and takes at least four to five times as long as a conventional oven. With many recipes, the longer it cooks, the better. You can adapt your favorite recipes to the Crock-Pot, invent new ones or try the Swiss Chick in a Pot recipe I've included. (See recipe inside)

Just remember, when using a Crock-Pot, the food is cooked in its juice. What goes in is what you eat. Therefore, choose lean meats like skinless chicken and lean pork chops and trim all fat.

Generally speaking, if you're using your own recipe, follow these guidelines:

Time Guide

- If recipe says: 15-30 minutes
- Cook in Crock-Pot: 1-1/2 to 2 hours on high or 4 to 6 hours on low
- If recipe says: 35-45 minutes
- Cook in Crock-Pot: 3 to 4 hours on high or 6 to 10 hours on low
- If recipe says: 50 minutes to 3 hours
- Cook in Crock-Pot: 4 to 6 hours on high or 8 to 18 hours on low

Also use less liquid for slow cooking - usually about half the recommended amount. Milk, cream and sour cream tend to break down during extended cooking. When possible, add these during the last hour of cooking.

Experiment! You'll be rewarded with a warm, satisfying meal.

Plan on having enough turkey for leftovers

MAIN DISH MIRACLE



MURIEL WAGNER

Buying too much turkey for Thanksgiving Day is standard operating procedure at my house. Extravagant? No, it's really expedient, and saves me much time and money because I love turkey planned-overs.

When soup and sandwiches begin to pall, I cut the remains into strips and freeze them into recipe-size portions. Then I trot out my recipes for leftover turkey and delight my palate and pocketbook, not to mention accommodating a busy holiday schedule.

I'm particularly fond of this recipe for Turkey Hawaiian. It's so good you'd probably make it even though you don't have turkey leftovers. It's also perfect for the rest of that non-holiday turkey breast roast that you're tired of looking at, much less eating. This recipe also has the virtue of being what I call "Kwik Fix." It takes more time to assemble the ingredients than it does to make it.

An Oriental accent gives Turkey Hawaiian a light interesting flavor in contrast to the richness of other holiday food extravaganzas. All of the ingredients can be kept on the pantry shelf or freezer. Frozen chives can be substituted for the green onion if need be.

I like to make my own sodium-reduced soy sauce by diluting Kame (Japanese soy) with an equal part of dry sherry, or even water. It tastes better, costs less, and has one-third the sodium of regular soy sauce, with no added coloring or preservatives.

To raise the fiber content, substitute quick cooking brown rice or barley for the white rice.

Look for Main Dish Miracle on the second Sunday of the month in Taste. Muriel G. Wagner is a registered dietitian and nutrition therapist with an office in Southfield. She publishes "Eating Younger," a quarterly newsletter with recipes and nutrition tips. To subscribe, send a check for \$13.50 to "Eating Younger," P.O. Box 69021, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069.

TURKEY HAWAIIAN

- 1 (14 ounce) can pineapple chunks
- 1 (10 1/2 ounce) can sodium reduced, fat-free chicken broth
- 4 green onions, washed and silvered (include some green tops)
- 1/4 pound pea pods, washed and ends removed
- 1 (8 ounce) can sliced water chestnuts, drained
- 1 (10 ounce) package frozen peas, defrosted
- 1 (4 ounce) jar sliced mushrooms, drained
- 1/4 cup sodium-reduced soy sauce
- 3 cups silvered cooked turkey breast
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch

Drain pineapple, reserving juice. Add water to juice to make 1 cup. Combine with chicken broth, vegetables and soy sauce. Bring to a boil. Cover and simmer for 3 minutes.

Blend cornstarch with 3 tablespoons cold water. Add to saucepan. Cook and stir until thickened and bubbly. Stir in pineapple and turkey. Heat through. Serve over white rice, brown rice or barley. Serves 6.

Food values per serving:

- Calories 241
- fat 2.1g
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- sodium 270mg
- cholesterol 37mg

Food exchanges:

- 3 lean meat
- 1 fruit
- 1 vegetable



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Soup from page D1

away the foam. Go for a gentle simmer.
Strain the stock as soon as it is finished. Then cool stock in refrigerator. This makes it easy to skim the fat before you reheat.

Adding meat and vegetables

Once you have a nice stock, it's time to give it some substance by adding vegetables and cooked meat.

Pair flavors that naturally complement each other. These include butternut squash and sage, lobster and tarragon, cauliflower and curry, carrot and ginger, tomato and basil or beef and star anise.

In colder months, choose root vegetables, potatoes or squash as the soup's main ingredient. In

warmer weather, carrots and celery may be desired.

If you are using several types of vegetables in your soup, cut them to all the same size so that they will finish cooking at about the same time.

If you are going to be adding large amounts of pasta to your soup, consider cooking it al dente in a separate pot. Pasta absorbs a lot of water and gives off starch and can change the texture of your soup to a stew. However, small amounts of ziti or orzo can be stirred right in without making much difference in the texture.

Butter and roux can be eliminated to keep the fat to a minimum. Flavor and body can come from pureed vegetables or beans; a splash of cream can be added to round out flavors, but be care-

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Peggy Martinelli-Everts
Registered dietitian

ful not to boil the soup once you've added cream or it may curdle.

Now comes the important part - don't overcook your vegetables. Cook soup just until your vegetables are tender and then serve.

Enjoy the soup-making process as much as the final product. Experiment with different ingredients. Use soup as an appetizer or as the main attraction to your meal. As the advertising jingle goes, "soup is good food" no matter how you enjoy it.

Peggy Martinelli-Everts lives in Clarkston, and is a registered dietitian and director of clinical operations for HDS Services, a 38-year-old Farmington-Hills based food service and hospitality management and consulting company, specializing in foodservice management for hospitals, long-term care facilities, businesses, private clubs and private schools. HDS Services has approximately 230 management accounts throughout the U.S. and Japan. See recipes on Page D4.

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fling is the bizzillions of dry, packet, canned, bagged, microwave-style, organic, man-sized, kid friendly and designer packaged soup and stew concoctions available in the marketplace.

I'm not implying that there are not some honest pre-made products out there, but soup or stew can certainly be one of the easiest cooking endeavors you ever undertake.

Secret

The secret for good soup and stew cookery is having a good base, broth or stock. Making homemade stock is not difficult. In a nutshell, the making of stock is the extraction of flavor, water-soluble minerals and vitamins. You can simmer poultry, beef, veal, fish, bones or meat (and, of course, there is always an all vegetable option) with the addition of a few other aromatic ingredients such as a bay leaf, peppercorns and usually celery, carrots and onion. Once you have achieved these fortified liquid bases, the sky's the limit.

If you're busy, consider making your base stock in larger batches and freeze to use later.

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Chef Kelli Lewton
Owner of 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners

Or try one of the commercial style bases. They're at food service stores, such as Gordon's, and some of the larger grocery and specialty stores. Another flavor alternative you might like to experiment with is miso (soy product flavoring paste) that is available at many health stores.

Whatever route you choose to achieve homemade soup, I promise you it's worth the trip.

Chef Kelli L. Lewton is owner of 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners in Bloomfield Hills. A graduate of Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts program, Kelli is a part-time instructor at the college. Look for her column in Taste on the second Sunday of the month. See recipes on Page D3

Snack on crispy lemon yogurt cookies

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lemon Yogurt Cookies are a welcome snack to have on hand in the cookie jar, to satisfy most tastes.

They are gently crisp, balancing their sweetness with the tang of lemon provided by shreds of fresh lemon peel as well as the lemon yogurt.

- LEMON YOGURT COOKIES**
- 3 cups cake flour (see note)
 - 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1 teaspoon baking powder
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1 1/2 cups sugar
 - 1/2 cup low-fat lemon yogurt
 - 2 eggs, lightly beaten
 - 1/3 cup vegetable oil
 - 1/2 teaspoon finely grated lemon peel
 - 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
 - Nonstick spray

Preheat oven to 375 F.
Combine flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt; set aside.

In a large bowl, combine sugar, yogurt, eggs, oil, lemon peel and lemon juice; stir until well blended. Add dry ingredients; stir until dry ingredients are moistened.

Drop by rounded teaspoonfuls 2 inches apart on a baking sheet coated with nonstick spray. Bake for 9 to 12 minutes or until edges are slightly brown. Cool 1 minute; remove from baking sheet to wire rack and cool completely.

Makes 48 3-inch cookies.
Note: All-purpose flour may be substituted, in which case use only 2 1/2 cups plus 2 tablespoons of flour.

Nutrition information per cookie: 65 cal., 11 g. carbs., 2 g. fat, 0.1 g. fiber, 9 mg. chol., 72 mg. sodium.

Recipe from: Wheat Foods Council.

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Simmering soups comfort in a bowl

See related 2 Unique column on Taste front. Recipes compliments of Chef Kelli Lewton.

This soup is a great way to use barbecue leftovers.

STEAK & POTATO CORN CHOWDER

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 red bell pepper (small dice)
- 1 onion (small dice)
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 quart beef stock
- 2 cups diced potatoes (skin on)
- 2 New York strip steaks (cooked & diced) or beef of your choice
- 2 cups milk or half & half
- 1 cup fresh or frozen corn
- 3/4 cup shelled fresh or frozen peas
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon fresh chopped parsley
- Salt and pepper to taste

Sauté garlic, onions, and pepper until soft. Add beef stock and potatoes, simmer 10-12 minutes. Add milk and corn, simmer 5 minutes.

Remove 1/3 of liquid and puree in a blender or food processor. Return mixture to pot add beef, peas, Worcestershire sauce and parsley, season with salt and pepper, simmer 5 minutes.

Garnish if desired with thinly sliced onion lightly coated in seasoned flour and fried in vegetable oil. Blot grease and season with salt and pepper. Place a small bundle of fried onions on top of each soup bowl.

Makes about 8 six-ounce servings.

AUTUMN TURKEY & ROOT VEGETABLE STEW

- 1 pound turkey breast (raw), chopped into 1 1/2 inch cubes

- 1 cup flour seasoned with salt and pepper
- 1 cup diced mire poix (combine diced celery carrot & onion to make 1 cup)
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 6 chickens stock
- 1/4 teaspoon caraway seeds
- 1 bay leaf
- 3/4 cup fresh cider
- 1 piece rutabaga (chunky dice)
- 3 carrots, (chunky dice)
- 3 turnips, (chunky dice)
- 6 parsnips, (chunky dice)
- 1 cup butternut squash (peeled and chunky dice)
- 1 Granny Smith apple (peeled and medium dice)
- 3/4 cup shelled fresh or frozen peas
- 3 tablespoons pure maple syrup
- 2 tablespoons fresh sage finely chopped

Season raw turkey breast chunks with salt and pepper. Dredge turkey in seasoned flour and sauté in melted butter in heavy bottom pan until browned on all sides.

Add mire poix, stock, cider and bay leaf. Bring to a bubble and reduce heat. Simmer for 15 minutes.

Add veggies and apples and simmer for another 15 minutes.

Add maple, peas and sage, cook for another 5 minutes. Adjust seasonings. Yield 8 eight-ounce portions.

Serving suggestions:

Serve in hollowed small pumpkin, bread bowl or right out of the pot into your favorite bowl.

You can substitute leftover cooked chicken or turkey for the turkey breast. If using leftovers, omit first two steps. Add meat after simmering vegetables and apples for 15 minutes

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, fax (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

SPLENDID TABLE

Lynne Rosetto Kasper, host of "The Splendid Table" radio program and author of "The Splendid Table" and "The Italian Country Table," will demonstrate cooking techniques featuring her recipes 2-6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

The event will benefit Michigan Radio, the public radio stations of the University of Michigan. Tickets are \$125, and available by calling (734) 764-9210. Space is limited to 70 participants, and first priority will be given to members of Michigan Radio.

Kasper will lead the program in the demonstration kitchens of Schoolcraft College's culinary arts program in the Waterman Center on campus, 18600 Hagerly Road. She will be assisted by Michigan Radio host Todd Mundt. All those attending will receive a copy of Kasper's latest book.

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Two-session workshop about the culture and culinary traditions of Poland's Christmas celebration includes visit to Hamtramck for traditional Polish Christmas dinner. First session 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30; second session 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4. Offered by Henry Ford Community College's Center For Lifelong Learning, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. The cost is

\$39, call (313) 317-1600.

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Sponsored by the Italian American Club of Livonia, 5 p.m., dinner 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at the Italian American Banquet Center, 32900 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Cost is \$36 per person, includes dinner, drinks, cappuccino, espresso, dancing to Steve King and the Dittlies. Call (734) 591-0042.



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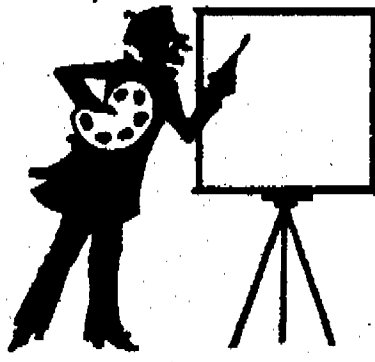
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See related story on Taste Front.

Johnny Kolakowski is chef proprietor of Kola's Food Factory in Riverview and author of a new cookbook, "Soupin' it up with Johnny." Kolakowski likes to have fun with soup.

There are a lot more soups than your mother's chicken noodle," he says. Here is a tasty recipe from his book. Make sure you use a large pot, as it makes 8 quarts. "Soupin' it up with Johnny" (\$19.95) is available through America's Premiere Smokehouse on the Web at www.premiersmokehouse.com or by calling (800) 490-3905.

Kolakowski said his cookbook will soon be available at Gander Mountain, Borders Books and Music and Waldenbooks.

KOLA'S CONEY ISLAND SOUP

- Serves 24
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
 - 2 ribs celery, diced
 - 1 1/2 medium green pepper, chopped
 - 1 1/2 large onion, chopped
 - 1 clove garlic, minced
 - 1 3/4 tablespoons chili powder

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- 1 tablespoon cumin
 - 1 teaspoon oregano
 - 2 teaspoons sweet basil
 - 1/4 cup barbecue sauce
 - 2 quarts water
 - 1 1/2 tablespoons beef base
 - 2 (15 ounce) cans pinto beans
 - 2 (28 ounce) cans diced tomatoes
 - 1 (15 ounce) can tomato juice
 - 1 1/2 pounds lean ground beef, browned and drained
 - 1 1/2 pounds fat-free hot dogs, sliced 1/4-inch thick and blanched

- Garnish:
- 1 large raw onion, chopped
 - mustard, to taste
 - 1 1/2 pounds grated Cheddar cheese

Heat the oil in a stock pot, add celery, green pepper, onion and garlic.

Sauté until crispy and tender. Add to this: chili powder, cumin, oregano, sweet basil, barbecue sauce, water, beef base, pinto

beans, canned tomatoes and tomato juice.

Mix and allow to simmer 20 minutes. Stir occasionally while simmering.

Add: Reserved ground beef and blanched hot dogs, continue to simmer five more minutes. Ladle soup into a bowl leaving room for the garnish. Sprinkle with raw onion, a small dollop of mustard, grated cheese and broil until melted. Makes 6 quarts.

Nutrition information per serving: (without garnish), calories: 134, protein 11.5g, fat 4.5g, sodium 761mg, carbohydrates 9.5g. Percent of calories from fat: 31

Recipe compliments of Johnny Kolakowski, Chef & Proprietor, Kola's Food Factory

Here is a great Crock-pot recipe. Throw this together in the morning for a great home-cooked dinner.

SWISS CHICK IN A POT

- Serves 6
- 4 chicken breasts, skin removed
 - 1 onion, chopped

- 3 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and cut in chunks
- 1 (8 ounce) package fresh mushrooms, washed and left whole
- 1 teaspoon thyme
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 5 slices processed American/Swiss cheese

Place chicken, sweet potatoes, onion and mushrooms in Crock pot (slow cooker). Sprinkle with thyme, salt and pepper.

Cover with lid, turn on Crock-pot and let it cook all day. For most crocks, a low setting is sufficient to cook for eight hours. Use the high setting if you want the food to be done in 4-6 hours. About one half hour before serving, lift the lid, layer the cheese on top of meat and vegetables, cover and continue cooking until cheese melts. Note: Parsnips and carrots are great in this too!

Nutrition information per serving: calories: 237, protein 24g, fat 6.5g, sodium 606 mg, carbohydrates 20g. Percent of calories from fat: 24.5

Recipe compliments of HDS Services

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Ginger Sweet Potato Muffins are the perfect snack to pleasantly tickle taste buds. Ginger is a natural with sweet potatoes and these muffins have it two ways, using both ground and crystallized ginger.

Final touch: try the muffins with Candied Ginger Butter (recipe also follows), a tangy ginger spread with a hint of honey.

The recipe and the serving suggestion are from the handy new cookbook, "More Muffins: 72 Recipes for Moist, Delicious, Fresh-Baked Muffins" (St. Martin's Griffin, \$8.95) by Barbara Albright and Leslie Weiner.

GINGER SWEET POTATO MUFFINS

- 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 3/4 cup mashed baked sweet potato, cooled
- 1/2 cup fat-free milk, at room temperature
- 2 large eggs, at room temperature, lightly beaten

- 3 tablespoons canola oil
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 - 1/4 to 1/3 cup finely chopped crystallized ginger
- Preheat oven to 375 F. Lightly coat 12 2-and-5/8-inch by 1-and-1/8-inch (about 3-ounce) muffin cups with nonstick vegetable cooking spray.

In a large bowl, stir together flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and ground ginger. In another bowl, stir together sweet potato, milk, eggs, oil and vanilla, until blended. Make a well in center of dry ingredients; add milk mixture and stir just to combine. Stir in crystallized ginger.

Spoon batter into prepared muffin cups. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in center of one muffin comes out clean.

Remove muffin pans to wire rack. Cool for 5 minutes before removing muffins from cups; finish cooling on rack. Serve warm, or cool completely and store in an airtight container at room temperature.

Makes 12 muffins.
Nutrition information per muffin: 168 cal., 28 g carbs., 3 g protein, 4 g fat, 35 mg chol., 173 mg sodium.

CANDIED GINGER BUTTER

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped crystallized ginger
- 1 tablespoon honey
- Generous dash salt

In a small bowl, stir together butter, ginger, honey and salt until combined. Serve butter immediately or cover and refrigerate. To serve, let stand for 15 minutes at room temperature to soften.

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Drug free ADD

Brackney Chiropractic Health Center will present a "Drug Free Approach to A.D.D. and Hyperactivity" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16. Learn more about drug free approaches to attention deficit disorder and hyperactivity in children and adults. Free consultation and exam will be available. Space is limited. Call (734) 455-4444. Brackney Chiropractic Health Center is located at 8512 Canton Center Road in Canton (across from the high school).

Presenter available

The Medilodge Group, Inc. has made available to local clubs and organizations a representative to discuss topics that include assisted living, long-term care, services available, reimbursement under Medicare as well as the recently published Consumer's Guide to Michigan Nursing Homes. Call the Administrator or Admission Director of West Trail Nursing Home in Plymouth at (734) 453-3983.

MADD Chapter

The MADD, Wayne County Chapter are now hosting monthly victim support group meeting the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. The next meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 17 at the Michigan State Police Post, 12111 N. Telegraph Road in Taylor. Bill Hale, Ph.D., bereavement facilitator, will lead the group. For information call (734) 721-8181.

Substance abuse

Madonna University will offer two substance abuse courses this fall. "Chemical Dependency: General Information," will be held from 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays beginning Nov. 17 through Dec. 15. The course will review the research on substance abuse, different theories of addiction, disease concept of alcoholism and the ethics of the profession. The non-credit fee is \$100. To register, call (734) 432-5731.

Vibrational medicine

Learn why our present views of health and disease will radically change in the new millennium, and how the use and acceptance of alternative therapies will accelerate over the next decade. This course, "Principles of Vibrational Medicine," will present how medicine is beginning to evolve away from the body as a machine and toward the bioenergetic perspectives of health and disease. Course is transferable into the Holistic Health Practitioner Diploma program - leading to Board Certification in Holistic Health. To register for the Saturday, Nov. 20 program call the Serenity School of Holistic Health in Livonia at (248) 474-0368 or (734) 513-0868.

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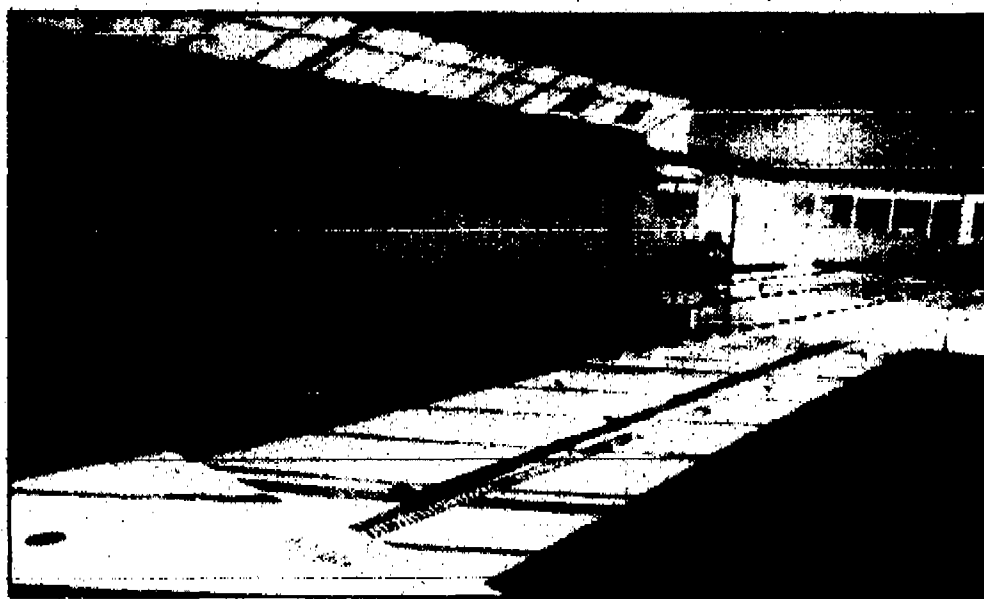
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Lap pool: The Plymouth facility features a 25-meter pool with chair lift for handicap accessibility and is deepest in the middle at 5 1/2 feet. Both classes and individual swimming are available. Adjacent to the pool is a whirlpool and men's and women's locker rooms.



Workout: The general workout room includes both cardiovascular equipment (treadmills, stationary bikes, stair climbers) and free weights.

Arthur's Place

New facility to offer personalized therapy for arthritis sufferers

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Ask any arthritis sufferer what's one of the most difficult aspects of the disease and they would probably answer — the diminished pace at which they have to function due to swollen joints and stiff muscles.

Arthritis is an inflammation of the joints that can have both active- and remission-like symptoms. Control of the disease is gained through exercise, nutrition, medication and a variety of alternative therapies including acupuncture and massage.

According to the Arthritis Foundation the number of people with arthritis is steadily growing and now reaches more than 40 million Americans. The Centers for Disease Control projects the number to rise to nearly 60 million by 2020, with the impact on the baby boom generation.

There is hope

In just a few weeks, a new state-of-the-art facility will open its doors to persons who are suffering from arthritis and any one of 100 other connective tissue-related diseases including fibromyalgia, lupus, gout, osteoarthritis, Raynaud's Phenomenon, and Lyme disease.

Arthur's Place, located at 47659 Halvard Drive in Plymouth (M-14 and Beck Road), will offer personalized exercise guidance and instruction through individualized training programs based on a person's needs, physical abilities and goals.

Persons who pay for an Arthur's Place membership receive a complex

physical fitness assessment from a trained staff member that gauges strength, flexibility, range of motion, balance and overall well-being (existing medical conditions, medications, emotional status and quality of life).

Arthur's Place professionals will then tailor a life improvement plan based on the outcome of the assessment including long and short-term goals.

"I call this one-stop shopping for someone looking for a self-contained fitness and exercise facility where they can work to improve their quality of life," said Chris Allen, president and CEO of Arthur's Place. "It's all about making positive outcomes to improve a person's quality of life. And there is life after arthritis."

Allen speaks from experience and draws on the real-life changes his wife has undergone since she was diagnosed with arthritis. It was Allen, a 23-year health care administrator, who noticed the improvements in his wife's physical capabilities after she spent any amount of time in a bath of warm water.

The Arthur's Place founder recalls his wife being so stiff and sore after walking nine holes of a golf course that he had to help her upstairs and draw her bath because she was nearly immobile.

"I noticed after her bath she was moving around and doing things for herself, a very different person from the one I had to help up the stairs," recalls Allen.

Putting his professional partnerships together, Allen and Tom Ballard, an engineer from Highland, designed the Arthro-Aquatic Fitness System with the

input of 28 individuals with active arthritis including a lupus and multiple sclerosis patient.

The equipment essentially consists of a pedal-mechanism inside a deep tank that allows an individual to peddle in a stationary, seated position submerged in warm water (84-110 degrees).

As a person peddles, a whirlpool like action is created in the tub depending on the rate at which the person peddles. The water creates a balanced resistance against the user — the faster they peddle the more taxing a cardiovascular workout they'll receive and vice versa.

In addition to working the lower muscles of the body the tank is equipped with two oars that can be maneuvered back and forth for upper body exercises. They too, are located below the water line to provide the same manner of resistance.

Arthur's Place holds the patent on the Arthro-Aquatic System and is currently the only company in the United States to be using the equipment, said Allen.

According to Arthur's Place Fitness Director David Grevemeyer, the device helps an individual improve range of motion, strength, and flexibility in all major muscles of the body. "The warm water helps to rejuvenate your muscles and joints without the shock or jarring you may receive without the benefit of the water," said Grevemeyer.

Two of the tanks are handicap accessible enabling individuals who cannot climb into the tank themselves to be lifted by a hydraulic hoist.

Valuable resource

One of the points of pride Arthur's Place Operations Director Dan Colaluca boasts about is the number of resources members have access to including the on-site location of a local branch of the Arthritis Foundation (formerly of Ann Arbor); an extensive library of reading material; audio visual tapes, and access to the World Wide Web from a single computer terminal.

"People can exchange information and educate themselves with the help

of these resources without having to leave the building," said Colaluca. "I can't think of a better way to address the challenges of arthritis and other connective tissue diseases than by knowing the disease process and the best approach to fighting it."

Colaluca, a licensed pharmacist, said negotiations are under way to feature on-site services such as a line of adaptive business and casual apparel that make it easier for an arthritis sufferer to dress without the hassle of buttons and snaps; pharmacy services; and orthopedic services (custom-designed shoes and inserts).

In addition to the Arthro-Aquatic Fitness System the 3,400-square-foot facility features a 25-meter swimming pool (handicap accessible), whirlpool, extensive exercise room featuring both free weights and strength machines for cardiovascular workouts (climbers, stationary bikes, step machines, treadmills); activity room with a seven-layer cushion floor, men's and women's locker rooms, dry sauna, conference room and a fully-functional kitchen.

The kitchen allows members to see hands-on demonstrations with adaptive tools for the home as well as fire safety techniques.

"We offer all the tools for people to better educate themselves and self-manage their disease," said Allen. "The proper diagnosis and early and aggressive treatment can go a long way in an individual being able to maintain their quality of life. Arthur's Place will help people start the healing process without having to experience a gap in treatment when their prescribed therapy runs out."

Arthur's Place will host an open house from 10-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 20-21. Appointments are being accepted if you would like to tour the facility by calling (734) 254-0500. Hours of operation are 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday.

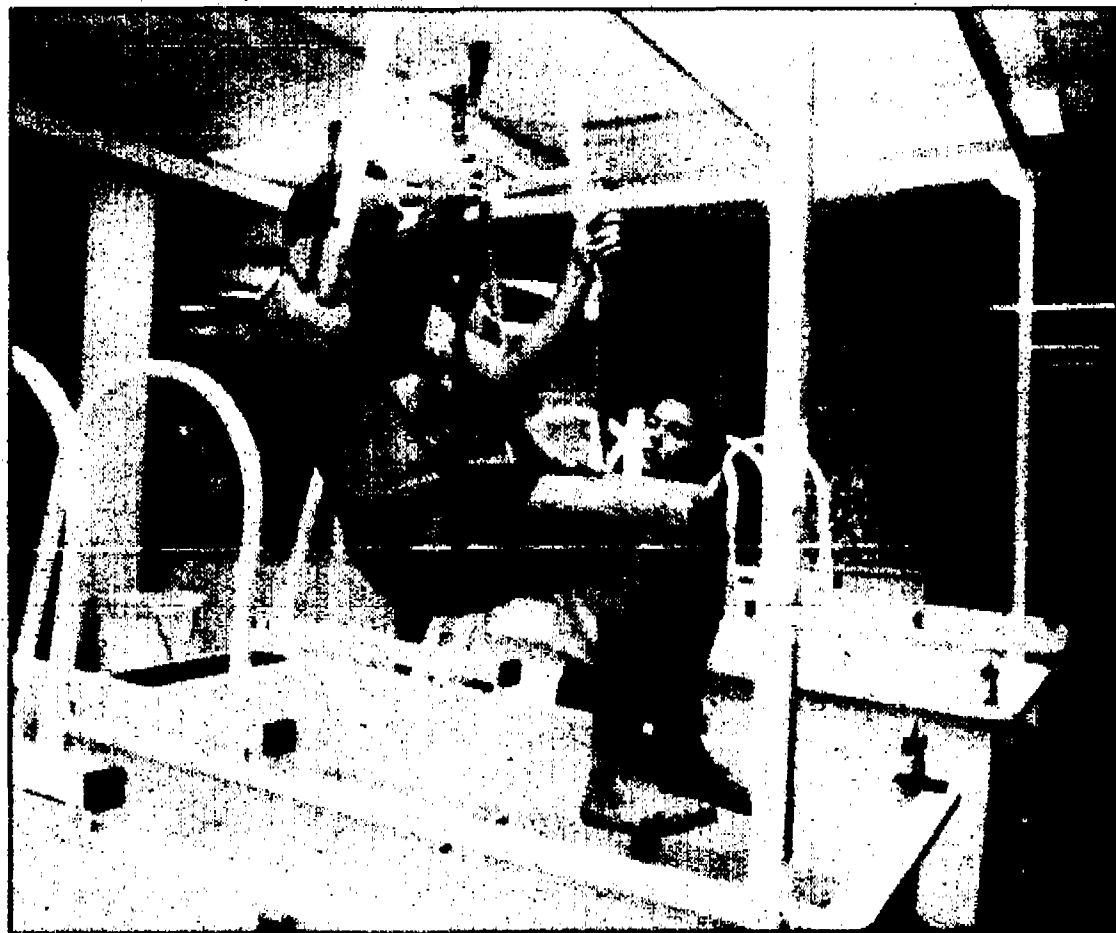
Arthur's Place is located inside the MedHealth building on Halvard Drive off Beck Road at M-14 in Plymouth.

Meet the staff of Arthur's Place

Chris Allen, FACME - President and Chief Executive Officer
Chris Allen is president and chief executive officer of Arthur's Place, Where Arthritis Healing Begins. Allen was inspired to develop Arthur's Place and the Arthro-Aquatic Fitness System after seeing the relief warm water exercise gave his wife, Virginia, an associate dean with the University of Michigan, who first developed arthritis more than 15 years ago. With a background in health administration, Allen sees Arthur's Place as a participant in national benchmarking studies that measure the role of exercise in helping people with arthritis have the best possible quality of life. He is also the president and chief executive officer of Family Road Care Centers. A former hospital administrator, Allen serves as a member of the board of trustees of the National Arthritis Foundation and is a past president of the Michigan Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation. Allen is chairman of the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of Board of Directors of the American Red Cross. He received his masters in health services administration from the University of Michigan and an undergraduate degree in journalism from Wayne State University.

Dan Colaluca, Pharm.D. - Operations Director
Dan Colaluca is the operations director for Arthur's Place. As a clinical pharmacist, Colaluca has spent much of his career in consulting with patients and educating groups of both lay people and members of the medical professions to the benefits and effects of medications. He most recently served as the director of pharmacy for St. John Macomb Hospital. Previously he held a similar position with Hutzel Hospital. Colaluca holds a doctorate in pharmacy and an undergraduate degree in pharmacy from Wayne State University.

David J. Grevemeyer, ATC, CSCS - Fitness Director
David Grevemeyer is the fitness director for Arthur's Place. A certified athletic trainer and strength and conditioning specialist, Grevemeyer has a personal interest in Arthur's Place and its mission to help people with arthritis to have a better quality of life. His grandmother has severe osteoarthritis, and a sister has been diagnosed with lupus. He hopes to fundamentally change the way this country thinks about and treats connective tissue disorders. Grevemeyer most recently served as a rehabilitation specialist in the outpatient physical therapy department of St. John Health System where he was a founding member of the STAR Program Sports Medicine team. He was also the strength coach for the 1998 WNBA Detroit Shock women's basketball team.



Special attention: Above, a hydraulic hoist gently maneuvers an Arthur's Place member into the Arthro-Aquatic Fitness System. The lift is designed to aid persons who are physically unable to access the tank by climbing the ladder and stepping down into the water.



Left, Arthur's Place holds a patent on the Arthro-Aquatic Fitness System. The specially designed tank is heated between 84 and 100 degrees and enables users to peddle at their own pace for a cardiovascular workout while using the side oars to exercise upper body muscles and joints.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

TUE, NOV. 16

STROKE/ANEURYSM SUPPORT

For those who had or have a cerebral aneurysm or stroke. Family members/friends welcome. Group will meet at Garden City Hospital to promote a sharing in interaction (free). Call 458-4396 for information.

GRIEF SUPPORT

Helping those grieving around the holidays, Starting Over, an ongoing support group for men and women 45 and younger whose spouses or fiancés have

died, meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month at Church of Christ on Sheldon Road in Plymouth. Call (800) 783-5764 for information. A children's group meets in Plymouth the same evening at 6:30 p.m.

GRIEF RECOVERY SERIES

Hospice of Washtenaw will begin its next five-week Grief Recovery Series from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Hospice office (806 Airport Blvd.) in Ann Arbor. The series is dedicated to helping survivors adapt to their loss and to gain and develop new skills in coping. Healthy ways for moving through the grief process will be presented for individuals who have lost a loved one. Participants are encouraged to attend all five sessions. Preregistration is required by calling (734) 327-3409. Free.

WED, NOV. 17

DIVERSITY AND TYPE

This event is open to residents of

Wayne and Oakland County who are interested in or practitioners of the Myers Briggs Type Indicator. The topic will be Diversity and type: Capitalizing on the power. A two-hour interactive presentation that will explore a two circle diversity model developed by Marilyn Loden and Judy Rosener. Event will run from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Birmingham (1589 W. Maple at Pleasant Street). Cost is \$5.

CAREGIVING OLDER ADULTS

This informative free series is presented by Dr. Bharti Srivastava, senior health specialist. Group meets from 1-2 p.m. at the Canton Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Call (734) 397-5444.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COURSE

Madonna University will offer two substance abuse courses this fall. "Chemical Dependency: General Information," will be held from 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays beginning Nov. 17 through Dec.

15. The course will review the research on substance abuse, different theories of addiction, disease concept of alcoholism and the ethics of the profession. The non-credit fee is \$100. To register, call (734) 432-5731.

DYSLEXIA SUPPORT

Mary Rodriguez will address parents, professionals, advocates and students are invited to attend an advocacy training workshop (Special Education law and the IEP as related to students with dyslexia). The Michigan Dyslexia Institute will be the host (30230 Orchard Lake Road Suite #130 in Farmington Hills). Arrive by 6:15 p.m. Meeting runs from 6:30-9 p.m.

THUR, NOV. 18

HEALTHQUEST SEMINAR

Free Healthquest seminars will continue at the Canton Summit on the Park in the Art II Room every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. through Dec. 16. There will

not be a meeting on Thanksgiving Day. Seminars are sponsored by the Canton Seventh-day Adventist Church and are presented by health professionals: Dr. Jason Goliatch; Aroldo Aragones, Ph.D., clinical psychology; Dr. Rudy Gomez; Brenda Schalk, registered dietitian and Michael Doucoumes, director of Breathe Free Plan to Stop Smoking. The topics include exercise/weight control, diet/nutrition, stress control, cancer prevention, heart disease, and diabetes. For more information, call (734) 844-8660.

SAT, NOV. 20

YOUR VOICE - YOUR CHOICE

Your Voice - Your Choice free education program, free advance directive completion and vaccinations from 8 a.m. to noon at the Hellenic Cultural Center (36375 Joy) in Westland. Dr. Tim Love; registered nurse Gail Daly; Patricia Mallon, J.D. attor-

ney; and registered nurse Christine Westphal, MSN, of Oakwood Healthcare System will direct the program. Complete your own advance directive, which states your treatment wishes and who should speak for you if you could not speak for yourself. 10:30-noon (advance directives); noon-2 p.m. Free individual sessions to complete advance directives/vaccinations. Register by Nov. 12 by calling (800) 543-WELL.

WED, NOV. 24

NEWBORN CARE

A two-session class meets for the first time at 6 p.m. Designed to help expectant parents learn about their baby's needs. The second session includes child and infant CPR conducted by the American Heart Association instructors. Registration required by calling (734) 458-4330.

Event to raise awareness of Alzheimer's, related dementia

In observance of National Alzheimer's Month in November, Alterra Clare Bridge of Livonia will host a discussion on Tuesday, Nov. 16 regarding basic information about Alzheimer's disease and related dementia.

Anne Lilla from the National Alzheimer's Association will be the guest speaker.

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, degenerative disease of the brain that results in impaired memory, thinking and behavior. It is estimated that 14 million Americans will have Alzheimer's disease by 2050 unless a cure or prevention is found. Common symptoms of

Alzheimer's disease include memory loss, confusion, loss of language skills and personality changes. At present, there is no known cause or cure for the disease.

Clare Bridge, an Alterra residence, provides assisted living in Livonia for approximately 60 residents — providing housing and support services for the frail elderly in a homelike residential setting.

The public is encouraged to attend the Alzheimer's meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. For information call (248) 426-7055. Alterra Clare Bridge is located at 32500 Seven Mile Road in Livonia.

Research participants sought for urology study, database

Doctors in the Urology Department at William Beaumont Hospital are enrolling participants for various research studies on adult bladder conditions.

These include studies on: overactive bladder, or urinary urge incontinence; bladder cancer; interstitial cystitis, a painful inflammation of the bladder; incontinence after prostatectomy (removal of the prostate).

Participating in any of these urology research studies can involve one or more of the following: taking an experimental drug that has not been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for general use; taking an FDA-approved drug; taking a placebo or sugar pill; using an experimental device that has not

been approved for general use; giving information about yourself and your condition for a research database.

Beaumont doctors will use the information in the database to recruit participants for future medical research studies for adult bladder conditions. Participants receive health care related to the study in which they are participating at no charge. They also may have access to new drugs and devices that would otherwise be unavailable to them.

Call the Beaumont Urology research hotline at (248) 551-3355.

Be prepared for RSV signs, symptoms

Fewer than one in five Michigan residents is aware of respiratory syncytial virus, or RSV, a common, easily spread virus that is the leading cause of pneumonia and bronchiolitis in infants in Michigan and the United States. An overwhelming majority of residents (93 percent) also is unaware that a medication to prevent serious lower respiratory tract disease caused by RSV infection in certain high-risk infants is available.

These findings, part of a statewide survey recently released by The Alexis Foundation for Premature Infants and Children, highlight a little-known public health problem that has prompted Governor John Engler and Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer to proclaim November as RSV Awareness Month in the state of Michigan and the city of Detroit.

The survey is being released in the wake of a new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) study, which found that RSV is a bigger health threat than previously reported. The CDC study estimates that each year, up to 126,000 children under one year of age in the United States are hospitalized due to RSV. The study was published in the October 20 issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association.

The Michigan poll, which included interviews with 600 adults in Michigan, was conducted by EPIC/MRA on behalf of MedImmune, Inc., makers of a prescription medication to prevent RSV, and The Alexis Foundation, a Mich.-based, non-profit organization committed to raising public and political awareness of the problems

facing prematurely born infants.

"The results of the survey confirm what we know from our work in supporting and educating parents of premature children. There is a general lack of awareness and understanding about RSV," said Elaine Sayers, chairperson and co-founder of The Alexis Foundation.

Common symptoms of RSV include a low-grade fever, runny nose and other cold-like symptoms, which can indicate that the virus has moved to the lower respiratory tract. Symptoms may worsen and can include: coughing, difficulty breathing, wheezing and rapid breathing.

"With the onset of RSV season this month, it is important for parents and caregivers to be aware of the symptoms of infection and the child's risk for severe illness," said Sophie J. Womack, M.D., division chief, Neonatology, Sinai-Grace Hospital, Detroit.

According to Womack, simple measures such as hand-washing and avoiding crowded places can help reduce the spread of RSV. In more serious cases, in which the baby is at risk for hospitalization and respiratory complications because of underdeveloped lungs or a chronic lung condition, a prescription therapy to prevent the onset of illness should be discussed with the baby's physician.

Preventive Therapy

A medication called Synagis® (palivizumab) is available by prescription to prevent serious lower respiratory tract disease caused by RSV in pediatric patients at high risk of RSV disease. The

most frequently reported adverse events potentially related to Synagis were fever, nervousness and injection site reaction. Adverse events that occurred in more than one percent of the Synagis group and for which the incidence was more than one percent higher than in the placebo group included upper respiratory infection, otitis media, rhinitis, rash, pain, hernia, increase in certain liver enzymes, and pharyngitis.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has issued guidelines for the prevention of RSV that incorporate the use of Synagis for high-risk infants. Despite AAP guidelines, not all insurance companies in Michigan provide coverage for Synagis.

When asked how necessary they thought it was for insurance companies to cover the cost of Synagis for RSV prevention, a majority (85 percent) of survey respondents said it was necessary, including a 59 percent majority who said it was "very" necessary. After hearing the pros and cons of insurance coverage, an 82 percent majority thought insurance coverage was necessary, including 55 percent who said it was "very" necessary.

RSV typically occurs in Michigan from November through May. Children most at risk for severe illness and hospitalization include those who were born prematurely, including twins and other multiples, and children under the age of two suffering from a chronic lung condition known as bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD).

For more information about RSV, parents can contact The Alexis Foundation toll-free, at (877) 253-9470.

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Sometimes, I am embarrassed by how skeptical I am. I suppose it's the inevitable result of some 25 years of chasing down stories of crime, corruption and conspiracy as an investigative reporter.

And even on this new media and Internet beat, the old habits keep resurfacing.

As they did when I started getting e-mails a few weeks ago about a web site called The Hunger Site

(www.hungersite.com). Like virus warnings and Y2K hysteria, the e-mails would invariably ask me to "pass this on to as many people as you can."

I trashed the first half-dozen messages, figuring them to be hoaxes. Like the story that you can supposedly win a free Honda Civic by forwarding e-mail to others. Or that every child born between 1985 and 1997 is eligible for a free \$500 savings bond because a baby food manufacturer lost a suit.

There are so many fake stories like this circulating in cyberspace that a host of Web sites are now devoted to tracking them and debunking them, sites

like The Urban Legends Reference Page (http://www.snopes.com/).

But when The Hunger Site e-mails kept coming, from all over the world, I clicked over to check out the web site. My skepticism armor was buckled up tight.

This site just sounds too good to believe. Click on a button and, it promises, a bunch of Web site sponsors will donate enough money... pennies really... to purchase a serving of food to a starving person.

That's the claim. And as it turns out, it's true.

This is no hoax. This is for real.

The idea of an Indiana computer programmer named John Breen, the site has rounded up dozens of sponsors who agree to pay for the donations as a form of advertising and public relations. Whenever a web visitor clicks the button to donate, they are served up a page thanking them and showing the banner ads of some of the sponsors.

Each sponsor pays half-a-cent per click. With up to nine sponsors on the "thank you" page, that means that each click nets about 4.5-cents, or enough to pay for one-and-three-quarter cups of rice, wheat, maize or other food staple.

The donations are made not to Breen but to the World Food Program of the United Nations, which says millions of servings

of food have been provided hungry people since the site went online in June.

Breen says he had different plans for the site. "I initially meant it to be a site where people in Third World countries could list the educational items they needed," Breen told me in a phone interview this week. "Then individuals could look over that list and UPS out the donations, you know, books, computers, school supplies."

That was the idea, anyway. But shipping costs were huge. The logistics a nightmare. Matching the donations to the needs was impossibly time-consuming for Breen, who indeed does have to earn a living there in Indiana.

"When we made contact with the World Food Program people it all came together. They handle everything. All I do is run the site."

The UN-related agency runs relief programs in 80 different countries and is so amazed by the response (and probably tired of answering "is this for real?" questions) that it has posted e-mail and telephone contact information on the site so skeptics like me can check it out.

"WFP is grateful to the hundreds of thousands of people around the world who have donated a serving of food via The Hunger Site, and to the corporate sponsors who have paid for

the donations," says an agency statement. "The money received helps WFP provide desperately needed food assistance to hungry people..."

Breen says he's getting about 250,000 individual accesses on his Web site every day.

And while net surfing donors are limited to one donation a day, they can make it a daily habit, as skeptical old PC Mike has.

Breen concedes he originally saw the Hunger Site as a way to make some money himself. "When we started, we would charge sponsors a fee of about 14% of the donation amount," he explains. "As of August 1999, however, we stopped charging a fee and now run the site for free. This way 100% of the money that sponsors pay goes directly to the relief organization to pay for the food that you donate."

Too good to be true? Apparently not in this case.

As we head into the Thanksgiving season, the site offers a great way to truly make a difference just by clicking a mouse.

Mike Wendland reports about computers and the Internet for NBC-television stations coast-to-coast. His radio show is heard every weekend on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT. You can reach Mike through his web site at www.pcmike.com

BUSINESS CALENDAR

TUE, NOV. 16

ASSOC. OF CAREER WOMEN
The West Suburban Chapter of NACW will host its monthly meeting at 11:45 a.m. at Ernesto's in Plymouth (41661 Plymouth Road). The featured speaker will be Mary Uday of Prism Performance System. Her topic is "Win-Win Negotiating." You will learn the art of persuasion, diplomacy and compromise. Cost is \$18 members; \$22 non-members. Call Tracey Huff (248) 347-3355 for a reservation.

FINANCING YOUR BUSINESS
The Michigan Small Business Development Center at Wayne State University will host a workshop titled, "Financing Your Business Without A Bank," from 6-8 p.m. at MSBD Center, 2727 Second Ave., #121, Detroit. This workshop is designed to inform prospective and existing entrepreneurs on alternative financing opportunities that exist outside of traditional lending institutions. Call (313) 964-1798 ext. 300 to register.

WED, NOV. 17

BUSINESS NETWORK INTL.
Meets from 7-8:30 a.m. Laurel Park Chapter, Archie's Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Rd., Livonia and Metro Livonia, The American Table 33501 West Eight Mile, near Farmington Road. Call the BNI office (810) 323-3800.

THUR, NOV. 18

BUSINESS PLAN
Service Corps of Retired Execu-

tives will host a Business Plan Workshop from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mahan Federal Building, 477 Michigan Ave., Room 605 in Detroit. \$40 per person. Topics include preparing a business plan, business plan workbook, example of a business plan and sources of help. Call (313) 226-7497 register.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS
The half-day seminar will afford you greater insight into this large, diversified market and show you how to win the many contracts available to small businesses. Topics include: government registrations; regulations; electronic commerce; electronic funds transfer; available markets and resources; and the services and training programs available at Schoolcraft College's Business Development Center. The seminar will be presented from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. for a \$25 per person fee. Call (734) 462-4438.

PRESS FOR SUCCESS
The Health Care Admissions/Marketing Directors Association, Michigan District 12 meeting will feature Marilyn Berman addressing "Press for Success," a lunch and learn session on PR made easy. Learn how to develop a media list, promote an event, write a press release and more. Receive a complimentary copy of Marilyn's personal Public Relations Handbook. Reservations are encouraged. Cost is \$8 for members; \$10 non-members and at the door attendees. Even will be held at The Heritage of Southfield, 25800 W. 11 Mile Road in Southfield. Call (248) 208-9393.

BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

Items for Business Marketplace are welcome from all companies and residents active in the Observer-area business community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: Business Marketplace, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

Hassle free
Assembly Required Inc. will open The Assembly Shop at Livonia's Wonderland Mall this month to meet the needs of cus-

tomers who purchase small, transportable products that require assembly. The independent service company assembles furniture and equipment, on-site, for business industry and the home. Assembly Required provides on-site assembly of ready-to-assemble products such as office furniture, home entertainment furniture, exercise equipment, gas grills, TV stands, toys, lawn mowers and most products for the home or office that come with "a bag of nuts and bolts."

For more information contact

Assembly Required at (800) 861-4182.

Download coupons

Val-Pak of Livonia, a cooperative direct mail company, now offers coupons over the Internet at www.valpak.com, providing instant access to consumers. Over 1,000 local coupons and 30,000 coupons nationwide are separated into categories including transportation, entertainment, restaurants and household services.

The new service also provides consumers access to coupons in different areas, in another part

of town, or even in another area of the country simply by entering the zip code.

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"I did it!" First Place, Best Feature Picture, Jim Jagdfeld, Southfield Eccentric



"Up and over" Best Sports Picture First Place, Redford Observer, Bryan Mitchell



"Partners"—First Place, Best Feature Picture, Tom Hawley, Garden City Observer



"Dirty Dandy" Second Place, Best Sports Picture, Clarkston Eccentric, Lawrence McKee



"A Day in the life of Danielle Hartsell" Best Picture Story First Place, Westland Observer, Tom Hawley

our pictures and words are worth 49 awards!

The results are in and your hometown newspapers have received an impressive 50 awards in the 1999 Michigan Press Association (MPA) newspaper contest!

It's nice to win and great to be recognized by the newspaper industry for what we do, but we couldn't do it without a lot of work and dedication on the part of a great many people.

Year after year, words—millions of them—are put together in stories by talented journalists who want to give you a closer look at your hometown. Hundreds and hundreds of pictures are taken by skillful photographers who want you to see the dramatic, sad, silly, and *human* moments in the lives of people who live right where your live.

Our accomplished ad representatives and artists support hometown business during economies that are booming and those that are flat.

And finally there comes a point, each year, when we are asked to sit down and think about the stories, the photos, the advertisements that represent our very best work.

Soon bulky packages are being sent out to MPA contest headquarters and we go back to work, nearly forgetting about our entries.

Until one day, as the leaves begin to turn and there's a snap in the air the MPA winners are announced.

We pat each other on the back, tell everyone how great they are, put together an ad like this one, and...go back to work—doing our best to put you in touch with your hometown.

And, if somewhere down the road, we win more awards, well, that's just icing on the cake.

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**MICHIGAN PRESS ASSOCIATION
Editorial Contest Winners**

- Best Picture Story**
"Hitting the Trail"
Livonia Observer, Bryan Mitchell-----Second Place
- Best Local News Reporting**
Farmington Observer:
"Freeway Noise" by Larry O'Connor-----Honorable Mention
- Best Editorial Feature**
Farmington Observer:
"Education Under Fire" by Tim Smith-----Honorable Mention
Observer Newspapers:
"A River's Revival" by Ken Abramczyk-----Honorable Mention
- Best Editorial Page or Pages**
Lake Orion Eccentric, Gerald Frawley-----First Place
Clarkston Eccentric, Karen Hermes Smith-----Second Place
- Best Editorial Writing**
West Bloomfield Eccentric, Greg Kowalski-----Third Place
- Best Local Columns**
Livonia Observer, Renee Skoglund-----First Place
- Best Spot News Pictures**
"Grief Stricken"
Bill Bresler, Farmington Observer-----First Place
"I did it"
Jim Jagdfeld, Southfield Eccentric-----First Place
"Everyone needs a hand sometimes"
Lawrence McKee, Oxford Eccentric-----Second Place
"Eeek"
West Bloomfield Eccentric, Tom Hoffmeyer-----Honorable Mention
- Best Sports Pictures**
"Up and Over"
Bryan Mitchell, Redford Observer-----First Place
"Dirty Dandy"
Clarkston Eccentric, Lawrence McKee-----Second Place
"High Kicking"
Farmington Observer, Elizabeth Carnegie-----Third Place

Best Sports Writing

- Farmington Observer, Dan O'Meara-----Second Place
- Best Sports Section**
Oxford Eccentric, Brad Kadrich-----First Place
- Best Lifestyle Section**
Livonia Observer, Sue Mason-----Third Place
- Best Special Section**
West Bloomfield Eccentric:
FineLine, Suzy Parker, Joe Bauman-----First Place
- General Excellence**
Westland Observer-----First Place
- Best Spot News Story**
"Neighbors mourn death of boy"
Garden City Observer, Richard Pearl-----Third Place
- Best Enterprise Feature**
"School bus safety"
Plymouth Observer, Tony Brusca-----First Place
- Best Editorial Page or Pages**
Plymouth Observer, Val Olander-----First Place
- Best Feature Picture**
"Partners"
Garden City Observer, Tom Hawley-----First Place
- Best Sports Picture**
"Up and over"
Redford Observer, Bryan Mitchell-----First Place
- Best Picture Story**
"A Day in the Life of Danielle Hartsell"
Westland Observer, Tom Hawley-----First Place
Plymouth Observer, Paul Hurschmann-----Third Place
- Best Sports Column**
Redford Observer, Steve Kowalski-----Second Place
- Best Sports Section**
Plymouth Observer, C.J. Risak-----First Place
- General Excellence**
Clarkston Eccentric, Karen Hermes Smith-----First Place
Birmingham Eccentric, Joe Bauman-----Third Place

**MICHIGAN PRESS ASSOCIATION
Retail and Classified Advertising Contest Winners**

- Best Real Estate Idea—Color**
Real Estate Plus-----First Place
Real Estate One-----Second Place
- Best Automotive Idea—Color**
Bill Brown Ford-----Second Place
Stark Hickey Ford-----Third Place
- Best Automotive Idea—Color**
Bill Brown Ford-----Second Place
Stark Hickey Ford-----Third Place
- Best Recruitment Idea**
O&E/HomeTown Job Fair-----First Place
- Best Directory Idea**
New Home Directory-----First Place
All the Best to You-----Second Place
- Best In-House Promotion Idea**
Signs of Spring-----First Place
Want to Get Rid?-----Second Place
- Best Overall Classified Section**
New Homes-----Second Place
Real Estate-----Third Place
- Best Spot Color Ad**
Observer Shop Locally-----Second Place
- Best Multi-Color Ad**
Observer Computerize Inc-----First Place
- Best Special Section**
Observer Women in Business-----First Place
Observer High School Football-----Third Place
- Best Newspaper Promotion**
Commitment to Excellence-----First Place/O&E

Entries were submitted based on circulation class, therefore there may be several first, second, third, and honorable mention winners in the same category.