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Hotel renovation top Plymouth project for 1997

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The upgrading of the Mayflower Hotel and the Ann Arbor Road business corridor are tops among 1997 changes anticipated by community leaders.

"We're looking at the reconstruction of the hotel which is a big shot in the arm for the whole downtown, and a big impact for city economically as well as visually," said Steve Guile, Downtown Development Authority director.

The Mayflower Hotel's owners have announced plans to begin work on a \$2 million renovation after the ice festival. Also, Box Bar owner Chip Falcusan has announced plans to expand the Box Bar into a micro brewery.

"That should have a very positive effect on the traffic generated downtown," Guile said. "It's a unique type of entertainment venue."

"We'll try to find a way with Amoco to resolve the property situation at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Main and find a way to acquire that property and develop it," Guile said. "There are creative ways to acquire the property," he said, adding a bond issue is one possibility, if the DDA budget will allow it. "There's the possibility of renting out the building," he added.

James Anulewicz, township public services director, said, "With the gods cooperation the snow hill will be operative for the first time in a while."

A joint zoning ordinance to be adopted by both the city and township will go before respective planning commissions this month. "With that completed the next task will be to bring that team in to analyze the entire corridor and come up with a renovation plan that will not only improve the physical appearance but give some assistance to the businesses along there," Anulewicz said.

"Hopefully we'll see some improvements at the railroad bridge in the corridor," he added.

Anulewicz said now that the township is changing from a growing community to a mature community. "We'll talk about what do people want to see in this community, hopefully we can do this jointly with the city," he said.

Following the recent opening of the Lower Town Grill in Old Village, planners have commissioned a marketing study to determine which types of businesses should be recruited. Guile, who also serves as Old Village Development Authority director, said a parking study will follow.

"The parking study will look down the road a few years to support future business growth, keeping in mind all along the residential nature of adjoining properties," he said.

The OVDA has contracted with a landscape architect to produce a visual scheme of what the area should look like. "We'd like to use those improvements on Liberty Street as a model, and take them both directions down Mill and Starkweather," Guile said.

"We need a blueprint we can follow to institute some of these changes. It gives people down there a sense that things are happening, people then tend to put more money into individual businesses and residences," he said.

Year brings a new area code



The growing demand for telephone service is prompting the creation of a new area code for Plymouth. In 1997, residents will have to start using 734 instead of 313.

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

By late 1997, folks dialing Plymouth and Canton will be punching in a new area code - 734.

Why the change? "It's explosive telecommunications growth," said Ameritech spokeswoman Marcia Sayles.

Ameritech is trying to give the public plenty of time to get used to

the change, and other area code changes planned this year. While the 734 area code will be effective starting Dec. 13, folks will be able to dial 313 or 734 for seven months, until July, 25 1998.

"The 734 area code will be for a majority of western Wayne County, all of Plymouth and Canton all the way through to Ann Arbor," Sayles said.

More new numbers are needed to serve the growing demand for services including fax machines, pagers, voice mail, cellular phones, computer modems, security systems, automatic teller machines and additional phone lines.

The area code expansion won't alter rates, Ameritech officials say.

The plan was developed by an eight-member Citizen's Advisory Committee and approved by a team of telecommunications industry members representing local telephone companies, long-distance companies, cellular carriers and paging and alarm companies with

customers in southeast Michigan.

Ameritech says that over the new year will introduce customers to the 734 area code through advertising, direct mail, the news media, public service announcements and other outreach efforts.

The company also plans to target materials to businesses, residences, school children and senior citizens.

Since 1995, 55 new area codes have been assigned across the United States.

Customers can get answers to their questions about the area code

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Holiday sales



STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BRESSLER

Christmas music: Lack of new music releases slowed business at Repeat the Beat in Plymouth, according to Tom Morgan, manager and Mark Turnquist, assistant manager.

Beanie Babies top Christmas sellers

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Downtown Plymouth retailers were mixed on how their Christmas season sales fared this year.

Several were down a bit from last year, but others reported sales were up.

"I don't know why, we just weren't nearly as busy as in years past," said Mark Turnquist, Repeat the Beat assistant manager. "We had the same sales, the same everything."

Store manager Tom Morgan said one reason could have been a lack of hot new releases. "Last year we had the first Beatles Anthology, Hootie, it was the whole industry."

Joe McCarty, of the Animation Station, said sales were double or triple that of normal sales. The store also did better this year at its new location on Main Street.

"A lot of art went, a lot of Beanie Babies, also a lot of animation art," McCarty said.

"Our sales were better than last year," said Laura Walker, accountant for Little Professor book center. Sales of hardcover books were up as were sales of Christmas items.

Christmas sales at Native West were better than last year but not as good as two years ago, said owner Annette Horn.

"People were spending more, there was more foot traffic," she said. "I was not selling bit ticket items, people were buying more lower priced items under \$100 - jewelry and home accessories."

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Top sellers: Kayla Haney, 6 years old, of Canton shows off her two newest Beanie Babies her mother purchased at Animation Station.

Overcrowding could force kids into portables

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

To accommodate the burgeoning number of students in Canton, portable classrooms should be added to both Bentley Elementary School and neighboring Hulsing Elementary. The proposal was among those recommended recently to the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education by the district's Housing and Facilities Committee.

Other proposals:

- allow students in grades K-5 east of Canton Center Road to attend Bentley, and do not allow the enrollment to exceed 665.

- send kindergartners and first-graders west of Canton Center to Hulsing with the following option as space allows: Families can keep siblings together at Hulsing.

- offer an option to parents of the Bentley attendance area with stu-

dents attending Hulsing in grades two through five to have their children stay at Hulsing.

The changes were suggested because space is so tight at Bentley. One of the two newest schools in the district, Bentley is on Sheldon Road near Proctor.

The plans were drafted independent of a \$79.7 million bond issue proposed for the March ballot which, if passed, would finance the building

of a new elementary school in southwest Canton.

"If there is a new elementary built, that would certainly solve the problem," said housing committee member John Filios.

Committee members said the geographic area "served by Bentley," which includes students who attend Hulsing - has 696 students. Currently, 58 students attend Hulsing

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Balancing act: "I think it's kind of difficult," said 12-year-old Marcus Brown about his second time trying ice skating at the Redford ice rink after school let out.



Ski, skate, sled for winter fun

BY ZACHARY GORCHOW
STAFF WRITER

Sharpen your skates, grease up your sled and break out your ski equipment.

With winter officially under way, area parks and recreation departments are offering a variety of cold weather recreation to local residents, including ice skating, skiing and sledding.

Programs range from family-oriented activities to those that allow older students to have fun without having mom and dad tag along with them.

Canton Township features a family skate night on three outdoor ponds behind the Canton Administration Building, said Bob Dates, Canton Parks and Recreation supervisor.

The area is in Heritage Park, off of South Canton Center Road, between Ford Road and Michigan Avenue.

One pond is for hockey and the others are for open skate.

The ponds get "into the hundreds" of skaters on an evening with good weather, Dates said. Hot chocolate and cookies are served and the event is free to anyone from the area.

"It seems like any family activity here in Canton is very popular," Dates said. "There are so many young families in Canton."

Depending on ice thickness, skating will begin Jan. 23 and run through February.

Bring your own equipment and skates.

Young skiers who aren't old enough to drive or don't have access to a car can make it to the slopes without having to rely on their parents.

Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a weekly bus trip to Alpine Valley Ski Resort in White Lake for students 13 years and older on Friday evenings through February, depending on weather conditions, Dates said.

The bus is usually packed, he said. Area students like the program because local ski clubs primarily ski at Mount Brighton Ski Area, he said.

"A lot of teenagers in this area like to ski and snowboard," he said. "Alpine Valley's a different scene, something new."

Students from throughout the area are welcome to participate, with a cost of between \$20 to \$30 per week depending on whether you rent equipment, which is available at the ski lodge.

Ice skating enthusiasts who



Open skate: 11-year-old Jamie Weston ice skates during an open skate at the Redford ice rink.

prefer the smoothness of an indoor rink to the chopiness of a frozen pond can glide across the ice at the Redford Arena.

Bob Proudfoot, a retired Redford resident, said he began skating regularly after he had a mild heart attack in 1990.

"The best thing I could do was exercise," he said. "So I asked my doctor if I could skate — it was something I used to do as a youngster."

Although Proudfoot joked that his hockey days were "long gone," he said he still loves to skate.

"It gets your heart rate up fast and it beats riding a stationary bike — that is so boring," he said.

Nicole Loar, 11, came to the Redford Arena with her fellow Safety Patrol members from Redford Union's Roosevelt Elementary School as part of a pre-winter vacation field trip.

Although some of the students were making their first attempt at ice skating, Loar said she sometimes skates on a rink behind her house. She said she likes skating because of the variety of stunts one can perform, or at least attempt.

"I like all the tricks you can do, like turning and trying to stop," she said.

The arena offers open skating most days through Jan. 5. Skating times vary depending on the day.

For a schedule, call the arena's hotline at 937-2757. The facility is off of Beech Daly Road, between I-96 and Plymouth Road.

Livonia's Eddie Edgar Sports

Arena also offers open skating to the public.

Kathy Ortiz, a Canton resident, visited the arena for the first time Monday with her family.

"It seems to be well-situated in a nicer area and better lit," she said. "It looks like the facility is kept neater and cleaner."

The arena's regular open skate times are from 1 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. weekdays, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays and 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sundays.

Some specials that the arena is sponsoring include: a hot dog, pop and skating pass for \$2.50 from 1-2:45 p.m. Friday and Jan. 17; a discount skate for \$1 from 3-4:30 p.m. Jan. 11, and a family skate for \$2 per family from 4-5:30 p.m. Jan. 26.

There is a 5 person limit for each family. Additional skaters must pay an extra 50 cents each.

The arena does not rent skates.

It is near Lyndon and Farmington roads, between Five Mile Road and I-96.

Livonia also has cross-country skiing at three golf courses — Fox Creek Golf Course, Whispering Willows Golf Course and Idyl Wyld Golf Club.

Skiing is open when weather permits. For ski conditions, call 261-2260.

For those who lack the agility to skate or ski without fear of taking a nasty tumble, they can turn to an old fashioned sled to enjoy the season.

In Farmington, sledding is available at "Shiawassee Hill" on Farmington Road just north of Shiawassee Street, said Paul Smith, assistant director of public services.

Andrew and Ryan DeFilipi, 9 and 7, braved a recent cold snap with their dad, Terry, barreling down the thin, crusty layer of snow on Shiawassee Hill.

Ryan said he liked the hill because it allows sledders to catch a little air.

"I like to jump ramps," he said. Despite the night's subzero windchills, Terry said it would take more than frigid weather to dampen his sons' resolve.

"It's pretty chilly — that won't stop them though," he said.

Smith said the city also is planning to have outdoor skating in City Park when the weather becomes cold enough. Skating will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., weather permitting.

For those who enjoy cross-



Like flying: Karen Fitzgerald works on her skating form at the Redford ice arena, saying ice skating is "like flying without an airplane."

STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

country skiing, Farmington Hills offers one of the area's more popular courses at Heritage Park. It is a different facility than the Heritage Park in Canton Township.

The park, between 10 and 11

Mile roads off of Farmington Road, has 4 miles of trails with varying terrains, said Andrew Lang, Farmington Hills recreation superintendent.

"The terrain at Heritage Park allows for a change of pace," he

said. "It's the complete package for cross-country skiers."

Skiers who need to rent equipment can do so at Heritage Park on weekends from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at cost of \$8 for 2 hours and \$3 for each additional hour.

Skate, ski at local facilities

Here's a rundown of more places to skate and cross-country ski in the area.

In Plymouth:

The Compuware Arena is opening up its new facility to the public for skating and drop-in hockey.

Skating is from 9:10-11 a.m. and 12:40 p.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and Sundays from 12:40 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Rates are: \$4 per person and \$2 for children under 4 and for seniors. Skate rental is \$2.

Hockey is from 7-8:50 a.m. and noon to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The charge is \$7 per player. Goalies can play for free.

The Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena has holiday skating times and special rates. Times

are:

■ Jan. 3 — 9:50-11:50 a.m., noon to 1:20 p.m. and 7-8 p.m.

■ Jan. 5 — noon to 1:20 p.m. and 1:30-2:50 p.m.

Rates are:

■ City residents — \$2 for adults, \$1 for children and \$1 for seniors

■ Non-residents — \$3 for adults, \$2 for children and \$1 for seniors.

Skate rental costs \$1.25.

At the Westland Sports Arena, regular times are:

■ Monday through Friday — noon to 1:45 p.m.

■ Saturday and Sunday — 1-2:45 p.m.

Weekday rates are: \$1.75 for students under 17, \$2.25 for adults and \$2 for skate rental.

Weekend rates are: \$2.75 for students under 17 and \$3.25 for

adults.

In Garden City:

The city's Civic Arena has open skate sessions during the holiday season.

Times are:

■ Jan. 3 — 1-2:45 p.m. and 7-8:45 p.m.

Weekday rates for 1-2:45 p.m. sessions are: \$1.25 for children and \$1.75 for adults. All other sessions are: \$1.75 for children and \$2.50 for adults. Skate rental is \$1.50.

Additional cross-country skiing can be found at Maybury State Park, which is off of Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck Road.

The park has more than 10 miles of groomed trails with varying degrees of difficulty. Call (810) 348-1190 for ski conditions.



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Holiday sweets: Julie Ketai and Nell Milford of Edwards Bakery work. Julie is making white chocolate curls and Nell is making tarts.

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were my biggest areas."

Fred Sanderson of the Plymouth Guitar Gallery, said sales were "moderately disappointing. I didn't do what I wanted to do. It was satisfactory but disappointing."

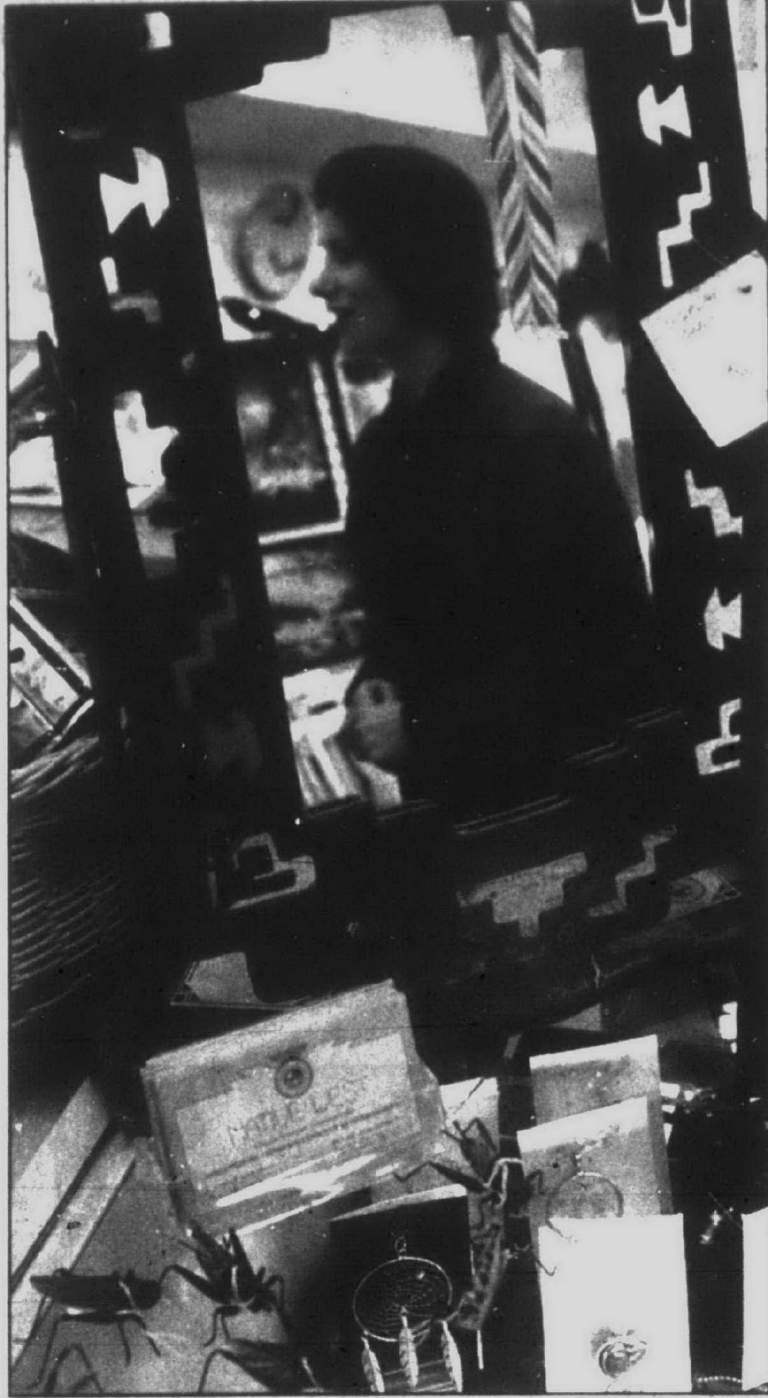
"This is our time of year, we did extremely well," said Annie Whalen of Edwards Bakery. "We did extremely well with cakes, pastry trays, yule logs."

Baker Julie Ketai added, "Christmas Eve was our best day, they were lined up out the door all day. We made a ton of stuff and it was gone."

"Sales here were terrific," said Maggie Chubb of Sideways. Among big sellers were the usual wrapping paper and gift cards, along with nutcrackers with faces and the collectable "Vanderbear" Christmas carolers.

"Christmas was good - no complaints," said Larry Bird, owner of Gabriela's. "We were up a little bit - 5 to 7 percent. Shopping was brisk, people were buying a lot of candles, of course Cat's Meow (collectables), there were a lot of lines, especially on Saturdays."

"If you look at my basement, it's empty, I'm out of inventory," he said.



Native Christmas: Annette Horn of Native West is reflected in a tabletop mirror and frame.

Area code from page A1

Area code by calling toll free 1-800-841-8989.

communities that will retain the 313 area code are Hamtramck, Highland Park, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Detroit, Redford, South Park, Ecorse, River Rouge, Harper Woods, the Grosse Pointes and part of Livonia.

A 248 area code will go into effect in May for several Oakland County communities, and in portions of northern Washtenaw and Wayne counties including part of Livonia and much of Northville Township.

The number 734, Plymouth and Canton's new area code, was assigned by the North American Numbering Council, the national administrator of area code assignments.

Read Observer Sports

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR USE SUBJECT TO SPECIAL CONDITIONS. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission has received a request from Johnson Controls, Inc. to approve the Use Subject to Special Conditions for Outside Storage in the Industrial District pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 83. The subject property is located on the north side of Joy Road, west of the Motor West Industrial Park Subdivisions and east of Beck Road and Plymouth Corporate Park Application No. 1427. Tax ID No. 060-99-0005-703.

The Planning Commission seeks input to determine if approval of the Use Subject to Special Conditions should be issued under Section 15.2 of Zoning Ordinance No. 83. The land is currently zoned IND, Industrial District. Questions regarding the request may be directed to the Community Development Department during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Planning Commission will consider the request at its regular meeting on January 15, 1997, commencing at 7:30 p.m. Written comments regarding the request will be received prior to the meeting. The meeting location, review, and address for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Telephone Number 453-3840, Ext. 209.

DONALD SPROGELL, Secretary
Planning Commission

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 1997, at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan, commencing at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of considering the Tentative Preliminary Plat for Woodlore South, a proposed subdivision located north of Joy Road, east of Beck Road, west of Westbriar Village Subdivision No. 1 and south of Woodlore Subdivision as required by Subdivision Ordinance No. 32. Application No. 1409A. Description of property for proposed subdivision is:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Part of the S.W. 1/4 of Section 33, T.8E., R.8E., Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan as described as follows:

Commencing at the southwest corner of Section 33, T.8E., R.8E., thence along the south line of said Section 33, S.89°27'30"E. 301.00' to the point of beginning of the parcel, herein described; thence N00°00'00"E. 289.40', thence N89°27'30"W. to a point on the west line of said Section 33, 301.00', thence along the said west line of Section 33, N00°00'00"E. 1194.36', thence, in part along the south line of Woodlore Subdivision as recorded in Liber 86, Plats Page 86, N89°20'21", 1330.53', thence, in part along the west line of Westbriar Village Subdivision No. 1 as recorded in Liber 97, Plats Page 69 and 70, S00°08'36"W. to the point of the south line of said section 33, 1480.96', thence along the said south line of Section 33, N89°27'30"W. 1025.80' to the point of beginning. Containing 43.2133 acres and being subject to any easement and restrictions or record.

Tax I.D. No. 055-99-0002

The plat, as proposed, is available for review by the public during business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting.

The application, review of the proposed plat, meeting, and address for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Telephone Number 453-3840, Ext. 209.

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR USE SUBJECT TO SPECIAL CONDITIONS. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission has received a request from Falcon Center Properties, to approve the Use Subject to Special Conditions for Vehicle Storage in the Industrial District pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 83. The subject property is located on the northeast corner of Joy Road and General Drive, west of the CSX Railroad tracks. Application No. 1424. Tax I.D. Nos. 062-01-0613 and 065-99-0009.

The Planning Commission seeks input to determine if approval of the Use Subject to Special Conditions should be issued under Section 15.2 of Zoning Ordinance No. 83. The land is currently zoned IND, Industrial District.

Questions regarding the request may be directed to the Community Development Department during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Planning Commission will consider the request at its regular meeting on January 15, 1997, commencing at 7:30 p.m. Written comments concerning the request will be received prior to the meeting. The meeting, application review and address for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Telephone Number 453-3840, Ext. 209.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 1997 commencing at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of considering a modification to the approved Residential Unit Development Option for Country Acres of Plymouth. The property is located north of Ann Arbor Rd. south of Powell Road, east of Napier and west of Ridge Road, containing 415 acres, more or less.

Legal description of said parcel is:

Land located in Section 31, T.1S., R.8E., Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan, is described as follows: Commencing at the southwest corner of said Section 31, thence along the west section line (also being the centerline of Napier Road, 66 ft wide) N 0°38'06" E. 383.00 ft to the point of beginning, thence continuing along the said west section line and the centerline of Napier Road N 0°38'06" E. 2310.46 ft to the W 1/4 corner of said Section 31, thence along the E-W 1/4 line of said Section 31, N 89°50'09" E. 2021.29 ft, thence N 0°46'47" E. 2672.11 ft, thence along the north section line (also being the centerline of Powell Road, 66 ft wide) S 89°53'02" E. 660.00 ft to the north 1/4 corner of said Section 31, thence continuing along said section line and centerline of Powell Road, S 89°40'03" E. 1404.42 ft, thence S 00°15'01" W. 357.77 ft, S 89°40'03" E. 576.80 ft, thence S 0°15'01" W. 959.09 ft, thence S 89°35'22" W. 565.93 ft, thence S 0°28'50" W. 1325.24 ft, thence N 89°33'24" E. 308.75 ft, thence S 0°13'40" W. 965.00 ft, thence N 87°36'06" W. 678.12 ft, thence S 0°12'58" W. 963.51 ft, thence along the centerline of Ann Arbor Road (N. being 33 ft wide) and the northerly line of "Forshore Subdivision" as recorded in Liber 88 of Plats, Page 94, Wayne County Records; S 66°55'10" W. 1777.99 ft, thence N 00°11'49" E. 48.27 ft, thence along the northerly right-of-way line of Joy Road, 577.08 ft along a circular curve to the right, having a central angle of 14°38'12", a radius of 2259.00 ft and a chord bearing S 81°02'25" W. 575.51 ft, thence S 1°38'29" E. 33.00 ft, thence along the south section line (also being the centerline of Joy Road, 66 ft wide) S 88°21'31" W. 1189.67 ft, thence N 0°38'06" E. 383.00 ft, thence S 88°21'31" W. 283.00 ft to the point of beginning, containing 358.4277 acres. Subject to the rights of the public in Napier Road, Powell Road, Ann Arbor Road and Joy Road, and subject to all easements of record.

Also land located in Section 31, T.1S., R.8E., Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan, is described as commencing at the west 1/4 corner of said Section 31, thence along the west section line (also being the centerline of Napier Road, 66 ft wide) N 0°13'00" E. 120.00 ft to the point of beginning, thence continuing along said section line and centerline of Napier Road N 0°13'00" E. 1727.19 ft, thence S 89°45'11" E. 526.98 ft, thence N 0°40'39" E. 296.45 ft, thence N 89°38'59" E. 820.88 ft, thence S 0°40'38" W. 2022.67 ft, thence S 89°50'09" W. 1333.97 ft to the point of beginning, containing 58.6823 acres, subject to the rights of the public in Napier Road and subject to all easements of records.

Tax I.D. Nos. 045-99-0006; 046-99-0001-703; 046-99-0001-001; 046-99-0005-001; 047-99-0001; 047-99-0002-001; 047-99-0003; 048-99-0001; 048-99-0005-700

Public Hearing is required by Ordinance No. 83 and/or Subdivision Ordinance No. 32, of the Charter Township of Plymouth. (Application No. 1034Z)

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Hall, Community Development Department, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting.

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Health insurance bills OK'd

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

A compromise package of health insurance bills provided "a positive note" for state Rep. John Jamian as he closed five years in the Michigan Legislature.

"I left tonight knowing that we restored the people's rights regarding health care and insurance providers," said Jamian, R-Bloomfield Township, as the lame-duck Legislature shut down. Jamian, 42, didn't seek reelection.

The Health Insurance Association of America, at blistering odds with Jamian for months over the package, praised Senate efforts to reach a compromise that wouldn't drive up individual health insurance contract price.

"The bill now avoids the significant rate hikes the House-passed legislation may have caused," said HIAA.

Democratic Reps. Sharon Gire of Macomb County and Laura Baird of Okemos called "this bipartisan and historic legislation a win-win situation." Senate

majority leader Dick Posthumus, R-Alto, praised it as pro-consumer legislation.

The House on Dec. 11 concurred in Senate amendments to the five bills by overwhelming votes ranging from 101-0 to 96-5. Voting no most often was Rep. David Gubow, D-Huntington Woods. All other area lawmakers voted yes.

Gov. John Engler is expected to sign House Bills 5570-74.

Jamian's first goal was to require insurers to cover "preexisting conditions" of an individual under a group policy. "Preexisting conditions" include such ailments as diabetes, hypertension and heart problems.

His second goal was to allow insurers to exclude an individual buyer from coverage of a preexisting condition for six months.

Critics of health insurers, such as Sen. John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, accused them of "cherry picking" good risks on which they could make money.

Small business critics of the bills said uninsured people often demanded coverage the day before they were due for an

organ transplant.

Jamian said the package, as passed, still calls for full disclosure of information by insurance companies "in plain English" and permits denial of coverage for preexisting conditions only in limited instances.

"The main focus of the legislation is intact," said Jamian, chair of the House Health Policy Committee. "Patients now will have everything they need to make informed decisions about which insurance plans are best for them and their families."

The Michigan Health and Hospital Association gave this outline of the package:

- HB 5572 permits third-party insurers with group policies of more than 50 members to deny coverage for persons with pre-existing conditions for six months if the person had been diagnosed or treated in the previous six months.

- For individual or small group (2-50 members), coverage could be denied for 12 months if treatment for the condition had been received six months before assuming the policy.

- HB 5571 and 5573 prohibit the Blues and health maintenance organizations (HMOs) from excluding coverage for pre-existing conditions for persons covered under group policies; but they allow a six-month exclusion for non-group policies if treatment was received six months prior to enrollment.

Health insurers said they have long practiced "guaranteed renewability" of health policies, "and this provision will put that practice into law."

Insurers said the bills "shorten the time insurers can look back in determining preexisting conditions that can be excluded from coverage as well as the time that conditions can be excluded after a policy is in force."

Insurers predicted the limit on excluding preexisting conditions "may require some insurers to raise rates," but won't cause the significant price increases that may have been caused by the original House bills.

Bloodmobile visits S'craft College

Schoolcraft College is sponsoring an American Red Cross Bloodmobile visit between 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Feb. 6 in the Waterman Center.

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Several area health organizations will have displays and testing available to provide information on health issues. The United Health Organization will provide Health-O-Rama screening, including blood pressure, height and weight, cholesterol kits for \$10, 22-profile blood screening for \$22 and prostate specific antigen screening for \$25.

Flexibility and strength testing and blood pressure screening will be offered by the Botsford Center for Health Improvement. Schoolcraft College's physical education department will provide free body fat composition screening. The college's culinary arts students will provide free tastings of heart-smart cooking. Town and Country Eyecare will provide free vision acuity screening and UV testing. Anew Therapeutic Massage will give free mini-massages and information on massage therapy.

For more information, contact Schoolcraft College's Health Service at (313) 462-4400, ext. 5050. The college is located at 18600 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275. Free parking is available in the north parking lot.

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Friends group has tips for homeowners with septic tanks

The Friends of the Rouge recently released a fact sheet for the public about septic systems, maintenance and problems that can be caused by those systems.

The report is part of the federally-funded Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project.

Here are excerpts from that tip sheet:

Septic systems are waste water treatment systems that use septic tanks and drain fields to dispose of sewage in the soil. They are typically used in rural or large lot settings where a sanitary sewer is not available.

When a septic system is correctly located, adequately designed, carefully installed and properly managed, it will act as a waste disposal system that is simple, economical, effective, safe and environmentally sensitive, according to the Michigan State University Extension Service.

A septic system is usually made up of a septic tank and a drain field. The septic tank generally is constructed with reinforced concrete, is buried and watertight. This tank receives untreated household waste. The drain field consists of a series of perforated pipes, which distribute the liquid from the septic tank to the surrounding soil.

Even though the best designed and

installed system eventually will fail, proper maintenance will ensure a longer lasting waste disposal system.

A failure of a septic system can cause serious problems. Sewage can pond on the ground near the drain field or back up into buildings. Animals and people can become ill from contact with these discharges.

Pollution may enter surface waters and shallow drinking water supplies. In addition to public health concerns, there are costly repair bills to repair or replace the system.

How septic work

Waste material from the house enters the septic tank where:

- Heavier solids settle to the bottom and form a sludge layer.
- Lighter wastes such as oil and grease rise to the top and form a scum layer.
- Between these two layers is liquid waste water.

When waste enters the tank, bacteria begin to break down the solid materials. This breakdown reduces solids, but also leaves a residue behind in the tank.

As time passes, this residue builds up, and must be removed to prevent it from entering the drain field and clogging the system. The center liquid layer flows

Septic tank owners should have their tanks pumped out by a licensed contractor once every two or three years.

slowly from the tank into the drain field. Perforated pipes allow the liquid to be equally distributed in a gravel-filled disposal field. Once the liquid reaches the disposal field, it soaks into the soil.

The soil acts as the final filter to treat waste received from the septic system.

Maintenance tips

Have your septic tank pumped out by a licensed contractor every two or three years. Have the operator check to make sure a tee or baffle is located on the outlet of the tank. The baffle stops scum from floating into the disposal field.

Check with the health department if you are having problems. They can assist with operation, maintenance and design questions.

Learn the location of your septic tank, drain field and well. Keep a sketch of it handy with your maintenance record for service visits.

Divert other sources of water, like

roof drains, house footing drains, and sump pumps to lawn areas away from the septic system. Excessive water floods the system, keeping the soil in the drain field saturated and unable to adequately treat the waste water.

Take leftover hazardous household chemicals to your approved hazardous waste collection center for disposal. Use bleach disinfectants, and toilet bowl cleaners sparingly and in accordance with product labels.

Cut the grass over the disposal field. Shorter grass (about 2 or 3 inches) increases plant activity called evapotranspiration. This process removes nutrients from the disposal field through the root system and increases evaporation.

What not to do

- Don't enter a septic tank. Toxic gases are produced by the natural treatment processes in septic tanks and can kill humans in minutes. Extreme care should be taken when inspecting a septic tank, even when just looking in the lid opening.
- Don't place heavy machinery or vehicles to park over or drive on the drain field.
- Don't plant trees or shrubs on the drain field. Plant roots can damage the

system.

- Don't cover the drain field with concrete, asphalt or decks. The area should only have a grass cover.
- Don't overuse a kitchen garbage disposal unit, or add commercial septic tank additives.

• Don't use your toilet like a trash can or poison your septic system and the ground water by pouring harmful chemicals and cleansers down the drain. Harsh chemicals can kill the beneficial bacteria that treat waste water.

- Do not flush coffee grinds, disposable diapers, sanitary napkins, cigarette butts, fat, paper towels, dental floss, kitty litter, tampons, condoms, grease or oil, or hazardous materials, such as paints, thinners, oils, photographic solutions, varnishes, pesticides or old gasoline.

Signs of a failing system

Your system may be failing if you notice one of the following symptoms:

- Sewage backup in drains or toilets.
- Slow flushing toilets, sinks or drains.
- Visible liquid on the surface of the ground near the septic system.
- Lush, green grass over the drain

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DIA showcases film and video festival

The 1997 Michigan Student Film and Video Festival will be Saturday, May 3 at the Detroit Film Theatre in the Detroit Institute of Arts.

This festival is the only event of this kind in the United States which showcases productions from children in kindergarten through 12th grade. The major focus of the festival is to positively reinforce children's participation in film and video production.

All entries are awarded with a certificate and medal. Selected winners also receive various spe-

cial awards including scholarships. The festival is organized by Detroit Area Film and Television (DAFT), a charitable statewide educational association.

The festival is open to K-12 students from Michigan public schools, private schools, cable companies, community service organizations, or can be produced by children independently at home. Students compete in either the elementary, junior or senior levels, depending on their age.

In addition, handicapped chil-

dren may choose to enter their programs in a special division where they would only compete against other handicapped children of their own age.

The festival is a juried event. Entries cover a wide range of topics and subject matters, styles and techniques—reflecting the unique and creative forces in today's youth.

Student entrants are given the judges' evaluations plus written suggestions on how to improve their production, as an educational support for their growth and development as student

media makers. Many past festival winners have gone on to receive great success in the film and video industry, winning Emmys and Academy Awards.

If you are interested in getting more information about this event, would like a workshop presentation on student film/video production, or would like to see the 1996 festival award video, contact festival director, Margaret Culver, Harrison High School, 29995 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, 48334 or call (810) 489-3491.

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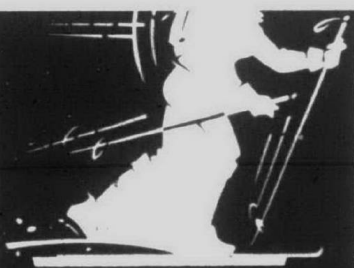
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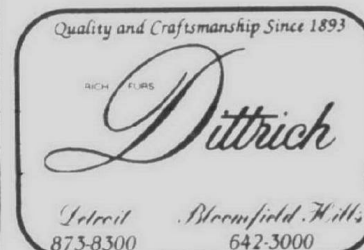
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Severe weather focus of poster contest

The Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness is sponsoring a Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest, open to all students currently enrolled in fourth or fifth grades.

The deadline to enter is Feb. 1, 1997.

Posters must emphasize the importance of being prepared in the event of Michigan severe weather, such as tornadoes, floods, snow storms, severe cold, lightning and thunderstorms, according to contest sponsors.

The first-place winner will receive a \$200 U.S. Savings bond; second place will be awarded a \$100 U.S. Savings bond; third place will receive a \$75 U.S. Savings bond and honorable mention will be awarded a \$50 U.S. Savings bond.

Posters must be 15-inches by 20-inches and submitted on quality poster or illustration board. The work must be original and may be in any media with the exception of pencil, chalk, charcoal or glitter. All

posters will become the property of the sponsoring organization.

The artist's name, age, grade, home address and telephone number, along with the name, address and telephone number of the student's school, and art instructor (if any), must be attached to the back of the poster on a 3-by-5 index card.

Entries must be postmarked no later than midnight on Feb. 1. To enter, send posters wrapped flat to National Weather Service, 9200 White Lake Road, White

Lake, MI 48386.

For further information, contact Gary Campbell at the National Weather Service at (810) 625-3309, ext. 726, or Lori White at the Michigan Association of Insurance Companies at (517) 482-1643.

The Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness was formed in 1991 to coordinate public information efforts regarding flood, tornado and

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Owners of these seats are instructed to call Kolcraft at 1-800-453-7673 to receive instructions on how to examine the strap retainer for proper installation and how to properly install the clip, if necessary.

Parents are reminded that children under 13 should be properly buckled in the back seat of vehicles with passenger-side air bags. Adult drivers should sit as far back from the air bag as comfortable and practical when driving.

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For those not quite so ambitious, a 12-week session meeting twice a week begins at 7:05 p.m., Monday, Feb. 3 or at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 4. A session meeting once a week for 12 weeks begins at 1:10 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 2.

There are also 12-week programs of step aerobics meeting both one and two hours a week and aerobic/weight training, meeting either one or two hours each week. Fees for all classes are \$74 with reduced rates for seniors.

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Crafters can apply now for spring show at Schoolcraft

Crafters of every ilk are encouraged to apply for a spot in the 1997 Spring Craft Show at Schoolcraft College March 8.

The show features about 150 crafters and attracts crowds of more than 2,000. The show is juried, and a limited number of exhibitors are accepted in each

category to maintain a balanced representation in each craft. Crafters are asked to submit a photograph of their work with their application if they have not been accepted for a previous show.

The show features all types of handmade crafts including

painting, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, textiles, needlework, photography, glass, leather and woodcarving.

The fee for a 12-foot by 12-foot space is \$80; a 10-by-10 space costs \$55; a 8-by-9 space is \$40 and an 8-by-4 hallway space costs \$40. Exhibitors who want

electricity will be charged \$15 for that service.

Applications must be received by Jan. 10. To obtain an application, contact the Department of Marketing and Development at (313) 462-4417.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day observed at Madonna University

Madonna University will co-sponsor the second annual Martin Luther King Jr. Observance on Jan. 20. The observance is organized by People of Livonia Addressing Issues of Diversity and there is no charge.

"The purpose of the event is to increase awareness within the community and recognize Martin Luther King's efforts," said Donna Pomerson, chairperson of the observance.

The flashlight observance will begin at 6:30 p.m. from the Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center, in Livonia, along Five Mile Road to the Bentley Center

Auditorium, 15100 Hubbard. Participants are asked to bring a flashlight.

The program begins at 7 p.m. and includes musical selections performed by high school choral groups and a dramatic recitation by LaRon Williams, an African-American storyteller. Refreshments will be provided after the presentations.

Sr. Martinez, director of Madonna University's office of multicultural affairs and coordinator of Madonna University's

participation in the event, said: "Our university had a very large turnout at last year's march. This is our second year sponsoring the event, and I hope to see

many students and faculty participating again."

For more information, contact PLAID at (313) 523-9356.

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CORRECTION

On Page 2 of the January 2, 1997 One-Stop Shopping Guide, Frozen Alaskan Pollock Fillets were shown at 2 lbs. for \$1. The correct price is 2 lbs. for \$3. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused our guests.

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1996'S UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CATCHING UP ON WHAT HAS (NOT) HAPPENED IN THE LAST YEAR:

ROADS

For a decade, western Wayne County's system of state freeways, county roads and local streets has been deteriorating. Our Leaders in Lansing just aren't embarrassed by it. They would rather boast about "21 tax cuts" than about "21 worst road problems fixed." In the lame-duck session, the Legislature juggled a few million out of the Secretary of State's office for road and bridge work, but it was a fraction of what is needed.

So area cities like Plymouth, Northville and Novi have given up waiting and are voting their own bond issues and taxes to take care of city streets. Townships in western Wayne County are desperately seeking "their" share of county road funds. Lazy Lansing has succeeded in shoving the problem onto the locals.

It is a bad solution, but locally voted taxes may be the only way around the state's political quaking at the "T" word.

ARTS

The state Senate passed one bill to allow a regional property tax for the arts. The House passed a different bill. The differences didn't get resolved before the lame duck session of the Legislature adjourned.

Maybe it's just as well. The truculent Detroit City Council refuses to surrender an inch of political control over the Detroit Institute of Arts, though the city provides only a sliver of DIA's budget. Ditto with the Detroit Zoo, which receives big doses of state funds but remains entirely under Detroit's political thumb.

Suburbanites, for their part, will be unwilling to pump tri-county money into a department of one city's government. Already suburban voters have coughed up more tax money for public transportation, county parks and two downtown stadiums. An arts tax would be a tough sell at any time, under any governance system. But the timing and Detroit's iron political hand make it especially difficult now.

A great opportunity lies ahead for the Big Four - Wayne Executive Ed McNamara, Oakland Executive L. Brooks Patterson, Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer and whoever emerges from the Macomb County brawl.

SCHOOLS



The attack is still on against public schools by those who would raid the treasury for "voucher" money. Meanwhile, western Wayne school officials have assigned themselves the daunting task of getting a better deal on school funding. They say Proposal A helped rescue poor school districts in mid-Michigan but put a lid on increases for the former "out-of-formula suburban districts. As their revenues rise 2.7 percent per pupil each year, their built-in expenses for special ed and pensions edge up at 4 to 6 percent. Something has to give.

Keep in mind suburban districts no longer have control over their revenue streams by asking for more local property tax hikes. The state now controls the purse strings.

Officials in 10 western Wayne school districts operate through MAISL, the Metropolitan Association for Improved School Legislation. MAISL clearly must make an alliance with Oakland County school districts and Ann Arbor, which have similar problems.

A good sign is that the state House of Representatives will turn over dramatically in 1998 as term limits kick in. New lawmakers are less likely to have the fanatical devotion to tax cuts that have characterized past deterioration of state government.

COURTS



The big push for "court reform" was precipitated in large part by requests for more judges in western Wayne County, along with Oakland County and the Ypsilanti area. The Engler Administration put a lid on adding ever more judges until judges are better deployed.

As 1996 ended, we were inching toward a single "trial court" system as the circuit and probate courts share more powers. The notion of having a separate criminal court just in Detroit clearly is no longer acceptable to the suburbs.

Meanwhile, State Bar leaders are probing "merit" selection of judges - a potentially vast improvement over blindly picking "name" candidates at the polls.

A good sign is that in 1998 we no longer will see people fresh out of law school winning important judgeships that call for courtroom experience as well as good report cards. State voters amended the constitution to require five years as a licensed lawyer before one can become a judge.

ARKIE HUDKINS

Happy NEW Year '97

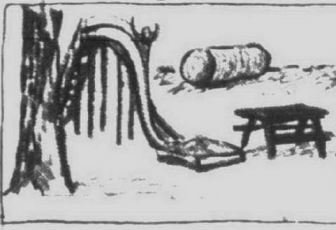
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LETTERS

Education problems

The problem with public education, in my opinion, is twofold. First, like almost every institution in our society it is competition-based. The typical argument is that without competition people get lazy and don't work. It is also used as a way to categorize children.

I can't think of a better way than using competition in a learning environment to kill a child's love of real learning. A child begins with an irrepressible sense of curiosity and wonder. Formal schooling, instead of encouraging this, kills it.

The second "great evil" in public education is the grossly biased emphasis on left-brain thinking. We extrude our children through the modern mold of left-brain analytical thinking with complete disregard to their own preferred modes of learning, again robbing them of joy and self-esteem.

The primary purpose of public education is to enable the individual to lead an informed, happy, productive life. This includes preparing them for adult contribution to society (i.e., a job).

At this point, industry is ahead of education in changing its philosophy about learning and working. We are being given more freedom to do things in unique and different ways. Our training (classes) are hands-on, group-oriented, and process-oriented with brainstorming and encouragement to accept all ideas (and to evaluate later). Diversity is important in industry. Companies try to maintain a diverse workforce because they realize that this is the way to get fresh ideas.

Public education fails the child at the most personal level, telling them that they don't know how to think and they are not as good as, or are better than, their peers. It fails the children at the professional level by not giving them the skills that industry looks for.

The kind of radical reform it would take to make public schools work would never be paid for by the public. All the more sad: We are training our children for despair and defeat.

The idea that there is only one right answer for a problem or only one way to learn is a dangerous lie. I wish teachers could get the support they need from parents and administration so they could have small enough classes and enough freedom to do their job the way they know they can and should.

Cynthia Agathocleous
Canton

On my second reading, after a few shots, I could discern a message coming out; something about believing things will turn out for the better if we continue to believe they will (I think).

Anyway, no matter how much I drank, I could not figure out why the lady wanted to step into the Red Sea before it parted.

Party on, dudes!

Janusz M. Szyszko
Canton

Against 3rd code

I am one of the several households in Livonia that will be affected by Ameritech's plans to keep the 313 area code when the company adds a third area code to the city in early 1997. And I, along with my neighbors also affected, am not happy.

Like usual, this is an example of a utility being able to do what it wants. Utilities, in general, are monopolies. Currently, we as citizens do not have a choice where to purchase our natural gas or electricity - or who our local phone carrier is.

Meanwhile, Ameritech is always guaranteed to make a profit, no matter how many area codes they make or how many residents they disturb. Therefore, my neighbors and I believe this matter will not be resolved by Ameritech and we are sitting ducks. There are numerous reasons why we oppose the third area code.

First of all, Ameritech claims that the three area codes are necessary because there are three "central service facilities" in Livonia. Why should this matter to the customers? Because it may be easier for Ameritech's administration, let's make a few customers inconvenienced?

We also don't believe it's fair that we'll have to call the pizza place across Seven Mile Road using a different area code and then a third area code calling our relatives two blocks to the west.

I have a pair of simple solutions. Divide up area codes fairly like a split down a mile road. People on the same side of the block on the same street should have the same area code. Is that too much to ask for?

And if the increase in beepers, cellular phones and fax machines are to blame for using up all the phone numbers, why not make them change their area codes? All beepers will now be 243. All cellular phones will now have the area code 714 (or whatever).

It's not fair to make businesses change their letterhead or categorize residents for the sake of making things simpler for the monopoly... for Ameritech.

Neal Zipser
Livonia

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

What issues do you think the Michigan Legislature should address in 1997?

We asked this question at the Livonia Civic Center Library.



"I think they need to take a look at the environmental regulations. They're kind of lax right now."

Susan Chase
works in Livonia



"Fixing the roads, maybe."

Rory Groneveit
Plymouth



"School funding. ... More money for our schools."

Kenny Gallant
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"I think our roads are a scandal."

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Area groups on road to improvement

The Michigan Legislature is stalled over a series of bills to curb urban sprawl. Luckily, local officials, business people and other concerned residents of established communities are not waiting around for whatever state lawmakers finally put together.

They are beefing up the quality of life in our older suburbs, making it more desirable to remain or locate a home or business where culture and services already exist. One important way is by improving our roads, which has become an important benchmark in assessing quality of life.

"At one time, roads were just for traversing through the community," U.S. Rep. Joseph Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Township, said last week at a ceremony celebrating a new road beautification project spanning Southfield and Oak Park. "We've started looking at our highways as having to be pleasing to the eye and having to provide a better quality of life."

Telegraph and Greenfield roads will be upgraded with walkways, crosswalks, trees, shrubs and colorful

wildflowers thanks to \$526,000 in federal funds together with \$250,000 from the cities of Southfield and Oak Park. The Telegraph project includes the three-mile stretch from I-696 to Eight Mile. Greenfield will undergo 1.3 miles of beautification between Mount Vernon and Eight Mile.

It's probably no coincidence that both projects tie-in to Eight Mile Road. That's because the Eight Mile Boulevard Association has been hard at work since 1993 improving the 27 miles of that road, from I-94 on the East to I-275 on the West — in terms of both beautification and safety.

The road, previously a much-maligned border between Detroit and the suburbs of Oakland and Macomb counties, is showing the results of the cooperation of the 13 communities and three counties along its route.

In its first three years, the Eight Mile association has generated more than \$700,000 for improvements through a combination of federal, state, local and private contributions. Their objectives include landscaping the median, reducing litter and blight, improving bus stop facilities,



JUDITH DONER BERNE

coordinating police enforcement and crime prevention activities and helping developers and brokers attract or expand business establishments.

Specifically, more than 30 businesses have improved, opened or expanded since 1993, according to Sharlan Douglas, EMBA director. "They've added three-quarters of a million square feet and a thousand jobs." The association has created a Business Advisory Council and an annual Eight Mile Clean Team Day to encourage businesses to clean and spruce up their properties. Working in cooperation with neighborhood groups, they have prevented the expansion of topless bars and closed

one bar outright.

And they urged the joint sweeps against prostitution that six police departments and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department conducted this past summer. Next up is creating 24 perennial gardens on the Eight Mile median from Grand River to Vernier at a cost of \$400,000. Five are scheduled for this year.

Not to be outdone, the Grand River Corridor Study Group was launched in 1994-95. Redevelopment plans for the sector from Eight Mile to west of Middlebelt in Farmington Hills, attracted about \$600,000 in combined state and federal grant money and city funds. Curbs have been replaced, landscaping and lighting improved and blighted property purchased and cleared. Still to come are improvements west of the West River Shopping Center to the Farmington border.

Now plans have just been completed to re-beautify Woodward Avenue, Michigan's major artery. The Woodward Avenue Action Association begins work this spring on a mile-long \$93,000 pilot project from Catalpa to

Lincoln. Most of the money comes from two state grants.

Long-range, the association is seeking \$800,000 to beautify the stretch from Eight Mile to Quanton, says Will Hicks of Beverly Hills, who chairs the Woodward Avenue Action Committee. Beautifying the median is the number one priority, Hicks says. Redesigning parking, urging individual businesses to improve storefronts and assigning more logical addresses are also on the docket. The latter includes changing the name of Hunter to Woodward and Woodward to Old Woodward.

Business owners and officials from Birmingham, Berkley, Royal Oak, Huntington Woods, Pleasant Ridge and Ferndale are united in the effort to improve Woodward, Hicks reports. "It was felt that no other road was such a major representation of Michigan."

Roads are for moving along. It's obvious that many people and communities are involved in making them reasons for staying put as well.

Judith Doner Berne, a West Bloomfield resident, is former managing editor of the *Eccentric Newspapers*.

Welcome school changes or face stagnation

BY EDWARD A. SKOLARUS
GUEST COLUMNIST

Leaders of private educational institutions must become aggressive and militant if charter schools, vouchers and schools of choice are to become a reality throughout the United States.

Recycled arguments, emotionalism and lack of rational analysis have hindered and deterred the implementation of this issue. Due to the nature of these institutions, pacifism reigns.

Lack of historical analysis has caused confusion and chaos among educators.

In 1791, freedom of religion guaranteed the right to worship as one chooses without interference from

Congress. The Supreme Court has interpreted this amendment as a guarantee of the separation of church and state.

I believe that the founders of this nation, who came to this country to be free from religious oppression, intended this amendment to prohibit Congress from establishing a national religion or church. The archaic decision of the Supreme Court must be reversed if the United States is to maximize the brain power of this country.

In 1868, the 14th Amendment to the Constitution guaranteed "equal protection under the law." In 1896, in the case of Plessy vs. Ferguson, the Supreme Court ruled that separate

facilities for different races, as long as they were of equal quality, did not violate the provisions of this amendment.

In 1954, Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, the Supreme Court declared that separation is inherently unequal and thus gave birth to the Civil Rights movement. It is time for the Supreme Court to re-evaluate the issue of separation of church and state in light of 1996 and the future.

Education segregation exists today throughout the United States whether it be geographic or the economic status of the parents.

Why do we shackle our students to the school bell in the district in which they live? Colleges admit students

from other states and countries, but our students are confined.

Handicapped, alternative education and special education students might be able to attain maximum self-esteem and academic excellence if they had the choice to attend schools which specialize in these areas.

Public education has maintained a monopoly on education and now is the time to free parents and students.

Parents pay taxes and should have a voice in how their tax dollars are being spent and whether they choose to send their children to private institutions of learning should be a matter of right not choice. Taxation without representation has been the penalty for choice too long.

Charter schools, vouchers and schools of choice must become a reality if we as a nation wish to continue to be a world power. Educational opportunities must be available to all students regardless of school districts or economics.

Educational achievement and structure are directly proportionate to the greatness of that nation. Time creates changes in our society, but change is feared by people reluctant to change and pursue the status quo. Let us not fear change but welcome change, because without change there is only stagnation and decay.

Edward A. Skolarus is a retired educator.

Cable company should adjust customer survey

If you read a stack of community newspapers, such as this company's, one issue stands out nearly everywhere. Although there are several cable television companies, most articulate folks hate the local cable firm, and for the same reasons.

Once they get the franchise, cable TV companies hike rates faster than inflation. And while people in different towns deal with different cable companies, we tend to cuss them out in the same language.

The thought occurred as I paid my own January cable bill. The notice said the cable company "has adjusted some of its monthly service rates." "Adjusted," my eye. The total bill is up 10 percent. The regulatory fee paid to the Federal Communications Commission is down 20 percent, from 5 cents a month to 4 cents, but the big ticket items are mostly up.

"Standard cable service" is up 12.1 percent to \$16.12. Combined broadcast basic and standard service is up 10.3 percent to \$26.42. And the addressable converter fee is up 18.9 percent to \$2.08. Some "adjustment."

The cable company added insult to injury by enclosing a customer survey. Here are some of the significant questions: "Have you ever spoken with one of our customer service representatives? If so, how would you rate the customer service representatives when you've called or visited our office?"

"Have you ever had a technician come to your home for a service call? If yes, how would you rate our repair service?"

The survey is a phony, of course, and designed by the company to make itself look good. Here's what an honest cable TV survey would ask:

■ We are raising our basic service rate 10 percent. Did you get a 10 percent pay raise this year?

■ We are eliminating CICO, the Canadian public channel with its arts and drama programs, and substituting a home shopping channel. Do you approve?

■ What do you think of the way we promote high-price programs such as boxing matches or first-run movies on a pay-per-view basis?

■ What do you think of the increasing number of one-star and two-star movies shown on premium channels? Do you suspect the net-



TIM RICHARD

works are deliberately reducing their quality to prompt you to buy "pay-per-view" programming?

The cable company's alibi is that "costs" are up. What they hide is the fact that costs have two components — price per unit and the number of units (customers).

For example, suppose the price per unit is \$1 and the company has 10,000 customers. Its total cost is \$10,000, right?

Now suppose the unit price drops to 90 cents, but the number of customers rises to 12,000 as more homes are wired in. The total cost now is \$10,800, an increase, even though the price per unit has dropped. Do you see the little mathematical trick the cable company plays?

Moreover, in this example, the cable company's total costs have risen, but so has its revenue, even if fees stay the same. It serves more than 20 percent more homes. It switches from a commercial-free educational channel to one where it can sell sponsors, so ad revenue rises.

In short, the alibi of a "cost" increase doesn't begin to justify a fee increase that's more than triple the rate of inflation.

Your impulse will be to call your local franchise authority, in either city hall or township hall. Will that do any good? Doubtful, because as I said at the outset, the handful of cable companies operate pretty much the same way.

What to do about it? I'm not certain, but I have this environmental book that I got for Christmas called "A Sand County Almanac." Maybe we all should read more. The price of a library card still is zero.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events.

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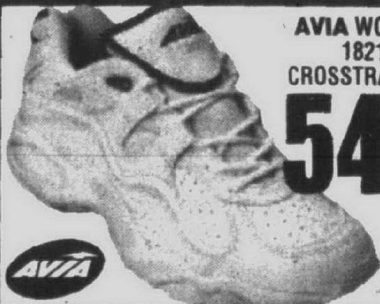
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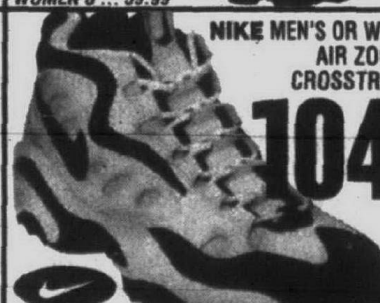
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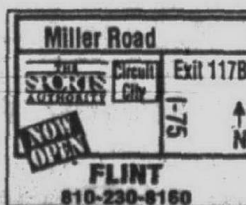
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COMMUNITY LIFE

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FAMILY ROOM



KAREN MEIER

You can call me foolish optimist

At some point in Peter Ustinov's life he said, "The point of living, and of being an optimist, is to be foolish enough to believe the best is yet to come." I wonder if Mr. Ustinov said that on a day like today, the second of January, the beginning of a brand new year, when hope and uncharted waters and a year full of calendar pages stretched before him.

It'd make perfect sense if he had. It makes perfect sense to me, but then I'm one of those foolish optimistic types he spoke of.

Now, most of us fools know we are fools. Yet others insist on telling us how foolish we are, telling us over and over, getting madder at us at each retelling, and sometimes yelling at us for it. Such is the life of a fool. But beyond that, a foolish optimist is told he is devoid of sense, pain and reality.

The optimist, though, knows considerable pain and reality. It rains down on him, too, in buckets, but somehow he's equipped with a bucket for bailing it out and surviving the deluge. And he works really hard at this effort. The work is back-breaking and heart-wrenching and lonely. And foolish to a whole bunch of passers-by. But for the optimist, it's the only way to survive.

And that part, that it's the only way to survive part, I know about.

I tried it the other way, it doesn't work. It's icky. Living on the flip-side of foolish optimism makes me grumpy, vindictive, jealous, bitter. It makes me think mean things about people and life. It makes me suspicious and judgmental of everyone.

When I experimented with this other way of looking at things, I didn't look for the good in people, because that's being optimistic. I looked instead for the evilness residing on the surface and inside people.

And yikes, it was there. And it was pretty easy to see it once I was in that flip-side frame of mind, the frame of mind I was encouraged to

See FAMILY ROOM, B2

Kids learn music the Kinder way



■ When Jaclyn Niedermeyer hears the Era laundry soap commercial, she knows it's the "1812 Overture," an impressive accomplishment for the 2 1/2-year-old music aficionado.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Cheryl Niedermeyer has seen a definite increase in her 2 1/2-year-old daughter Jaclyn's appreciation in music since she began Norma Atwood's Kindermusik program.

"There's an Era commercial where they play the crescendo to the '1812 Overture.' Miss Norma plays that here in class and every time that commercial comes on Jaclyn stops what she's doing and starts dancing," said Niedermeyer of Detroit.

Kindermusik, taught at Arnoldt Williams Music in Canton is a music program for children ages 18 months through 7 years old and their parents. Through singing, moving, listening, playing simple percussion instruments and creative activities, Kindermusik encourages musical instincts and fundamental skills.

Kindermusik was developed in 1976 by Lorna Heyga of North Carolina. Since its inception, the Kindermusik program has grown into an international movement with more than 2,100 teachers in the United States, Canada and 10 other countries.

"She saw the need in the United States for an early childhood development music curriculum," Atwood said. "She saw how advanced the German children were and how there were so many benefits from early childhood music further on down the line."

Heyga brought the program to the United States and redesigned it with colleagues.

"They put it to American folk tunes and developed further programs with it," Atwood said. "Originally it was just a young child program but now we start at 18 months with the beginning program," Atwood said.

Atwood, a Canton resident, heard about the class four years ago while teaching in Farmington Hills.

"I first found out about it in Farmington Hills when I was an early childhood music instructor teaching a curriculum I had developed," she said. "Someone gave me a brochure of Kindermusik. I went to the training and just fell in love with it. It's a marvelous program for little people."

3-stage program

The program is taught in three stages. The classes are one day a week and range from 45 minutes to an hour. The "Kindermusik Beginnings" class, which costs \$100 plus materials, is designed for children ages 1 1/2-3 1/2.

"The young classes are for parent and child," Atwood said. "We sing, we dance, we do rhythm instruments, we do finger play and creative movement. We use different types of instruments like the xylophone and the glockenspiel."

"We do a lot of rhythmic activities because what we're trying to do is internalize rhythm into the child, and also tonal patterns which are sung so they can start to hear pitch and they can duplicate it and repeat it and echo it."

Children ages 3 1/2-4 1/2 move on to "Growing With Kindermusik." The children are with Atwood for 45 minutes and then the parents come in for 15 minutes. In that class they

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Hear that?: Laura Pairitz and daughter Meg, 3 1/2, listen to the sounds a triangle makes, while Cheryl Niedermeyer (photo below, from left), daughter Jaclyn, 2 1/2, Kathy Fowler and son Michael, 3, lend an ear to hear musical notes during their Kindermusik class.

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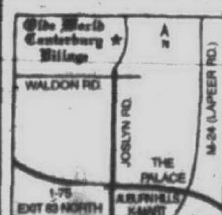
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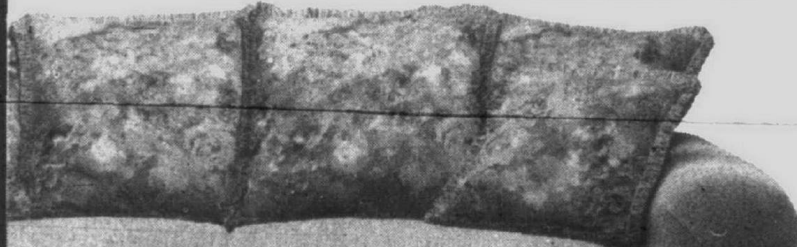
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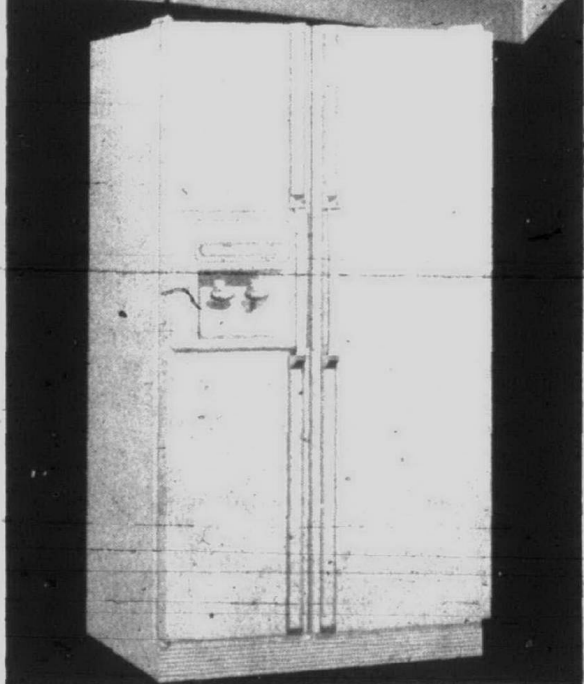
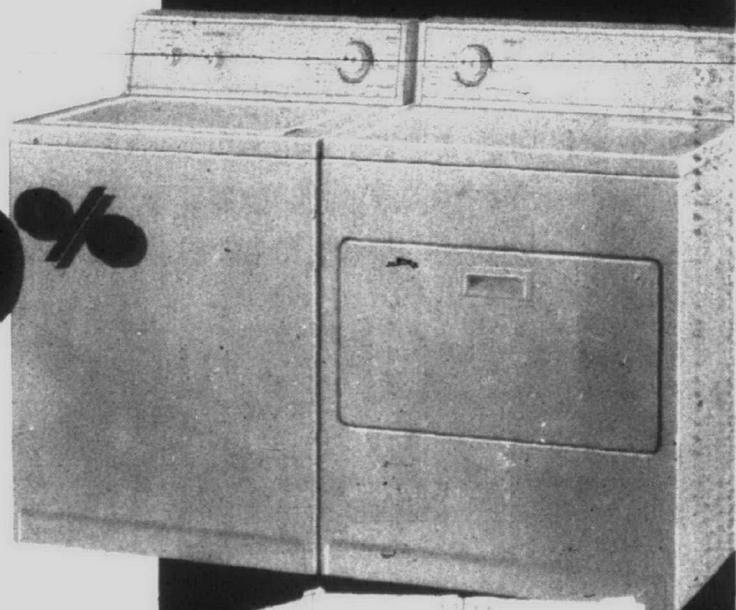
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learn larger concepts - highs and lows, softs and louds.

"We do a lot of imagination work, pretending that we're forest animals or that we're cats and mice or whatever," Atwood said. "They know that they are these specific animals by the sound of the music, so they can interpret the music and hear it."

The children also work with more of the rhythm instruments and more ensemble type work with rhythm instruments, Atwood added.

The three "Young Child" programs, which like "Growing With Kindermusik" is priced at \$125 plus materials, come next. During those classes Atwood gets into the more technical aspects of music.

"We get into the theory concepts," Atwood said. "They learn about the music staff. They learn about music notations. They start to read off of music at this age."

"Then we get a glockenspiel and they're reading their notes onto the glockenspiel which is then interpreted onto the keyboard."

They also learn how to hear the music and compose music as a result of their knowledge of the staff and the notes and the placement of the notes on the music staff, she explained.

By the time children graduate from the class, they will have composed a composition and learned how to play it on the glockenspiel and keyboard. They are also into a lot of music appreciation and delve into different cultures around the world.

"We put it to dance, to singing, and to instruments," Atwood said.

Provides reinforcement

Along with teaching the children about music, Kindermusik reinforces the child's self-esteem, according to Atwood.

"It's amazing what comes from these children. The littlest ones come in here and they actually start to rhythmically tap or clap and they actually sing out for us," she said. "It's amazing because some little ones like that are not really vocal yet; they especially aren't that coordinated yet."

"Through the use of the rhythm stick or working with rhythm their confidence and their abilities are strengthened and they become quite the little musicians after awhile."

That's one of the reasons that Kathy Fowler of Plymouth Township enrolled her 3-year-old son Michael in the program. She heard about Kindermusik from her sister.

"They say there's a definite link between this and math," she said. "I think it's great for him to come here. Music is food for your soul. By taking these classes maybe he'll have the confidence that he wouldn't have had otherwise."

Steve Thornburg of Northville sees his 3-year-old son Robbie get up and do things that he normally wouldn't do.

"Like singing, he'll get up and sing in front of people. He does it because it's normal here," he said.

Like Fowler, Thornburg says that the program will help Robbie develop his logical and sequential thought processes.

"I never made that tie to mathematics," he said.

Atwood hopes that the Kindermusik program encourages the children to start music lessons at Arnoldt Williams Music.

"We're trying to develop within the center here a conservatory program so it's basically starting with the early Kindermusik children and building into the piano labs and into the private lessons."

Niedermeyer wants her daughter Jaclyn to be one of those children.

"I'm hoping this is something we can take to the completion," she said. "As an adult, we don't have a lot of outlets. It's my hope that when she's an adult and she comes home from work that she'll come home to play the piano or sing as opposed to going to the bar."

Professional career

Atwood is convinced that she was born singing. She started her professional training at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston as a special student in voice when she was 8 years old. Two years later she was singing professionally.

Atwood studied at the conservatory until she enrolled in Northeastern University in Boston where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in theater and music. The former Ohio resident has appeared in "The Sound of

Music" in Chicago, "No Sex Please. We're British" in Ohio with June Lockhart, and "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" in New York.

Her three daughters have followed in her footsteps - Kim plays the flute and oboe; Karen is a clarinetist; and Karla plays the drums as well as figure skates. Her husband, David, is "totally non-musical but says he's my best critic."

Recently she has cut down on her performance to concentrate on teaching and directing the children's choir at First United Methodist Church in Ann Arbor and the newly formed Rising Star Singers. The singers is an "Up With People"-like program, designed for youths ages 8-18. Auditions will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, at Arnoldt Williams Music, 5701 Canton Center Road, Canton.

"I really enjoy seeing the people around me achieve some success and to see them get out of performance what I always got out of it," Atwood said. "Music has always been my life. It's my passion. I've seen so many people who have worked with teachers who have made it a negative. I was compelled to go out there in the world and say, 'No it's a passion.'"

"You have to approach it that way and you have to love what you do. I try to impart this pas-



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRENNER

Chiming in: The Kindermusik program lets instructor Norma Atwood share her love of and passion for music with the youngest of students.

sion and love of it and to really enjoy it. It's a lot of hard work and that's a definite. But there's a lot of joy to be involved with it."

For more information about Kindermusik or the Rising Star Singers, call Arnoldt Williams at (313) 453-6586. Arnoldt Williams is at 5701 Canton Center Road, Canton.



REAL ESTATE UPDATE by Chris Knight

OFFERS AND COUNTER-OFFERS Part 1

The beginning of negotiations is usually the end of many months of hard work for the buyer or seller. The work ahead requires skill in order to maintain a strong position.

Sellers can lose their advantage if they do not counter an offer that a buyer has made. Even if the opening offer is beneath what the seller feels is reasonable, it is advisable for the seller to respond with a slight reduction from the asking price. The most important component in negotiating is good communication.

The best way to handle a low offer is to counter it with definite terms that are favorable to the seller. A counter offer has two advantages: 1) it keeps the buyer interested, and 2) it moves the negotiation forward and gives the buyer the opportunity to submit another offer that the seller is more likely to prefer.

If there is a move in your future, Chris Knight is ready to serve you. Call Chris at Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate, (313)453-6800.

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visit by several who live there.

I visited, but I can't figure out how anyone can live there. Honestly, how can anyone LIVE there? I experimented, and I couldn't do it. I couldn't figure out how to actually LIVE like that, because what I wound up doing was existing. Day to day, going through the hours in rote fashion, forcing myself to believe that the best was not yet to come, that the best may have already happened or worse, that it just never does, ever, that folding clothes and scrubbing the floor and cooking spaghetti and washing the dishes was it and moreover, it meant nothing to anybody.

I forced myself to not be optimistic. It was unbearable. It wasn't living. It was robotic.

Robots and machines have no faith, they have no optimism, and that's how I felt in this experiment.

The experiment, the foray into this way of viewing life and living life, was at best unsettling. At worst, the experiment, had I continued it much longer, would have produced a new me, a new me that saw life as joyless and hopeless and faithless and just not worth living.

A life without optimism would be JOYLESS, at least that's what was starting to come out of this whole terrible thing. To not look on the bright side, to not look FOR the bright side particularly when the bright side is next to impossible to see, took the joy right out of everything. Like when Jack wet his pants

three times in four hours.

Without optimism that could only be viewed as hideous drudgery, but with a foolish dose of optimism, there could be some joy there, because a 2-year-old was wearing pants that were indeed getting wet which meant he wasn't wearing a diaper which meant he was in the middle of potty training and things could only improve from that point on and the best was yet to come.

Being joyless was terrible, but worse than that, much, much worse, was finding myself teetering on the edge of FAITHLESSNESS during this experiment. That was frightening.

After seeing that, after feeling that, I didn't just kind of go back to my old foolish ways of being

an optimist. I RAN back. I leaped back. It was a leap back into faith.

Being an optimist is inextricably tied up with looking towards the future, towards the things yet to come, towards possibly good things, possibly amazing things, yet to come. That's where faith comes in, because that's all we have where the future's concerned.

Oh sure, machines prognosticate and predict and prophesy and forecast what lies ahead given current statistics and current gigabytes of data, but what does a faithless, soulless machine really know about

things like miracles, or acts of God, or the strength of the human spirit?

Nothing.

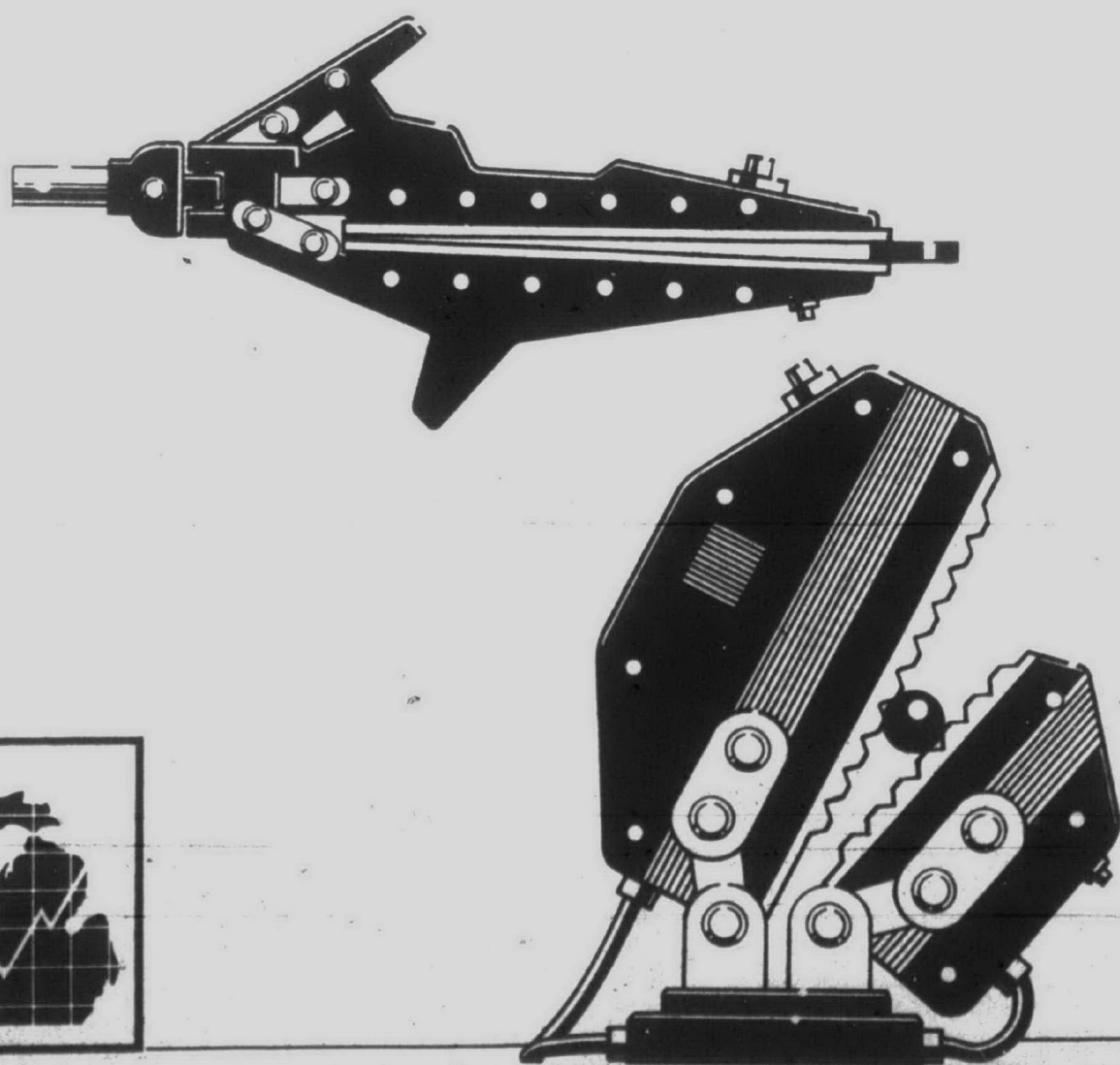
So I ran back. I'm back now, just in time for the new year. I'm optimistic. I'm foolish. And I believe the best is yet to come.

Happy New Year to you all!

If you have a question or comment for Karen Meier, a Plymouth resident, call her at 953-2047, mailbox number 1883, on a Touch-Tone phone, write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or reach her at her E-mail address: FamilyRoom@worldnet.att.net.

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WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING SYNOPSIS 1:00 P.M., MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1996

Special meeting called to order at 1:20 p.m.
Present: Thomas Yack, Karen Woodside, Kathleen Keen-McCarthy
Agenda - Adopted.
Consideration of Personnel Policies - Approved as amended; subject to further review and revision.
Consideration of Procedural Manual - Approved as amended.
Consideration of Administrative Manager's Salary - Compensation matrix adopted as presented by Operations Manager.
The special meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

THOMAS YACK,
Chairman

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WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS 4:00 P.M., MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1996

Regular meeting called to order at 4:05 p.m.
Present: Thomas Yack, Karen Woodside, Kathleen Keen-McCarthy
Agenda - adopted as amended.
Minutes - regular meeting of October 28, 1996 - approved.
Minutes - regular meeting of November 25, 1996 - approved.
Requisition Certificate 190, Requisition Certificate 191 and Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$371,459.56 - approved.
Operations and Maintenance Monthly report - received and filed.
Operations Manager's Report - received and filed.
Miss Dig - WTUA/YCUA Responsibilities - Letter of Agreement approved.
O&M Grit Removal/Lower Rouge - approved.
The regular meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

THOMAS YACK,
Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS JANUARY 9, 1997

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 1997 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room in the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Roll call: Cisek, Demopoulos, Johnson, Pandit, Redfern
Acceptance of Agenda

1. Deborah L. Hayes, 2241 Brookhaven, Canton, Michigan 48188, for property located at 4000 Sheldon Road, Canton, Michigan. Appealing Article 1.03 Rules of Construction and Definitions, Canton Township Zoning Ordinance, regarding Family Day Care Home. The request is for a variance to allow more than six (6) children in a Family Day Care Home. Parcel No. 133-02-0061-008. (Planning)
2. Dennis Krestel, 24350 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 101, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48336, representing Mr. Mike Brown, 67 Danforth, White Lake, Michigan 48386, for property located on the West side of Lilley Road, between Joy and Warren. Appealing Article 6.03E(5) Site Development Standards for Residential Uses, Canton Township Zoning Ordinance, regarding Housing For The Elderly. The request is for a variance of the minimum floor area per dwelling unit. Parcel No. 006-99-0015-702 (Planning)

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of November 14, 1996.
Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of December 12, 1996.

TERRY G. BENNETT
Clerk

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Jordan-Skotzke

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Jordan of Tucson, Ariz., announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine Elizabeth to Thomas Skotzke, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward and Louise Skotzke of Lawrenceville, Ga.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Cleary College. She is employed by Northwest Airlines as a training specialist.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan Technological University. He is employed by a consulting engineering firm as a systems specialist.

A May wedding is being planned.



Ziadeh-George

Christina Jill George and James Michael George were married May 5 at St. Clement's Church in Dearborn. The Rev. George Shaloub and Bishop Nippon officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Anis and Salwa George of Livonia. The groom is the son of Khamis and Hala Ziadeh of Farmington Hills.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He is employed by the Livonia Public Schools.

The groom is a 1996 graduate of Wayne State University School of Medicine. He is employed by Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

The bride asked Linda George to serve as maid of honor with bridesmaids Jenny Kowusas, Michele Hanania, Marianne Abdelnour and Leah Johnson.

The groom asked Sean Ziadeh to serve as best man with



groomsmen Steve George, Edward Sudzina, Al Abdelnour and Ron Khoury.

The couple received guests at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Hawaii. They are making their home in Farmington Hills.

Podrasky-Tabbert

Peter and Jean Podrasky of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Susan, to Edward Robert Tabbert, the son of Edward and Mary Jo Tabbert of Whitmore Lake.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and is working on an associate's degree at Schoolcraft College. She is employed in the accounting department at Tapco International in Plymouth.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of Redford Union High School. He is employed by the Ford Motor Company and J. Park Construction.

An August wedding is planned for St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Garden City.



Cervantes-Ferreira

Rudy and Louella Cervantes of Detroit announce the engagement of their daughter Lisa Marie to Cristian O. Ferreira, the son of Oscar and Elsa Ferreira of Dearborn Heights.

The bride-to-be is a 1987 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and a 1991 graduate of Central Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree. She works as a customer assistance manager at Electronic Data Systems.

Her fiancé is a 1987 graduate of Crestwood High School and is currently attending the University of Michigan, pursuing a degree in international studies. He works at Northwest Airlines taking reservations and as a Spanish interpreter.



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

Clark-Dyc

Carolyn Clark of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Christine Mary, to Rick Dyc, the son of Richard Dyc Sr. of Redford and Nancy Hadley of Midlothian, Va.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and Schoolcraft College.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Redford Union High School and Northern Michigan University. He is employed by Tarmac America Inc.

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



Miller-Piner

Patricia Piner and James Miller were married Oct. 26 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Margaret Piner of Plymouth Township. The groom is the son of Bill and Elaine Miller of Houghton Lake.

The bride is employed by Valassis Communications in Livonia. The groom is employed at the Kmart Distribution Center in Canton.

The couple honeymooned at Sandals in St. Lucia and won a Sandals honeymoon through Bride's Magazine which they are



taking in February to Antigua.

Van Ess-Schlaepfer

Alice Louise Schlaepfer and Craig Karl Van Ess were married on Sept. 28 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Grand Rapids. The Rev. William Evertsberg officiated.

The bride is the daughter of George and Dianne Schlaepfer of Livonia. The groom is the son of Robert Van Ess of Kentwood, Mich., and Doris Van Ess of Grand Rapids.

The bride is a graduate of Livonia Bentley High School and Wayne State University School of medicine. A medical doctor, she is employed by Advantage Health.

The groom received his bachelor's degree from Aquinas College, his master's degree from Grand Valley State University and his Juris Doctor degree from Valparaiso University School of Law. He is employed by Arthur Anderson.

The bride asked Ann Schlaepfer to serve as maid of honor with bridesmaids Carol Schlaepfer, Cynthia Schlaepfer, Sharon Rasmussen and Laura



Gabel.

The groom asked Robert Van Ess to serve as best man with Groomsmen Kurt Van Ess, Bradley Van Ess, John Ratter and Nancy Van Wesepe.

The couple received guests at the Spring Lake Country Club in Spring Lake before leaving for a honeymoon to Cancun and Cozumel, Mexico. They are making their home in Pierson, Mich.

Strick-Belleperche

Lisa Ann Belleperche and Joseph Dennis Strick were married Sept. 27 at Golden Rings Wedding Chapel.

The bride is the daughter of Marshall and Janet Belleperche of Livonia. The groom is the son of Alzada Strick, also of Livonia.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. She is employed by Livonia Little Tots Day Care.

The groom is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He is employed by the Livonia Public Schools.

The bride asked Jena Belleperche to serve as maid of honor with Dina Belleperche as bridesmaid.

The groom asked Fredrick Strick to serve as best man with groomsmen William Strick Jr.

The couple received guests at a



reception at the Karas House before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Cancun, Mexico. They are making their home in Canton.

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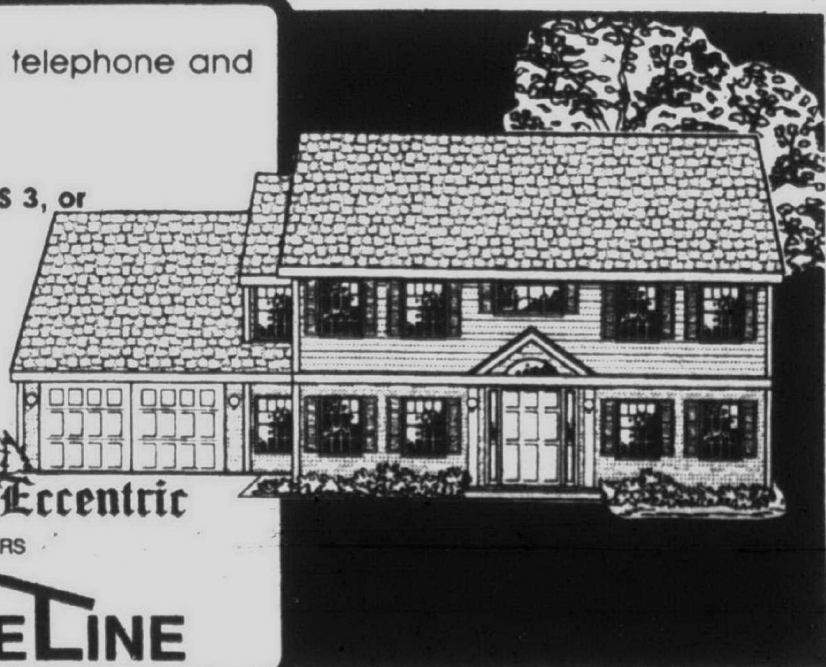
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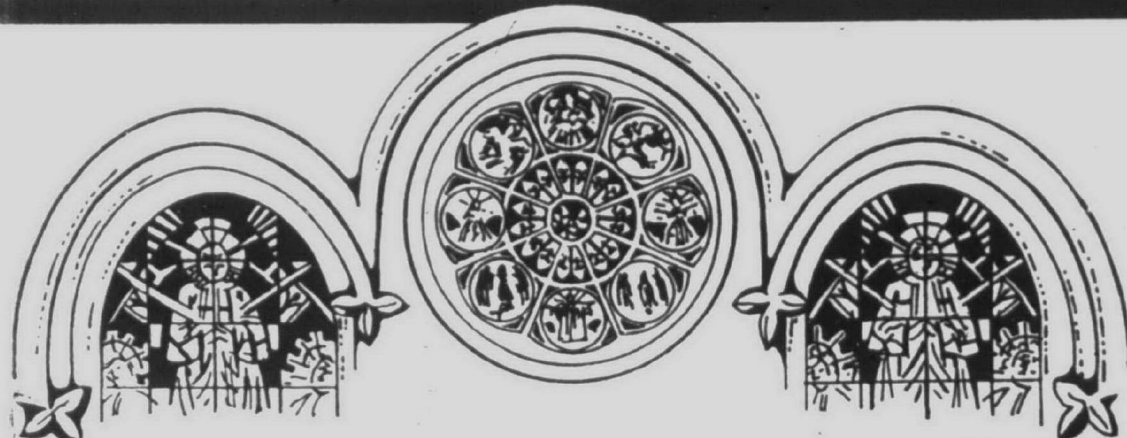
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NEW BEGINNINGS

"Moving On" will be the title of the program for the 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, meeting of New Beginnings, a grief support group held year-round at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia.

New Beginnings is for people suffering as a result of the death of a loved one. It recognizes that people grieve differently, but have a similar need for the support of each other.

For more information, call the church at (313) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (810) 380-7903, and Rosemary Kline at (313) 462-3770.

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A Men's Bible Study and Fellowship meets at 6:30 a.m. Fridays at Kerby's Koney Island Restaurant, Six Mile and Newburgh roads, Livonia. All men are invited. Call Roy at (313) 464-2291 or Harold at 207-3846

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SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will host a Convivial Conscience, a year in review with home movies for everyone, at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, in Knox Hall of the church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. The cost is \$20 per person and includes dinner. Tickets are available by calling (313) 422-1854.

Other activities include Olive Horning presenting a portrait of Corrie Ten Boom and talking about "The Hiding Place" at Talk It Over, 7:30-10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10 (free child care); a games and dinner night 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17 (cost is \$6 per person), and karaoke, beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, in Knox Hall.

Single Point also will have a seminar, "Lifemapping" with John Trent, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, in Knox Hall. Trent will offer tools to get past the past and head into the future and encouragement and a new direction. Tickets cost \$20 per person. Call (313) 422-1854.

BETHANY PLYMOUTH/CANTON

Bethany Plymouth/Canton, a ministry providing support for single adults, gathers at 11:15

a.m. Sundays for 11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Aidan's Church, Farmington Road, north of Six Mile Road, Livonia, followed by coffee or lunch. Call Bill at (313) 421-3011 for information; for breakfast at 10 a.m. Sundays at the Redford Inn, Five Mile Road west of Beech Daly Road, Redford - call Val at (313) 729-1974 - and for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Plymouth Road east of Merriman, Livonia - call Tony at (313) 422-3266.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The radio series "What Is This Christian Science and Who Are These Christian Scientists?" a weekly program to answer questions about the religion, is being broadcast 8:30 a.m. Sundays on CKLW-AM 800. Topics include "Is care in Christian Science as reliable as medicine?" on Jan. 5, "How do Christian Scientists feel about Jesus?" on Jan. 12. The series also can be heard at 1:30 p.m. Sundays on WQBH-AM 1400. It is produced by the Christian Science Committee on Publication for Michigan and sponsored by local Christian Science churches. For more information, call (800) 886-1212.

NEWBURG NIGHT OUT

The winter term of Newburg

Night Out will begin Thursday, Jan. 9, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Dinner will be served 5:30 p.m., with classes, drama, choirs and Noah's Arc starting at 6:30 p.m. Child care for youth and children will be available. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-0149.

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Youngsters ages 4-10 (younger children may attend with a parent) are invited to participate in the A.R.K. Connection 7-8 p.m. the third Monday of the month at the First United Methodist Church, 3 Town Square, Wayne. The program focuses on the Actions and Reactions of Kids, the connection between actions and reactions to Christ, families and society. There will be games, singing, crafts and time for thought. For more information, call the church at (313) 721-4801.

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The Birmingham Temple is offering an intercultural marriage workshop, "Making Inter-marriage Work," 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, to address issues pertaining to such relationships and provide an enlightening and provocative time for those who attend.

The workshop will examine the issues of personal identity, raising children, developing a shared philosophy of life and celebrating two cultures as well as such community issues as resources and interest groups.

An annual event at the temple since 1983, the sessions have resulted in the formation of an ongoing forum in which to share ideas, offer support, socialize and listen to speakers.

The workshop registration fee is \$15 and includes lunch.

To register or for more information about the workshop or

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The Birmingham Temple is at 28611 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

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Established in 1990, the CCOP consists of 13 national organizations or institutions with a deep interest in the continuing development of Catholic preaching.

The CCOP's primary goal is to support and enhance effective preaching in the Catholic Church.

At this same meeting the group reaffirmed its commitment to the goal and voted to restructure the CCOP with a governing board, an executive committee and officers.

Tebbe will also serve as chair

of its newly established governing board and executive committee. A member of the CCOP steering committee since 1990, Tebbe has assisted in planning the organization's biannual convention on Catholic preaching.

He is also president of the National Organization of Continuing Education for Roman Catholic Clergy.

In his role at Madonna University, Tebbe chairs the institutional committee on planning and mission, directing campus-wide planning initiatives and enhancement of the university's mission.

He is also the self-study coordinator and chairperson of the steering committee for Madonna University's continued accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Tebbe earned a doctor of ministry degree from Andover Newton Theological School in Massachusetts, a master's degree in education from Boston College and a master's a divinity from St. Leonard School of Theology.

Prior to joining Madonna University in 1993, he was associate director for the Institute for Church life and director of the Sabbatical Program for Church Leaders at the University of Notre Dame.

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SBF, 30, Baptist, laid-back enjoys reading, theatre, music, seeking honest, caring, trustworthy SBM. Ad# 1667

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Catholic SWF, 47, warm, caring, affectionate, enjoys cooking, needlepoint, skiing, camping, seeks SM, with good morals & sound judgment Ad# 1228

POSITIVE ATTITUDE

Catholic SWF, 52, 5'5", blonde hair, outgoing, enjoys reading, long walks, dancing, music, seeks humorous, open, outgoing SM, for casual dating. Ad# 3344

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Energetic, personable SWF, 24, 5'3", brunette, hazel eyes, enjoys bowling, biking, music, movies, seeks honest, sincere, romantic SM, who could be her best friend. Ad# 9624

ADVENTUROUS

SWCF, 32, 5'5", brown hair/eyes, enjoys biking, skiing, line dancing, concerts, seeks SWCM, 28-36, for friendship possible relationship. Ad# 5264

HEART OF GOLD

Baptist DWF, 38, fun, lively, attends Christian concerts & activities, enjoys reading, theater, seeks honest, intelligent, sincere SCM, N/S, with good morals. Ad# 8528

CALL ME!

Protestant SWF, 39, outgoing, attends Christian concerts and activities, enjoys anything fun, seeks SM, with good qualities. Ad# 3639

LOVE FOR LIFE

Adventurous SWCF, 53, Catholic, hobbies include reading, traveling, movies, the theater, looking for honest, secure, adventurous SM. Ad# 6057

WALKS WITH THE LORD

Catholic DWF, 48, 5'5", auburn hair, blue eyes, reserved, volunteer, open, honest, enjoys crafts, Christian concerts, sports, seeks gentle SM, N/S. Ad# 5279

SOMEONE SPECIAL

Open-minded, caring SWF, 28, auburn hair, brown eyes, Lutheran, enjoys walking, running, movies, clubs, seeks sincere, considerate SWM, never married, no children. Ad# 9089

CHURCH-GOER

SWF, 42, Born-Again, good listener, writes songs, plays guitar, artist, seeks N/S, compassionate, SM who can communicate, and might have kids. Ad# 5258

LIKES TO HAVE FUN

Religious SBF, 39, witty, outgoing, understanding, enjoys aerobics, plays, travel, fund-raising, seeks honest, sincere, understanding, considerate SM. Ad# 3485

FIRE FOR LIFE

Born-Again SWF, 47, friendly, hobbies include making crafts, decorating, seeks happy, fun-loving, thoughtful SM, who lives for the Lord. Ad# 3113

CREATIVE

SWF, 45, 5'5", 128lbs., blonde hair, green eyes, Presbyterian, likes family activities, sports, seeks honest, trustworthy, Christian, educated SM. Ad# 3257

RELIGION IS IMPORTANT

Friendly SWF, 34, Lutheran, outgoing, enjoys dancing, horseback riding, seeks honest, loyal, financially/emotionally secure SM. Ad# 2468

SPARKLING BLUE EYES

Bubbly SWF, 47, enjoys movies, playing with her grand kids, bowling, dancing, gardening, seeks honest, sensitive, communicative, sincere SM. Ad# 7349

CLASSY LADY

Born-Again SWF, 48, blonde hair, young-at-heart, enjoys crafts, reading, Bible studies, seeks Born-Again, honest, faithful SM. Ad# 8883

SPIRITUAL VALUES

Protestant SWF, 58, ambitious, enjoys home decorating, painting, drawing, seeks honorable, sound, honest, social, family-minded SM. Ad# 2690

DIRECTIONAL KEY

Independent, assertive SNAF, 27, Catholic, enjoys horseback riding, fishing, camping, movies, seeks monogamous, honest, family-oriented SM. Ad# 9169

EASY TO PLEASE

Attractive, fun-loving SWF, 26, 5'6", 125lbs., good-natured, enjoys the outdoors, alternative music, sports, seeks educated, easygoing, classy SM. Ad# 7721

ENERGETIC MOM

Bubbly SWF, 32, Catholic, enjoys golfing, tennis, collecting miniatures, seeks honest, energetic SM, who likes children. Ad# 1225

LET'S GET TOGETHER

Catholic SWF, 51, enjoys music, dancing, reading, seeks honest, caring SM, for possible long-term relationship. Ad# 8615

LOVES DAILY LIFE

Catholic, SWF, 19, talkative, likes hockey, car racing, telephone chats, soccer, seeks goal-oriented, honest, likeable, true SM. Ad# 1969

GIVE ME A CALL

Catholic, SWF, 50, independent, good values, enjoys golf, horse back riding, travel, seeks sincere SM. Ad# 5055

HAPPY HOMEMAKER

Baptist, SWF, 46, fun-loving, enjoys cuddling on the couch, sewing, cooking, long walks, seeks honest, soft-spoken, N/S, handsome SM. Ad# 5074

ENTHUSIASTIC

DWCF, 47, 5'7", outgoing, honest, attends church activities, nurse, enjoys golf, antiquing, home repair, crafts, seeks honest, personable, humorous SM. Ad# 1207

HAVE SOME FUN

A lot of fun SWF, 23, Catholic, enjoys bowling, working out, going out, having fun, children, seeks honest, caring, fun SM, who likes going out. Ad# 8880

CITY MAN/COUNTRY HEART?

SWF, 47, 5'7", seeking family oriented SWM, who is tall/husky, looking forward to this exciting, special time in our lives. I love romance, Shipshewana, dancing, the U.P., hand holding, Florida. Ad# 1949

TRAVEL BUDDY?

Fun-loving, monogamous SBF, 32, Apostolic, enjoys time with her son, reading, church, walks, seeks faithful, hardworking SM. Ad# 9632

KIND & CARING

SWF, 20, outgoing, open, enjoys movies, music, theater, seeks honest, loyal, humorous, ambitious SM. Ad# 8459

EASYGOING

SWF, 48, Protestant, attends church activities, likes bowling, dancing, the outdoors, seeks honest, caring, sensitive, moral SM. Ad# 4127

LIKES THE OUTDOORS

SWF, 49, Protestant, outgoing, good conversationalist, likes antiques, flea markets, seeks Christian, N/S, established, degreed, SM. Ad# 5147

FULL OF LIFE

SWF, 59, Protestant, upbeat, extroverted, likes reading, golf, walking, traveling, seeks honest, open, challenging, humorous, N/S, non-drinking SM. Ad# 5557

NO MIND GAMES

SWCF, 26, mild tempered, kind, loving, enjoys horseback riding, the outdoors, time with family, seeks articulate, honest SM. Ad# 1211

AFFECTIONATE

Catholic SWF, 43, loving, caring, easygoing, enjoys cooking, nature, walking, gardening, seeking kind, serious, humorous SM, who likes animals. Ad# 4655

BY THE FIRE

Active, fun-loving SWF, 51, blonde hair, blue eyes, petite, enjoys skiing, antiques, dining, travel, quiet time together, seeks easy-going, kind-hearted, loving SWM, 50-57. Ad# 9261

SELECT MY AD

Fun-loving, upbeat SWCF, 38, enjoys acting, reading, dancing, seeks emotionally healthy, stable SM, with morals. Ad# 1240

GOD COMES FIRST

Easygoing SWF, 56, enjoys theater, movies, needlework, seeks kind, understanding, respectful, N/S SM, a good conversationalist. Ad# 2845

MARRIAGE-MINDED

Baptist SW mom, 27, 5'8", brown hair/eyes, easygoing, attends Christian activities, enjoys movies, dining out, comedy clubs, seeking SM. Ad# 8369

MIDNIGHT WORKER

Outgoing SWF, 20, enjoys darts, outdoor fun, driving around, dining, music, seeks honest, sincere SM, to share good times with. Ad# 5278

MANY INTERESTS

Fun-loving SWF, 28, seeks nice, honest, caring SM, who enjoys live music, comedy, camping and more. Ad# 6543

SOLID FRIENDSHIP

SW mom, 25, brown hair, blue eyes, open, likes volleyball, rollerblading, reading, seeking honest SM, good quality friendship, must like children. Ad# 2630

ONE OF A KIND!

SBF, 40, enjoys sports, walks in the park, concerts, theater, quiet evenings at home, seeks SM, with similar interests. Ad# 5522

HOPELESS ROMANTIC

Professional SWF, 27, loves long walks, fires, old movies, holding hands, seeking educated, N/S SM, 25-35, with similar interests. Ad# 5145

WAITING FOR YOU

SBF, 24, outgoing, enjoys movies, bowling, traveling, shopping, seeking SM, for friendship, possible relationship. Ad# 2727

LET'S WALK WITH THE LORD

Born-Again DW mom, 33, 5'6", brown hair/eyes, N/S, professional, enjoys singing, playing guitar, seeking devoted SWCM, who is family-oriented. Ad# 2663

SPEND TIME WITH HER

SW mom, 33, 5'7", 295lbs., reddish brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys church, music, camping, movies, fireplaces, seeking SM, for relationship. Ad# 1020

ARE YOU THE ONE?

SW mom, 25, 5'8", brown hair, blue eyes, emotionally & financially secure, seeks down-to-earth, funny, compassionate SWM. Ad# 8855

VERY FAMILY-ORIENTED

Full-figured SWF, 32, 5'2", blond hair, green eyes, enjoys horseback riding, kids, music, movies, animals, nature, seeking honest, loyal, cuddly SM, similar interests, for dating. Ad# 5564

BLONDE BAPTIST

SWF, 20, blue-eyes, full-figured, enjoys reading, going out, seeking SM, for dating, maybe more. Ad# 7281

SHY AND QUIET

SWF, 22, 5'8", blue-eyed blonde, full-figured, easygoing, loves animals, kids, movies, cuddling, walks, seeking romantic SM, for dating. Ad# 4985

A KIND HEART

DW mom, 31, 5'9", brown hair, hazel eyes, kind-hearted, good sense of humor, two kids, enjoys movies, dining, camping, traveling, sitting and talking quietly, seeks SM. Ad# 7146

SIMILAR INTERESTS?

SWF, 25, N/S, well-proportioned, likes movies, long conversations, fishing, camping, dancing, kids, walks, movies, nature, seeking professional, N/S D/SM, for dating, maybe more. Ad# 7485

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

SWF, 49, easygoing, enjoys movies, dining out, concerts, seeking SM, with similar interests. Ad# 1946

TO THE POINT

SWF, 21, employed/student, seeking SM, for companionship, fun, maybe more. Ad# 6925

HONESTY & COMMUNICATION

SWF, 34, 5'5", brown hair/eyes, Italian, never married, likes sports, horseback riding, dining, reading, shows, quiet evenings at home, seeks 5'9" + D/SM, who wants kids. Ad# 1942

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MARRIAGE-MINDED

Romantic, sincere SWM, 41, Catholic, enjoys theater, music, family, friends, seeks slim, affectionate, intelligent, thoughtful SWF. Ad# 6969

HOLD THAT THOUGHT

Catholic SWM, 26, open-minded, good-humored, hobbies include boating, fishing, hockey, the outdoors, seeks open-minded SF, to share good times. Ad# 9780

BELIEVES IN GOD

SAM, 42, humorous, easygoing, intelligent, enjoys music, quiet evenings, cuddling, seeks educated, affectionate SCF. Ad# 9934

ENERGETIC

Funny SWM, 24, Catholic, hobbies include air brushing, movies, traveling, dining out, seeking honest, caring, active SF. Ad# 7733

THOUGHTFUL

SWM, 40, Catholic, sincere, romantic, likes the outdoors, athletics, seeks intelligent, honest, family-oriented, slim, fit, sincere SF for long-term relationship. Ad# 4444

WELL-GROOMED

SWM, 19, Catholic, caring, likes sports, collecting baseball cards, seeks understanding, helpful, romantic SF, who doesn't play games. Ad# 1212

GIVE ME A CHANCE

Catholic SWM, 19, romantic, enjoys sports activities, car races, track meets, seeking understanding, caring, good-looking SF. Ad# 1196

ENJOYS LIFE

SWM, 24, Catholic, funny, exciting, likes drawing, shopping, movies, quiet times, seeks honest, caring, compassionate, friendly, working SF, to spend time with. Ad# 2873

BELIEVES IN GOD

Catholic SBM, 35, easygoing, humorous, enjoys sports, movies, school, seeks sensitive, intelligent SCF. Ad# 1666

MARRIAGE-MINDED

Catholic SWM, 38, fun-loving, romantic, sincere, thoughtful, enjoys outdoor activities, romance, seeks slim, trim, affectionate, thoughtful SF. Ad# 1966

SEEKS HEALTHY TYPE

Lutheran SWM, 20, funny, shy, intelligent, enjoys tennis, golf, weightlifting, seeks kind, organized, physically fit SF. Ad# 9106

MARRIAGE-MINDED

Catholic SWM, 40, outgoing, romantic, sincere, thoughtful, enjoys skiing, long walks, romance, seeks intelligent, athletic, affectionate, slim SF. Ad# 1234

HAS SERIOUS SIDE

Protestant SWM, 46, positive, upbeat, nice smile, enjoys golf, the outdoors, college football, seeks open, honest, articulate, good-hearted SCF. Ad# 7450

LIKES DOING EVERYTHING

Warm, kind, sensitive SWM, 37, Catholic, enjoys Christian concerts, baseball, movies, shooting pool, walks with kids, seeks kind, warm, sensitive SF. Ad# 5858

EVEN TEMPERAMENT

Humorous SWM, 51, Protestant, enjoys stamp collecting, table tennis, volleyball, short trips, seeks non-materialistic, punctual, petite SF, Western Oakland county plus. Ad# 7777

LET'S CHAT

Protestant SWM, 57, easygoing, likeable, enjoys general outdoors, religion, seeks nice, pleasant, wholesome SF, to share thoughts & interests with. Ad# 3290

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VALUES FRIENDS

SWM, 38, 6', 187lbs., warm, romantic, enjoys skiing, travel, seeks slim, attractive, physically fit, intelligent, fun-loving SF, for long-term relationship. Ad# 8477

RELATIONSHIP DESIRED?

Fun, outgoing, humorous SWM, 20, Catholic, enjoys fishing, hunting, going out, seeks understanding, caring SF. Ad# 1214

A CHEERFUL MATE

Catholic SW dad, 38, kind-hearted, sensitive, enjoys baseball, videos, family fun, billiards, seeks understanding, caring SF, with children. Ad# 2323

SERIOUS CATHOLIC

Shy, impulsive, competitive SWM, 48, professional, enjoys animals, jogging, gardening, sailing, canoeing, computers, seeks moral, non-drinking, N/S SF. Ad# 4546

GOOD LISTENER

Baptist SBM, 25, outgoing, spontaneous, attends Christian activities, enjoys cooking, baking, basketball, seeks smart, spontaneous, up-front SF. Ad# 1971

SWEETNESS FOLLOWS

SBM, 33, fun-loving, yet serious, enjoys reading, writing, Christian activities, politics, spectator sports, seeks spiritual, family-oriented, intelligent SF. Ad# 7876

COMMON INTERESTS?

Outgoing, easy-to-get-along-with SWM, 38, Catholic, enjoys camping, biking, reading, movies, working out, seeks good-humored SF. Ad# 1977

LIKES HAVING FUN

Catholic SWM, 20, outgoing, enjoys computers, drawing, cars, seeks caring, funny, outgoing SF. Ad# 7566

BIG ON LIFE

SWM, 26, Catholic, funny, likes dining out, dancing, socializing, seeks loving, caring SF, who will spend time with him. Ad# 3019

RELIGION GUIDES MY LIFE

CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON AND PLYMOUTH

WEEKEND

POLISH CAROLS

Polonaise Chorale is holding its annual Christmas Concerts of Polish Carols 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, at St. Barbara Parish, 13534 Colson at Schaeffer (North of Michigan Ave.) in Dearborn. The chorus is under the direction of Daniel Miteravich. Admission is free, with a freewill donation being accepted during the concert. Everyone is invited. A cassette tape "Polonaise Chorale sings Polish Christmas Carols" will be available before and after the concert. Information, (313) 863-6209 or (313) 531-5558.

WINTER BALL

The third annual Canton Winter Ball is Friday, Jan. 10, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The evening includes an elegant gourmet meal, open premium bar, and music provided by "The Mark Phillips Band." The reception begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 8 p.m. dancing begins at 9 p.m. The gala event continues until 1 a.m. The ball attire is semi-formal. Tickets are \$60 for individuals; tables of ten are available for \$600. To make reservations, call Ellen Tucker at the Canton Community Foundation at (313) 981-3002.

AROUND TOWN

ART EXHIBIT

The installation, "He asked her to marry him and she said..." is the Master of Arts Thesis Exhibition of Plymouth artist, Sharon Marson. It will be on display from Jan. 2, Feb. 1 at the Michigan Guild Gallery at 118 N. Fourth Ave., in Ann Arbor. The installation is a textual portrait, a spatial diary written from the perspective of two people who are contemplation a commitment to each other. The exhibit includes photography, graphic design, original type design, sound, and movies. The gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, (313) 455-1398.

CHORUS AUDITIONS

Plymouth Community Chorus open auditions will be held 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, and auditions by appointment 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, 21, and 28, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, west of Sheldon, in Plymouth. All voices, but especially tenors are needed. For appointments call (313) 455-4080.

RADIO INTERVIEW

WSDP, 88.1FM, will air an interview with Plymouth Canton Schools Superintendent Dr. Charles Little 5:40 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8. The interview is part of WSDP's weekly community affairs program Community Focus. John Kreger, Canton High School Senior will conduct the interview and focus on the upcoming bond election and its importance to the schools. WSDP is owned and operated by the Plymouth Canton Community Schools.

ORIGAMI EXHIBIT

Madonna University in Livonia is holding "Origami V," an art exhibit consisting of folded and painted paper designs. It will begin with an open reception 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, through Friday, Jan. 31, in the library wing exhibit gallery. The reception will include a presentation on the exhibit and free origami lessons. There is no charge for admission. Information, (313) 432-5711.

SOCCER REGISTRATION

The City of Plymouth will be taking Spring Soccer registration the entire month of January, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street. All registrations require a birth certificate. The fee is \$40 for City of Plymouth residents and \$60 for non-residents. Information, (313) 455-6620.

GUEST STORYTELLER

Peggy Heiney, a retired elementary school teacher from Bird School, is telling stories at the Plymouth District Library from 10-10:45 a.m. the first Saturday of each month. No registration is required. The Library is temporarily located at 705 S. Main Street.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Community Hospice services offers bereavement support "Connections" for children and parents 6-8:30 p.m. beginning Tuesday, Jan. 7, for 8 sessions. Children 5 1/2 to 17 years old eligible. Dinner provided each session. Parents meet separately. \$25 registration fee per family. Call Yvonne Strand for information at (313) 522-4244.

VISIONS OF CHRISTMAS

Santa Claus figures, angels and nutcrackers will greet you this holiday season at the Plymouth Historical Museum. From now through Jan. 26, the "Visions of Christmas" exhibit features more than 250 Santa Claus figures from the collection of Weldon Petz. The museum, at 155 S. Main, is kid-friendly and features hands-on area for kids and the popular museum scavenger hunt where every child wins a prize. The museum is open 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$2 for adults, 50 cents for students ages 5-17 and there is a \$5 family rate.

FITNESS CLASSES

There is still time to register for aquatic fitness classes which run from Jan. 27 through April 5 at Canton's Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. Classes include various types of water fitness classes, senior exercise, hydrotherapy, and fun workout programs. Registration will be Jan. 11 from 8 a.m. to noon in the banquet hall at the summit; doors open at 7 a.m. Registration for classes that are not filled to capacity will begin at the summit at 8:30 a.m. Jan. 13. For more information, call the Summit at (313) 397-5110.

ANIMAL ADOPTIONS

Ice show



Hoping for cold: Organizers of the annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular are hoping for weather worthy of ice, as the 1997 event kids off Wednesday, Jan. 15 and runs through Monday, Jan. 20. In addition to the traditional ice sculptures in and around Plymouth's Kellogg Park, the event will also include a 24-hour light show and a collection of ice carvings at The Gathering.

The animal welfare society has black lab mixed puppies available for responsible and humane adoption. Kittens available also. Screening process required. If you are interested in adopting one of these puppies call (313) 453-6383 or (810) 548-1150.

SENIOR TRIPS

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will offer senior trips to:

- Naples, Florida - Wednesday, Jan. 10, 12 days/11 nights \$989/double occupancy. A wonderful winter vacation on Florida's Gulf Coast.
- Gambler's Paradise in Biloxi - Jan. 26, 7 days/6 nights. \$515/double occupancy. Gambling on Mississippi's Gulf coast & New Orleans.

Call the City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department for information at (313) 455-6620.

OPEN SKATE

The City of Plymouth Recreation Departments Open Skating Schedule is:

12-1:20 p.m., 1:30-2:50 p.m. Sunday; 8:40-9:40 a.m., noon-1:40 p.m., 7-8 p.m. Monday; 10:30-11:50 a.m., noon-1:35 p.m. Tuesday; 8:40-10 a.m., 11:50 a.m.-1:40 p.m., Wednesday; 8:40-11:40 a.m., 1-2:40

p.m., 4-5:20 p.m., Thursday; 9:50-11:50 a.m., 12:50 a.m.-1:20 p.m. Friday.

Fees: city residents: adults, \$2.75; \$2, children; \$1.50, seniors; \$1.25, skate rental; Non-residents: \$3.25, adults; \$2.50, children; \$1.50, seniors. Open skate line, 455-1782, Parks & Recreation office, 455-6623; Pro shop's phone, 453-7174.

LUNCH SKATE

Lunch hour open skate will be held at the Plymouth Cultural Center through April 6, at the Ice Arena, 525 Farmer Street, in Plymouth. Noon-1:40 p.m. Mondays; 11:50 a.m.-1:40 p.m. Wednesdays; 12:50 a.m.-1:20 p.m. Fridays. Skate Fees: \$2 city resident, \$2 if you work full time in the city of Plymouth; \$2.50 non-resident; 50 cents skate rental. Information, (313) 455-6623.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY

The Plymouth Symphony League is raising funds by selling the Entertainment '97 book. Each book contains hundreds of "two-for-one" discounts on dining, fast food, movies, sports

activities, special attractions and hotels — 50 percent savings on almost everything! The profit will help support the Symphony. To order your book, call (313) 453-3016.

COMMUNITY CHORUS

Entertainment books are now available from the Plymouth Community Chorus. Huge savings are offered on dining, movies, theater, sporting events, cleaners, car washes, and more. Proceeds will help fund the Chorus' charitable and educational activities. \$40. Call Stan at (313) 459-6829.

PLYMOUTH OPTIMISTS

"Friend of Youth" will deliver '97 Entertainment Books to your home. All proceeds go to children's charities. Entertainment books offer up to 50 percent savings on dining, movies, special events, theater, travel, car washes and much more. Price \$40. Contact Bill VonGlahn at (313) 453-8253 or Ken Fisher at (313) 728-7619.

CLUBS

WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club of Plymouth will meet 12:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, at the Fellowship Hall, First United Methodist Church, in Ply-

mouth. An "Artistic Opportunity" will be available right here in Plymouth. An artistic overview will be presented by the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS

The Plymouth Newcomers general meeting will be 5:30 p.m. (6 p.m.) Thursday, Jan. 9, Ernesto's Restaurant, at 41661 Plymouth Road, in Plymouth. The cost is \$16 per person. Ellyce Field, author of Kids Catalog of Michigan Adventures and the family entertainment columnist for The Detroit News is a dynamic speaker with lots to share. Whether you have young children or older ones, Field will have ideas for traveling throughout Michigan. Call Bianca Lemon at (313) 454-6633 to RSVP.

PLYMOUTH KIWANIS

The Plymouth Kiwanis Club has changed their meeting place. The Plymouth Kiwanis now meets 6:30 p.m. Tuesday evenings at The Water Club Seafood Grill located on Ann Arbor Road at I-275. Information, (313) 459-0288.

PARKINSON

The next Parkinson support meeting will be held 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12, in the Education Center, at St. Joseph's Hospital. The program will be a presentation on basic patient care and support featuring Chris Wernette, R.N. and Diane Daly, M.S.W. Snacks and singing at 1:30 p.m.; program at 2 p.m.

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging monthly meeting will be held 1:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13, at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, in Plymouth. "Just How Can I Acquire A Positive Mental Attitude?" by motivational speaker, Sylvia Rubach.

VIETNAM VETS

The Vietnam Veterans of America general meeting will be 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13, at 9318 Newburgh Road (between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail). All veterans on active duty Jan. 1, 1959-May 7, 1975, regardless of duty station, are eligible. For additional information, call Don Dignan 446-4903 (work) or 525-0157 (home).

GRIEF SUPPORT

The New Beginnings Grief Support group meets 7 p.m. Monday at the Plymouth Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon Road, just south of Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth. Anyone who is grieving a loss due to death or divorce is welcome to attend. No charge. Information, (313) 453-7630.

SNOWMOBILE CLUB

The Livonia Snowmobile club meets 7 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Livonia Senior Center, in Livonia. Small, friendly, family club. All ages welcome, singles also. Snowmobile safety course recommended for 12 years and older. Two rides per month January-March. Dues are \$10 per family. Information, Lee Richart at (313) 937-0608 or Lynne Ward at (810) 489-1353.

POLISH DANCE

Polish Folk dance classes will be held 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the Oddfellows Hall, 344 Elizabeth (Elizabeth and Ann Arbor Trail), in Plymouth. Registrations are currently being accepted for folk dance instruction for children. The Mala Wisla Folk Dance Ensemble has been active in the Plymouth area for ten years. The group teaches folk dance as well as instruction in Polish culture and heritage. Information, (313) 451-0050.

PARKINSON'S

The Washtenaw Parkinson's Education and Support Group meets on the second Sunday monthly at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the Education Building. Information, call the Parkinson's hotline at (313) 930-6335.

AIM

Agoraphobics in Motion (AIM) meets 7:30 p.m. each Thursday in Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia. AIM is a support group for those recovering from anxiety disorders and phobias. (810) 547-0400.

FORD WIVES

The Ford Wives Club meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays, at Ford World Headquarters at Michigan and Southfield. New members \$15 or 2 for \$20. They meet every fourth Tuesday of the month. For information, (313) 953-2101.

M.O.M.

Would you like to get out and talk with other mothers? Meet Other Mothers invites you to join them for guest speakers and discussion on the second and fourth Friday of the month at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. Babysitting is provided. Call Mardi at (313) 453-4970.

AMATEUR RADIO

The Stu Rockafellow amateur radio society will hold their regular meeting 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month on the second floor of the Plymouth City Hall. For more information call (313) 455-7652. Amateur Radio classes will be held every Thursday night at the Plymouth Township Hall. Information (313) 453-3840, ext. 223.

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES

If you are expecting or already have multiples they are looking for you. They are not only a supportive club but also have a lot of fun. Call for more information the club nearest you. (313) 326-1466.

NEWBURG SINGLES

Newburg Singles Ministries meets the third Sunday of each month at the Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail. They meet the last Saturday of the month at 6 p.m. at the church to car pool for dinner.

SAFE

Setting Addicts Free Eternally for addicts and their families 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Main Street Baptist Church, 8500 N. Morton Taylor Road, Canton. Information, (313) 464-1783.

CAMPUS NOTES

To submit your academic honor or graduation announcement to Campus Notes, send the material printed or typewritten to: Bridget Lucas, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 794 S. Main, Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

STUDYING IN LONDON

Sarah Elizabeth Olender of Plymouth is spending the spring semester studying in London on the International Studies Program conducted there by Central College.

Central's program in London is centered in Bloomsbury within walking distance of the Uni-

versity of London, the British Museum and Piccadilly. The program is designed to provide an international experience for students who wish to study abroad without a second language.

The college offers a liberal arts curriculum with courses taught by professors from faculties in England and Wales. Olender is a student at Adrian College.

NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE

Nicole Denise Hrycyk of Canton has been named to the President's List for the 1996 Fall Term at North Central College, in Naperville, IL.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas D. Hrycyk of Canton.

AWARDED \$500 GRANT

St. Michael Christian School, in Canton has been awarded a \$500 grant from Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL). The grant is designed to help the staff of Lutheran early childhood centers pursue professional staff development opportunities and resource center expansion.

The grant was provided through the AAL Lutheran Early Childhood Education Grant Program, which was offered to more than 4,000

Lutheran early childhood centers throughout the country.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Madonna University's Kapa Iota chapter of the Sigma Theta Tau, an International Nursing Honor Society, recently inducted 22 students into their chapter.

The following local students are new members of this prestigious group: Kim Haddad, senior, Plymouth resident. Helen Rhein, senior, Canton resident. Andrea Vukmirovich, senior, Canton resident.

CALENDAR FORM

The Plymouth and Canton Observers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Plymouth and Canton Observers, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI. 48170, or by fax to 313-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon. Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

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make your day. Entrepreneur, 50, successful, giving, loving, seeks knight in shining armor, a sincere, successful WM, 43-70. Please reply. #8403(exp/26)

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED
Attractive SWF, 23, 4'11", 160lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, quiet evenings, skating, long walks, hockey and football. Seeking SWM, 25-35, who is looking for a LTR. #8399 (exp/26)

WHERE'S "THE ONE"
DWF, 34, 5'7", 127lbs, N/S, attractive, fun, affectionate, very nice, down-to-earth, one child, seeking eventual LTR, with caring, fun, financially secure SWM, N/S, 38-48. #8395 (exp/26)

BROWN-EYED GIRL
DWF, happy, petite blonde, 39, 5'2", enjoys dancing, movies and dining out. Seeking honest gentleman, 37-42, N/S, with sense of humor, for friendship, possible LTR. #8394 (exp/26)

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL
Easygoing down-to-earth, good sense of humor, caring and affectionate, blonde hair, 5'5", enjoys bingo, dinner. Seeking someone caring and mature, neat, clean, giving. 55-65. #8393(exp/26)

WHO CAN I TELL?
Blonde, green eyes, 38, trim, early-50s, sweet, warm, educated, I don't even know you, I need to bring my dreams to life, with understanding man, polite and wonderful charming. #8096(exp/30)

SINGLE AND SINCERE...
Independent professional, intelligent SWF, good sense of humor, interests include outdoor activities, music, movies, and the local sports scene, N/S, seeks SWM, 28-38, for companionship/possible relationship. #8089(exp/30)

HERE I AM
Pretty DWF, young 41, red/brown, 5'1", 150lbs, employed, homemaker, mother of two, varied interests, horseback riding, car races, romantic evenings, traveling. Seeking SM, 35-50, financially secure, fun-loving caring, N/D, N/D, smokers OK. #8247(exp/30)

COWBOY WANTED!
Yee Haw!! Howdy! Blonde haired, blue-eyed SWF, loves country life, horses, outdoors and all that good stuff. If you're a SWM, 21-26, would love to meet a country girl, please call. ASAP. #8086(exp/30)

LIKE SHOPPING FOR A PUPPY
Self-supporting, good-looking WF, kind, good sense of humor. Seeking best friend and companion. Ten day trial period, if you don't fall in love, you may exchange. #8245 (exp/30)

PRETTY WOMAN
Attractive SF, 57, dark complexioned, dark eyes, 5'8", 150lbs, mother of two, varied interests, horseback riding, car races, romantic evenings, traveling. Seeking SM, 35-50, financially secure, fun-loving caring, N/D, N/D, smokers OK. #8247(exp/30)

GORGEOUS
Attractive SBF, intelligent, hard-working, enjoys working out, movies, candlelight dinners, seeks good-looking SBF/SM, 27-37, intelligent, well-built, for special relationship. #8075(exp/30)

TIED OF LOSING
DWF, 23, 5'5", 114lbs, brown/blue, enjoys dancing, dining, movies, romantic evenings. Seeking SWM, 23-26, with family values, sense of humor, financially secure, must own vehicle. #8077(exp/30)

SEEKING CHEMISTRY
Exciting blonde professional, 36, very attractive, active, modern, traditional values. Seeking handsome, clean-cut, successful professional, with similar qualities, who enjoys nights out and quiet nights at home. #7823(exp/28)

GO FOR IT
Looking for love in all the wrong places? I'm the answer to your prayers. For a good time with a bad girl, call me. #7822(exp/30)

LET'S STAY WARM
It's cold outside. I need a warm, handsome, fun SWM, 30-42, to keep me warm. #8085 (exp/30)

SEARCHING FOR TRUE LOVE
Well-rounded, humorous SWF, 42, 5'7", brown/hazel, N/S, enjoys sports, jazz, C&W, quiet times at home. Seeking honest, romantic, humorous, mature SWM, 38-52, 5'7", N/S, who can appreciate me, for possible marriage. #7952(exp/23)

BACK IN THE GAME
Sincere DWM, mid-40s, 5'9", 160lbs, enjoys quiet evenings, conversation, dinners, camping, movies, cooking, car racing. Seeking S/DWF, 35-45, with sparkle and passion for life. #7946(exp/23)

SWF FOR SBF MIX
I'm young, 52, 125lbs, Catholic, middle class, one child, pretty hair, shape, and features. Seeking romantic, handsome, caring SWM, for dating, friendship, travel. #7943 (exp/23)

STATUESQUE, SCHILLING
Tall, striking, 53, I am wise, happy, and independent. Looking for N/S SM, 6', dark/dark, wants laughter, needs experiences to give, and receive affection. #7940(exp/23)

ONE IN A MILLION!
Warm, funny, intelligent, attractive, petite, 36, college-educated brunette, homemaker, no dependents, interested in meeting similar, for friendship, possible relationship. #7937 (exp/23)

EUROPEAN WIDOW
Attractive, bright female, 46, blonde/blue, seeks Tom Cruise/Tom & Jerry type, for prancing and great, wild fun! #7935(exp/23)

NEW YEAR'S WISH
SWF, 33, wants to start 1997 with special guy. New Year's resolution is finding someone to share lasting memories of friendship, family, home. Look no further. Seeking SM, never married, 33-39. #7905(exp/23)

UPBEAT

Very attractive SWF, 57, slender, auburn/hazel, no dependents, N/S, enjoys fitness, cooking, music. Seeking outgoing, intelligent SM, 46-55. Western Wayne county. #7819(exp/23)

SIMPLICITY WITH CLASS
Intelligent, attractive DWF, short blonde/blue, younger looking, early 50s. Seeking rewarding friendship with S/DW, 50+ who enjoys fine dining, theater, scenic drives. #7818 (exp/23)

FRIENDS FIRST
SWF, 42, 5'1", reddish, enjoys music, long walks, camping, fishing. Seeking SWM, 35-45, N/S with similar interests, good sense of humor. #7817 (exp/23)

HOLIDAY HAPPINESS
...awaits you when you meet me. DWF, 5'8", 130lbs, N/S, wishes to meet a gentleman who knows how to treat a lady. You must enjoy dining, music, sports, quality time. #7951 (exp/23)

ROCHESTER/UTICA AREA
SWF, mid-40s, petite 5'2", great personality, big smile, enjoys everything outdoors, theater, dining out, roller-skating. Seeking very active, kind gentleman, with great personality, family-oriented, 3'9", 50-60 (not younger), N/S, N/D, financially emotionally secure. #7928 (exp/23)

BLUE-EYED LADY
Healthy, honest, loyal SWF, 60, 5'3", 130lbs, enjoys most sports, the outdoors. Seeks male with similar interests. #7922(exp/23)

CUTE ITALIAN
Sincere, warm DWF, 61, 5'2", enjoys movies, walks, reading, and conversation. Seeking good-natured, honest SWM, N/S, 57-72. #7921(exp/23)

MEET FOR COFFEE
Attractive professional, affectionate, outgoing, intelligent, people-oriented, SWF, 40-something, loves to laugh, enjoys movies, the outdoors, dining out, meeting with friends. Seeks intelligent, professional, humorous SM. #7920(exp/23)

SHAPELY, SMART, SENSATIONAL
slender, sweet, blonde beauty, 48, with varied interests including: world travel, country club golf, dancing and all the finer things in life. Seeks companionship with handsome, fit gentleman, 50s, with similar traits/interests. #7917(exp/23)

SEEKING SINCERE GENTLEMAN
Romantic, attractive SWF, 48, 5'7", 120lbs, brown/brown, selectively seeking professional, sincere gentleman, for friendship, laughter and adventure, leading to more. Health-conscious and N/S interests: travel, theater, jazz and nature. #7747 (exp/16)

LOVELY TOO LONG
One last chance to get this lady. DWF, 24, long brown/blue, seeks S/DWM 27-32, employed, "honest, sincere, going, going, gone!" #7668(exp/16)

BROWN-EYED GIRL
Attractive, intelligent SF, 31, enjoys dancing, romance, movies, hockey, working out. Searching for a hard-working, fun-loving and idealistic gentleman who will make my heart smile. #7737(exp/16)

HONEST, ROMANTIC
Attractive DWF, 49, 5'8", 135lbs, blonde/green, seeks financially secure S/DWM, 45-55, N/S, social drinker, 5'10", H/W proportionate, who enjoys dancing, music, romantic evenings, etc. for LTR. #7723(exp/16)

HOI HOI HOI
Let's un-wrap something special together. Tall, single, blonde, slender, very attractive lady, all the good stuff. Seeking tall, emotionally/financially-secure gentleman, N/S, soccer drinker, with good attitude. No games!! #7524(exp/19)

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL
SWF, 22, 5'2", brown/hazel, seeks S/WF, 21-30, who enjoys conversation, honesty and fidelity, well-educated. For friendship, fun and possible LTR. #7723(exp/16)

SMART-ASSY
Tall, slim DWF, 36, with feline demeanor, wishes to meet S/DWM. Interests: animals, professional sports, music, cars, movies, museums, dining out, dancing, playing cards, and a good book. #7717(exp/16)

ATTRACTIVE
Female, 20, 5'5", 125lbs, enjoys sports, movies, traveling. Seeking good-looking SWM, 19-29, for friendship, companionship, possible relationship. #7722(exp/16)

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Humorous, conservative SBF, 40s, average height, slender, no dependents, enjoys conversation, travel, music, theater, dining, walking and sports. Seeking compatible SM, 40-55, must be employed. #7715 (exp/16)

SHE'S THE ONE
Sweet, sensuous, smart and gorgeous too, 5'7", 130lbs, MA degree, early 40s, childless, well-read, into bike touring, analyzing, reading, laughing. Seeking good-looking, well-educated, articulate, out going guy. N/S. #7577(exp/19)

TATTOOED LADY
Attractive DWF, 27, this kid just can't seem to get a break in the nice guy department. Are there any of you out there? #7514(exp/19)

SEE A SHOOTING STAR
This 26-year-old CWF is looking for her shooting star. I am understanding, loving and fun and am seeking the same in you. Come on, take a chance...smile. #7569(exp/19)

PETITE-PACKAGE COMPLETE
SWF, 35, 5'1", brunette, sincere, outgoing. Enjoys summer outdoor activities, spending quality time with the right person. Are you out there? Attractive, blue-eyed SWM atleast 5'8", sincere, down-to-earth and financially secure. #7566(exp/19)

KIND-HEARTED
DWF, 39, auburn/green, 5'4", 120lbs, N/S, no dependents, attractive, caring, enjoys movies, old cars, nature, art, animals. Seeking N/S, N/D, tall, fit WPM, 38-43. #7565(exp/19)

SOULMATE WANTED

Petite, pretty, 5'5", 115lbs, slim-trim, 48 year-old blonde, brown eyes, degreed, enjoys tennis, golf, working out, theater and romantic candlelight dinners. seeks soulmate in a successful Caucasian professional, 45-58, with similar interests. #7564(exp/19)

LET'S TALK
SWF, 30, 5'8", blonde/blue, Catholic, physically fit, enjoys working out, boating, skiing, fishing, cooking. Seeking SWM, 28+, 6', athletic, financially secure, enjoys good conversation, for friendship first. #7442(exp/16)

BEAUTIFUL EYES
SWF, 29, full-figured, loves boating, camping and quiet evenings. Seeking SWPM, 28+, 6', who's affectionate, spontaneous and has sense of humor. #7441(exp/16)

WAITING FOR YOU
DWF, late 40s, non-smoker, degreed, has been waiting for you all her life. If you're interested in theatre, movies, antiquing, sharing quality time, I would love to hear from you. #7439 (exp/16)

NEW TO ME
DWF, tall, 50ish, attractive, loves laughter and meaningful conversations, seeks 6', emotionally/financially secure, N/S, SWM, 40-55, for companionship, etc. I'm a singer, work some nights. #7438(exp/16)

FUN-LOVING REDHEAD
Seeking SWPM, 28-38, 5'9", prefer blonde, should be athletic, quick-witted, intelligent. In exchange, this humorous SWPF, 5'6", athletic girl, promotes great conversation and lots of fun. #7432(exp/16)

YOUNGER MAN WANTED
Never dated a man my age, don't want to start now. Very sexy, young-looking SWF, 50ish, 5'5", blonde/green, ready to rock n' roll with attractive SWM, 40ish, with thick hair. #7365(exp/16)

TIED OF MR. CLOSE ENOUGH
Tall, attractive SWF, 36, 5'10", H/W proportionate, brown/hazel, unmarried, yet to find right one, enjoys racquetball, volleyball, rollerblading, movies, music, play, backrubs. Seeking tall SWM, 32-45, similar interests, sense of humor. #7364 (exp/16)

CLASSY LADY: VELVET OR JEANS
Attractive SWF, 51, N/S, 5'7", trim, brunette/green, varied interests, enjoys outdoors, dancing, travel, theater. Seeking tall, easygoing gentleman, loyal, sincere, emotionally/financially secure, for mutual spoiling. #7362(exp/16)

JUST RELOCATED
Attractive SWF, 45, much younger-looking, 5'5", 155lbs, very well-proportioned, considerate, caring, cute and easy to talk to, seeks happy guy N/S, prefer big, strong guy. #7360(exp/16)

ATTRACTIVE, OUTGOING SWF
49, 5'4", redhead, proportioned, financially secure, professional, seeks same in SM, enjoys outdoors, dancing, dining, movies, quiet evenings. #7355(exp/16)

LOOKING FOR...
SBM, 38-45, 6'3", fun, humorous, loves people, seeks understanding, considerate, kind, caring, sharing, professional, sincere gentleman for friendship. Must love children. Serious replies only. #7426(exp/16)

ANIMATE ME
SWF, 37, 165lbs, auburn/blue, glasses, smoker seeks SWM counterpart, under 41, who can relate to "Rush" lyrics and Ayin Rand, laughs a lot and learns by his mistakes. #7426(exp/16)

ATTN: CLASSY GENT
A classy lady awaits your reply. She's slender, tall, pretty, affectionate, intelligent and a young-looking 50, smoker. Call if you're intelligent, tall, over 50, romantic. #7426(exp/16)

ALL WORK? TIME TO PLAY!
SWF, 22, professionally employed and working too many hours, seeks SBM, 21-30 to take me out after work and help me relax. #7421(exp/16)

VEGETARIAN WITH BRAINS
preferred. Vivacious, intelligent, white female activist, youthful 47, 5', slender, single, loves: moonlight, breezes, laughter, conversation, blues, art, lectures. Seeks playful, gentle, spiritual, non-prejudiced, N/S, politically left, quintessential S/DWM, 34-59. #7420(exp/16)

SEEKING SOULMATE
Classy, slim, petite, redhead, late 40s, brown eyes, loves bowling, dancing, boating, live theatre, seeks male 45-60, under 6', ready to be a kid again. #7419(exp/16)

JEWISH KENTUCKY BELL
Roses are reddish, violets are bluish, seeking a gentleman who is Jewish, non-competitive, and sweet/warm. Trim SJF, 54, 5'7", blonde/blue, lets meet for bagels and lox, destiny awaits us! #7407(exp/16)

LOOKING FOR A KEEPER?

Attractive, intelligent, loyal, full-figured SWF 36, long brown/blue, nursing back injury, seeks gentleman to share time with, children welcome, wives aren't. Let's not be lonely. #7406(exp/16)

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED
Attractive SWF, 23, 4'11", 160lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, quiet evenings, skating, long walks, hockey and football. Seeking SWM, 25-35, who is looking for a LTR. #7429 (exp/16)

SET THE NIGHT TO MUSIC
Classy, tall, attractive, affectionate SWF, young 51. Seeking attractive SWM, 50+, with loving, passionate nature, to share life, love, and travel in committed relationship. No games! #6912(exp/21/19)

OLDER WOMAN WANTED!
Handsome, romantic, athletic, confident, passionate, clean-cut SWM, 24, 6', dark hair. Seeking attractive, slender, caring, active, sexy WF, 25-45, for heavenly friendship/relationship, that will keep you smiling. #8400(exp/26)

TRY THIS QUALITY GUY
One of a kind, sincere, romantic DWM, 50, 5'10", seeks honest woman, with sense of humor, for dining, dancing, plays, traveling. Seeking special friend to share winter activities/great times with. #8398 (exp/26)

HELLO LADIES
SM, 5'11", blond/green, from NYC, varied interests, seeks SF for relationship. Will answer all you want be sorry. #8397(exp/26)

MISSING SOMEONE SPECIAL?
Handsome, romantic, athletic, big-hearted SWM, 23, 5'11", clean-cut, dark-haired, seeks slender, active WF, beautiful inside/outside and is missing someone special in her life. Age-unimportant. #8090(exp/30)

DO YOU FEEL ALONE?
Hey, if you can hold a conversation, have an opinion, have a personality, don't smoke, are open-minded, and consider yourself pretty, then you should call me. #8087(exp/30)

DANCER
C&W and ballroom dancer, 5'8", 180lbs, very active, not into sports, enjoy other things too, but dancing is my main hobby and good exercise too! Also taking cha-cha lessons. #8426(exp/16)

ONE OF A KIND
DWM, 43, 5'11", enjoys dancing, dining, movies, country rides, up-North get-aways, hugging, kissing. Seeking good woman to nurture and spoil. N/S preferred. #8244(exp/30)

SUN & FUN
SWM, professional, business owner, seeks traveling partner, SWF, 20-30, interested in sports and first class travel, friendship and LTR possible. Sense of humor critical. #8086(exp/30)

VERY INTERESTING
Handsome, retired, 60ish, 6' widower SWM, enjoys golf, travel, dining, dancing, sports. (in & out), seeks romantic gal to share similar interests. #8084(exp/30)

TAKE CARE OF ME!
You: slim, nice lady, 40-50. Me: nice guy, 46, medium build. You: financially secure. Me: if you know Ulysses Grant, that's me. You go out. Me: Golf nut. #8082(exp/30)

NOT COMPLICATED
DWM, 52, enjoys reading, racquetball, theater, bicycling, good conversation, golf, arguing and laughing. Seeking attractive, active woman, 40-50, who is curious with some bad habits, and loves to laugh. #8081(exp/30)

SEEKING SOULMATE
Nice-looking, DWM, 54, 5'9", 145lbs, degreed, N/S, social drinker, sincere, affectionate, enjoys sports, long walks, travel, seeks S/DWF, 45-50, N/S, social drinker, H/W proportionate, for companionship, possible LTR. #8079(exp/30)

LOYAL AND SINCERE
Tall DWM, 6'4", slender, 52, in good physical condition, honest, sense of humor, N/S, seeks employed, would like to meet a slender, affectionate, attractive lady, 41-49, for companionship, possible LTR. #8079(exp/30)

TRAVELING MAN
Protestant SWM, large 6' no dependents, educated, likes theater, movies, travel, seeks the cure WF, 46, for friendship and LTR. Long-distance trucker looking for someone to come home to. #8078 (exp/30)

TIED OF BLIND DATES?
Let's exchange photos first! Handsome DWM, 40, 6'2", 185lbs, blonde/blue, athletic, respectful, affectionate, seeks beautiful S/DWF, 40-50, who appreciates intelligence, sincerity, and loyalty. #8077(exp/30)

LET'S CHAT
SDWM, 32, outgoing, seeks down-to-earth PF, 28-34, H/W proportionate, with love for the great outdoors and travel. #8074(exp/30)

IN SEARCH OF
Daring, adventuresome SWF. Handsome SWM, 6'1", 190lbs, degreed, athletic, seeks committed relationship. Let's explore our adventures together. Seeking intelligent, slim, romantic, passionate, affectionate female, for quality monogamous LTR. #8073 (exp/30)

SWEET AND FUN
Young-looking SWM, 20, looking for SWF, 18-24, with model looks, and weighs 110-125lbs, for fun and exciting times. #8071(exp/30)

PASSIONATE & SINCERE
Good-looking SWM, 48, 5'9", active, creative, communicative, sensitive, spontaneous, intelligent, humorous, balanced, enjoys bicycling, art, music, travel, quiet nights. Seeking woman with similar qualities/interests, pretty and slender. #8070(exp/30)

AFFECTIONATELY YOURS
Fit, fun, professional, have good looks, own business, enjoys travel, camping, cooking, dining out, movies, laughter, pleasing, Cancer/Gemini mix, seeks a passionate gal, 20-40, with no dependents. #8013(exp/30)

VERY GOOD-LOOKING...
white professional, 5'9", 150lbs, thick dark hair, great shape, well-balanced, compassionate, fun-loving and romantic, seeks attractive, slender-average woman of character, 30s-early 40s. #8046(exp/30)

SOBER INTRODUCTION
I won't find you at the bar. I might take you to one, DWM, 36, tall, attractive? (I hope you think so) seeks slender, attractive female, 28-42, coffee first? Call. #8402(exp/26)

WHY BE ALONE?
Good-looking, thoughtful/caring, affectionate, honest WM, 50, 5'7", 180lbs, enjoys dining out, movies, travel, warm vacations, holding hands, long walks. Seeking petite/medium-sized, warm, caring woman, 35-50, for LTR/monogamous relationship. #8401(exp/26)

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DWF, 47, 5'7", seeks tall, large-bodied male, who loves to smile, kiss, laugh. Kids are grown (or almost), we're employed, supposedly mature, now the fun begins. Let's share this adventure together. #8078 (exp/23)

HEARING WITH AIDS
DWF, early 50s, 5'4", 155lbs, N/S, employed, secure, honest and thoughtful. Likes hiking, travel, jazz, woodworking and nature. Seeking N/S with similar traits. Friends first. #8754(exp/16)

SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP
SWM, 30ish, 6', brown/blue, 145lbs, slim, enjoys conversation, honesty, companionship, nature, music, seeks SF for friendship, fun, possibly more. #8319(exp/26)

COMMITTED TO LOVE
DWM, 48, 5'10", 170lbs, sincere, honest, romantic, looks slender seeks a lady, who likes to dance and enjoy life for LTR. Age/race no barrier. #8318(exp/26)

MARRIAGE/CHILDREN
SWPM, 42, 5'8", 180lbs, no children, seeks slender lady, 26-36, with no children, for relationship leading to marriage and children. #8392(exp/26)

FUN AND ADVENTURE
SWM, 36, 150lbs, brown/brown, blue collar, steady worker, seeks slender SF, who would like to be in a committed, one-to-one, honest, sharing, caring type relationship. If you are interested, please give me a ring. #8249(exp/26)

MONOGAMOUS DEVOTED LOVE
Loving, caring, sensitive, charming, handsome DWM, young 43, 8'2", filled with love to share, family-oriented, true romantic, seeks beauty for life. 20s+. Let me thrill you, lady. #8249(exp/30)

VERY GOOD-LOOKING...
white professional, 5'9", 150lbs, thick dark hair, great shape, well-balanced, compassionate, fun-loving and romantic, seeks attractive, slender-average woman of character, 30s-early 40s. #8046(exp/30)

SOBER INTRODUCTION
I won't find you at the bar. I might take you to one, DWM, 36, tall, attractive? (I hope you think so) seeks slender, attractive female, 28-42, coffee first? Call. #8402(exp/26)

WHY BE ALONE?
Good-looking, thoughtful/caring, affectionate, honest WM, 50, 5'7", 180lbs, enjoys dining out, movies, travel, warm vacations, holding hands, long walks. Seeking petite/medium-sized, warm, caring woman, 35-50, for LTR/monogamous relationship. #8401(exp/26)

SEEKING SOULMATE
Nice-looking, DWM, 54, 5'9", 145lbs, degreed, N/S, social drinker, sincere, affectionate, enjoys sports, long walks, travel, seeks S/DWF, 45-50, N/S, social drinker, H/W proportionate, for companionship, possible LTR. #8079(exp/30)

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Accreditation announced

The American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine's Ultrasound Practice Accreditation Commission recently announced that the Division of Maternal Fetal Medicine/Oakwood Healthcare System is one of the first ultrasound practices nationwide to achieve accreditation in obstetrics and gynecologic ultrasound.

The Division of Maternal Fetal Medicine, under the directions of Drs. George Kazzi, M.D., David Moses, M.D., and Michael Bork, D.O., has achieved accreditation in recognition that their practice has met voluntary standards set by the diagnostic ultrasound profession. The entire practice was reviewed including the practice's personnel, the physical facilities, the documentation, storage and record-keeping practices, policies and procedures, quality assurance and how the practice meets AIUM's standards.

The division successfully completed the application process for OB/GYN Ultrasound Practice Accreditation and was awarded accreditation in this area for three years. "This is an example of the culmination of hard work and commitment to perinatal care. We have a team of perinatologists, nurses and ultrasound sonographers who are committed to the overall quality care of women in childbearing years," said Moses.

Well managed

Crain's Detroit Business has named the Epilepsy Center of Michigan a winner in its seventh annual "Best-Managed Nonprofit" contest. The announcement was made in a recent edition of the weekly business publication.

The Epilepsy Center was a winner in the category of nonprofit organizations with budgets under \$3 million. Nonprofit organizations in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw and Livingston counties are eligible for the contest.

"This is incredible news," said Arlene Gorelick, executive director of the center. "We are elated to have the work we do for people affected by epilepsy recognized in this manner."

Organizations that enter the contest are evaluated in the following areas, according to Ruth Benedict at Crain's Detroit Business:

- overall financial health and diversity of funding sources;
- effectiveness and efficiency of management, board, staff and volunteers;
- evidence of agreement between the organization's stated purpose, mission and goals and its actions;
- innovation and problem-solving;
- and use of diverse resources (from money and volunteers to in-kind gifts, training and technology).

Judges cited the center's strategic management and courageous changes, including the transferring of medical services to the Detroit-based Henry Ford Health System, as noteworthy. They also praised center efforts in legislative advocacy, noting a successful campaign to block a repeal of the state's motorcycle helmet law.

Founded in 1948, the center is the state's only nonprofit organization focusing solely on epilepsy. Epilepsy is a disorder of the brain characterized by a tendency to have recurrent seizures. A seizure is caused by an unusually large burst of electrical energy within the brain. More than 90,000 people in Michigan have the disorder.

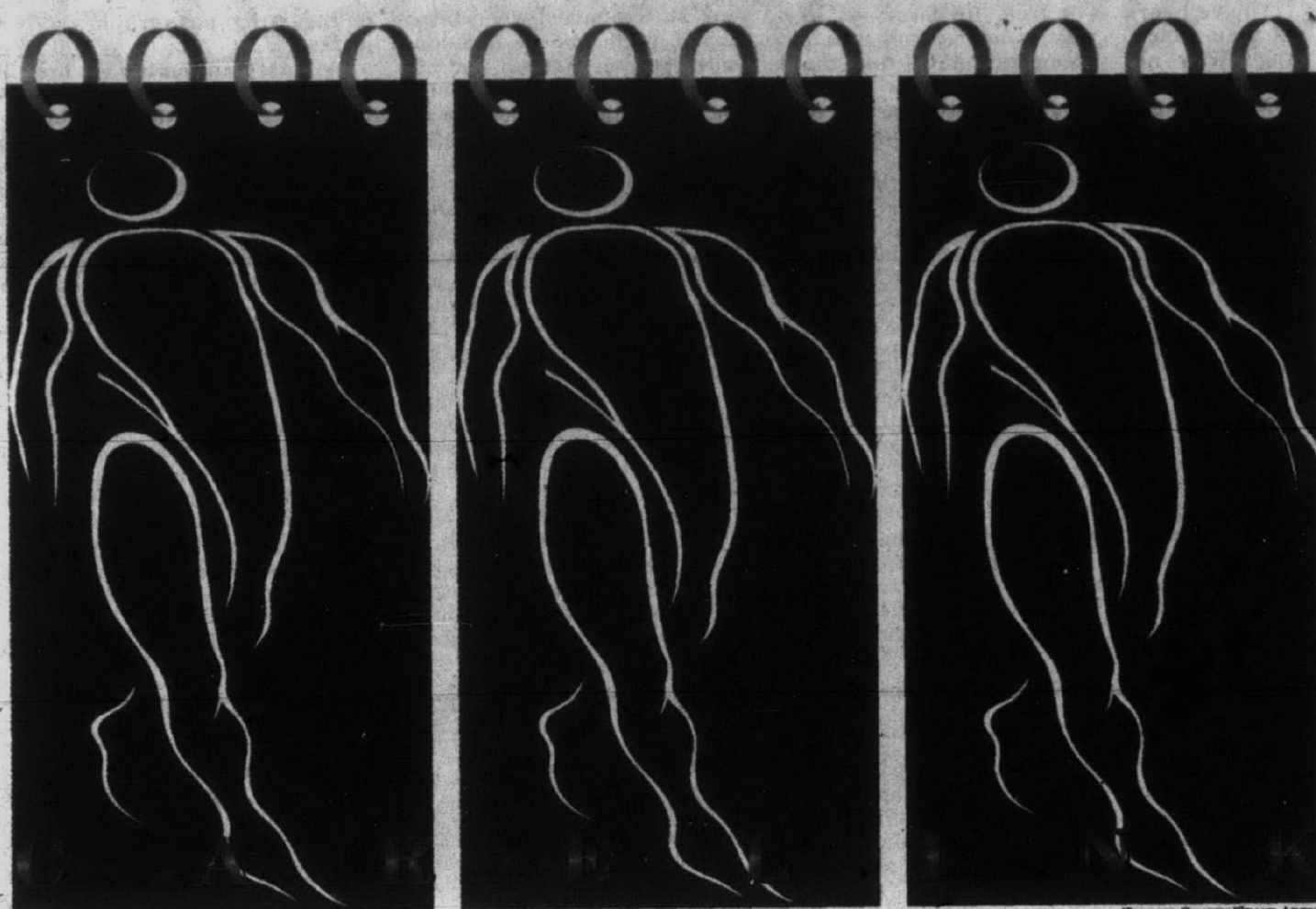
Empowering parents

A peer-led educational program for parents of children with hemophilia and other bleeding disorders is being launched at Children's Hospital of Michigan and more than 20 hemophilia treatment centers nationwide. Parents Empowering Parents is a peer program developed by the hemophilia treatment center at Children's Hospital through an educational grant from Bayer Corp. The program promotes effective parenting skills while focusing on the unique challenges faced by parents of children with bleeding disorders. Ten weekly sessions are presented to parents by parents of children with bleeding disorders, in tandem with a social worker and a nurse.

The program was developed by Danna Merritt, MSW, a social worker at the Regional Comprehensive Hemophilia Diagnostic and Treatment Center at Children's Hospital, and by Dr. Sandra Joseph, director of the MapleTree Counseling Center in Livonia. It was piloted at Children's Hospital more than a year ago.

Following the course, social workers, nurses and parents from 23 hemophilia treatment centers across the country spent three days at a training seminar held last May in San Antonio, Texas. They studied the process-oriented program with Merritt and Joseph before bringing it back to their centers.

Items for Medical Briefs are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: Medical Briefs, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia 48150 or faxed to (313) 591-7279.



TAMMIE GRAVES/STAFF ARTIST

Hospital programs aim to help seniors stay healthy

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Nearly a decade ago the medical community noted the advancing age of the population. As a result, more and more hospitals began instituting programs like ElderMed at Botsford General Hospital and CareLink at St. Mary Hospital to address the health needs and issues of those age 50 and over. Benefits of membership vary but all aim to enhance general health and well being. The best part—membership is free.

"ElderMed is part of a commitment to the community to improve health," said ElderMed manager Sandy Baumann.

"Research has showed that when people have supportive help in their life, they live longer. ElderMed produces social activities, lectures on health care, a monthly newsletter, outreach programs, screenings, and walking clubs at Laurel Park Place and Livonia Mall.

"It's a way to expand their social network, and the stimulation and socialization is something to look forward to," said Baumann of Livonia.

In 1988, ElderMed at Botsford began with a few members. Today, seniors enrolled in the program number more than 24,000. The 1994 recipient of the State of Michigan Older Learners Award in the mental/physical health category, ElderMed takes a different approach in programming activities for its members. Among the upcoming events are a lecture dealing with forgiveness and anger by the hospital chaplain, and two trips to Alaska on Princess Cruise Lines in July and August.

A monthly luncheon with speaker gives members the chance to expand their horizons as well. On Friday, Jan. 10 a Detroit Institute of Arts docent will give a tour of the great masterpieces in the museum's collection after a 12:30 p.m. lunch at Vladimir's in Farmington Hills. The cost, including lunch, is \$8 for ElderMed members, \$9 for nonmembers. To register call (810) 471-8020.

"This is a member driven organization. We survey members once a year for their likes and dislikes and the types of programs they'd like to have in the future. Because of my own background, I taught chemistry at Madonna University, I come at programming from an educational angle instead of a medical."

Promoting Fitness

CareLink, a St. Mary Hospital program for adults 55 and over, co-sponsors a walking program at Wonderland Mall in Livonia which allows members to walk in climate-controlled comfort without worrying about slipping on snow and ice in winter or being deluged by rain in spring and summer. As part of membership in the Wonder Walkers, blood pressure screenings are offered 8-10 a.m. on the second Monday of the month at the information desk.

"We're always encouraging them to exercise. There are security guards to ensure their safety. All they need to do is register," said Marianne Simancek, St. Mary Hospital health education and wellness program coordinator.

"CareLink is really a very unique program to meet the educational needs and problems of a certain population. The

goal is to help a person's health and well being. We offer financial planning and health education programs."

A pharmacy discount of 10 percent on most purchases at the Fairlane Pharmacy in the Marian Professional Building is part of CareLink membership benefits as are a variety of health education programs and classes, a physicians referral service, and a newsletter.

To stress the importance of mental and heart healthiness, CareLink, in cooperation with the American Heart Association, will present "HealthScore '97: Fit in Fitness" 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4 in St. Mary's Auditorium. Co-sponsored by the American Heart Association, the seminar's focus is to help seniors fit fitness in their lives. To register call 1-800-494-1650.

"We'll be offering fitness assessment and different exercises, strategies to get started and maintain and exercise program," said Simancek.

At Garden City Hospital, the name of the 50 and over program is Growing, Caring, Healthy Senior Club. Membership benefits include discounts on hospital services and a monthly luncheon during spring, summer and fall with speakers which include physicians and hospital personnel. The Senior Club also co-sponsors the Westland Walkers at Westland Shopping Center. Speakers including Karen Parsell, manager of the hospital's Sleep Disorder Center, discuss current health issues such as the myth that seniors need less sleep. For more information call (313) 458-4330.

Time to resolve to become a healthier you

BY LAURIE HUMPHREY
STAFF WRITER

Now that the new year is here, it's time to make those life-altering resolutions — no swearing, more reading, more family time, and the ever popular, better health.

For some, better health could mean a change in eating habits. For others, better health could mean more exercise. According to Michael Guerra, physician assistant at Oakwood Canton Health Center, better health should mean both.

There is no easy way to lose weight, explained Guerra, although people keep trying.

"People often want the magic bullet," he said, citing the relatively new Redux pill. "But experience has shown me that most people will be disappointed in the long run."

"Dieting is not effective if you don't modify a person's behavior."

Julie Carrigan, chief clinical dietitian at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia, offers these tips to keep in mind when trying to lose weight.

■ Eat breakfast.

"You need to eat breakfast because the metabolism stays at a resting rate until the first meal of the day.

"Even though you can be up for six hours, your metabolism is still sleeping until you eat something."

■ Everything in moderation.

"To cut way back will cause the metabolism to slow down dramatically.

"Even (cooking) oil can be used if it's in moderation"

■ Exercise.

"Do anything that gets the heart rate up."

"Walking is just as good as running," she said, adding "but weight-lifting won't work."

■ Concentrate on overall well-being and health.

"Concentrate on inches, not pounds" she said because once people start exercising, they may gain weight from increased muscle mass. Muscle weighs more than fat.

■ Don't give up.

"If you fall off the wagon for a day or two, that's only a day or two in a lifetime of healthy habits."

According to Guerra, "body weight loss is metabolically a challenge." It is a challenge that some people can't overcome because they set unrealistic goals.

"People choose a regimen of exercise that is not realistic for them," said the 11-year practitioner. "They have to choose a regimen that they can commit to long-term."

For those who are not already in fair health, Guerra suggests just a brisk walk. For those needing a little more activity, he suggests aerobics, or something that works the cardiovascular system.

"In order to burn fat calories, you need aerobic activity," like treadmills, rowing machines, cross-country skiing machines.

In terms of use, Guerra explained that it is much better to have moderate resistance and use the machine for longer than to have a higher level of resistance for only 10 or 15 minutes.

"If they can commit to 20 minutes, four times a week, they're doing good."

One fallacy Guerra hopes to squelch is the belief that people who skip meals will lose weight faster and keep it off.

"People seem to think that skipping meals and fasting is a good way to lose weight, but it is one of the first things people should eliminate

from their plan."

He recommends "gradual weight loss" and encourages people not to give up if they don't see results immediately.

"It takes an excess of 400 calories per day in a week to gain 1 pound," he said. "If it takes that long to gain one pound, it takes that long to lose it."

For those who fall from the routine, Guerra warns against giving up. He said people should try again or else "they often feel bad and eat more."

Drinking a lot of water is one trick to help stay on a weight-loss course.

"Water makes you feel full more prematurely, although, it does not add anything metabolically," he said.

To help people stick to a course for better health, St. Mary's offers a Healthy Eating Program called Life Steps, a 10-week course. A free orientation session will be held in mid-January. People should call (313) 655-8600 for more information.

"We're coming up on the busiest time," said Carrigan, because there are new people joining the course as well as those who refuse to quit trying.

WAYNE BUSINESS Finance

Good home page requires content that changes

EMORY DANIELS



O&E ONLINE

You've heard of team teaching? Why not team writing?

My colleague Barry Jensen in today's At Home section is completing a two-part series on doing your own Web page. (Part One ran in At Home on Thursday Dec. 26.) It's a broad subject,

so I thought I'd collaborate. So when you are done with this column, read Barry's, or vice versa.

To have your own home page on the Internet, you hopefully will have content on it and will change that content from time to time. So let me talk about preparing content for the Web site Barry will help you construct.

A Web site document, like a page, is nothing more than a text document - ASCII text, that is. If you prepare your home page documents using word processor software, make sure you use your "save as" option and save it as text file. ASCII DOS text is best, if available.

Web documents also can be prepared on a standard text editor, like "notepad" in Windows or "Simple Text" in MAC land.

Personally, I think it's best to learn to prepare hypertext documents or home pages using a text editor and doing all your commands by hand. The discipline of doing so provides the understanding and knowledge that later will allow you to proof your work and find errors faster when things go wrong.

If you write your content using a word processor, in all likelihood there will be elements that will be foreign to Unix and will

not be recognized when introduced. When you upload a document for your Web site and find odd characters like little squares or apple-like icons, what you see is the result of Unix trying to handle foreign markup code.

For instance, Unix may not know what to do with the bullets your word processor produces. So while still in your word processing software, do a search and replace and replace all bullets with asterisks (*), double hyphens (--) or whatever substitute you choose.

The same is true with paragraph marks your word processor generates. Select the "show codes" option and determine what symbol your processor uses for paragraphs. Replace that symbol with <p>. The process is cumbersome, another reason why I think it's best for beginners to start with a text editor, then all you have to worry about

is inserting paragraph <p> marks.

As Barry indicates in his columns, most hyper text markup language (html) codes require beginning and ending elements. Examples of such pairs are: <h1>, </h1> (heads); , (bold face); <i>, </i> (italic); <a>, (part of href statement for linking); <center>, </center>. Some coding does not, such as <p>,
 (hard return), and <hr> (horizontal rule). You learn by doing because the absence of a required ending element will cause visible and obvious results.

There's a lot of advanced coding to learn that has to do with tables, frames, background colors, Java applications, etc. But get the nuts and bolts down first and do it well before moving on.

Some of the Web page and document creation software will let create tables, frames or other

advance features with a click and point. Once you know the basics, take advantage of any feature your software provides.

All hypertext documents that use standard convention, like home pages, begin and end with <html><body> and </html></body>. This knowledge plus using <p> for paragraphs and
 for hard returns is enough to get by with.

Get a hold of a listing of html codes (available at several online sites or any standard text on Web authoring), and you are off to the races. When you name your document, keep the name short, simple, descriptive and use the extension .htm or .html, such as index.htm or archive.html.

Any hypertext document you generate, or any home page you create with or without Barry's help must make it from your hard-drive to your online directo-

ry. Next week's column will talk about how to use FTP to upload Web documents and place them online.

To edit a document once it is uploaded, O&E Onliners will use Telnet. Viewing, of course, will be done with a browser so you will be employing three pieces of Internet software in the process. Or, you also can make your changes offline, upload it again with FTP, and place it. Whatever works best for you.

The third piece in my series will be what to do once you've have mastered Barry's instructions and have a home page in place. How do others learn of its existence?

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BUSINESS DATEBOOK

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TUES, JAN. 7

BUSINESS OWNERS

The Women Business Owners of Southeastern Michigan will meet on the first floor of the 777 Building on Eisenhower and State Street in Ann Arbor. There will be a mixer activity 6:30 p.m. with the meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Jeanne Ballew will discuss "Unforgettable Introductions: How To Make a Memorable First Impression." Price is \$10 for non-members, free for members. For reservations, call Monica Milla at (313) 944-2133.

WED, JAN. 8

TAX TIPS

Christopher Vaughan will discuss which interest expenses are deductible, how to deduct a child's college tuition and if theft losses create deductions from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Eastern Michi-

gan University's Depot Town Center, 32 E. Cross St. in Ypsilanti. Vaughan is a certified public accountant and managing partner of Wright, Griffin, Davis and Co. The cost is \$10.

NAWBO

National Association of Women Business Owners North Network will meet 7:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn, 1500 Opdyke in Auburn Hills. Price is \$10 for members, \$15 for guests, including continental breakfast. The group is open to women who own and operate their own businesses. Reservations are not required. For information, call (810) 253-3711.

THURS, JAN. 9

WILLS AND TRUSTS

A wills and trusts workshop will be presented by John Hancock Financial Services and attorney Don Rosenberg of Barron & Rosenberg. It will be 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Mt. Clemens General Building, 22500 Metropolitan Parkway, Clinton Township. It is in the Gratiot-16 Mile area. There is no charge. For reservations, call Dave Howard, CPA, at (810) 792-3939, Ext. 269.

JAN. 9, FEB. 13

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

A seminar on government contracting will be offered by the Business Development Center at Schoolcraft College 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9 and Feb. 13. Schoolcraft is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads in Livonia. Topics will include the philosophy of government purchasing, requirements of committed contractors, and services and resources available to small businesses entering the government market. Price is \$25. To register, call (313) 462-4438.

TUES, JAN. 14

VENTURE GROUP

The Southeastern Michigan Venture Group will meet 8 a.m. at the Southfield Marriott Hotel, 27033 Northwestern, Southfield. Speaker will be Andy Kokas, founder and CEO of Health Vision in Dearborn. Price is \$30, including breakfast, with a discount of \$10 for chamber members. Price is \$35 after Jan. 10. For information, call (313) 596-0351.

THURS, JAN. 16

SHARE OF AMERICA

The Southeastern Michigan Council of the National Association of Investors Corp. will offer a free investment seminar on "How To Own Your Share of America" 7-9 p.m. at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, north of Cadieux between I-94 and Jefferson in Grosse Pointe. Additional seminars are scheduled for 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, at the Macomb County Library in Clinton Township; 7-9 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at the Dearborn Civic Center; and 7-9 p.m. Thursday, April 17, at the Bloomfield Township Library. To register, call Joyce Manby at (810) 626-7041.

WED, JAN. 22

BUYING POWER

Metro Detroit Marketing professionals will have an opportunity to hear about a recently completed landmark study on business-to-business buying. "Know the Buyer Better" was conducted by Penton Research Services. A 6 p.m. presentation outlining the

findings will be made by John Skeri, PRS senior research analyst at the Southfield Marriott. Sponsored by the American Marketing Association of Detroit, the presentation will look at: popular purchasing trends, considerations in purchasing decisions and the projected trend in partnering agreements with a supplier, just to name a few. Reservations can be made for the presentation, which includes dinner. Some tickets will also be available at the door. Admission is \$30 for AMA members, \$35 for non-members. Make reservations by calling (313) 964-3789.

TUES, JAN. 28

WOMEN MEET

National Association of Women Business Owners-South will meet 7:30 a.m. at the Cranbrook Office Center, 30161 Southfield Road, Suite 317. The building is near 12 1/2 Mile and Webster. The network is for women who own and operate their own businesses to provide support and share solutions. Price is \$10 for members, \$15 for guests, including continental breakfast. Reservations not required. For information, call Gail Parker at (810) 647-3586.

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THURS, FEB. 6

ACCOUNTING

The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants will offer a winter accounting and auditing conference at the MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Those attending should take the Crooks Road exit off I-75. Registration will be 7:50 a.m., with adjournment at 4:50 p.m. There will be a number of breakout sessions. For registration information, call (810) 879-2456.

MONDAYS

BUSINESS WOMEN

Suburban West Business and Professional Women meet on the first Monday of each month at the Holiday Inn at Six Mile and I-275. Networking is 6-6:30 p.m. and dinner is 6:30-7 p.m. A short business meeting is then conducted. Cost is \$13 and reservations need to be made. For information, call Laura Hathaway at (810) 669-3547.



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No. 1 1996 story: Sheila Taormina winning the gold

Ring out the old, bring out the new?
Not quite so fast, guys.
1996 had some epic moments that this scribe would like to share with you one last time.
It was a year to remember, for sure.
Here are my top eight golden moments as Livonia-Westland Sports Editor:

1. Olympic gold medalist Sheila Taormina: We should all know the story by now.

July 25... Atlanta, Ga. ... Olympic Games ... long-shot to make the finals for the U.S. women's 800-meter freestyle relay team ... swims fastest split (2:00.57) ... Swims third leg and helps U.S. win gold medal by beating favored Germans while setting Olympic and American records ... meets President Clinton and daughter Chelsea ... Instant celebrity ... Not bad for 27-year-old in her last hurrah.

On Monday night, Livonian Sheila Taormina, former Stevenson High standout and University of Georgia star, had some quality time to herself.

She was in her new house, eating ice cream and watching a movie with a friend.

She's been on a whirlwind schedule since her Olympic gold medal moment.

It started with an elaborate Livonia City Hall celebration and it hasn't stopped since.

"My schedule was really hectic in September and October," Taormina said. "Sometimes I make 10 to 15 appearances a week. I can't count how many I've had."

Taormina is back at her full-time job at Northern Engraving, but she also has another full-time gig — speaking engagements at schools, swim clinics, nursing homes, auctions, charity events, open houses, homecomings — you name it.

"Things are quieting down a little, I do appearances mostly on the weekends now," she said. "I work a full day and then visit places. Some days I'm really exhausted. I don't get home until 11 at night."

Taormina has traveled all over the country — the White House, Georgia, Idaho, Phoenix and New York.

But despite the numerous demands on her time, she feels a special obligation to reach out.

"I visited a girl in the hospital who has leukemia and that hit close to home," Taormina said. "It reminds me I don't have it so bad, and that most of the little things I get upset over are very small in comparison."

"Once I get to an event, I see what other people are doing to help others and it touches my heart. I'm impressed with their energy because they're doing things on their own time as well."

A New Year's resolution for the Olympic Gold Medalist?

"I've been focused so much on running around that I've missed church a lot," she said. "I need that closeness with God."

2. John Buffington, cyclist: Amazing guy.

The 43-year-old Livonian was only one of 10 finishers in the Race Across America, a grueling 2,905-mile bike ride from Irvine, Calif. to Savannah, Ga. But the ex-Purdue footballer did it in 9 days, 23 hours and 3 minutes.

He's now back on the job at Office Depot.

Quite a feat.

3. Livonia Stevenson, state Class A boys soccer champions: Coach Walt Barrett gained his second title by pulling one out of the hat as the Spartans defeated Troy, 2-1, in overtime, on a goal by Mark Dietrich to win the coveted crown.

Many thought the 19-2-1 Spartans didn't have a chance after losing five Division I scholarship players from the year before.

4. Western Lakes football: Does anybody doubt how strong this league really is anymore?

Walled Lake Western won the Class AA title by surprising Sterling Heights Stevenson, 34-18.

Ironically, Westland John Glenn, the WLA champion, beat Western twice during the regular season (28-17 and 24-0). The 11-1 Rockets lost to Sterling Heights Stevenson in the semifinals, 17-7, after two tough playoff wins over Redford Catholic Central (15-14) and Dearborn Fordson (22-8).

And then there was Farmington Hills Harrison, which finished 11-2, losing to Rockford, 24-17 in the state Class A finals.

5. Wayne Memorial boys basketball: What a run the Zebras made, becoming the first Observerland team to reach the semifinals since Redford Bishop Borgess did it in 1988 with Parish Hickman, Dwayne Kelley and Shawn Respert.

Wayne, behind the playmaking of Lorenzo Guess, the long-range bombing of Jameel Wooden and the rebounding of Richard Johnson, scored some dramatic wins, including a tough district triumph over Belleville.

The run stopped at the Breslin Center when Southfield-Lathrup rallied in the final quarter for a 77-67 victory. All in all, a great year at 23-3.

6. Anne Aristo, state champion swimmer: The senior from Livonia Stevenson won two individual state crowns and was a member of the first-place 200-meter freestyle relay squad along with Jordyn Godfroid, Marti McKenzie and Adrienne Turri.

Aristo set a state record in the 500 freestyle (4:48.67) and broke an Eastern Michigan pool mark in the 200 freestyle (1:49.41).

All told, Aristo finished her prep career with six individual state titles, a slew of league records and a whole lot of respect.

Aristo is headed to Stanford University.

7. Lorenzo Guess signs with MSU: He kept them Guessing right until the final moment.

Many thought he was going to be a Wolverine basketball player, but the 6-foot-3, 190-pound two-sport star will get a crack as a quarterback under the guidance of Nick Saban at Michigan State.

Wayne Memorial hasn't seen an athlete of his stature since Pat Sheridan.

If anybody can play and excel at two sports at the big-time college level, it's Guess.

Tom Izzo has to be smiling, too.

8. Madonna University volleyball: The Lady Crusaders made their third NAIA nationals appearance in four years led by the play of four-year performers Kelly McCausland (Redford Union) and Julie Martin (Livonia Stevenson).

Under the guidance of coach Jerry Abraham, Madonna finished with a school-record 52 wins (against only six losses).

In the NAIA Nationals earlier this month in San Diego, Calif., Madonna went 2-2 in pool play, bumped out by the national champion (BYU-Hawaii) and runner-up Point Loma Nazarene (Calif.), the host school. Quite a tough pool.

McCausland earned first-team NAIA All-American honors, while Martin was selected to the third team.

Lady Ocelots capture classic

Engel MVP as SC gains tourney title

Redford Thurston's Kristi Engel took MVP honors Saturday as host Schoolcraft College won its own holiday women's basketball classic with an 80-76 victory over Lakeland (Ohio).

The win improves the Lady Ocelots' overall record to 8-3.

Engel, a 5-foot-11 sophomore, had a team-high 21 points in the victory.

Three others scored in double figures including 5-6 forward Julie Schmidt (15), who was also named to the All-Tournament team; Sheila Coulter (12) and Theresa Cooper (11).

Crissy Harmon (Walled Lake Central) also contributed nine.

Engel was instrumental on both ends, coming up with a total of 14 steals in two games, including a first-round 67-33 victory Friday over George Brown (Ontario).

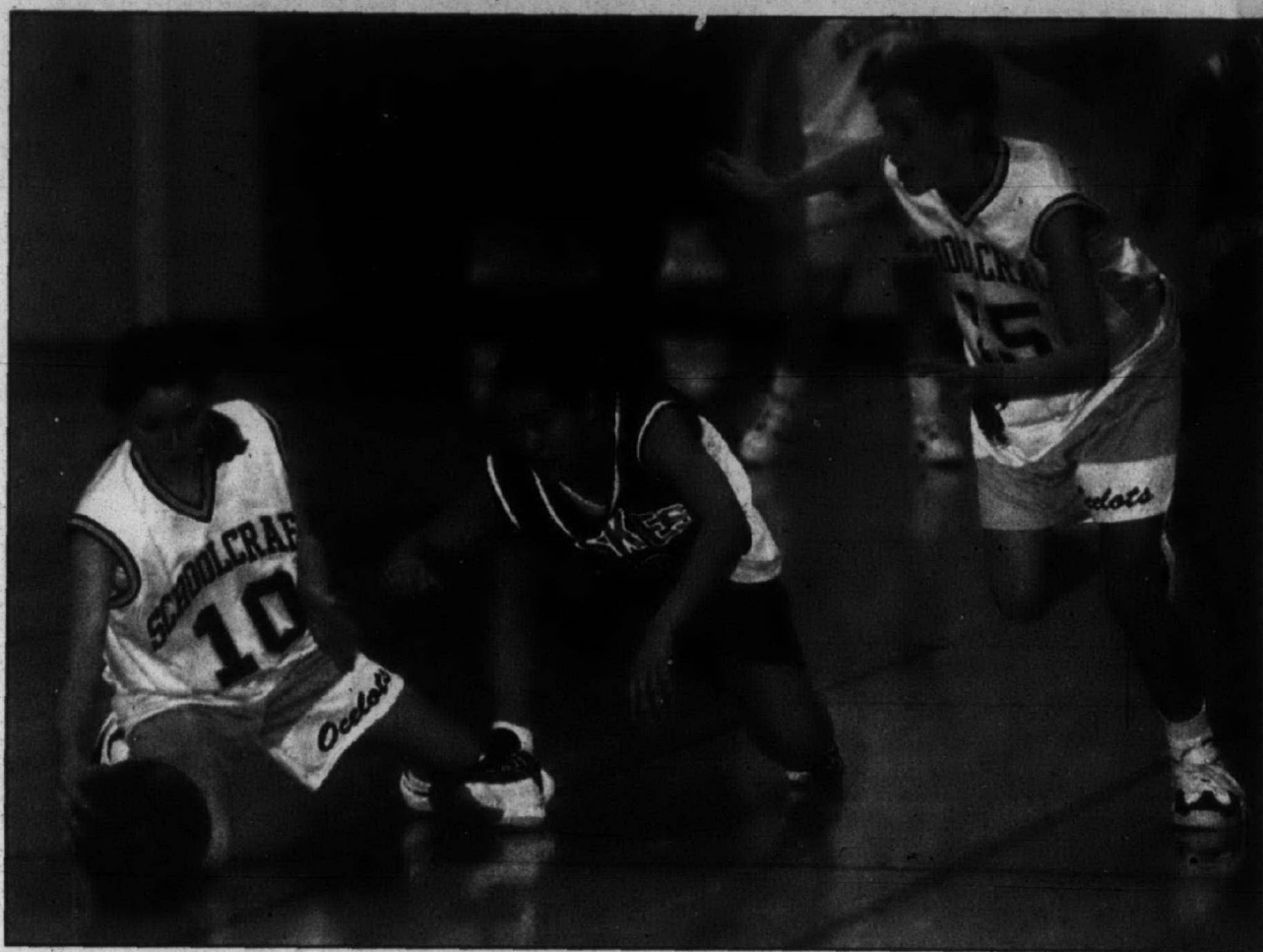
"Since high school Kristi has improved game-by-game," Schoolcraft coach Ed Kavanaugh said. "She's taking the ball to the basket, shooting 60 percent from the field and playing strong defense."

Schoolcraft played even (33-all) throughout the first half with Lakeland, a team that was 25-4 a year ago.

The Lady Ocelots put the clamps on sharpshooter Lakisha Price, who scored just six first-half points.

Price, however, finished with a game-high 32 points. (She made the All-Tourney team along with teammate Candy Williams, Georgia Rinnita of Windsor and Triesha Hylton of George Brown.)

"We changed up our defenses," Kavanaugh said. "We went half-



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Floorburns: Schoolcraft College's Crissy Harmon (left) slides to gain possession of the ball in front of George Brown's Marife Villagonzolo (middle) and teammate Kristi Engel (right).

court from a man-to-man. We made some key stops and scored at key times."

Schmidt finished with 16 rebounds and seven assists. Engel added 12 rebounds and blocked three shots.

"Julie guarded their best player, and had two great games," said Kavanaugh. "She was close to double figures in rebounds both games."

Against George Brown, Christine Edwards paced the Lady Ocelots in scoring with 16 points. Engel fin-

ished with a unique triple-double — 15 points, 12 rebounds and 10 steals.

Schmidt added nine boards. AlanaCaver had nine points, six steals and five assists. Harmon contributed nine points.

In the other first-round game Friday, Lakeland advanced with a 75-61 win over the University of Windsor. In the consolation final Saturday, Windsor topped George Brown, 54-33.

The Ocelots travel this weekend to

Ontario for the Seneca Classic before opening Eastern Conference action Wednesday, Jan. 8 at home against Delta.

Schoolcraft is favored to win the conference this year after finishing second behind St. Clair CC last season.

"This was a big win for us," Kavanaugh said of the Lakeland conquest. "I think we're improving each time out. We've played a tough schedule and we've faced a number of ranked teams."

Owens Tech seizes crown from S'craft

If only coach Greg Thomas had another five minutes in his championship game Saturday.

The Schoolcraft men's basketball coach switched to a zone defense in the second half, but the Ocelots' comeback fell short as Owens Tech of Toledo, Ohio won the SC Holiday Classic with an 81-71 victory.

Trailing 46-31 at intermission, Thomas went with his head instead of his heart.

"I think if we had played zone earlier we would have been in better shape," said Thomas, whose team fell to 4-7 on the year. "I should have taken the advice of some other coaches in our conference. I thought we could run with them and I should have gone zone to slow them down."

SC, which lost by 17 in an earlier meeting with Owens, outscored the perennial JC power 40-35 in the second half.

"We were right there (in the second half) and then we missed a couple of shots here and there, I got a technical and all the sudden we were down six points," Thomas said.

Naron Burks, a 6-foot-1 freshman guard from Willow Run, and 6-6 sophomore forward Naron Burks of River Rouge, scored 20 and 15, respectively.

Both were named to the All-Tournament team.

Tymon Marshall added 11 points and 12 rebounds, while Dwaun Warrick dished out seven assists.

Antoine Jones and C.J. Captain scored 18 and 15, respectively, to lead Owens Tech. Captain was also named to the All-Tourney squad along with Concordia College's Jim Balow, a 6-5 freshman from Livonia Stevenson, and Rodney Hampton of Lakeland (Ohio).

Tournament MVP Wesley Lamb of Owens Tech was held to six points by SC.

SC opened tourney play Friday with an 81-73 triumph over Lakeland as Warrick and Reeves each poured in 20 points. Marshall added 12 points and eight rebounds, while Burks chipped in with 10 points and 12 rebounds.

Guard Pete Males (Garden City)

Crusaders earn split

MEN'S HOOPS

The Madonna University men's basketball team lived and died by the three-point shot last weekend at the Findlay (Ohio) College Tournament.

Madonna split a pair of games to come home before the New Year with a 4-12 record.

Spalding College made 12-of-22 shots from three-point range on Saturday en route to an 86-72 win over the Crusaders. On Sunday, Madonna made 15-34 from three-point range and used balanced scoring to roll past St. Mary's College, 103-69.

Madonna had a better shooting percentage than Spalding, finishing at 48.3 percent (29-60). Spalding was 30-68 for a 44.1 percent clip.

Kristian Magro scored 26 points and grabbed a game-high 17 rebounds for Madonna. Brandon Slone added 21 points and

had six assists and eight points.

Tim Robinson led Lakeland with a game-high 22.

"It was a good tourney for us and we played well," Thomas said. "I thought we outplayed Lakeland throughout because we didn't let

eight rebounds and Mike Maryanski contributed 12 points.

The Crusaders struggled at the free throw line, making only 9-17. Spalding had a 35-34 rebounding edge.

The Crusaders committed 17 turnovers to Spalding's 12.

Four Crusaders scored in double figures on Sunday, led by Maryanski with 27 and Magro with 24. Slone added 18 points and Christian Emert 13. Emert also had 11 assists, most going to either Magro or Maryanski.

Maryanski was 10-14 from the floor while Magro made 10-16 shots.

Maryanski was 7-10 from three-point range and Emert 3-6.

Magro led the rebounders with eight.

down. We went at them inside and outside."

In the other first-round game, Owens held off Concordia, 87-77.

Lakeland took the consolation game with a 68-60 win over Concordia.

Shamrock trainer does more than tape ankles



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Trainer extraordinaire: David Broz played at Ball State.

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Chris Young, Detroit Catholic Central's 6-foot-10 junior center, received an elbow in the chops one day during a preseason practice.

Sensing a fat lip coming on, Young looked around, rather helplessly.

You see, the blow came from David Broz, a 6-10 former basketball player at Ball State University who happens to be the CC trainer. Broz had received similar treatment from Young a few trips earlier down the court.

An incident like this will make Young grow up in a hurry.

"David was pushing Chris pretty vigorously and Chris bonked him in the ear with his elbow," recalled CC assistant coach John Mulroy. "About two or three trips later, David let him know who's boss, kind of like the old Gordie Howe stories. There was a low rumble that started about

David's tennis shoes. I don't think anyone in the gym thought he was kidding."

Now, Broz is far from a Bill Laimbeer type.

While his primary job is to tape and ice players' injuries, it's an added bonus that he can suit up and practice. Broz scrimmages with the Shamrocks and even participates in some of their drills.

Funny, but Young probably appreciates him as much as anyone.

"He's shown me a lot of moves," Young said.

Broz is also there to offer encouragement, like the night he spent a good 15 minutes talking to star guard Marc McDonald after CC's loss to Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

Broz assists other sports at CC, but he stops short of lacing up the skates for hockey coach Gordie St. John.

"People who are champions learn

from their mistakes," said Broz, explaining what he said to McDonald, who has signed with Loyola (Ill.). "I enjoy the competitiveness of sports, have played Division I and would like to help by passing that knowledge along."

Seeing Broz on the sidelines next to Mulroy and head coach Rick Coratti, the first thing opponents must think is how fortunate they are that he isn't playing.

At 24, Broz is still young enough to pass for a player.

"Either that or a coach," Broz said. "I've been given every title except trainer, which is fine because as a trainer I consider myself an extension of the team."

Broz came to CC from MedHealth shortly after the start of football season. That's when Coratti, a defensive coordinator with the CC football

See CC TRAINER, C4

Chargers take 1st

Livonia Churchill put together a 4-0-2 record Saturday en route to the Ypsilanti Lincoln Invitational volleyball tournament title.

The Chargers, now 6-0-2 on the year, split their first two matches in pool play — Monroe St. Mary's (12-15, 15-13) and Warren Woods Tower (15-2, 7-15).

In their other two pool play matches, Churchill defeated Walled Lake Western (15-2, 15-1) and Novi (15-10, 15-3) to reach the elimination round.

In the semifinals, Churchill ousted host Lincoln (15-5, 15-3) and won the crown with a win over Monroe St. Mary's (15-13, 15-10).

Megan McGinty, who came up

VOLLEYBALL

with some key blocks in the championship game versus St. Mary's, was Churchill's top hitter on the day with 28 kills.

Lori Leszczynski was next with 27 followed by Amanda Ezes (20), Lisa Fabirkiewicz (12) and Jessica Sherman (10).

"We had very nice balance and scoring," Churchill coach Mike Hughes said. "It was very competitive volleyball. We hadn't faced Warren Woods Tower in a couple of years — they were very quick. It was a nice day for us."

Defensively, Danielle Sockolosky led in digs with 22, while Andrea Will contributed 18.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP HOCKEY
Saturday, Jan. 4
Redford CC vs. A.P. Cabrini at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Friday, Jan. 3
Romulus Tournament, 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 4
Portage No. Invitational, 8 a.m.
Saline Tournament, 8:30 a.m.
Walled Lake Invitational, 9 a.m.
Warren Bethesda Tourney, TBA.
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BOYS BASKETBALL
Friday, Jan. 3
Luth. Westland at Luth. East, 7 p.m.
Cranbrook at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Salem at Ypsilanti, 7 p.m.
Canton at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Sesholm at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Ypsilanti at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.
St. Agatha at Loyola, 7:30 p.m.
Redford CC at Borgess, 7:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Jan. 4
Spring Arbor at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Daytona CC, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 5
Schoolcraft at Florida CC, 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Thursday, Jan. 2
Schoolcraft at Seneca (Ont.), TBA.

Friday, Jan. 3
Schoolcraft at Seneca (Ont.), TBA.

Saturday, Jan. 4
Madonna at Tri-State (Ind.), 3 p.m.
TBA — time to be announced.

Other highlights, notables from the year 1996

LOOKING BACK ON 1996

Coaches gone: Mike George (Madonna baseball); Glen Donahue (Schoolcraft men's basketball to Central Michigan); Nick O'Shea (Livonia Churchill girls soccer); Nancy Oestrike (Westland John Glenn softball to Eastern Michigan); Jim McIntyre (Livonia Stevenson boys basketball); Larry Jackson (Livonia Franklin boys basketball); Lisa McPhee (Livonia Ladywood girls basketball); Tom Lang (Livonia Churchill boys basketball); Steve Naumcheff (Livonia Churchill football).

New coaches: Ron Vanderlinden (head football coach University of Maryland); Marylou Jansen (Madonna women's basketball); Bob Kummer (assistant at UNC-Charlotte men's basketball); Mary Kay Hussey (Livonia Franklin girls soccer); John Filiatraud (Livonia Churchill football); Dan Ramthun (Lutheran Westland boys basketball); Tim Newman (Livonia Stevenson boys basketball); Dan Robinson (Livonia Franklin boys basketball); Rick Austin (Livonia Churchill boys track and basketball); Dana Orsucci (Redford Catholic Central soccer); Andrea McAllister-Gorski (Livonia Ladywood girls basketball); Greg Haeger (Madonna men's baseball).

Athletic directors gone: Don Albertson (Livonia Churchill).

New athletic director: Marc Hage (Livonia Churchill).

Milestones: Livonia Stevenson tailback Gade Clark (over 4,500 all-purpose yards); Livonia Franklin pole vaulter Paul Terek (runner-up in Class A at 15-1); Lutheran Westland's state Class C champion 800-meter

relay team (Rebekah Hoffmeier, Amy Clark, Hana Hughes and Laura Clark); Lutheran Westland's 3,200-meter state Class C champion relay team (Jason Collins, Phil Kimmel, Sam Patterson and Brad Polkinghorne); Madonna University will join Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference in 1997-98; Schoolcraft men's basketball coach Glen Donahue wins 1,000th game vs. St. Clair, 94-75; CC wrestler John Spolsky Class A heavyweight champion with 55-0 record; Livonia Stevenson hockey player Kyle McNellie scores school-record 44 goals; Wayne Memorial boys basketball coach Chuck Henry wins 300th game in 66-61 win over Romulus; Westland John Glenn's Bobby Hayes helps Michigan to NCAA hockey title in dramatic 3-2 win over Colorado College; Livonia Hockey Association Pee Wee AA Knights go 61-16-3 and win Tier II USA Hockey Championship; Lutheran Westland football team goes 8-1 (best in school history and just misses playoffs).

State runner-up: Livonia Stevenson girls cross country (Class A).

Bronze medal: Livonia Stevenson girls swim team (also won sixth straight Western Lakes championship).

State quarterfinalists: Livonia Stevenson wrestling (Class A); Livonia Ladywood volleyball (Class A); Catholic Central hockey (Class A).

Glad to be coaching again: Madonna men's basketball coach Bernie Holowicki (quadruple

bypass surgery); Livonia Franklin boys soccer coach Dave Hebestreit (emergency surgery for brain aneurysm).

Gone but not forgotten: Bob Cox (avid Ford Field basketball fan); Luvic Luca (Clarenceville football and basketball player).

Profile in courage: Livonia Clarenceville pitcher Scott Hatch (recovered from serious head injury when he was hit by a car while on his bike).

Olympic trials qualifiers: Sheila Taormina and Anne Aristeo, women's swimming; Scott DeWolf and Matt Martin, men's swimming; Kate Keleman, women's air rifle; Jeff Cassar (alternate men's soccer).

Controversy: Detroit Cooley's 74-73 regional semifinal boys basketball win over Catholic Central; Plymouth Canton's 3-2 regional overtime semifinal win over Livonia Churchill.

New to scene: Lights at Franklin and Ford Field; 4,300-seat Compuware Ice Arena in Plymouth Township; high school football scoreboard show featuring Observer sports writers on WDFN-Radio; Clarenceville boys soccer; Norm Hoenes Baseball Field (Westland John Glenn).

Observerland champions: Catholic Central (wrestling); Plymouth Salem and Westland John Glenn (tie for boys track); Alan Menzies (golf).

Marathon men: Livonia Heart and Sole Running Club members Gary Baughman and Dave Meisner (back-to-back 26.2-milers on successive days).

CC trainer

team, met him.

Imagine the kind of defensive end he'd make.

"We've always had outstanding trainers," said Coratti, noting that the tradition started after he gave up training on a part-time basis. "but having David is just like having another coach. He knows his training stuff, is great with the kids and so insightful."

Mulroy couldn't stop thinking of basketball when he first saw Broz at a football game.

"I showed up one day for the DePorres-game and here's this big rascal blocking out the sun," Mulroy said. "I asked somebody 'Who's that assistant coach?' Somebody said 'That's the trainer.'"

Every other player in the CC program needs a step ladder to cover Young, so at 6-10, Mulroy said Broz was going to suit up at practice even if he couldn't walk and chew gum at the same time.

He is far from that.

The son of a coach from Westchester, Ill., Broz started four seasons at BSU from 1990-94. Broz was a member of the Mid-American Conference all-freshman team and an academic All-America honorable mention selection before his career ended. The Cardinals reached both

the NCAA Tournament and the National Invitational Tournament in Broz's four years.

Broz played at Proviso East High School. East's big rival was West, which incredibly had current NBA players Michael Finley, Sherrell Ford and Donnie Boyce in its lineup during Broz's playing days.

"Even if he had never seen a basketball, he was going in there to bang Chris Young," Mulroy said. "He's a coach's son who really is steep in his knowledge of basketball. He can see things that really are pretty specific, not like 'Oops, that's real bad' or 'Hey, that's real good.'"

Injuries actually led to Broz changing his major from communications to sports medicine as a sophomore at BSU. Broz suffered two dislocated shoulders and underwent one knee surgery at BSU, helping him get to know the trainers pretty well.

Before long he was taking classes with them. He took his current job after finishing a two-year commitment at BSU in the training field.

"I'm in it for the kids," Broz said. "I love it here. This is a great group of guys and coaches here at CC and I'm really enjoying my time."

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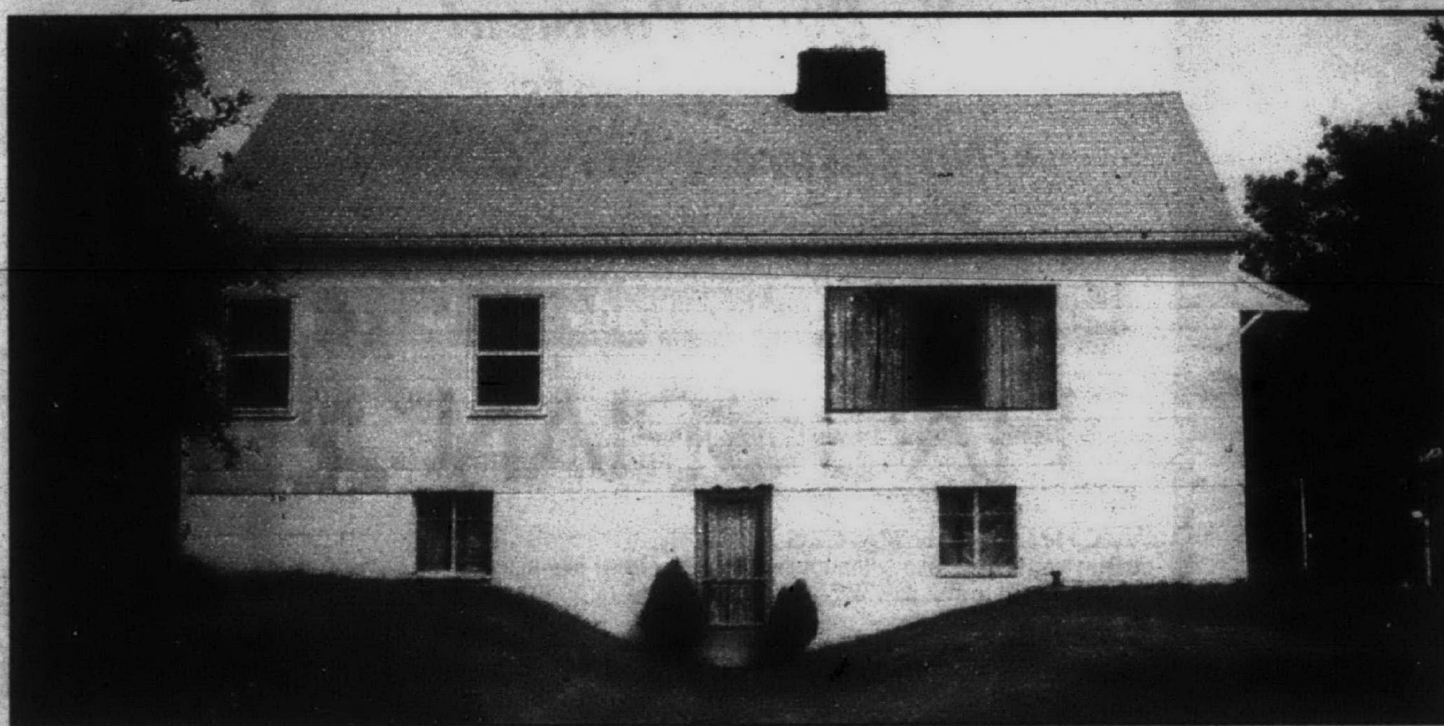
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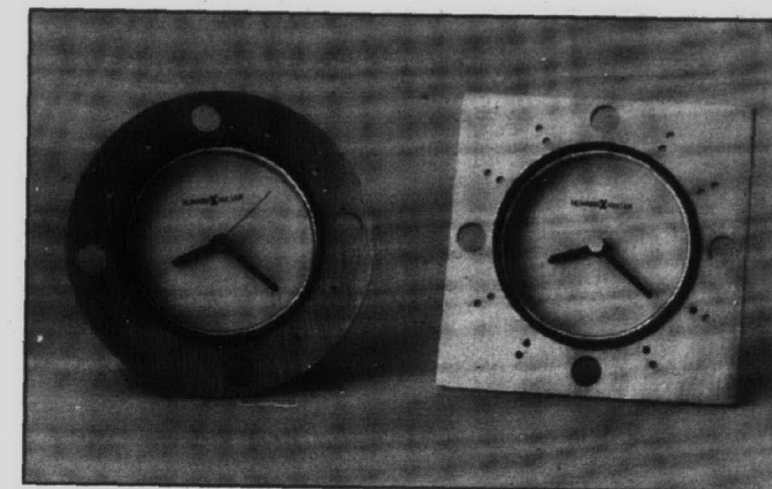
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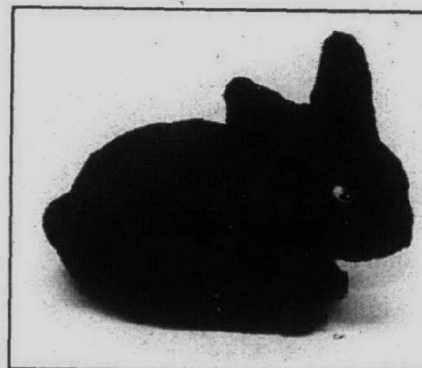


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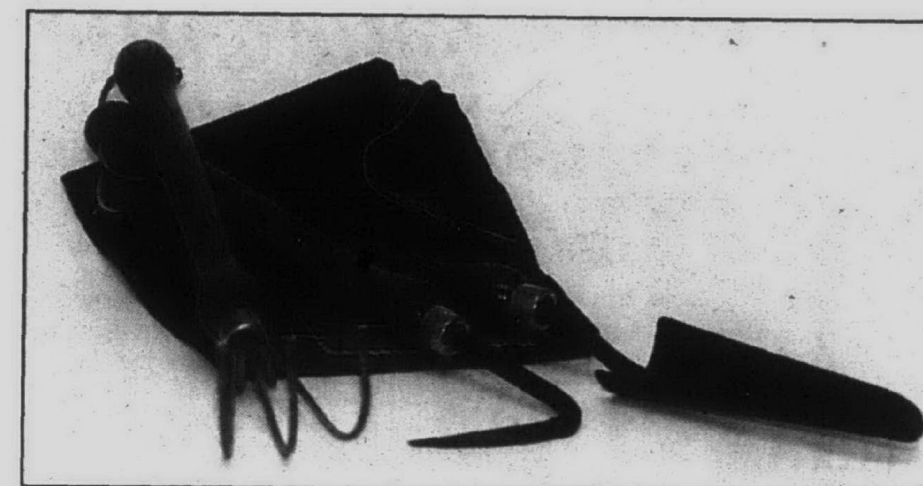
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Good taste involves selectivity



NAOMI STONE
LEVY

Is it possible to legislate good taste? Who becomes the authority? I'd like to think I have the answer, but that is arguable. What would make me right and my neighbor wrong? Having set out the questions, let's examine some replies.

I may be stirring up a huge argument as a very longstanding member of the American Institute of Interior Designers when I state that in my opinion, that membership **doesn't entitle one to claim good taste.** I have viewed some of my cohorts' completed interiors that I thought were appalling. I repeat the thought: Who is the authority? Surely not me!

My definition of truly good taste expects discrimination. Selectivity is an

important ingredient. As an amateur or a professional you must discriminate. You cannot use everything you see that you like, even though each item of itself may be tasteful. Too much gives way to the famous "Less is more," and I say that advisedly.

Fabrics, furniture, lamps and accessories should never compete for attention. If a very strong printed fabric is used that has a multitude of colors, the accompanying fabrics should play "second fiddle," as in a symphony orchestra. They must blend with the primary fabric to resonate good taste.

Furniture is another case in point. Overloading a small room with ponderous pieces should never occur. Likewise, it is just as incorrect to have everything tiny in scale in a large room, having no focal point. This, again, is where you must discriminate. Good taste will tell when you have reached correct proportions.

Lamps should never dominate an

interior. They can beautifully blend with other components. And, heaven forbid, the lamp shades should ever overpower the lamp. Haven't you driven by a home and seen in a picture window a huge lamp with an overdraped shade? **Not good taste!**

Accessories are an integral part of any design. Some can be small; others quite large, such as a piece of sculpture on a stand. Depending on the background of the room, add complimentary pieces of pewter, brass, glass or pottery.

If you have a wonderful pitcher, it would be in good taste as an accessory, but don't overload any room with too many bits and pieces. **Not good taste!**

How does anyone know who has displayed that elusive and singular and mesmerizing talent? I have to allow you to make the final judgment for yourself.

You can leave Naomi Stone Levy a message dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1897.

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Passing along useful information



JOE GAGNON

A few days ago while doing a radio show I mentioned that there was a list in one of the newspapers which had names of companies and products that could cure many homeowner problems. The list contains local and national phone numbers that every consumer should have at their disposal and was written by America's Master Handyman, Glenn Haage.

The minute I mentioned this name on my talk show, my producer whispered in my ear that I couldn't do that and in most cases that is true. On my radio show things prove to be a little different than those that have to do with issues. This is a consumer help and awareness program, which management at WJR gives me free rein to do, with one thought in mind: help the radio listening audience.

This newspaper you are reading today does much the same. It doesn't object to my telling you that the article written (mentioned above) was in the News and Free Press on Dec. 21. It is the object I'm sure, that journalism, whether it be in print, for the eye or for the ear should always focus on the betterment of each individual's knowledge.

The relationship between this writer and The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers is one of admiration on my part. What began a year and a half ago has extended from how to maintain your refrigerator to many articles dealing with consumerism and a few trifles from my personal life.

The editor of this column has not interfered in what I write for you the reader, and out of that comes a feeling of trust that I enjoy immensely.

I believe that this newspaper has gotten to know me just as you have and from the comments I receive from many of your who read this column, I feel very proud of what I do. To be able to

say columnist after my name is quite a thing for a fellow raised in the northern wilds of Canada.

Of the many seminars I do annually, there is one coming up on Jan. 15 that I feel very humble in being invited to speak.

The Livonia Town Hall is going into its 34th year of bringing a series of lectures into their community with world renowned speakers on different subjects.

The list of past speakers such as Dan Rather, Barbara Walters, David Niven and so many others is quite intimidating to this washer repair man. I'm sitting here looking at the list and saying to myself, "this must be a joke."

Then again, I wonder how many of these famous people ever realized how little they knew about the service industry when they were having an appliance repaired in their home. Maybe I should invite all of them to return as part of the audience this year, if not, then I hope to see you there.

Many times when doing seminars I am asked about the automotive repair

industry which, quite honestly, I can't answer. In the past three weeks I have met three gentlemen who have started just recently a business that will help consumers with repair questions on their vehicles. I have spent a lot of time checking out these three chaps to make sure they are not fly-by-night artists.

I am about to venture into unknown territory to bring you knowledge that makes you a more aware consumer.

I hope that 1997 will be a better year for all of you, and I intend to play a small role in that effort, thanks to this newspaper. Happy New Year to all from the Appliance Doctor.

Joe Gagnon, the Appliance Doctor, will answer your questions about maintaining and repairing large appliances. Gagnon is president of Carmack Appliances in Garden City and does a weekly radio program on WJR-AM. He is author of "First Aid from the Appliance Doctor," available at area bookstores.

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It's your move: Time to pare down

BY MARILYN ATTENSON
Special Writer

Even though I'm an interior designer, and am able to think through the logistics of good design, I often must make the same design decisions for myself as everyone else does. For instance, our recent move from a grand old house to a lovely smaller place. The scenario goes like this:

What do I give up? New space is

smaller. Ceilings are lower. I like all my armoires. Do I give up this vase? Is it worth something? What will Aunt Matilda think of me if she doesn't see her vase? Look at this bowl. It was a wedding gift. Been in its box for 30 years. Grandfather clock must move. I'll fix it eventually. It is my dining room table. I don't care if it's bigger than the dining room!

All who have moved have gone through this tortuous process of what to

move and not move. We have flipantly labeled this agonizing process "paring down."

It is agonizing because most people don't think about incorporating their furnishings in their new place until they have moved into their new place. They don't think of the total move, only each part of the moving process.

Don't forget: You decided to move because you wanted change. Paring down isn't just to clean the basement and garage. It is a selection process.

What to move? Where will you place the armoire, clock, piano, punch bowl? Do you have any room measurements of your new place? Did you do any floor plans? Do you know how much storage space you'll have?

Because people are still emotionally involved in the space they are moving from, not the space they are moving to, they don't bother to gather the right information, and agonize over "possession decisions."

But, no one has to give up anything. You need to choose what you want to move with you, based on your new space's size and shape. What are your decorating plans? What ambience do you want in your new space?

I just finished paring down. We

moved from a very comfortable home to a half-the-size condo. If I couldn't place the possession in the new condo, it didn't make the move.

We chose to move because we wanted an easy lifestyle. With the latter in mind at all times, we went through all furnishings and possessions with the following criteria: We had to really want to still own it. If one of us didn't "just love it," the item didn't make the move; the item had to enhance an area or be a usable object that would complement our lifestyle. All possessions had to have a reason for living with us.

We weren't giving up anything. We were editing our furnishings and accoutrements for our new life in our future home.

The value of the item, or who gave it to us, didn't enter into the discussion. Size, shape, where and how were continuously discussed. Our new decor was always part of the conversation. Each item was tagged designating its new place - we were already in the process of moving. It went very well. Somehow, we knew it would.

Attenson, an interior designer from Bloomfield Hills, is in Michigan Design Center's "Designer On Call." For a free consultation, call (888) DIAL-MDC.

Make '97 a giving year: Help others

BY LISA LUCKOW-HEALY
Special Writer

On Aug. 31, 1995, my life changed forever. It was the night I lost my 18-year-old brother, Mark, to an automobile accident. My family and I were devastated.

Acquaintances passing the funeral home that week told us they thought a celebrity had died because so many people were going in to pay their respects. The funeral itself was reminiscent of a movie scene with the dozens of caring friends and family converging upon the burial site.

Since that horrible night, my family and I have had many long hours to reflect upon our past, present and future.

Losing a loved one has a profound impact on your life. It makes you realize that all the daily activities, rushing to school, planning your life around a client dinner party, worrying about a forthcoming business transaction or holding a grudge mean absolutely nothing without the love and support of family and friends.

As a family, we've repeatedly reminded each other not to dwell on the "should have, would have, could have" phrases, because nothing is going to change the past.

But the memory of Mark that lives on within all his family and friends has been an inspiration to reach out and touch the lives of others in need of help and support - to make a difference in someone else's life by putting that individual first.

With the New Year just begun, ask yourself and your family how you can combine your love and support through volunteer efforts. There are hundreds of volunteer organizations throughout Michigan and the United States that depend on volunteers like you not only during the holidays but the whole year through.

Ways to help

One such organization is Lighthouse of Oakland County, a non-profit that assists low-income individuals with emergencies. Students, families and church organizations are some of the volunteers reaching out to the Lighthouse.

"One local corporation brings their entire staff to Lighthouse at Thanksgiving to help prepare meals for needy families," said Noreen Keating, president, Lighthouse of Oakland County.

"If corporations can do it, more families can, too, by getting involved as part of their child's school community service project. A local man and his child work with the Comerica Bank Trust

office in Birmingham to gather the soft drink can returnables on a monthly basis, turn the cans in for their deposit and submit that money to us to help others."

Sheila Clemons-Steger, manager of development services, Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, said there are numerous ways families can help her organization grant wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses.

"Our new program, called 'Kids for Wish Kids,' is a community service project many schools are tailoring to their needs," she said.

"Basically, students in grades K-12 can participate by working together to raise money to grant a wish for a child in their area. The program teaches students how to focus on individuals other than themselves by demonstrating how they can pool their resources to make a difference in a seriously ill child's life."

"Kids for Wish Kids" is a program that promotes team-building between the students and their families.

"Parents can foster the spirit of giving in their children while encouraging other members of the student body to participate and tackle the awesome responsibility of making another child's wish possible," Clemons-Steger said.

Paint the Town is an organization that selects a community in the city of Detroit and in its surrounding satellite cities to send volunteers to paint homes and perform general repairs. This widespread volunteer effort takes place in mid-August.

"Students in Cub Scouts come out with their parents to lend a hand and receive merit badge credit for their participation," said James Jackson, loan administration, Standard Federal Bank in Troy, a corporate sponsor of Paint the Town.

"The young people who volunteer with their families, many of whom are employees of companies who support the organization, are exposed to community service at an early age."

The Lighthouse of Oakland County, Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan and Paint the Town are just a few of the hundreds of local and national organizations looking for volunteers like you to help make 1997 a giving year.

Lighthouse of Oakland County: (810) 335-6752

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan: (800) 622-WISH

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Lisa Luckow-Healy is a marketing and public relations consultant and the mother of two from West Bloomfield. Her articles frequently appear in Metro Parent magazine and several business trade publications.

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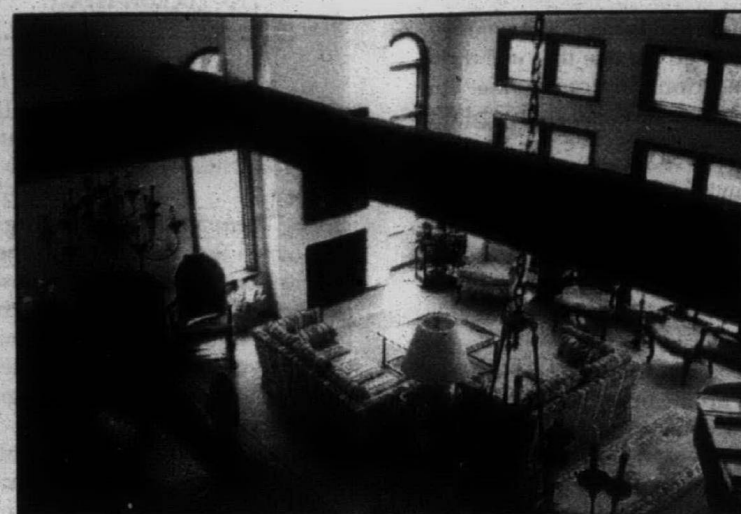
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Open floor plan: (Top and left photos) The living room/dining room of the Rabideau home, shown here in two views, looks out onto the lake. The two-story ceiling creates a spacious feeling.



Two in one: Marge Rabideau's mother, Margaret DeMarke, lives in a separate barrier-free suite with its own view of the lake.

On the cover: Photos show the Rabideau residence on Lake Oakland before (right) and after (far right) Bloomfield Township architect Michael Trautman turned it into a multi-gabled home.



In progress: Walls were torn down and the house raised 16 inches to create a walk-out basement.

Renovation removes barriers in house

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
Special Writer

When Irv and Marge Rabideau decided to convert their one-story home on Lake Oakland into a 3,500-square-foot dream home, they knew the first floor must be readily accessible to Marge's 86-year-old mother, Margaret DeMarke. Margaret had hip replacement surgery in 1984 and presently walks with the aid of a cane. A barrier-free floor plan was a must.

Previously, the Rabideaus owned a spacious 5,600-square-foot house in Detroit's Palmer Woods, so moving from an 18-room residence to 900 square feet in Waterford Township was unacceptable.

"We had that spaciousness we didn't want to lose. Because lake property is difficult to acquire, we decided to tear down and rebuild. We wanted a view of the lake from as many rooms as possible," said Irv Rabideau, formerly a librarian at Madonna University in Livonia.

The first step was to contact Michael Trautman, a Bloomfield Township architect who specializes in bar-

rier-free design. As part of Albert Kahn's staff in the early 1970s, Trautman worked on Children's Hospital in Detroit. Since then he has designed homes for paraplegics in wheelchairs. Trautman took the Rabideaus' asbestos-sided cape cod and turned it into a multi-gabled home that was readily accessible to Margaret.

After their first meeting in March 1994, work began one year later to remove existing architectural barriers and demolish about one-half of the house built in 1950. Only the shell and footings of the existing structure survived after completion. The house was then raised 16 inches to allow for a walk-out basement to the lake.

"One of the criteria was budget considerations. It's less costly to use the existing facility as a starting off point. There's been a savings of 60 to 70 percent of what it would have cost new," Trautman said.

A wall of windows, running the length of the living room, opens onto a 12-by-50-foot deck. The two-story ceiling combined with the windows creates a magnificent view of the lake.

"I like the openness and the trees are beautiful. It

reminds me of where I grew up," Rabideau said.

The barrier-free mother-in-law suite complete with walk-in closet, bathroom and shower is all one level without raised thresholds between rooms. The sleeping area has direct access on the deck.

A gradual incline formed from earth creates a natural ramp for Margaret to enter the home easily.

"What I like about designing barrier-free structures is the impact you can have on someone's life. They improve immediately because they have more control over their environment. They take more initiative to move around," Trautman said.

"The first floor is essentially barrier free. It's what we refer to as a three-generation home."

Since the project was open to modifications while work was in progress, a wrap-around window in one wall was added to the architectural plans. It extends the view from the wall of windows opening onto the deck in the mother-in-law suite.

"The windows turn the corner so you get so much more of a view. The vista you get of the lake is pretty grand," Trautman said.

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Plan ahead in buying house plants

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some of the more bedraggled ones and buy something new and exciting to get us through these winter months. Before you go shopping for a plant, carefully consider the conditions in your



MARTY FIGLEY

home, particularly where you want to put a new plant.

Is the light coming from the north, south, east or west? Is the area on the dark side most of the time? Is there an abundance of bright light? Is your home dry or more humid? Do

you have a garden room or greenhouse? Do you have time to care for a plant with special needs, or would one that needs less care be more suitable?

Many books are available that include information about these needs. The library is a good resource, or your favorite bookseller will be happy to advise you about a good book.

Before you go on a "house plant shopping spree," become acquainted with the plants that may interest you. Take the book when you go shopping,

because some plants may catch your eye and not be at all the one that will thrive in the conditions in your home. Our local nurseries have so many plants from which to choose, we can be easily distracted.

If you are in the market for a flowering plant, be aware of the length of time the bloom is attractive. Also, bloom color is an important factor and can either look perfectly at home, or look like a sad mistake.

When you visit the nursery or florist, don't pick up the first plant that attracts you, but rather browse around the whole store for a while. Take your time and enjoy the experience.

Have a budget in mind before you begin. Large plants are often more expensive than their smaller brothers or sisters and they may have problems adjusting from their store home to yours when they have been acclimated to that store. It's also fun and sometimes a chal-

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Figley
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lenge to buy a smaller plant and watch it grow into a fine specimen with your ministrations.

Examine your chosen plant carefully (top and bottom of leaves, stems, joint where leaf meets the stem) to be sure there is no insect infestation. A sticky secretion will indicate aphids, while white flies cause leaves to turn yellow and drop. Spider mites give the leaves a speckled, mottled appearance and spin webs. Mealy bugs cause a white cottony mass to form on leaves or stems and scale look like spots or blisters.

Look for yellow foliage, there may have been too much light; look near the bottom of the plant for missing foliage. Leaf damage may indicate cold problems, stay away from leaves that have been broken and are discolored.

Look for as many growing points as possible in the variety you choose - you'll get more plant for the money; foliage plants should have leaves to soil level.

Stick your finger in the pot to check if the soil is soft and loose, and examine the bottom of the pot. If one or two roots are growing out, that is a good sign, but if there are a lot of roots covering the bottom of the pot, it could be pot-bound and would need special care and repotting.

Most generally our greenhouses, nurs-

eries and retail stores are very clean and the staffs take care to control these problems. In case you notice a problem when you get the plant home, ask about a guarantee.

Before you leave the store, have the clerk carefully wrap your new plant to protect it from the cold weather. It's also a good idea to warm up the car.

Remember to remove the foil wrapping around the plants and be sure there are drainage holes in the bottom of the pot. An attractive cache pot can hold the plant in its original pot and add its own beauty to the picture. It also catches the runoff when the plant is watered, but water mustn't be left standing in it.

TIMELY GARDEN TIPS

- Order seeds, plants and supplies for the new gardening season.

- Set a paperwhite narcissus bulb just above the water line in pebbles, or use a hyacinth vase.

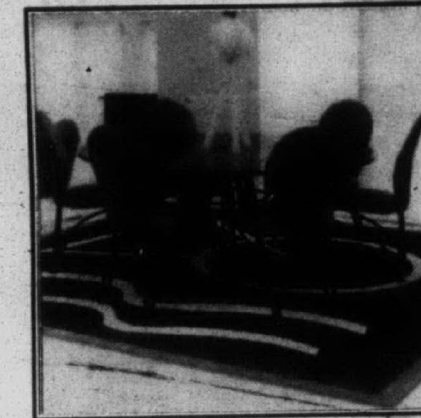
- Don't walk on frozen lawns - it will damage the grass.

- Pour clear water through your house plants to leech out the buildup of fertilizers and salts.

- Replace mulch around strawberry plants and remove old berry canes at the base.

- Tighten guy wires on newly planted trees if they have been heaved by frost.

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■ Price is not always an indication of quality. Judge each product individually and do not use prices as a factor in determining quality.

■ If you have a question about the life of a product or its effectiveness, talk to your remodeler. If he or she cannot help you, seek advice from professional showrooms or from the manufacturer of the product.

■ Don't make uninformed decisions



about a product - find out what it has to offer over the other choices available.

■ Divide the cost of an item by its anticipated longevity to figure the annual cost. An expensive product that will last for 20 years may be a better choice than an inexpensive product that will only last five years. Product life should be a factor in your selection process.

■ Ask about manufacturer guaran-

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■ Talk to your contractor about which product will best suit your needs. Some materials wear better than others in given circumstances. For example, painted surfaces might chip and peel more in a humid environment like the bathroom. Your contractors should be able to guide you toward the best choice for your lifestyle and environment.

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good choice for a particular situation.

Choose wisely. The product chosen will be a factor in the final cost of the job. A professional contractor will be invaluable in helping you look at all of the products available. They have installed products and have been called for repairs on the ones that give people trouble.

Taken from "The Master Plan" - The National Association of the Remodeling Industry.

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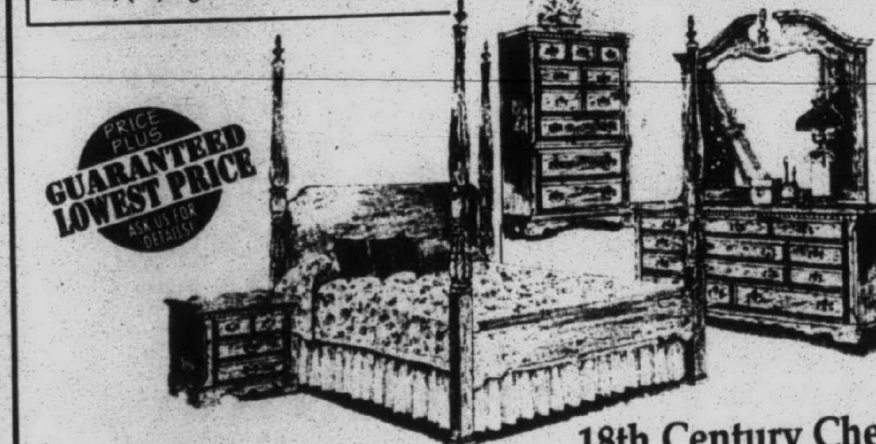
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January: a perfect time for hot tea



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

There really is a National Hot Tea Month, and it's in January - just in time for this cold winter weather. Ignite your creative fluids and do "Tea" at home, a nice alternative to doing-lunch, and easier on the pocketbook after the Holidays!

An Anglophile at heart, I do love my tea. I have my specific favorites, as in all foods and beverages - nothing tastes better to me than a really strong black tea, the kind I lived on whilst living in England - perfectly creamed and in a china cup. With trying to avoid heavy doses of caffeine, I allow myself one cup of real strong black tea daily, then I move down a notch to Celestial Seasonings Vanilla Maple - perfectly sugared, then on to herbals the rest of the day.

The history of tea traces back 5,000 years, dating back to 2,737 BC, when

China's Emperor Shen Nung while watching a kettle of boiling water for his dinner, observed leaves from a plant blow and infuse into the boiling water. The aroma being so tantalizing, he tasted the brew, hailed its properties, and since that time, shares in the legend of its discovery.

By the 9th Century, tea in China was proclaimed as a royal beverage and the Japanese Tea Ceremony was established. With a value of twice its weight in silver, tea reached European shores in the middle of the 16th Century. Proclaimed for its medicinal benefits, France sold it in pharmacies and importers marketed it to English Puritans as a medicinal draught. Tea became the rage in the 18th Century - the beverage of Kings and Queens, the topics of poetry and writings, themes of still life paintings and a statement of rebellion in Boston.

Today, tea is iced, infused, and used as an ingredient or a marinade - along with the drinking of a hot "cuppa." The innovative and quality conscious company - Republic of Tea's slogan is "Sip

by Sip not Gulp by Gulp" - this American Zen-ish phrase is not referring to etiquette of the ancient beverage, but to paraphrase its Minister of Leaves, Bill Rosenzweig, it's a slowing down from the frenetic pace of the '80s, no more gulp by gulp running on (the rush of) caffeine in coffee - but a change to a more moderate and appreciative '90s with life lived sip by sip with tea. The Tea Association of the USA Inc. is hoping Bill Rosenzweig is right - as the bulk of the tea consumed by Americans, is over ice.

Black Teas, green teas, oolong teas, herbal teas and flavored teas make up the market that spans over a thousand types and manufactured by numerous companies. A few tea companies to look for:

Republic of Tea, Celestial Seasonings, * St Michael, Twinings, Benchley, Harney and Sons, Ltd., Crabtree & Evelyn, Jacksons of Piccadilly, R.C. Bigelow Inc., John Wagner & Sons, Fortnum and Mason, Stash Tea, and of course, Lipton (which is now selling flavored teas).

*St Michael - One Cup Extra Strong Tea Bags - Rich, Bright and Malty (these are my most sentimental favorite) can be found at Marks and Spencer, (in Devonshire Mall) in Windsor, Canada - phone:519-966-1940, British shops, or in the U.K.

What began as an English afternoon "pick me up" in between meal times developed into tea-time as a social occasion. In England, it is still acceptable to have tea around 11 a.m. (a typical break for the working-class), and afternoon or high tea late in the day. Early-tea usually consists of a light snack, perhaps a scone with jam and clotted cream accompanied by a traditional cup of tea. Afternoon Tea (4-5 p.m.) incorporates not only a pot of carefully brewed tea but delicate finger sandwiches, a variety of cakes, gateaus and frosted confections.

High Tea which divides day from night (generally around 6 p.m.) can easily replace dinner - Dickensian in style,

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teapots are accompanied by heavier foods such as; rich deep cheeses, smoked meats, egg filled tarts, combination sandwiches and full-bodied cakes.

First and most important, how to brew the perfect pot of tea: A friend of mine who grew up alongside a samovar has only one way to describe proper water for tea, "A mad boil." In the same forceful way she never says rolls or toast must be hot, or very hot. They must be "hot-hot-hot!" This is pronounced as much as possible like a one-syllable sound of intense excitement, about no matter how dull a bun...

The following is from M.F.K. Fisher's "The Art of Eating":

1. In a kettle, bring freshly drawn cold water to a boil - do not wait for a rolling boil as all of the freshness and oxygen will be boiled out.

2. Warm the serving pot with hot water and pour out (the warming of the pot ensures that the kettle water stays at the proper temperature).

3. Add the tea leaves (1 teaspoon per person and 1 for the pot) and pour the kettled water over the leaves allowing them to infuse for 1-7 minutes (one minute for a small-leaved tea which gives off its essence quickly and up to seven minutes for a large leaf brew). The typical infusion time is 3-5 minutes.

4. Always serve tea with an additional pot of water and milk or cream, allowing for personal taste. Milk or cream is generally added to the cup prior to the pouring of the tea.

5. When pouring the tea into cups, hold a tea strainer above the cup to catch the leaves.

Newsworthy Tea Notes:

■ 1 pound of good quality tea yields 200 cups of brewed tea (according to The Tea Association of the USA).

■ 1 cup of tea has approximately 36 milligrams of caffeine - coffee has 100 (depending on the brewing time).

■ Recent studies indicate that green tea may possess medicinal qualities to ward off cancer.

■ TEA A MAGAZINE™ is published 6 times a year - this beautiful bimonthly magazine is all about tea. To order: mail to P.O. Box 348, Scotland, CT 06264 - cover price is \$4.95 per issue or save 20% by ordering a subscription.

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■ Afternoon tea in America is usually a combination of British High Tea and Afternoon Tea. Detroit area hotels (The Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn, and the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham), and independent tea rooms offer this type of "Tea" - some offering the option of

champagne.

■ Stash Tea by mail (good mail order department):1-800-826-4218

■ Crystallized ginger added to tea is a delicious change from sugar or sugar substitute.

■ A brand new book on TEA - Tea In The East by Carole Manchester (Author of French Tea), 1996 published by Hearst Books, an affiliate of William Morrow & Company, Inc. (\$23.00).

The following recipe is from the Lipton Kitchens - this recipe uses tea as an ingredient - it would be delicious on an English muffin, a bagel or a slice of toast to accompany a nice cup of tea.

BERRY TEA JAM

- 1 cup boiling water
- 2 Lipton Flo-Thru Tea Bags
- 2 cups frozen strawberries or raspberries
- 1 cup sugar

In a teapot, pour boiling water over tea bags; cover and brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags.

In medium saucepan, combine tea, strawberries (or raspberries) and sugar; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, 30 minutes or until slightly thickened. Cool slightly before refrigerating; chill until set. Makes about 1 cup jam.

Japanese garden design topic of talk

The University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor, will present the second in a series of lectures and luncheons titled "The Art of Living with Nature" noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, in the Botanical Gardens auditorium.

Guests will enjoy an authentic Japanese Tein-ben landscape garden box lunch especially designed for the Gardens by Fuji Restaurant and adapted to please American palates.

Author and landscape designer Keith Alexander will present a lecture, "Japanese Garden Design in America: A Natural Response." Alexander's slide-illustrated lecture will be a visual treat, blending the beautiful and the unusual. He will explore the theory and history behind Japanese gardens and share his thoughts on the creation of an American garden with Japanese influence within our own environment.

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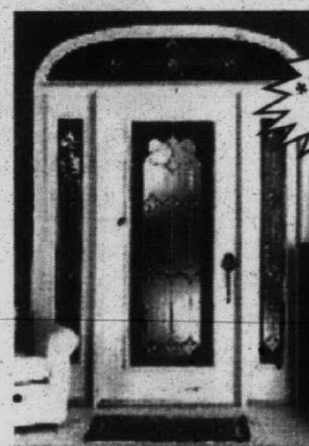


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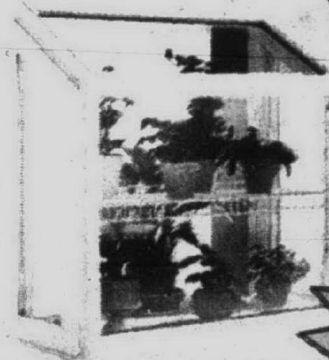
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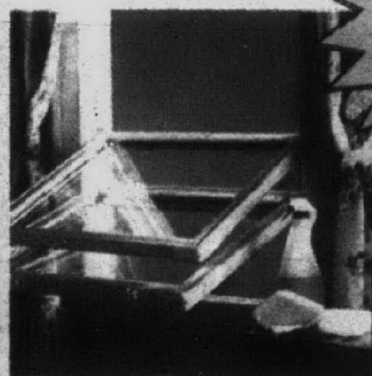
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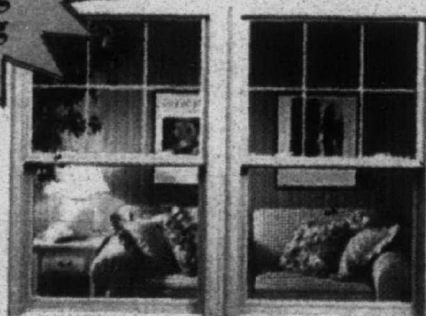
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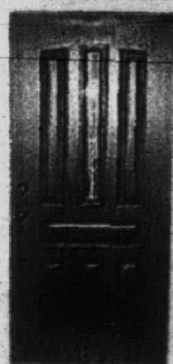
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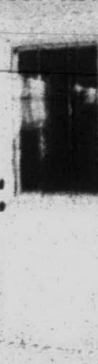
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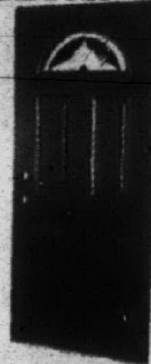
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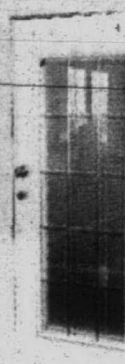
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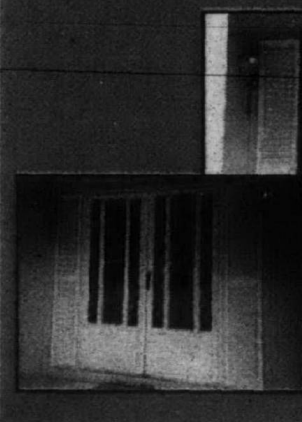
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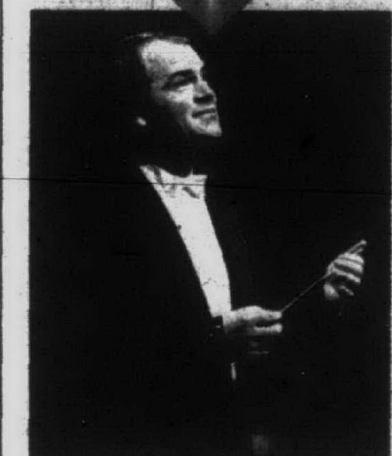
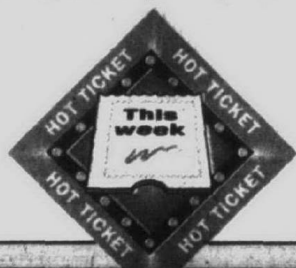


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SUNDAY



Former Detroiters Susan Merson stars in "Family Secrets," a one-woman show at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield, (810) 788-2900.



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FOLK MUSICIANS
FIND SANCTUARY
AT THE

Raven Gallery

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

The legendary Detroit folk music venue The Raven Gallery has had a profound impact on Tom Rice's life.

By going to the club which closed in the late-1970s, he schooled himself on the music that he loved. He and his wife, Rita, attended a concert there on their first date.

"I learned to love folk music by going to the Raven Gallery and seeing guys like Josh White and Ron Coden. People like Joni Mitchell and Gordon Lightfoot, Richie Havens, Jose Feliciano, Steve Martin, who used to be a banjo-pickin' comedian, all started there, although that was before I started going there," Rice said.

In honor of his half-sister Donna, who died from Huntington's disease, Rice held the second in a series of benefits for the disease in 1977. One of those who came out to see Josh White Jr. perform was Kitty Cohen, the wife of the Raven Gallery's owner the late Herb Cohen.

"We sat around and talked a little bit and reminisced about the old club. I told her how my wife and I had our first date there and got married a year later. It was a wonderful place for a first date. It was so intimate and cozy and comfortable. I never thought of it in my life but I said 'Wouldn't that be neat to open a club?'"

Kitty told him that if he ever did he could call it The Raven Gallery.

"It was one of those spontaneous conversations. I don't think she ever thought I would take her seriously. ... I think when she saw a young guy like myself who was really enthusiastic about folk music and acoustic music she thought I'd be the right guy."

Twenty years later Rice took that conversation seriously. After several unsuccessful attempts to buy another building in Northville, Rice opened The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe in an old church at 145 N. Center St. in Northville. The folk/acoustic

venue is nestled in a 12,000-square-foot building with Rice's Gitfiddler music store and the Northville Academy of Music and Arts.

"Here's this beautiful sanctuary with incredible history, beautiful acoustics and great ambiance. The stage was already built, the sound booth was already built. We came in and put it all together with a sound system and lights. We've been running shows and people are coming," Rice said.

The Raven Gallery opened unofficially on July 27 with Ramblin' Jack Elliott. The official opening read like a who's who of folk music: Ron Coden, Charlie Latimer, Dean Rutledge, Josh White Jr., Phil Marcus Esser and Barbara Bredius entertained the crowd.

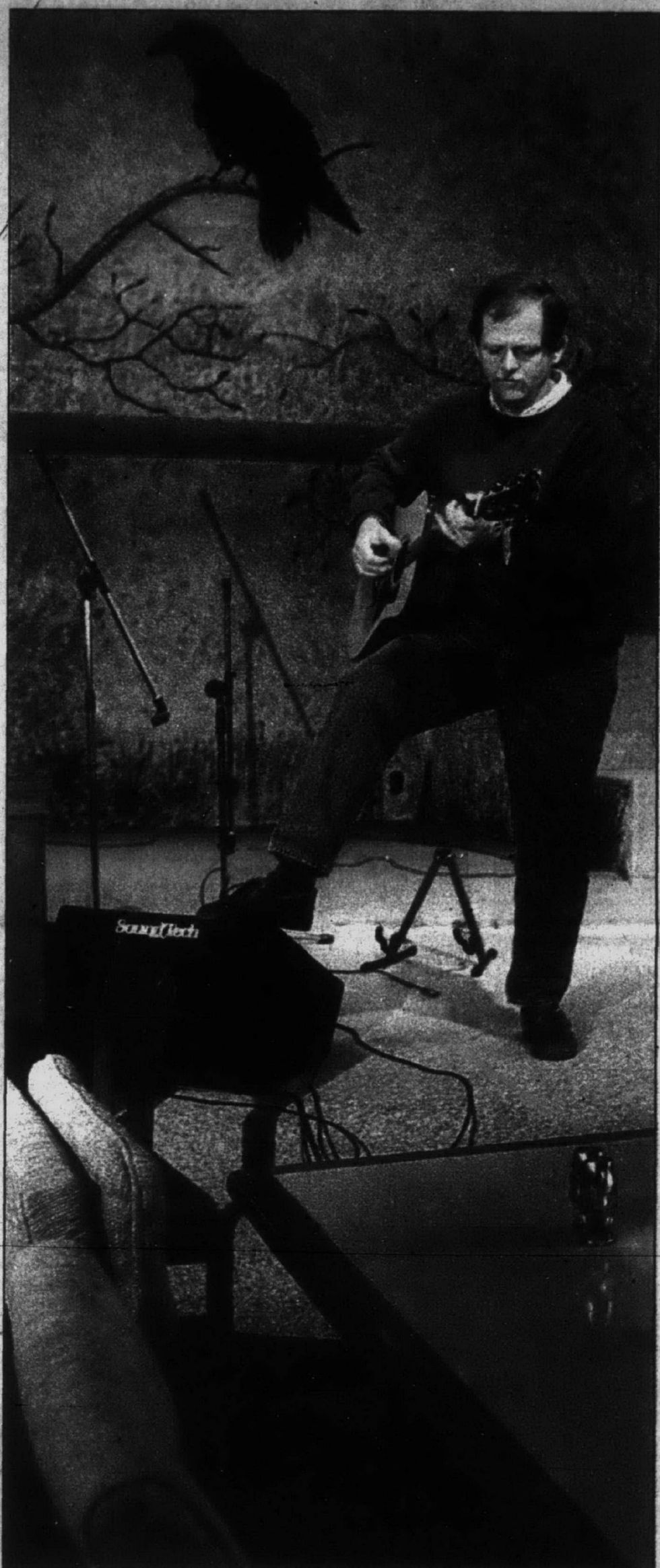
The Raven Gallery offers local and national acts Thursdays through Saturdays with an open mic night on Wednesdays — all in a smoke-free atmosphere. Upcoming acts include folk artists Jan Krist and Tim Diaz on Friday, Jan. 3, David Folks on Saturday, Jan. 4, and jazz/pop musician Brad Hodge on Thursday, Jan. 9. Ticket prices range from \$8-\$12 for most shows. For more information, call (810) 349-9421.

"This is something I want to say very clearly. We will never allow smoking, even when we get a liquor license. It's not that I'm discriminating against smokers as people, I just want this to be a very clean, smokeless environment. It's very apropos for listening to music, staying in a room for a long time and being comfortable, and being able to breathe. It's also for the artist to be able to breathe and see their people."

To test market the idea of a new Raven Gallery, Rice held concerts at the Northville Recreation Center and a church in Salem. With The Ark opening a new building, and the 7th House in Pontiac occasionally offering folk acts, Rice isn't too concerned about the competition.

"I believe that you don't want to have 100 of them. But

See RAVEN, E2



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRENNER

Strumming along: Raven Gallery owner Tom Rice doesn't play professionally any more but still picks up stringed instruments when he has the chance.

ART EXHIBITION

Popular printmaking exhibit gives peek at peasant life in France

Images d' Epinal

What: An exhibition of late 18th to early 20th century popular printmaking from the town of Epinal, France. Organized by the Musee de Quebec in conjunction with the Musee departemental d'Art Ancien et Contemporain in Epinal, the exhibit features more than 170 woodblocks and lithographs disseminated as children's games, paper soldiers, illustrated stories, posters of political and religious figures, and fairy tales to the lower and middle classes, primarily in France. Admission is free.

When: Through Jan. 5. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, until 9 p.m. Thursday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Ever wonder what printed material existed for children and adults during the late 1700s, 1800s and early 1900s in France? The University of Michigan Museum of Art in Ann Arbor presents a rare look at life in this era with an exhibition of popular printmaking which continues through Jan. 5.

Images d'Epinal documents the printmaking industry during the late 18th to early 20th century in the village of Epinal, France. The exhibition features 170 woodblocks and lithographs illustrating the popular imagery that was disseminated as children's games, decorative wallpaper and clock faces, posters of historical figures and events, devotional pictures, paper soldiers, and fairy tales such as Little Red Riding Hood. It is considered "low" art because it was used primarily by lower class, but also middle class, French who had no access to original art.

Visiting the exhibit raises such issues not only of the targeted audience's social class, but

the values underlying the messages in the imagery, and the relationship of "high" and "low" art.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see such a rich selection of images that evoke a lost era that actually has many connections to us today. The same fairy tales we read as children, they did. It's a great exhibit for families, from the littlest child who can't read but would love the images to parents who can rediscover many of the fairy tales they've forgot," said Annette Dixon, University of Michigan Museum of Art curator of Western art.

"Some of these are after engravings or paintings. Popular printmaking made access to art wider for the common person."

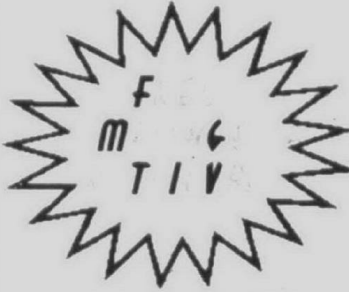
Epinal prints have been studied extensively in France during the last decade but never shown in North America. Rediscovery of this art form allows exhibition visitors a look at a culture whose time has passed.

See PRINTMAKING, E2



French Imagery: Images d'Epinal allows visitors to revisit the lives of lower and middle classes from the late 18th to early 20th century via the popular prints of France. The exhibition continues through Jan. 5 at the University of Michigan Museum of Art.

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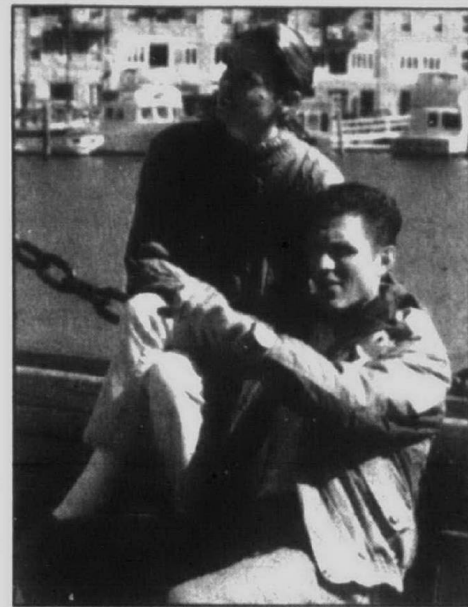
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make your Day Entrepreneur, 50, successful, giving, living, seeks her knight in shining armor, a tender, successful WM 43-70. Please reply 7819 (exp1/23).

SIMPLICITY WITH CLASS

Intelligent, attractive DWF, short blonde/blue, younger looking, early 50s. Seeking rewarding friendship with S.D.M. 50+ who enjoys fine dining, theater, scenic drives. 7818 (exp1/23).

FRIENDS FIRST

SWF 42-51, red/blue, enjoys music, long walks, camping, fishing. Seeking SWM 35-45, N/S with similar interests, good sense of humor. 7817 (exp1/23).

HOLIDAY HAPPINESS

awaits you when you meet me. DWF 5'8", 130lbs, N/S, wishes to meet a gentleman who knows how to treat a lady. You must enjoy dancing, music, sports, quality time. 7931 (exp1/23).

ROCHESTER/UTICA AREA

SWF mid-40s, petite 5'2", great personality, big smile, enjoys everything outdoors, theater, dining, roller skating. Seeking very active, kind gentleman with great personality, family-oriented, 50+, 50-60 (not younger), N/S, N/D, financially emotionally secure. 7928 (exp1/23).

BLUE-EYED LADY

Healthy, honest, loyal SWF, 60, 5'3", 130lbs, enjoys most sports, outdoors, dining, meeting with similar interests. 7922 (exp1/23).

CUTE ITALIAN

Sincere, warm DWF, 61, 5'2", enjoys movies, walks, reading, and conversation. Seeking good-looking, honest SWM, N/S, 57-72. 7921 (exp1/23).

MEET FOR COFFEE

Attractive, professional, affectionate, outgoing, independent, people-oriented SWF, 40-something, loves to laugh, enjoys movies, the outdoors, dining, meeting with friends. Seeking intelligent, professional, humorous SM. 7920 (exp1/23).

SHAPELY SMART SENSATIONAL

Slender, sweet blonde beauty, 48, with varied interests including world travel, country club golf, dancing, and all the finer things in life. Seeking handsome, successful, financially secure, gentleman, 50s, with similar interests. 7917 (exp1/23).

SEEKING SINCERE GENTLEMAN

Romantic, attractive SWF, 48, 5'7", 120lbs, brown/brown, selectively seeking professional, sincere gentleman for friendship, laughter, and adventure. Leading to more health-conscious and N/S interests, travel, theater, jazz and nature. 7747 (exp1/16).

LONELY TOO LONG

One last chance to get this lady. DWF, 24, long brown/blue, seeks S.D.W.M. 27-32, employed, honest, sincere, going, going, gone! 7668 (exp1/16).

BROWN-EYED GIRL

Attractive, intelligent SWF, 31, enjoys dancing, romance, movies, hockey, swimming, and all the finer things in life. Seeking handsome, successful, financially secure, gentleman, 50s, with similar interests. 7737 (exp1/16).

HONEST ROMANTIC

Attractive DWF, 49, 5'6", 135lbs, blonde/green, seeks financially secure S.D.W.M. 45-55, N/S, social drinker, 5'10", HW, proportionate, who enjoys dancing, music, romantic evenings, etc. for LTR. 7723 (exp1/16).

HOI HOI HOI

Let's un-wrap something special together. Tall, slim, single, slender, very attractive lady, all the good stuff. Seeking tall, emotionally/financially secure gentleman, N/S, social drinker, with good attitude. No games! 7524 (exp1/19).

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL

SWF, 22, 5'2", brown/black, seeks SWM, 25-40, who enjoys conversation, honesty and fidelity, well-educated. For friendship, fun and possible LTR. 7718 (exp1/16).

SMART-SASSY

Tall, slim DWF, 36, with feline dependent, wishes to meet S.D.W.M. interests: animals, professional sports, music, cars, dining, walking, and dancing, playing cards, and a good book. 7717 (exp1/16).

ATTRACTIVE

Female, 20, 5'6", 110lbs, enjoys sports, movies, and traveling. Seeking good-looking SWM, 19-29, for friendship, companionship, possible relationship. 7722 (exp1/16).

DOWN-TO-EARTH

Humorous, conservative SBPF, 40s, average height, slender, no dependents, enjoys conversation, travel, music, theater, dining, walking, and sports. Seeking compatible SM, 40-55, must be employed. 7715 (exp1/16).

SHE'S THE ONE

Sweet, sensuous, smart and gorgeous too, 5'7", 130lbs, MA, degreed, early 40s, childless, well-read, into music, touring, antiquing, dancing and laughing. Seeking good-looking, well-educated, articulate, outgoing guy, N/S. 7577 (exp1/19).

TATTOOED LADY

Attractive DWF, 27, this kid just can't seem to get a break in the nice guy department. Are there any of you out there? 7514 (exp1/19).

SEE A SHOOTING STAR

This 26-year-old DWF is looking for her shooting star. I am understanding, loving and fun and am seeking the same in you. Come on, take a chance... smile. 7569 (exp1/19).

PETITE-PACKAGE COMPLETE

SWF, 35, 5'1", brunette, sincere, outgoing. Enjoys summer outdoor activities, spending quality time with the right person. Are you out there? Attractive, blue-eyed SWM at least 5'8", sincere, down-to-earth and financially secure. 7566 (exp1/19).

KIND-HEARTED

DWF, 40, autumn/green, 5'4", 120lbs, N/S, no dependents, attractive, caring, enjoys movies, old cars, nature, art, animals. Seeking N/S, N/D, single, fit WPM, 36-43. 7585 (exp1/19).

NEW YEAR'S WISH

SWF, 33, wants to start 1997 with special guy. New Year's resolution is finding someone to share lasting memories of friendship, family, home. Look no further. Seeking SM, never married, 33-39. 7820 (exp1/23).

STATUESQUE, SCINTILLATING

Tall, striking, 53, I am wise, happy, and independent. Looking for N/S SM, 6+, dark/dark, wants laughter, needs experiences, to give, and receive affection. 7942 (exp1/23).

ONE IN A MILLION!

Warm, funny, intelligent, attractive, petite, 38, college-educated, brunette, homeowner, no dependents, interested in meeting similar, for friendship, possible relationship. 7937 (exp1/23).

EUROPEAN WIDOW

Attractive, bright female, 46, blonde/blue, seeks Tom Cruise/Tom & Jerry type, for dancing and great, wild fun! 7793 (exp1/23).

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SOULMATE WANTED

Petite, pretty, 5'5", 115lbs, slim-trim, 48 year-old blonde, brown eyes, degreed, enjoys tennis, golf, working out, theater and romantic candlelight dinners. seeks soulmate in a successful Caucasian professional, 45-58, with similar interests. 7564 (exp1/19).

LET'S TALK

SWF, 30, 5'8", blonde/blue, Catholic, physically fit, enjoys working out, boating, skiing, fishing, cooking. Seeking SWM, 28-6+, athletic, financially secure, N/S, SWM, 40-55, for companionship, etc. I'm a singer, work some nights. 7436 (exp1/16).

BEAUTIFUL EYES

SWF, 29, full-figured, loves boating, camping and quiet evenings. Seeking SWPM, 28+, 6+, who's affectionate, spontaneous and has sense of humor. 7441 (exp1/16).

WAITING FOR YOU

DWF, late 40s, non-smoker, degreed, has been waiting for you all her life. If you're interested in theatre, movies, antiquing, sharing quality time, I would love to hear from you. 7439 (exp1/16).

NEW TO ME

DWF, tall, 50ish, attractive, loves laughter and meaningful conversations, seeks 6' emotionally/financially secure N/S, SWM, 40-55, for companionship, etc. I'm a singer, work some nights. 7436 (exp1/16).

FUN-LOVING REDHEAD

Seeking SWPM, 28-38, 5'9", prefer blonds, should be athletic, quick-witted, intelligent. In exchange, this humorous SWF, 5'8", blonde, girl, promises great conversation and lots of fun. 7432 (exp1/16).

YOUNGER MAN WANTED

Never dated a man my age, don't want to start now. Very sexy, young-looking WF, 50ish, 5', 130lbs, blonde/green, ready to rock n' roll with attractive WM, 40ish, with thick hair. 7365 (exp1/16).

TIRED OF MR. CLOSE ENOUGH

Tall, attractive SWF, 36, 5'10", HW, proportionate, varied interests, unmarried, yet to find right one, enjoys racquetball, volleyball, rollerblading, movies, music, plays, backrubs. Seeking tall SWM, 32-45, similar interests, sense of humor. 7364 (exp1/16).

CLASSY LADY: VELVET OR JEANS

Attractive SWF, 51, N/S, 5'7", trim, brunette/green, varied interests, enjoys outdoors, dancing, travel, theater. Seeking tall, easygoing gentleman, loyal, sincere, emotionally/financially secure, for mutual spoiling. 7365 (exp1/16).

JUST RELOCATED

Attractive SWF, 45, much younger-looking, 5'5", 155lbs, very well-proportioned, considerate, caring, cute and easy to talk to, seeks happy guy N/S, prefer big, strong guy. 7360 (exp1/16).

ATTRACTIVE, OUTGOING SWF

49, 5'4", redhead, proportionate, financially secure, professional, seeks same in SM, enjoys outdoors, dancing, dining, movies, quiet evenings. 7355 (exp1/16).

LOOKING FOR...

SBM, 38-45, 6'3", fun, humorous, loves people, seeks understanding, considerate, kind, caring, sharing, professional, sincere gentleman for friendship. Must love children. Serious replies only. 7426 (exp1/16).

ANIMATE ME

SWF, 37, 165lbs, burn/blue, glasses, smoker, seeks SWM counterpart, under 40, who can relate to "Rush" lyrics and Ayn Rand, laughs a lot and learns by his mistakes. 7427 (exp1/16).

ATTN: CLASSY GENT

A classy lady awaits your reply. She's slender, tall, pretty, affectionate, intelligent and a young-looking 50, smoker. Call if you're intelligent, tall, over 50, romantic. 7426 (exp1/16).

ALL WORK? TIME TO PLAY!

SWF, 22, professionally employed and working too many hours, seeks SM, 21-30, to take me out after work and help me relax. 7421 (exp1/16).

VEGETARIAN WITH BRAINS

preferred. Vivacious, intelligent, white female activist, youthful 47, 5', slender, single, loves moonlight, breezes, laughter, conversation, blues, art, lectures. Seeks playful, gentle, spiritual, non-prejudiced, N/S, politically left, quintessential S.D.W.M., 34-59. 7420 (exp1/16).

SEEKING SOULMATE

Classy, slim, petite, redhead, late 40s, brown eyes, loves bowling, dancing, boating, live theatre, seeks male 45-60, under 6', ready to be a kid again. 7419 (exp1/16).

JEWISH KENTUCKY BELL

Roses are reddish, violets are bluish, seeking a gentleman who is Jewish, non-competitive, and sweet/warm. Trim SWF, 54, 5'7", blonde/blue, lets meet for bagels and lox, destiny awaits us! 7407 (exp1/16).

WHY BE ALONE?

Good-looking, thoughtful/caring, affectionate, honest WM, 50, 5'7", 180lbs, enjoys dining out, movies, travel, warm vacations, holding hands, long walks. Seeking petite/medium-sized, warm, caring woman, 35-50, for LTR/monogamous relationship. 8401 (exp2/8).

SOBER INTRODUCTION

I won't find you at the bar, I might take you to one, DWM, 36, tall, attractive? (I hope you think so) seeks slender, attractive female, 28-42, coffee first? Call 8402 (exp2/8).

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LOOKING FOR A KEEPER?

Attractive, intelligent, loyal, full-figured SWF, 38, long brown/blue, nursing back injury, seeks gentle-man to share time with children welcome, wives aren't. Let's not be lonely. 7406 (exp1/16).

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

Attractive SWF, 23, 4'11", 160lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, quiet evenings, skating, long walks, hockey and football. Seeking SWM, 25-35, who is looking for a LTR. 7429 (exp1/16).

SET THE NIGHT TO MUSIC

Classy, tall, attractive, affectionate SWF, young 51. Seeking attractive SWM, 50+, with loving, passionate nature, to share life, love, and travel in committed relationship. No games! 6912 (exp12/19).

OLDER WOMAN WANTED!

Handsome, romantic, athletic, confident, passionate, clean-cut SWM, 24, 6', dark hair. Seeking attractive, slender, caring, active, sexy WF, 25-45, for heavenly friendship/relationship, that will keep you smiling. 8094 (exp1/30).

TRY THIS QUALITY GUY

One of a kind, sincere, romantic DWM, 50, 5'10", seeks honest woman, with sense of humor, for dining, dancing, plays, traveling. Seeking special friend to share winter activities/great times with. 8398 (exp2/6).

HELLO LADIES

SM, 5'11", blond/green, from NYC, varied interests, seeks SF for relationship. Will answer all! You won't be sorry. 8387 (exp2/6).

MISSING SOMEONE SPECIAL?

Handsome, romantic, athletic, big-hearted SWM, 23, 5'11", clean-cut, dark-haired, seeks slender, active WF, beautiful inside/outside and is missing someone special in her life. Age unimportant. 8090 (exp1/30).

DO YOU FEEL ALONE?

Hey, if you can hold a conversation, have an opinion, have a personality, don't smoke, are open-minded, and consider yourself pretty, then you should call me. 8087 (exp1/30).

DANCER

C&W and ballroom dancer, 5'8", 180lbs, very active, into sports, enjoys other things too, but dancing is my main hobby and good exercise too! Also taking cha-cha lessons. 8426 (exp1/30).

ONE OF A KIND

DWM, 43, 5'11", enjoys dancing, dining, movies, country rides, up-North get-aways, hugging, kissing. Seeking good woman to nurture and spoil. N/S preferred. 8244 (exp1/30).

SUN & FUN

SWM, professional, business owner, seeks traveling partner, SWF, 20-30, interested in: sports and first class travel, friendship and LTR possible. Sense of humor critical. 8086 (exp1/30).

VERY INTERESTING

Handsome, retired, 60ish, 6' widower SWM, enjoys golf, travel, dining, dancing, sports, (in & out), seeks romantic gal to share similar interests. 8086 (exp1/30).

TAKE CARE OF ME!

ART BEAT

Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban arts world. Send news leads to: Mary Klemic, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, or fax (810) 644-1314.

ARTISTS MEET

The Farmington Artists Club will meet 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, at the Farmington Community Library on 12 Mile. The public may attend. Admission is free. Speaker will be Howard Weingarden, who will give a slide presentation of his work. Weingarden was named Artist in Residence for 1996 by the Farmington Area Arts Commission.

Immediate membership openings are available. If you wish to become a member, call Helena Lewicki at (810) 478-9243.

PRINCIPAL PRINTS

"Extending Boundaries: Contemporary Relief Prints," with works by Madeline Barkey, Katherine Brackett Luchs and Nancy Patek, will be at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association Jan. 6-27. Print Day at the BBAA, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12, will feature the exhibit opening, a lecture, and demonstrations of printing techniques. The BBAA is at 1516 S. Cranbrook Road in Birmingham. Call (810) 644-0866.

SCHOOL COMMISSION

Nationally recognized wildlife painter Lynn Duffy of Birmingham has been commis-

sioned by Brother Rice High School, 7101 Lahser in Bloomfield Hills, to paint a trompe l'oeil of a medieval tapestry commemorating the beatification of Edmund Ignatius Rice. The work will measure six by eight feet and be delivered to the school around Jan. 20. It will be the centerpiece of a liturgical space for a Mass of celebration, with Cardinal Adam Maida presiding, 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, in the school gym. The public may attend the Mass and the reception that follows, hosted by the Mothers' Club. Maida will bless the work before it is permanently displayed in the school chapel.

GEARING UP

Students, faculty and alumni from Wayne State University's College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts have collaborated on a large scale, three-dimensional work in progress for the Mercedes-Benz exhibit at the North American International Auto Show in Cobo Hall. A preview will take place 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, at the exhibit. The work is the actual display stand of new car models. The artists' theme is "Hand-in-Hand," and the piece features hands as a universal symbol of welcome and communication between all people.

APPLY YOURSELF

Artist applications are available for a variety of 1997 events around Michigan.

The Paint Creek Center for the Arts seeks applications from

artists interested in exhibiting fine arts or fine crafts at the juried Art & Apples Festival Sept. 6-7 in Rochester Municipal Park.

Currently rated the 11th best fine art fair in the nation by Sunshine Artist magazine, Art & Apples features 300 exhibitors and on-site artists' awards. Estimated festival attendance is 125,000.

Booth fee is \$300. Slides must be received by March 10. Entry fee is \$20. For an application form, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Art & Apples Festival, Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine, Rochester 48307. Call (810) 651-7418 or (810) 651-4110 for information.

The deadline to submit applications for the jury for the Greektown Art Fair is Feb. 21. The jury will select 150 exhibitors to show their art works during the May 16-18 fair on the streets of Greektown in Detroit. Call the Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans at (313) 662-3382 for an application and more information. The fair is sponsored by the Greektown Merchants Association in cooperation with the guild, organizer of the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair.

The Krasl Art Center presents the seventh biennial All Michigan-All Media Art Competition, taking place April 24 to June 15 at the center in St. Joseph, Mich. Participation is open to all artists age 18 and

older living and working in Michigan. Entries will be juried from 35mm slides. Entries postmarked after March 7 cannot be accepted. For more information, write the Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph 49085-1398, or call the center at (616) 983-0271.

FEATURED

Royal Oak artist Gail Eisner and her bas relief oil paintings were featured in an article in the December 1996 The Artist's Magazine.

CULTURAL KUDOS

West Bloomfield artist Jose Romero is receiving a variety of artistic applause in the Philippines where he is presenting an exhibit, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," in the Ayala Museum in Makati to Jan. 5.

Not only has Romero been given positive reviews, he was requested to give a lecture to college and high school students from Manila and provinces Dec. 21. The artist also was nominated for one of the Outstanding Man in Achievement in Art awards in Quezon Province. The honor is equivalent to a Governors Award of Concerned Citizens for the Arts in Michigan.

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing" is Romero's second display in his native land; the first was at the Cultural Center of the Philippines in 1994. He has also exhibited in Paris and Beijing. Romero was featured in a book, "Filipino Achievers in America and Canada: Profiles in Excellence" by Isabela Crisostomo.

WATERCOLOR CLASSES

Nationally recognized watercolor artist Donna Vogelheim of Farmington will teach two 10-week watercolor classes, 9 a.m. to noon and 12:30-3:30 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 9 through March 13, at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road in Birmingham. The morning class is more experimental, while the afternoon class will stress the basics of composition, value, color and technique. Each class will start with a lecture, demonstration or video, followed by individual instruction. Call the BBAA at (810) 644-0866 for information.

Vogelheim also instructs at the Longacre House in Farmington and for the Independent Artists Group of Livonia, and conducts workshops across the country. She has been chosen to give a

workshop in Quebec in September, and will teach aboard the Crown Majesty sailing to Bermuda in May.

"My passion is painting and teaching," Vogelheim said. "I am so fortunate that I am permitted to do both and in such interesting places."

TOUR GUIDES WANTED

Cranbrook is accepting applications for volunteer tour guides for public tour programs on the world-renowned campus in Bloomfield Hills. Training begins Sunday, Jan. 19, and continues for about 14 weeks.

To become a Cranbrook docent, you must be a member of Cranbrook Art Museum or Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary, and successfully complete all training. Docents should expect to volunteer about one morning or afternoon each week, including some weekends, throughout the year.

For an application or more information, call David D.J. Rau, curator of education, at (810) 645-3314.

CREATIVE COMMUNICATION

The purpose of the Artist's Talking News is to help artists communicate. The pamphlet, for beginners and advanced artists, sets out to help artists learn more about others. It profiles graphic designers, illustrators, musicians, painters, film makers, animators, cartoonists and others. It describes artists' experiences and challenges, and can help artists explore a new media, try a new style or enhance current work. If you would like to help put the Artist's Talking News together, or for more information, call (810) 626-8493.

LUDA ART SCHOOL

Russian-American artist Luda Tcherniak offers personalized instruction in all aspects of art at her private gallery/studio in downtown Rochester. For schedules and enrollment fees, call the Luda Art Gallery at (810) 652-7052.

Among the course topics are art history, composition, realism, cubism, impressionism, human form, perspective, basic techniques and media including pastels, watercolors, acrylics, tempera, ink, oils and collage.

STAY TUNED

The word from Bob Sheridan, owner of The Art Gallery in Garden City, is talks have begun with the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit to hold extension classes in a building near the gallery on Ford Road in

Sheridan Square. A paint shop which was a part of the old North Bros. Ford complex will offer the industrial atmosphere necessary for creating sculpture.

If all goes as planned, students will be able to sign up for sculpture classes some time in 1997.

ART CLASSES

John Murphy of Redford will teach advanced ceramics and raku during the winter semester at Schoolcraft College. Murphy's classes are among a wide offering of arts and crafts in the Livonia college's adult education program.

Winter is the perfect time to learn or brush up on art skills. Oriental brush painting, cartooning and calligraphy will be available in courses running from eight to 12 weeks. Also of interest, is a portraiture class with Lin Baum. It has been extremely popular in the past. Livonia artist Sherry Eid will teach the fine point of colored pencil. Eid is best known for her time consuming portraits of Indians.

In addition to the fine arts, classes are also being offered with Westland artist Sandra Weed in fabric collage and bargello strip piecing. Bargello strip piecing uses strips of fabric to produce beautiful geometric images suitable for wall hangings or quilt tops. It is done on a straight stitch sewing machine. Fabric collage uses multiples techniques such as applique, strip piecing and crazy quilting to create landscapes or abstract paintings. Both hand and machine quilting is involved.

For more information on Schoolcraft's continuing education classes call (313) 462-4448.

WATERCOLOR TOUR

The Fine Art Associates of the University of Michigan-Dearborn will offer a "Watercolor Tour" Saturday, Jan. 20. Participants will view three exhibitions including the 50th anniversary of The Michigan Watercolor Society at the Detroit Institute of Arts. The tour is open to the public. Cost is \$20 for UM-Dearborn Fine Art Associate members, \$30 for non-members.

A luncheon at the Scarab Club and tour of the Founders of the Watercolor Society exhibition at the club follows the tour at the DIA. The tour concludes with the viewing of an exhibition at the Center Galleries and an informal talk by gallery director Dennis Nawrocki.

For more information call (313) 593-5058.

Art class offerings include watercolor, drawing

Award-winning artist Karen Halpern will conduct art classes and workshops at The Community House in Birmingham starting in January.

A supply list will be assigned with the workshops. The Community House is at 380 S. Bates. Call (810) 644-5832 for information.

Artists' Painting Workshop - 9-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays beginning Jan. 7; 10 sessions for \$75. Beginners and experienced artists will find personal growth and expression working with acrylic or oil paints on individualized subject matter with personalized instruction. Materials, techniques, color mixing, composition, shading and perspective will be discussed. Bring a sketch-

pad (12 by 18 inches minimum), pencil, eraser and painting supplies to the first class.

Drawing - 9-11:30 a.m. Thursdays beginning Jan. 9; 10 sessions for \$75. Master simple basic methods of putting line and tone on paper to depict objects, subjects and compositions. Both beginners and experienced students will advance and sketch with more sophistication or grow confidently into painting. Bring a sketchpad (18 by 24 inches minimum), broad black marker, pencil and eraser to the first class.

Artists' Color Watercolor Workshop - 12:30-3 p.m. Thursdays beginning Jan. 9; 10

sessions for \$75. Explore color, dabble with design and learn basic methods of using watercolor or paints in a sensitive and creative way. Work abstractly and/or realistically in this class, which is individualized to meet each student's needs.

Creative Watercolor Workshop: An Experimental Approach - 9 a.m. to noon Mondays beginning Jan. 6; 10 sessions for \$80. Enjoy experimenting with varied watercolor media as well as transparent tube colors, try new papers, combine simple printmaking methods with painted images. Both beginners and experienced artists will find the class an enriching exploration.

Raven from page E1

there's a huge market out there that wants to be entertained. There's been a select amount of people who have been fans of folk music (and) I believe that's because there hasn't been enough available for people to see," Rice said.

Besides music, The Raven Gallery serves up food and will begin its new food service in early January. Susan Webber, a Northville resident who has owned a catering company for 15 years, and Rice's nephew Matthew Cyrulnik of Rochester, who recently earned a degree in hospitality management from Michigan State University, are responsible for the new menu.

"We've completely scrapped the menu that was there. We're going to go with gourmet sandwiches like really signature sandwiches with really good sourdough bread. We're going to have all different kinds of dips and veggies and really creative hors d'oeuvres," Rice said.

Pizzas with "a very unique crust," a dozen different desserts, milk shakes made with ice cream from Rice's in-laws' company Guernsey Farms Dairy, a full complement of espressos and

cappuccinos, coffee, and a juice bar will round out the "simple, fun menu."

"It's all very affordable. You'll be able to come in here, get a sandwich, a bowl of soup, and a dessert for between \$7-\$8," Rice said.

Also new for 1997 is an art gallery. The Northville Academy of Music and Arts instructs in the playing of popular musical instruments including acoustic strings (the Academy's specialty), woodwinds, brass, strings, percussion instruments and the piano. It evolved out of the Gitfiddler store, which Rice opened in 1973.

"We've always been into lessons it's all been one entity called the Gitfiddler. The lessons have gone from good to fabulous so the decision to split it was to identify the fact that we aren't just a retail music store (but) that we are literally an academy with some teachers with master's degrees," Rice explained.

In renovating the old church, Rice built 17 sound-proof studios with the possibility of three more. His staff of 40 instructors teaches about 700 students a week.

So far, Rice said, fans of the old Raven Gallery approve of the new one.

"As much as they love the old Raven, most people who have come in say this is a nicer room because of its high ceilings, the cathedral, and the stained glass. It's very warm. I put a lot of love in this thing. It's not just a business. It's kind of a ministry with me in the sense that people come here to relax and to get the message to the songs," Rice said.

"Folk songs have lyrics and they are usually written trying to project an idea; trying to project a change. It's not just about tears in your beers like all these country songs, which are fine, too. Those are good in their own place. Folk songs are generally saying 'Let's be aware of the world, let's be aware of each other, let's be aware of sensitivities, let's be aware of feelings, and let's be aware of the nature that we live in.' That's what folk music is a lot of the time. That's what Kitty felt. That's what I feel. That's what Herb felt. I think because of that we're in union."

Printmaking from page E1

Curated by the Musee de Quebec from the 35,000 piece collection of the Musee departmental d'Art Ancien et Contemporain in Epinal, the exhibit includes some of the earliest imagery printed from inked woodblock. Stencils were used to add colors, basically red, blue, yellow and brown.

"Printmaking centers tend to be located near forests because of the wood necessary to the industry. With a free self-guided tour (written by Dixon), visitors can trace printmaking beginning with decorative wallpaper and paper faces for clocks. Rich people would have enameled faces on their clocks. Poorer people would buy paper faces and paste them on the clocks," said Dixon.

"In 1840 the boogie man was a

popular educational tool. The idea was to scare children into being good. Literacy had really increased by the end of the 18th century so these were aimed at the peasants mostly. Twelve images of saints were meant to protect households and barns. They would just tack them to the wall. They were really used. That's why few of them survive."

In the mid 19th century, lithography came in resulting in popular imagery created from a stone. Illustration became easier because the technique used is similar to sketching. Lithography made more detail possible and led to the development of multiple images, the precursor of modern day comic strips. By the 19th century, Epinal craftsmen were printing

popular imagery for the world, not only France but the colonies and Canada.

"In the late 19th century, missionaries used the religious images to teach Catholicism to Native Americans," Dixon said.

Sponsored by Aristoplay, Ltd in Ann Arbor, a publisher of educational games, the exhibit uses a playful as well as educational approach. It includes a games area where children are able to play while learning about the art of popular printmaking in Epinal, France.

"The exhibit itself is beautifully realized," said Dixon. "It has a larger-than-life feeling to it with giant wooden soldiers and a life-size game board for children to play the Game of the Goose."

Arts competition deadline nears

Jan. 15 is the deadline to enter the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association's 16th annual Michigan Fine Arts Competition. This competition was one of the original Michigan based fine arts competitions, which was formerly coordinated by the Detroit Institute of Arts. Artists should submit 35mm color slides of their work for consideration. The contest is open to all artists 18 years and older, living and working in Michigan. Works in all media created after Jan. 1, 1996 will be accepted providing those works

have not previously been shown in Michigan Fine Arts Competition.

Entry forms and information are available from the BBAA, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. Call (810) 644-0866. This year the BBAA is awarding six prizes totaling \$9,000 to the juror's chosen prize winners.

First time and returning visitors to Italy will marvel at the wonders of the Tuscan art scene and country side during a Birmingham Bloomfield Art

Association sponsored trip to Italy May 18-29. The trip, \$3,500 per person, includes round trip airfare on British Air from Detroit, 10 nights accommodations, with breakfast daily, two lunches, seven dinners, a farewell cocktail reception, all lectures, admissions, and concerts. Trip participants must become members of the BBAA at the \$100 donor level or above. Call (810) 644-0866 for more information.

Final payment will be due March 1, 1997.

Birmingham Musicale schedules program Jan. 9

The Thursday, Jan. 9, program of the Birmingham Musicale is dedicated to Federation Day of the National Federation of Music Clubs.

Chairman of the day, Beverly O'Connell, will greet special guest Rosalind Haerberle, immediate past president of the Michigan Federation and currently serving on several national and state boards.

The recital, beginning 1 p.m., will be at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. A reception, chaired by Gail Saheey and Marilyn Van Giesen, will follow the recital. For general program information, call (810) 647-8329.

Soprano Beverly Stief, a graduate of the Detroit Institute of Musical Arts and Oakland University, performer and teacher of voice and piano, will present works of several American composers and musicale comedy favorites accompanied by pianist Joan Chandler Bowes.

Violist Robert Oppelt will perform works by Karl Ditters von Dittersdorf and Beethoven arranged for viola and cello duo, joined by guest artist Eugene Zenzen. Rebecca Happel Mexicotte, who holds a doctorate in piano performance from the

University of Michigan School of Music, has concertized with symphonies, Detroit Symphony Orchestra instrumentalists and opera companies, will play "The

Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini" by Rachmaninoff, assisted by Barbara Woolf playing the orchestral score on a second piano.



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RECEPTIONS

THE ART GALLERY

Featured for January at the artists cooperative at Great Oaks Mall, Walton and Livernois, Rochester Hills, are Don Hughes, landscapes in oil; Inge Marchio, watercolor variety; Margaret Serratori, abstract watercolor; and Joanie Ugelow, expressions in stoneware; (810) 651-1579. Meet Serratori 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7.

CARY GALLERY

An exhibit of new watercolors by Mary Aro to Feb. 1 at 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester; (810) 651-3656. Opening reception for the artist 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4.

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE GALLERY

"Detroit," a photography exhibit by Walerian Domanski, will continue to Jan. 26 at the Orchard Lake campus, near the corner of Orchard Lake Road and 18 Mile; (810) 683-0345. Opening reception for the artist 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5. Gallery hours are noon to 4:30 p.m. Sundays.

SWANN GALLERY

Works by Cheryl Pastor and Camille Jungman, and "Eyes of Vision: Eyes of Truth," a group photography show, to Feb. 2 at 1250 Library, Detroit; (313) 965-4826. Opening reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3.

URBAN PARK DETROIT ART CENTER

"Future Shock," an exhibition of paintings by Ron Zakrin of Mount Clemens - who says his style, "Cyberrealism," attempts to capture the human experience in an age of robots - through Feb. 3 on the second level of Trappers Alley in Greektown, 508 Monroe, Detroit; (313) 963-5445. Opening reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3.

PROGRAMS

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

"First Sundays Free" noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, in ArtVentures, the drop-in art activity center at 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor; (313) 994-8004. Participate in a free, creative, educational, hands-on cultural art project. ArtVentures features four monthly art projects centered around a cultural theme; January features art of the Inuit. Birthday parties, group bookings available.

POPULAR MUSIC

ANTI-FREEZE BLUES FESTIVAL

With Sugar Blue, Willie D. Warren with the Garfield Blues Band, Johnny Yarddog Jones with Bobby East, Wailin' Inc., and The Alligators, Friday, Jan. 3; Larry McCray with The Bobby Murray Band, The Butler Twins, The Grandmasters with Jeff Grand and the Black Crows' Eddie Harsch, Mudpuppy and Robert Jones, Saturday, Jan. 4; and AC Reed, Big Dave and the Ultrasonics, Johnnie Bassett and the Blues Insurgents, Joe'lyn B. and Alberta Adams, and the Hasting Street Blues Band, Sunday, Jan. 5, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$15 per day; or \$36 for a three-day pass. (blues) (810) 544-3030

ATOMIC NUMBERS

9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 996-2748

BARNSTORMER

8 p.m. through Sunday, Jan. 5, Diamondback Saloon, 49345 S. I-94 Service Dr., Belleville; Thursday, Jan. 9-Saturday, Jan. 11, High Kicker Saloon, 593 W. Kennett, Pontiac. (country) (313) 699-7899/(810) 334-5550

BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3-Saturday, Jan. 4, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10-Saturday, Jan. 11, Sisko's on the Boulevard, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 543-0917/(313) 278-5340

BLACK FUZZ

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (psychedelic rock) (313) 485-5050

BLUE-EYED SOUL

With Milkhouse and the Gershwins, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 875-6555

BLUE ROSE



Anniversary celebration: Detroit Symphony Orchestra concertmaster Emmanuelle Boisvert is a featured soloist Jan. 3-5 at three DSO concerts celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Austrian composer Franz Schubert. The DSO, under the direction of Austrian conductor Hans Graf, will honor Schubert's birthday with a performance of his well known Ninth Symphony nicknamed "The Great" symphony. These concerts will also feature two works by German composer Felix Mendelssohn: the Overture to "The Fair Melusine," and his Violin Concerto in E minor, which will turn the spotlight on Emmanuelle Boisvert. Preconcert conversation 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3. The moderator is Paul Chummers, DSOH General Manager. Tickets range from \$40 to \$16 (box seats: \$58) available at Orchestra Hall box office or call (313) 833-3700.

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, Fox and Hounds, 1530 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (blues) (810) 644-4800

BLUE SUIT BLUES BAND

9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, Rhino's Pub, 6211 Chase, Dearborn. \$2. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-1726

BRILLIANT

With Hot Moon, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (alternapop) (313) 875-6555

BUGS BEDDOW BAND

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3-Saturday, Jan. 4, Old Woodward Grill, 555 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge. 21 and older; 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10-Saturday, Jan. 11, Roger's Roost, 33626 Schoenherr, Sterling Heights. (blues) (810) 642-9400/(810) 979-7550

BUSTER'S BLUES BAND

10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 332-HOWL

BUTTERFLY

With Small Change, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 996-8555

CITY HEAT

9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, Fox and Hounds, 1530 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (blues) (810) 644-4800

COWSLINGERS

With the Volcanos, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6. 18 and older. ("cowpunk"/garage surf) (313) 833-POOL

SAL D'AGNILLO

10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older.

(singer/songwriter) (810) 332-HOWL

THE DETERANTS

Celebrate release of CD with party and performance, with special guests Grayling and The Hand Me Downs, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 996-8555

THE DT'S

With Walk on Water, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 996-8555

PRISCILLA EDERLE

10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (singer/songwriter) (810) 332-HOWL

EKOOSTIK HOOKAH

9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (singer/songwriter) (810) 332-HOWL

FATHERS OF THE ID

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, Rivertown Saloon, 1977 Woodbridge, Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 567-6020

FIENDS OF WONDERLAND

9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (dance/funk) (313) 996-2748

JAWBONE

9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (313) 996-2748

THE JOHNSONS

10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (810) 332-HOWL

MICHAEL KATON BAND

8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7-Wednesday, Jan. 8, Fox and Hounds, 1560 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (acoustic blues) (810) 644-4800

LAP DOGS

9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (horn-driven dance band) (313) 485-5050

JIM MCCARTY AND MYSTERY TRAIN

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3-Saturday, Jan. 4, Sisko's on the Boulevard, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 278-5340

MILK AND CHEESE

9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 485-5050

MOTOR DOLLS

With Trash Brats, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (hard alternative rock/glam punk) (313) 485-5050

MUDPUDDY

8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, Fifth Avenue Billiards, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 542-9922

ROBERT PENN

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3-Saturday, Jan. 4, Fox and Hounds, 1530 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (blues) (810) 644-4800

PLAIN

With Makeshift Glean and Scott Carpenter, and the Real McCoy's, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex,

4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6. 18 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 833-POOL

THE PRODIGALS

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge. 21 and older. (surf) (810) 642-9400

RESTROOM POETS

10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, Mount Chalet, 4715 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (roots rock) (810) 549-2929

RIGHTEOUS WILLY

9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (810) 332-HOWL

SENSITIVE CLOWN

8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, The Palladium, 17580 Frazho, Roseville. Cover charge. 18 and older. (alternative rock) (810) 778-6404

SHARK SANDWICH

9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 996-2748

SIMPLE NEPTUNE

With Sensitive Clown, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 875-6555

SOUTH NORMAL

With Vietnam Prom, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (experimental) (313) 996-8555

JERRY SPRAGUE AND THE REMAINDERS

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (blues) (313) 996-2748

TOP KAT

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, and Tuesday, Jan. 7, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (funk) (313) 996-2748

Twistin' Tarantulas

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older. (rockabilly) (810) 855-3110

THE VOLEBEATS

With Big Back 40, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6. 18 and older. (alternatwang/alternapop) (313) 833-POOL

JAMES WAILIN

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650

CLUB NIGHTS

BIRD OF PARADISE

Acid jazz night with DJ Bubblicious, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Tuesdays at the club, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$3. 21 and older. (313) 662-8310

CROSS STREET STATION

Ska and world beat, 9 p.m. Sundays. Cover charge. 18 and older; Retro dance party, 9 p.m. Tuesdays. \$3. 21 and older, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. (313) 485-5050

FAMILY FUNKTION

"Uptown Remix," acid jazz, hip-hop, funk and soul dance mix with local and national guest DJs, 10 p.m. Fridays, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5. 18 and older; "Family Funktion" night, 9 p.m. Wednesdays, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (acid jazz/funk) (313) 832-2355/(810) 544-3030

THE MAJESTIC COMPLEX

"Psychedelic Sunday" with funk music, 9 p.m. Sundays in the Magic Stick. Cover charge; "The Chamber" with gothic/industrial and deep dark retro music with DJ Tim Shuller, 9 p.m. Mondays in the Magic Stick. Cover charge; "Figure Four Tag Team DJs," acid jazz and early disco/retro tunes with DJs Bubblicious, Scott Zacharias, Paris and Bone, 11 p.m.-4 a.m. Thursday in the Magic Stick. Cover charge; "Rockabilly Bowl" with DJ Del Fridays in the Garden Bowl. Free; "Rock 'n' Bowl" 9 p.m. Saturdays while DJ Cheryl spins alternative, funk and R&B in the Garden Bowl. Free. All events in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 18 and older. (313) 833-POOL/(313) 833-9700

MOTOR LOUNGE

"Blue Mondays" with Johnny "Yard Dog" Jones and Bobby

Murray with a special guest blues artist weekly; Darren Revell hosts "Big Sonic Heaven," Tuesdays; "Pearl Harbor Club" featuring "volcanic drinks" and the "seedy side of the Swing era" with hosts Jeff King and Perry Lavoisne; Band leader Dan Haddad and "The Motor Powertrain" Thursdays with live jazz; Fridays and Saturdays, dancing with DJ St. Andy, at the lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 369-0090

ST. ANDREW'S HALL/THE SHELTER

10 p.m. Wednesdays "The Incinerator," alternative rock in the Shelter, \$6, 18 and older; 10 p.m. Fridays "Three Floors of Fun" with hip-hop, alternative rock, and techno/house, \$3 before 11 p.m., \$5 after, 18 and older; 10 p.m. Saturdays "Soul Picnic" with funk, hip-hop and soul in the Shelter, \$3, 18 and older, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT

3-D

"Prophecy," techno/alternative dance night, 9 p.m. Fridays; alternative dance, free before 10:30 p.m. Saturdays; Video appreciation night, 8 p.m. Tuesdays, free before 9 p.m.; "Noir Leather Presents Sin," a night of fetish and fantasy with demonic music by Aeshma Daeva, 9 p.m. Wednesdays, free before 10:30 p.m., at the club, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (810) 589-3344

THEATER

ATTIC THEATRE

"Molly Sweeney" in repertory with "Jacques Brel," through Sunday, Jan. 5, at the theater, 508 Monroe, in Trappers Alley, Greektown area of Detroit. Times vary for each show. \$15-\$25. (313) 963-9339

FISHER THEATRE

"Smokey Joe's Cafe - The Songs of Leiber and Stoller," Tuesday, Jan. 7-Saturday, Jan. 26, at the theater inside the Fisher Building, Detroit. 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays; 7:30 p.m. Sundays; 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. \$25-\$47.50. (313) 872-1000

GEM THEATRE

"The All Night Strut! Holiday Show," through Sunday, Jan. 5. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2 (\$11.50), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3 (\$28), 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4 (\$28), 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5; "The All-Night Strut!" Thursday, Jan. 9-Sunday, Jan. 26, at the theater, 58 E. Columbia (across the street from the State and Fox theaters), Detroit. 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays (\$11.50), 7:30 p.m. Fridays (\$28), 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays (\$28), 2 p.m. Sundays (\$11.50), 6 p.m. Sundays (\$9.50). (313) 963-9800

HILBERRY THEATER

"Tartuffe," through Thursday, Feb. 1, at the theater, Wayne State University campus, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. It runs in rotating repertory with Alan Ayckbourne's "Time of My Life," which runs Jan. 10-March 1. 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays. \$9.50-\$16.50. (313) 577-2972

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE

"Family Secrets," a one-woman show featuring former Detroiters Susan Merson, whose Broadway and film credits include "Saturday Sunday Monday," "Children of a Lesser God," "Vanity," "Lost in Yonkers," and "Things to Do in Denver When You're Dead," through Sunday, Jan. 12, at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, and Sundays; 8 p.m. Saturdays. \$10-\$23 with discounts for seniors, students and groups. (810) 788-2900

MASONIC TEMPLE

"Phantom of the Opera," through Jan. 7, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 7:30 p.m. Sunday; and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. \$20-\$65. (313) 832-2232/(313) 871-1132

MEADOW BROOK THEATER

"The Woman in Black," Jan. 8-Feb. 2, at the theater, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Walton and Squirrel boulevards, Rochester. Tickets at

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Ticketmaster. (810) 377-3300

COMMUNITY THEATER

ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE

"Bye Bye Birdie," Wednesday, Jan. 8-Saturday, Jan. 11, Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, University of Michigan campus in the Michigan League Building, Ann Arbor. 8 p.m. evenings; 2 p.m. Saturday matinees. \$18 adults; \$17 students/seniors. (313) 971-AACT

BIRMINGHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS

"Sisters Rosensweig" opens 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10 continues weekends through Jan. 26, 752 Chester St. (corner of Hunter Boulevard, south of Maple). (810) 644-2075. Players Guild of Dearborn "Run For Your Wife," opens 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10 continues through Jan. 25, 21730 Madison (near the southeast corner of Monroe and Outer Drive), Dearborn. (313) 561-TKTS.

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

"Blithe Spirit," a seance wreaks havoc in the lives of a happily married couple when the first wife's ghost appears, Thursday, Jan. 9-Sunday, Jan. 12, and Thursday, Jan. 16-Sunday, Jan. 19, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Sundays. \$10: \$8 on Thursdays; \$9 for seniors on Sundays. Prices include sandwich and coffee afterglow. (810) 988-7049. St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild "Laura" opens 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, continues weekends through Jan. 25, at the playhouse on the grounds of Cranbrook Educational Community, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills (between Woodward and Lahser). Tickets \$12, seniors/students \$10, (810) 644-0527.

YOUTH

MARQUIS THEATRE

"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," through Monday, Jan. 27, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6.50. Recommended for children older than 3 1/2 years old. Show times: 2:30 p.m. Saturdays Jan. 4, 11, 18, and 25; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26; 2:30 p.m. Jan. 2-3. (810) 349-8110

WILD SWAN THEATER

"Charlotte's Web," 2:30 p.m. Jan. 2-4, and 11:30 a.m. Jan. 4, at the Anderson Center Theater at Henry Ford Museum, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard (at Village Road), Dearborn. \$6; additional charge for admission to the museum: (313) 271-1620, ext. 383

EVENTS

"BRIDAL CELEBRATIONS '97"

Featuring seminars, fashion shows, exhibitors and grand prizes, including "The Spectacular 30 Gown Giveaway," honeymoons, diamond rings and photography, and seminars offered by Suzanne Kresse, Sunday, Jan. 5, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$7 in advance; \$8 at the door. (810) 377-0100

HOLLYWOOD LITERARY RETREAT

Two-day seminar on screenwriting and the process of motion picture and television producing, Saturday, Feb. 1-Sunday, Feb. 2, Holiday Inn Livonia West, 17123 N. Laurel Park Dr. (Six Mile Road and I-275), Livonia. Featured guest speakers include Stephen Nemeth, president of Rhino Films; Plymouth screenwriter Jim Burnstein ("Renaissance Man," "Mighty Ducks 3"); Producer Carolyn Caldera; Lynn Isenberg, producer/screenwriter; and Wendy Nyad, literary Agent. Fee. (810) 584-4764

"THE MAGIC SCHOOL BUS"

With science teacher Ms. Frizzle, 7-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Macomb Community College, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$7. (810) 286-2141

CLASSICAL

AMERICAN ARTISTS SERIES

American Artist Series Chamber Players with Gennady and Tatyana Zut, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12, Kingswood Auditorium,

Cranbrook Campus, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (810) 851-5044.

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALS

Performance features soprano Beverly Stief, violist Dr. Robert Oppelt, and pianist Rebecca Happel Mexicotte, 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, Birmingham Community House, 360 S. Bates St., Birmingham. (810) 647-8329

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

With Conductor Hans Graf and violinist Emmanuelle Boisvert, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5; "Classical Roots," with Conductor Neeme Jarvi, clarinet Eddie Daniels, and the Brazeal Dennard Chorale, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$16-\$58. (313) 833-3700

FARMINGTON AREA PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

"From Oklahoma to the South Pacific - An Evening with Rodgers and Hammerstein," featuring S.A.T.B., 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, Wallace Smith Theatre on Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$15. (810) 471-7667 or (810) 471-7700

SCHUBERTIADE I

With Andre Watts and The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, Rackham Auditorium, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. \$26-\$36. (800) 221-1229

POPS

MICK DOBDAY

7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, Borders Books and Music, 5601 Mercury Dr., Dearborn. Free. All ages. (313) 271-4441

THREE MEN AND A TENOR

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher, Ann Arbor. \$15; \$12 students and seniors. (a capella variety performance) (313) 763-TKTS

JOHNNY WALKER

7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, Borders Books and Music, 5601 Mercury Dr., Dearborn. Free. All ages. (313) 271-4441

AUDITIONS

HARTLAND PLAYERS

Auditions for the play "Two Rooms," 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, and 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6, Hartland Music Hall, 3619 Avon Road, Hartland. Scripts are available at the Cromaine Library. (810) 220-3521

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

Open auditions 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, and auditions by appointment Tuesdays, Jan. 14, Jan. 21, and Jan. 28, First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road (west of Sheldon), Plymouth. All voices are needed especially tenors. (313) 455-4080

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR

Auditions new members, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road (west of Inkster Road), Livonia. The choir will perform Brahms "Requiem" at a spring concert. Members will learn additional selections for the Schoolcraft College "Collage" concert in April. The 70-voice choir includes SC students and experience singers of all ages from area communities. Participants may receive either Continuing Education or regular academic credit through the college. (810) 349-8175/(313) 462-4448

THE THEATRE GUILD

Auditions for its second annual Festival of One-Act Plays, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, and 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6, at the guild, 15138 Beech Daly Road, Redford. The guild is looking for two men and two women teenaged-age 30; six men and three women ages 30-50; and one man and two women ages 50 and older. This season's presentation includes five original works overing comedy, drama and tragedy. Production dates are Feb. 7-9, and Feb. 14-16. (313) 573-4145

JAZZ

BIRD OF PARADISE ORCHESTRA

9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10-Saturday, Jan. 11: Bird of Paradise, 207 S.



Artistic activity: The DIA offers classes and workshops for all ages at all levels of familiarity with and interest in art.

Seminar to examine museum

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

Call (313) 833-7900 for information.

"The Art of Thomas Wilmer Dewing: Beauty Reconfigured" continues to Jan. 19. Docent-guided tours 1 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. A video, "Murder of the Century," will be shown 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 4-5, in Lecture Hall. The opulent world of early 1900s New York society sets the scene for the story of architect Stanford White, Evelyn Nesbit and Nesbit's husband, Harry Thaw, who killed White.

A figure drawing workshop is scheduled Sundays, Jan. 5, 12 and 19. In the sessions, artist Gail mally-mack will

lead an exploration of the representation of the human figure in the "Beauty Reconfigured" exhibit. The workshop is open to all skill levels and features drawing with a live model. Call for fees and other information.

A seminar, "Seeing through the Museum," will take place Saturdays, Jan. 11 to Feb. 8, in collaboration with the American Studies Program, Wayne State University. The seminar will investigate the museum as both a physical and discursive structure that shapes the visitor's experience and creates value. Instructor is Jane Blocker of the WSU Department of Art and Art History. Call (313) 833-4249 for fees and other information.

Ashley, Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 662-8310

BRAD HODGE

8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe, 145 N. Center, Northville. \$8. All ages. (810) 349-9421

KIMMIE HORNE

8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, Fox and Hounds, 1530 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (810) 644-4800

JUST THREE

8-11 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, Brazil Coffeehouse, 305 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (810) 399-7300

MIKE KAROUB

Cello jazz group, 4-6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (810) 737-0110

SHEILA LANDIS

With her quintet, 9 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 3-Saturday, Jan. 4, and Friday, Jan. 10-Saturday, Jan. 11, D.L. Harrington's Chop House, formerly Murdock's, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (810) 852-0550

AL WINTERS SWING STREET

8-10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (810) 737-0110

WORLD FILARETS CHOIR

Performs traditional Polish songs during a Polish Christmas Eve dinner, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple Road (at Dequindre Road), Troy. \$15 adults; \$8 children. (810) 689-3636

NITE FLIGHT

9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (reggae) (313) 996-2748

POLONAISE CHORALE

4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, St. Barbara, 13534 Colson (at Schaefer, north of Michigan Avenue). (Polish Christmas Carols) (313) 863-6209/(313) 531-5558

REGGAE AMBASSADA

With Black Thunder, 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, and Thursday, Jan. 9, 3-D, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and

older. (reggae) (810) 589-3344

FOLK

DAVID FOLKS

8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe, 145 N. Center St., Northville. \$10. All ages. (folk/rock) (810) 349-9421

JAN KRIST

With Tim Diaz, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe, 145 N. Center St., Northville. \$10. All ages. (eclectic folk) (810) 349-9421

CHARLIE LATIMER

With Dean Rutledge, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe, 145 N. Center St., Northville. \$12. All ages. (810) 349-9421

BONNIE RIDEOUT

Three-time U.S. National Scottish Fiddle Champion, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10; \$9 members, students and seniors. All ages. (313) 761-1800

GARNET ROGERS

8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12; \$11 members, students, seniors. All ages. (313) 761-1800

JAY STIELSTRA

With The McDonald Brothers, 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10; \$9 members, students and seniors. All ages. (313) 761-1800

JERE STORMER

8-10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (810) 737-0110

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Leo Dufour, Thursday, Jan. 2-Sunday, Jan. 5; Billy Garin, Thursday, Jan. 9-Sunday, Jan. 12, at the club above Kickers restaurant, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Thursdays (free); 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$10); and 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (313) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

Randy Lubas, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2 (\$8; \$18.95 din-

ner show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3-Saturday, Jan. 4 (\$10); Bobby Collins, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10 (\$15; \$25.95 dinner show package), 7:15 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12 (\$12; \$23.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE

Billy Ray Bauer, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, and 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3-Saturday, Jan. 4. \$10; Invasion of Improv with the Portuguese Rodeo Clown Company, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8. \$6; Elliot Branch, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, and 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10-Saturday, Jan. 11, \$10, at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (313) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

1995 Star Search Grand Champion Kevin James and Bob Phillips, Thursday, Jan. 2-Sunday, Jan. 5; Totally Unrehearsed Theatre hosts open mic night 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays; Leo Dufour and "The Planet" 96.3's Chris Zito, Wednesday, Jan. 8-Sunday, Jan. 12, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$5 Tuesdays; \$6 Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays; \$12 Fridays and Saturdays. (810) 542-9900

THE SECOND CITY-DETROIT

"One Nation Undecided," 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. \$12 to \$19; Second City Touring Company, 5:30 p.m. Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

BOOKSTORE HAPPENINGS

BARNES AND NOBLE BOOKSELLERS (WEST BLOOMFIELD)

Barnes and Noble Fiction Club discusses Kaye Gibbons' "Ellen Foster," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2; Children's story time features "King Bldgoods in the Bathtub," 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 6, and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7; Linda Cox, a certified hypnotherapist and Reiki Master, conducts two seminars on relaxation, spiritual awakening and meditation, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7; Dr. Janusz Wrobel speaks about "Nobel Prize Poets: Mitosz and Szymborska" in a talk rescheduled from Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, at the store, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. (810) 626-6804

BORDERS BOOKS AND MUSIC (DEARBORN)

Local poets read from and sign their latest edition of "Graffiti Rag," 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2; African-American book discussion group discusses "So Good" by Venise Berry, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2; Children's story time features "The Snowy Day," 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 4; "Mouse Magic" previews "Silly Noisy House," 11:30 a.m. Jan. 4; Story-hour hosted by members of the Dearborn Family Resource Coalition, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5; Dennis Kimbro discusses and signs copies of his book "What Makes a Great Great," 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6; Gay Literature and Studies book discussion group reads "Second Time Around" by James Earl Hardy, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6; Les Brown discusses and signs his book "It's Not Over Until You Win!" 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7; Thomas the Tank Engine visits story time, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8; "Explorations in Technology" features Oracle, a database program, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8; Le Cercle Francais French conversation group meets 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8; Local author Tallal Turfe signs and discusses his book "Patience in Islam," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9; Classics book discussion group discusses Mark Twain's "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, at the store, 5601 Mercury Dr., Dearborn. (313) 271-4441

BORDERS BOOKS AND MUSIC (FARMINGTON HILLS)

Writer's workshop, 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6, and Jan. 20; Jerrold R. Jenkins, president of the Jenkins Group, Inc., a Traverse City publishing firm, will conduct a free two-hour book publishing seminar, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9. Reservations suggested, at the store, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington

Hills. (810) 737-0110

SHAMAN DRUM BOOKSHOP

University of Michigan historian and lecturer Charles Bright celebrates his new book "The Powers That Punish: Prison and Politics in the Era of the 'Big House,' 1920-1995," a study of Michigan's Jackson State Penitentiary, 4-6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, at the bookshop, 311-315 S. State St., Ann Arbor. (313) 662-7407

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM

Forensic Science demonstration involves visitors attempting to solve a mysterious crime. While working in teams the participants analyze evidence with forensic methods. Fingerprint analysis, blood typing, and ink chromatography will be discussed. Demonstrations, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays throughout the month of January, at the museum, 219 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor. Museum hours: 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays; 1-5 p.m. Sundays. \$2.50 students, seniors and children; \$4 adults. (313) 995-5439

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

"Animals Eat," an exhibit combining live animal displays, working models, mounted specimens, hands-on activities, and animated video that helps youngsters formulate a concept of a "living thing" by focusing on eating; and "Mysteries of the Bog," which explores the landscape of wetlands. Both exhibits run through Jan. 5, at the museum, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. \$7 for adults; \$4 children 3-17 and seniors 65 and older; free for children younger than 3. Planetarium shows are an additional \$1 and Lasera shows an additional \$2. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; noon-5 p.m. Sundays. (810) 645-3200

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

"Legacy: African-American Dolls of the Victorian Era," a new exhibit featuring more than 100 handmade African-American dolls, on display in the museum's Kresge Gallery through April, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$3 adults; \$1.50 seniors and children ages 12-18; free for children younger than 12. (313) 833-7937

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

"Dinoscience," a traveling exhibit from Research Casting International (RCI), the creators of the dinosaur skeleton displays in Steven Spielberg's "Jurassic Park," on display through Sunday, March 9. It features six full-sized dinosaur skeletal displays, four wall-mounted skeletons, six skulls, a walk-through Supersaurus rib cage, a Dino Dig sandbox, and interactive computer programs; "Titanica," an IMAX film about the Canadian-American-Russian expedition team set out to explore the Titanic, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays indefinitely; "Destiny in Space," another IMAX film, Tuesdays and Thursdays indefinitely, Detroit Science Center in the University Cultural Center, 5020 John R St., Detroit. Museum admission - \$6.75 adults; \$4.75 for students and senior citizens. (313) 577-8400

GREENFIELD VILLAGE AND HENRY FORD MUSEUM

"Traditions of the Season," featuring one of Michigan's largest decorated trees, a gingerbread village, holiday decorations, and reenactments of traditions of cooking, baking, and decorating, through Saturday, Jan. 5, at the museum and village, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn. (313) 271-1620

HISTORICAL CHURCH TOUR

Featuring First Congregational Church, Central United Methodist, St. John Episcopal, St. Aloysius and Mariners Church, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6. Tickets are available only in advance and are non-exchangeable and non-refundable. \$10 Detroit Historical Society members; \$15 for non members. (313) 833-1405

MOVIES

'Michael' a far-from-heavenly comedy

TICKETS PLEASE



JOHN MONAGHAN

In "Michael," John Travolta's earth angel has a simple philosophy: (1) you should ingest as much sugar as you can and (2) there is no such thing as a bad joke.

Writer/director Nora Ephron apparently lives by that same creed. She has set herself up as queen of the feel-good movies, the '90s answer to "It's a

Wonderful Life's" Frank Capra. And when she's good, like in "Sleepless in Seattle," she can bring a smile to even the most crumdegeony critic.

But even Capra had his bad days, and his worst films, dubbed "Capra Corn," set the standard for Hollywood at its most cloying and silly. Such is the case with "Michael," a well-meaning little holiday ornament that has little to hang on to but its charismatic star.

It starts with a letter from Iowa, addressed to the star reporter (William Hurt) at the "National Mirror," an

"Enquirer"-style supermarket tabloid. I have had an angel staying at my motel for the last several months, it says, and think you would be interested in writing about him. His name is Michael.

So the reporter heads for the heartland, accompanied by his partner (Robert Pastorelli) and a new writer (Andie MacDowell) who claims to be an angel expert but isn't. Also on the trip: Sparky, a terrier like the one on TV's "Frasier," and a bonafide "Mirror" celebrity.

Arriving at the motel, they soon realize that Michael is no

white-robed, halo-wearing angel. A substantial, beer gut hangs over his boxers as he shuffles to the refrigerator for breakfast, which includes a can of beer and a bowl of Frosted Flakes literally buried in sugar.

When it comes to wings, however, he's the real McCoy. To women, he smells like caramel, like fresh-baked cookies, like childhood.

When they make the long trek back to Chicago in a beat-up station wagon, "Michael" reverts to the road movie formula, the sanctuary for screenwriters who have no other place to go. That's why we get countless shots of the car driving by cornfields from every conceivable angle, backed by a Randy Newman score that gooly evokes the Heartland.

At one of the predictable stops, Michael gets in a fight in a red-neck bar. Seems the local boys don't like strangers dancing with their women, especially all at once.

The real miracle in "Michael" is that Travolta manages to carry some of this silliness off. In the two or three years since his comeback in "Pulp Fiction," he's tackled a half dozen eclectic roles, from villain in "Broken Arrow" to scientific oddity in "Phenomenon," which, like this, mines the star's real-life spiritual side. The other actors are ill-suited for their roles. Andie MacDowell has concentrated her talents on fluffy romantic comedies but she still has no flair for them. Hurt, as Michael's reason for coming down (like the Tin Woodman, he needs a heart), is as stiff as you'd expect him to be in a romantic lead.

Pastorelli, late of TV's



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Angel: John Travolta stars in the Turner Pictures' comedy, "Michael."

"Murphy Brown" and cast in increasingly substantial roles, wouldn't be bad if Ephron had any sense of pacing. Even a movie this light needs some speed to get it off the ground, but it drags when Travolta's off the screen.

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

Birmingham Theatre 211 S. Woodward, Birmingham. Call (810) 644-FILM for information. (\$6.50; \$4.25 matinees and seniors)

■ "Shine" (Australia - 1996).

The hit at last year's Toronto Film Festival focuses on David Helfgott, a real-life concert pianist plagued by an overbearing father and mental illness. Though perhaps not as inspiring as you have heard, it does examine the nature of creativity and shows that there are still talented directors in The Land Down

Under.

■ "The Crucible" (USA - 1996). Arthur Miller adapted his own play for the screen, the story of the Salem Witch Trials in which as pitiful girl (Winona Ryder) holds the fate of the man she had an affair with. Daniel Day-Lewis and Winona Ryder star.

Magic Bag Theatre 22920 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (810) 544-3030 for information.

■ "Spike and Mike's Sick and Twisted Festival of Animation." 8, 10 p.m. Jan. 2. Last year it played like a "greatest hits" package. This year the fourth annual showcase of animated bad taste features 20 premieres. Among the titles: "Condom Complaint," "The Happy Moose" and new episodes of the perennial favorite "No Neck Joe." (\$6)

■ **Mario Bava** — "Lisa and the Devil" (Italy/Spain/West Germany - 1972) and "Danger Diabolik" (Italy/France - 1967). Starts at 9 p.m. Jan. 7. Two bizarre entries from Italian schlockmeister Bava, the first starring Elke Sommers as a tourist trapped in a mansion where Telly Savalas resides as Satan. The second is psychedelic nonsense about secret agents based on a European comic book and featuring a score by Ennio Morricone. As part of a free weekly series of cult films shown on big screen video. (Free)

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■ "Ridicule" (France - 1996). In the court of Louis XVI, a man from the country realizes that he must use his wits if he is going to carry out his mission: to save the people of his village from his epidemic. He does everything he can to extract royal favor until he nearly botches it by falling in love. A French export from director Patrice Leconte, starring Charles Berling and Fanny Ardant.

■ "Evita" (USA - 1997). Madonna gets her chance to shine in the role of a lifetime: Argentina's Eva Peron in the musical drama based on the 1976 stage hit by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Weber. Antonio Banderas co-stars.

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Gripping tale awakens 'Ghosts of Mississippi'

BY DAVID GOODMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — On a June night 33 years ago, Medgar Evers, a prominent black civil rights leader, pulled into the driveway of his Mississippi home and was gunned down from behind by an assassin with a high-powered rifle.

Gushing blood, he dragged himself to his door, only to die as his wife, Myrlie, and their young children stood helplessly by.

Facts discovered later about the murder weapon and other evidence strongly implicated a local white supremacist named Byron De la Beckwith. But two all-white juries deadlocked and Beckwith was freed.

"Ghosts of Mississippi" advances the story to the late 1980s. It follows the real-life story of a youthful district attorney who became interested in "exhuming" the case, to bring justice to Evers' widow Myrlie (Whoopi Goldberg) and to exorcise the ghosts of unbridled racism that still hang over the new, "integrated" South.

History has left us with a gripping tale. And producer-director Rob Reiner ("When Harry Met Sally...," "A Few Good Men," "This

Is Spinal Tap") deserves a top grade for unimpeachable intentions. His "Ghosts of Mississippi" is a generally competent drama that succeeds as a detective story and moral fable, one that convincingly answers the question, "Is it ever too late to do the right thing?"

But the film's disappointing courtroom scenes lack any kind of real bite and when it turns to domestic matters, "Ghosts of Mississippi" gets as saccharine and artificial as a made-for-TV movie.

When Assistant District Attorney Bobby DeLaughter (Alec Baldwin) first gets the idea that the ancient case can be resurrected, everyone scoffs. Witnesses are dead. Files are long missing. Physical evidence has disappeared. Besides, as his boss (Craig T. Nelson) reminds him, the understaffed D.A.'s office has a full-case load featuring recently buried corpses and other victims who are still very much alive.

The sequences in which DeLaughter barrels along dusty Southern back roads — accompanied by his investigators played by William H. Macy and Lloyd "Benny" Bennett as himself — are brisk and sharp. One

impressive scene has DeLaughter's team meeting a reluctant witness at night, in a moonlit swamp hung with vines and moss.

As DeLaughter begins spending his evenings combing old files and traversing the state to interview old witnesses, his wife Dixie (Virginia Madsen) starts to feel neglected and embarrassed — her father was the judge who presided over Beckwith's second trial.

"You're going to pursue this thing," she gasps. "You're going to humiliate me in front of my friends, my family and the entire state of Mississippi." Before long, Dixie is back at her mother's house leaving her husband to play Mr. Mom to their three children.

With his boyish mane and eye-crinkling smile, Baldwin is appealing as the idealistic attorney. Despite doing double duty at the office, Bobby never looks disheveled and even has time to meet and marry a new love interest (Diane Ladd). Even with mom gone, the DeLaughter youngsters are always sitcom well-behaved. And the house is always neat.

Goldberg, swathed in staid

clothing, her wild locks tamed under a heavily lacquered matronly hairstyle, is fine every time she appears as the wry and determined Myrlie Evers, but too often she isn't given enough to do, except look as solemn as a figure on Mount Rushmore.

The film owes much of its energy to the supercharged performance of James Woods as the unrepentant, arch-racist De la Beckwith.

Even with layers of latex to give him the crevices, jowls and wattles of a 72-year-old, Woods seems to be having the time of his life playing the swaggering, smirking hate-monger. Woods has always specialized in villains, but this time he outdoes himself.

The murdered man's sons, Darrell Evers and James Van Evers bring authenticity to the project by portraying themselves, while their sister, Reena Evers, appears as a juror. Yolanda King, daughter of Martin Luther King Jr. is cast as Reena in the film.

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Restaurant smokin' with the blues

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

When business started to wane at Mr. B's restaurant in West Bloomfield, its principal owners knew exactly what to do to boost sales.

They decided to try to replicate the success of their Memphis Smoke restaurant in Royal Oak.

"With the competition in the area, we just weren't pleased with the performance of the restaurant," said Rob Jackier, one of the principal owners.

"We had always done pretty well, but we feel that we've had a winner with the Memphis Smoke concept. It's been fabulously popular in Royal Oak. We decided there's nothing like this concept in Michigan that we know of - the Southern-style barbecue combined with the blues music. We decided that this neighborhood would be right for that."

The group closed Mr. B's in mid-August and turned it into a Memphis Smoke in about three weeks, general manager Gary Mrochinski said, and officially opened Oct. 7. The interior white brick walls were painted to look as if they were sandblasted. Pictures and paintings of traditional blues artists like Jimmy Rushing, B.B. King, Albert King and Muddy Waters line the walls. A stage, offering entertainment Wednesdays through Sundays, is centrally located in the restaurant with televisions in nearly every corner.

Corporate chefs Dan Schuler, Randy Banish, and Dan

Memphis Smoke

Where: 6480 Orchard Lake Road (at the northwest corner of Orchard Lake and Maple roads), West Bloomfield.

Hours: 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays, noon to 2 a.m. Saturdays, and noon to midnight Sundays. The kitchen is open until 12:30 a.m. during the week, and 1:15 p.m. weekends.

Credit: Visa, Mastercard and American Express are accepted.

Information: (810) 855-3110.

There is also a location in Royal Oak at 100 S. Main St. Call (810) 543-0917 for more information about that restaurant.

Lauwery, created the menu for the new Memphis Smoke. Lauwery, formerly of Fishbone's restaurant, is also the chef of the restaurant.

Like the Royal Oak location, Memphis-style "dry rub" ribs (\$8.49-\$10.99) are the restaurant's signature items.

"Sometimes it's a little confusing in this neighborhood when you ask them if you want them (ribs) wet or dry," Jackier explained.

"Wet ribs are your traditional ribs with barbecue sauce. Sometimes people think that

"dry" ribs are dry - they have nothing. We baste the ribs on the charcoal with a special basting sauce. They're smoked for 2 1/2 hours and then we put the dry-rub powder on it and it gives just an incredibly unique taste."

The menu offers a variety of barbecue items from beef brisket (\$8.49) and pulled pork smoked for more than 14 hours (\$8.49) to barbecue salad with beef, pork or turkey (\$6.49). A catfish dinner (\$8.49), blackened turkey medallions served over Creole tomato sauce (\$8.99), Memphis jambalaya (\$8.49), an array of sandwiches (\$6.49-\$6.99), and salads (\$2.99-\$7.99) are other examples of Memphis Smoke fare.

Children get a choice of three items - chicken fingers, a hot dog or spaghetti - priced at \$3.99.

There are subtle differences between the Royal Oak and West Bloomfield locations, Mrochinski and Jackier said.

"At this store (West Bloomfield), we're offering fresh fish specials every day, some with pasta and some without. The Royal Oak store does that occasionally. Both stores offer smoked prime ribs on the weekends Fridays through Sundays," Jackier said.

Each Memphis Smoke has its own personality too, according to Mrochinski, who came to Memphis Smoke from Mr. B's Roadhouse in Clarkston.

"We've got such a wide group of people in here. We've got everything from 16-year-olds on their first date to somebody cele-

brating their 50th anniversary. It's a step apart from Royal Oak where here it's more relaxed. You're more comfortable or at home here. Here it gives people the opportunity to be themselves," Mrochinski said.

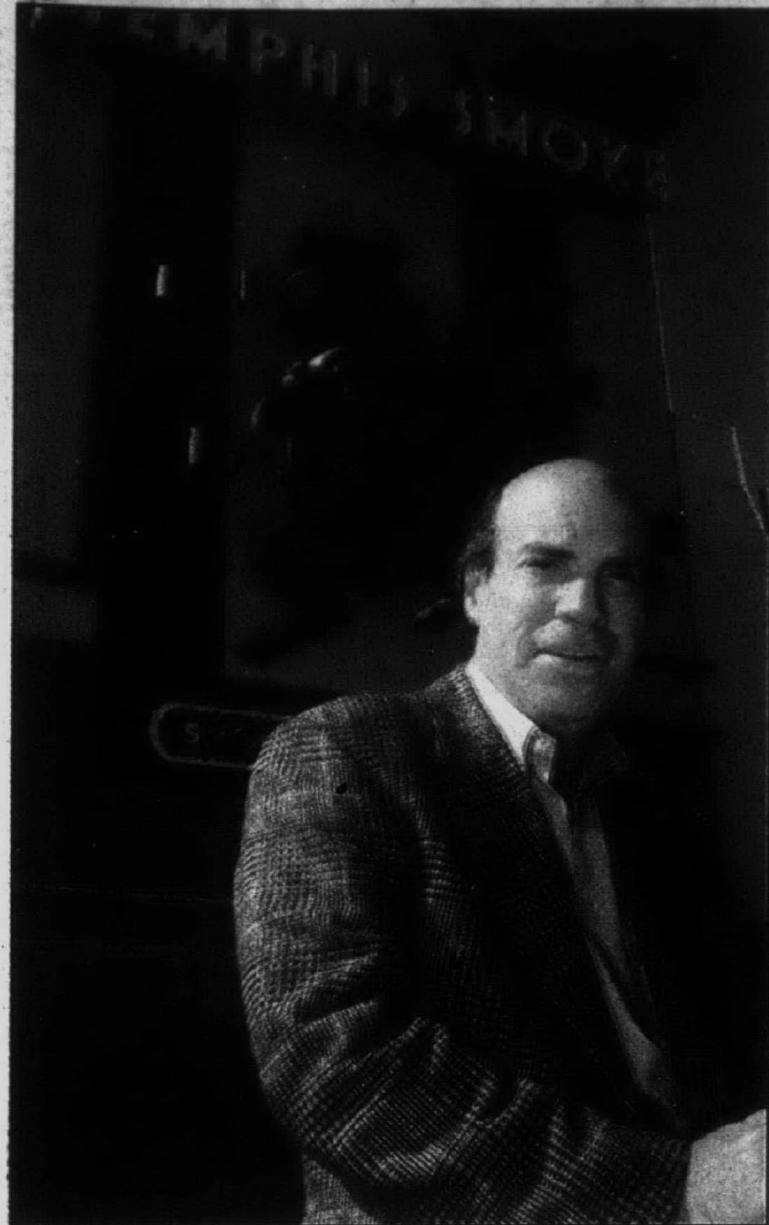
Jackier, a Rochester Hills resident, offered a variation on that explanation.

"Royal Oak being Royal Oak there's tons of foot traffic. Many of the patrons who come to Royal Oak don't come specifically to go to one restaurant or one bar. They come to be in Royal Oak. They'll go to Memphis Smoke, and Mr. B's Pub, Fifth Avenue (billiard hall), and they'll go to Woody's. They'll just cruise around. This location, because there's no sidewalks, is what we call a destination location. Most people plan on coming in."

Jackier, along with Mike Nash, Marty Tuchman and Ralph Gustafson, Mr. B's own nine Mr. B's, two Memphis Smoke, two Monterey Cantina restaurants and the South Lyon Hotel. Mr. B's will celebrate its 20th anniversary in June. Jackier said he and his partners are planning on opening a third Memphis Smoke by the end of 1997.

Mrochinski feels that the change from Mr. B's to Memphis Smoke was a good idea for the West Bloomfield building.

"We feel the investment's worth it. The investment's in the people who walk in the front door... Anybody who shows up is going to be definitely pleased."



Smokin' Idea: Mike Nash and his partners decided to change Mr. B's on Orchard Lake Road to a Memphis Smoke barbecue restaurant to attract more clientele.

STREET SCENE

Mudpuppy finds its musical roots in New Orleans



CHRISTINA FUOCO

The Detroit blues/funk band Mudpuppy knows when it has found something good.

Starting out as a back-up band at the Holly Hotel, Mudpuppy found its niche after lead

singer/bassist Paul Randolph made a trip down south.

"I had gone to New Orleans for Mardi Gras, and I was so blown away by the whole music culture in that city that I came back and said, 'Man, this is what we need to do,'" said Randolph, a former member of Urban Voodoo Machine.

"Everybody agreed that was really the beginning of Mudpuppy."

Randolph and his band evolved its sound into a blend of Chicago strut, bayou funk, Memphis soul and St. Louis swing.

"It's always nice when you get a gut feeling about something, you go for it and it goes over well. We're pretty much sticking to our guns. Certainly we don't try to come off as being from New Orleans, but we definitely listen to the music and we're all influenced by it."

Mudpuppy's sound is showcased on its self-titled debut record, which is available at Aray Appliance, Photo and Sound in Dearborn, as well as Dearborn Music. The eight-song release includes three originals - "Lies," "Make Up Your Mind," and "Better Think Twice" - as



Defrosting: Mudpuppy - from left, drummer/vocalist Darryl Pierce, guitarist/vocalist Mark Pasman, lead singer/bassist Paul Randolph, keyboardist/vocalist Ted Pulker, and percussionist/vocalist Lorenzo "Spoons" Brown.

well as covers of "Kansas City," "Too Poor," "Voodoo," "Call The Plumber," and "Spoonful."

Randolph, an Oak Park resident, said that although he's happy about the first CD, he's looking forward to heading back into the studio.

"We've kind of fallen into a certain style of playing and writing within the context of Mudpuppy. Everybody comes from different playing experiences and backgrounds. It's nice to have a full library to reference from. We're all very proud of the first CD, but I think we're all very anxious to start on the second one. The second one is pretty much

gonna nail it on the head; the direction of Mudpuppy."

The band's resume includes stints with Stevie Wonder, Mary Wilson, the avant garde jazz band Greeo Galaxy, Robert Penn, Alberta Adams, and groups involved with the Parliament-Funkadelic organization.

The album pushed Mudpuppy to the forefront of the Detroit blues scene. They appeared on

the "House of Blues Radio Hour," carried by CIDR-FM 93.9 "The River," hosted by Dan Aykroyd. The band also contributed a cover of "Lovin' Machine" to the Autism Society CD "Blues from the Heart II," which also featured Robert Jones, Lonnie Shields and Steve Nardella.

Mudpuppy - which also includes guitarist/vocalist Mark Pasman of Southfield, percus-

sionist/vocalist Lorenzo "Spoons" Brown of Detroit, keyboardist/vocalist Ted Pulker of Walled Lake, and drummer/vocalist Darryl Pierce of Westland - performs Saturday, Jan. 4, as part of the "Anti-Freeze Blues Festival," formerly known as "The Magic Bag's Deep Freeze Blues Festival," Friday, Jan. 3-Sunday, Jan. 5, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. The three-day event features food from the Mardi Gras Cafe in Southfield.

Sugar Blue, Willie D. Warren with the Garfield Blues Band, Johnny "Yard Dog" Jones and Bobby East, Wailin' Inc. and The Alligators open the festival on Friday, Jan. 3. The following day, Saturday, Jan. 4, Larry McCray and the Bobby Murray Band, The Butler Twins, The Grandmasters with Jeff Grand and Eddie Harsch, and Robert Jones perform. AC Reed headlines the closing day of the festival with Big Dave and the Ultrasonics, Johnnie Bassett and The Blues Insurgents, Jocelyn B and Alberta Adams, and The Hasting Street Blues Band.

Tickets are \$15 per day or \$36 for a three-day pass. For more information, call (810) 544-3030.

In case you were curious about who the kidnappers were listening to in the movie "Ransom," that was none other than Smashing Pumpkins' singer Billy Corgan. He joined forces with award-winning composer James Horner to pen the score for the movie.

If you have a question or comment for Christina Fuoco, you can write to her in care of The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, or you can leave her a message at (313) 953-2047, mailbox No. 2130, or via e-mail at CFuoco@aol.com.

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Remy joins Great Lakes



Karen Remy

Karen Remy has joined the Prudential Great Lakes Realty Bloomfield Hills office as an associate broker.

Remy has more than 10 years experience in real estate and is a multi-million dollar sales producer. She has earned the professional designation of Graduate Realtors Institute.

Remy also lives in Bloomfield Hills.

Kaljian honored for sales



Mary Beth Kaljian

Mary Beth Lockey-Kaljian, a sales associate with Century 21 Today in Farmington Hills, recently received recognition for sales achievement with emerald status in the Century 21 Masters Club.

Lockey-Kaljian, a multi-million dollar producer, lives in Redford.

French's sales honored



Carol French

Carol French, a Realtor with Century 21 Town and Country in Rochester, achieved centurion status, the highest level of sales achievement, this year after reaching the emerald level in 1995.

French, a Rochester Hills resident, is a seven-year veteran who specializes in residential sales in the Rochester, Troy and Bloomfield communities.

Bromberg elected regent

Stephen A. Bromberg, president and chief operating officer with Butzel Long, attorneys and counselors, has been elected as a regent of the American College of Mortgage Attorneys.

Bromberg, a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, practices all aspects of real estate law in the firm's Birmingham office.

He lives in Bloomfield Hills.

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Her very first: Holly Hohnholt of Century 21 Associates in Rochester has seen the value of the first house she sold go from \$46,000 to an estimated \$130,000.

Agents remember their first sales

BY NORMAN PRADY
SPECIAL WRITER

Like memories of that first kiss or that first car, thoughts of that first real estate sale can last a lifetime.

And for some sales agents, the experience of their first sale and the feelings they felt then are part of their daily work now, influencing how they do their jobs, how they treat their customers, and what they think their rewards are.

"Money is the icing on the cake," said Sandy Sersen, a sales associate with Mayfair Realty in Livonia.

But there's "a feeling I still get," she said, thinking back to her first sale, "when everyone's happy."

It was a bungalow with a basement. On Evergreen near West Chicago in Detroit. In 1981, "It was all white and orange. White walls with orange trim. They loved it."

For "maybe \$23,000," a man in his 40s bought the house for his widowed mother.

Sersen got into the business when she was "a for-sale-by-owner" who was being pursued by agents wanting to list her house. She thought, "I could do this" and now is doing \$6 million of it every year.

"Sure, an expensive home is great compared to an inexpensive home as far as your own income is concerned," but more important is "that feeling

you get at the closing, knowing that you did it right."

Another agent said that worrying about her customers, from the first one on, is part of a day's work.

"I worry that the buyers don't understand the problems they face—risking their financial futures and their dreams," said Carol Dunshee, sales associate with Chamberlain Birmingham.

It was her experience with her own problems that took Dunshee into real estate sales. They were the problems of relocating back to Birmingham after her husband's out-of-town transfers.

Relocating, she said, is filled with "extreme stress—about kids and school, pets, time, and interim housing. A wonderful agent is someone who understands" the problems "and what you're looking for. You don't know the market, and there's great fear of being sold a house that's overpriced and poor quality for the area."

"After our relocating experiences, I decided this was something I could do and do better."

That first customer, three and one-half years ago, was a young single man looking for a house he could renovate. The challenge was to find a house in sufficient disrepair that he could buy at a bargain price but not in such extreme disrepair that it

couldn't be resuscitated.

"It was wonderful," Dunshee said. "The thrill of the hunt to find exactly what he could handle."

They found it in Royal Oak; he handled it; sold it not long ago at a good profit and invited Dunshee to his recent wedding.

David Beardsley, who can't recall all the details of his first sale, is clear about why he wanted to make it.

"I can't remember. I think it was in Westland 21 years ago, over in Tonquish (subdivision) across from Hudson's."

What he does remember is the reason this life insurance salesman went into real estate. "I hated selling life insurance."

While driving past a real estate office on Plymouth's Main Street, he thought to himself that if he can sell life insurance, "I can sell something people want."

He knew from the beginning, he said, that a house is "the most important thing people will ever buy. They live in it; they decorate it; their egos are involved, and they love it."

Is he pleased with his career change? "I love my job."

For Holly Hohnholt, a sales agent with Century 21 Associates, Rochester, first sale memories go back to 1983, to an 800-square-foot Rochester house purchased by a sin-

gle man who worked at the Orion GM plant.

"People say prices can't keep going up, going up, but they do."

That first house was \$46,000. Four years later, it sold again. For \$89,000. "Now," Hohnholt said, looking back over the property's 13-year role in her life, "it's maybe \$130,000."

John Kersten's first sale was in 1966: a house in Harrison Township. "A 2,200-square foot ranch. About \$45,000. Now worth about \$275,000 to \$300,000."

In the 30 years since, Kersten has built his business "on quality service and making myself as knowledgeable as I can be."

Now president of Century 21 Town & Country, a company reported to have had 1994 sales of almost \$700 million, Kersten said his first sale taught him a clear lesson.

"It helped me realize that people really require service. And deserve it."

His definition of service is "attention to detail, devoting time, and the degree of focus to solve people's problems in the home-buying experience."

With his first sale in mind, he offers a continuing message to his hundreds of sales associates:

"When you promise something to a customer, be prepared to deliver."

Developer must disclose existence of flood plain

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q. I am buying a unit having signed a purchase agreement and found that the developer did not disclose to me the existence of a flood plain over my building. I am also told now that there may be additional insurance involved.

Do you have any comments?

A. Unfortunately, I have observed certain situations where the developer has failed to disclose in the disclosure statement and purchase agreement the fact that the property in question is being constructed on a

flood plain.

While this may not necessarily preclude the development from going forward, additional protective actions must be taken by the developer in order to ensure compliance with federal regulations. Moreover, the association may be required to obtain insurance at a substantial additional expenditure.

Obviously, this is a material fact that should have

been provided to you at the time of purchase. You should look into the matter immediately and decide whether you wish to rescind the transaction based upon the true status of the circumstances.

Q. I am a landlord and have heard recently about a case dealing with a so-called landlord's lien not being valid here in Michigan. Can you give me any insight into that?

A. I presume you are speaking about a recent Michigan Court of Appeals case that held that where a landlord did not file a financing statement to perfect his "landlord's lien" on the collateral in question, the tenant is not liable, despite an apparent exclusion of landlord liens from the filing requirements imposed by Article 9 of the UCC.

In a fairly exhaustive opinion, the court of appeals basically indicated that Michigan does not recognize either a common law landlord lien or a statutory lien. Since it can only be created by statute, the court in following other states' decisions, indicated that the exclusion under Article 9 of the UCC regarding landlord liens is inapplicable and the lien in question

must fall within the coverage of Article 9, which would require that the lien be perfected as is the case with other security interests.

The court in that case indicated that the security interest entered into was not a landlord's lien as that term is normally defined in Article 9.

The court was saying that a lien set out in a lease does not become a landlord's lien by virtue of the fact that the relationship is between a landlord and a tenant.

You should review this matter with respect to all future lease arrangements that you have with your counsel to ensure that you are protected and secured.

Robert M. Meisner is an Oakland County area attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. You are invited to submit topics that you would like to see discussed in this column, including questions about condominiums, by writing Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Bingham Farms MI 48025.

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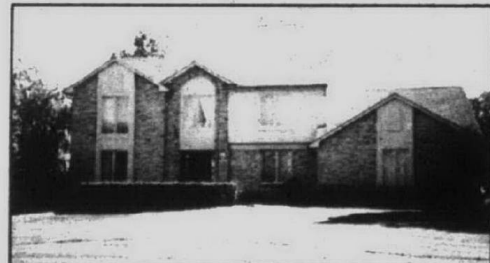
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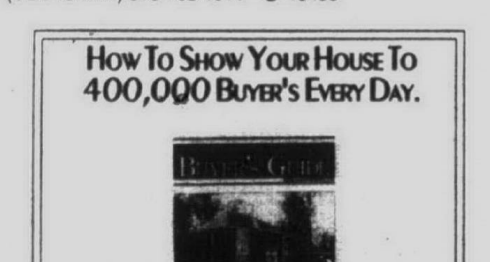
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Doug Woodward presents a series of workshops through a variety of community adult education programs in January on how to sell your house.

Classes run 7-9:30 p.m. Jan. 7 and 14 in Troy, (810) 879-7599; Jan. 22 and 29 in Farmington, (810) 489-3333; Jan. 23 and 30 in Rochester, (810) 650-5747; and 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Jan. 18 and 25 in Birmingham, (810) 644-5832.

The workshop covers the entire selling process from A to Z, includes a workbook and is especially helpful to those planning to sell on their own.

Cost is \$39, \$49 per couple.

REAL ESTATE INVESTORS

The Real Estate Investors Association hosts a seminar, "Everything You Wanted to Know About Real Estate But Were Afraid to Ask," 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 7, at the Southgate Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline one block east of I-75.

Cost is \$10 for non-members. Beginning landlords interested in a free introduction package should call Wayne Koehler, president, at (313) 277-4168.

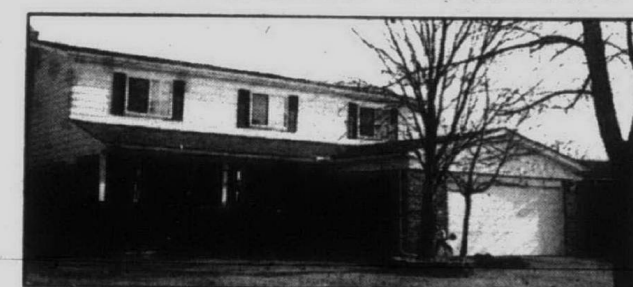
BIA FORECAST MEETING

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan hosts its annual forecast meeting noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, at the Northfield Hilton, 5500 Crooks at I-75, in Troy.

Speakers: Scott Jacobson, incoming BIA president, and Dave Seiders, senior economist, National Association of Home Builders.

Cost, which includes lunch, is \$25 for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$50 for non-members. To register, call (810) 737-4477.

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Rethinking making the big down-payment

MORTGAGE SHOPPING



DAVID C. MULLY

As Michigan's long winter begins, one thing that may help you shake off the season's doldrums is the thought of buying a new home. Spring is traditionally the time people begin the process of looking for a new place to live. It's not too soon to start seriously thinking about the move you'd like to make.

While interest rates continue to remain low, many people find this a great time to buy their first home or upgrade to the home of their dreams. As you

being to consider the possibilities within your reach, consider that traditional thoughts on home buying have changed.

As one example, one of the cardinal rules of home buying has been to put as much money down on the house as you possibly can. This was considered a good practice both for first-time buyers and buyers moving up to a more-expensive home. The conventional wisdom said take all of the equity out of your first house and use it for the down payment on your second one.

Let's rethink that strategy. Many people feel that, due to changes in the tax laws and current economic conditions, it may make better fiscal sense for buyers to hang on to some of their equity and make a lower down payment.

You may ask, "Why would anyone want a larger mortgage with higher monthly payments?" The reason is, since mortgage interest payments are one of the few tax deductions left for homeowners, you could come out way ahead in the long run.

Let's look at an example. You've lived in your present home for some time and now you're looking to move up. Finding a home you like for \$200,000, you sit down to calculate how much you can put down on the house. You find you have \$50,000 in equity from the sale of your first home plus \$10,000 in savings for a total of \$60,000. Let's assume that you also have two car loans totaling \$20,000 with combined payments of \$525 per month at an interest rate of 12 percent.

You could put 25 percent down on the house, which would use up the \$50,000 plus an additional \$5,000 for closing costs, leaving you only \$5,000 when all is said and done. What if you only put 10 percent down? This will use \$20,000 of your available savings plus another \$5,500 for closing costs. (The higher closing costs are a result of the larger loan amount.) This leaves you with \$34,500.

You can now pay off your car loans and, in effect, convert your non-deductible car loan interest into totally deductible mortgage interest. Even though your monthly mortgage payment will be \$310 more, the elimination of the \$525 car payment will reduce your total monthly payment by \$215. This amounts to an annual savings of \$2,580.

After paying off the car loans, you will still have \$14,500 or \$9,500 more than the original 25-percent-down scenario. Plus, the low down payment will result in \$3,522 more deductible interest in the first year alone. Then, if you invest the extra \$9,500 into an account paying 7 percent and add the \$215 savings each month, in four years you'll have more than \$23,000, even after paying taxes on the interest earned.

This low down-payment strategy isn't for everyone. The ideal candidate is a move-up buyer with a strong income, substantial cash reserves and good credit. This plan won't work unless you are committed to carrying in out.

If you have any questions about whether this strategy will

work for you, contact your local real estate or mortgage loan professional. If it's right for you, the low-down-payment plan will allow you to get the home of your dreams while retaining your financial flexibility.

David Mully has been writing his weekly "Mortgage Shopping" column for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers since June 1995. He has been involved with residential mortgage lending in the Detroit area since 1988 and is a senior loan officer. For information about a new mortgage, call Mully toll-free at 1-800-405-3051, fax him at 810-380-0603 or send e-mail to cgbx04d@prodigy.com. You can access Mully's previous Mortgage Shopping articles on-line at <http://oeonline.com/~emoryd/mully>

Use wintertime to remodel basement into livable space

Homeowners have finished on the exterior for the winter and are turning their attention to the inside of their houses.

One of the most popular winter home improvement activities is remodeling a basement.

In the past, basements were used mainly for storage. Today, homeowners often use their basements as extensions of primary living areas.

They are spending between \$10,000 and \$50,000 on basement remodeling projects that often include high-tech entertainment centers or home offices, said Keith Paul, president of Home Advantage Referral Service.

His company offers a free public service that refers screened and monitored contractors to homeowners who are planning remodeling projects or looking for home services.

"Basements aren't just for storage anymore, and more and more homeowners are turning them into real, usable living space," Paul said. "And the good thing is that homeowners usually get back at least 75 percent of their investment in a basement remodeling when they sell their home."

Owners of older houses want more space for their children to play and for entertainment purposes, Paul said.

As a result, remodeling often includes car-

peting, dedicated entertainment areas, walls that are dry walled and recessed lighting rather than the fluorescent shop lights of the past.

Wet bars also are becoming more popular, and it's common for the bars to have kitchen-style cabinets, islands, microwaves and larger sinks.

Remodeling contractors also are called to convert basements to offices for work-at-home or tele-commuting professionals.

"As the price of newer, larger homes in the Detroit area keeps rising, many homeowners are looking for ways to add space to their current home without having to add a dormer or building an extra room," Paul said. "Often, basement remodeling is the best and least-expensive way to accomplish this."

Before hiring a contractor to remodel their basements, homeowners should always verify the contractor's license and insurance, Paul advises.

He also suggests getting more than one estimate and calling a contractor's references before signing a contract.

Homeowners who are considering a remodeling project can receive more information and a brochure, Seven Tips You Must Know Before Hiring a Remodeling Contractor, by calling Home Advantage at (800) 733-3778.

Don't let frozen pipes put chill in your day

(NAPS) - Turning down the heat while you're away from home this winter may sound like a good way to save some money, but it can lead to thousands of dollars worth of damage to your home.

If your water pipes freeze and burst, a one-eighth inch (3-millimeter) crack in a frozen pipe can spew up to 250 gallons of water a day, destroying floors, furniture, appliances and keepsakes.

That's why State Farm Fire and Casualty Company, the nation's largest insurer of homes, suggests setting the thermostat no lower than 55 degrees Fahrenheit (12 degrees Celsius) when you're away. It's also a good idea to ask a friend or neighbor to check your house daily to ensure it's warm enough to prevent freezing and to see if everything else is OK.

A preventable disaster

There are several other things

you can do to make sure you don't return home to find flood-like damage inside your home.

- Insulate pipes in your home's crawl space and attic. These exposed pipes are most susceptible to freezing. The more insulation you use, the better protected your pipes will be. An insulating pipe-sleeve, heat tape or thermostatically controlled heat cables can be used to wrap pipes. Be sure to use products approved by an independent testing organization, such as Underwriters Laboratories Inc., and use the cables only for the use intended.

- Seal leaks that allow cold air inside. Look for air leaks around dryer vents and pipes. Use caulk or insulation to keep the cold out and the heat in.

- Disconnect garden hoses and, if practical, use an indoor valve to shut off and drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets. This reduces the chance

of freezing in the short span of pipe just inside the house.

- If you're going to be away for an extended time, it might make sense to shut off and drain the water system. You must be aware, however, that if you have a fire protection sprinkler system in your house, it will be deactivated when you shut off the water.

- If the forecast calls for temperature to fall below freezing, turn your faucets on so that a trickle of hot and cold water runs overnight. This is especially important for faucets on outside walls. Also, be sure to open cabinet doors to allow heat to get to uninsulated pipes under sinks near exterior walls.

Free brochure

For a free brochure about preventing frozen pipes, see a State Farm agent or write: State Farm Insurance, Public Affairs Department (FP), One State Farm Plaza, Bloomington, IL 61710.

Housing starts exceed forecast

(AP) - Builders boosted housing construction in the United States in November at the fastest rate in 16 months with the strength showing in the Midwest and South.

The Commerce Department said Tuesday the 9.2 percent gain is the best since July 1995. It followed two consecutive drops and is much bigger than the modest advance predicted by analysts.

The increase brought the seasonally adjusted annual rate of housing starts to 1.51 million. That's up from 1.39 million in October, slightly higher than originally estimated.

With Federal Reserve policy-makers meeting to consider changes in interest rates, stock and bond market traders studied the report for signs of excessive growth that the central bank might feel compelled to quash as inflationary.

During the summer many analysts were looking for the Fed to boost interest rates, but signs of moderation in the economy since then have allowed it to keep the short-term benchmark rates it controls steady.

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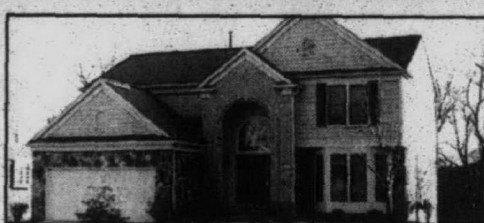
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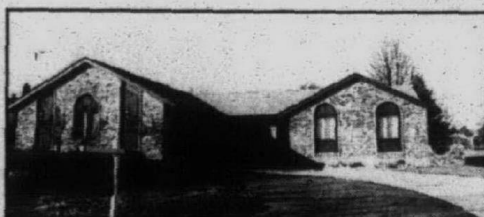
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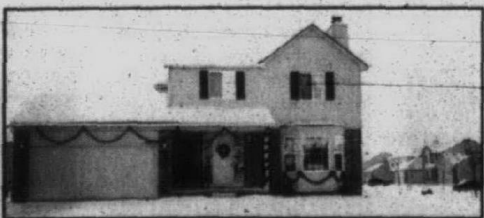
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3 bedroom brick ranch, new roof, 2 1/2 car garage, central air, vinyl windows, finished basement, Open floor plan, nice kitchen. Lovely street. \$96,500. ASK FOR JULIE DUKE

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Spacious 1 bedroom with 6x7 walk-in closet. Huge living room with newer carpet, custom window treatments, large kitchen with all appliances, 2.5 car mechanic's dream garage. \$76,900 (ACPBO)

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30721 Marquette, S. of Ford, W. of Middlebelt, nice 3 bedroom brick home with a large kitchen, family room has beautiful artificial fireplace, some newer windows, central air, finished lower level, extended 2 1/2 car garage - \$110,000

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320 Hartland
HARTLAND HOMES FOR SALE
SPOTLESS...comfortable bi-level. Very good floor plan. Living L has large family room w/brick fireplace, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, formal living and dining rooms. Lovely large yard professionally landscaped. Good location. \$154,000.
ALL THIS CAN BE YOURS! - Traditional 4 bedroom colonial w/2360 sq. ft., 2 1/2 baths, 1st floor laundry, master bath w/jacuzzi. Large deck off dining area for entertaining. Nicely tiled recreation area in without lower level & 2 car garage! beautiful setting overlooking private 10 acre Shenandoah Pond! \$238,000.
TAKE TO THE WOODS! - Gorgeous & private wooded 2 care setting surrounds this lovely quality built all brick ranch. Well planned w/2250 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 full & 2 half baths, 1st floor laundry, finished walk-out lower level w/2nd kitchen, family room & recreation room - great for in-laws, wide halls & doorways for home care. 27x28 garage w/16' door & more. Paved road & easy access to I-59. \$159,900.
MAKE YOUR MOVE! - Nice 3 bedroom ranch on 2 acres in HARTLAND Twp. Good floor plan with 1567 sq. ft., 2 baths, full basement, large kitchen and nook area! Paved road and natural gas! \$159,900.
LET NATURE SURROUND YOU! Scenic setting with this chateau home on 10 acres! 3 bedroom, 2 baths, partially finished basement, 2 car attached garage & 2 car detached garage plus pole barn with cement floor. Call for appt. \$178,000.

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321 Highland
NEW 1,526 SQ. FT.
3 bedroom, 2 bath, great room, 100 x 200 ft. lot, lake, private garage. \$114,900.
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NORTH LIVONIA
3 Bedroom brick home, 1 1/2 baths, freshly decorated, fireplace in living room, bright kitchen w/dining area, finished kitchen, paneled in finished basement. 2 car garage. \$144,900.

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CAPE COD
4 Bedroom, 2 bath brick home, fireplace in large living room, country kitchen, finished basement, 2 car garage. \$147,900.

NEW CONSTRUCTION
Just in time to select your interior colors. 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial, cathedral ceiling, huge kitchen, family room w/fireplace, 2 car attached garage & full basement. Spring occupancy. Priced in the \$190,000's.
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323 Howell
5 MINUTES from new mall. 4 bedroom, 2 full baths, hot tub, 4 plus acres, garage/work shop. Will consider your home on trade. Immediate occupancy. \$185,000.
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325 Livonia
BEAUTIFUL 3 bedroom ranch in nice neighborhood with many, many updates and partially finished basement. \$93,500.
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CAPE COD 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath. Family room with fireplace. Central air. Newer kitchen/roof/windows. \$158,900. (313) 421-0056

COUNTRY IN THE CITY
best describes this 3 bedroom ranch with large kitchen, family room, 1 1/2 baths, central air, large lot, 2 car garage. must see at - \$112,900

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FIRST OFFERING
Beautiful contemporary brick 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch on a manicured lot. Great Room w/fireplace, remodeled kitchen, doornail leading to patio & deck around pool, basement, attached 2 car garage. \$185,000.

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34055 WADSWORTH
(N. of Plymouth, E. off Stark Rd.) Happy New Year! Happy new designer kitchen! Happy new family room with fireplace! Enjoy nothing but the best in this professionally remodeled 3 bedroom, 2 full bath ranch on fenced, wooded property. \$122,500.

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4 bedroom, den/family room, located on a larger lot, first floor laundry, quick occupancy and much more.
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BY OWNER - No Agents. 3 bedroom brick ranch, garage, cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors, newer kitchen & bath. Partially finished basement. Choice lot. \$150,000. Allowances. 810-348-2787

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329 Novi

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Well maintained. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath Tudor style colonial. Master bedroom with walk-in closet and bath. Huge 1st floor laundry and dining room. Library, brick fireplace in family room. Barbecue on wood deck, central air, full basement. New carpeting and counter tops. Neutral decor. Approximately 2,800 sq. feet. \$219,900. By appointment. (810) 348-0158

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Novi Road, between 9 & 10 Mile. New residential homes ranging from \$256,500 & up.
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Mystic Forest Sub. \$284,700
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334 Plymouth

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PLYMOUTH'S LAKE POINTE
Four Bedroom, 2 bath home. Field-stone fireplace. Updated kitchen, formal dining. \$169,900.
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11677 Morgan, Updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath, woodburning stove, garage. Enjoy the Charm of Plymouth. \$139,900

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in a new house! This 3 bedroom brick ranch has a dining room, full basement, large lot, excellent location close to shopping, quiet neighborhood. Only \$80,000.

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THE MICHIGAN GROUP
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READY TO MOVE IN

This brick ranch offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, updated kitchen. Huge living room with dining. 2 1/2 car garage. A Must See! \$84,900

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335 Redford

3 bedroom brick bungalow, updated electric & plumbing, furnace, central air 1 yr. Roof 2 yrs. Full basement, Garage. Asking \$77,900.

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This spacious ranch features a large living room with natural fireplace, formal dining room, updated kitchen with breakfast nook and pantry, 3 large bedrooms, updated vinyl windows, newer doors, newer furnace, updated electrical, 50 gallon hot water tank, burglar & fire alarm on house and garage. This home will not last at \$123,900. Call JANET or STEVE STOCKTON TODAY at 810-915-7510. REMAX 100, INC.

REDFORD - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, laundry room, 1 1/2 car garage, fenced yard, \$58,000, 1 1/2 security. (810) 477-2471

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3 bedroom brick ranch w/2.5 car garage. Fourth bedroom in lower level w/closet. New vinyl windows. Call for more details. Asking \$91,900.

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3 bedroom brick bungalow with part finished basement, new windows on 1st floor, freshly painted, plus appliances. \$75,000.

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337 Royal Oak/Oak Park/Huntington Woods

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3388 Arden Place
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339 Southfield-Lathrup

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS - 3 bedroom ranch, first floor laundry, central air, newly painted. Open house Sun. 12 to 4. (810) 647-7253

342 Union Lake/White Lake

3 bedroom ranch with perennial gardens on beautiful rolling acres. Partially finished basement & fireplace. Two car attached garage & more. \$169,900. (W5701)

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344 W. Bloomfield-Orchard Lake-Keego

UNBELIEVABLE VALUE!

This 2700 sq. ft. colonial features 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, living room, family room, formal dining room & library. Large master bedroom closet, oversized 1st floor laundry, side entry garage, & stately brick elevation. W. Bloomfield schools. Priced appropriately for odds & ends needing repair. Great location, great lot! \$214,900.

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3 bedroom brick and vinyl ranch with many updates.

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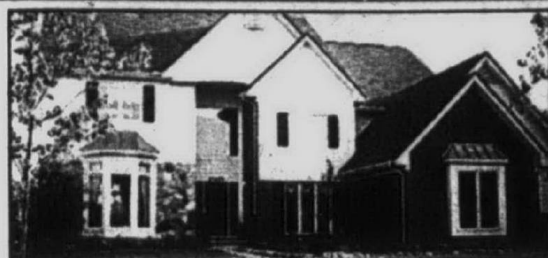
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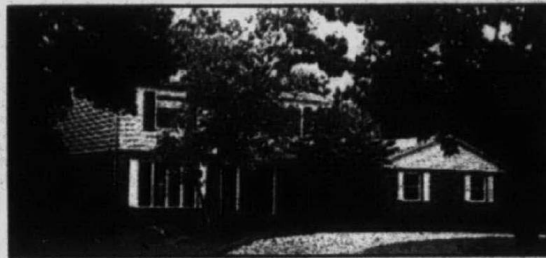
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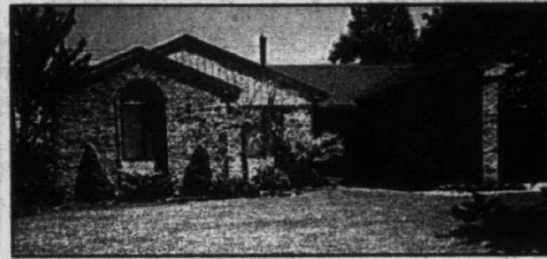
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CANTON

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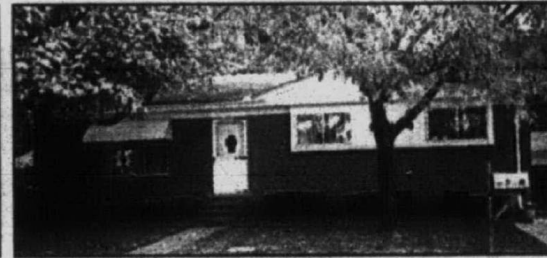
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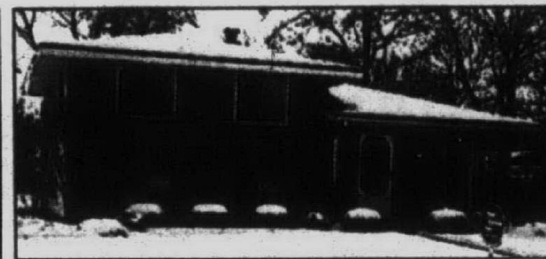
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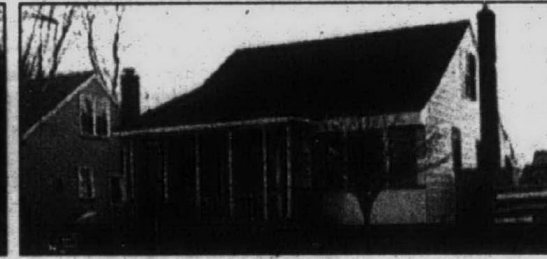
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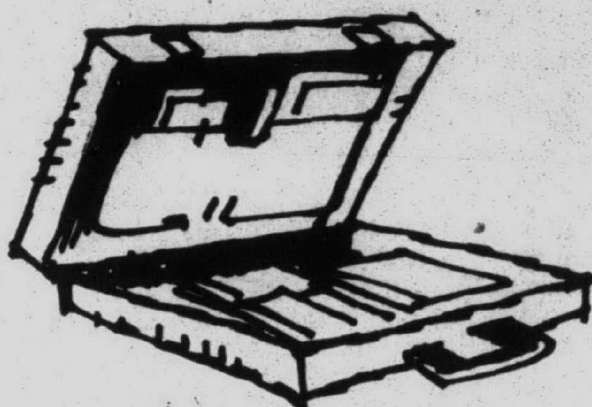
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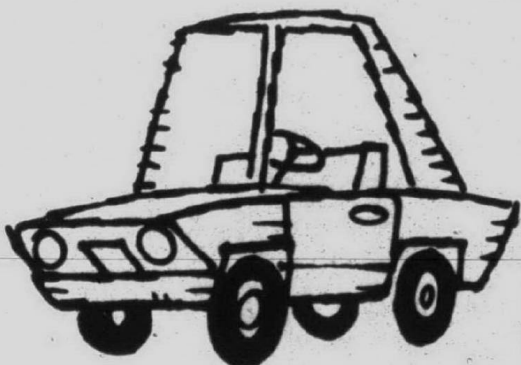
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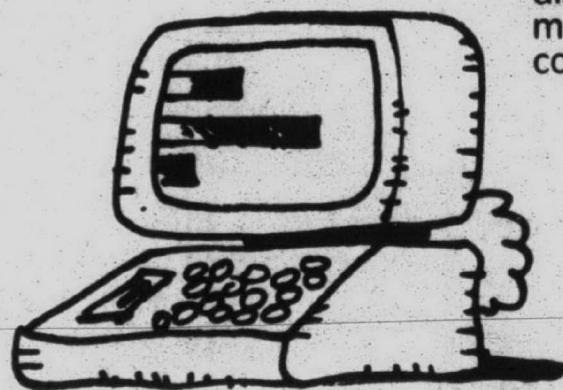
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This builder prefers low-volume approach

Tom Walsh, a Livonia builder, knows his niche and is in no hurry to expand beyond his capabilities.

Walsh has done only about a dozen houses on scattered lots since starting his own business in 1992. None has come close to \$200,000.

"I try to give people all the amenities \$200,000, \$300,000 houses have - vaulted ceilings, skylights, first-floor laundries, two-story foyers the drama - but they're just smaller," he said.

A big house for Walsh would be 1,600 square feet, like the speculative Cape Cod he has under construction in Farmington Hills.

"I try to stay within \$130,000 to \$180,000," he said. "It gives a young couple, a young person, maybe someone downsizing, something to choose from other than a 30-year-old, cookie-cutter ranch."

"You can see as we go through these houses, even though they're small, they function very well. They're not only pretty houses. When you go inside, you can live in them," he said.

Walsh said he's studied environmental design at Center for Creative Studies. He's also a painter and sculptor.

"I design everything myself with the client," he said. "My drawings I give to an architect in Plymouth, D.S. Wright and Associates. He does the working drawings."

Sometimes, clients will have a very clear idea what they want. Other times, Walsh will have to lead them by the hand.

"I'll build anything," he said. "I like things that have flavor, drama, a lot of curb appeal, a lot of gables. I like to accentuate the staircase, use that as a kind of visual dynamic. Here, I stacked two bay windows. From the outside, it looks like an octagonal turret."

Walsh currently has a roughed-in 1,600-square-foot spec available in Farmington Hills.

The Cape Cod will feature a first-floor master with vaulted ceiling, vanity with dressing/make-up area, walk-in closet and shower.

The main living area also will showcase a family room with sloped ceiling and fireplace, eating nook with vaulted ceiling, kitchen with the sink oriented

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scattered-site builder*

toward an opening in the wall and view into the family room, dining room, laundry and half bath.

Two bedrooms and a full bath are upstairs.

The model also will feature a two-car garage, basement and dishwasher. Vinyl siding is the predominant exterior material with some brick and wood accents.

Walsh estimates the completion price at \$170,000-\$175,000.

"A houses like this looks and functions just like a big one. It's just smaller and more affordable," he said.

A custom house he's building by contract next door, a 1,300-square-foot colonial, features a family room, kitchen/eating nook, living room, first floor laundry, half bath, two-car, side-entry garage and covered front porch.

Three bedrooms and a full bath - with a sliding door to the master and a regular door for the other two bedrooms - are upstairs. The master has a skylight.

That house will price out at \$135,000-\$140,000, Walsh estimated.

"These houses are probably resistant to glitches in the economy," he said. "They're affordable."

Walsh described his typical buyer as a younger, dual-income couple with kids or one on the way who are building for the first time.

Walsh has learned to be a one-man band.

"I'm a builder, Realtor, salesperson and designer," he said. "The hardest part is finding property now. Lots I used to pay \$20,000, \$25,000 for are now going for \$40,000. I have to be that much more efficient."

Walsh built a colonial in Farm-



Walsh touch: Tom Walsh, who builds just a handful of houses a year, uses his design training to create a dramatic exterior and functional floor plan.

ington Hills for Bill and Robin Otto and son, Jackson.

"It was really a nice experience. He constantly called us and updated us on things," Robin said.

"As far as working with us and changing designs, he was fine," she said. "He let us put our own wood floor in the kitchen and dining room and was happy to deduct that from his price."

The Ottos were comfortable dealing with Walsh.

"He's able to give you as a homeowner more attention," Robin said. "My in-laws saw his house on Clarita he was

building in Farmington Hills. He said he'd build the house on a lot we were interested in."

Cynthia and Paul Williams, along with sons Daniel, Matthew and Jordan, bought a colonial Walsh built in Livonia.

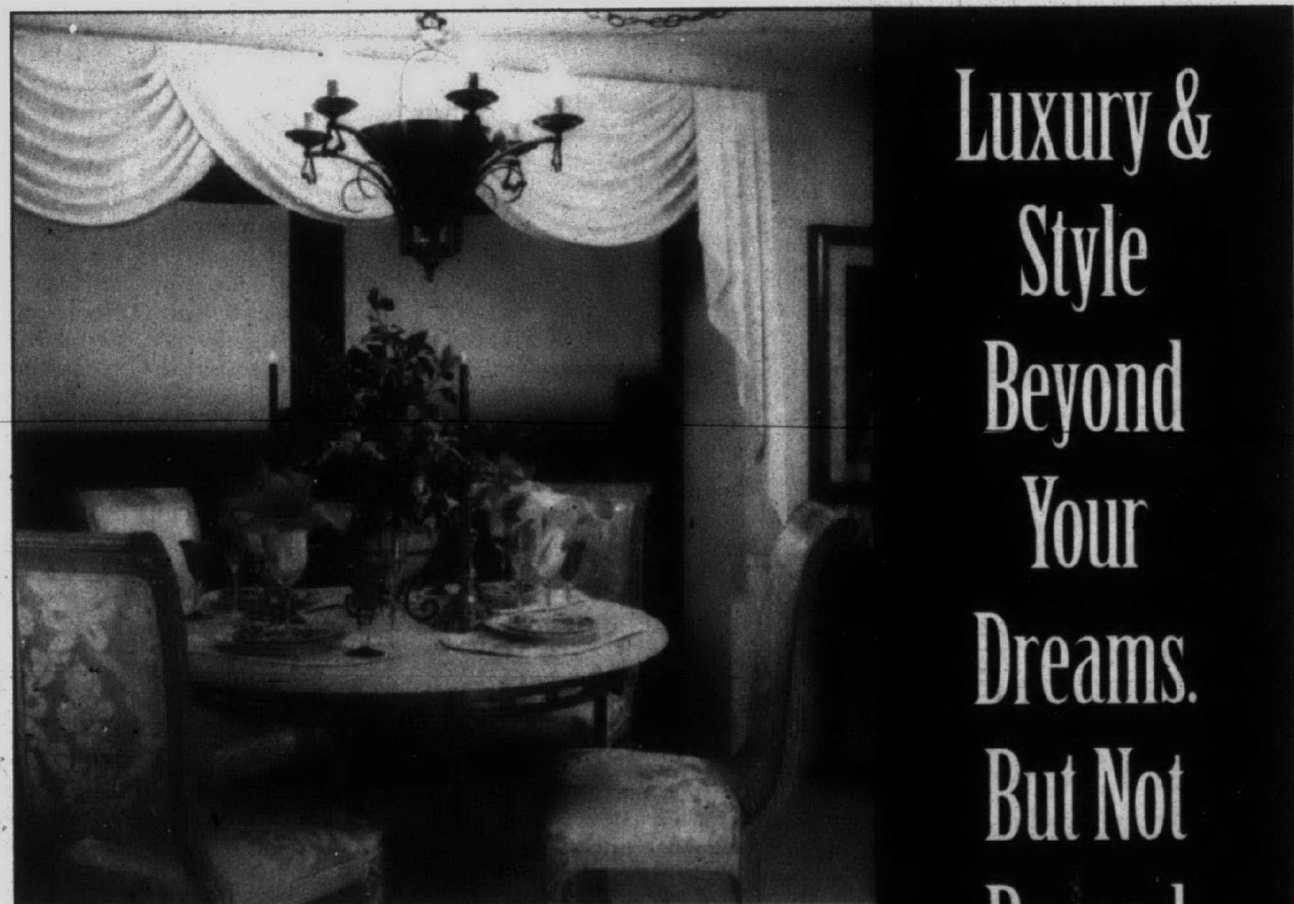
"He was very agreeable with everything we wanted," Cynthia

said. "He just wanted to make us happy and he did. Because he is a single builder and not a big corporation, he seemed to take more pride in his work."

The Williamses found Walsh in a newspaper advertisement, checked out his work and liked what they saw.

"Our house looks huge from the outside," Cynthia said. "It really is a nice, good-sized house. But it's not mammoth. There's no wasted space. It's a house we really use."

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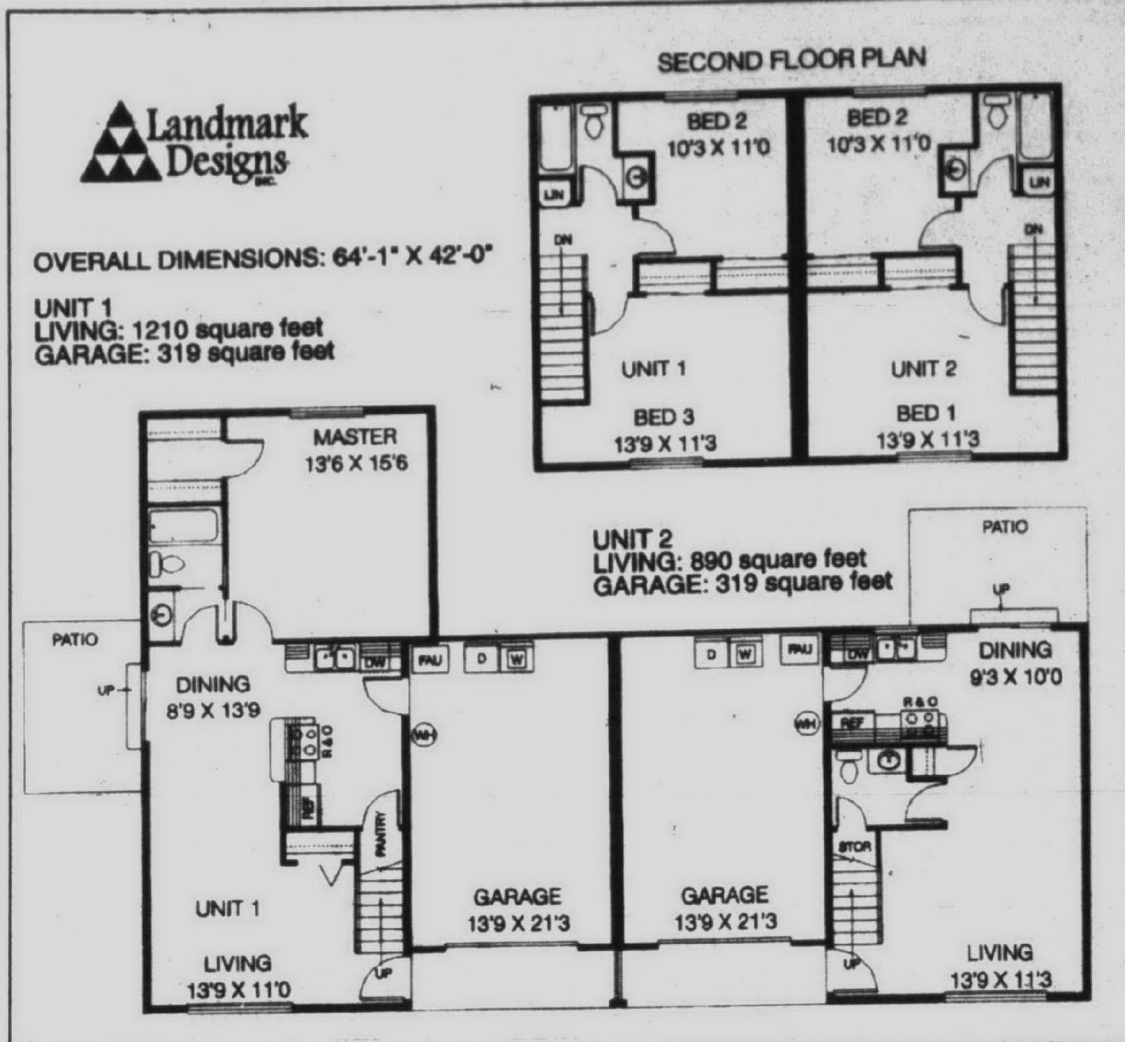
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ing area in unit one, with the master suite on the main level and two bedrooms on the second level. The other side is an 890 square foot unit with two bedrooms, one and a half baths.

Both units have an attached garage that conveniently opens directly into the kitchen. This allows one to unload groceries with a minimum of bother. There is space in each garage to put a washer and dryer.

The master suite, in unit one, is a rarity in duplex design. Extending out from the back of the building, the amenities here include a large sleeping area, walk-in closet and a semi-private bathroom.

Both units have a living room that flows unimpeded into the dining area. The kitchen dimensions vary somewhat, but both allow for easy serving and feature built-in appliances. Unit one's din-

ing room has a sliding glass door leading to a side patio. Unit two's dining room has a sliding glass door to a back patio. Both patios have enough room to relax in the sun, with a barbecue and some lounge chairs.

The top levels in both units hold two bedrooms, each with closet space. The front bedroom is somewhat large. They share a corner bathroom with a linen closet located in the hallway.

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Mortgage delinquencies are down

BY ROB WELLS
AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fewer homeowners fell behind on their mortgages in the third quarter, a trend that could extend into next year, an industry group said Thursday.

The Mortgage Bankers Association said mortgage delinquencies fell to 4.16 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis in the three months ended Sept. 30, down from 4.35 percent in the second quarter. It was the third consecutive quarterly decline.

McCord attributed the improvement to lower interest rates, a stronger economy, job growth and a fall in loan-to-value ratios, which shows homeowners have more equity built up in their homes.

Responding to a question, McCord said it's possible the trend in rising personal bankruptcies and credit card debt problems could pose problems for mortgages. But he said that probably wouldn't happen, especially if interest rates decline.

The percentage of

foreclosures started in the third quarter fell slightly, but the percentage of loans in foreclosure climbed to 1 percent of all loans from 0.96 percent in the prior quarter.

The foreclosure statistics reflect past credit problems — such as the rise in delinquencies in 1995 — and should improve in the coming months, he added.

The improvements in mortgage delinquencies were seen in all categories. For 30-day delinquencies, the rate was 2.92 percent, down from 3.05 percent in the second quarter; 60-day delinquencies, 0.65 percent, down from 0.67 percent; and delinquencies 90 days or more, 0.59 percent, down from

0.63 percent.

For conventional loans, the rate was 2.67 percent, down from 2.80 percent; for VA loans, 6.68 percent, down from 6.80 percent; and for FHA loans, 7.83 percent, down from 8.11 percent.

Around the country, the Northeast experienced the largest decline, with 4.24 percent of home loans in trouble, down from 4.49 percent. In the South, rates fell to 4.84 percent from 5.06; in the West, 3.40 percent, from 3.60 percent; North Central, 3.83 percent, down from 4.01 percent.

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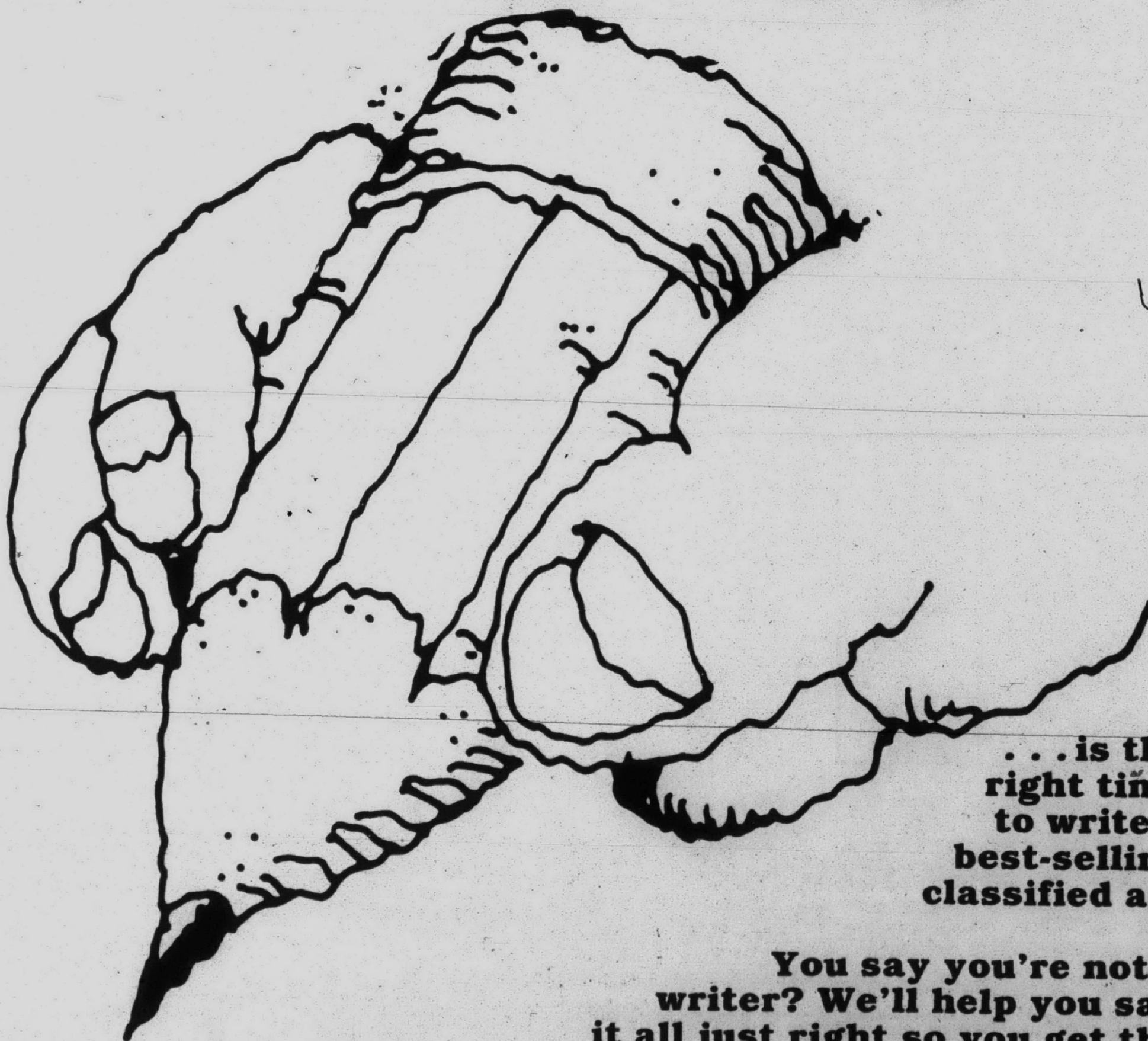
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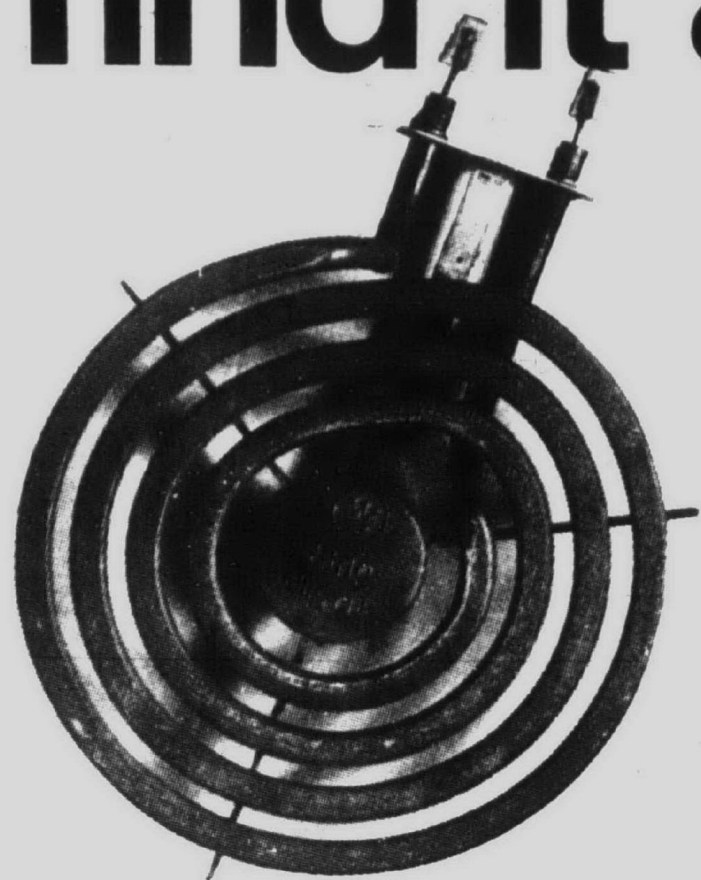
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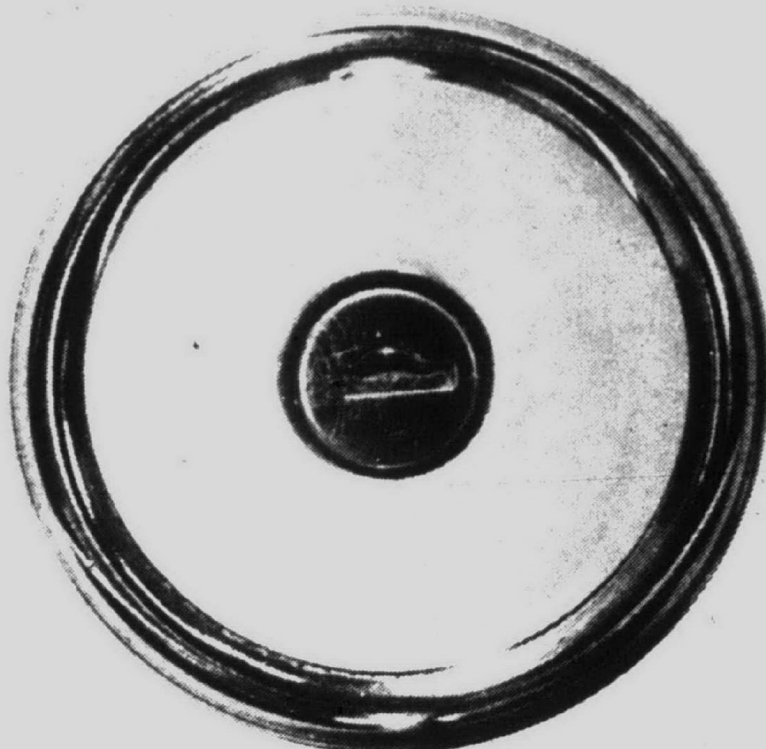
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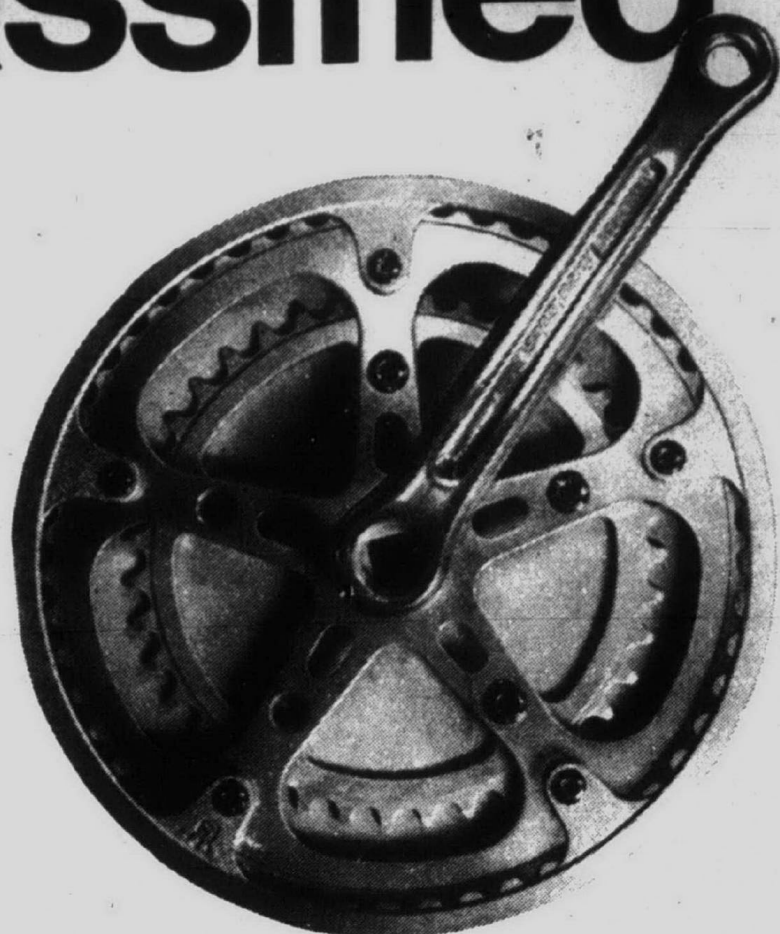
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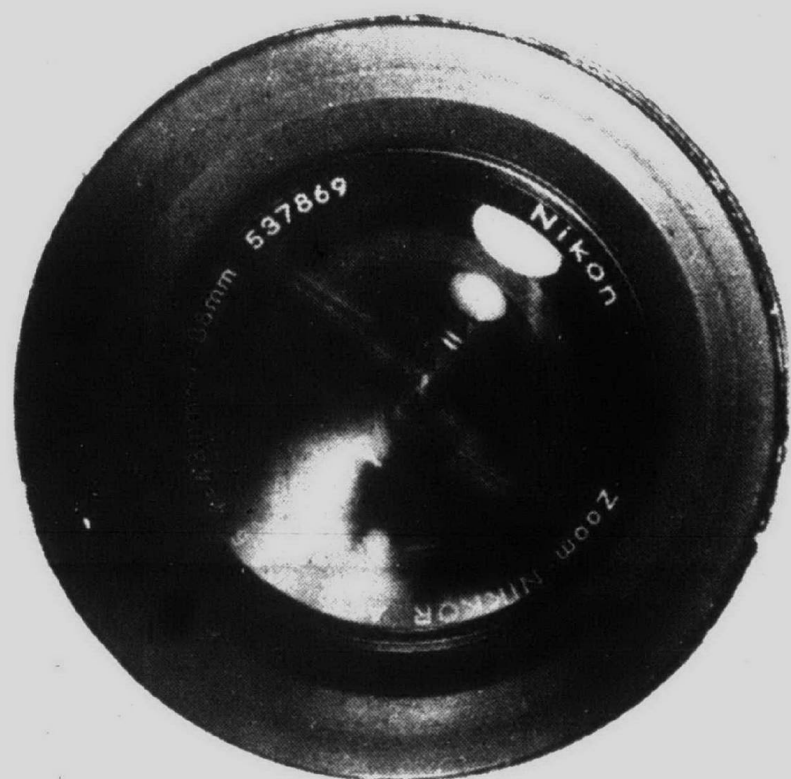


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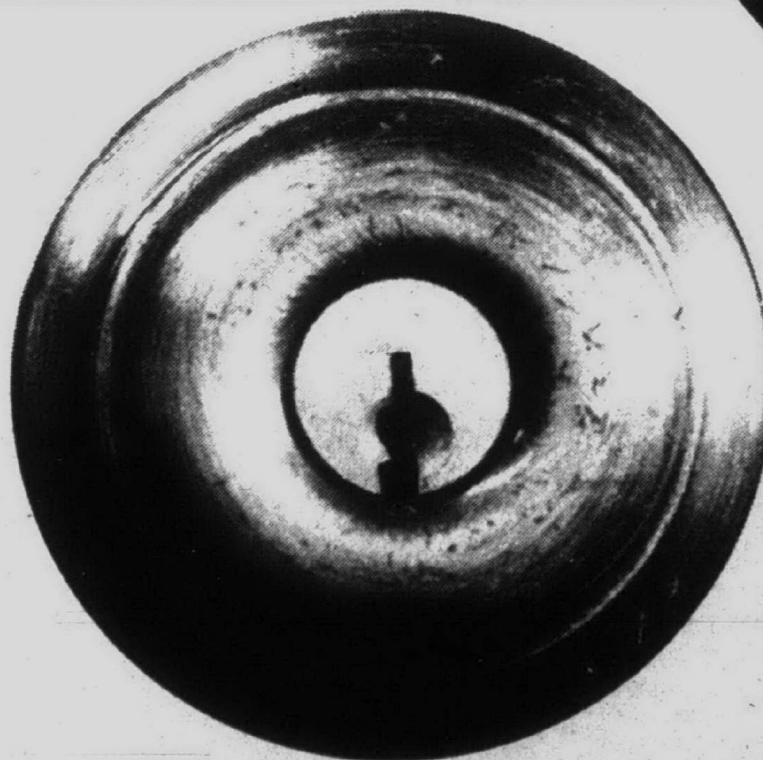
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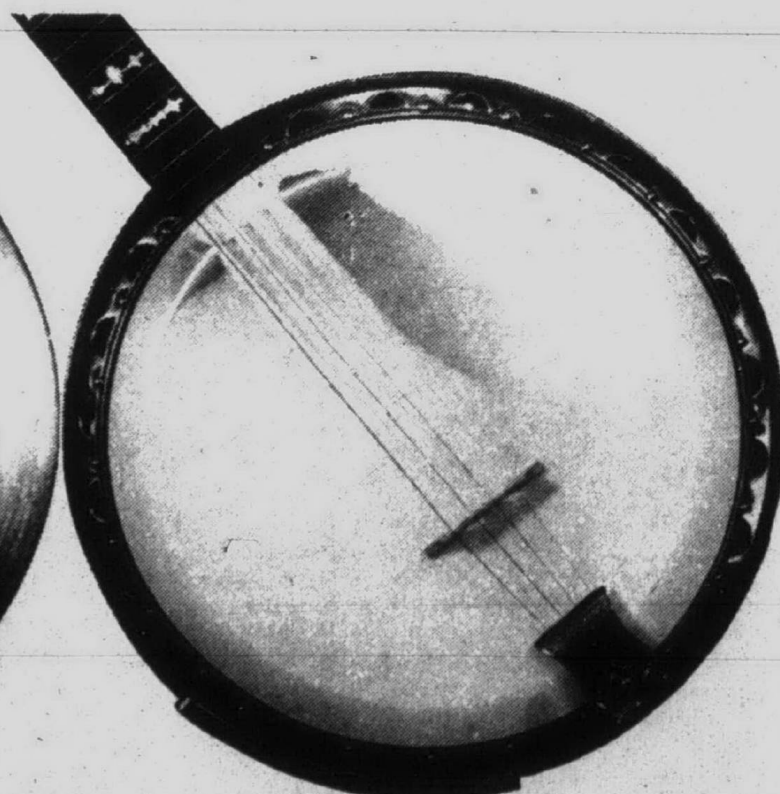
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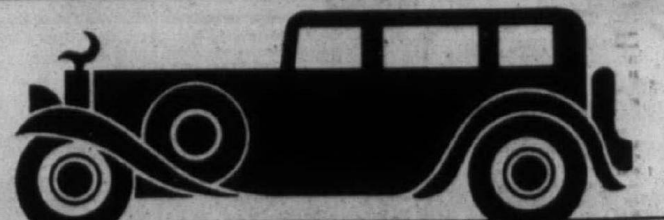
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