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MONDAY

City meets: Catch the next chapter in the city manager saga as the commission meets in a special session at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

# **TUESDAY**

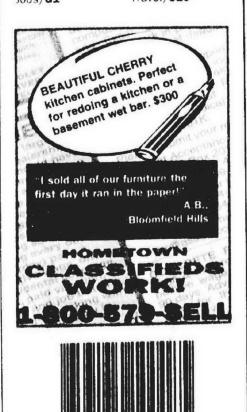
Same place, new time: The Plymouth Township Board meets at 7 p.m. in the meeting room at township hall, located at Ann Arbor and Lilley roads. The board is expected to talk about whether to support Northville's attempt to get Wayne County to build an outdoor pool.

Open house: New Morning School in Plymouth hosts an open house from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For information, call 420-3331 or hit the web, www.newmorningschool.org.

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Repeat after me: Rev. Mike Allen, a retired pastor from East Jordan Baptist Church, left, performs the marriage ceremony for Debra Vair and Shawn Booth of Romulus in The Plymouth Gathering Wednesday during the Plymouth International Ice Spectacular.

# Couple use ice festival as chapel

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

What better place to have an ice breaker than the Plymouth International Ice Spectacular. That's what the

biggest ice carving

competition became for

Sean and Debra Booth

two years ago, when

the couple came to Plymouth for their first On Wednesday, two years to the day after that first encounter, the Booths took their vows in a simple ceremony in The Gathering as the 2001 ice festival got under way. The Booths pledged

themselves to each other in an eclectic mix of friends, family and a couple of dozen perfect strangers, all as part of the ice festival's opening day.

"It's exciting," Debra said. "I kind of have butterflies, not about getting married, but about what we were going to do quickly and quietly turning into something more. We became part of this whole thing. It's not what we expected, or what we would have planned to do on our own. That's the neat thing about the way it happened."

The pair both worked at Hope Nursing care Center in Westland when Seah decided to ask Debra for a date. As he was asking, she was thinking he was asking her to cover a shift for him

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# City still looking for manager after all

New form of government? — A2

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

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In a strange twist of fate, the City of Plymouth is still looking for a city

Just as it appeared the commission was ready to ink a contract with former Van Buren County administrator, Calvin Teague, information surrounding Teague's background forced him to withdraw his name from considera-

Mayor Dave McDonald, commissioners Colleen Pobur and Sean FitzGerald and city attorney Bob Marzano met with Teague Wednesday afternoon at City Hall to discuss information the Plymouth police department received from an outside source indicating Teague had a history with the

"We received information about a routine background check, which required edification," said McDonald. "Police records indicated some misdemeanor charges 30 years ago, and there were some more recent. Mr. Teague indicated to me there were no felony convictions in his background.

"I asked him, considering the information we had, if he could effectively run City Hall," added McDonald. "Mr. Teague indicated he probably couldn't, and signed a statement withdrawing for personal reasons."

Teague was the third person who has been offered the city manager's job. He met McDonald and Commissioner Bill Graham for dinner Jan. 11 and agreed in principle to a contract calling for an annual salary of \$75,000. After making a few adjustments in contract language, which re requested by Teague, commissioners approved the pact at last Tues-

day's regular meeting.

It all fell apart Wednesday evening, before Teague put his signature on the

# Commission already plotting next strategy

BY TONY BRUSCATO tbruscato@oe.ho

Plymouth city commissioners will meet Monday to discuss their options in hiring a city manager after former Van Buren County administrator Calvin Teague withdrew his name from consideration last Wednesday.

"There will be two logical discussions," said Mayor Dave McDonald. "Offer the job to (Roosevelt Park City Manager Michael) Overton, or, in lieu of that, contracting with a placement firm to find a city manager."

Don't be surprised if the former, and not the latter, occurs at the special session. While Overton supporters have

been struggling to get enough votes for their candidate since the

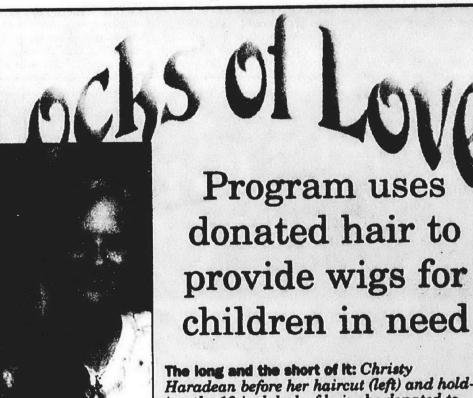
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"I've decided to go into the prival sector," Teague explained to the Observer when contacted Thurs ay morning. "It has nothing to the commission."

Teague would only indicate he will be working in the private sector, saying "I will be working with a law firm. One reason I'm getting out of the public sector is because of the scrutiny.'

Teague, 51, admitted to being involved in a sexual misconduct inves-

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Haradean before her haircut (left) and holding the 16-inch lock of hair she donated to "Locks of Love" (right).

0's & A's

Here are some commonly asked questions about the Locks of Love program: Q. How many ponytalls does it take to

A. Twelve donated ponytails go into one hairpiece because Locks of Love only uses the lengths of 10 inches or longer. Q. Can I donate a ponytall that is shorter than 10 inches?

A. Yes, with the understanding that it will most likely be sold to help offset the cost of manufacturing. Q. Can I meet the child

A. Locks of Love cannot link donors to recipients for two important reasons: (a) tracking of each donated ponytail would not be feasible financially and: (b) the children's privacy. However, our quarterly newsletter features Locks of Love children who have agreed to appear publicly.

Q. Who donates hair to Locks of Love? A. Locks of Love uses donations from adults and children, men and women, all colors and all races. Locks of Love estimates children donated more than 80 percent of the ponytails received.

Q. is my hair donation tax deduct A The IRS considers donated hair a body part and, therefore, not tax deductible. Financial donations are fully deductible

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

for 15 years, even after the

Princess Di look became popular back in the early 1960s, Christy Haradean wore her hair long.

But since last spring, she'd been kicking around the idea of getting it cut. Passing into her 40s, Haradean started hearing the whispers about having a "more mature" hair-do.

On vacation is Florida, the heat finally helped Haradean make up her mind. So, too, did another idea she'd been considering donating her hair to the Locks of Love program. Locks of Love provides wigs for children with permanent or long-turn hair loss.

when she get it cut in Flori-

decided to go "nice and short and really make a go of it." The result: instead

of her hair winding up on a beauty salon floor, a 16-inch braid is on its way to the Florida-based program.

"It really is a good cause, for some-thing that will most likely get tossed away," Haradean said. "It's sad to know there are children who don't have hair. I just thought it would be a next thing to do."

It's becoming a pretty popular thing to do, too. According to Locks of Love



their head. Children 9-17 get custom, vacuum-fit hair prosthetics. The people doing the donating do so for a variety of reasons, according to Kristen Wens, a communications intern with Locks of Love.

"There are multiple reasons," she said. "Many do it for personal reasons, they've had a friend or family who have been affected. Lots of people send little notes, before-and-after pictures." Alicia Curmi first got the idea of

donating her hair from a newspaper story her mother, Patty, read her. About a year later, 6-year-old Alicia decided it was time to get her long. brunette tresses trimmed. She did the

deed in August.
"She teld me she wanted to do this as soon as we read the article," Patty

The youngster's generosity touched an who did the trimming, Gail,

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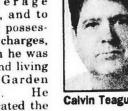






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involving an underage teen, and to drug possession charges, when he was 21 and living in Garden City. He indicated the



sexual misconduct charge was dismissed, and he received three months' probation for marijuana posses-

There was also a incident involving a female friend in a parking lot while he was city administrator in Marshfield, Wisc., several years ago.

"There was a civil disturbance and I used poor judgment," said Teague. "It was personal, not job related, and there were no charges or ticket.

"I have always held myself to high standards, and I've never been accused of any improprieties," he said. "I find it regret-

table that incidents from 30 years ago were brought up." Several commissioners reacted

to the latest news. "I'm extremely discouraged because I believe he was the person for the job," said Graham. "I saw him as an individual who could deal with the community and the issues at hand."

"It's unfortunate that we've not been able to secure a candidate for the city manager's position, but the city is in capable hands with Paul Sincock as acting city manager," added Commissioner David Byers.

"I'm disappointed we weren't able to bring the selection process to a close," said FitzGerald. 'I'm glad we found out before he signed the contract."

Commissioners Michele Potter, who spoke vehemently against the hiring of Teague and favored the hiring of Michael Overton, city manager of Roosevelt Park, Mich., had no com-

# Group explores change to elect full-time mayor

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

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With the recent problems in hiring and keeping a city manager, Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva is starting a petition drive to change the city's charter, allowing for the election of a full-time mayor to run the city.

Vorva, a former city commissioner, will hold an organizational meeting Thursday to garner support for his idea. Vorva said it's time to make government accountable for the way it does business.

"The real problem with hiring city manager is they're all hired guns from the same pool," he said. "They all try to figure out how to extract money from the taxpayers and not be responsible, because they aren't elected

officials. "At the same time, the city commission isn't accountable because it blames everything on

the city manager," added Vorva. The commission has politicians who are using it as a stepping stone, instead of service to the community. No one is making the tough decisions.

"And, while no one is accountable, the water rates go up, the roads need repair, the infrastructure gets old. I think the citizens are tired of it."

Vorva said with a mayor at the helm, the business of the city will either get done, or citizens can take their frustrations out on one person.

"A strong mayor form of government would make one person, the mayor, responsible for getting things done," said Vorva. If not, then he can be thrown out by the people. Let's hold their feet to the fire.'

The Thursday meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library, will be a chance for Vorva to see if there's interest from residents and business owners.

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interview process began last November, it appears they will finally get their man.

It will not be surprising if Commissioner Michele Potter, who has been the most vocal supporter of Overton, gets the opportunity to make a resolution offering Overton the job at the same annual salary of \$75,000 that was offered the last two candidates. Allies with Potter along the way have been commissioners David Byers and Dan Dwyer.

Commissioner Bill Graham, a supporter of Teague, said, "I still have reservations about Mr. Overton, but I would work with him."

Likewise, admitted Commissioner Sean FitzGerald. "I will support Mr. Overton in the interest

of finality," he said. "If I didn't think he could do the job, I wouldn't support him." Sources indicate Commissioner Colleen Pobur is ready to vote in favor of Overton. Which leaves McDonald.

"I'm not ready to say how I would vote," said McDonald, who wouldn't turn down an opportunity to resume the search. "However, if the vote was 6-0 in favor of Mr. Overton, I probably would make it unanimous."

Overton, when contacted by McDonald, said he's still interested in the job. He recently received a solid performance evaluation and a three percent pay raise to \$57,914.

Overton's review included comments praising him for innovative thinking, being well organized and up-to-date on government trends, plus good communication skills and a sense of customer service with regard to taxpayers. Fiscal management was considered his strongest asset.

(734) 420-3331. For more information, visit

the school's website at www.newmorn-

# Woman's Club scholarships

The Woman's Club of Plymouth has begun accepting applications for its annual scholarship awards program.

Supported by Plymouth Manor and the Observer Newspapers, the program will present awards worth between \$250 and \$1,000. Winners will be notified two weeks' prior to award presentation.

Requirements for the scholarships include: Must live in Plymouth or their parents must have a place of business in Plymouth; student has been a carrier for the Observer and lives in Plymouth or Canton; must have a cumulative 3.30 GPA; must be attending a college or university in the fall; must complete the application form; must have two written letters of recommendation from adults other than relatives; must supply a copy of the official school transcript including the first quarter of 2000; must supply two required essays, one previously written and one on the topic provided; must have a parents' or guardians' signature; and must supply a senior class photo to be

published in the Observer.

Applications can be picked up at the Observer office, 794 S. Main in Plymouth, or by checking with your high school office. For more information, contact chairperson K.C. Mueller, 455-0075.

# Open houses

New Morning School in Plymouth is hosting two opportunities for interested families tour the school, meet the staff and have questions answered.

The school will host an open house Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m., and there will also be a Student Museum/Open House Sunday, Feb. 11 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. New family discussions will occur at 3:30 p.m. that day.

Interested people can call the school at

ingschool.org. Pompons at inaugural

Eleven pompon students from the Canton High School Chiefettes and Salem High School Rockettes were among the 87 members of the Mid American Pompon All Star Team to march in President-elect George Bush's inaugural parade yesterday.

They included Jaclynn Custer, Molli Megasko, Carol Liu, Beth Lamborne, Kristen Penk, Lauren Richter, Brittany Rivers and Melissa French, all of whom live in

Erika Zokas, Elizabeth Wisniewski and Lauren French are all from Plymouth.

The members of the all star team are selected during the Mid American Pompon summer camp at Central Michigan University. More than 450 high school sophomores, juniors and seniors from Michigan, Illinois and Indiana competed to become part of the 200-member team.

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Celebrity carving: Dan Kowalski along with his team from Visteon works on a horse head ice sculpture during the celebrity carving competition Thursday night at the Plymouth International Ice Spectacular.

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at the center, where both are

"I told her, 'No, I don't want you to work, I want you to go out with me," Sean recalled. "I cooked her dinner, and we went to the ice festival. I go every year anyhow, and so does Debra, and it's a nice place to walk around and talk and get to know somebody.'

Vair agreed. "We work together," she said, "but we never had time to think about romance. While we were walking, we talked and found out how we feel."

When the couple decided to get married, they called to check out the possibility of doing it at the ice festival. A request for a simple wedding suddenly blossomed into a much bigger deal. Carvers Tajama and Paul Raukar carved an ice heart full of roses, now on display as part of the festival. The Plymouth Hilton Garden Inn chipped in with a night in the honeymoon

Television news crews and other media crowded around the ceremony, which took about 20

minutes in The Gathering. "At first, we were apprehensive, because all we wanted to do was get married," Sean said. "It



Ceremonial smooth: Debra Vair and Shawn Booth of Romulus kiss one another after getting married in The Plymouth Gathering Wednesday during the Plymouth International Ice Spectacular by the Rev. Mike Allen, a retired pastor from East Jordan Baptist Church.

just a friend or two and a couple family members. But then we thought, 'What the heck."

The couple won't honeymoon right away, because of the difficulty of working out job schedules with both working at the

wasn't going to be a large event, same place. They did take a trip to Pennsylvania just before

"We'll plan our honeymoon for

wedding, where Sean asked Debra's father for permission to

the summertime," he said.

# Planners debate concerns over dog day care center

BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER sbuck@oe.home

Some dog owners want Specialty Pets Canine Club, a dog day care in Plymouth Township,

to reopen so their dogs can socialize and play with other dogs during the day while the owners are at work. Some residents who live near the Ann Arbor Road business

The issue was a hot topic of conversation at the Plymouth Township Planning Commission

don't want the service nearby

and complained about dog drop-

meeting Wednesday. Specialty Pets, which moved its 20-year location from Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon to a former bicycle store on Ann Arbor Road, east of Sheldon last year, was told by Plymouth Township officials in November that they could no longer operate the day care service it started in September because it violated a kennel ordinance.

"This is a service that's needed," owner Terri Bennett told planning commissioners. "It's a place where dogs can play together. This is a very good time to be a dog."

# Hearing continued

The Plymouth Township Planning Commission will continue the public hearing at the Feb. 21 planning commission meeting. In the meantime, Shirley Barney will get input from health professionals whether there are health considerations having a dog dare care located between both Pizza Hut and The Plymouth Pub. Health questions were raised by some residents.

Supporters of Club Canine pointed out that food vendors are located near pet stores in malls and at dog shows and there aren't any health prob-

Bennett said her service is different from pet- sitting because dogs are allowed to play indoors with compatible dogs. They are played with and nurtured as children are in a regular day

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Terri Bennett -Specialty Pets

care. They aren't kept all day in a kennel as in day boarding. Hours were 6:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Dogs played until

noon, when they are placed in their kennels for a nap until 2 p.m., Bennett said. Then playtime started again until they went home.

Dogs won't be kept overnight on site. If an emergency situation arose, Bennett said she would take the dog home at night or to a veterinarian's

### Where to walk?

Though dogs were initially walked in the neighborhood, they were later exclusively walked only on the store proper-

ty, she said. Bennett presented a 15-page list of similar facilities in Michigan. "The biggest issue seems to be the cleanup," Bennett said. She suggested a decorative outdoor fence high enough to dis-guise "potty breaks." Her employees always carried a bag with them during dog walks, she

The pet supplies store continues to do business. Bennett has hosted educational, adoption and fund-raising activities.

Brookline resident Robert Heard complained he found dog poop in the right of way and videotaped the dogs.

"There isn't going to be any grass left around the store." Heard said. "It will draw flies and from flies there can be disease throughout our neighborhoods. The township will be responsible and can be sued if any e-coli infection breaks out."

Kim Dankworth, a customer, called Bennett a conscientious businesswoman. "My dog is as important to me as your children are," she said. "I was not allowed

to have children. I feel sorry for people who have no compassion for dogs.

Alex Pesti, also a Brookline resident, complained about telescopic dog leashes used by Specialty Pets. He found one dog on his porch.

"If you can't have a dog because your hours don't permit, you shouldn't have a dog," Pesti said. "I haven't been blessed with children either. My dog is my little girl. I'm all for capitalism. I'm a Vietnam vet. I fought for it. For them to come in here and do this is wrong."

### Dogs are people, too

Chris Fancher said he is single, works in Detroit and asked Bennett for the dog day care service. "I live on Elm, a couple of miles away from the day care, I get poop on my lawn, too, and it is not from the day care.'

Annette Hall doesn't live in Plymouth but has always considered Plymouth a dog-friendly town. "I come down once a year to attend the dog jog," she said. The dog job is an annual dog-

owner event. Some consider the Green Meadows subdivision "the ghetto of Plymouth," said Marjorie Haeft, a Brookline resident. "I don't have a dog but I take care of my granddog across the street," she said. "When we walk her, Grandpa has a plastic bag in his pocket."

Sara Hodges, vice president of McKenna Associates Inc., the township's planning consultants, offered suggestions to Bennett:

■ Because of the newness of this type of use, Bennett should provide information about other locations that provide similar services including location and size (both interior and exterior) of the comparable establishments, the number of dogs cared for, areas of use for "potty breaks" and similar background.

■ Based on rough calculations. there mey not be enough parking spaces available for the day care use. This must be addressed to the commission's. satisfaction.

# Medical condition didn't cause crash

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A Wayne County medical examiner put to rest questions Plymouth Township Police had about whether a medical emergency preceding a traffic accident may have contributed to a Canton Township man's death about 7:15 a.m. July 17 at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty.

Police questioned why they found no skid marks from Robert Lee Williams' car and wondered if a medical emergency, possibly a seizure, had occurred.

Sawait Kanluen, chief medical examiner for Wayne County, said Friday Williams' cause of death was multiple injuries due to a car accident. "We have no evidence to support a medical emergency," Kanluen said. "We have no evidence

to substantiate." Richard Karpinski, 55, a Canton Township resident, suffered minor injuries after the utility truck he was driving was struck by Williams, 45. Karpinski was treated and released Wednesday

from St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Williams was driving his 1992 Chevy Sport van southbound on Haggerty Road when he failed to brake, resulting in a collision at the intersection of

Ann Arbor Road, police said. Mike Gotts, a Canton Township resident who worked with Williams for six years at Hercules Drawn Steel on Amhrein in Livonia, which employs 100 people, remembered him as a hard worker. "He started there since he got out of high

school," Gotts said.

Williams and Gotts daily traveled the same route to their Canton Township homes following their midnight shifts, with Williams often following behind Gotts. When Gotts heard about the accident Wednesday, he could visualize the intersection.

Gotts recently switched to the day shift. Plant manager Ken Pinion called Williams an outstanding employee who always came to work on time. He was a machine set-up person who worked a bar bench at the steel processing plant.

"It's a tragedy," Pinion said. "He was a model Pinion expected many people at Saturday's funeral, which was handled by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with Minister Vance H. Cobb

Williams is survived by his wife, Nanette; brothers-in law Michael (Sandy) Roth of Farmington, Larry (Shirley) Roth of Brighton and Kevin (Denise) Roth of Milford; sister-in-law, Shannon

(Jon) Hamlett. Williams was preceded in death by Frederick Samuel Williams, his father, and Margaret Stella Williams, his mother.

The family asks that contributions be made to either Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan, 28211 Central Park Blvd, Southfield, MI 48076 or American Diabetes Association Michigan Affiliate Inc., 30600 Telegraph Road, Suite 2255, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.



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Adkins said. "But I don't think I've ov heard of anyone this young ing a decision like this. I think it's awesome."

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Haradean would agree. She's been trumpeting the program, hoping better awareness will translate into more donations

"I just think the more poop know about it, the better, Haradean said. "It was per

awecome sitting there on the counter, but it feels great. It really does.

Though only ponytails 10 inches long or longer will be used for hairpieces, shorter lengths can be used in other lengths can be used in con-ways. Those donations are most likely to be sold to help offset the cost of manufacturing the hairpieces. Most people don't hairpieces. Most people de realise they can still help,

Though many of her friends and co-workers urged her not to get her locks shorn, once the deed was done, Haradean said, people warmed to it. But getting recognised was a problem at

People at work didn't actually recognise me at first," she said. "After I got it cut, I showed it to my dad and said, 'Look at the souvenir I'm taking home." For more information on the

note of Love program, call them all-free at 1-888-896-1688, or said their mebate at www. lockleff writer Paul Hurschmann tributed to this report.

ST. MARY MERCY HOSPITAL

# Plymouth companies issued tax-exempt bonds

BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Development Corporation announced Thursday it issued multimillion dollar tax-exempt bonds for two Plymouth-area companies.

A \$5-million bond was issued to help finance the expansion of Plymouth Packaging Inc. with locations in Plymouth and

A \$3.9 million bond was issued to help finance the expansion of Motor City Mold Inc. in Plymouth Township.

"By working together, we are making a commitment to further fuel Michigan's booming economy," said Doug Rothwell, president and CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation in a prepared statement.

Plymouth Packaging will create eight new jobs in Plymouth and 20 new jobs in Battle Creek.

Motor City Mold will create about 10 new jobs initially and an additional 10 jobs within two years.

At Plymouth Packaging, the bonds will be used for acquisition and installation of machinery and equipment at 11333 General Drive which is located partially in both the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

At Plymouth Packaging's Battle Creek location, the bonds will be used for financing the acquisition of land and a 140,000 square foot existing manufacturing facility, the rehabilitation of the facility and the acquistion and installation of machinery and equipment to be located at 4075 Columbia Avenue.

At Motor City Mold, the bonds will be used for financing the construction of a 21,000-square-foot manufacturing facility and the acquisition and installation of machinery and equipment to be located at 14875 Galleon Court. The building is located west of Beck and north of M-14.

The facility portion of the project will be owned by Joy-Nicole, Inc. and leased to Motor City Mold, Inc. The machinery and equipment will be owned by Motor City Mold Inc. which will manufacture prototype and production plastic injection molds primarily for the automotive industry, Rothwell said.

"These bonds are an excellent opportunity for companies to expand their existing locations and create jobs in our community," said state Rep John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township. "These two successful companies will further enhance the property tax base of our community."

Industrial Development Revenue Bonds are issued to finance projects for manufacturers, solid waste/cogeneration companies and certain nonprofit corporations.

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# Wilcox Foundation announces scholarships

has announced the creation of a scholarship program for Plymouth and Canton high school seniors.

The foundation, founded after the death of former Plymouth icon Jack Wilcox last year to fulfill his desire to benefit the Plymouth/Canton community, will hand \$28,000 in scholarships in May to eight Plymouth and Canton students who participate in an essay contest on the history of Plymouth's Old Village area, the part of town where some of the Wilcox family lived and worked.

"Jack's surviving sister, Julia Sanderson, who is 93 years old and still has a sharp recollection

The Wilcox Family Foundation of her childhood and events in the Old Village area, has agreed to serve on the panel of judges that will select the scholarship recipients," said Win Schrader, director of the scholarship program.

The program, according to Schrader, is not aimed solely at the top academic students, but "rather is interested in promoting broad participation by Plymouth and Canton youth in learning about the history of Plymouth.

"Accordingly, the criteria for selecting the participants will be centered around the time and effort put into research, resourcefulness in tracking down sources of information and

interest shown by the student," Schrader explained.

Both Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton High Schools will assist in promoting and administering the program, Schrader said, but "participation is open to all high school seniors who reside in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

Four scholarships will be awarded to the winning participants processed through each school, with one novel provision to further encourage broad student participation. Judging will determine the recipients of scholarships in the amounts of \$5,000, \$4,000 and \$3,000. In addition, a random drawing will select a \$2,000 scholarship recip-

ient from each school.

The purpose of the two random drawings is to assure every participant has an absolutely equal chance to receive a scholarship award," Schrader said.

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According to Schrader, the purpose of the program is to encourage interest in and knowledge about Plymouth history, irrespective of a student's class standing." The awards may be used for any form of post-high school education, including trade schools.

Additional contest information is available in the general offices of both Plymouth-Canton high

# Schools respond to Canton complaints over field

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Despite sharp criticism from the Canton Township planning commission concerning site plans for a third high school and sports facilities, Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Kathleen Booher said school administrators will continue to work with the township, while at the same time opening better lines of communication.

Planning commissioners denied approval of the site plan, based mainly on the placement of the junior varsity football field, which still has a handful of residents from adjoining North Pointe subdivision concerned. Those neighbors don't like the idea of a football field in their back yards, even though the school district has decided to move the field 60 feet farther east of the property line to address both noise and view con-

The school district, after meeting with residents, has also pro-

posed a six-foot fence around the field and along the property line to eliminate potential foot traffic on their properties. And, to reduce the view of the sports complex, the district will plant nearly 150 trees on a six-foot high berm.

At its last meeting, planning commission chairman Vic Gustafson accused the district of being arrogant.

"We have been described as being arrogant and not working with the township on approval of the plans because the law doesn't require us to do so," said Booher. "The irony is that we submitted our plans to them, and we are continuing to keep our plan in front of them.

"Canton Township staff twice recommended approval of our plans, and we followed their advice every time on what to bring to the planning commission. I believe there's a way to bring this together if we can get away from misstatements and misconceptions, and keep communicating with the township."

This past week, Booher met with Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack and Municipal Services Director Aaron Machnik to discuss the next step.

"We recognize we have a very

small number of residents with concerns, but we still feel we need to address the remaining issues," said Booher. "We're putting together a plan to continue the communication loop with the North Pointe residents and the township.

Yack said the school district has promised to look at the scale of the project, including concerns about lighting, sound and the number of activities on the field, to see if there is any room for additional concessions.

"We've asked them to exhaust all possibilities to make additional changes which may be perceived as a benefit to the homeowners," said Yack.

While Booher is willing to let residents help make a decision on where to locate the fence and what kinds of trees to plant, there is one issue that is already decided.

"The location of the field is the location of the field," she said. "There's no other option available. Our construction manager needs to be able to get the bid process underway within the next few weeks."

Meanwhile, township planning commissioner Catherine Johnson has criticized the district for its lack of communication, while

commissioner Karl Zarbo believes the district isn't interested in the public's concerns. Booher disagrees.

"There are North Pointe residents who are still saying the district didn't communicate with them and didn't listen to them," said Booher. "We gave the planning commission information dating back to February 1997 which discusses the location of the high school and the actompanying fields.

"Some residents say we didn't listen to them," added Booher. "However, a number of North Pointe residents praised the district for listening to their concerns until the plan we presented was not the plan they wanted. We're still not taking the bid packages relating to this issue to the Board of Education for approval because it's our intent to resolve this in the best way for the district that is still respectful and courteous to the residents.'

Yack is hopeful of better cooperation between the township, residents and school district when future school facilities are



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# Commission OKs bonds for airport hotel

By RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER rpearl@oe.homecomm.net

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"I think this is something that will pay for itself."

So said Kay Beard, vice chairwoman of the Wayne County Commission, in discussing the commission's approval Thursday of up to \$125 million in county bond financing for the new luxury hotel at Detroit Metropolitan

Beard said that, together with the new midfield terminal and fourth major north-south runway - both now under construction - the new nine-story, 404room Westin Detroit Metropolitan Airport hotel is "going to enhance tremendously our ability" to satisfy the demands of Metro's domestic and international business clientele, for whom it primarily is planned.

"We're going after a different market than the people who normally stay at airport hotels - one that's totally upscale," said Beard, D-Westland. "It'll be attracting high-level business officials," a lot of whom are from other countries and "accustomed

to upscale facilities."

The room rate is expected to be \$200 a night, according to airport officials.

Regarding economic slowdowns, Beard said, "You're always going to be concerned about any major downturns." However, she added, "The business that is flying in and out of Metro now is constantly increasing and, with the extra gates and the extra facilities and upscale hotel, it'll be even more."

She said Pinnacle Aeropark, the county's commercial development planned south of the airport, will only add to the amount

Although commission approval allows the county to issue up to \$125 million in limited-tax general obligation bonds to cover the cost, over 30 years, of the new hotel - which will adjoin the new midfield terminal - the projected total cost, including insurance, interest and fees, is \$111.3 million. Of that, \$85 million is construction.

Prospective hotel operators claimed that getting private, conventional financing for the

project was "extremely unlikely," said Lester Robinson, county airports director, and Tom Naughton, the county's chief financial officer.

### Limits on loans

They cited limitations on construction loans for such projects, low projected equity-return rates, low debt coverage projections and high costs associated with private debt.

Robinson and the others came up with public tax-exempt financing, which they said "achieves the lowest borrowing costs possible and ensures the financial feasibility" of such a project.

Interest rates will be at least 2.5 percent lower than 7.5-8 percent rate offered without such financing, they said.

The bonds will be paid from airport hotel revenues, not from general airport revenues, they said. To get federal tax-exempt status, the county will own the hotel (it already owns the Airport Marriott, which the new hotel likely will replace). Fur-

including the hotel operator, will have any equity in the hotel.

For giving its limited tax general obligation pledge as backup security, said Robinson's group, the county will be paid \$6.5 million from hotel revenue, deposited in its general fund.

As additional security, the county also will establish, from bond proceeds, an interest-earning operation and maintenance reserve of \$3 million.

At 78 percent occupancy, the hotel will earn 170-190 percent of the debt service, Robinson If there's any economic turn-

down in the middle of the nearly two-year construction of the hotel, "there won't be any financial drain on the county or airport," Robinson said.

### Others interested?

One observer predicted that Chicago and other cities facing similar problems will be interested in Wayne County's solu-

Commissioner John J. Sulli-D-Wayne, praised van, thermore, no private entity, Naughton "for negotiating a

\$6.5-million fee for something (in which) there is a one-in-a-hundred-million chance" the county will ever have to pay out anything. Sullivan is a member of the airport operations committee that recommended approval.

"He did a pretty good job of negotiation and (of) trying to protect the county, from what I saw," said Sullivan.

Because the hotel will be part of the retail mall area connecting the ticket terminal to the main passenger concourse, the hotel will be an ideal place to hold meetings, said airport spokesman Michael Conway.

Plans call for the hotel to offer 17 meeting/ board rooms, four conference rooms and a 2,300square-foot executive conference center. The hotel is scheduled to open in October 2002, about 10 months after the terminal.

Many business travelers never leave their airport hotel, flying in for their meetings, staying overnight and flying back home.

Said Robinson: "Adding a Westin flagship hotel to an outstanding terminal will help complete Metro Airport and make it

a world-class facility at the midfield site.

"As a result ... we believe that our customer satisfaction will skyrocket."

Before voting their approval, commissioners insisted on wording that permits commission Auditor General Brendan Dunleavy access to hotel books. The commission also urged Westin owner Starwood Resorts and Hotels to remain neutral toward unions talking to employees about organizing.

Beard noted Starwood "has been very agreeable to that (neutrality) across the country."

However, that part wasn't strong enough for Jewel Ware, D-Detroit, the commission chairwoman pro tem, who voted against approval.

Commissioners excused from the meeting included Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, Philip Cavanagh, D-Dearborn Heights, and Susan Hubbard, D-Dearborn. Hubbard is recuperating after recently giving birth to her first child, a girl.

# Districts, RESA to honor school board members

BY RICHARD PEARL rpearl@oe.homecomm.net

January is School Board Recognition Month and Wayne County RESA is joining its fellow intermediate and local school districts throughout Michigan in honoring school board members "for their dedication to public education and school governance."

RESA is the Regional Educational Service Agency for Wayne County, which works with school districts in the county, in Michi-

gan and in other states. Marlene Davis, who assumed her duties as RESA superintendent this month, said it's the school board members at the local and intermediate schooldistrict levels who develop policies and make critical decisions on major educational and social issues that affect entire commu-

She said the five-member Wayne RESA board, for example, is responsible for an operating budget of \$190 million.

The cornerstone of board leadership is helping all students achieve," said Davis.

"We're proud of the elected trustees at RESA and each of Wayne County's 34 local school districts who have chosen to help the children and families through this vital level of community service," Davis said.

The new superintendent, who formerly served as superintendent of Southfield Public

# Class focuses on 'wellness'

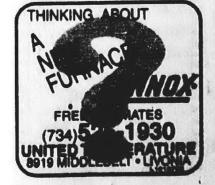
Schoolcraft College's Wellness for Life class will educate and motivate participants to take charge of their health through tests, consultations, information and individualized strategies for developing good habits and breaking bad habits.

Physicians, nurse practitioners, dietitians and fitness experts from Livonia's RMA Physicians P.C. will paratici-

Class members will learn how to shop for and prepare healthy, low-fat meals and will have access to a state-of-the-art fitness center. The class will meet both at the College and the fitness center and include lectures as well as hands-on activities.

The eight-week class meets in two-hour sessions, beginning Wednesday, Feb. 7. The fee is \$99, with a senior fee of \$79.20. For information, call Schoolcraft College at 734-462-4448 or RMA

Physicians at 734-425-5200. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile roads.



Schools, succeeds Mike Flanagan as RESA superintendent.

Davis said she will be visiting all 34 county public school districts "and meet each superintendent in their home zone."

She'll hear "what they have to say about us and how we're hit-

ting and missing the mark. I'll also be meeting with all the employees here to get the same information - how they see us about delivery of service to the districts.

"I'm on a data-gathering mission now," Davis said.

Wayne RESA provides a variety of services to children, families and communities, guided by its mission of "Leading ... Learning for All."

Many of its programs and services are coordinated with the more than 20,000 teachers and

Wayne County. It also provides services to schools in other parts of Michigan and the United

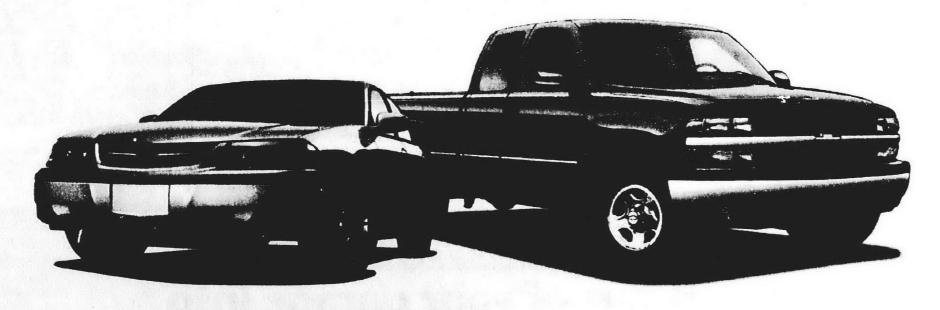
RESA board members are James Petrie of Northville, president; Boyd W. Arthurs of Tren-

nearly half-a-million children in ton, vice president; Mary E. Blackmon of Detroit, secretary; James Beri of Allen Park, treasurer; and Lynda Jackson of Ecorse, who came on board this month. All have years of local school board experience.

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# Township establishes Human Relations Commission

BY CAROL MARSHALL cmarshall@oe.h

The members of Canton's new Human Relations Commission looked across the table at one another Tuesday and saw a diverse, representative cross-sec-

tion of the community. "We have a rich, wonderful diversity in Canton. We can really make some things gel and blend," said the Rev. Richard Perfetto, at the group's first meeting inside the township administration building.

"No other community has diversity like Canton's."

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said the commission was formed after some Canton residents voiced their concerns over the board of trustees' refusal to declare Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a paid holiday for township employees.

Last March, Canton resident and pastor Joseph Stevenson approached Yack, expressing his disapproval over the King holiday issue.

A few weeks later, another Canton resident, the Rev. Brian Smith, also approached Yack about the holiday.

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"He was less understanding than Pastor Joe was," Yack said, but Yack discussed the issue with Smith, then encouraged him to contact Stevenson.

Smith and Stevenson asked Yack for a study session, and the trio got together with a Western Wayne County NAACP representative to discuss the issue.

What the township came up with was a Human Relations Commission, similar to Livonia's commission, which was launched in 1980.

The township passed what Yack called a very broad, "Mack truck ordinance" to form the commission and advertised for volunteer applicants. Two weeks ago, 11 applicants were invited to the commission's first meeting, and Tuesday, nine came to meet one another.

Of the 11 members, five are of ethnic minorities, and half are women. They come from many walks of life, from the clergy to education to Friend of the Court

The commission's township representative, Daniel Durack,

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director, administrative and community services, said the group is representative of Canton, as most are new to the area.

The commission's members have lived in Canton anywhere from five months to more than 20 years.

Most said they were drawn to the commission out of a desire to serve and give back to the community.

Muriel Burrell said she saw the application around election time, and felt inspired to serve the community.

"I read about it," she said of local government. "But I decided I need to participate in the pro-

The commission's chairwoman, Monika Dua, said she also felt inspired partly because of the timing, near elections. Dua has a professional background in human relations, but said she's never used the skills in a public service environment, and is eager to do so.

Many expressed concern over the community's youth.

Mary Manger-Lehnert, park operations manager for Comerica Park, said she was interested in serving because she's witnessed firsthand the way people

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Sharing a moment: Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, center, laughs with Phil LaJoy, left, during a lighter moment at a Service of Racial Unity at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton.

of all backgrounds interact.

"It's been an eye-opening experience, the way people getting along," she said. "I would also like to see what we're doing in the schools....Kids are not learning tolerance in the schools the way they should."

The Rev. Mark Moore echoed Lehnert's statement, saying, "There's a real lack of interest in our youth. They don't care about government. They don't care about the issues. And they have very little tolerance for others'

# Utility company offers tips to keep homes from ice buildup

With fluctuating temperatures predicted in Michigan's weather forecast, Consumers Energy offers several safety tips to customers regarding ice buildup around their homes.

Natural gas customers with high efficiency furnaces are urged to keep intake and exhaust areas clear of snow and ice to eliminate safety hazards.

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tomers living in mobile homes to keep the area around rooftop chimney vents clear of snow and

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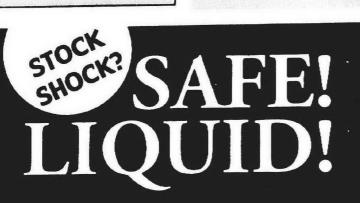
senior vice president of gas operations for Consumers Energy.

Preketes also asks customers to clear ice and snow from outside energy meters. This guards against meter freeze-ups which can stop the flow of gas into a home. To promote meter reading

safety, it is important to remove snow from sidewalks, stairs and gate areas leading to indoor

"Customers definitely play a key role in helping us to do our jobs safety," added Preketes.

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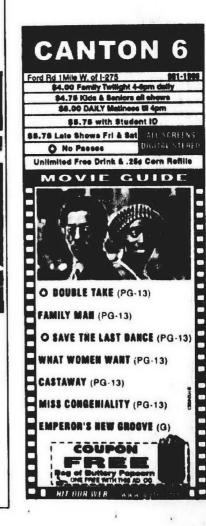
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# More road work on tap for area

By RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER rpearl@oe.homecomm.net

Western Wayne County residents can expect more road work in their area this year, thanks to extra funding secured by the county roads department.

With an additional \$20 million added to the already budgeted \$35 million for roadwork, one new paving and four resurfacing projects are on tap for Redford Township, Livonia, Westland and Canton Township.

The projects are: asphalt-paving Lotz Road between Warren and Ford Roads in Canton, at an estimated cost

of \$1 million: resurfacing Middlebelt Road between Plymouth and Schoolcraft Roads in Livonia (estimated cost \$1.3 million):

resurfacing Schoolcraft Road between Telegraph and Inkster Roads in Redford, (estimated \$1.7 million);

resurfacing Six Mile Road between Inkster and Middlebelt in Livonia (estimated \$500,000);

resurfacing Van Born Road between Beech Daly and Inkster in Dearborn Heights and Westland (estimated \$885,000).

Depending on how right of way acquisition for the Lotz project goes, bid-letting could begin in March or April, according to John Roach, roads department spokesman.

The five jobs are among 14 "bonus" projects added countywide by County Executive Edward H. McNamara.

The extra funding came from the efficient management of our road improvement bond program and by aggressively seeking additional federal aid," McNamara said, adding that the county engineering staff headed by Kevin Maillard of Livonia "deserves a tremendous amount

Roach said Maillard "has been really aggressive in finding money where it's available."

About \$9 million of the extra revenue is from what McNamara calls "double-play" bond money.

"This is money that was used once to pay the federal share on a number of projects so we could

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> Edward H. McNamara

Wayne County executive

fix them years in advance," he said. "Now that the feds have reimbursed that money, we have

it to spend again. "Our engineers were very smart in how they planned the use of these bonds," McNamara stated. "Anytime you can use the same money to fix two roads, you're doing something right."

In addition, McNamara said, competitive bidding between road construction companies helped his bond program exceed his goal by about \$5 million.

Director of Public Services

Cameron Priebe said that, after an initial spike in construction prices charged by road-builders after the 1997 gas tax increase, bids to the county have been comparatively low

"We've been seeing bids come in as much as 25 percent below our projected costs," he said. "Every time that happens, we start looking for new projects to

The remaining \$6 million will come from extra federal-aid money Wayne County secured late last year.

Other road agencies in the region that had applied for the funds were not able to obligate them by the federal deadline, Priebe said.

We had only a few days to submit our plan ... to spend that additional money, (but) our engineering staff was able to pull it off," he said. "That has allowed us to move six projects up from 2002 to 2001.

Roach said possible increases in gas prices will have "a pretty minimal effect" on these projects, but could affect future contracts.

# Bridge project starts Monday

BY RICHARD PEARL

One of two paving projects announced by Wayne County for this year will affect motorists in western Wayne County as soon as this month.

The Griswold Bridge over the C&O Railroad tracks in Northville will be rebuilt at a cost of \$1.4 million and will be closed to traffic for seven months beginning Jan. 22.

The second project - the scheduled reconstruction in Canton Township of Lotz Road between Michigan Avenue and Van Born - won't start until spring at the earli-

John Roach, county roads department spokesman, said Lotz will be paved with con-

The project, which he said will be done at the township's request, is in a developing business area

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said the project will be paid for by residents through a special assessment district, not county funding.

The work on the Northville bridge, which was built in 1927, will necessitate northbound traffic on the Northville Road detouring onto Seven Mile Road, then to Haggerty Road and north to Baseline Road (Eight Mile).

Two miles of Seven Mile are to be resurfaced later this year, while Beck Road between Five and Six Mile Roads will be reconstructed in 2002, the county said.

# Kelley to head Western Wayne group

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER

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Kevin Kelley, recently re-elected to a second four-year term as supervisor of Redford Township, has been elected to a two-year term as chairman of the Confer-

ence of Western Wayne, succeeding Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey. Kirksey becomes chairman

The conference is a consortium of 18 municipalities in western Wayne County. Its board of directors consists of the chief elected official or designated

alternate from each member

municipality. Other officers elected at the Jan. 12 meeting are Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, vice chairman; Belleville Mayor Thomas Fielder, secretary; and

Wayne Mayor Robert Dickerson, treasurer.

Redford Deputy Superintendent Joseph Bommarito is Kelley's alternate as chairman.

Yack's alternate is Debbie Zevalkink, his administrative assistant; Fielder's is Belleville City Manager Steve Walters; Dickerson's is Wayne City Manager John Zech and Kirksey's is

tor of administrative services.

Other CWW member communities are Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Huron Township, Inkster, Northville and Northville Township, Plymouth and Plymouth Township, Romulus, Sumpter and Van Buren Townships and Westland.

# Madonna series highlights Detroit history

In observance of the 300th anniversary of the founding of Detroit, Madonna University offers a year-long colloquium series that celebrates the history and culture of the city. Sponsored by Madonna University and Detroit 300 (the Tricentennial Commission), the series titled "Sense of Place, Sense of Self: Crossing the Boundaries of Suburban and Urban Detroit"

includes four lectures.

On Saturday, Jan. 27, "Historic Detroit - A Legacy That Lives On" will be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Kresge Hall on campus. The day will include a lecture and field trip presented by Philip Mason, founding curator of the Walter Reuther Labor Archives and distinguished emeritus professor. Wayne State University, and Ralph W. Glenn, art histori-

an and associate professor of art, Madonna University. Free and open to the public.

"Art in Detroit/Detroit in Art" will take place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 12, in Kresge Hall. Art educator Catherine Guinn, Academy of the Sacred Heart, Bloomfield Hills, will reveal more about the art of Detroit with a field trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts. Free

and open to the public.

An evening of song, music and banter will take place 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 17, in Kresge Hall. "Many Streams, One River: Detroit's Musical Heritage" will inlcude a lecture and performances by Robert Jones and Matt Watroba of WDET radio. Free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Dr. Marjorie Checkoway at (734)

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# **AROUND TOWN**

DINNER THEATRE Fox's Lair Dinner Theatre at Fox Hills Banquet Center presents "Murder Among Friends," a comedythriller. Performances are Saturdays through Feb. 24. Cocktails at 6 p.m.; dinner at 7 p.m.; performance

immediately following. The \$33.95 package includes buffet dinner, dessert, live show, tax and gratuity. Call (734) 453-7272 for reservations.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY OPEN HOUSE

Madonna University in Livonia is holding an Open House for prospective students from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, March 24 in the Take 5 Lounge on campus. Information on financial aid and scholarships will be available, and transfer students are encouraged to bring their transcripts. Complimentary refreshments will be provided. For further information, please call (734)432-5339.

CLASSICAL BELLS

Classical Bells, known as Michigan's premiere handbell ensemble, will be featured at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, at 7 p.m., January 28. The church is at 770 Thayer in Northville. Tickets are \$10 for individuals and \$15 for families. They can be purchased at the door. For further information contact Our Lady of Victory Church at (248) 349-2621.

AMERICAN MUSIC FESTIVAL Our Lady of Good counsel Church will be the setting for a gala American Music Festival at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 11. The combined choirs of St. John Neumann Church and Our Lady of Good Counsel will present a dynamic and diversified program. Admission is \$5 donation at the door. For more information, please call the OLGC Parish Office (734) 453-3026 or St. John Neumann Parish Office (734) 455-5910.

WILLOW CREEK PRESCHOOL ■ The Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool is holding an Open House from 5:30-7 p.m., March 13 at the school located in Kirk of our Savior Church, 36660 Cherry Hill Road. Meet our teachers; play with our toys; see our school; enjoy a snack; get information for 2001-2002 registration. For more information, call Tina at 981-4069 or Ann at 844-7379.

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM

■ The Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post No. 6695 located at 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth, is holding a Domestic Violence Program, featuring speaker Lisa Rutledge from Oakwood Hospital at 7 p.m. Jan. 30. Judith Barr from First Step will also participate. The program is open to the public with parking behind the building. Refreshments will be served after the program. Call (313) 538-1859 for further information.

ADD/ADHD WORKSHOP ■ Is your child on Ritalin or other drugs for ADD/ADHD? Do you think your child might have ADD/ADHD? Are you looking for alternatives to drug therapy? Attend this special workshop on ADD/ADHD, Ritalin facts and alternative choices. Interactive community workshop sponsored by the National Wellness Foundation. Summit on the Park,

46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, at 7 p.m., Jan. 25. Free. Reservations are required at (734) 416-2411. WINTER COMMUNITY BLOOD

■ The American Red Cross will sponsor a Community

DRIVE

Blood Drive at St. Mary Mercy Hospital from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Jan. 25, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium. The American Red Cross encourages area residents to join St. Mary Mercy Hospital employees and volunteers to donate blood. To schedule a time to donate, call the hospital at (734) 655-2907. Walkins are accepted, but appointments are preferred.

TEENS AND DRUGS

■ These presentations will be presented at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Classroom EC4, 5305 Elliot Dr., Ypsilanti: "How to Know" will be presented from 7:30-9 p.m., Feb. 6. It will provide information on how to recognize a teen substance abuse problem, understand the progression of substance abuse, and know when to take action. "What to Do" will be presented 7:30-9 p.m., Feb. 13. It will provide information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is identified, and will include a recovering teen speaker. Parents, teens, and people who work with teens are all welcome. Free literature and refreshments are provided. Please phone (734) 973-7892 for further information.

D&M STUDIO

Join us for a wide variety of art classes for children and adults. Drawing and Painting, Cartooning, High School Portfolio Preparation, Adult Oil/Acrylic/ Watercolor, Homeschool. Studio Art (Multi-Media) and Preschool classes are offered to artists of all levels. Call to register today at (734) 453-3710.

SWEETHEART DINNER DANCE

Come join us in the Maple/Oak Room at Canton's Summit on the Park, on Saturday, Feb. 3 from 5:30-10 p.m. for dinner and dancing. The evening begins with an individual Chicken Marsala dinner prepared by our very own Summit Gourmet. You won't even have to worry about looking silly on the dance floor because Sue Baris, the Summit's ballroom dance instructor, will provide an hour of ballroom dance instruction beginning at 7 p.m. followed by open dancing until 10 p.m. Ticket prices are \$25 per person with dinner or \$10 per person to attend the dance portion only. Tickets are on sale now at Summit on the Park.

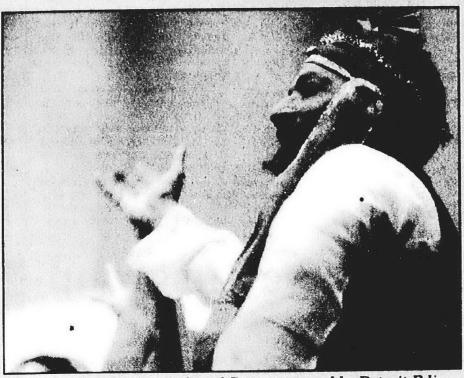
DADDY/DAUGHTER DA'ICE ■ Enjoy a fun-filled evening of dancing with your special Valentine of any age at Summit on the Park's annual Daddy/ Daughter Dance. The dance will be held on Friday, Feb. 9 and Sat. Feb. 10 from 7-9 p.m. in the gymnasium. Ticket prices are \$14 per couple and \$8 for each additional child. Tickets are on sale now at Summit on the Park. For more information call (734) 394-5460.

ST. RAPHAEL BOOSTER CLUB ■ Viva Las Vegas Nights

VII will take place from 6 p.m.-midnight, Jan. 26-27 in the activities building at St. Raphael, located at 5775 Merriman Rd. in Garden City. There will be blackjack, dice wheels, dice tables, 50/50 drawings, and various games of chance. Cash prizes will be awarded to all winners. Admission is free to all players 18 and over. Call Dave Cain at (734) 454-9034 for further information.

### STORY TIME WITH MISS KAREN

■ Jingling bells, floating scarves, seasonal stories and little feet moving in time to music... these are Dance of joy



Taste of culture: Asian Cultural Day, sponsored by Detroit Edison's ethnic marketing group, was held recently at the utility's Detroit headquarters. The event included food and traditional dances and ethnic dress from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam. Satyanarayana Rao Palakodeti of Plymouth Township performed a farmers' folk dance, called Bhangra, from Punjab in North India. He is an engineer in Detroit Edison's Fossil Generation group.

just a few of the sights and sounds parents and children will experience at Story Time with Miss Karen. Imaginative songs and chants highlight favorite children's books in these free 30-40 minute interactive programs. Karen Onkka Schanderberger is a licensed Kindernusik instructor at Evola Music of Canton. Registrations suggested by calling

(734) 455-4677.

**ANN ARBOR RANGERS** ■ The Ann Arbor Rangers U17 Boys Soccer Club is looking for some new team members for the winter indoor season and spring "travel" outdoor season. If you have experience playing soccer and are interested in learning more about our team and coach, please attend one of our practices at Mack School in Ann Arbor from 8-9:30 p.m. on Monday evenings. For further information, please call Iris at (734) 995-0011. PLYMOUTH CHILDREN'S NURSERY OPEN HOUSE

■ The open house is being held 1-3 p.m. Feb. 4 and 1-3 p.m. March 4 at 5825 Sheldon Road, Canton. Plymouth Children's Nursery, Inc. admits students of any race, color and national ethnic origin. Call (734) 455-6250 for further information.

**HATHA YOGA** 

Event:

Location:

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Additional info.:

■ Hatha Yoga classes, downtown Plymouth, 7:30-9 p.m., Wednesdays, and Sundays, 4-5:30 p.m. Starting Feb. 14, new Wednesday classes 9:30-11 a.m. and 1:30-3 p.m. Unique Valentine's Day Gift Certificates available. Call Cynthia (734) 420-2418.

P/C COMMUNITY EDUCATION

■ Watch for your "Community Education Winter/Spring 2001" brochure which is presently being delivered to all Plymouth/Canton residents. First day of registration is 8-10 a.m., Jan. 13 at the Canton High School Cafeteria, on-going walk-in and mail-in registration at Starkweather Education Center. Call (734) 416-2937 regarding enrichment classes, (734) 416-4901 for high school completion.

DADDY-DAUGHTER VALENTINE'S DANCE

Canton Knights of Columbus 10th Annual Daddy-Daughter Valentine's Dance will be held from 7-9 p.m., Feb. 10, at the St. Thomas a'Becket Family Life Center. This special night will feature danceable music, a flower corsage, refreshments and a unique gift so Dad and his date will remember the evening. The cost is \$12 per couple, \$16 for Dads with two dates. Call (734) 981-1333 for further information.

PLYMOUTH TOY SHOW Plymouth's Collectible Toy Show returns from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Jan. 21 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The show will feature vendors and collectors selling new, used, antique and collectible toys of all kinds from the 50's to this years "hottest" collectibles. Admission for adults is \$5, kids under 10 are free. For show or vendor information, call (734)455-2110.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH RECREATION

■ The City of Plymouth is now taking registration for its Children's/Tots Gym-

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Street, Plymouth, MI. 48170, or by fax to 734-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon

the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Plymouth Observer, 794 South Main

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For more information, call

the recreation division at

ANN ARBOR POWER SQUADRON

(734)455-6620.

■ The Winter course "Basic Boating Education", open to the public, begins Feb. 7 and runs through March 21. The class will be held at Clague Middle School at 7 p.m. This class is open to adults and teenagers interested in or new to boating, as well as veteran boaters who wish to improve their boating skills. Call 973-0441 for further informa-

GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH ■ Come join us at Weigh Down Workshop and learn how to enjoy all foods without overeating. Free orientation 7-9 p.m., Jan. 22. at Geneva Presbyterian Church. For more information, call Diane Gaubatz (734) 397-1986 or the church office (734) 459-0013.

YOUTH SOCCER

REGISTRATION ■ The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking Spring Youth Soccer registration the entire month of January at the Recreation office 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. The office is in the Plymouth Cultural Center. All registrations require a birth certificate. The fee for 8 years and under is \$45 for City of Plymouth residents, and \$65 for non-residents. For more information call (734) 455-6620.

ROLLER SKATING CLASSES

■ Learn to skate at Skatin Station II in Canton for children or adults 7-8 p.m. every Sunday. Call (734) 459-6401.

OPEN HOUSE

■ New Morning School in Plymouth is hosting two opportunities for interested families to tour the school, meet the staff and have your questions answered. The dates are: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23.; and there will also be a Student Museum/Open House 2-4:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 11. New family discussions will occur at 3:30 p.m. that day. New Morning is a state licensed and certified parent cooperative school covering pre-school through grade eight. Interested people can call the school at (734) 420-3331 or e-mail to newmorning@ mediaone.net.

KINDERMUSIK CLASSES

■ Registrations are now being taken for the winter/spring semester of Kindermusik for children from birth through 5 years of age. Classes begin the week of Feb. 4. Call Evola Music Center at (734) 455-4677 to register for classes or for a free brochure.

EVOLA MUSIC

Registrations are now being taken for Kindermusik Village Classes at Evola Music in Canton for children from birth to 18 months and their parents. Meet with other parents with babies birth to 18 months. Kindermusik at Evola Music offers a complete music program where both children and parents learn through music and movement. Call Evola Music Center at (734) 455-4677 to register for classes or for a free brochure. You may also visit the Web site at www.ismi. net/kindermusi katevola.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

■ The Plymouth Optimist Club is selling Entertainment 2001 Books. Proceeds will be used for children's causes throughout Southeastern Michigan. Books are \$40 and will be home delivered. Call Bill Von Glahn at (734) 453-8253.

MORE KINDERMUSIK

■ Village Music, a professional music facility in Plymouth's Old Village at 130 E. Liberty, has on-going registration for its Kindermusik classes. Classes are available for newborns through 7-year-olds. Call Norma Atwood at (734) 354-9825.

CREATIVE MUSIC CENTER ■ The Creative Music Center of Plymouth/Canton has on-going registration for its Kindermusik classes. Classes are prorated. Classes are at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial (just west of Sheldon). For information, call Lori Nelson at (734) 354-9109.

NEW MORNING SCHOOL

■ New Morning School in

Plymouth has openings for the upcoming school year (2000-01) in the following programs: Half-day kindergarten (afternoons); the whole-day kindergarten; and the middle school (grades six through eight). New Morning is a statelicensed and certified parent cooperative. Interested people can call the school at (734) 420-3331 or e-mail to newmorning@ mediaone. net. Visit the Web site at people. mw. media one. net/ newmorning.

K OF C BREAKFAST BUFFET ■ The Knights of Columbus holds a breakfast buf-

fet every Sunday, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the K of C, 150 Fair St., Plymouth. All-vou-can-eat buffet. Newly remodeled breakfast room. Call (734) 453-9833.

TAI CHI

■ Ongoing Tao Chi classes

are offered in Livonia and Bloomfield under the sponsorship of the Taoist Tai Chi Society. Day classes for seniors available at the Livonia location. Observers welcome. Visit its web site at www. ttcs. org. Call (248) 332-1281.

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# **CLUBS**

REPUBLICAN WOMEN ■ The monthly meeting of the Suburban Republican Women's Club will be held at the Pick-A-Bone Restaurant at 11 a.m., January 25. The charge for the luncheon is \$11.00. Guests and visitors always welcome. For reservations, please call (248)324-1660.

WESTSIDE SINGLES

■ Westside Singles presents Friday night dances. Open to the public and will be held every Friday night at the Burton Manor. Doors open at 8 p.m., dressy attire, budget bar, D.J., 21 years of ago and older, price is \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after 8:30 p.m. There is a special VALENTINE'S DANCE at 7 p.m. on Feb. 14. Call (734)981-0909 for further information.

**PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY** 

ARTS COUNCIL ■ Every second Tuesday at noon you're invited to bring your lunch and learn about art with the speakers from the DIA. The cost is \$5 for members and \$8 for others. Thanks to a grant from Ford Motor Co., these lectures are now free to senior citizens. Winter 2001 classes for children-acting, singing, drawing, sketching and painting. For adultsphotography, mandala, drawing, sketching, watercolor, salsa dance, and figire drawing with models. Classes begin the week of Jan. 15. Art or drama Birthday Parties or Scout Workshops custom designed for your group (any age) at the Plymouth community Arts Council. For information on any of the above activities, call

(734)416-4278. KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB ■ The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are wel-

come. Call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8489. ■ Business Network International (BNI) holds their regular meetings from 7-8:30 a.m. The Canton II Chapter meets every Wednesday at Millennium Security Services, 42010 Koppernick, Suite 117, Canton; the Plymouth Chapter meets every Thursday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth; the Livonia Chapter meets

ASTRONOMY DISCUSSION

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GROUP ■ The Astronomy Discussion Group meets every third Monday of the month 7-8 p.m. in the Plymouth Dunning-Hough Library, 223 S. Main. Astronomy novices and enthusiasts (age 6 and older) may attend. Adults must accompany those younger than 12. Door prizes, handouts, videos, slides, lecture, and open discussion are a part of the meetings. Call Mike Best at (734) 459-2378.

CIVITAN CLUB

■ The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club meets the first and third Thursdays of the month: Business/ Salvation Army; Dinner/ Damon's. Call either (734) 453-7569 or (734) 981-

# **OBITUARIES**

JACK W. WERT

Services for Jack W. Wert, 74, of Kalkaska Twp. Mich., were held Jan. 16 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. James Skimins offici-

Mr. Wert was born July 14, 1926 in Detroit and died Jan. 11 in Kalkaska. He worked for Ford Motor Company for 37 years in data processing. He came to the Canton community in 1975 from Inkster. He was a fisherman, boater and collector. He was a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include sons David (Patricia) Wert of Plymouth, Michael (Cathy) Wert of Washington and Jeff Wert of Redford; and grandchildren, Derek, Jennifer and Allison Wert.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Karamos Cancer Institute. Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funer-

al Home. HELGA S. PASCOE

Services for Helga S. Pascoe, 70, of Plymouth, were held Jan. 17 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiating. Burial was et Glen Eden Memorial Park.

Mrs. Pascoe was born June 30, 1930 in Detroit and died Jan. 15 in Plymouth. She was a secretary with Great Lakes Steel.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Pascoe.

Survivors include daughter Karen (Daryl) Fowler of Plymouth; brother Ditty (Betty) Dittman of Arizona; one granddaughter, Shelly (Jay) Garity of Plymouth; and grandson Jason Fowler of Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to Hospices of Henry Ford, Plymouth Office of Philanthrophy, One Ford Place, Suite 5A, Detroit, MI 48202.

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Services for Myrtle B. Myer, 89, of Ann Arbor were held Jan. 21 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Roy G. Forsyth officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Myer was born Sept. 23, 1911 in Chicago, Ill. and died Jan. 15 in Ann Arbor. Mrs. Myer, formerly of Plymouth, came to Michigan at a young age and attended Starkweather Elementary School and graduated from Plymouth High School in 1930. At age 48 she earned her Licensed Practical Nurse degree and worked at the nursing home in Northville for 12 years. After retirement, Mrs. Myer and her husband wintered in Florida. She enjoyed gardening and she loved her special dogs, "Babe" and "Blue.

Survivors include her daughter, Joan Edwards of Ann Arbor; sons William G. Myer of Ft. Collins,

Colo., and John (Sandra) Myer of Ann Arbor; 21 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease Association

Arrangements made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

WILLIAM HARRISON DALE

Services for William Harrison Dale, 84, of Plymouth, will be held at a later date at St. John Episcopal Church in Plymouth.

Mr. Dale was born March 8, 1916 in Miami, Fla. and died Jan. 17 in Livonia. He was a Professor Emeritus of Music at Connecticut College. Mr. Dale lived in Plymouth the last three years.

He earned a BA Degree from the University of Florida with majors in English and history. While the university didn't offer music at that time, Mr. Dale gave many recitals and accompanied the choir on tour.

He was an officer in the Army during World War II and was stationed in India.

Returning from the Army, he earned graduate degrees in Music at Yale University and earned the Oliver Ditson Fellowship.

Beginning in the 1950s, he performed piano recitals in London and New York, before accepting the faculty position at Connecticut College.

Survivors include his wife, Claire Dale of Plymouth; daughter, Karen Louise (Rick) Dustman of Frazier Park, Calif.; daughter, Leslie R. (Tom) Morrison of Plymouth; daughter, Monica Annette (Michael) Pantano of Alexandria, Va.; and daughter Melissa Sydney Dale of Pasadena, Calif.; brother Frank Dale of Miami, Fla.; sister, Dorothy Mott of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; granddaughters, Jessica Morrison and Hilary D. Johnson; and grandsons, Jonathan Morrison and James Morrison. Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral

Home in Plymouth. DAVID JAMES WAGNER

Services for David James Wagner, 57, of Belleville will be held Feb. 12 at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church with the Rev. C. Richard

Mr. Wagner was born Jan. 1, 1944 in Belleville and died Jan. 14 in Wayne. He was a resident of Canton. Mr. Wagner worked in the Customs Department for Ford Motor Company.

Survivors include his wife, Judith Wagner; son, Kevin Wagner; daughter, Mary (Adam) Kline; sisters Betty Berent and Barbara Benz; and two grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Thomas a'Becket Building Fund.

Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Home.



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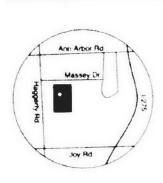
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# Lawmakers are likely to get their pay raises

BY MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE

Resolutions to reject pay raises for state officers were quickly introduced in both chambers, from both ends of the political spectrum, when the Michigan Legislature reconvened in Lansing Wednesday, Jan. 10.

But most lawmakers believe resolutions to toss out the 36percent wage hikes will not be passed.

They've been fairly quiet," Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield, said of his senate colleagues' reaction to his resolution to block the raises

"What that typically means is that they aren't interested in having a vote. The House probably will vote and will probably pass it. The House will probably pass it unanimously. They can have a high level of confidence that the senate will not take a vote, so they can afford to pass it unanimously." Peters said.

That matches House members' predictions of how the issue will go. Newly elected House Speaker Rick Johnson, R-LeRoy, has promised that there will be a

vote in his chamber on the question of raises. But even if the resolution passes, representatives expect senators will not act before the Feb. 1 deadline. Absent a vote to reject, those increases will automatically go into effect.

According to the state constitution, pay rates for state officers are to be set by a sevenmember State Officers Compensation Commission. Rates determined by the SOCC automatically take effect unless lawmakers vote to reject them. Lawmakers have set a Feb. 1 deadline for the rejection vote.

This past December, the SOCC recommended large pay increases for state officers, including a 36-percent jump for senators and representatives. Lawmakers' salaries would jump from \$ 56,931 to \$77,400 this year. They would jump again to \$79,650 in 2002. Legislators would also get a \$2,000 boost in their expense accounts, taking them to \$12,000, this year.

The SOCC also recommended a 14-percent salary hike for the governor, taking him to \$172,000; 19 percent more for

the lieutenant governor, moving him to \$120,400; and 13 percent more for Justices of the Supreme Court, taking them to \$159,960. Because other judge's salaries, in the lower courts, are based on a percentage of the justices' income, the pay hike does not come chean.

Peters said the House Fiscal Agency has estimated the total cost of the SOCC recommendations to the state will be \$8 million the first year, and another \$5 million in the second year.

Peters introduced the pay rejection resolution in the senate Wednesday. Johnson and Minority Leader Kwame Kilpatrick, D-Detroit, introduced their resolution to reject the pay raises in a bipartisan fashion in the House the same day.

Speaker Johnson explained the resolution was introduced because he had heard the desire for a vote rejecting the raises from many in his caucus. He said he jointly introduced the resolution as part of his effort for a bipartisan approach to lawmaking in the coming session.

In his resolution in the senate, Peters also called for a change to

be changed to require an affirmative vote from lawmakers if they were to take any increase over a cost of living adjustment.

"The commission unfortunately recommended, what I believe. is an excessive pay increase for state elected officials," he said. "In a time when most Michigan citizens and state employees are at best only receiving a cost of living adjustments to their pay, I believe that these increases are unwarranted and cannot be justified. I know many of you here in this chamber don't agree with my assessment, and that many of you fully support the salary increases. You are certainly entitled to that opinion. All I ask is that we are allowed to have our opinion recorded in a vote."

Peters noted that senate

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the rate setting system, asking it staffers received a 3-percent pay adjustment this year. Other state employees averaged increases of about 2 percent for the year, he said. And the average pay hikes given to Michigan residents by their employers was only 3 to 4 percent, he contend-

> Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R. Livonia, argued that "the real record regarding any pay raise, whatever we do on this floor, will be what the members who receive it do with it, whether they give it back or whether they keep it; regardless of the vote that occurs on this floor."

> Peters has promised to give any increase he receives, beyond a cost of living adjustment, to charity. But if the raises are granted and not taken, as McCotter suggested, it will be

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impossible for the public to know which lawmakers took their increases and which turned them back or donated them to charities, Peters argued.

If it all sounds disingenuous, Peters would agree. He said the system as it is set up currently allows lawmakers to claim to be against pay hikes even while they are likely to receive the additional money. The system reduces accountability, he

Rep. Clark Bisbee, R-Jackson, is also proposing changes to the compensation system. He has promised to place a question on the ballot to amend the constitution to require an affirmative vote by lawmakers before they can take a pay hike.

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# Stingray road trip

Talk about connections

The Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association Stingrays under-12 girls team, thanks to some connections through one of their coaches, were able to attend a mini-camp at Ohio State last weekend (Jan. 12-14).

Their weekend-long schedule included attending a pair of OSU-vs.-Michigan men's hockey games (Friday and Saturday), and also seeing an OSU women's game against Bemidji State last Saturday afternoon.

Also included in the weekend-long affair were on-ice workouts at the OSU arena, classroom sessions, a tour of the campus and a chance to meet the players and coaches after the women's game. Then came a visit with the Columbus Blue Jackets NHL team and a 15-minute instructional session with Kevin Dineen, as well as a tour of their facility.

Team members are Ashley Aiken, Kelli Bargowski, Tara Bolliard, Katie Chowenski, Sarah Chowanski, Amanda Damrath, Amanda Davenport, Jessica Estildsen, Kristine Lince, Lynn Loechli, Nikki Potter, Chelsea Reynolds, Sarah Skonieczny, Andrea Slusser, Nikki Songer and Brittany

### **NAHL** all-stars

The North American Hockey League has announced its all-stars for the upcoming game, which will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 at the U.S. Ice Sports Complex in St. Louis.

Included in the festivities will be an all-star skill competition on the Friday before the game. The East Division stars will go against the West Division stars in both the skill competition and the game.

The Soo Kewadin Casino Indians led the East Division with eight selections; the Compuware Ambassadors and the USA National Team were second with four picks each.

Chosen to the starting lineup from Compuware (based in Plymouth) was defenseman Andy Greene.

Other Ambassadors chosen as reserves to the team were forwards Ryan Lessnau and Mike Walsh and defenseman Steve Burgess.

Two local players chosen to the West Division team were Chris Conner, a forward for Chicago from Westland, and forward Keith Rowe, a forward for Danville from Livonia.

Danville's John Mervis will coach the West Division stars, assisted by Mark Frankenfeld of Texas; Joe Shawhan of Soo Kewadin will coach the East Division stars, assisted by Compuware's Todd Watson.

Last weekend, the Ambassadors improved to 20-11-2 with 4-1 victories over the St. Louis Sting Saturday and the USA National Team Sunday. Chad Davis turned aside 24 of 25 St. Louis shots in earning that win; Jeff Lantz got the victory over the USA Nationals with 22 stops.

D.J. Vogt had a goal and an assist in the win over the Sting; other goals came from Luke Wright, Frank Rediker and Steve Brudzewski. Mike Walsh had two goals and an assist against USA, with Andy Greene and Joshua Griffith also scoring.

Compuware is second in the East Division with 42 points, behind Soo Kewadin (60 points).

# College noteworthies

■ The Central Michigan University men's track team opened its indoor season by hosting the Chippewas Open Jan. 12 at the Jack Skoog Indoor Track. The Chips dominated the non-scoring event with 11 firsts, including one by Plymouth Salem graduate Ian Searcy, who captured the 600-meter run in 1:21.00.

■ Albion College's women's basketball team has several players with local connections who are trying to turn the program around.

Among them: Stacey Supanich, a 5foot-11 swing person and a Livonia Churchill graduate who is averaging 5.3 points and 2.5 rebounds per game; Laurel Weinman, a 5-9 senior guard from Plymouth Salem who's averaging 4.4 points and 3.4 rebounds; Christine Philips, a 6-1 sophomore center from Plymouth Salem who's averaging 4.0 points and 4.5 rebounds a game; Meagan Madej, a 6-foot junior forward from Garden City (Dearborn Divine Child HS) who's averaging 5.0 points and 6.0 rebounds; and LaZandra White, a 5-6 junior guard from Redford Bishop Borgess who's averaging 2.3 points.

Unfortunately, the Britons are struggling with a 1-14 overall record, 0-5 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

# Western's 2nd-half rally tops Chiefs



It's not like their opponents are that much better. More to the point, both Plymouth Canton's and Plymouth Salem's basketball teams are finding a way to lose when the game's on the line.

It was simply a matter of who wanted it more, when the win was on the line. In Friday's Western Lakes Activities Association game at Plymouth Canton, that proved to be the visitors,

Walled Lake Western. The Chiefs allowed a three-point halftime lead to slip away, after which they could never regain the momentum made way too many of our own.

in losing their first league game, 51-44 to Western.

Canton is 3-6 overall, 2-1 in the WLAA. The Warriors are 5-4 overall, 2-1 in the conference.

"We obviously didn't play very well," said Canton coach Jeremy Rheault. "We didn't execute very well. We couldn't convert on their turnovers and

"Rebounding kept us in the game, but we couldn't put any of the offensive boards in. Western finished (its) shots, they got the loose balls."

The Chiefs opened up a 9-5 lead after one quarter and led 15-12 at halftime. They increased their offensive output in the second half, scoring 29 points; unfortunately, the Warriors did the same, putting 39 points on the board.

Western led 30-27 after three periods. Bryan Verdun's 14 points was best for the Warriors: Chris Eagle added

Canton got 13 points from Oliver Wolcott, seven and 10 rebounds from Jerry Gaines, and seven from Nick

W.L. Central 60, Salem 50: Get the team with the best record in the WLAA going against the team with the worst, and the expectations are usually spelled b-l-o-w-o-u-t. But that wasn't the case Friday when Plymouth Salem, with just one win in eight previous games, played at Walled Lake Central, unbeaten in eight games.

Even the Vikings didn't believe it would be easy -- and there expectations were accurate. With three minutes left to play, the Rocks had nar-

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# Staying near the top



Madonna's Mahogany Fletcher (white jersey) takes flight after making a steal against Spring Arbor Wednesday. This was one of Fletcher's six steals, which helped keep the Cougars offbalance and also helped Fletcher score 14 points.

A theft for 2:

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

# Win keeps Madonna in WHAC race

Shooting well is the key to winning a basketball game - or at least one key, as last Wednesday's Madonna University-vs.-Spring Arbor women's game proved.

The Cougars outshot the host Crusaders, converting 31-of-66 from the floor (47 percent) compared to Madonna's 25-of-78 (32.1 percent). But Spring Arbor didn't outscore their opponents, losing 79-72.

The win evened Madonna's record at 9-9; the Crusaders are 4-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Spring Arbor is 10-11 overall, 1-4 in the WHAC.

Two factors offset the Cougars' considerable advantage in shooting accuracy: First, Madonna had a significant rebounding edge - 57-37, including a 30-10 margin on the offensive boards - and second, the Crusaders shot 21 more free throws.

It was an up-and-down game most of the way. Spring Arbor scored the first 11 points before, with 6:30 elapsed, Madonna scored its first basket.

**COLLEGE HOOPS** 

The Crusaders did manage to turn it up a notch and led 36-35 at halftime. From their they increased their pressure and led by as many as 12 in the second half before the Cougars rallied to tie it at 61-all with 6:49 left.

The game remained close until, with 3:14 remaining, freshman Mahogany Fletcher (from Farmington Harrison) nailed a three-pointer to put Madonna up 69-66. The Crusaders never again surrendered the lead.

The Crusaders' persistence paid dividends, particularly on the boards; two of them reached double-figures in rebounding and a third had eight.

Kathy Panganis led Madonna with 23 points; she also had 10 rebounds and three steals. Panganis converted 10-of-20 shots from the floor; the only other Crusader to hit 50 percent of her shots or better was Lori Enfield (3-for-3, 10 points and two blocks).

Fletcher finished with 14 points,

eight boards and six steals, and Kristi Fiorenzi (Plymouth Canton) had 13 points, 10 rebounds and three steals.

For Spring Arbor, Kristin Dankert led with 17 points, six rebounds and four steals. Portia Reilly added 16 points and three steals, Michelle Robson had 12 points and Megan Vore contributed 10 points.

SC 67, Delta 53: Thus far, everything is breaking just right for Schoolcraft

For the second-straight Wednesday, the Lady Ocelots faced one of the other contenders for the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference title. Last week, they battled back to beat defending league champ Flint Mott; last Wednesday. they took on Delta CC, the conference runner-up to Mott last season.

One key factor favoring the Ocelots was that both games were played at SC. And that proved beneficial indeed, since SC rallied in the second half to

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# **ROCKERS SOCCER**

# Callahan lifts Rockers over **Baltimore**

A nine-point third quarter scored on three three-pointers put the Detroit Rockers ahead of the favored Baltimore Blast Friday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

A strong, consistent defensive effort throughout the game kept them there.

The end result was a 14-10 Rockers' victory, their third of the season against 16 defeats. The Blast fell to 12-6 in the NPSL.

Droo Callahan provided the offensive punch for the Rockers. His first three-pointer, scored 4:44 into the third quarter, broke a 4-4 tie and put the Rockers ahead to stay, 7-4. Martin Nash

Paul Dailly doubled Detroit's lead, much to the pleasure of the 3,156 announced fans, scoring another three-pointer at the midpoint (7:19 left) of the third quarter. That made it 10-4 in the Rockers' favor.

The Blast rallied with a twopoint goal by Danny Santoro just 11 seconds after Dailly's score,

narrowing the gap to 10-6. again, nailing a second threepointer (giving him a game-high six points) with 2:51 remaining.

Denison Cabral kept the Blast close, scoring a pair of two-pointers in the fourth quarter. But Dailly's shoot-out goal allowed the Rockers to stay in control.

The Rockers had the early lead, getting first-quarter goals from Martin Dugas and Joel Shanker. Alan Placek assisted on Dugas' goal; Dailly assisted on Shanker's.

The Blast got on the board with 4:06 left in the first period on a two-pointer by Lee Tschantret. They tied it at 4-all on Tarik Walker's goal with 3:37 left in the

Placek earned the victory in goal, making 17 saves while allowing just five two-point goals. Scott Hileman took the loss in the net for the Blast; he had 20

The Rockers will try to make it two wins in a row when they play the Attack in Kansas City at 6:05 p.m. tonight.

# Chiefs aim at Western Division crown

Plymouth Canton didn't start real well, but the Chiefs certainly finished that way in their Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division dual meet at Livonia Churchill Thursday.

The Chiefs trailed for half the meet

before taking command in the last four matches, two of them Charger voids, to post a 45-19 victory. The win raised Canton's dual-meet record to 12-3 overall, 5-0 in the

"They (Churchill) looked good and should be a hard team to beat in a year or two," said Canton coach John Demsick. "Though the meet was not really in question, we looked a little dull as a whole. We are a strong team and capa-

The Chiefs had only three wrestlers win by pin: Greg Musser at 140 pounds, in 54 seconds over Churchill's Don Gaffke; Joe Faraoni at 152, in 5:33 over Robert Freeman; and Phil Rothwell at 189, in 1:32 over Alex Murray.

ble of more."

Scott McKee (171) and Derek McWatt (275) were winners on Charger

Other Canton victors were Kyle Pitt

WRESTLING

at 119, in a 3-Idecision over Brian Clement; Doy Demsick at 125, a 3-0 decision over Steve Lenhardt; Chris Hosey at 135, a 6-0 decision over Lev Mergian; Mike Siegrist at 145, a 12-10 decision over Ben Shepis; and Ozzie Wagner over Tom Vandenbossche at

"Our guys were pleased, but they know this also," said Demsick. "We wrestled good, but not up to our potential. We have more we can do as a team. Nonetheless, I'm still very proud of each and every one of them."

This is a big week for Canton's wrestlers. On Thursday, they host Northville at 6:30 p.m. in a dual meet that should decide the WLAA's Western Division title.

"We haven't won a division title since about 1987," said Demsick.

Next Saturday, Churchill will be the host for the annual Observerland Tournament, featuring all the wrestling teams from the Observerland coverage



Taking command: Canton's Doy Demsick (on top) took control in his match against Churchill's Steve Lenhardt, which he won 3-0.

favoritos, together with Livonia tral. CC is the defending champion.

area. Canton should be among the Stevenson and Redford Catholic Cen-

# Suspensions follow SC fight

A fracas late in the game marred a 111-79 triumph by the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team Wednesday night against visiting Delta.

Officials stopped play with 1:10 remaining when a scuffle broke out on the floor.

Two Schoolcraft players were involved in the fracas, and the punishment handed out by Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs was swift and severe.

Reserve center Dwayne Holmes has been suspended for the season. while reserve forward Keanan Weir will sit out two games. Suspensions are also pending for the Delta

players involved in the fight.

As far as the game was concerned, Schoolcraft overcame a sluggish start to improve its overall record to 14-2 and 4-1 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Schoolcraft point-guard Dave McGlown finished with a season-high 20 points, while Sam Hoskin (Redford Bishop Borgess) added

19 off the bench.

Others in double figures for the Ocelots included Nick Evola and Javon Clark, 17 each; Weir, 16; and Emir Medunjanin (North Farmington), 11.

Schoolcraft trailed 33-29 at one stage of the opening half, but went on a 27-7 run to close out of the half to take a 56-40 lead.

Delta, which slipped to 2-13 overall and 1in the conference, got a game-high 25 points from Charles Underwood.

Richard Garcia and Betrand Hawkins each

Spring Arbor 77, Madonna 64: Madonna University simply could not sustain a strong first half, during which it built an eightpoint lead Wednesday at Spring Arbor.

The Crusaders' shooting was red-hot in the opening half; they converted 17-of-24 from the floor (70.8 percent) compared to the Cougars' 12-of-34 (35.3 percent).

Those numbers were reversed in the second half, with Madonna making 9-of-25 (36 percent) while Spring Arbor was hitting 15of-24 (62.5 percent).

In other areas, the Cougars were superior. They outrebounded Madonna 33-26, hit more three-pointers (8-of-20, 40 percent compared to 5-of-13, 38.5 percent) and had more turnovers (21 to 15).

The loss left the Crusaders at 6-14 overall, 2-3 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Spring Arbor is 7-15 overall, 2-3 in

Mike Massey paced Madonna with 20 points; he also had four assists and three steals. Aaron Cox contributed 15 points, five rebounds and two steals, and Narvin Russaw had 13 points and seven boards.

The Cougars were led by Rob Salisbury with 21 points. Jesse Whintly had 16 points and Jeff Storrs had 11.

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Monday, Jan. 22 Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner at Huron Valley Lutheran, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 23 Franklin at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Walled Lake Western at John Glenn, 7 p.m

Churchill at Salem, 7 p.m. Canton at N. Farmington, 7 p.m. Harrison at Walled Lake Central, 7 p.m. Northville at Farmington, 7 p.m. Wayne at Belleville, 7 p.m. Garden City at Southgate, 7 p.m. Thurston at Annapolis, 7 p.m. Ply. Agape Christian vs. Life Summit at

Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m. Bethesda Christian at Huron Valley Luther

Ply. Christian at Taylor Baptist Park, 7 p.m.

Bishop Borgess at Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 7:30 p.m. St. Agatha at St. Alphonsus, 7:30 p.m. Redford CC at Brother Rice, 7:30 p.m. Lutheran East at Lutheran Westland, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 24 Clarenceville at Cranbrook, 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25

Zoe Christian at Ply. Agape Christian, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26 Harper Woods at Clarenceville, 7 p.m. Stevenson at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.

Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m. John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m. Canton at Northville, 7 p.m. Farmington at Walled Lake Central, 7 p.m. Harrison at Walled Lake Western, 7 p.m. Wayne at Romulus, 7 o.m. Lincoln Park at Garden City, 7 p.m.

Southgate at Redford Union, 7 p.m. Melvindale at Thurston, 7 p.m. Bishop Borgess at Pontiac ND Prep. 7:30

St. Agatha at Wyandotte Mt. Carmel, 7:30 p.m. Redford CC at Harper Wds. Notre Dame.

7:30 p.m. Zoe Christian at Huron Valley Lutheran,

7:30 p.m. Cranbrook at Lutheran Westland, 7:30 p.m. Greater Life Academy vs. Ply. Agape Chris

tian at Wayne Memorial, 8 p.m. Southfield Christian at Ply. Christian, 8 p.n.

Monday, Jan. 22 Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner at Huron Valley

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Lutheran, 5 p.m. Churchill at N. Farmington, 6:30 p.m. John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m. Walled Lake Western at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Canton at Walled Lake Central, 7 p.m. Northville at Canton, 7 p.m. Wayne at Belleville, 7 p.m. Thurston at Ypsilanti, 7 p.m. Det. Benedictine at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.

Bishop Borgess at Det. DePorres, 7 p.m. Ply. Agape Christian at Taylor Baptist Park. 7 p.m. Allen Park at Garden City, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 23 • Ply. Agape Christian vs. Life Summit at Wayne Memorial, 5:30 p.m. Ladywood at Mercy, 6:30 p.m. John Glenn at Salem, 6:30 p.m.

Oakland Christian at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m. Huron Valley Lutheran at Zoe Christian, 7

p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24 Lutheran Westland at Country Day, 6:30

p.m. Farmington at Churchill, 6:30 p.m. Stevenson at Canton, 7 p.m. N. Farmington at Walled Lake Western, 7

p.m. Wayne at Southgate, 7 p.m. Ypsilanti at Garden City, 7 p.m. Belleville at Redford Union, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 25 Clarenceville at Lutheran East, 6:30 p.m. Macomb Christian at Huron Valley Luther an, 6:30 p.m.

Ladywood at Marian, 6:30 p.m. Regina at Mercy, 6:30 p.m. St. Agatha at St. Alphonsus, 7 p.m. Det. Urban Lutheran at Bishop Borgess, 7 p.m.

Allen Park Inter-City Baptist at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26 Greater Life Academy vs. Ply. Agape Chris-

tian at Wayne Memorial, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27 Ladywood at Ladywood Invitational, 8 a.m.

Mercy at East Kentwood Invitational, 9 a.m. Clarenceville at Our Lady of the Lakes Tour-

ney, 8 a.m. Lutheran Westland at Woodhaven Tourney, 9 a.m.

John Glenn at South Lyon Invitational, 8 Thurston, Canton at Clarkston Tourney, 9

PREP HOCKEY Wednesday, Jan. 24 Ladywood vs. Bloomfield at Arctic Pond, 6

Canton vs. Churchill at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m. Redford CC at Clarkston, 7 p.m. Troy at Farmington, 7:30 p.m. Salem vs. Franklin at Edgar Arena, 8 p.m. Stevenson at Northville, 8 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 26 Farmington vs. Stevenson at Edgar Arena 6 p.m. Canton at Novi, 6 p.m.

Salem at Walled Lake Central, 8:20 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27 Franklin vs. Walled Lake Western at Lake land Arena, 2:20 p.m. Ladywood vs. Bloomfield at Det. Skating

Club, 7:30 p.m. Redford CC vs. Grosse Pte. North at Red ford Arena, 8 p.m. Redford Unified at Dearborn, 8:15 p.m.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Monday, Jan. 23 Salem at Livonia Unified, 7 p.m. Hartland at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Walled Lake at Canton, 7 p.m.

Canton at Farmington Invitational, TBA PREP WRESTLING Wednesday, Jan. 24

Saturday, Jan. 27

Cranbrook at Clarenceville, 5:30 p.m. Hamtramck, Lutheran North at Lutheran Westland, 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25

Inkster at Redford Union, 6 p.m. Dearborn, Thurston at Annapolis, 6 p.m.

Franklin at Churchill, 6:30 p.m. Stevenson at Walled Lake Central, 6:30

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N. Farmington at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m. Salem at Farmington, 6:30 p.m. Northville at Canton, 6:30 p.m. Melvindale at Wayne, 6:30 p.m. Edsel Ford at Garden City, 6:30 p.m.

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Saturday, Jan. 27 Redford CC, Clarenceville, Lutheran Westland, Churchill, Franklin, Stevenson, John Glenn, Wayne, Garden City, Redford Union, Thurston, Canton, Salem at Observerland Invitational, Livonia Churchill, 9 a.m.

> BOYS SWIMMING Tuesday, Jan. 23

Trenton at Garden City, 4 p.m. John Glenn at South Lyon, 6 p.m. Wayne at Edsel Ford, 6:30 p.m. Churchill at Dearborn, 7 p.m. Ypsilanti at Franklin, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Canton, 7 p.m. Redford Union at River Rouge, 7 p.m. Lincoln Park at Thurston, 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25

Garden City at Taylor Truman, 4 p.m. Walled Lake Central at John Glenn, 6 p.m. Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m. Franklin at Walled Lake Western, 7 p.m. Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.

Wyandotte at Wayne, 7 p.m. Thurston at Redford Union, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27 Grosse Pte. South vs. Redford CC at Red ford Union, 2 p.m.

> Salem at Ann Arbor Pioneer, noon PREP SKIING Tuesday, Jan. 23

Redford CC, Mercy vs. Brighton at Mt Brighton, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 25 Redford CC. Mercy vs. Birmingham Groves at Mt. Brighton, 4:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Monday, Jan. 22 Schoolcraft at Macomb CC, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24

Aguinas at Madonna, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27 Cornerstone at Madonna, 3 p.m. Schoolcraft at St. Clair Co. CC, 3 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Monday, Jan. 22 Schoolcraft at Macomb CC, 5:30 p.m Wednesday, Jan. 24 Madonna at Aguinas, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 27 Madonna at Cornerstone, 1 p.m. Schoolcraft at St. Clair Co. CC, 3 p.m. ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Jan. 26 Whalers at Guelph, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27 Whalers at Windsor, 6 p.m.

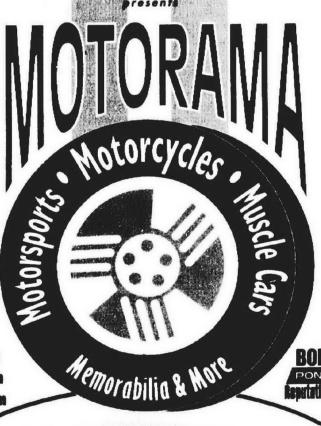
NATIONAL PRO SOCCER LEAGUE Thursday, Jan. 25 Det. Rockers at Toronto, 7:35 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26

Toronto vs. Det. Rockers at Compuware 7:35 p.m Sunday, Jan. 28

Buffalo vs. Det. Rockers at The Palace. 2:05 p.m.

TBA - time to be announced.





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# Salem wins again

For the second-straight meet, Plymouth Salem's gymnastics team scored better than 140. And that is something to smile

"It was a good day," said Salem coach Melissa Hopson after her team's 140.25-133.20 win over Walled Lake Thursday at Plymouth Canton. "It's nice to see them keep going up."

And that is precisely the direction the Rocks are headed. The all-around scores posted by Bethany Bartlett, Melissa Drake and April Aquinto were all solid, and several other gymnasts achieved qualifying scores.

Bartlett was first in three individual events: the vault (9.0), the balance beam (8.75) and the uneven parallel bars (9.45); she

was third in the floor exercise (9.25). Her all-around total of 36.4 was easily best in the meet.

Drake was right behind Bartlett, placing second in all four individual events. She scored 8.8 in vault, 8.7 in beam, 9.1 in bars and 9.25 in floor for an all-around total of 35.85.

April Aquinto captured the other individual first, winning the floor exercise with a 9.45 score. Aquinto also had an 8.5 in both the vault and bars and an 8.05 in beam, totalling 34.5 in the all-around.

There were several other qualifving scores worth noting.

Stephanie Olli had a 7.75 in vault, 7.55 in beam and 7.0 in bars; Valerie Quigley had a 8.05 in floor and a 7.3 in beam; Cammi Carnes had a 7.75 in vault; Kelsey Ensor had a 7.5 in beam and an 8.6 in floor; Annmarie Zielinski had an 8.15 in vault and a 7.0 in bars; . Kara Dendrinos had an 8.15 in vault, 7.65 in bars and 8.8 in floor; Stacey Schmedding had an 8.3 in vault and an 8.35 in floor; and Ashley Heard had an 8.0 in beam and an 8.4 in bars.

Salem goes against the firstyear Livonia Consolidated team at 7 p.m. Monday at Livonia's Dickinson Middle School. Plymouth Canton, which was idle last Thursday, hosts Walled Lake at 7 p.m. Monday.

200-yard individual medley: Brad Her

50-yard freestyle: Ryan Ahern (PC),

Diving: Blake Brunner (PC), 189.70

100-yard butterfly: Matt Wisniewski

100-yard freestyle: Dennis Speck

500-yard freestyle: Brad Nilson (PC).

200-yard freestyle relay: Canton

100-vard backstroke: Brad Herbeck

100-yard breaststroke: Eddie Lindow

400-yard freestyle relay: Canton

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Herbeck, Matt Wisniewski), 4:08.32.

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Bernard, Bret Reidsma), 1:40.86.

(PC), 55.24 (state qualifier).

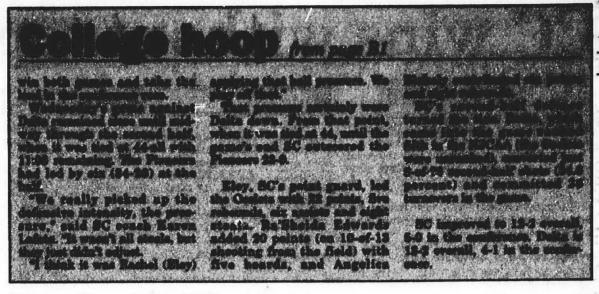
beck (PC), 2:22.13.

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(PC), 1:05.84.

(PC), 1:06.63.

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# **Basketball**

rowed the gap to five points.

"Then we missed two-three layups in a row, and that just broke our backs," said Salem coach Bob Brodie, whose team fell to 1-8 overall, 1-2 in the WLAA with the defeat. "We had chances. But they were up by as much as 15, too.'

Central, which improved to 9-0 overall and 3-0 in the WLAA, poured in four three-pointers in opening up a 23-12 lead in the first quarter. The Vikes were up 32-23 at the half.

David Hoskins led the Rocks with 17 points. Jeff Haar added 11 and Nick Tochman contributed eight. Central got 14 points from Mark Bortz and 10 apiece from Jonathon Auer and Chris

Oakland Christian 66, PCA 61: Plymouth Christian Academy had a shot at the victory Friday against visiting Auburn Hills Oakland Christian. With six seconds left and Oakland Christian up one point, Mike Atkinson swept in from behind the Lancers' Jimmy Mehlberg and swiped the ball, then set sail for the go-ahead points.

But there was a whistle and a foul against Atkinson. Mehlberg hit both free throws and, after a missed three-pointer by PCA, hit two more to secure the victory for Oakland Christian.

The Lancers improved to 6-2 overall, 3-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. PCA slipped to 1-6 overall,

0-3 in the MIAC.

"We just didn't take care of the ball," said PCA coach Doug Taylor, whose team led by four with 44 seconds remaining. "But we're starting to get there, we're starting to play. We're learning, getting better and better. We're starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

"We're getting closer, we're solving problems one game at a

Mehlberg led all scorers with 32 points. Mike Elliott added 14 for Oakland Christian.

PCA got 24 points and nine rebounds from Clay Welton, a sophomore. James Bauslaugh and Atkinson added eight points

Oakland Christian led 19-15 after one quarter, but PCA was ahead 28-27 at the half. The Lancers forged ahead after three periods, 49-44.

Agape 65, Akiva 37: Canton Agape Christian Academy turned on the scoring quarter by quarter, thanks in great part to Paul Anleitner, to pull away from Southfield Akiva Thursday in a game played at Wayne Memorial HS.

Anleitner finished with 32 points. Charlie Henry added 11 and Josh Anthony netted nine points and nine rebounds.

The Wolverines led 11-8 after one quarter, then boosted that to 29-19 by halftime. They then outscored Akiva 36-18 in the second half.

Agape improved to 6-0 overall. Akiva is 6-5.

Avi Beneson's 17 points was best for Akiva; Michael Skoczylas chipped in with 14.

CC 70, DeLaSalle 50: Redford Catholic Central took over first place in the Catholic League's Central Division on Friday night, thanks to a surprisingly easy 70-50 win over previouslyunbeaten Warren De La Salle.

"It was a tremendous performance coming off injuries last Friday (against Bishop Borgess)," said assistant coach John Mulroy. "Ryan Celeskey did a great job in playing with an injured led. He got a lot of attention and was double-

Even though Celeskey was hurt with a bad ankle and the Shamrocks (8-2, 3-0 Central) were missing center Steve Larkin with torn ankle ligaments, CC used an 18-9 advantage in the second quarter for a 34-27 lead they wouldn't lose. CC really broke it open against the Pilots (7-1, 3-1) with a 26-12 advantage in the fourth, led by Tom Jakacki scoring 15 of his 21 points in the period and punctuated by an alley-oop, tip-in dunk from Anthony Coratti.

Mark Willoughby scored 19 points with nine assists, Celeskey had nine, Coratti had eight and Ron Murphy kicked in with 10 rebounds.

Tony Wickmann led the Pilots with 20. Brian Blaker added 12.

# **PLYMOUTH SALEM 125**

Thursday at Farmington HS Team dual-meet records: Salem 3-1 overall, 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activi-

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ties Association. 200-yard medley relay: Salem (Eric

Lynn, Matt Showalter, Kevin Schopieray, 200-yard freestyle: Ben Dzialo (PS).

200-yard individual medicy: Aaron Shelton (PS), 2:09.83.

50-vard freestyle: Mike Johnson (PS), 23.64 Diving: Greg Kubitski (PS), 197.50

100-yard butterfly: Mike Horgan (PS),

100-yard freestyle: Jim Ross (PS),

500-yard freestyle: Brian Mertens

Following are the best Observerland boys

swim times and diving scores. Coaches

should report updates to Dan O'Mears by fax

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200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

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200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

(state cuts: A - 2:03.99, B - 6:11,59)

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ard Catholic Central 1:44.09

outh Selem 1:42.63

Livonia Stevenson 1:45.46

North Farmington 1:46.26

Plymouth Canton 1:48.79

Eric Lynn (Salem) 1:48.19

Ben Działo (Salem) 1:52.65

Jim Ross (Salem) 1:54.75

Joe Le (Canton) 1:56.48

Andy Grant (Churchill) 1:55.83

Brian Mertens (Salem) 1:57.02

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:59.32

Ren Dzielo (Salem) 2:07.21

Brad Nilson (Canton) 2:09.00

Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 2:09.04

Aaron Shelton (Salem) 2:09.83

Tim Ryan (Redford CC) 2:16.68

Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 22.04

Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 23.54 Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 23.57 Mike Greis (Redford CC) 23.62 Nick Markou (Redford CC) 23.65

Aaron Shelton (Salem) 22.54 Mike Johnson (Salem) 22.93 Kevin Ryan (Redford CC) 23.29

Ryan Ahern (Canton) 23.96 Jeff Andonian (Redford CC) 24.06

Greg Kubitski (Salem) 352.10 Biske Brunner (Canton) 291.20 Chris McFarland (John Glenn) 254.00

Andrew Brissette (Stevenson) 194.40

Mark Moretto (Redford Union) 182.95

Andrew Carlin (Radford CC) 2:06.55

Rob Cambridge (Stevenson) 2:08.76

Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 2:11.46

SO-YARD FREESTYLE

(state cuts: A - 22.69, B - 23.00)

Eric Dobkowski (Stevenson) 2:16.05

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:47.03

Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 1:48.84

Nick Markou (Redford CC) 1:49.46

Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 1:53.19

cak, Eddie Lindow, Jordan Champine,

(PS), 5:09.82.

200-yard freestyle relay: Salem (Eric Lynn, Aaron Shelton, Ben Dzialo. Mike Johnson), 1:31.08 (state cut).

100-yard backstroke: Kyle Chamberlin (H/F), 1:02.44.

100-yard breaststroke: Matt Showalter (PS), 1:08.32.

400-yard freestyle relay: Salem (Eric Lynn, Aaron Shelton, Ben Dzialo, Mike Johnson), 3:21.57.

**PLYMOUTH CANTON 133** LIVONIA FRANKLIN 33 Thursday at Canton Canton's dual-meet record: 3-1 over-

all, 2-1 in the WLAA. **Event winners** 200-medley relay: Canton (Trey Ger-

Steve Van Proyen), 1:55.27. 200-yard freestyle: James Sattler

Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 53.51

Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 53.89

Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 54.18

Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 55.24

Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 55.81

Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 56.40

Robert Cambridge (Stevenson) 58.99

**100-YARD FREESTYLE** 

(state cuts: A — 49.49, B — 81.99)

Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 59.07

Eric Lynn (Salem) 53.72

Ben Działo (Salem) 56.35

Eric Lynn (Salem) 49.18

Joe Le (Canton) 51.68

Brad Nilson (Canton) 51.70

Ben Dzialo (Salem) 4:59.46

Kevin Ryan (Redford CC) 51.98

Mike Johnson (Salem) 50.22

Aeron Shelton (Salem) 50.35

Nick Markou (Redford CC) 50.97

Matt Wieniewski (Canton) 51 03

Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 51.06

Redford Catholic Central 1:30.87 Plymouth Salem 1:31.08 Livonia Stevenson 1:39.38 Plymouth Canton 1:39.74 Livonia Churchill 1:41.28

> 100-YARD BACKSTROKE (state cuts: A -- 56.50, B -- 50.99)

Eric Lynn (Salem) 54.71 Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 55.00 Aaron Shelton (Salem) 57.76 Nick Markou (Redford CC) 58.31 Brad Nilson (Canton) 58.04 Brian Ciayson (N. Farmington) 59.50 Zach Fellrath (Redford CC) 59.51 Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 1:00.10 Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 1:00.34 Garrett Stone (John Glenn) 1:00.82

100-YARD RREASTSTROKE

(state cuts: A - 1:02.99, B - 1:07.69) Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:00.55 Dan Dziekan (Redford CC) 1:05.44 Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:05.51 Eddie Lindow (Canton) 1:06.63 Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 1:06.77 Jon Heiss (Canton) 1:06.80 Matt Showalter (Salem) 1:07.75 Jeff Andonian (Redford CC) 1:08.70 Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 1:08.79 Tim Ryan (Redford CC) 1:09.98

400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY (state cuts: A - 3:23.39, B - 3:35.99) Redford Catholic Central 3:20.86 Plymouth Salem 3:20.32 Livonia Stevenson 3:31.74

Nick Markou (Redford CC) 5:03.18

**500-YARD FREESTYLE** 

(atata cesta: A - 4:57.99, B - 5:15.99)

Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:07.23 Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 5:10.03 Brad Nilson (Canton) 5:12.54 Jim Ross (Salem) 5:14.75 Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 5:15.05 Ryan Aheam (Canton) 5:19.00 Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 5:22.62 Mike Horgan (Salem) 5:24.01

North Fermington 3:35.42 Plymouth Canton 3:37.15 200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY (state outs: A - 1:31.99, B - 1:36.49)





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# CC wins without top skier

No Matt Gable? No problem.

Redford Catholic Central, minus its top skier, edged runnerup Brighton by three points, 36-39, Thursday to take over first place in the Mount Brighton Ski League.

Farmington Hills Mercy slipped to second for the first time this season on the girls side, but it still retained a healthy hold on first place in its division.

Tom Gable coaches both squads and son Matt was scheduled to ski in a regional meet during the weekend.

"Our seniors skied well," Gable said of CC's win in which two of his skiers had topfive finishes and two others were in the second 10. "It showed we have a little depth.

"We have now taken over our division lead, and I think we've got the talent, depth and

experience to hang on to the lead."

John Goebel finished second overall in the boys slalom, turning in runs of 13.60 and 17.00 for a 30.69 total. Eric Sullivan was fifth overall with a 31.10 time on runs of 14.29 and 17.81.

Ryan Boudreau placed 13th at 34.04, turning in times of 15.38 and 18.66 on his runs, while Joe Murray was 16th with a combined time of 34.15 (15.25 and 18.90).

Che Martinez clocked a 36.13 good for 24th place, and Steve Johnston was 33rd at 38.21. Disqualifications to two of its top skiers

cost Mercy first place as the Marlins were

edged out by Brighton, 31-48.

"We slipped one spot but our depth still showed," Gable said. "We're still first because we've had four first places.

"To have two of your top skiers go down with four to go — and all four do well that's a coach's dream.'

Freshman Liz Kujala was fourth in the girls slalom. Her combined time of 36.09 came on runs of 19.60 and 16.49.

Laura Burek was eighth at 39.02. She had runs of 20.39 and 18.63. Marcy Godlew took a 13th place (42.99),

turning in runs of 22.96 and 20.01, while Melissa Desautel was 23rd (46.55) with times of 25.45 and 21.20 on her turns.

Nikki Anderson and Nicole Zaleski suffered the disqualifications.

# Salem can't hold

State-ranked Livonia Churchill (9-2-4, 6-1-3) over-came a sluggish first period to turn back visiting Plymouth Salem (4-9-1, 1-8), 5-1 in a WLAA hockey encounter Friday at Edgar Arena.

After a scoreless first period, Salem's Bryan Young netted a goal 40 seconds into the second on an assist from Scott Morri-

Churchill then scored five unanswered goals, four in the second period.

Brian Grant tied it at 1-1 at

Martin and

a power-play goal fri Krug and Andes at 14: In the third period, Jakubowski closed sus t ing at 7:18 from Co

### SPORTS ROUNDUI

**FASTPITCH SOFTBALL CLINICS** 

Performance Fastpitch will be conducting three different softball clinics from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 (offense), Feb. 17 (hitting) and March 3 (positions) at Hartland Middle School. located at Ore Creek (near M-59 and U.S.-23).

The cost is \$15 per clinic or \$50 for all four sessions. Pre-registration is recommended since space is limited.

For more information, call Greg Milosek at (810) 227-6295 or Randy Hazzard at (248) 684-

### WOMEN'S OFFICIALS CLINIC

The Michigan High School Athletic Association will hold a one-day clinic for women interested in becoming officials from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.m Saturday, Feb. 3 at DeWitt High School.

The program title Two-Dae. Trained Women Officials: Dedicated, Accomplished, Educated, will provided insight, encouragement and training to become a entry-level candidate to launch a career as an MHSAA official. All

12 MHSAA sports are offered. The \$30 registration fee

includes continental breakfast, lunch and a gift The clinic is being held in conjunction with the MHSAA's annual Women in Sports Leadership Conference, Sunday-Monday, Feb. 4-5 at the Sheraton Lansing Hotel.

For more information, call the MHSAA at (517) 332-5046.

COACHING VACANCIES

The Livonia Ladywood High School is seeking coaches for the spring season for junior varsity golf, freshman softball, JV softball assistant and freshman soccer; and for the fall season a JV cheerleading coach.

For more information, Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2323

### C'VILLE NEEDS COACHES

The Livonia Clarenceville High School is seeking a junior varsity baseball coach and an assistant track coach for the spring season.

For more information, call Clarenceville athletic director Tim Wilson at (248) 473-8926.

MARLINS NEED COACH

Farmington Hills Mercy High School is searching for a JV softball coach. Anyone interested in the position should contact Mercy Athletic Director Nancy Malinowski at (248) 476-2836.

**SPORTCATHLON COMPETITION** Wyandotte High School will be

the local competition site for SportCathlon, a 10-sport skills contest beginning in February and running through July.

The competition includes bowling, basketball, swimming, baseball, soccer, tennis, golf, football, sprints and running. Competitors, open to everyone from ages 7-to-70, can enter for a \$5-15 fee, depending on the sport.

Local winners will advance to state, regional and a national competition with a chance to win from \$10,000-\$100,000 per sport. Amateur players will win scholarships in lieu of cash prizes.

Some forms may be available with area high school athletic directors. For more information, visit the web site, www.sportcathlon.com, or call Wyandotte athletic director Tom DeSana at (734) 246-1008, ext. 2352.

**UDM HOOP LEGENDS** 

The University of Detroit Mercy will help celebrate the city of Detroit's Tricentennial by presenting area fans with the opportunity to select the Detroit Titans' all-century teams in men's and women's basketball.

Winners will be announced prior to the Titans' game against Butler Feb. 8. Ballots are available in Calihan Hall at all Titan home games through the end of January. Also, fans may vote on the UDM Athletic web site: www.DetroitTitans.com.

Ballots contain stars from all generations of Titan basketball. Fans may also write-in names of players

### **HOOP SHOOT 2001**

The Livonia Parks and Recreation and Livonia Junior Athletic League hoop shoot competition for boys and girls in grades 3-9 will be Tuesday, Feb. 6 at the Frost Middle School main gym-

Starting times include 6:30 p.m., grades 3-4; 7 p.m., grades 5-6; and 7:30 p.m., grades 7-9.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

### SOFTBALL CLINIC

Madonna University will be stage a girls fastpitch softball clinic three consecutive weeks -10 a.m. until noon Saturday, Jan. 27; Feb. 3 and 10; also, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28; Feb. 4 and

The cost is \$80 for four weeks

or \$25 per session. The camp consists of hitting, bunting, infield/outfield, base running, pitching, catching and defensive position. Pitchers and catchers will be required to stay an extra half-hour.

Pre-registration is require. The maximum is 30 per session. For more information, call MU coach Al White at (734) 432-5783 or (734) 495-3719; also assistant Curt White at (734) 728-3074.

### SOCCER REGISTRATION

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will take spring youth soccer registrations for the entire month of January from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the recreation office, located in the Plymouth Cultural Center at

525 Farmer.

Cost for 6-and-under, 7-andunder and 8-and-under players is \$45 for city of Plymouth residents and \$65 for non-residents. For 9-and-under and above players the cost is \$50 for residents and \$80 for non-residents.

For further information, call (734) 455-6620.

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### **ROLLER HOCKEY ACTION**

Several opportunities for those interested in playing roller hockey are available at Skatin' Station II, located on Ronda in Can-

·An adult drop-in roller hockev session will be from 9:45 p.m.-11:45 p.m. Mondays. Cost is \$10.

· Hockey practice for anyone with league-required equipment will be held Wednesday's. Cost is \$5. Sessions for ages 13-16: 4-5 p.m.; sessions for ages 9-12: 5-6 p.m.; sessions for ages 8-andunder: 4-5 p.m.

• There are also roller hockey leagues for all ages. Cost for a 10-week session is \$110.

For information on any of these classes, call (734) 459-

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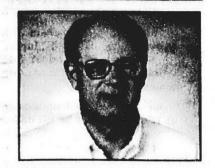
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ines just seem to blend in with their surroundings. In summer their leafy vegetation is lost among leaves of other plants and even in winter their naked stems look like any other stem. But some vines have interesting features to observe when you isolate them from their surround-

Across from my subdivision is a vine of wild cucumber. Attached to the stems are several cream colored, kiwishaped, spiked, seed pods. Upon closer examination they have a spongy like texture. On the underside their are openings where seeds have fallen from, allowing an inside view of their chambered structure. Wild cucumber is a relative of the domestic cucumber grown in gardens. Another relative is grown for its sponges which people use for scouring pads.

Vines often use tendrils to attach to structures since they often are not self supporting. Tendrils of wild cucumber are long, thin and tightly wound in a coiled shape. Wild grape, greenbrier and Virginia creeper use tendrils for climbing and attaching. But a closer look reveals different tendril tech-

Greenbrier and wild grape use the same tendril attaching technique. A tendril grows from the main stalk or stem and continues to grow until it touches a support. Tendrils that don't reach a support wither away. But upon touching a support the tendril starts to wrap around the structure. At this point both ends are anchored, but the tendril continues to twist. Between the two ends an uncoiled middle section develops around which the tendril continues to coil. This twisting creates curls between the two ends that coil in opposite directions.

Wild grape is easy to identify with its ragged looking trunk made of long narrow strips of bark. Some vines have a base anchored in the ground that may be 4-5 inches in diameter. A base that size indicates a very old vine that may extend to great heights.

Greenbrier, as its name suggests, has thorns along its stems. Like many vines its heart-shaped leaves are often lost among other leaves of the forest edge.

Virginia creeper employs tendrils, too, but they attach to supports in a different manner. Tendrils grow from the main stem until they touch a solid support. After contact is made, a small suction cup-like structure grows at the attachment site. No coiling or twining occurs at the attachment. Twining is necessary for the tendril to search for possible supports in all directions, but if a tendril never touches a support, it will never develop a suction cup.

The five leaflets of Virginia creeper is the key feature to its identification in summer. It climbs up trees and crawls across the ground as a ground cover. This vine is harmless.

Bittersweet is a colorful vine in fall when fruits from female plants ripen. Their reddish-orange berries surrounded by the ocher colored casing is very beautiful. This vine does not use tendrils. Instead its stems or branches twine around supporting structures. Sometimes they twine around their own branches. Often bittersweet vines form a barber pole-like pattern as the ascend a tree trunk. As the vine grows and the tree trunk grows, spiraling patterns develop on the tree trunk from the constricting vine.

Michigan does not sport many vines, but the few we have reveal some interesting features if you take the time to look at them closely.

Livonia resident Tim Nowicki is a naturalist with Independence Oaks Park porth of Clarkston in Oakland County. He can be reached at (248) 625-6473.

# What a show!

# Detroit Boat Show ranks with the nation's best

exhibitors and see 1,000 new 2001 model boats of all types and sizes during the 43rd annual Detroit Boat Show Feb. 10-18 at Cobo Center in Detroit. More than 2,800 boats worth more than \$60 million are expected to be sold during these nine days. "Many people don't realize the Detroit Boat Show is the best time to buy a boat," said Boat Show Manager Van Snider.

More than 120,000 Michigan residents are expected to

visit more than 300

"Unlike the auto show, smart shoppers can place their orders right on the show floor and because of the advantages of early buying, they get great deals." Serious buyers can shop

more than 300 exhibitors and see ski boats, fishing boats, cabin cruisers, bow riders, pontoons and personal water-

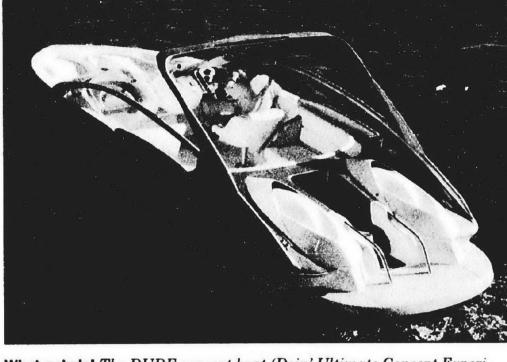
Among the chief attractions will be the DUDE concept boat. (DUDE is an acronym for "Doin' Ultimate Design Experiments.")

The DUDE is a full-size, water-ready 27-footer with an 8-foot-6-inch beam powered by a Volvo Penta engine and drive.

DUDE is designed for an active, athletic lifestyle on the water. Storage requirements take priority because DUDE is a water borne storage locker for all kinds of equipment with which to enjoy athleticism on and around the water. Two huge "sports trunks" hinge outboard attractions

on the back of the boat. Both trunks are within reach from the adjustable (high/low) activity deck giving scuba divers, wake boarders, swimmers and explorers easy access and plenty of storage space for their equipment. The area for sunbathers has been moved to the foredeck so as to achieve a separation between the active users of the boat and those that wish to take a break from all the activity. On the foredeck there is a teak walkway to the anchor and

line storage lockers; it is flanked by two recessed bow pads that are slightly contoured for comfort. Between the recessed sunpads, and under a fold over part of the teak walkway, is a convenience tray with drink holders and ice chest. Beneath both sunpads are storage areas large enough to hold almost any size of equipment brought along for the journey, including camping gear. The center cockpit utilizes



What a dude! The DUDE concept boat (Doin' Ultimate Concept Experiments) will be one of 1,000 boats on display at the Detroit Boat Show.

There are 1,000,049 registered boats in Michigan. according to the Secretary of State. That's more than any other state for more than 15 years.

Michigan has 3,121 miles of Great Lakes shoreline (more than any other state except Alaska), 11,087 inland lakes and 36,350 miles of rivers and streams. Michigan has more than 1,406 public access sites, 758 marinas, 684 marine dealers, 41 boat manufacturers and 85 Great Lakes recreational harbors.

The overall economic impact of boating in Michigan exceeds \$2.5 billion a year, according to the Livonia-based Michigan Boating Industries Association.

these "walk overs" to the bow and activity deck rather than walk-thrus in order to maximize seating width and accommodations within the passenger compartment of the boat. The overhead bimini arch is a Cobalt exclusive already in production on Cobalt's new 262 model.

"Never before has the industry offered the public a glimpse of boat designs of the future," Snider said. "This boat is striking and will open a lot of eyes to the shape of boating to come.

The show also offers the following

■ the Discover Boating Center the Boating Kids Clinic

antique and classic boats "Draw Kids Into Boating" futuristic boat drawing con-

show mascot "Salty Dog" Pirate Barbary Barnacles and his pal Yakkie the Par-

The Detroit Boat Show is open to the public noon to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10-18 at Cobo Center in Detroit.

Admission is free for people up to age 11 if accompanied by an adult, \$9 for everyone else. People age 63 and up are

admitted free on Monday, Feb. 11. For more information, call (800) 224-3008.

# Black bowlers make significant contribution to sport of bowling



HARRISON

s we have observed Martin Luther King day last Monday, it seems that few have recognized the way the sport of bowling has exemplified the true meaning and spirit of his dream of racial integration.

Surely there are many good leagues in the Detroit area that enjoy a friendly competitive scene with their rosters open to anyone regardless of race, color or creed. The big question for a team captain would be, "Can this guy bowl?" When bowlers lace up their shoes they do not waste thought or energy on whether a bowler on either team is black, white or purple, but rather ask "What's his average?" It is also noteworthy that the African-American community has taken to bowling in increasing numbers while the overall league memberships have been falling every year. Black bowlers have distinguished themselves well on the lanes over the years with some of the best names in the game. Such a list would have to start with Cheryl Daniels, Carmen Allen, Yvonne Jones, Novella White and Tamika Glenn among the women, Curtis Odom, Gerald Brown, Frank Robinson Jr., Lonnie Jones, Earl Justice, and from an earlier era, Edwin Peart, Bill Rodman, John Barnhill and Bill Grundy. Many of the younger kids today show a lot of promise, such as Pat Brown, who led his Plymouth-Salem team to the state high school championship last

Many of our leaders in the local associations are African-Americans, such as the Detroit Women's Bowling Association's president, Myrtha Cooper, third vice president, Libbi

Fletcher and board member Linda Landrum. The officials of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association include First Vice President Marvin Dooley, John Davis Jr., John J. Davis, Frank Robinson Jr. and past President Ebsen Smart. These are people who have devoted their time and energy to the betterment of the sport without thought of compensation or financial gain.

Wanza Christie of Redford averages around 134 in the West Lawn Ladies Senior League at Oak Lanes in Westland. Last Monday she rolled a 240 game, which is good for anyone who bowls but great for a 76-yearold. Wanza has been bowling since the age of 18 and, needless to say, she loves the game. This is indeed a lifetime sport for those who enjoy it so much. For those who get regular mailings from AARP, there are plenty of good opportunities to bowl and have fun. Senior leagues are everywhere. The atmosphere is always friendly. There is lots of good competition, and the cost is usually less.

Even the sanction fee is discounted for seniors age 55 and over. There are some good tournaments, "golden opportunities" for seniors both locally and at the national level.

The Michigan State Bowling Association Tournament at Jackson is currently in week No. 2 of its 17week run. The Optional Doubles event has the combination of Lee Snow of Farmington Hills and Ken Kossick of Canton in fourth place in the "Scratch Optional" with a score of 1.364. Livonia's Joe Parks and Bob Rozycki lead in "Scratch Doubles" actual with 1,452. This pair also leads in "Doubles Handicap" with 1,551. Kossick currently holds first place in "Singles" actual with 779, which is also good for fifth place in "Singles Handicap." Snow has second in "All-Events Actual" with 2,119, while Kossick is tied with three others for fourth at 2,100.

Al Harrison is a resident of Garden City. He can be reached at (734) 422-1609.

# Honor scores

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CLOVERLANES (LIVONA)
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# OUTDOOR **CALENDAR**

# RECREATION

SUNDAY HEALTH CLUB Schoolcraft College's Sunday Health Club lets members can work out 1-5 p.m. Sundays through April 1. Membership fees are \$34 for individuals and \$72 for families. Members have access to two gyms for basketball and volleyball; six handball, paddleball and racketball courts; wallyball courts; weightlifting machines, treadmills, exercise bikes and other aerobic equipment in the fitness room; the swimming pool with 1-meter and 3meter diving boards; and saunas in the locker rooms. Members must furnish their locks and towels. Members up to age 15 must be accompanied by an adult. Call (734) 462-4413.

### SQUARE DANCING

The Maplewood Squares, a square dance group, meets at 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Maplewood Community Center, Maplewood west of Merriman, in Garden City. Call (734) 595-8857.

# **ACTIVITIES**

### METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027.

### MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Call (248) 478-1494.

### **FOUR SEASONS**

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

# HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843.

# **BASS ASSOCIATION**

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor, Call (734) 676-2863.

# **RECREATION AND FUN**

A recreational get-together for teens and adults who are disabled is held the second Friday of each month at the Westland Bailey Center. Call (734) 722-7620.

# CLASSES/ CLINICS

# YMCA CLASSES

The Farmington Family YMCA offers a variety of classes such as Rollerblade hockey, lacrosse, flag football and swimming lessons. Call (248) 553-4020

# HATHA YOGA

Hatha Yoga classes occur 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 4-5:30 p.m. Sundays in downtown Plymouth. Wednesday classes (9:30-11 a.m. and 1:30-3 p.m.) begin Feb. 14. Valentine's Day gift certificates are available. Call Cvnthia (734) 420-2418.

# **PARKS**

# **METROPARK REQUIREMENTS**

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks at the following numbers: Indian Springs, (800) 477-3192; Kensington, (800) 477-3178; Hudson Mills, (800) 477-3191

# WINTER WILDLIFE

An indoor slide presentation will be followed by a walk to help participants understand how local wildlife copes with winter weather begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, at the Nature Center of Kensington Metropark near Milford. Bring binoculars. Call (248) 685-0603 to register.

# CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Go cross-country skiing at Willow or Kensington Metropark every day when conditions allow. Rent skies, boots and poles for \$6.50 (four hours). Willow Metropark is located at I-275 and South Huron Road. Call (800) 477-3182. Kensington Metropark is located at I-96 and Kent Lake Road Call (800) 477-3178.

# MAKE AND TAKE BIRD FEEDERS

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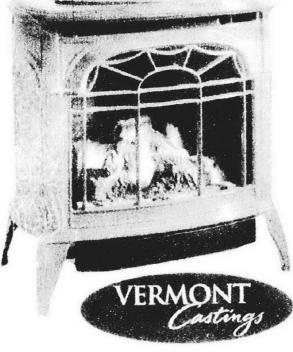
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# Players enjoy challenge of new music

ndrew Anderson isn't sure if his performance of Tom Johnson's piece for solo string bass will be successful but he's having a good time exploring the composition meant to challenge musicians. Anderson will attempt to play Failing: A Difficult Piece for Solo String Bass with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra during two chamber concerts on Saturday, Jan. 27 and Feb. 3.

This is the first time Anderson will play an avant-garde bass solo even though he began studies on the instrument 10 years ago and grew up listening to his father David's bass solos. David Anderson, a member of the Portland (Oregon) Opera, favors the traditional music of Bach, Beethoven and Mozart.

"It's outside of what I would usually play for a solo. I have to talk through the whole thing," said Anderson, who's pursuing a bachelor's degree in

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What: Presents two chamber concerts - 8 p.m. Saturday Jan. 27 at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, and 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann

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not much music. Eventually I'm playing intricate chromatic passages

# Fascinating

"It's a fascinating piece meant to be comedy. You're supposed to ham it up a bit. This kind of music is not for everyone. It's something to bear in mind. If you hear it and think you don't like it, give it a chance."

Listening and being open to what you hear is the key to enjoying any



Bass soloist: Andrew Anderson is looking forward to playing his first avant-garde piece with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

new music. Plymouth Symphony Orchestra conductor Nan Washburn tries to program several new works each season that challenge the orchestra and audience. Last season, Farberman's contemporary concerto for jazz drummer and Vandervelde's Cafes of Melbourne for solo accordion opened up new worlds to musicians and listeners much to the delight of Washburn who's won 13 ASCAP awards for adventuresome programming from the American Symphony Orchestra League.

# Theater type piece

Failing is a theater type piece with narrative," said Washburn. "It gets harder and harder because he has to speak and play at the same time. It's

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# Storytelling appeals to the kid in everyone

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER Ichomin@oe.homecomi

orinne Stavish bubbles with excitement as she tells the story about a giant hitching a ride on Noah's Ark. Stavish loves to tell Jewish folktales like Noah and the Giant Og, one of the stories she heard while growing up. Her voice rises then falls as she weaves the tale about the animals sharing their leaves and milk with the giant during their 40-day journey.

Stavish is having as much fun as she hopes the children will have when they attend a Storytelling Festival hosted by Canton Project Arts on Jan. 27. The afternoon performance, featuring Stavish's Noah and the Giant Og, is geared toward families. An evening performance treats adults to whimsical stories about parenting and a modern version of a biblical parable by Stavish. Syd Lieberman, a national storyteller and Craig Roney a profe

State University, will join Stavish for the telling. "What is unique about Jewish folklore is it's probably more representative of world folklore, said Stavish, a Southfield resident and instructor at Lawrence Technological University. "The reason is Chinese were isolated to China, Japanese to Japan, but Jews are the only people we know who have lived all over the world. They would hear a story and retell it with that which was familiar to

# Family stories

Stavish specializes in relaying Jewish folklore with a Russian flavor because of her Eastern European background. She feels family stories such as hers are being lost even though there's been a resurgence in storytelling. Today, public venues provide the only opportunity for many to share in the art that's existed since the beginning of civiliza-

"I can hear my grandfather saying I should go out and pay to hear stories? Uncle Mark tells better stories," said Stavish. "The best stories are told around kitchen tables. So go home and do that. Why do people need a workshop? My grandparents didn't take workshops.

"Family stories were always a part of culture. TV changed that. It's gone from porches to public storytelling because we're no longer hearing them at the kitchen table. Storytelling has always been part of Jewish tradition because rabbis have always told

such great stories.' Syd Lieberman is a funny guy who thinks he's a frustrated rabbi. Lieberman began telling stories 18 years ago when he was going through a mid-life crisis at age 38. He was so scared at his first show that he thought he wouldn't remember the stories. His wife sat in the audience with a story card to remind him. He shouldn't have worried







Storytelling Festival What: Canton Project

Syd Lieberman, Corinne

recommended for ages 4

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When: 1 p.m. (family

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Arts presents storytellers

telling came naturally to him. Today, Lieberman is Jewish stories.

"My father was a used car salesman so he always high school English for 30 years. "My mother could go to the grocery store and turn it into an opera. She creates characters and voicings and turns it into a play."

# Messages

though. Story-

Lieberman's stories frequently have messages. His picture book version of an old tale, The Wise Shoemaker of Studena, teaches children that they shouldn't judge people by appearances.

"Kids are thirsty to hear stories," said Lieberman, who's currently working on stories about a Faberge Egg in the Field Museum's upcoming exhibition of Kremlin gold. "These are Jewish folktales. They're fun but you don't have to be Jewish to enjoy them."

And you don't have to be a kid to enjoy storytelling. Lieberman will have the evening performance audience laughing with his stories about parenting and other obstacles adults encounter.

"Good stories touch the universal - it touches all people," said Lieberman who's told stories all over the world. "One story I tell about hospitals, they laughed even in New Zealand. I want people to know storytelling isn't just for kids. It will be fun."

# Conveying information

Craig Roney agrees storytelling is a fun medium but it also conveys information. Roney gives workshops for teachers in how to use storytelling to aug"If we can believe what

anthropologists are telling us, storytelling was the beginning of culture," said Roney, a Northville resident who taught his first storytelling class at Wayne State University in 1977. "It's as old as human oral communication and was used as a medium of instruction and entertainment. A culture used it to share its history, mores and beliefs. In the Middle Ages story-

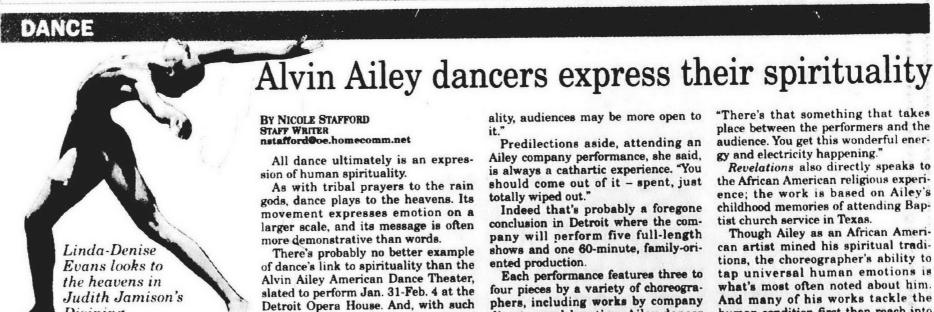
tellers moved from one country to another and it enabled one culture to understand another.

"Now we have radio, TV and computers that command our attention but storytelling's never gone away and that speaks to its power. The major communication throughout the world is oral not print. Storytelling is the major means by which we make sense of our world. Immediacy makes it very pow-

Barb King was so mesmerized by the stories she heard at last year's festival she decided to volunteer to serve on the Canton Project Arts committee. She's co-chairing the storytelling event with Barbara Standiford.

"What I love about storytelling is that you find

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What: Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre with the Rudy Hawkins Singers gives five full-length performances and one hour-long family show featuring pieces by Ailey, including Revelations, Judith Jamison and other choreographers Where: Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway in

Divining

When: Wednesday, Jan. 31-Sunday, Feb. 4 Tietets: Full-length performances, \$15-50; family

performance, \$5 for children and \$15 for adults; call the University Musical Society box office at (734) 764-2538, the Detroit Opera House at (313) 237-7464 or Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666 ality, audiences may be more open to

Predilections aside, attending an Ailey company performance, she said, is always a cathartic experience. "You should come out of it - spent, just

totally wiped out." Indeed that's probably a foregone conclusion in Detroit where the company will perform five full-length shows and one 60-minute, family-oriented production.

Each performance features three to four pieces by a variety of choreographers, including works by company director and longtime Ailey dancer Judith Jamison, and culminates with Ailey's 1960s masterpiece Revelations. Set to Black spirituals, Revelations will be performed in Detroit to live music by Detroit's Rudy Hawkins

With live music. There's this wonderful vibration in the air," said Godboldo, recalling her own experience of seeing the piece done with a live choir, one she compares to attending services in a large church sanctuary.

"There's that something that takes place between the performers and the audience. You get this wonderful energy and electricity happening."

Revelations also directly speaks to the African American religious experience; the work is based on Ailey's childhood memories of attending Baptist church service in Texas.

Though Ailey as an African American artist mined his spiritual traditions, the choreographer's ability to tap universal human emotions is what's most often noted about him. And many of his works tackle the human condition first then reach into spirituality.

The majority of Mr. Ailey's ballets are about people," said Matthew Rushing, a senior Ailey dancer slated to perform in Detroit. "Mr. Ailey's ballets deal with people and people's emotions. And those emotions directly tie into spirituality."

Ailey's Phases, a suite of four abstract dances set to jazz, taps the gamut of human emotions. Blues

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in 1989.

a fervent interest in spirituality of

late, audiences are ripe to partake in

the dance company's traditions and in

the renowned works of its founder,

choreographer Alvin Ailey, who died

"There is a spirituality that perme-

ates all his work," said Penny Godbol-

do, chair of dance at Marygrove Col-

lege and a former student at The

Ailey School. "Though Ailey's comps-

ny has always been popular, because

there is a deeper emphasis on spiritu-

# Dancers from page 1C

Suite, Ailey's account of a group of troubled adults in rural, Depression-era Texas, based on what the choreographer referred to as his "blood memories," has a spiritual leaning, too, said Rush-

Rooted in human emotion and spiritual life, Ailey's works speak to all audiences regardless of race and gender, said Rushing. "Even though we're seeing from an African American man's eyes, we're still talking about spirit, Mr. Ailey's view of spirit, and spirit reaches all, touches all, has no barriers," Rushing said.

Both Phases and Blues Suite appear on the company's Detroit program. Other featured works reflect the company's tradition of exploring spirituality, but do so from a contemporary point of view. "The Ailey company has the old and the new. We have ballets that remind you where you have come from and where we are now," said Rushing.

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The sexy, well-received Chocolate Sessions, choreographed by former Ailey dancer Dwight Rhoden, is a tale of contemporary love, but again, revolves around love as an emotion, said Rush-

"It's about the tender side of love and the tense side of love. If you are searching for a spiritual experience, you will find it coming to an Ailey performance."

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really impossible to play the filled the venue to capacity. piece and of course you're going to fail. Then he has to speak off the cuff and you never know what's going to happen.

Washburn may not know how Anderson's performance of Failing: A Difficult Piece for Solo String Bass will turn out or how the audience will accept it, but she's sure the rest of the program will prove enjoyable. In fact, she's presenting the same chamber concert twice because a similar program last season

On Jan. 27 the orchestra will play Claude Debussy's Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun, Johannes Brahms' Serenade No. 1 in D Major, and Bohuslav Martinu's Nonet in addition to Failing: A Difficult Piece for Solo String Bass at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth. On Feb. 3, they repeat the program at the Kerrytown Concert House in Ann Arbor. From the opening sensuous flute solo of Debussy's Prelude, which was

written for Stephane Mallarme's poem about the erotic daydreams of the satyr-like mythological creature, to Martinu's Nonet which incorporates the composer's love of his native Czech folk music, the concert is sure to be a crowd pleaser.

"I'm always fascinated by composers who've written different versions for different size said Washburn. groups," Although there were many pieces written for big, lush orchestras in the 19th century,

lots of composers wrote smaller things.

"It's exciting to do newer things and to do them with 10 players. Because these are smaller pieces. It's more intimate. The music is more transparent and crystal clear, and it's exciting to hear all those tex-

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# Storytelling from page 1C

yourself in the story," said King. 'We're a generation of people who grew up on TV. This engages your imagination in

"We live in a multicultural society and stories help us understand our differences. Stories have the power to teach us understanding and tolerance."

only one of the events presented by Canton Project Arts. The Peter Sparling Dance Company will give a performance 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9 at Summit on the

The Storytelling Festival is Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. A verbal presentation on dance will be given at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and available by calling (734) 394-5193.

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# 'Vagina Monologues' goes beyond mere drama

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The sweet Southern lilt quickly turns brittle when Sherri Parker Lee talks about some newspaper and television reports that attempt to promote the national tour of the Vagina Monologues while trying not to use the word.

"I think it's ridiculous, it's a clinical word for a part of the body," said Lee, who, along with Stella Benford, will be performing in the award-winning play from Jan. 23 to Feb. 11 at Detroit's Second City Theatre. "By their reaction it says to me that a women's sexual center is something to be ashamed of."

And don't even get Benford going down that road. "I sit onstage each night and read about how, every minute, a woman is abused. In that one hour and thirty-five minutes I'm on stage, that's 135 women," said Benford, whose Broadway credits include a role in Macbeth with Kelsey Grammer. "I have to control myself because it hurts. I could be any of those women."

Playwright Eve Ensler was one of those women. As a child in

What: The Vagina Monologues When: Jan. 23- Feb. 11 Where: The Second City Theatre on Woodward next to the Fox Theatre, Detroit

Tickets: \$45 with \$15 tickets available for the first 25 students with ID in line one hour prior to each performance. \$85 for the opening night charity gala on Tuesday, Jan,

Information: (313) 983-6611.

Scarsdale, N.Y., she was physically and sexually abused by her father, and developed an addiction for alcohol that lasted into college. At 24, she gave up alcohol, started writing, and hasn't stopped yet.

Since its debut in 1996, the Vagina Monologues has become somewhat of a phenomenon. Its current sold-out run at off-Broadway's Westside Theater features an ever-changing cast of female celebrities including Melanie Griffith, Winona Ryder, Alanis Morissette and Meryl

The play, in which the actresses talk about everything from

what their vaginas would wear if Lee. they got dressed up to agonizing accounts of Bosnian rape victims, has grown beyond the confines of a play to being a social movement. Four years ago, Ensler initiat-

ed V-Day, a global movement to stop violence against women. And last year, hundreds of college campuses, including Oakland Community College, performed the Vagina Monologues to raise awareness and money for women's shelters.

When the show makes its three-week appearance in Detroit, Lee and Benford, both native Texans will share the stage Jan. 23-28 with Lori Petty, who played Geena Davis's younger sister in A League of Their Own. They'll perform with other yet-to-be-named celebrities in Detroit and in all the cities they'll visit in their nine-month

"In that way, there is a sense that the town owns that piece," said Lee. And then there's always the

question of men. "They come up to me after the show and say, 'I didn't want to

come tonight, but I'm so glad I did.' When that happens, my job is done," said Bedford.

people leave, they leave with a dark. Violence against women door open to discussion," said needs to be talked about."

And that certainly isn't hard to do. Ensler has a unique ability to combine humor and compelling drama to make her message clear. ("Down there? I haven't been down there since 1953. No, it had nothing to do with Eisenhower," begins a monologue titled "The Flood.")

"The play is really about something much bigger, It's about a social conscience," said Lee, who appeared on Broadway last year in Not About Nightingales. "It's rare to be involved with something that's important on so many levels."

Bedford said she was initially shocked at the response she got from women after the show. "They would come up, not saying a word and open their arms. Now, my arms are wide open, too. I need the hugs, it's our healing process.'

Lee said even when she's at a Starbucks, women who've seen the show will approach her and tell her stories about rape and

"I'm not a counselor, but I can hug, and hold and listen," she said. "It's got to be talked about. It's like what Eve said about bacteria only growing in the dark. When you bring it to light, it "The main thing is that when dies. Bad things happen in the

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### EVENTS

FILM FESTIVAL

The annual Michigan Lesbian & Gay Film Festival is Jan. 26-Feb. 2 at the AMC Abbey Theatres, Madison Heights. Tickets (248) 547-5878

SCARAB CLUB Robert Burns night dinner is 6-10

p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25 Tickets are \$30 per person. Dress is casual with kilts optional. (313) 831-1250.

## FOR KIDS

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

Register for BBAC Winter Break

for piano lab. 130 E. Liberty, Plymouth's Old Village. (734) 354-9825

WEST BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Rita's music classes for parents and children ages 2 months to 4 years. For location and registration call (248) 539-2290.

### GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON. GOING)

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Through Feb. 8 - In a Feminine Voice. 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-8004.

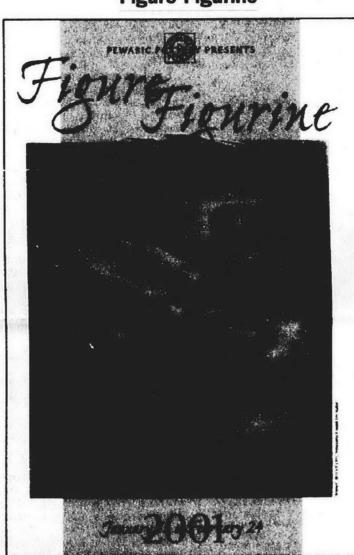
**BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD** ART CENTER

Through Jan. 26 - The BBAC Faculty Show. 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

BIRMINGHAM SOCIETY OF WOMEN PAINTERS

Through Jan. 30 -- The Oakland County's Office of Arts, Culture & Film sponsors the event at American House, 3741 S. Adams, Rochester Hills. (248) 858-0415.

# Figure Figurine



Turn to stone: Pewabic Pottery presents Figure Figurine through Feb. 24 at the gallery located at 10125 East Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 822-0954. Gallery hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6

Art Camp. The camp will be from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Feb. 19-23. Classes are designed for grammar school through junior high. 1516 S. Crapbrook, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

**EVOLA MUSIC** 

Register for summer classes in Kindermusik (birth to 7 years old), piano (ages 6-12), percussion (ages 6-12), guitar (6-12) and violin (ages 7-14) at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty, Canton. (734) 455-4677.

**HUNTINGTON WOODS LIBRARY** 

Friends Day event featuring the Stagecrafters Youth Theatre production of Hansel and Gretel is at 1 p.m. Jan. 21. 26415 Scotia, Huntington Woods. (248) 543-9720. JINGLE BEL, INC

Performing arts classes for the winter begin Saturday, Jan. 27. They are held at Precinct Five.

1551 E. Auburn, Rochester Hills. (248) 375-9027.

Enroll anytime for classes for newborns to age 7. Parents participate in classes for children under 3. Classes are held at the First Beptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Cell Lori et (734) 354-9109.

NA MALL Arts & Scrape gives kids the chance to make colorful masks in 2 and 4 p.m. Jan. 21. No Mall, Seven Mile and

CARY GALLERY

Through Jan. 27 — Sarah Aslakson is the featured artist. 226 Walnut, Rochester. (248) 651-3656 CASS CAFE

Through Feb. 14 - Love & Paint,

paintings by Camilo Pardo. 4620 Cass. Detroit. (313) 831-1400. CENTER GALLERIES Through Feb. 17 - Activating

Space. 301 Frederick Douglass, Detroit. (313) 664-7800. CITY OF OAK PARK

Through Jan. 31 - Artist of the month is Anne Hearshen. 14200 Oak Park Blvd, Oak Park. (248)

691-7480. COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY Through Jan. 26 -- Graduate works in progress. 150

Community Arts Building, Detroit. (313) 577-2423. CPOP GALLERY Through Jan. 28 - Bask and

Kurt Halsey Frederiksen. 4160 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-9901. CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

Through Feb. 10 - 2001-An Art Space Odyssey. 47 Williams Street. Pontiac. (248) 333-7849. DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET Through Jan. 31 - Featured

artist is Treg Silkwood. Through March 9 - Colorforms. 4719 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 832-

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY

Through Jan. 31 - Quilt and fiber exhibition. 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-7641.

ARMINETON CITY HALL Through March 30 - Kegham Tegian art exhibit. 28600 W.

Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 473-1856 FORD GALLERY

Through Feb. 2 -Small Shrines and Talismen, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. (734) 487-0465

HILLGALLERY

Through Feb. 7 - American Folk Art of the 19th and 20th century. 407 W. Brown, Birmingham. (248) 540-9288 HABATAT GALLERIES

Through Jan. 31 - Dale Chihuly.

7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 333-2060 INN SEASON CAFE

Through March 3 - Oils and pastels of Lisa Rigstad. Fourth Street, Royal Oak. (248) 547-7916.

ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY

Through Jan 31 - Women in the foreground, 32782 Woodward, Royal Oak. (248) 647-7709. DAVID KLEIN GALLERY

Through Feb. 28 - Group show featuring sculpture by Peter Ambrose and Roy Lichtenstein and paintings by Meighen Jackson, Lester Johnson, William Glen Crooks, Dana Bell, James Del Grosso and Hans Hofmann. 163 Townsend, Birmingham.

(248) 433-3700. LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY Through Feb. 24 - Dogs and Conchs: The Surreal World of Margie Guyot. 6. N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6716.

LEMBERG GALLERY Through Feb. 10 - Group show by regional and nationally recognized artists, 23241 Woodward,

Ferndale. (248) 591-6623. MARYGROVE GALLERY

Through Feb. 6 - Jeanne Bieri & Sherry Moore: Tapestry. 8425 W. McNichols, 4th Floor, Detroit. (313) 927-1336 **MEADOW BROOK GALLERY** 

Through Feb. 25 - Punch's Progress: A Century of American Puppetry, 208 Wilson Hall,

Oakland University, Rochester. (248) 370-3005

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS Through Feb. 17 - Surface, Line and Mark, a juried exhibit showcasing the diversity of drawing as an art medium. 407 Pine Street.

Rochester. (248) 651-4110. **PEWABIC POTTERY** Through Feb. 24 - Figure

Figurine. 10125 E. Jefferson. Detroit. (313) 822-0954. REVOLUTION Through Feb. 10 - Achromatic. a group show. 23257 Woodward,

Ferndale, (248) 541-3444. SCARAB CLUB OF DETROIT Through Jan. 27 - 2001: Abstract Odyssey. 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. (313) 831-

1250 SISSION GALLERY

Through Feb. 23 - Into the Minds of Three Artists. Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. (313) 845-

6485. **SWORDS INTO** 

PLOWSHARES GALLERY Through March 17 - Cutting Trees, painting, drawings and wood sculptures by Michael Slaski and Ruth Andrews. 33 East Adams, Detroit. (313) 963-

7575 SYBARIS GALLERY

Through Feb. 24 - International Infusion III, the ceramic teapot invitational. 202 E. Third St., Royal Oak. (248) 544-3388.

VAN HOOSEN FARM Through Jan. 27 - Classic Ensemble: an exhibition of antique musical instruments. 1005 Van Hoosen, Rochester

Hills. (248) 608-8261

WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY Through Feb. 3 - Jeri Hollister: New York, ceramic sculpture and clay drawings. 215 East Washington, Ann Arbor. (734)

761-2287 WOODS GALLERY

Through Feb. 15 - Peruvian cultural exhibit. Lecture and slide presentation with Percy Salizar is at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21. 26415 Scotia, Huntington Woods. (248) 543-9720.

ZEITGEIST Through Feb. 28 -Bledsoe/Puntigam. 2661 Michigan, Detroit. (313) 965-

LECTURES

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM Henry Ford's Detroit is the first of a series of lectures about Detroit. The lecture takes place at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21 at the museum, 5401 Woodward,

Detroit. (313) 993-1254.

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE

Verdi, His Life and Politics is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23 at the Lomason Lounge, 3rd Floor, The Detroit Opera House. (313) 961-3500

POETRY WORKSHOPS

Orion Township Public Library holds poetry workshops 7-9 p.m. Monday evenings beginning Jan. 22. Another class will be 10 a.m.-noon Tuesdays beginning Jan. 23. 825 Joslyn Road, Lake Orion. (248) 693-3000.

### MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM Through Feb. 4 - Double Flame: New Work by Steve Murakishi. 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield

Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANBrook.

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

The Behavior of Chimpanzees is the topic for Sunday brunch at 11 a.m. Jan. 21. Guest speaker is U of M's Dr. Mitani, Through April 29 - Electric Space: Bolts. Jolts and Volts from the Sun. Through May 20 - Lasera presents Laser Festival with music of the Beatles, B-52s and Jackson 5. The Young Stargazer's Journey is through Sept. 3. 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, 1-877-GO-CRANBrook.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS Through March 11 - Little Treasures: Northern and Italian Paintings of the 16th and 17th Centuries. Through March 4 — A Decade of Acquisitions

1900-2000: Photographs **EXHIBIT MUSEUM OF** 

**NATURAL HISTORY** The Way People Live. Year two of a five-year family reading/science collaboration with the Ann Arbor District Library is through March. It features a family reading program accompanied by free, fun and informative reading/science events. 1109 Geddes Ave., Ann Arbor. (734)

764-0478

MUSEUM OF NEW ART Stuff: An installation by lain Baxter and Very Similar a series of nudes by Frank Horvath through Jan. 27. 19 N. Saginaw. Pontiac. (248) 210-7560.

Through Jan. 28 - Casting Shadows: Photographs by Edward West. Through Feb. 25 - Mark

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

**MUSEUM OF ART** 

Rothko and the Lure of the Figure: Paintings 1933-1946. CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY Through March 30 - Historical Themes, Tales and Legends: The

Warren, Detroit. (313) 494-5800.

Art of Jerry Pinkney. 315 E.

THEATER DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE Moms Mabley: The Naked Truth by Reuben Yabuku featuring Linda Boston as Moms through March 18. 13103 Woodrow

Wilson, Detroit. (313) 868-1347. EMERALD THEATRE Presents the Second City's 19th . Nervous Breakdown Jan. 24-Feb. 3. All shows begin at 7 p.m. at the Mt. Clemens theatre. (810)

913-1920.

GEM THEATRE Late Night Catechism is through Feb. 11 Wednesday through Sunday nights. The Tropical Pickle opens Feb. 21 in the Gem 333 Madison, Detroit. (313) 963-

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE Communicating Doors through Feb. 4 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore Drive. (313) 881-4004

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER Presents the Nancy Gurwin production of Fiddler on the Roof through Feb. 4. MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

The Lion in Winter by James

Goldman is through Feb. 4.

Meadow Brook Theatre, Oakland University, Rochester. (248) 377-

3300. PLANET ANT Buried Child by Sam Shepard is Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. Sundays at 2 and 7 p.m. 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313)

365-4948 SECOND CITY THEATRE The Vagina Monologues is Jan. 23-Feb. 11 at Detroit's Second

City, Woodward, Detroit. (313) 983-6611 **TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS** A three week run of the Wizard of Oz begins at 2 p.m. Saturday,

Jan. 27 at the Scottish Rite

Cathedral Theatre in Masonic

Temple, Detroit VILLAGE PLAYERS

The Sound of Music runs through Jan. 28. Friday and Saturday evening performances at 8 p.m., Sunday performances at 2 p.m. 752 Chestnut, Birmingham. For tickets, call (248) 644-2075.

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NP SNATCH (E) SUN. 1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40

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NP 13 DAYS (PG13)

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NP TRAFFIC (R)

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CASTAWAY (PG13)

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Showcase Pontlac 1-5

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United Artists Theatres Bargain Matinees Daily, for all shows starting before 6:00 PM Same day advance tickets available. NV - No V.I.P. tickets accepted

West Meer 9 Mile, One Block West of Middlebelt 248-788-6572

ALL TIMES SUN-THURS

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# Engaging 'Stardog' a story not to be missed

Stardog, by Jack Driscoll (Dorling Kindersley,

His name is

that



**VICTORIA** 

something mechanical is wrong. He's going for help, he

He's lying. Straightway, he starts out across a snowy field for the house he used to share with his now-ex, Diane. There, in the garage, sits a chariot of sorts. It's a souped-up '77 Ford Ranchero, a "half car, half pickup," he once called his own. As Diane sleeps inside the house. Earl slips into the Ranchero, turns the key she's left in the ignition, and steals off down the

We're not sure where he's going, but we know one thing at this point: we want to go along for the ride.

Soon enough, our far-fromflawless hero finds himself on the LP side of the Mighty Mac, waiting to join the line of traffic headed for St. Ignace. Observing "the lighted signs posting galeforce gusts of fifty miles per hour, the bridge speed limit reduced to half that," Earl breaks out in a cold and shivery sweat. As we will soon find out, Earl has a basketful of problems, not the least of which is his bone-rattling fear of bridges.

Definitely the worse for wear, he eventually navigates the little Ranchero across the Straits of Mackinac. But as The Carpenters (whose musical bent he deplores) might remind him, E Directly out of the gate (or the garage), Stardog is a good, crisply paced story that keeps us engaged to its sweet-sad conclusion. It also benefits from a slightly offbeat tone that's somewhere between awfully sad and awfully funny, and which perfectly reflects the ambiguity of its

we've only just begun."

Several miles ahead, at the Kewadin Casino just outside Sault Ste. Marie, he encounters a girl who deals him a straight flush. Her name tag reads 'Miranda Mtn." and she's as screwed up as Earl himself, or maybe more so. But she has some ideas about what the two of them might do with his winnings, and she'd like to share them with him.

Soon, the two are on the road together, getting this "pathway to paradise or bust" novel seriously under way.

Miranda's ideas include going to Atlantic City and gambling for the big hit, drinking, drugging, and inexhaustible sex. Shall we say that, when it comes to conventional morals, she is a little blurry? Though we may begin to suspect that this tattooed-allover gal is not the right woman for Ernie (a guy who's lost just about everything he ever had to alcohol and drugs), what can you do about fatal attraction?

### Characters

Miranda gets tiresome now and then, and Earl's brains often appear to have been permanently fried in rotgut, but Driscoll knows how to paint characters so that they are not only complex and believable, but characters to care about, warts and all (much of this is accomplished through the author's knack for true-blue, dead-on dialogue). This is evi-

dent in almost every single character in this slightly offbeat novel, no matter how minor, no matter how brief their appearance, and includes Earl's ex, his shrink, and his "detox doc," all of whom we meet only through his tortured imagination. Even the canine character who enters the stage rather late in the game comes alive with his own brand of startling clarity, as does one of the tiny school bus passengers, sequestering a special treasure for Show-and-Tell.

As finely wrought as Driscoll's characters are, however, this book success lies not just with them. Directly out of the gate (or the garage), Stardog is a good, crisply paced story that keeps us engaged to its sweet-sad conclusion. It also benefits from a slightly offbeat tone that's somewhere between awfully sad and awfully funny, and which perfectly reflects the ambiguity of its players. And certainly in no small measure, Driscoll's perceptions about human limitations, plus his lively prose style, add sparkle to this stellar tale.

Combined with all of the above, his vibrant, knowing evocation of Great Lakes landscapes makes this an absolutely-don'tmiss novel for area readers.

Victoria Diaz is a Livonia resident and writes about books, theater, movies and travel for the Observer & Eccentric Newspa-

# Take a reading adventure

PRNewswire -- Conquest and rebellion in the year 3000 A.D., a deadly supervirus, a world of sand and a doorway in time make for a richly varied - and exciting - selection of top-four adventures in reading to begin your year.

Here is Dateline News Service book reviewer Terry MacDonald's quartet of fiction favorites - all New York Times bestselling novels available in paperback.

1. Battlefield Earth by L. Ron Hubbard (Bridge Publications, \$7.99) - This epically-scaled, vividly compelling, fast-moving saga of the year 3000 A.D. opens when Earth has been ruled and its precious resources looted for a thousand years by giant invaders from the marauder planet, Psychlo - and man, struggling for survival, is an endangered species.

past.

Then a leader - Jonnie Goodboy Tyler - arises to challenge

the Psychlo mastermind, Terl, has developed and spread an and the might of a galactic empire. Voted the 1 science fiction

novel of the 20th century by the American Book Readers Association, it is also available in an eight-hour audio version narrated by the late Roddy McDowall. 2. Timeline by Michael Crich-

ton (Ballantine, \$7.99) - A stranger wanders inexplicably through the Arizona desert while scientists a continent away encounter a secret new technology and a doorway in time through which they step back into medieval France - and a world of brigands and broadswords, chivalry and quantum physics, and a fierce struggle to survive the perils of the

3. Tom Clancy's Power Plays: Bio-Strike, created by Tom Clancy and Martin Greenberg (Berkley, \$7.99) - The most dangerous man of the century

incurable, genetically engineered "superbug" with biochemical triggers that he plans to auction off to the highest bidder. When the only man who stands in his way falls victim to the disease himself, the search for a cure becomes a fateful race against

4. Dune: House Atreides by Brian Herbert and Kevin J. Anderson (Bantam Spectra, \$6.99) - In this prequel to Frank Herbert's Dune, crafted from the author's original notes, we walk the sands of the planet Arrakis in an earlier time when a young Leto Atreides goes to the mechanized world of IX for his education, the Emperor's son plots his father's death and an 8year-old Duncan Idaho is hunted by his cruel masters.

So for not-put-downable reading enjoyment - these are Terry MacDonald's top four fiction

# **BOOK HAPPENINGS**

Book Happenings features events at suburban bookstores, libraries and literary gatherings. Send news leads to Keely Wygonik. Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kuvgonik@ oe. homecomm.net.

**FAMILY BOOK TALK** The group, sponsored by the Canton Public Library, meets 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24 to discuss Ginger Pye by Eleanor Estes. Copies of the book are available at the library, call (734) 397-0999 for information. Family Book Talk discussions are designed for children in grades 4-6 accompanied by a parent.

GUIDEBOOK

Find your way around the Detroit Zoo with the zoo's new guidebook. The 72-page book is packed with zoo facts, frequently asked animal questions and nearly 100 color images. The book also highlights practical information for zoo visitors, and includes a map and tips on what to look for when observing animals.

The guidebook costs \$6 for the general public and \$5 for zoo members. Contact the Detroit Zoological Society office (248) 541-5717 to have one mailed to your home for only \$1.50 shipping and handling. Books are also offered for sale at the zoo gift shop. The Detroit Zoo is at the intersection of 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, just off 1-696 in Royal Oak. Admission is \$7.50 adults, \$5.50 senior adults age 62 and older and children ages 2-12. No charge for children under age 2. For more information call (248) 398-0900 or visit www.detroitzoo.org

### BORDERS BOOKS & MUSIC DEARBORN

Celebrate the Chinese New Year, the Year of the Snake, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24. Enjoy folk music with Doug Wood 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, Storytime with Lisa Hunter 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 27 and Preschool Storytime 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, 5601 Mercury Drive, Dearborn, (313) 271BORDERS BOOKS AND MUSIC

DOWNTOWN (ANN ARBOR)

Neil Chethik, a graduate of Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism who specializes in writing about the psychology of men, discusses his book, Fatherloss, a compassionate exploration of how men deal with the deaths of their fathers, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24. Ken Auletta discusses World War 3.0 a revelation-packed chronicle of the most important business trial of our time - between Bill Gate's Microsoft and its many enemies to control the new digital economy 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25. Michael D. Whitty talks about Work and Spirit, a collection of articles that current and future workplaces will profit from, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31. Kids can meet Wilbur from E.B. White's Charlotte Web, 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 27. Vocalist Anne DeChant presents Something of the Soul 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, 612 E. Liberty St. near State St., (734) 666-7652. Sund Park Art

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The Livonia Arts Commission is looking for exhibitors for its Art in the Village exhibit June 9-10 in Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia.

Deadline for entry is Monday, Feb. 5. To receive an application, call the Community Resources Department at (734) 466-2540.

Canton Township is extending an invitation to artists to exhibit in their 10th annual Fine Art and Fine Craft Show Saturday-Sunday, June 23-24 in Heritage Park during Liberty Fest.

Artists may display their work under the big tents or bring their

own tent. The art show is juried and each participant must submit slides or photographs of their paintings, prints, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, drawing, pastel, and selected fine crafts. No commercially produced merchandise allowed.

Deadline for application is Monday, April 16. For information, call Sharon Dillenbeck at (734) 453-3710.

### LEARN ALEXANDER TECHNIQUE

The Dance Gallery Studio is offering a class on the Alexander Technique with Alex Greminger 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28 at the studio in Ann Arbor.

Alexander Technique is used by dancers, musicians, actors, athletes, and anyone else who wishes to improve their balance, release body tension, and improve physical performance in any activity.

tration required. Call (734) 747-

Dance Gallery Studio and the Peter Sparling Dance Company are operated by the nonprofit Dance Gallery Foundation, Ann Arbor's only nonprofit dance studio. Dance Gallery Studio offers workshops and on-going classes for anyone interested in the movement arts.

# HANDBELL CONCERT

Classical Bells will perform a concert 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, 770 Thayer, Northville.

Founded in 1983, Classical Bells is comprised of 15 musicians who ring a six-octave set of English handbells with more than 70 individual bells plus a six-octave set of choir chimes. Darlene Ebersole of Livonia directs the ensemble.

Tickets are \$10, \$15 for a family, and can be purchased at the door. For more information, call (248) 349-2621.

### ART EXHIBIT

Farmington Hills artist Kegham Tazian is displaying his work in the series Art in the Corridor through Friday, March 30 at the city halls in Farmington and Farmington Hills. For information, call (248) 473-1856.

Born to Armenian parents in Beirut, Lebanon, Tazian came to the U.S. in 1960. His heritage plays an important role in his imagination which fuels the imagery in his work.

Tazian's public commission's include the 125th anniversary sculpture for the city of Farmington, and works for St. Sarkis Armenian Church in Dearborn, and Siemman's International Corporation in Troy. His work has also been exhibited at the Embassy of the Republic of Armenia in Washington, D.C.

An art professor at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills, Tazian was the Farmington Area Art Commission's 1995 Artist-in-Residence.

# FREE CONCERT

Harpist Lynn Aspnes will give a free concert noon Wednesday, Jan. 31 in the Forum Recital Hall at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia.

A harp professor at the Uni-

versity of Michigan School of Music, Aspnes earned a doctorate in musical arts from the Manhattan School of Music. She has recorded on the Collins Classics. CRI. Pro Arte. RCA Red Seal, and Virgin Classics labels. She teaches at Interlochen Center for the Arts during the summer months.

For more information, call (734) 462-4403.

# CONCERT/MASTER CLASS

Bass player Mike Georgin will perform a concert 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27 at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Prior to the performance, Georgin will bass players a Master Class during which he will demonstrate equipment, perform songs and answer ques-

Tickets for the concert are \$10, \$8 for theater members. The Master Class costs \$5. Call (734) 464-6302.

Georgin studied jazz bass guitar at the College Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati. His playing is inspired by bass-greats such as dren age 12 and under. Reserva-

Stanley Clarke, Michael Manring, Victor Wooten, and the late Jaco Pastorius. During his solo performances, Georgin uses his fretless and 5-string basses, an ebow, an Oberheim Echoplex looping device, and percussion parts. Georgin delivers an exciting live musical experience. His debut release The Line Between challenges the boundaries associated with bass instruments.

# POLISH WEDDING GALA

Marysia and Janek are getting married and you're invited. The Highlanders' Wedding Feast: A Polish Evening of Goralski Tradition, Song and Dance will take place Saturday, April 28 at the American Polish Cultural Center in Troy.

Presented by the Polish Alliance Dancers of Dearborn and the General Pulaski Polish Language School, the evening begins with cocktails and hors d'ouevres followed by the wedding. A full course authentic Polish feast will be served after

entertainment by MuzaMix. Tickets are \$35, \$20 for chiltions must be made by Friday April 13. Call (313) 581-3181 (734) 789-8801 evenings),

BusiasAttic@aol.com. More information is available at http://polishalliancedancers@hypermart.n

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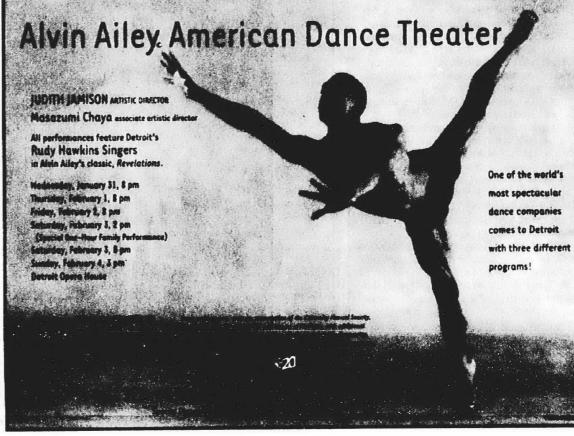
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The cost is \$40. Schedule singers for between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. for Feb. 10, 11 and 14 by leaving a message with your name, phone number and when to contact you at (313) 438-2364. Orders will be taken until Feb.

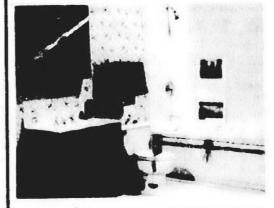


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# New year is time for renewal

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MARY ANNE TOCCALINO

We've made it through the holidays and now we've started a new year - the time we look for new ways to improve ourselves.

We look for a fatburning diet pill to lose weight, the best exercise equipment to tone our bodies and the best products to improve our skin and natural appearance.

After doing my own research during the past year, I've compiled a list of new and not-so-new best products for the skin.

This time of year, dry skin is a big complaint. To help skin in dry environmental conditions typical of Midwest winters, give Giovanna Anti-Age Serum a try. The clear gel immediately hydrates the skin without a greasy, heavy masked feeling. You may want to layer this product with other moisturizers for maximum benefit.

Another quality anti-wrinkle cream is Chanel's Lift Serum. The beauty of this product is that you will notice results within a few days. If you need to watch your budget, a more affordable product is L'Oreal's Plentitude Revitalift Anti-Wrinkle Cream, which also tightens, moisturizes and smoothes skin.

We all know how important the eye area is and I have several suggestions about how to take care of it:

■ Kiehls Moisturizing Eye Balm with vitamin E feels like lip balm rather than eye cream and works well under a concealer.

■ Chanel Firming Eye Cream doesn't make a lot of outrageous claims but moistens the area without leaving eyes slippery or your vision blurred.

Cellex-C Eye Contour Gel, which triggered the Vitamin C craze, still makes the best of the best list. It smoothes and diminishes crows feet while alleviating puffiness.

As for foundations, there are a few I really like to work with and my choices depend on skin condition and how much coverage is needed:

■ Estee Lauder Enlighten feels as smooth as cream and seems to vanish into the skin on contact. Its only trace is a virtually "poreless" glow.

■ Mia Pelle Foundation Stick with SPF 8 is silky and quickly absorbed, which leaves a fresh (but lasting) nonpowdery finish.

■ Elfe dry powder foundation strikes a perfect balance between dry and creamy, while balancing skin tones without bringing out blemishes.

Good eyeliners are always sought after. I judge eyeliners based on endurance and precision. Here are my picks:

■ Estee Lauder Automatic Pencils for eyes stays put and are not harsh. ■ For long wearing color, try Chanel

Precision Eye Definer. Now it's time to conquer women's most common makeup concern: What's

the best mascara? Maybelline Great, Lash Mascara, a permanent favorite, cranks up the volume for fat, luscious lashes with no

Prescriptives Lashes Gentle produces lashes that look natural only richer and deeper.

■ L'Oreal mascara products are my ultimate favorite. It lengthens and thickens in one formula without creating heavy spider lashes.

Blush should be barely blushing. The best products and colors for creating a soft effect are

Cover Girl in Soft Sable

■ Laura Mercier in Wild Bouquet

■ NARS in South Beach ■ Lancome in Cedar Rose

■ Bobbi Brown Essentials in Sand Pink To take care of those luscious lips.

try a non-greasy balm with sunscreen such as:

■ Burts Beeswax Lip Balm

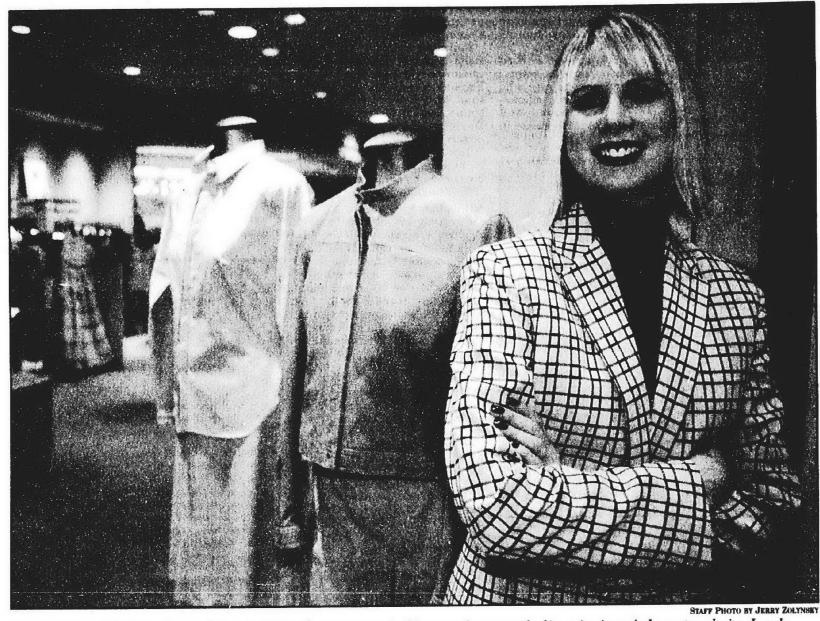
■ Laura Mercier Skincare Lip Silk ■ Elizabeth Arden's Eight Hour Cream Lip Protectant Stick

So start off your new year by taking care of yourself with some of the "best of the best" products.

If you have a question for Mary Anne, call her at (248) 203-9477. Toccalino is a professional makeup artist and skin care consultant operating at RED the Salon, 470 Old North Woodward, Suite 200 in Birmingham. The founder and owner of Toccalino Cosmetics, she studied at Joe Blasco's School of Cosmetics in Hollywood where her training included work in special effects for film and print.

# Retailing women

Retail buying is shopping, analyzing and more



On the floor: Clothing buyer Maggie Rei, who grew up in Troy and currently lives in Ann Arbor, stands in Jacobson's Birmingham store beside apparel she bought for the retailer's Women's International Collections department.

Story by Nicole Stafford

For the third in a three-part series on women working in the retail industry, we talked with Maggie Rei, a buyer for Jacobson's Women's International Collections department.

Rei, 31, grew up in Troy and began working in the retail industry at age 16 at Saks Fifth Avenue. At the Troy store, she helped behind-the-scenes at fashion shows, fitting models, removing price tags from clothing and organizing accessories. She later became a sales associate at Saks and worked for the retailer over the course of eight years, including during college. Rei, who now lives in Ann Arbor, studied fine arts at Michigan State University.

Rei later worked at Neiman Marcus in Troy where she launched their RRL Ralph Lauren department in collaboration with a store buyer.

Today, she's developing a spin-off department of women's designer clothing for Jacobson's that targets baby boomers and older generation X shoppers. Designers from which she purchases include Missoni, Armani, Max Mara and Donna Karan Signa-

Q: Are most buyers women? Does your field feel like a female-dominat-

R: I would say so. I would say there are more women. ... I don't know if it's women-dominated, but you definitely feel a presence of women. ... It's a great field for women, especially in the stores. ... It's very open to women fashion?

and you're encouraged to move

ahead. Q: What's different about men and women when it comes to walking into a store and buying clothing?

R: Men aren't quite as confident ... in terms of what looks good on them, in terms of what they need to add. Men need to be coaxed a little more into trying something new. Women shop a lot differently. They go after more unique merchandise that allows them to be independent. Men don't really want to stand out.

Q: When a woman goes shopping in your department, generally speaking what is she looking for?

R: It depends on the lifestyle of the client, it depends on the age. It depends on lots of things. But I think she wants a versatile wardrobe. She really wants to get what she pays for in terms of quality and in terms of how much she wears something, likes something, and can wear it with other things in her closet.

Q: Obviously, you buy women's clothing. But does gender affect what you put in a store in other ways?

R: I think men and women buy completely differently. Men only buy when they absolutely have to, maybe once a year. ... Women want things for different occasions. Women like to feel special and beautiful for particular occasions.

Q: What do women want in clothing today and do generalizations about women still affect women's

R: Women are increasingly getting busy with families and work and travel. ... Everything plays a part in the fashion industry. ... I feel that the parents of the baby boomers shopped differently than the baby boomers are shopping now. It's a change in lifestyle. Not as many women today have time to shop throughout the day and go to lunch with their friends. Maybe occasionally, but their schedules are so hectic. Clothing needs to reflect that, to be more versatile.

Q: Overall, how do you think the fashion industry is faring when it comes to giving women what they

R: I think they are doing a better job at listening. In earlier generations, fashion had more of a 'this is what's in right now, this is what you should buy and this is how you should wear it.' Now, I think designers are doing a great job of listening to how customers' lifestyles are changing. It's more of an interaction than in the past.

Q: Do you ever feel that you are affecting women's tastes and inter-

R: I hope to give customers à new perspective. I hope they come in and see things that they didn't expect to

Q: Do you ever have trouble with certain fashion trends in that you, as a woman, feel a particular one might

not fare well with women? something just because they say 'you ual.

have to buy this.' I want it to be something that makes sense on the Q: Women can do anything today,

why work in the retail industry?

R: It's constantly changing. It's always new. ... Generally, I find that we like to be social (in the industry) so I'm able to build relationships with people that help with my job and are also friendships. ... And, there's a sense of responsibility, which is exciting for me. It's exciting for me to be responsible for a department that's in

Q: Aside from being more attuned to what women want to buy and wear, are there aspects of your job at which you think women excel?

R: I can speak for myself. I'm definitely analytical (in my job). ... I feel a lot of women are probably analytical in different aspects of their jobs.

Q: There's a perception that being a buyer is like being a shopper. Then there's the thought that women like to shop more than men. What do you think about that? R: That's a small aspect of the job,

but it definitely is an aspect. You definitely go 'shop a line.' But I love the whole industry. Q: Would your department be dif-

ferent if a man were buying for it?

R: Oh, definitely, even if it was R: Yeah, yeah, I don't want to buy another woman. I think it's individ-

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# **SUNDAY, JANUARY 21**

Oakland Mall in Troy collects books to donate to the Detroit Public Library and other Detroit metropolitan educational resources. For each book donation, the mall will make a cash donation to the donor's school of choice. Event runs through March 31. Donations will be accepted at mall's information desk on the lower level. For more information, call (248) 585-6000.

SIDEWALK SALE

Westland Shopping Center's winter sidewalk sale runs through today with more than 30 stores participating. For details, call (734) 425-5001

TOY SHOW

Plymouth's Collectible Toy Show returns to the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street. The show includes new, used, antique and collectible toys of all kinds, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission is \$5. Kids under age 10 enter free. For more information, call (734) 455-2110.

# ADDED ATTRACTIONS

# **MONDAY, JANUARY 22**

Badgley Mischka's spring 2001 special order trunk show collection visits Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somer set Collection in Troy through Jan. 23 with informal modeling slated 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Salon, second floor. For more information, call (248) 614-3393.

# **THURSDAY, JANUARY 25**

Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy. presents Ellen Tracy's spring collection at a breakfast fashion show to benefit the Lighthouse Path Magic & Mayhem event, 9:30 a.m. breakfast, 10 a.m. show. Tickets are \$15 and \$25, Designer Bridge Sportswear, second floor. To purchase tickets, call

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28** MAGIC AT THE MALL

Magician Gordon Ross performs and tells a tale for children at the Livonia Mall at 7 Mile and Middlebelt roads, 2 p.m. For more information, call (248)

# **TUESDAY, JANUARY 30**

Art Van Furniture stores in Novi, Royal Oak, Dearborn, Taylor, Shelby Township and Southfield host a benefit to raise money for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Local celebrities dish soup to contributing guests, and non-perishable food donations will be accepted, 5-8 p.m. Call the local Art Van Furniture store near you.

# TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

**CHARITY FASHION SHOW** 

The Women of Westland present Sweetheart Charity Fashion Show featuring merchandise from Hudson's, Nicole's Style Revival, The Bottom Drawer and Lover's Lane at the Hellenic Center, 36375 Joy Road in Westland, to benefit several local charities. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Event includes hors d'oeuvres, wine, dessert, prizes and silent auction, 7:30 p.m. Call (734) 326-7222.

# HERE CAN I FIN

ed to helping readers locate retail merchandise that's difficult to find through reader feedback.

If you have a request or information about where a product is sold or service is available, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number.

Please be patient about your requests and feedback; we receive an overwhelming number of phone calls. If you don't see information about your request, we couldn't find it. Requests are published twice.

- Teddy Bears made from old fur coats can be purchased from the following stores: Dietrich Furs in Bloomfield Hills; Once Upon a Teddy; Recycled Teddy's by Donna, (248) 615-1697; Bear Mountain, 320 North Front Street, Welmington, North Carolina 29410, (800) 838-BEAR or (910) 762-3575; Beary Unique Memory, (810) 739-8968; Just Crafts in the Village Mall at Grand River and Farmington roads; Town Peddler Arts & Crafts mall on Plymouth Road in Livonia; Palm Beach Collection (CollectibleTeddy Bears) by Helen Duggan, 1031 N. W. 3rd street, Boca Raton, Florida 33486-3425, (561) 391-3293; on the Internet at www.PBBears.com or call Kathy at (313) 882-3158.

- For a personalized "Create-A-Book," a child s book, contact Make It Personal, P.O. Box 3595, Southfield, Mich. 48037, (248)352-8683

Quality,unfinished furniture can be purchased at Old Saw Mill, 3063 Biddle in Wyandotte, (734)

- For the new address of the Bryant Center located in Northville at Cooke Center School,

call (248)344-8489. - To transform a king size

board, call Witlack Furniture Service in West Bloomfield, (248) 360-1236.

- Weekender women's clothing can be purchased by calling: Mary Ann at (248) 828-3079 in Troy and Sherrie at (248) 552-8232 in

Intimate cologne is sold through the Beauty Boutique catalog, (800) 497-7463.

- For repairs to a musical water globe, contact Fairbanks Clock Repair in Illinois at (630) 859-2887 or on the Internet at www.timewarp@megsinet.net.

**CLARIFICATION:** - Community Thrift Shop is located on the Northeast corner of Plymouth Road.

FIND & SEARCH:

- A reader has an Apple IIE with monitor, printer and educational programs to donate to a school or charitable organization.

- Old greeting and Christmas cards (front part only) can be sent to St. Jude's Children's Ranch at 100 Saint Jude's Street, Department EMIB, Boulder City, Nevada 39006-

WHERE CAN I FIND?:

- A store that sells junior chairs for a young children (not a high chair, sold 25 years ago) for

for Joe of Livonia. - A store where a Super 8 mm

A store that sells moon boots

projector can be purchased for Tom of Brownstown. - A store that carries a Drexel

Heritage Accolade china cabinet in pecan wood for Pat of Troy. A store that sells a case for

8-inch luncheon plates for Pat. - A store that sells a case for 36 matchbox cars.

- A store that sells Germaine

bara of Romulus.

- A store that sells Jordana lipstick for Dorothy of Livonia.

A business that sells barn wood beam for a fireplace (7foot-by-8-foot- by-8-foot) for Janet.

- A store where a push-button radio can be purchased for Ruth of Redford.

- A store that sells netting for placement underneath of a

bed's box springs for Linda. - A store that sells Lutece cologne for Rita.

- A store that sells Sassoon by Mustang blue jeans and dress slacks (petite for women) for

 A store that repairs wicker chairs.

A store that sells Thick Hair (infusion treatment to thicken thin hair) by Fantasia for Madeline, who resides in Rochester Hills.

- A store that sells "What's in a Name" mugs by Inesco with Precious Moments on them for Lau-

- A store that sells Danslanuit perfume by Worth (Saks Fifth Avenue formerly carried it) for Fiona of Rochester.

- A store that sells Life Buoy soap for John of Garden City. - A store that sells Coty lip-

- A store that sells the dishes Christmas Holly (carried by Kohl's and Crowley's in the 1980s) for Lois, who resides in Bloomfield Hills.

- A store that sells Get Sexy perfume (formerly carried by Sears and J.C. Penney) for Mary Grace.

- A store that sells beef or chicken bouillon without MSG and derivatives for Virginia.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

# a la carte



wraps: Pendleton's colorful, striped poncho is made of boiled wool and is one-size-fitsall, \$138. Mutching tote bag is \$98, Pendleton in Rochester.

# Michigan retail association surveys wages, salaries, benefits

Michigan Retailers Association recently released the results of its first survey of wages, salaries and benefits for retail employees.

Nearly 800 MRA members participated in the confidential survey, which sought data on compensation and benefits for seven types retail jobs.

The survey report includes state and regional data on

and bonuses, for store managers, assistant managers, full- and part-time clerks, office workers, delivery personnel and buyers. State figures on benefits for each category of employee, including health and dental insurance, 401(k) accounts, merchandise discounts, vacation and

sick time, are also provided. Lansing-area consulting

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pay, including commissions firms Anderson Economic Group and Mitchell Research and Communications assisted with survey design, data collection and results analy-

> The complete survey report is available for \$75 for MRA members and \$150 for nonmembers. To order a report copy, contact the MRA's Jeanette Towsley at (800)

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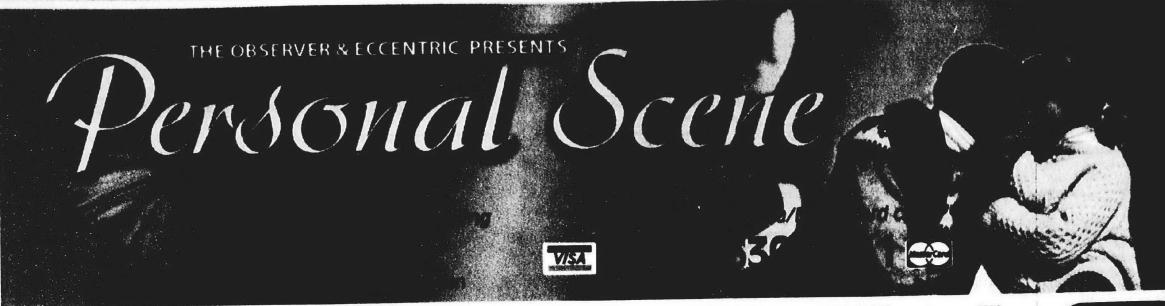
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LOVE IS IN THE AIR! Outgoing, caring, 5'4", 150 lbs, single white male with long dark hair and blue eyes, employed, enjoys and maybe more. BOX 10453

YOU+ME=GOOD TIMES! white single female with hair and brown eyes, non smoker, enjoys movies, reading, animals, movies, reading, dancing and much more. New to the area Seeking a single male, with similar interests, around the same age, to share good times and friendship BOX 14201

### REAL LOVE! 26 yr old, college educated, single white mother who enjoys movies, comedy clubs, the outdoors, con certs, music, reading, biking and

times and friendship. BOX 14249 DINNER FOR TWO! blue eyes. Active, and professional Seeking a single male, to share

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LOVE IS A CALL AWAY! old divorced white female. movies, reading, long walks and much more, is seeking a single white male, age is open, for dating and maybe more BOX 27462

LOVE IS ALL WE NEED! 43 yr old, 5'8", 160 lbs, single white with red hair and brown golf, fishing, reading and mucl nore, is seeking a single male, for

LET'S HOOK UP Divorced mother, 24 yr cld, non smoker, brown hair, and eyes. Enjoys bowling, movies, reading. long walks, and much more

ing a single male, with similar ests. For fun times, and maybe more. BOX 27493 JUST CALL ME

40 yr old, petite, single white female with a great smile, dark brown hair and green eyes, enjoys novies music dining out, reading friendship, possible relation snip. BOX 32666

LOOKING FOR YOU! 25 yr old, 5'2", petite build, sir white female with brown hair and white female was booking a single male, 23 to 30, to share good times and

maybe more BOX 32406 NEW BEGINNINGS

Divorced white mother of three, 35 brown hair and eyes, 5'7", averag build Enjoys camping outdoor activities, movies and dinners Looking for a white male, 40 to 45. who is caring, loves children, going, good sense of humor and interests Friendship and possible relationship. County BOX 33625

A LADY OF CLASS Vivacious, upbeat, very attractive blonde female, a professional, 577 115 lbs, upper 50's, seeking sou ter part, 60's, a profeswhat life has in store for us BOX

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE New age woman, seeks faithful companion, 40 to 60, financially ecure, emotionally centered, intel lectually curious, kind, gene and positive. I'm 49, 5'6", divorced. pretty a small plus size, shoulder length natural redhead, a beautiful smile that lights up a room. Join me my quest for transcendence

IT TAKES TWO

vorced white female, 53, 57, 140 lbs, average build, who enjoys country music, slow dancing, dinng out, concerts, movies, taking walks with that special someone Seeks male companion, tall, hon est, no head games for possible relationship Wayne County 803

QUALITY, QUALITY Seeking a sincere, honest, games played, non-smoking, social kes to do almost everything side Wayne County BOX 25333

SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE Pretty, petite, passionate, divorced white female, 40ish. Seeks nonsmoking, single white male, over 35, for dating, mating, relating. Let's create sparks and watch them

HELLO FRIEND Attractive, intelligent, slender and tall, lady of 64, is also warm hearted, soft sooken, a smoker. Seeking gent, tall, an old fashioned gentle man, a smoker. Please call if this es you. Oakland County. BOX 25395

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COUNTRY LIFE Anyone out there loves dogs and other animals more than the city life? \$4. divorced white female, col lege educated, pretty, 5'5", weig proportionate to height, loves home, laughter, children, good friends and warm conversation. Seeks male, 52 to 68, Novi Area

Oakland County. BOX 25401 KEY TO MY HEART 52 vr old, white female, full figured non-smoker, giving, loving, and lots of fun, loves life. Looking for a sincere, successful, secure, stable smoker, 45 to 60, who's positive and loves life as much as I do. Go for the genuine gem, your life will be worth living, answer my ad

loday BOX 25326 ATTENTION HARLEYS Divorced white female, 41, no ints, height weight proportionate, caring, conside and cuddly, enjoys just about anywarm hearted, romantic, no smoking, white male who is ready for a relationship. BOX 35480

READY FOR ROMANCE Attractive, single black female, 40 plus, light smoker social drinker. Seriously thinking of warm kisses on cool nights. Loves movies, dining in or out, and long massages In search of a sweet loving, single white male, 5'10" or over. For dship and more, age open BOX 35490

WANTS A FRIEND Outgoing, easy going, single female is looking for a down to single male, of any race, 39 to 49, to share good times and friendship BOX 14133

SPICE OF LIFE 5'6", 140 lbs, long brownish red hair, independent, romantic, who enjoys dancing, shooting pool, bowling, race cars, outdoors, or a quiet evening at home watching 45, who's romantic and enjoys of the same interests. Down

51 yr old, single female, believes in romance, enjoys simple pleasures Seeking a kind, sincere, single of male 46 to 60 non-smok er, with similar interests, for a long term monogamous relationship Down River area, BOX 14471

DOCTOR WANTED Christina Aquilera look alike, mas-MD/PHD, 25 to 39, no drugs healthy, modest, fit, positive atti Intellectual, who would make me heir world, for quiet times, wanting

pointed BOX 10672 SHOOTING STAR Divorced, white professional female, 5'5", 125 lbs, brown/biack minus 40 and stable. Seeking a divorced white male 55 to 63.

sense of humor. BOX 31913 LET'S TALK Divorced, white female, 5', 40 y mother of three children, social

doors, camping, hiking, fishing, si ting in front of the fireplace with a respond BOX 32632

LIGHTEN UP MY LIFE 5'8", full figured, long brown hai and blue eyes interests are jazz. Christian music, old cars, long walks and more Looking for a sir gle white Christian male, easygo ing, 5'9" to 6'4", who knows how to eat a lady. BOX 10709

SOMEONE TO SPOIL ME Seeking someone to have fun wit love animals. Single white blonde, smoker, occasional drinker no drugs. Enjoys the outdoors, riding motorcycles, quiet times BOX

ZEST FOR LIFE Live, love, laugh and be happy Non-smoking professional female travel, the mountains, and quiet man, 50 to 60, with a great sense

of humor BOX 14162 LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL with a friend 35 yr old, black seeking White/Italian professional riendship and possibly more BOX

TALL ORDER Attractive, 5'10", redhead, Catholic fun loving, adventurous, romantic jown Loves sports, travel, theatre net cooking, (for that special financially/emotionally secure, 49 good sense of humor, with similar

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Divorced Native American female 38 yr old, 5'10", 150 lbs, long brown hair, brown eyes. Seeking est, who loves the outdoors, smok term relationship. Wayne county.

SEEKING COMPANION Professional single white female loves animals, significant weight loss, still losing. Seeking a single white male, for friendship, compan tionship BOX 25314

NEVER TOO LATE Falls here, let's go for it. Divorced white female, 66, 5'4", 140 lbs, non-smoker, social drinker, active travei, music, dancing and more.

nterests. BOX 25991 JUST LET ME LOVE YOU Single black female, 5'10", 136 lbs., professional, seeks professional gentleman, over 45, nonrelationship. Interested in the arts. dancing and romancing. BOX 25996

SOUL MATE Cute, divorced white female, 55. who likes dancing, travel, theaters Seeking white male, 50 to 62 with similar interest. Give me a call you won't be sorry. Macomb County BOX 25327

HONEST & TRUE Petite, 5'1", 110 lb, attractive, white professional divorced mom. Enjoys working out daily, good conversausic, sports, and is an optimist. Looking for a professional divorced, white male, 40's, physically fit/active, tall, no beard or

stache, intelligent, good sense of humor, non-smoker, Oakland county area BOX 36068 SEEKING A PARTNER Single female, who is physically. emotionally, financially fit, who is ready for friendship, and possible

and a warm fire. Must be a non smoker. Social drinker okay. 52 to 62 North Oakland area BOX NORTH WEST S Fit, younger looking 30's, romantic, Christian lady, model, tall, thir pretty, optimistic, loves laughter

enjoy fine dining, home cooking,

financially secure. Enjoys the good life, boating, water activities, travel and dining. Seeking the right one tall, thin, attractive, honest, affectionate, happy, positive attitude successful with values. BOX 25075 NICE GIRL Seeks single white male, 27 to 45. tall, leddy bear type, with values

and morals, enjoys going to movies, dining out, hanging out and is a romantic. For friendship first and possible relationship. BOX LOOKING FOR A FRIEND Giving, loving, compassionate

Likes to dance, travel and have fun. Looking to enjoy life with a financially secure gentleman, 60 to 70 Wayne County, BOX 25:331 PRETTY ENTREPRENEUR Giving, loving, compassionate curvy, lots of fun, great conversa-

cessful Caucasian gentleman, 45 late 70's, to be my soul mate. Float your boat, make your day, answer my ad today. BOX 25322 NEW TO THE AREA Single black female, 40, 5'3". brown eyes, reddish brown has honest, not a game player, caring

ikes to laugh, knows how to treat a lady 36 to 52. BOX 25073 HONESTY IS THE KEY Divorced black female, 5'9" 185 bs., coffee with cream com non-smoker plexion novies, walking, bowling, cooking, dining out, and quiet ng a male, 40-50, honest kind, caring, and dependable for ossible long term relationship BOX 25096

MR. RIGHT Single white female, 29, medium to full figured. Likes movies, bowling cozy nights at home and mi in search of honest, caring white male, for friendship and maybe more if this sounds like you call me. BOX 2531

GREAT COMPANION eyed, blonde divorced white seeks possible long term relation ship with non-smoking degreed honest, outgoing white gentleman 48-62, who enjoys travel, gol Oakland County BOX 25321 IT'S TIME

Not perfect, single white mom. 48. sweet, funny, attractive enough seeking genuine, sincere, white male, single parent, 50 to 56, hardworking non-smoker for friendly men

women Call 1-900-454-5566 \$2.19 per min. \$2.19/call connection fee

Looking for single white females, 18 to 26, to talk to, kick it with, and hopefully more. BOX 10757 LOVING YOU

HIT ME UP

maybe more. BOX 10811 ONLY YOU! Outgoing, 5'5", white male with blonde hair and blue eyes, employed, home owner, is seeking a single female, for dating and companionship. BOX 10823

READY FOR LOVE 50 yr old, 5'6', 180 lbs, single white male with brown hair and blue eyes. fun toving, caring, enjoys camping, hiking, motorcycles, fisheyes. fun toving, canning, enjoys-carnping, hiking, motorcycles, fish-ing and much more, is seeking a single temale, of any race, age, weight and height, to share good times and maybe more. BOX

IT'S A DATE! 44 yr old, 5'5', 190 lbs, single white male with brown hair and blue eyes, social drinker, smoker, proessional, is seeking a single emale, to share good times, mendship and dating. BOX 10851 DINNER FOR TWO!

Outgoing, fit, single white male, is seeking a single female, of any race or age, for dating and friendrace or age, for d ship. BOX 13750 YOU SHOULD CALL Black professional male, 6'1 1/2" 208 lbs. Enjoys outdoor sports.

Single white male, 43, 61", brown

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48 yr old divorced white male, easy going, laid back, enjoys golf.

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Romantic, 33 yr old, divorced white

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TWO OF A KIND! 58 yr old, 5'8", 170 lbs, white make with brown hair and eyes, retired sations, is seeking petits to medium build, single female, with similar

SHARING AND CARING! 38 yr old, 5'11", Christian, single white male, non smoker, enjoys movies, reading, the outdoors, hik-ing, biking and much more, is seek ing, is seeking a sincere, caring, single lemale, to develop a long relaitonship, BOX 14279 LOOKING FOR YOU!

Youthful looking, 46 yr old, 57, 170 lbs, medium build, Afro American male, easy going, loving. share good times, and maybe more. BOX 27488 single/divorced white female, to

LOOKING 4 A GOOD GUY Look no more! Outgoing, 5'5", 160 lbs, divorced white father of two with brown hair and blue eyes, pro-fessional, home owner, non smok er, enjoys movies, reading, the out doors, hiking, biking and much more, is seeking a single female, to share good times and maybe more.

CATCH OF THE DAY! Single white male, 6'4". brown/brown, attractive, homeowner, independent professional, car ing seeking someone for good times, female who is caring and nice and shares similar interests. enjoy comedy, bowling, movie dining out, traveling, BOX 32590 INTERESTED?

Single white male, 48, 5'4", 136 lbs, dark hair, eyes, mustache, lives down river, smoker, light drinker, easy going, cat owner. Enjoys dining, golf, movies and more. Seeking a single female height/weight proportionate. BOX

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19 yr old, 5'5", 120 lbs, single white

eyes, who enjoys movies, reading

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white male with brown hair and

blue eyes, professional, enjoys the

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25 yr old, 6', 250 lbs, muscular

build, single white male with brow

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29 yr old, single white male, child

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Very attractive 35 vr old 6' 190

ibs, divorced white male with brown

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DO YOU QUALIFY? White male, 48, muscular, attractive, financial and self secure. Seeking selective, clasey, attractive white or Asian female, under 45, for long term relationship. 45, for long term relation Wayne county. BOX 25970

BIG HEARTED widowed white single Attractive, wholes in the single male, 5'9", 175 lbs. with good sense of humor, early 60's, enjoys all the good things in life, financially secure, gentle. Looking for a slim, attractive, white lady, 50 to 56. STILL SEARCHING

roed white male, 35, 6'. single divorced white male, 36, 6, 190 lbs, brown hair, brown eyes, no children. Looking for a attractive white female, 26 to 39, with a good sense of humor. BOX 10771 FIRST TIME AD.

Recently divorced white male, 42 5'11", 160 lbs, blue eyes, down to sarth. Enjoys the outdoors, camping, fishing, or just spending quality time together. Looking for a friend and soul mate who is honest. 35 to 42. Wayne county area. BOX 25972 VERY GENTLE

If you are looking for a early 80's, 5's', 175 lbs, caring, loving, light hearted, gentle, honest, good looking man, who doesn't sit at the bar, call me. Looking for an attractive, light hearted, slim lady, 50 to 80, to nd life with. Downriver area SEE WHAT HAPPENS

Single black male, 46, 5'7', 170 lbs, easy going, enjoys biking, cooking, dining out, gardening. movies, music, walks and me I AM YOUR MAN Hardworking divorced white ma 49, 5'8", 175 lbs. Is seeking a l loving, easy going, intellig

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STOPI READ THIS! if you are tired of these ads and

meeting flaky men, then call me. I have both feet on the ground, big widowed, well built, early 60's and look much younger. You must be under 61. lean, attractive and serious about your future. I will return your call. Down river area. BOX UNDER THE STARS

Divorced father, 46, handsome athletic, 6', salt and pepper hair. Green eyes. Loves long cor tion by the fireplace, walks on Caribbean beaches, romantic fam ily oriented long term relationship attractive and fit. 30 to 50, non must like children. Oakland county. BOX 25397

DOWN RIVER AREA Attractive, single white male, 40 medium build, no dependents, creative, humorous, romantic and very easy going, looking for single white petits, must have sense of humor for long term relationship Wayne County BOX 33675

JUST A NICE GUY ndsome, single black male, 40, tall, 190 lbs. Seeking a sweet, lov single white female, 20 to 45, for replies only. Wayne County. BOX

24 yr old Hispanic male seeking 19 to 25 yr old female who loves to go out dancing, movies, dining out, just having fun, or quiet romantic evenings at home. Wayne county. BOX 33677

WHY BE ALONE? Caring, affectionate, loving, hard 5'7", silver fox hair, 176 lbs. Loves time together. Seeking friendship 50 yr. BOX 35913

TIME FOR A CHANGE Professional, single white male, 45 vr old, 5'8", fit, Catholic, no dependents communicative. humorous, flexible, introspective and more. Seeking trim, educated emotionally available, single white female, to share a happy and healthy relationship Wayne County BOX 33681

ROIGHT EVES 48 yr old white male, 57, 145 lbs. dark blue eyes, fun loving, nonsmoker, who likes walking swim ming and camping. Seeking a netite white female for possible long term relationship. BOX 36096 VERY ACTIVE

White male, 41, 61", never mai ried, very long hair, told to be good looking, smoker, social drinke Enjoys snowmobiling, bowling, boats, race cars, camping, and going up North. Seeking attractive female, slender build, who is tired games, 25 to 45, with similar interests BOX 25993

LONESOME Attractive, widowed, white single male, 5'8', 175 lbs, 62, acts younger, excellent physically condition, blue eyes, very easy going and light hearted. I like walking traveling, games and converse tions. Looking for a slim, attractive

ality for a serious relationship. BOX

WARNING ... May cause happiness Answer this ad and you wont be sorry Attractive, financially secure essional, single, white male, 41, 6. 170, no dependents. Seeks single white female, 25 to 45. Reply now BOX 33492

ROMEO IS ALIVE MANMIAGE MINDED
Single white male, 59, 5 10\*, 170 lbs.
enjoys cars, dining out, cooking,
quet times and more. Seeking a single female, 45 plus, with similar
interests, for a long term relationship. BOX 14255. Very attractive, single black male 40, 5'10", 170 lbs, energetic humorous, employed, no depend Seeks very attractive, fit, white female, for dining, dancing County BOX 33633

DOWN TO EARTH GUY! Fun loving, attractive, professional single white male, 33, recently A REAL GOOD CATCH moved to the area from out of town Divorced white professional materially secure, self employ business owner, 5:10\*, 185. It Enjoys dining out, movies, quitimes and sports. Seeking a sin white professional female, 40-10 forces programmes. Loves movies, theater, dining out dancing, working out, and having who enjoys life! BOX 33641 SWEET STUFF

financially secure, non-smoker social drinker, height and weight pro-portionate. Sumner County BOX know you're out there. Family or ented man, seeking the love of a ifetime I'm 36 yr old. 6', 170 lbs. long brown hair, hazel eyes, father Single white male, fit, enjoys the out doors, swimming and more. Seeking a single female, for a possible relatwo, good person Enjoys movies, fishing, quiet evenings at tionship BOX 14296 home. Seeks female, 25 to 40, with FIRST TIME AD similar interests and values Single white male, 45 yr. 510°, 230 lbs., non-smoker, social drinker, brown hair, hazel eyes, attractive, Wayne county BOX 33644

HELPFUL AND HANDSOME Single white male, 44 yr old, asks for nothing in return. Loves cats. comedy quite times, movies, dining out and weekend getaways. Seeking a monogamous long term relationship. Westland Area. Wayne etc. Seeks relationship with attract sions. Open County BOX 33657 COMPATIABLE?

Professional single white male Catholic, no dependents, 45, 5'8" fit, optimistic, persevering Enjoys the outdoors, bicycling, music ovies, conversation. Seeking emotionally available, single white professional female, to share happy, healthy relationship. Wayne

ABC'S Adventurous, active, attractive

boating, bowling, beaches, camping cuddling, commitment. Don't fun, fires, fitness, fine dining, fulfill ment. This downriver homeowne and daddy is 41, 5'10", brown hair/eyes, height/weight propor tionate. Seeks a perky, petite, Wayne County. BOX 33661 HANDSOME & UNIQUE Single white male, 55, 5'11"

the tall and siender, dark hair and dancing, traveling up north, boating, casinos. Seeking a white der, for possible long t ship. Wayne county BOX 33663

DOWN RIVER AREA eyes smoker, 50 yr old, single white male, seeks single white female, height/weight prop ate. 45 to 55, must be honest, for County BOX 33665 CHAD CHAD CHAD

'm dimpled and want to be count ed, your vote counts if your a sir gle, white lemale, 35 tc 50, with a SEEKS TRUE LOVE If you feel that you are a very spe-

cial lady, 40 to 55, height/ proportionate and want an exciting good shape, looking for a true con-County BOX 33397 TRAVELIN' MAN male, 52, 5'11", 225 lbs.

average looking, fun loving, outgoing Catholic, speaks Polish. Seeks white female, 38 to 48, good heart ed non-smoker, medium build who likes cooking, camping, traveling i motor home. Registered nurse Want to go along? Call soon! Wayne county BOX 33673

NO GAMES Single young looking, 53 yr old white male, attractive and good looking, tall, weight appropriate to going out to dinner, movies, week end drives and travelling, also enjoy quiet times at home. Seeking attractive white female, 35 to

BEST FRIEND WANTED Mid 60's, 58", financially secure. Caucasian bachelor who likes the finer things in life. Likes sailing. classical music and traveling. Bee to the Atlantic and Pacific recently with me the next time I go. Looking friend. BOX 35915 MANDSOME AND HONEST

36 yr old, handsome, 6', blue eyes smile, athletic, seeks an attractive woman who has charac ter, spirituality, honesty and also an adventurous side BOX 24958 E-Z ON THE EYES

White male, 40's, long brown hai 6: 215 lbs seeking female, 35 to that special attentive, passionate my enjoyment of candles, movies music and dinners. BOX 33500 HANDYMAN & MECHANIC

Single white male, 40, someone to rely on, handy with household and mechanically, but not romantically challenged, single white female, for relationship. BOX 25355 MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

45 yr old, attractive, single white Italian male, 5'11', brown hair and Sensitive, caring, witty, humorous Seeking an attractive single white lemale, weight and height proportionate, for friendship and long term relationship BOX 33515

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# Get vacation plans rolling at camper, travel & RV show

BY KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITER kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

ome of us are campers, some of us definitely are not. But no matter what "camp" you're in, you'll find lots of vacation ideas Jan. 24-28 at the Pontiac Silverdome Camper, Travel & RV Show.

Recreational vehicles let you enjoy the great outdoors with all the comforts of home, but there's more to it than that, said show producer Mike Wilbraham.

"RVs are for more than just camping. Avid golfers use RVs when they go on golf vacations because they don't want to stay at a hotel and have the added expense. Some people use them for tailgating parties.'

Whether you'd enjoy getting lost in a forest, living the pampered resort life, or just want to spend simple quality time with your family, Wilbraham says you'll find something of interest at the Pontiac Silverdome Camper, Travel & RV Show. He likens RVs to a cottage that you can put anywhere you want.

# Memories

"I grew up camping," said Wilbraham. "We started out with a pole tent with the ties outside. Then my folks decided that camping was the way we would spend our vacations. In

What: Pontiac Silverdome Camper, Travel & RV Show When: 3.9:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 24-26, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28.

Where: Pontiac Silverdome Admission: Adults \$6.50, children (ages 6-14) \$3, no charge for children age 5 and younger.

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1963 my parents bought a Fan Travel Trailer. It had a wood interior, it was gorgeous."

One of his favorite memories is of the Christmas he and his family - parents, four kids and a St. Bernard - spent camping in Pennsylvania where he grew up.

"There was a pine tree in back of our campsite, it was like our Christmas tree. We actually had fairly warm weather, there was no snow, and we played family soccer games. After our traditional big breakfast on Christmas day we took a walk down by the lake. It was just us and the geese. We saw a soccer ball stuck up in a tree and we climbed up and got it. The ball was fully inflated, it was another Christmas gift we never expected. Cherished family memories like

this are one of the reasons Wilbraham recommends camp-

"There's more a sense of community in a campground than at a resort," he said. "You can really get away and the family pulls together. Everyone is responsible for helping each other out."

His parents, now retired, sold their home and put the big stuff in storage before hitting the road to "See the USA" in their RV.

"They spent time in Alaska, New England, where my siblings live, and New Mexico," said Wilbraham. "They're spending the winter in Florida and are visiting Michigan this spring for my daughter's graduation from eighth grade."

Wilbraham's wife, Jane, also grew up in a family of campers. "Every summer we get together with her family and our three children at Interlochen State Park," he said. "Those that love music and the arts visit Interlochen Center for the Arts. Some relatives like to fish, but everybody's back in time for coffee and a treat between 3 and 4 p.m."

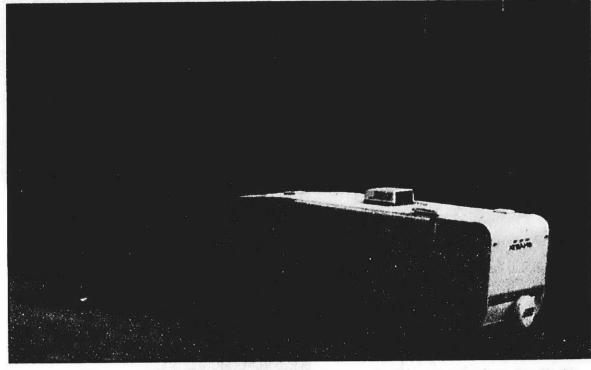
At the show empty nesters looking for luxury getaways can walk through plush, new RVs, learn about RV resorts that offer golf courses, health clubs, tennis courts and whirlpools. Young families will discover low cost vacation and travel opportunities. Twenty-one RV dealers will display more than 400 new RVs in all price ranges. Patrons will also be able to gather information about more than 30 campgrounds and vacation destinations in both the U.S. and Cana-



Historian David Woodworth is steering system.

will conduct free seminars on "Great Michigan Camping Destinations" and "Alaska and Canada Maritime Province Adven-

Full-time RVer Bill Fa



Get away: You can enjoy all the comforts of home and still get away from it all. At the Pontiac Silverdome Camper, Travel & RV Show patrons will learn how to turn vacation fantasies into reality.

zine will discuss "Preparing for Full Time and Extended RVing," 'Rx for RVs," and "No Hook-up Camping.

**Favorite destinations** Farlow has vacationed in all 50 states and every Canadian

province. He and his wife Louise usually chose destinations out of

Some of his favorite spots in Michigan are the Leelanau Peninsula, where the state park features a campground on the beach, the Porcupine Mountains where he has RVed to ski in the

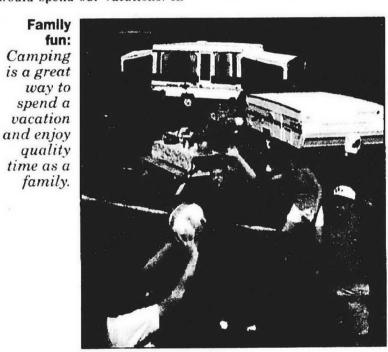
We took the trailer in the park. It was a little chilly but we managed," Farlow said. "Wherever you are is beautiful. This country has got such a wide variety and you can never travel enough to say you've seen it all."

Larry Lonik, will share tips on

and "Great Mushroom Hunting Destinations." And comedy grilling gurus, Mad Dog & Merrill, will share great RV grilling techniques as well as host a tailgate party opening day.

"Beginning Mushroom Hunting"

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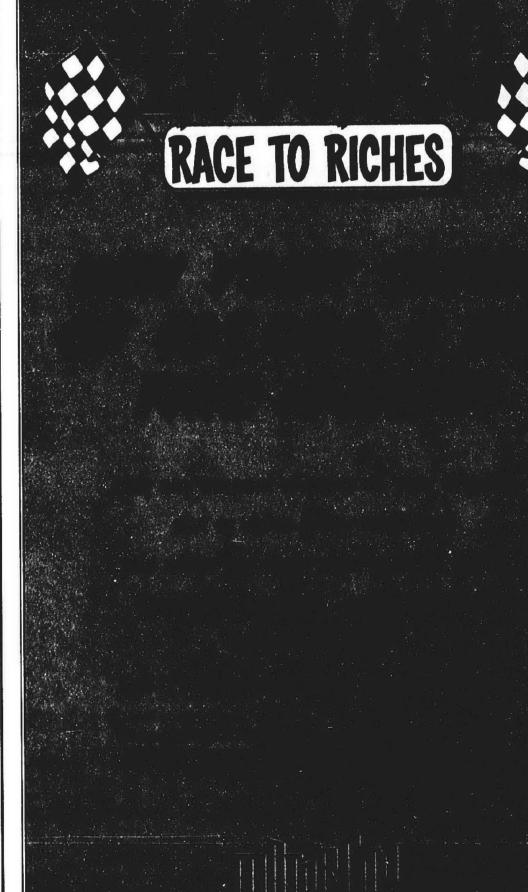




setting up a 1920s-style campsite complete with era accessories. Along with the old, the show will feature the newest RV technologies, including demonstrations of Delphi's Quadrasteer electronic four-wheel drive

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# **CULINARY ADVENTURES**

**BRUCE KONOWALOW** 

# Soup will lift the blue spirits of a cold winter

he wind howls mightily and whistles through the small openings in doors and windows. Most geese flew South except for the few persistent (or stupid) ones.

Old Man Winter has settled in chilling us all to the bone.

We need something hot and filling to get us through these long cold nights. Is there anything more satisfying than a bowl of hearty chowder or a rich broth filled with vegetables or meat? There are thousands of soups that could change a person's disposition while restoring both body and soul.

### The early restaurants

Soups are one of the basic food preparations that share universal appeal. Every culture and cuisine offers a gamut of hot, cold, sweet, sour, thick and thin liquid confections. In

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The first coffeehouses and cafes appeared in France in the early 1600s and their spread was rapid throughout the large European cities. These cafes, which served mostly coffee, cocoa and wine, were social gathering places the forerunner of

restaurants. In 1760 a man named Boulanger ened a shop that served soup Boulanger said these soups were health restorers that were highly nutritious and filled with foods that could cure a variety of ailments. Boulanger called his soups "restaurers" and his shop was called a "restorante."

A simple premise launched a worldwide industry.

# Back to basics

When soups are prepared correctly, they are, in fact, extremely nutritious. The base of any good soup is the stock or the primary liquid used to create it. The added ingredients such as vegetables, meats, fish or fruit should be fresh and of superior quality.

As computer people say, "junk in, junk out." Good soup requires good ingredients. Different types of soups require different cooking techniques to extract the maximum flavors

For example, if you wanted to make full-flavored vegetable soup, you would not just throw water over a bunch of chopped vegetables and boil it up. That results in nothing but vegetable-flavored water.

First, you should determine which vegetable you want. Do you want the dominant taste of one vegetable - like carrots in carrot soup - or do you want to achieve an amalgam of flavors, such as in minestrone soup?

Your vegetables almost always should be sweated (sautéed) at a low temperature before any liquid is added to them. This helps extract the natural sugars and complex flavor components that are found in vegetables. Cream soups, chowders, broth, consommés. purees, bisques and cold soups require very specific and sometimes very different cooking methods and proce-

# Delicious liaisons

The great chef, Escoffier, categorized soups in greater variety than we do today. His list included: clear soups, such as consommés; purees, usually made from starchy vegetables and thickened with rice, bread crumbs or potatoes; andcullises which are poultry, game or fish soups thickened with rice, lentils, espagnole sauce or bread.

Escoffier also included bisques or shellfish soups thickened with rice,

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LOOKING AHEAD What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine ■ Seasonal produce



Sweet offerings: Actresses Juliette Binoche (center above and in photo at right) and Lena Olin offer a taste of chocolate to a town resident in the film Chocolat, a comic fable set in France about how a taste of pleasure can change a person, a relationship and a community.

# If you have the stomach, there are plenty of horror food films

BY GREG KOWALSKI

Good taste has nothing to do with a lot of movies about food. And those attracted to certain types of film fare expect only the worst and relish it.

Films like Blood Diner, in which two idiots save their failing diner by expanding the menu to include some of the patrons. Along that line is Gore-Met: Zombie Chef from Hell, about another diner, another lunatic chef and more devoured customers.

Feel like dining in?

Try Parents, a delightful slice of life about the perfect suburban family, except that Mom and Dad are practicing cannibals. There are scenes of meat slicing that are guaranteed to make you seriously consider vegetarianism.

Or bring in some of Auntie Lee's Meat Pies. Auntie Lee runs a boarding house and sells her popular meat pies. Guess what (or who) the secret ingredient of the pies is? One of the best of this genre is

the truly ghastly Motel Hell. Farmer Smith runs the Motel Hello (but the "o" is burned out on the sign) and operates a sausage factory next door. Can't pay the rent? You know where you're going. The climactic chainsaw duel is a sight to behold, as is Farmer Smith's dying confession: "I used preserva-

Although these films are rather brainless, dining on brains has

Please see HORROR, D2

BY NICOLE STAFFORD STAFF WRITER nstafford@oe.homeco

onflicted might be a good way to describe American sentiment about food. It's not that we don't cherish our greasy cheeseburgers and sinfully sweet hot fudge sun-

We do. Then we feel bad about it. Guilty as any sinner could be because we splurged on beef, cheese, dairy and chocolate, ignoring all the rules about calories, fat, cholesterol and sugar.

No wonder American moviemakers are taking up food as a central theme in film like they never have before.

Increasingly, Americans are replacing meat, eliminating sugar and reaching for non-fat versions of their favorite foods

"There's a backlash that, yes, we all eat tofu and we all watch our

weight, but at a certain point we go to cigar bars and steakhouses. There is a reaction to the whole idea of not being able to eat big time, and I think filmmakers probably recognize that," said Elliot Wilhelm, curator of film at the Detroit Institute of Arts and director of Detroit Film Theatre.

One such film doing well at the box office and currently running at the Maple Theatre in Birmingham is Chocolat, a comic fable about a mysterious chocolate shop in a small French village where life's pleasures, including the confectionery sort, reshape relationships.

Pitting morality against tempta-tion, desire and pleasure, chocolaterie owner Vianne Rocher, played by Juliette Binoche, quickly becomes enemy Number One in the eyes of the town's nobleman

Vatel, loosely based on real events, tells the story of a brilliant chef's preparations for a three-day party



Food-centered: The film Chocolat, now playing at the Maple Theatre in Birmingham, is about a mysterious chocolate shop run by Vianne Rocher, played by Juliette Binoche (left), in a small French village. Armande, played by Judi Dench (right), is one of several town inhabitants profoundly affected by Rocher and her confections.

being held by Louis XIV. The film, which stars Uma Thurman and was directed by Roland Joffe (The Killing Fields), opened in Los Angeles and New York but hasn't been released nationally.

Another recent American film about food, What's Cooking, opened last November, running four weeks in metropolitan Detroit. The movie follows the Thanksgiving dinners of four Los Angeles families with different ethnic backgrounds. Food in the cultural backgrounds."

# Food as pleasure

Historically, food films - with cooking, eating and dining as a central theme and plot device - have been a European genre dominated by filmmakers from France, where food as pleasure is openly embraced and celebrated.

Apparently, Chocolat director Lasse Hallstrom (Cider House Rules) and other filmmakers foresee Americans reconciling their ambivalence about food and acquiescing to its sensual power.

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# Food films to rent

Tampopo Big Night Eat Drink Man Woman La Grande Bouffe Like Water for Chocolate Babette's Feast The Cook, The Thief, His Wife. Her Lover Eat the Rich Eating Raoul The Discreet Charm of the

Bourgeoisie Courtesy of Jim Olenski, coowner of Thomas Video, on Main Street near 14 Mile Road in Claw-

# **RECIPE TO SHARE**

# Spinach dip scores with Super Bowl party guests

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER kabramczyk**©**oe.homecomm.net

Diane Montagano isn't a rabid football fan, but she loves throwing a Super Bowl party.

For about 10 years, Montagano has made dishes ranging from lasagna to ham and from green beans to spinach dips for her football crowd. This year, her condominium in Plymouth will be filled with about 35 friends and relatives there to enjoy her company and

Oh, and there's a football game, too. "It's a good time of year for a party," Montagano said. "January is such a 'blah' time of year. I think people enjoy the party, the foods and getting togeth-

This year she plans roasted sliced turkey and ham for sandwiches. Sandwiches will make it easier for guests to move around, eat and watch the game

without worrying about finding a seat cold temperature, as the dip will thick- Stir in sour cream until smooth. Cool at a table to consume hot foods. She has the planning down to the "tee" the kickoff is 6:22 p.m. Sunday, Jan.

"Guests start arriving at about 4:30 p.m., then I'll serve the main meal at halftime," Montagano said. "The guests then leave at about 10 p.m.

In previous years, Montagano has made her Touchdown Spinach Dip, one she calls a "long-time popular" appetizer. She writes: "This version is a real winner!"

"It's something you can serve as an appetizer for a party or during a holiday," Montagano said. "You can hollow out a loaf of pumpernickel or a big round French bread, then use the chunks to dip." Montagano prefers Doritos, as they are easier to dip.

The dip can be prepared in five minutes. It should be served lukewarm or cool, but should not be refrigerated to a

# TOUCHDOWN SPINACH DIP

- 1/4 cup butter 1 package Hollandaise sauce mix 3/4 cup half and half
- 1 10-ounce package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and well-drained 1 4-ounce jar diced pimentos,
- drained 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon dill weed 1 cup sour cream

In saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Stir in sauce mix. Gradually stir in half and half. Cook, stirring constantly, until sauce comes to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer until thickened.

Add spinach, pimentos, cheese and dill. Heat and stir until choose melts and sauce is well-blended. Remove from heat.

slightly and serve with Doritos or in a hollowed out round bread loaf with bread chunks. Makes 3 cups.

Everyone knows the best recipes are the ones you share. Send us your favorite original recipe, and if it's chosen to be featured in the Recipe to Share on the third Sunday of the month in Taste, we'll send you a cookbook.

Send recipes for consideration in Recipe to Share to Ken Abramczyk. Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (734) 591-7279, or e-mail kabramczyk@ oe.homecomm. net

Please include a daytime phone number and the best time to call, so we can contact you about your recipe. Try to be specific with recipe details such as can and package sizes.

# Culinary arts director enjoys these soup recipes

culinary arts at Schoolcraft College. See related off the surface of the water. column on Taste front.

Konowalow recommends using lard in the goulash soup recipe as it adds a flavor that cannot be duplicated. Only Hungarian paprika should be used for this recipe, as it works well and typical Spanish paprika has an entirely different

■ Only Hungarian paprika should be used.

In the second recipe, the salt pork adds a mild flavor that melds well with the turnips.

Clean leeks thoroughly as they can be filled with sand. Clean them as follows: split the leek in half, cut into slices and rinse in a bowl of cold water. The sand will sink to the bottom of the bowl. Do this three times. Do not pour the leeks in a colander or the sand will end up back on the leeks. The

Recipes courtesy of Bruce Konowalow, director of leeks will more or less float and you can pull them and then sprinkle on flour and mix. Add the toma-

### GOULASH SOUP

- 1/2 cup lard 3 cups onion, diced into small pieces 2 pounds, small diced beef chuck or shank, diced
- into small pieces 2 tablespoons flour
- 4 tablespoons Hungarian paprika
- 2 teaspoons caraway seeds 1 teaspoon marjoram
- 1 garlic clove
- 1 gallon beef stock or broth
- 2 cups potatoes, small diced 2 teaspoon tomato paste
- Heat a heavy soup pot and put in the lard. Add the onions and brown them.
- Combine the meat and the paprika and the spices and add to the onions. Cook for 5 minutes

to paste and mix.

Add the beef stock and stir the mixture. Bring to a boil and then lower to a simmer until the meat is tender (about 1 hour). Add the potatoes and simmer until the potatoes are cooked (about 15 min-

Season with salt and fresh black pepper. Serve with a dollop of sour cream and a nice piece of crusty bread. Makes 12 portions.

### CRÄME FRENEUSE

# (PUREE OF TURNIP AND POTATO WITH CREAM)

- 1 bay leaf 2 leeks, washed and diced (use only the white section)
- 3 cups onions, sliced
- 3 1/2 cups potatoes, peeled and sliced
- 3 1/2 cups turnips, peeled, sliced 1 gallon chicken stock or broth

5 tablespons unsalted butter

2 1/2 ounces salt pork (cut criss-cross pattern on the fat - available in meat section)

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1 cup heavy cream Sweat leeks and onions in butter. (Remember that sweating is sauteing at low heat without coloring the vegetables. You can cover the pot which will trap steam and help sweat the vegetables

properly.) Add salt pork. Add the potatoes and turnips. Mix and cook for 1 minute. Add stock and one bay leaf. Simmer mixture until vegetables are soft. Remove

piece of salt pork. Puree mixture in a food processor or with a hand blender. If using a food processor make sure the bowl is only 1.3 filled so that the hot liquid does not come through the top. If you have one you could also use a food mill with a fine plate.

Heat the heavy cream to just under a simmer and then add to the puree. Season with salt and

### Culinary from page D1

along with veloute soups which use a veloute sauce as a base and are thickened with a egg yolks and cream (also called a liaison). (Veloute is created from a stock thickened with a flour and butter mixture called a roux.) Rounding out the list were cream soups which use béchamel sauce - a milk-based sauce - as a base, vegetable soups and foreign soups.

This classification of soups, compiled in 1903, became the model upon which we base our modern interpretations.

When a soup recipe calls for stock, it is referring to a clear liquid flavored by the soluble substances in meat, poultry and

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## Quality soups require freshly made stocks.

fish bones and from vegetables and herbs. A broth is similar to a stock except it extracts its flavor from both bones and meat (like an entire chicken), and vegetables and herbs. Stock making is a skill unto itself.

Quality soups require freshly made stocks. Soup bases and canned and dehydrated products can not equal "real" stock.

I strongly suggest that you make stock before you decide to make a soup. Stocks can be frozen and retain good quality. If czyk @oe.homecomm. net

brains by the handful, along

with a loving description of how

For the most adventurous,

there is a whole menu of canni-

bal movies that we will not even

begin to describe other than by

title: Cannibal Cookout, Canni-

bal: The Musical, Eaten Alive

wonderful they taste.

Still with me?

you cannot make stock, then purchase the best quality canned broth with the lowest salt content. See inside today's Taste section for a few of my favorite winter soup recipes.

Bruce Konowalow is the director of the Culinary Arts Department at Schoolcraft College and a Taste columnist. Konowalow is a former director of the New York Restaurant School in New York

If you have a cooking question for Konowalow, please drop him a line, courtesy of Ken Abramczyk, Taste Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or kabram-

As a side dish, try The Exter-

minating Angel, a marvelous

movie by film great Luis Buñuel.

Guests at a dinner party just

can't bring themselves to leave

and slowly starve to death.

There's a message here, I guess.

And there are plenty more,

such as Eating Raoul, Eat the

Rich, Eat and Run and Please

Don't Eat My Mother, along with

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# Play it safe

Are holiday foods still safe to

Follow these guidelines from the Michigan Food Safety Task Let's start with the perishable

foods that should be refrigerated. Traditional items could include a holiday ham, which if fully cooked is only safe to keep for one week. If you thought ahead and froze some of it, you can keep it frozen and thaw under refrigeration within two months.

The roasted holiday bird, whether it's a turkey, chicken or goose, is only safe under refrigeration for three to four days. If you froze some pieces in gravy or broth, use them up within six months after thawing under refrigeration.

The bottom line is that the holiday meats shouldn't be camping out in your refrigerator for weeks.

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That is in voyeuristic terms at least, said Wilhelm.

"What these movies contend to do is liberate us and provide a kind of sensory overload experience in which we feel we've had our food experience but we don't have to deal with the calories," he said.

"I have a feeling we're going to be seeing more of it. In a society that is less sexually open you are going to see more sex on screen. In a society where people are eating low-fat and watching their calories, you are going to see food scenes. We have to have our pleasures.'

Americans' appetite for independent films may also explain the prevalence of food as a central theme.

One reason food plays a key role in European films is that they, like independent productions, progress at a slower pace. affording directors the time to pan across the elaborate buffet feast or close in on detailed preparations in an Italian kitchen.

"Maybe American audiences weren't ready for it before," said Jim Olenski, co-owner of Thomas Video in Clawson. "A lot of young directors are making some beautiful films now. That might be part of it, too. Food can look very beautiful."

# Metaphor

A metaphor for sex, sensuality, love, art and transcendental experience, food in film and other art forms naturally suggests an openness to desire and pleasure.

As with any artistic metaphor, it reflects cultural dynamics, too, said Robert Burgoyne, professor of film studies and chair of the English Department at Wayne State University.

"There is a kind of opening up to sensual pleasure here," he said. But other phenomena are also represented.

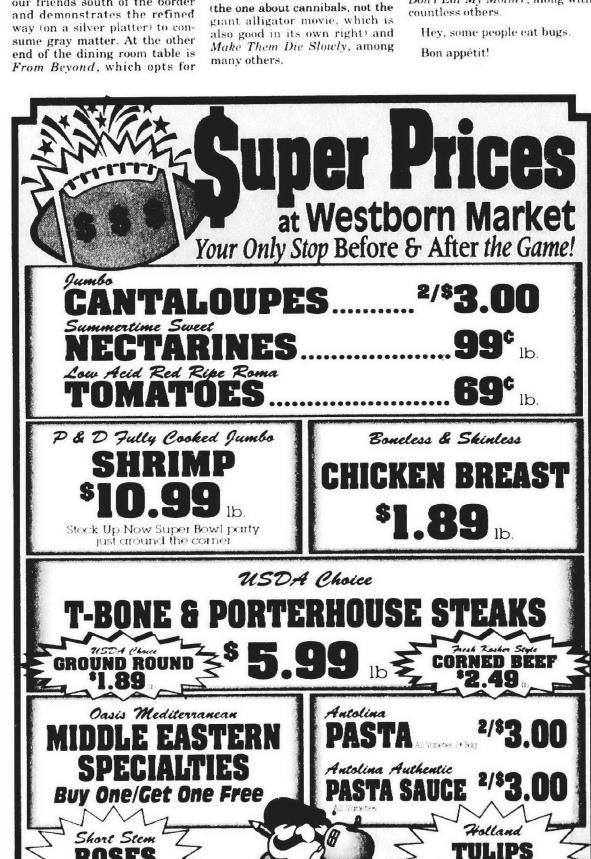
In addition to the potential for erotic power, food in film can suggest community and togetherness or loss and recovery, Burgoyne said. Hinged on a male character, cooking is a way to show men expressing their emotions and nurturing others, he said.

Food also symbolizes primal fears and terror, said Wilhelm.

"There's a terror about food, of eating and overeating, of starving and being eaten," he said. "It's that whole thing about being absorbed - the things that you take in suddenly become a part of you. In some ways, food is more basic and intimate than

"When you eat something, it becomes a part of you. You are what you eat."

**SUPER SPECIALS and HEAD LETTUCE** Starting Mon. at 9 a.m. Horror from page D1 FRESH GROUND BEEF inspired its own subgenre of movies. The best is Brain Damage, about a worm-like creature that forces his host human to provide him with a steady supply of brains so fresh they're still in their original packages. The little worm is a pretty good singer, too. **USDA SELECT BONELESS** The Brainiac is a classic from I.Y. STRIP STEAKS our friends south of the border FRESH GRADE A 12 PC. WHOLE **Ranch Style Fryer USDA BONELESS "SPECIAL TRIM"** op Round Beef Roast **DELICIOUS FULLY COOKED** Dearborn Smoked Kielbasa OVEN READY . . . 5-7 LB. FRESH **Turkey Breast** Only WHOLE OR HALF . . . HONEY GLAZED Dearborn Spiral Sliced Hams 🌶 With this coupon . Jan. 22-28, 2001 only! MIKE'S MARKETPLACE COUPON



# Serve bread chips, pico de gallo

In Italy, Panini means "little breads." But at Panera Bread, it means "hot, robust sandwiches." The hot, flavor-packed sandwiches are now available in three flavors: the Cuban Pork and Ham and the unique Portobello and Mozzarella and the Frontega Chicken.

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Panini are perfectly "festive" ways to feed your hungry fans for next Sunday's Super Bowl.

Game day guests will shout for more when they try soup in fresh-baked Sourdough bowl of Broccoli Cheddar and Cream of Chicken & Wild Rice or put seasonal soups in your starting line-up.

Bread bowls are perfect for dips, salsa, cheese, and other spreads. No matter how you use the sourdough bowls, when the party's over the bowl will be eaten.

Panera Bread can also help you score some extra points for the home team.

You'll have a blitz on your buffet when you serve Panera Bread fresh-tossed party salads, cookie trays, and two-foot party sandwiches. Orders should be placed at neighborhood bakery-cafes by Thursday, Jan. 25, to make sure they are ready on time for game day on Sunday, Jan. 28.

If you plan on suiting up as chef at your Super Bowl blast, Panera Bread can still help. Visit the website at www.panerabread.com for great party recipe ideas, and stop by your local bakery-cafe for breads to make your menu complete.

### **ASIAGO CHEESE BREADCHIPS**

2 Asiago Cheese mini-baguettes Several tablespoons melted butter Garlic salt

Slice the mini-baguettes very thin (1/8th inch) and lay slices on a baking sheet. Brush slices lightly with melted butter and sprinkle them with garlic salt. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 20 minutes. Yields approximately 200 chips.

### PICO DE GALLO

- 2 large fresh tomatoes 1 can whole, peeled tomatoes
- 1 fresh jalepeno pepper, minced 1/2 bunch fresh cilantro, chopped
- 1 onion, diced
- 1/4 ounce minced garlic
- 1/8 cup sugar

Chop fresh tomatoes into small pieces. In a large bowl, add tomatoes to jalapeno, cilantro, onion, garlic, sugar, cumin and vinegar. Drain liquid from the can of tomatoes and chop them roughly. Add canned tomatoes to the rest of the ingredients and mix together. Cover and refrigerate several hours or

1/4 cup apple cider vinegar

1/2 teaspoon ground cumin

overnight before serving. Serve with breadchips.

### WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for Taste calendar at least two weeks in advance of event to Ken Abramczyk, Taste Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia. MI 48150.

### INTERNATIONAL DINNERS

Enjoy a gourmet five-course meal prepared by second-year culinary students in the International Cuisine class in the American Harvest Restaurant in the Waterman Center at Schoolcraft College on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia. Courses are prepared from five different regions under the instruction of award-winning chefs. Wine will be served with each meal. Dinner is served at 6:45 p.m. and costs \$28.95 plus tax, per person, except for French, which is \$31.95 per person.

Dinners are scheduled as follows: authentic Mexican, Jan. 25; Italian, Feb. 1; French, Feb. 8; German, Feb. 15; South American, Feb. 22: Vietnamese, March 1; Russian, March 15; French, March 22; Italian, March 29; Poland, April 5, regional American, April 19, and French, April 26. Call (734) 462-4488 for information or reservations. Seating is limited. Credit

### cards accepted. MASTER CHEFS DINNER

Diners can enjoy an a truly memorable dinner Friday, Feb. 2, prepared by chefs at the top of their profession. Schoolcraft College's Culinary

Arts Department will present a nine-course meal prepared by the school's master chefs and invited chefs.

The dinner, to raise funds for a culinary student resource center, will begin at 6:45 p.m. in the newly renovated American Harvest Restaurant in the Waterman Center on the Livonia cam-

Individual tickets to this gourmet feast are \$225, with approximately half of that sum tax deductible.

The \$225 price includes tax and gratuities. Tickets must be purchased in advance, by credit card or check, are nonrefundable, and will be available from the Culinary Arts Department. Call (734) 462-4423. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-

## **LEARN ABOUT COOKING**

Here is the schedule for Continuing Education classes at Schoolcraft College in Livonia for the winter semester: Cooking Light, 6-9 p.m., Tues-

day, Jan. 23; Quick Easy Meals, 6-10 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 25; ■ Thai & Vietnamese Cuisine, 6-

10 p.m., Monday, Jan. 29; ■ Heart Smart® Make & Take, 6-10 p.m., Monday, Feb. 5; Cakes, Tortes, and Flans, 6-9

p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 13; ■ Making the Cut - Learning Cuts of Meat, 6-10 p.m., Monday, March 12;

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■ Herb-a-mania, 6-9 p.m.,

Thursday, March 22; n The Incredible Edible Mushroom, 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, April 3; ■ European Bread Making (two weeks), 5-10 p.m., Thursday,

April 5 and 12; Outdoor Grilling & Entertaining, 5-10 p.m., Thursday and Friday, April 26 and 27:

Four Course Meals to Go (one day only but offered three different dates), 6-10 p.m., Monday, Feb. 19, March 19 and March

Anyone interested in more information regarding these classes can call Schoolcraft College Continuing Education at (734) 462-4448.

### M-FIT CLASSES

Don't let the cold, harsh days of winter drag you down. The M-Fit Culinary team of the M-Fit Community Health Promotion Division offers cooking classes, such as Winter Soups to Warm Your Heart and Soul, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, at the East Ann Arbor Health Center Demonstration Kitchen, 4260 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. Individual class fees are \$30, \$50 for a two-person fee, and \$80 for a series of three classes. Nutrition education class fees are \$20. Pre-registration is required. Register online at www. mfitnutrition. com or by email at community. nutrition@ umich.edu. Call Nicole Goyarts at (734) 975-4387, Ext. 236 to register by phone.

# Try these shortcuts for the game

PRNewswire - Looking for the perfect kickoff to a super party but don't have a lot of time? Don't worry - great options exist even for the time-crunched party planner.

"Quick and healthy game day recipes are a great way to get your team fueled up for the big game," said Ellie Krieger, registered dietitian, lifestyle counselor and television host of "Living

"Even if your favorite team isn't playing, you can still enjoy all the action with festive, delicious and nutritious food."

Krieger and the Canned Food Alliance offer these quick and easy canned food tips for parties that last from the pre-game all the way to the post- game. With the healthy benefits and timesaving convenience of canned food, great appetizers, entrees and desserts can be prepared in half-the-time.

The Pre-Game: Countdown to kickoff

For a filling snack, slice low-fat turkey sausage into 1-inch pieces, mix with canned sauerkraut, then heat.

■ Just before kickoff, prepare a tasty seafood spread by mixing canned crabmeat with cocktail sauce. Serve the mixture on a celery spear.

Make a hearty chili that is sure to satisfy your crowd. Take your favorite chili recipe and make it more healthful by replacing 1/2 the meat with canned beans.

For easy and delicious tailgate nachos, mix one can of chili with a 1/4 cup of plain yogurt instead of sour cream. Pour over baked tortilla chips and sprinkle with your favorite toppings, including canned corn, chilies and diced toma-

Cover a tortilla with turkey or chicken, lowfat refried beans, lettuce, avocados and canned

chilies. Roll the tortilla and slice. Score points with your guests by mixing canned chickpeas, lemon juice and garlic in a food processor for a quick and easy hummus.

Serve with baby carrots. Spice up traditional bean dip with canned salsa, canned corn and canned chilies. Serve with blue corn tortilla chips on the side.

Don't make pizza, make pizzazz! Spread canned seasoned tomato sauce, sliced canned olives or artichokes and grated part-skim mozzarella cheese on English muffins. Heat and

End your feast with thirst quenching fruit drinks

■ Blend vanilla non-fat yogurt, tropical fruit cocktail and ice for a refreshing fruit smoothie. Freeze pineapple chunks and cherries in ice trays with water. Drop into assorted beverages

for a sweet surprise. Splash club soda into any canned fruit juice to add sparkle to the party.

The Canned Food Alliance is a partnership of the American Iron and Steel Institute's Steel Packaging Council, the Can Manufacturers Institute and selected food processors. The Canned Food Alliance serves as a resource for information on the convenience, contemporary appeal, nutrition and versatility of canned food, more than 90 percent of which is packaged in recyclable steel cans.

For dozens of mealtime solutions, visit the Alliance online at Canned Food www.mealtime.org

# Booklet, coupons help in food drive

Gleaners Community Food straight from the Weight Watch-Bank announces a combined effort to help feed the hungry during the cold winter weeks when requests for food increase dramatically

Now to Feb. 1, helping will be made easy with the purchase of the \$1 Help Heal Hunger: Food For Thought booklet at 106 Kroger stores and Weight Watchers locations in nine Michigan counties.

The booklet is full of valuable coupons and healthy recipes

ers kitchen.

Proceeds will go to the Salvation Army and Gleaners Community Food Bank and other food banks throughout Michi-

The effort is a collaboration among Gleaners, the Salvation Army, the Kroger Company of Michigan, Weight Watchers Inc., WJR Radio and Kessel Food Markets, along with the support of state and local lawmakers.

"When customers purchase

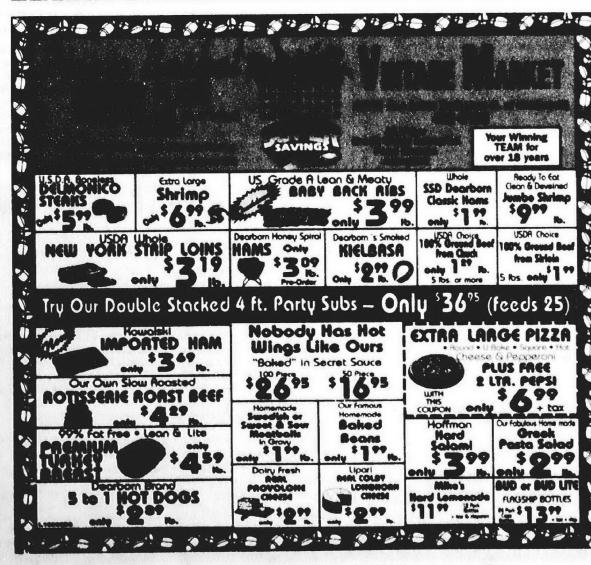
the Help Heal Hunger booklet, they are really giving to the food banks which provide food to more than 600 agencies which directly feed the hungry," said Rick Loewenstein, president of Gleaners.

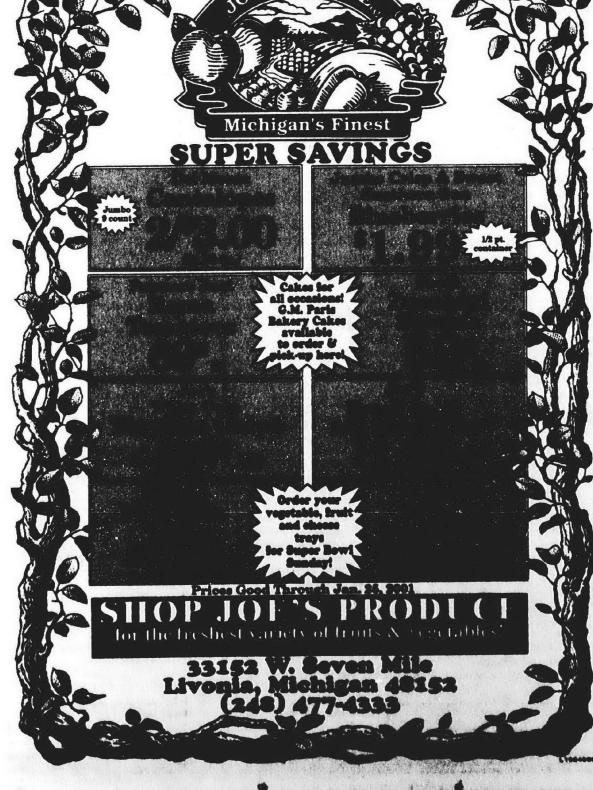
Gleaners distributes more than 20 million pounds of food annually, which equals more than 380,000 meals each week.

For more information, contact Ruth Ellen Mayhall at (313) 923-7855 or remayhall@gcfb.org

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## **Grief recovery**

Hospice of Washtenaw will begin their next five-week Grief Recovery Series 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6 -March 3 at the hospice office, 806 Airport Blvd., Ann Arbor.

The series is dedicated to helping survivors adapt to the loss of a loved one and to gain new, healthy coping skills. Workshop goals include:

- Understanding the emotional, spiritual and physical effects of grief. ■ Dealing with anger, guilt and loneliness.
- Caring for your physical, emotional and spiritual needs.
- Recovering from grief and growing because of it.

Participants are encouraged to attend all five sessions. Pre-registration required. For more information. please call Dwight Forshee at (734)

Hospice of Washtenaw is a nonprofit community agency reporting to Saint Joseph Mercy Health System.

# Cancer and spirituality

When a person begins treatment for cancer, one area of his or her life often overlooked is spirituality. Yet, for many, spirituality can be vital as they go through treatment.

The McAuley Cancer Care Center of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System will offer a unique support group for cancer patients who wish to explore spirituality and find meaning in their cancer journey. The Wellness and Spirituality Support Group is a non-sectarian, four-week series beginning Monday, Jan. 29. The group will meet four consecutive Mondays 6-7:30 p.m. at the McAuley Cancer Care Center on the campus of St. Joe's

In an article in Coping Magazine (March/April 2000) titled, "Spirituality and Health: The New Findings by Larry Dossey, M.D., Dr. Dossey reports: "I once took care of a cancer survivor who blessed her chemotherapy before she took it, and she prayed for her surgeon prior to her operation. Her attitude shows that we do not have to choose sides between medical science and spirituality.

There is no charge for the series: For more information or to register, please call (734) 712-2920 or (734) 712-2416.

# Flower power

Why not take a moment in the middle of winter to smell the healing power of flowers at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement's new stress management class. The third in a series of four classes, "Flower Power: Bach Flower Remedies" will be held 7-9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29.

Bach Flower Remedies utilize the essences of flowers for healing, health enhancement and well-being. This workshop will gave participants an overview, history and explanation of how to use these remedies to relieve common ailments and enhance a wellness program.

To register for the Flower Power class, call (248) 477-6100. The cost is \$45 plus a \$10 materials fee. The final class in the series is "Acupressure" on Wednesday, Feb. 21. Classes are held in Botsford's Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River,

# We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Datebook (upcoming calendar events); Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field); and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies). We also welcome newsworthy ideas for health and fitness related stories. To submit an item to our newspaper you can call, write, fax or e-mail us.

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Year's resolutions Experts at the American Institute for Cancer Research predict the year 2001 will see an ever-greater reliance on vegetables and fruits in the nation's homes, restaurants and food markets, mirroring the newfound prominence these foods are enjoying in public health policy.

A series of recent events has set the stage for this shift in American eating patterns:

■ Heart experts joined cancer experts in placing consumption of fruits and vegetables first on lists of dietary guidelines for prevention.

■ The USDA's **Dietary Guidelines** for Americans were revised to lend added emphasis to vegetable and fruit consumption.

■ The National Cancer Institute reviewed the 5 A Day Program - which encourages Americans to consume five or more daily servings of fruits and vegetables - and called for its expansion.

"Driven by mounting scientific evidence, the national health organizations have retooled their dietary advice by putting fruits and vegetables front and center, where they belong," said Melanie Polk, director of nutrition education at AICR.

# Research

Recent changes have brought dietary guidelines for preventing heart disease and stroke more closely in line with those for the prevention of cancer. Scientists have known for years that these diseases are influenced by many of the same dietary and lifestyle factors. Over the last few years, however, new findings in disease research have driven health organizations to recast their advice, giving new focus to the role of vegetables and fruits in lowering disease risk.

"We have reached an important milestone," said Polk. "Today, for the first time, those wishing to lower their risk for the world's three most pervasive and deadly diseases - heart disease, stroke and cancer - are hearing a single, clear message. The crux of that message is the tremendous disease-fighting potential of diets high in 'ruits and vegetables.'

That message is "slowly seeping" into the mind of the general public, said Gail Cox, wellness coordinator-dietician at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement in Farmington Hills.

"Although you don't see it when you go into a gas station and see shelves of chips and snacks, people are getting the message," she said. "You're seeing more people interested in good quality produce. I think the message is out their through a variety of out for ways to enjoy flavor, variety and satisfaction without sacrificing health. And that, of course, is exactly what meals featuring vegetables and fruits deliver.'

Melanie Polk

- Director of Nutrition Education American Institute of Cancer Research

the media."

Change in emphasis

For years, both AICR and the American Heart Association (AHA) led off their Dietary Guidelines with specific advice about the precise percentage of fat that Americans should include in their diets, along with admonitions to reduce salt and alcohol intake.

But as research continued, scientists began to suspect that demonizing specific foods was not enough. Effective disease prevention demanded a more comprehensive approach. Today, warnings about excessive consumption of fat, salt and alcohol remain, but they have been placed in a larger context that spotlights positive overall choices about diet and lifestyle.

For AICR, this new approach was spurred by the 1997 publication of the report, "Food, Nutrition and the Prevention of Cancer: A Global Perspective." This AICR report examined more than 4,500 international studies on the link between diet and cancer and found a "strong and consistent pattern showing that diets high in fruits and vegetables decrease the risk of many cancers

and perhaps cancer in general." Overall, 78 percent of the studies on the connection of vegetable and/ or fruit consumption upon cancer risk showed that higher intake of these foods significantly lowered risk.

# Government involvement

Earlier in 2000, the United States Department of Agriculture gave vegetables and fruits greater prominence in the latest version of their Dietary Guidelines for Americans. This month, the USDA is scheduled to release a report on the effects of highprotein diets upon long-term health. This report is expected to be highly critical of "fad" diets that recommend increased consumption of animal protein at the expense of foods featuring vegetables, fruits,

Even the popular 5 A Day Program, co-sponsored by the National Cancer Institute and the Produce for Better Health Foundation, is now hearing from researchers who say that its efforts need to be greatly expanded. At a Nov. 17 meeting, Dr. John Potter of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center presented NCI with a list of recommendations on behalf of the 11-member review panel that he chaired.

He urged NCI to "continue, strengthen and expand" its efforts to increase consumption of vegetables and fruits in America, citing the numerous health benefits seen in the scientific literature. He specifically advised that NCI increase its cooperation with other governmental, scientific and industrial groups and place a particular emphasis for greater vegetable and fruit consumption among

# New approach

In many ways, these moves by the nation's health organizations are simply following the direction set by the American people.

high-risk and underserved communities.

"Americans are always on the lookout for ways to enjoy flavor, variety and satisfaction without sacrificing health. And that, of course, is exactly what meals featuring vegetables and fruits deliver," said

Now that fruits and vegetables are moving into the center of the national spotlight, Polk predicts they are here to stay. "If the tremendous public response to AICR's latest educational program is any indication, Americans are eager to learn how to translate healthy advice about fruits and vegetables into delicious everyday meals."

Polk is referring to an AICR program called the New American Plate. Launched in September, this approach recommends that at least two-thirds of a person's plate feature vegetables and fruits, whole grains and beans. At the same time, it calls on individuals to assess and modify the size of the portions they typically consume.

(Polk says that the New American Plate offers a host of transition tips and recipe ideas that combine advice for disease prevention with advice for weight management in a direct, effective way.)

Since its launch four months ago, the New American Plate program has been featured in numerous national and local TV and radio news broadcasts, and has appeared in more than 325 newspapers across the country. At this writing, the institute has received more than 36,000 requests for the brochure and related materials.

"Obviously, something's going on here. When it comes to vegetables and fruits, the public and the

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# Oakland University professor offers recipe for healthy livi

BY JANET SUGAMELI STAFF WRITER

Fad diets are the rage, but they enrage Alfred Stransky enough to challenge the fads in a new book, which also includes a dietary menu of his own. In his recently released book, The Good News About Nutri-

tion, Exercise & Weight Control, the Oakland University professor and director of the Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute, takes the approach of a high-fiber, low-fat diet. He said his revolutionary 25/25 plan limits consumption to

25 grams of fiber and 25 grams of fat, which is contrary the popular Atkins' diet that includes lots of protein and minimal carbohydrates "Fiber is one of the most powerful influences of appetite," .

Stransky said. Fiber assists in the prevention of cancer and in diminishing medical problems related to being overweight and obesity, such as adult on-set diabetes and coronary artery disease, he

The diet is not only a weight-loss plan, but one to follow for

future good health, he noted. "The concept has caught on in terms of its simplicity."

In his book, Stransky offers recipes as well as a 28-day example of his diet. The \$24.95 book was expected to be avail-

able in major book stores at the beginning of the year. John Modetz, director/owner of Potere-Modetz Funeral Home in Rochester, said he owes his life to the professor and his concept of healthy living. Modetz started going to Strapsky

about seven years ago, after his 38th birthday.

"At the time, I couldn't run 100 feet, but I used to like running," Modetz said.

After three months of following Stransky's menu, Modets was frequently running five miles at a time. After 6 months, he said he was ready for a marathon. He then ran the Detroit Free Press marathons in 1996 and 1999. Modetz is now the chairman of the Health Enhancement

Advisory Board. "Dr. Stransky not only preaches it, but he lives the life,



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Modetz said. "My goal in life is to make Dr. Stransky a household name in America, not for notoriety reasons, but because I want people to learn 'The Good News.

Stransky, who holds a doctorate in movement sciences with an emphasis on physiology of exercise, is also the host of a the weekly hour-long radio program The Secrets to Good Health on WJR-AM 760 every Sunday night at 10 p.m.

He often challenges the fad diets on his radio program; in fact Dr. Atkins was a guest on Stransky's show.

"That's the way I started the book and it evolved into a more comprehensive look at lifestyle and its impact on life expectancy and quality of life," he said.

He added that dietary supplements are another trend that he bashes. The benefit from foods rich in the supplement, not a pill, is the only way to gain the benefits, he said.

Stransky bases his diet and lifestyle changes on a continu-

"Let people choose where they want to put themselves," he said of the program. "It's the concept of being the best you can be."

He that added the information learned from the book will hopefully help people interact with

their physicians better. His plan is not a fad, he explained. "The positions I take are based on research."

Turning habits toward a diet rich in plant-based foods is best, he advised. In fact, he shuns the focus of whole dairy foods for children. "As it turns out, dairy is one of the worst things we can consume," he said.

At the end of his book there is a table rating foods, with 0 as the worst rating and 10 the best. "I don't know of anybody who's done that," he said of his chart.

Stransky also focuses his book on how the average person can apply these principles or behavioral changes to his life and live to 100. Recent studies show 61 percent of the American population is overweight.

"If this was an infectious disease, we would be going to the government to get this under control," he said.

He added that he sees technology as a curse because its energy-saving devices are keeping us from needed physical activity. "We'd better program physical activity back into out life," he said.

To obtain a copy of Stransky's book, contact the Oakland University Health Enhancement Center at (248) 370-3198.

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, obvsicians, companies and residents active in the Observerarea medical community. Items should be sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail rskoglund@oe. homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

## **ONGOING**

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** 

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday and Sunday, Garden City Hospital (north entrance), 5254 Inkster Road. Alanon meeting Sunday only. Call (248) 541-6565 or (734) 776-3415; Noon Tuesday and Thursday, Providence Medical Office Center, 39500 W. 10 Mile (at Haggerty), Novi; Call (248) 348-9362.n Noon Wednesday, Livonia Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 953-1188.

POTENCE

The Impotent Anonymous Support Group meets 8 p.m. the last Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Marian Professional Building, 14555 Levan, Livonia (Pavilion Conference Room A). For information, call (734) 462-5858.

### CAREGIVERS

The Caregivers Support Group meets 7-8 p.m. the last Wednesday of the month at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Auditorium 14555 Levan, Livonia. Call (734) 655-8940.

FREE PROSTATE SCREENINGS Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital will

offer free prostate screenings on the fourth Thursday of each month in the radiology oncology department at the McAuley Can-

cer Care Center in Ypsilanti. Call the Saint Joseph Mercy HealthLine at (800) 231-2211.

The Adult Attention Deficit Disorder Support Group meets 7 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road (at Taft), Northville. Call (734) 427-5692 or (248) 553-2923.

ANXIETY DISORDER

Ward Presbyterian Church, corner of Six Mile Road and Haggerty, Northville, sponsors a Panic Attack & Anxiety Disorder Support Group meeting 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month. Call (734) 420-8175.

# MON, JAN. 22

RITALIN/ADHO

Michigan Specific Chiropractic will offer a free, interactive workshop, "Ritalin: Is it safe; is it necessary?" 7 p.m. at 7276 N. Sheldon Road, Canton. Pre-registration required. Call (734) 416-2442.

# **JAN. 22 & 25**

GILDA'S CLUB

Gilda's Club Metro Detroit will sponsor a two more free supper lectures during January: Monday, Jan. 22 - "Relationships," for young adults with cancer; and Thursday, Jan. 25 - "Treating Lymphedema For All Types of Cancer." Supper provided. Call (248) 577-0800 for exact times and to RSVP. Gilda's Club Metro Detroit is a free, nonprofit cancer-support community located at 3517 Rochester Road, Royal Oak.

# THURS, JAN. 25

ADD/ADHD WORKSHOP Is your child on Ritalin or other drugs for ADD/ADHD? Are you looking for alternatives to drug therapy? The National Wellness Foundation will sponsor a special interactive community workshop, "Ritalin: Is it safe? Is it Necessary?" 7 p.m. at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Free. Seating is limited; reservations required.

# SUN, JAN. 28

Call (734) 416-2411.

WOMEN'S HEALTH SEMINAR

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers will sponsor a Women's Health Seminar 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 West Ten Mile Road (just west of Meadowbrook), Novi. Topics include osteoporosis, perimenopause, menopause, women and heart disease, breast cancer prevention and detection. Free. Call (248) 349-2652.

# JAN. THRU MARCH

FISROMYALQIA CONFERENCE

A three-session Fibromyalgia Conference will be held at Arthur's Place, 47659 Halyard Drive, Metro West Technology Park (near Beck Road and M-14). Plymouth Township. Dr. Martin Tamler will present current research and treatments for fibromvalgia and discuss selfmanagement techniques. Other topics include sleep, natural healing and nutrition. Registra tion required. Cost is \$10. Call Ronnie at (734) 254-0500 or (248) 288-2210.

# TUES, JAN. 30

AVOID INFECTIONS

Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane will sponsor "Viral & Bacterial Infections: Avoid Them with Healthy Habits," a free lecture 11 a.m. to noon in the lower level of the center, 19401 Hubbard Drive, at Evergreen in Dearborn. To register, call (313)

# THURS, FEB. 1

MUTRITION

Registered dietitian Susan Hill from Henry Ford Health System will present a lecture on nutrition 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the lower level of the medical center, 19401 Hubbard Drive, at Evergreen in Dearborn. She will discuss how micro-nutrients like vitamins and minerals may help prevent cancer, heart disease and premature aging. To register, call (313) 982-8384.

# SAT, FEB. 3

Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center-Dearborn invites women to the 11th Annual Turning Points Conference at the Dearborn Inn. The program runs from 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. and includes Continental breakfast and lunch. Keynote speaker will be Mary Alice Williams, an award-winning television news correspondent and anchor who also hosts the Odyssey Channel's Quiet Triumphs cable television program. Program sessions include discussions on urinary incontinence, skin, sleep disorders, weight management, breast health, joint and muscle care, and cancer risk. Cost is \$30. Call (800) 543-WELL.

# St. Mary Mercy holds community blood drive

Calling all red-blooded Ameri-

The American Red Cross will sponsor a Community Blood Drive at St. Mary Mercy Hospital 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25 in the hospital's Auditorium. Community residents are urged to join St. Mary Mercy employees and volunteers in donating blood.

Blood supplies are critically more than seven states have

forced the cancellation of blood drives, resulting in more than 5,000 missed blood donations.

St. Mary Mercy is located at 364 Five Mile Road at Levan. Participants should use the Five Mile Entrance. To schedule a time to donate, call (734) 655-2907. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred.

For directions or additional information, please visit the hoslow. Snow and ice storms in pital's Web site www.stmary

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## Many dividends

In light of these many recent events, Polk says that anyone wanting to add to his list of New Year's resolutions should think about moving vegetables and fruits to the center of the plate.

"Simply by giving greater emphasis to vegetables and fruit, a person can accomplish many health goals at once. Diets rich in these foods help decrease the risk of cancer, heart disease and

They also enhance overall health by providing plenty of vitamins and minerals while pushing foods higher in fat and calories to the side. "If you eat more fruits and vegetables, you will displace other foods high in fat and without the diseasefighting phytochemicals."

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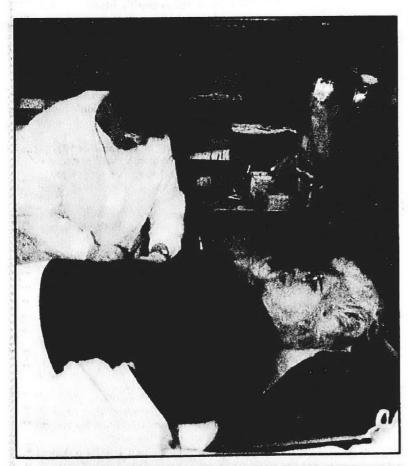
reduces the risk for obesity and obesity-related diseases such as Type II diabetes, said Polk.

"Healthy diets high in vegetables and fruit afford limitless opportunities for the satisfying mix of flavors, textures and col ors that Americans demand." Source: American Institute of

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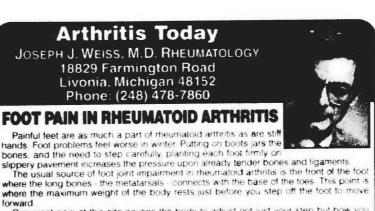
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small businesses. Learn how technological advances have streamlined the dynamics of doing business with the government. Topics include: the philosophy of government purchasing; updated requirements for government contractors; helpful resources in dealing with the government; and the services and training programs available at Schoolcraft College's

Business Development Center. The fee is \$25 per person fee. To register, call (734) 462-4438.

### Subcontracting seminar

Prime contractors searching for small-business subcontractors to fulfill governmental requirements or small business searching for subcontracting work should plan to attend "Prime Time," an event at

Schoolcraft College 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23.

Pprime contractors will present an overview of how small businesses can find subcontracting opportunities. Companies attending include AM General. the Boeing Company, General Dynamics, Lockheed Martin, Motorola, Northrop Grumman, Raytheon Company Williams International.

Afterwards, prime contractors and business representatives can network from 4-6 p.m. during a wine and hors d'oeuvres recep-

The event fee is \$40 per person, and reservations are required. To register, call (734) 462-4438. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile Roads, just west of I-275.

# **BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS**

# St. Mary Mercy board

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia recently announced the officers of their 16-member Board of Trustees

David Parr, Allstate Insurance Company, of Northville is Parr chairman, and Susan Rosiek, publisher of the Observer Newspapers, is vice-

chairwoman Members who comprise the board's Executive Committee with Parr and Rosiek include Dr. Richard president.

McDowell, Rosiek Schoolcraft College; Dr. Kenneth Watson, superintendent, Livonia Public Schools;

David and Spivey, president and CEO, Mary Mercy Hospi-Other board

members include Sister Watson Mary Renetta Rumpz, CSSF, Provincial Minis-

ter, Felician Sisters; Sister Mary Cynthia Ann Machlik, CSSF, Felician Sisters; Sister Mary Dennis Glonek, CSSF, Felician Sisters; Sister Mary Alfonsa Van Overberghe, CSSF, Felician Sisters; and Sister Theresa Blaquiere, RSM, Sisters of Mercy Detroit Regional Community Detroit/Chicago Jesuit Province; and Sister Charlotte Young, RSM, Sisters of Mercy Detroit Regional Community, Trinity Health.

Additional members include Betty Jean Awrey, vice president, public relations, Awrey Bakeries; Garry Faja, president and CEO, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System; Michael Slubowski, executive vice president-Michigan, Trinity Health; Adrian Sheremeta, MD, Internal Medicine, St. Mary Mercy Hospital medical staff; and Nabil Sultani, MD, Internal Medicine, St. Mary Mercy Hospital medical

Vlassis Communications, Inc. of Livonia announced that Larry Berg, vice president of newspaper sales and purchasing, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Audit of Bureau Circulations. Effective immediately, he will become one of the organization's Advertising Agency directors. "ABC is an important organization in the verification and research industry. I am extremely excited and honored to be part of their board," he said.

### New shareholders

The certified public accountant firm of Montgomery, Wiethorn & Burke, P.C. of Livonia announced the addition of Timothy D. Dye of Farmington and Kirk P. Mackinder of Northville as shareholders. Dye has a bachelor's and master's degree from Walsh College, and Mackinder has a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and a master's from

# WED, JAN. 24

**BUSINESS COMMUNICATORS** The Detroit chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators begins its 2001 programs with a joint program with the Public Relations Society of America and the Society of Professional Journalists beginning 11:45 a.m. Edsel B. Ford II, who chairs the nonprofit organization Detroit 300, will address the combined groups at the Hotel St. Regis in Detroit. Guests are welcome at all IABC/Detroit events. Tickets for the Jan. 24 program are \$25 for IABC members and \$30 for nonmembers. Register by calling Nancy Skidmore at (248) 546-5490. Further information on IABC/Detroit programs and membership is available by visiting www.iabcdetroit.com .

# THURS,, JAN. 25

**ESTATE PLANNING** "Planning Your Estate," a seminar given by Morgan Stanley Dean Witter financial advisors Dayna Carlson and Jonathan Stanley, will be held beginning 6 p.m. at Alterra Clare Bridge, 32500 Seven Mile Road. Admission is free. For reservations, call Carlson at (800) 745-4550, ext. 8009.

# SAT, FEB. 3

RETIREMENT PLAN Morgan Stanley Dean Witter financial advisors will offer a Distribution," 10 a.m. at the

North. No charge. For reservations, call Kristi McCombs at (734) 779-8001.

# FEB. 4, 11 & 18

MONEY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP A money-management workshop will be conducted Sunday evenings 6:30-9 p.m. at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Learn how to use financial planning tools, establish longrange goals, develop a personal plan, manage cash flow and find money you never knew you had. Registration cost is \$15. Call Robert Bayer at (734) 522-6830.

# WED, FEB. 7

4550, ext. 8028.

RICH WOMEN "Smart Women Finish Rich" is the subject of a seminar given by Jody Lotridge, a financial adviser with Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, at 7 p.m. at 17420 Laurel Park Drive North at Laurel Park Place, Livonia. No charge.

For reservations, call (800) 745-

**WOMEN AND MONEY** Henry Ford Medical Center -Fairlane will sponsor "Women and Money," a free lecture 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the medical center, 19401 Hubbard Drive (at

Evergreen), Dearborn. Sue Cant-

ley, financial consultant with Merrill Lynch, will be the main speaker. To register, call (313) 982-8384

### TECHNOLOGY BRIEFING

**BUSINESS CALENDAR** 

The Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center experts present a series of "hot topics" at their First Wednesday Breakfast Briefing 8-10 a.m. at the center, 47911 Halyard, Plymouth. Topics include e Commerce, Six Sigma, LEAN techniques, ISO 14001, Costing Systems and Quality Systems. Keynote speaker Dr. Dan Luria, automotive industry analyst and guest commentator on the McNeal-Leher program, will discuss what the current downturn in the auto industry means for suppliers. No charge. Call 1-888-414-6682.

# THURS, FEB. 15

### NAWBO

The National Association of Women Business Owners -Greater Detroit Chapter will hold the fourth annual "Salute to African-American Women Business Owners" 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the FOCUS HOPE Conference Center, 1400 Oakman Boulevard, Detroit. Dinner and panel discussion. The cost is \$40 for NAWBO members and \$45 for non-members. Reserved tables of eight are \$500. For more infor-

mation, call (313) 961-4748. Advanced pre-paid registration

# FEB. 15, 16, 21

# The Service Corps of Retired

Executives offers several workshops: Small-Business Loan (\$20) and Business Plan (\$40) 8:45 a.m. to noon Thurs, Feb. 15; Pre-Business (\$40) 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m Friday, Feb. 16; Export (\$40) 8:45 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Feb. 21. Workshops held at One Stop Capital Shop, 2051 Rosa Parks Blvd., Detroit. Call SCORE at (313) 226-7947 weekdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

# FRI, FEB. 16

# CONFLICT MANAGEMENT

Learn how to develop a conflict management systems that includes both proactive and reactive strategies. This Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center seminar enables you to recognize the predictable stages of conflict, identify employee behavioral indicators, and apply interventions. Seminar held 8 a.m. to noon at MMTC Advanced Technology Center, 47911 Halyard, Plymouth. Cost: \$150. Call 1-888-414-6682.

# free seminar, "Retirement Plan Walsh College. Both men have been with the company for eight company's Livonia/Laurel Park office, 17420 La urel Park Drive

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# 26-home development going up in Wayne

A former school in Wayne has begun to evolve into a detached site condominium community of 26 homes.

Monroe Commons, an infill development, is at Biddle and Stellwagen east of Wayne Road between Annapolis and Van Born. (Enter on John Street.)

The Windmill Group has completed a spec home and has a sales model under construction there.

"Our first draw is people who already live in Wayne," said Stuart Michaelson, Windmill partner. "They want to stay because it's a strong community, well established, they have some nice services ... but they want new housing.

"They can get upgraded insulation, maintenance-free siding, more efficient water heater." Michaelson added.

"I have a good feeling about this the location, the neighborhood, the quality," said Aziz Haridy, sales manager. "It's close to highways, close to shopping centers, close to the airport.

"We don't build homes that look alike." Haridy added. "We have five floor plans, 20 elevations. We're going to have more than 100 brick samples here. Every house will be like custom

Floor plans carry a base price from \$186,900 for a 1,600-square-foot ranch with three bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths to \$239,900 for a story-and-a-half of 2,400 square feet with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths.

All plans include at base price twocar garage, first-floor laundry, basement, 2-1/2 baths, range and dishwasher, wood flooring in the foyer and half bath, and carpeting throughout.

Brick and vinyl siding are primary exterior materials. A smaller colonial - about 1,450

square feet with three bedrooms and 1-1/2 baths - is on the drawing boards. Michaelson is hoping for a selling price around \$150,000.

Haridy, like Michaelson, projects that people who already live in Wayne and are satisfied with the city's amenities and the school district (Wayne/ Westland) but want bigger and new especially will be attracted to Monroe Commons.

Workers at nearby auto plants and hospitals have been looking, Haridy added.

The municipal Rotary Park, a smallish neighborhood gathering place with a couple of tennis courts, basketball hoops and playground equipment, is



Parkside: This two-story home of just over 1,600 square feet contains three bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths and a combination kitchen / nook / hearth room.

nearly surrounded by Monroe Com-

"The fact that it's close to shopping, the downtown area, the fact that it has lots around the park ... lots that are 60 feet wide ... that will attract people to want to live there," Michaelson said.

Most lots touching the park carry a premium, which ranges from \$1,500 to

The municipal library, State Wayne movie theater and downtown shopping

district are about two miles away. The Parkside, a two-story of 1,609 square feet, has been constructed as a spec home The main floor features a library/ computer room, family room

and a kitchen/ nook/ hearth room. All three bedrooms are upstairs. The master features a shower. One secondary bedroom contains a walk-in closet, the other a wall closet. A sec-

ond full bath is up. Base price is \$186,900. The spec, as is with extras such as a fireplace and

wood flooring in the kitchen, is tagged

A four-bedroom, two-story home of 2,194 square feet is under construction as a sales model. Base price will be \$218,250.

Another draw at Monroe Commons is the ability of buyers to upgrade as they desire.

A fireplace runs \$3,850, air conditioning \$3,000. A deluxe master bath with separate tub and shower and a two-sink vanity is available from \$1,850 to \$4,000.

Several plans offer a three- or fourbedroom option, one a sunroom alter-

Monroe Commons will be served by city water, sewers and sidewalks. The property tax rate is \$42.28 per

\$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price for new construction. That the owners of a \$210,000 home there would pay about \$4,450 the first

**MONROE COMMONS** At Biddle and Stellwagen, east of Van Born Rd.

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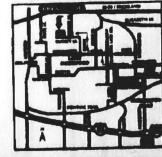
Minimum hacre sites, 2-story great rooms, vaulted ceilings & gourmet kitchen are available in this exclusive environment. Brentwood has the following three Builder spe-cial homes available for winter and early spring occupancy.
Priced at \$284,915, located on a

golf course lot, this 2,300 sq. ft. home offers a two story foyer with hardwood flooring, loft on second level, great room with two sided fireplace, hardwood flooring in kitchen & nook, 3 bedrooms with 1st floor master suite, 2's baths, 1st floor laundry,

basement and 3 car garage. Completion in early January 2001. Priced at \$268,600 this 2,100 sq. ft. home located on a golf course lot offers a two story foyer with hardwood flooring, loft on second level, 3 bedrooms with the master bedroom on the first floor, hardwood flooring in kitchen & nook, 2% baths, fireplace,

1st floor laundry, basement, two car side entry garage. Completion in December 2000. Priced at \$266,200 this 2,142 sq. ft. home features a two story foyer with hardwood floors, 3 bedrooms, 21/2 baths, great room with a fireplace, dining room, library, two car side entry garage, and day-light base-ment. Completion in Spring 2001.

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The tiled room along with stucco sides flatter this southwestern styled home and make the Santa Fe (D6803) extremely eye appeal-

The arched covered courtyard at the entrance as well as the open courtyard next to the garage has the traditional look of the Old Spanish missions.

The Santa Fe has 1,970 square feet of living area on the first floor and a full unfinished basement waiting to be used.

The foyer is tiled and open. To the right through an archway is the dining room. It has 11-foot coffered ceilings. The stairs to the basement are between the dining area and the great room.

There is a see-through fireplace in the rear of the great room, shared with the hearth room. There is an entertainment center in the rear off the bay windows. The nook is connected to the hearth room forming a large, comfortable area to eat breakfast and read the paper.

The kitchen has cabinets on two walls opposite each other with a snack bar running along the counter facing the nook. There is a Lazy Susan in one corner and a pantry across the room.

Across the hall is the utility, which opens into the garage and is conveniently located close to the master suite.

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The master suite has coffered ceilings and a master bath that homeowners dream about. Hisand-her sinks are just inside the door, with a huge whirlpool bath opposite. A separate stool room next to the shower provides privacy. A huge walk-in closet is on the

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a bedroom, the door can be changed to open off the great room, using two beautiful French As the front of the Santa Fe has a courtyard, so does the back. It has a hot tub in the rear corner

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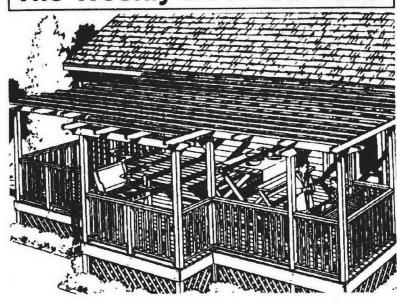
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Don't let your house leak money. To find out where heat is escaping from your home, hold a lit incense stick next to openings such as windows, doors, fixtures and attic space. If the smoke travels in any direction but up, an air leak is present that needs to be sealed.

It's also a good idea to have rubber gaskets installed at all outlets and receptacles to reduce draft. Sealing hidden air leaks

may save you hundreds of dollars. ■ Shower yourself with lower heating bills. New water-saving showerheads can

extend hot water availability. Add floor kickspace heaters to all bathrooms. Since tiles do not retain heat, bathrooms are usually underheated. Adding kickspace heaters to bathrooms lets you raise the heat in the bathroom without raising the temperature throughout the house.

Poor insulation is like a hole in your pocket. Check to see what type of insulation you have. In an older home, insulation may have been blown in and settled over time or you may not have insulation at all. If so, you should contact an insulation contractor to re-insulate your home.

■ Squeaky clean systems can lead to fatter wallets. Clean and repair all filters on your furnace, or replace the filters altogether. Clean ducts in a forced hot air system for heating efficiency. This not only helps you save money, it can promote good health for your family.

Fight your fireplace's propensity to make your house colder. The heated air inside your home goes right up the chimney. Increase efficiency by adding glass doors and a fan-powered heat exchanger that re-circulates hot air back into the room. Check to see if the seal on the flue damper is as tight as possible. Only open the damper when a fire is going.

■ Make sure the chimney boiler and furnace are all cleaned and serviced annually. ■ Keep all south-facing glass clean. Making the most of the southern exposure is a

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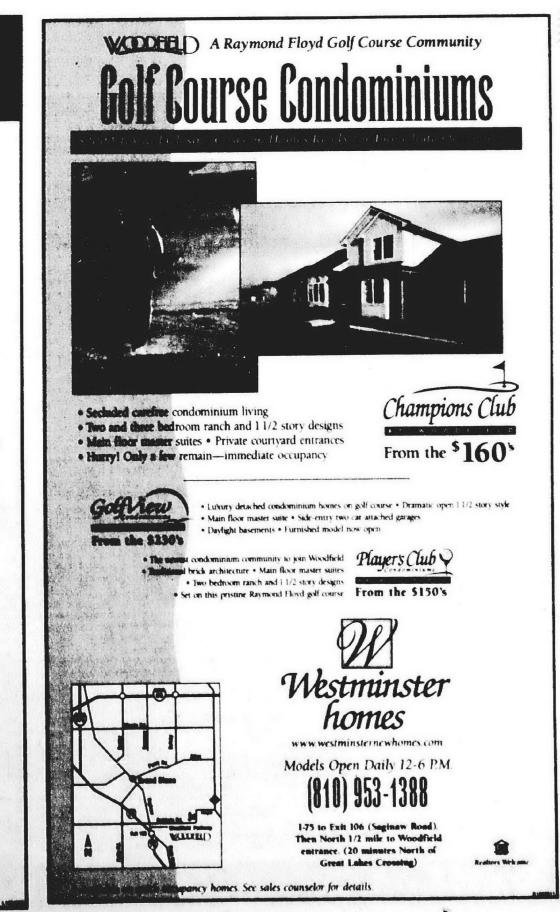


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By JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY

(AP) If you're like us, the one thing you always seem to need more of is storage.

If you have one or more closets each with only a single pole, you can hold off on adding space; you can, in fact, make the best of what you have by organizing your closet to maximize storage. Storage alternatives abound.

We can't believe how many different companies make shelving packages out of everything from wire to melamine-covered high-density particleboard planks. The folks that sell wire shelving boast "ease-of-installation" and lightweight construction that "breathes."

We tend to like solid shelving because it is sturdier.

Our natural tendency as modern American home dwellers is to use that good old standby, "the single pole closet system," to do the job of shelves, cabinets, drawers and hooks. We forget that wasted space usually results. The first and most important part of improving storage is to determine what needs storing.

Ten dresses, two skirts and eight sweaters store differently than 12 pairs of shoes, six jackets and 11 pairs of pants. Make a list of what you need to store and estimate approximately how much space each item will require. Shirts take up less height than overcoats or dresses, and sweaters do better on shelves than hang-

Measure out how many linear feet of half-height hanging space you'll need. Hang all of your half-height clothing and measure from one end to the other. Do the same with clothing that normally hangs fullheight. Some prefer to hang trousers by the cuffs; others hang them folded in half.

Consider clothing that is being dry cleaned or laundered. And leave a little space for wardrobe growth. If you can organize shelving so that the shelves fit your laundering habits, you will be happier with the result.

In areas where two poles are

used, only one shelf will fit above. Thirty-four inches to 38 inches will be needed for halfheight hangings. Tall folks will need a bit more space. Where single-poles exist, two shelves above will easily fit.

Sweater shelves should be designed to a familiar width. However, the space between which will range from 16 inches to 24 inches - should be fully adjustable. This way you can adjust as your wardrobe changes.

Think carefully about the addition of drawers. For example: gloves, jewelry and scarves can be stored in very shallow drawers. Belts, socks, stockings and lingerie will need a slightly deeper drawer and men's underwear, sleepwear, exercise clothing and the like will require an even deeper

Gauge drawer height by what will be stored within. Optimizing space is achieved by minimizing wasted space. A pair of gloves in a 6-inch-deep

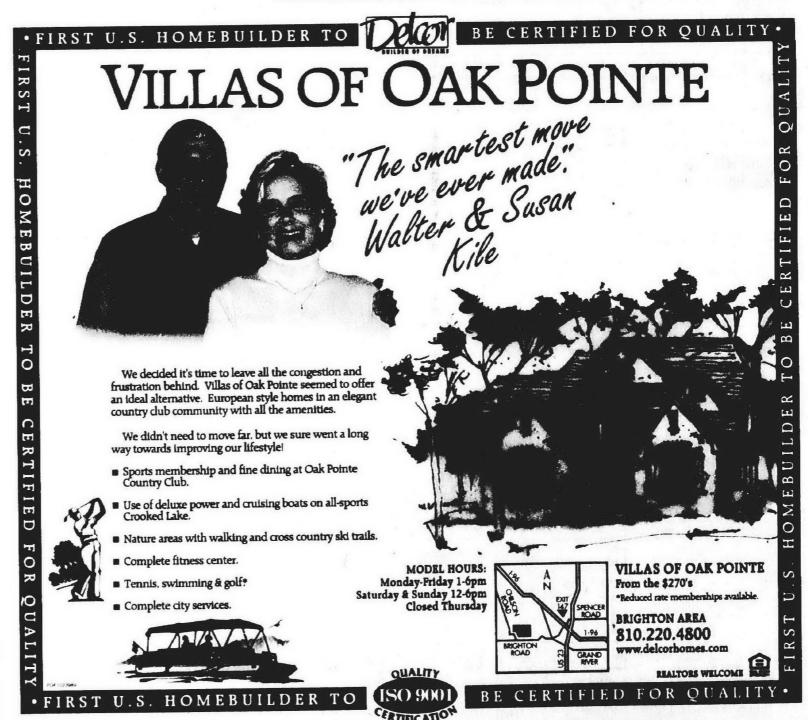
drawer wastes 5 1/2 inches. Just about every closet system company offers a planning guide or technical assistance. Some provide computer drawings and a number-matched parts list.

However, expect to pay more for this feature. Although the big box stores offer an endless selection of precut alternatives, we like the custom shops that will personally cut all parts to exactly match your design. Remember what we said about folding sweaters? Custom cutting is where the shelves are sized to your specifications.

If you have a table saw you can have the best of both worlds. You can purchase a precut kit and then refabricate it to meet your specific needs. Wire shelves aren't as strong as solid shelving, but are easy to install. Special hangers are used against the rear wall, with a different bracket used at end walls. With brackets in place all you have to do is snip the shelf to the desired length and lay it in place.

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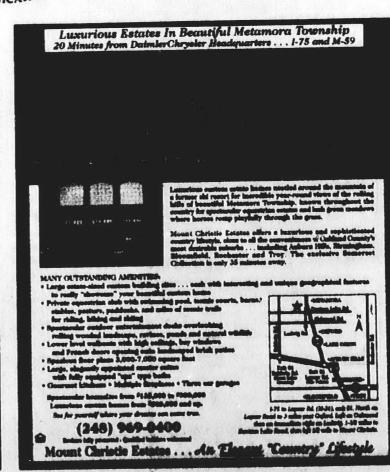
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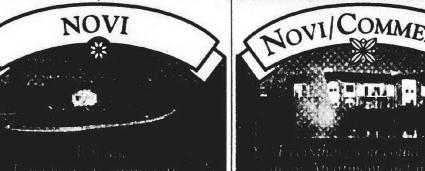
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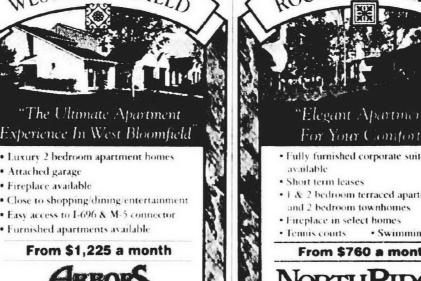
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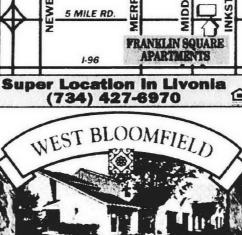
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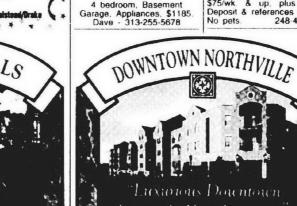
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LOOKING FOR YOU! 25 yr old, 5'2", petite build, single white female with brown hair and blue eyes, is seeking a single male 23 to 30 to share good times and maybe more. BOX 32406 NEW BEGINNINGS

Divorced white mother of three, 35. brown hair and eyes, 5'7', average build Enjoys camping, ectivities, movies and dinners Looking for a white male, 40 to 45, going good sense of humor and similar interests. Friendship and Wayne

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Anyone out there loves dogs and other animals more than the city lege educated, pretty, 5'5", weight proportionate to height, loves home, laughter, children, good friends and warm conversation Seeks male, 52 to 68. Novi Area Oakland County BOX 25401 KEY TO MY HEART

52 yr old, white female, full figured non-smoker, giving, loving, and lots of fun, loves life. Looking for a sinloving, Caucasian gentleman, nor smoker, 45 to 60, who's positive and loves life as much as I do. Go for the genuine gem, your life will be worth living, answer my ad today BOX 25326

ATTENTION HARLEYS dependents, height weight propor tionate, caring, considerate, cute and cuddly, enjoys just about anything with the right person. Seeking warm hearted, romantic, nor smoking, white male who is ready for a relationship. BOX 35480

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WANTS A FRIEND Outgoing, easy going, single female is looking for a down to earth, single male, of any race, 39 to 49, to share good times and friendship BOX 14133

SPICE OF LIFE 5'6", 140 lbs, long brownish red hair, independent, romantic, who enjoys dancing, shooting pool, bowling, race cars, outdoors movies. Looking for a man, 35 to 45, who's romantic and enjoys some of the same interests. Down

River Area BOX 33514 DREAMS 51 yr old, single female, believes in romance, enjoys simple pleasures Seeking a kind, sincere, single or divorced male, 46 to 60, non-smok-

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female, 5'5", 125 lbs, brown/black hair and eyes, dimples, looks divorced, white male, 55 to 63, sense of humor. BOX 31913

LET'S TALK Divorced, white female, 5', 40 yr, mother of three children, social drinker, smoker Enjoys the outting in front of the fireplace with a

LIGHTEN UP MY LIFE white Christian female, 39. 5'8", full figured, long brown hair and blue eyes. Interests are jazz, walks, and more. Looking for a sin gle white Christian male, easygo real a lady BOX 10709

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SEEKING COMPANION Professional single white female 38, attractive, non-smoker, singer loves animals, significant weight white male, for friendship, compar tionship BOX 25314 HEVER TOO LATE

Falls here, let's go for it. Divorced white female, 86, 5'4", 140 lbs. non-smoker, social drinker, active and outgoing, enjoys the outdoors, travel, music, dancing and more. Seeking a single gentleman with a good sense of humor and similar interests BOX 25991

JUST LET ME LOVE YOU Single black female, 5'10", 136 lbs., professional, seeks profes sional gentleman, over 45, nonsmoker, no kids, for a romantic relationship. Interested in the arts. travel, theater, dancing and romancing BOX 25996 SOUL MATE

Cute, divorced white female, 55, blond hair, blue eyes, good build. who likes dancing, travel, theaters long walks and even quiet times Seeking white male, 50 to 62, financially and emotionally secure with similar interest. Give me a call, you won't be sorry. Macomb County BOX 25327 HONEST & TRUE

Petite, 5'1", 110 lb, attractive, white professional divorced mom. Enjoys working out daily, good converse tion, music, sports, and is an optimist. Looking for a professional," divorced, white male, 40's, physimoustache, intelligent, good sense of humor, non-smoker, South Oakland county area. BOX 36068

SEEKING A PARTNER Single female, who is physically, emotionally, financially fit, who is ready for Iriendship, and possible enjoy fine dining, home cooking, and a warm fire. Must be a nonsmoker Social drinker okay, 52 to 62. North Oakland area. BOX 25070

NORTH WEST SUBURBS Fit, younger looking 30's, romantic, Christian lady, model, tall, thin pretty, optimistic, loves laughter, financially secure. Enjoys the good life, boating, water activities, travel and dining. Seeking the right one, tall thin attractive horiest affectionate, happy, positive attitude successful with values, BOX 25075

NICE GIRL Seeks single white male, 27 to 45. tall, teddy bear type, with values

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tionalist, looking for sincere, sur cessful Caucasian gentleman, 45your boat, make your day, answer my ad today. BOX 25322 NEW TO THE AREA Single black female, 40, 5'3".

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brown eyes, reddish brown hair. Interest in meeting someone who is honest, not a game player, caring ikes to laugh, knows how to treat a lady, 36 to 52 BOX 25073 HONESTY IS THE KEY Divorced black female, 5'9", 185lbs, coffee with cream com-

plexion, non-smoker. Enjoys novies, walking, bowling, cooking, Seeking a male, 40-50, honest kind, caring, and dependable for possible long term relationship BOX 25096 MR. RIGHT

Single white female, 29, medium to Live, love, laugh and be happy full floured. Likes movies, bowling, cozy nights at home and much more. In search of honers, caring maybe more. If this sounds like you, call me. BOX 25311 GREAT COMPANION

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ONLY YOU! Outgoing, 5'5", white male with blonde hair and blue eyes, employed, home owner, is seeking and the deline and a single female, for dating and companionship. BOX 10823

READY FOR LOVE! 50 yr old, 5'6', 180 lbs, single white male with brown hair and blue eyes, fun loving, caring, enjoys camping, hiking, motorcycles, fishing and much more, is seeking a single female, of any race, age, weight and height, to share good times and maybe more. BOX IT'S A DATE!

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35 yr old, 5'11", Christian, single white male, non smoker, enjoye movies, reading, the outdoors, hiking, bilking and much more, is seek-ing, is seeking a sincere, caring, single female, to develop a long term relationship. BOX 14279 LOOKING FOR YOU

SHARING AND CARING!

Youthful looking, 46 yr old, 5'7', 170 lbs, medium build, Afro American male, easy going, loving. never married, childless Enjoys cooking, biking, movies, reading, music, and much more. Seeking a ingle/divorced white female share good times, and maybe more. BOX 27488

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Single white male, 6'4" brown/brown, attractive, homeown er, independent professional, caring seeking someone for good times, female who is caring and nice and shares similar interests. I enjoy comedy, bowling, rnovies, dining out, traveling, BOX 32590 INTERESTED?

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Seeking selective, classy attrac-tive white or Asian female, under 45, for long term relationship Wayne county, BOX 25970 BIG HEARTED Attractive, widowed, white single male, 5'9', 175 lbs, with good sense of humor, early 60's, enjoys all the good things in life, financially secure, gentle Looking for a sim, attractive, white ledy, 50 to 58, for a seriment relationship on

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Hardworking divorced white male 49, 5'8', 175 lbs. is seeking a fur loving, easy going, intelligent, pret ty, and nice shaped white female for companionship. Prefer lady, in her middle 40's, for companionship and possible long term relation-ship, Redford area. Wayne county

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DOWN RIVER AREA medium build, no dependents, creative, humorous, romantic and very easy going, looking for single white petite, must have sense of humor for long term relationship Wayne County BOX 33675

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Caring, affectionate, loving, hard 57, silver fox hair, 176 lbs Loves ocean beaches, speriding quality ime together. Seeking friendship for monogamous relationship, 40 to 50 yr. BOX 35913 TIME FOR A CHANGE

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Professional, single white male, 45 yr old, 5'8', fit, Catholic, no dependents. communicative humorous, flexible, introspective and more. Seeking trim, educated emotionally available, single white female, to share a happy and healthy relationship. Wayne County BOX 33681 BRIGHT EYES

dark blue eyes, fun loving, nonsmoker, who likes walking swimming and camping. Seeking a petite white female, for possible long term relationship. BOX 36096 VERY ACTIVE White male, 41, 61", never ma ried, very long hair, told to be good. looking, smoker, social drinker

48 yr old, white male, 577, 145 lbs.

Enjoys snowmobiling, bowling, boats, race cars, camping, and going up North. Seeking attractive female, slender build, who is tired of games, 25 to 45, with similar interests BOX 25993

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Attractive, widowed white single male, 5'8', 175 lbs, 62, acts younger, excellent physically conand light hearted. I like walking. tions. Looking for a slim, attractive airty for a serious relationship. BOX

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Adventurous, active, attractive boating bowling beaches camp ing cuddling commitment. Don't forget the F's, family, friendship, fun, fires, fitness, fine dining, fulfill and daddy is 41, 5'10", brown hair/eyes, height/weight propor tionate. Seeks a perky, petite divorced white professional Wayne County, BOX 33661

HANDSOME & UNIQUE ibs, tall and siender, dark hair and eyes Interests include dinne dancing traveling up north, boating, casinos. Seeking a white female, 40 to 52, average to sien der, for possible long term relationship. Wayne county. BOX 33663 DOWN RIVER AREA

5'10", 200 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes smoker, 50 yr old, single white male, seeks single white female, height/weight proportion-ate, 45 to 55, must be honest, for possible relationship. Wayne County BOX 33665 CHAD CHAD CHAD

I'm dimpled and want to be countsense of humor, BOX 33667 SEEKS TRUE LOVE

If you feel that you are a very spe cial lady, 40 to 55, height/weight proportionate and want an exce ife call this very special white pro essional man, 56 going on 30, in good shape, looking for a true co nection. Dearborn area. Wayne County BOX 33397

TRAVELIN' MAN White male, 52, 5'11", 225 bs, average looking, fun loving outgo-ing Catholic, speaks Polish, Seeks white female, 38 to 48, good hearted non-smoker, medium build who likes cooking camping traveling in Florida bound on January 26th Want to go along? Call soon!! Wayne county BOX 33673

NO GAMES ngie young looking, 53 yr old white male, attractive and good looking tall, weight appropriate to height, many interests, enjoys going out to dinner, movies, weekend drives and travelling, also enjoy quiet times at home. Seeking an attractive white female, 35 to 50 BOX 33516

BEST FRIEND WANTED Mid 60's, 5'8', financially secure, Caucasian bachelor who likes the finer things in life. Likes sailing. classical music and traveling. Beer and in between Like to take you with me the next time I go. Looking for a decent loval woman and best triand BOX 35915

HANDSOME AND HONEST 36 yr old, handsome, 6', blue eyes, smile, athletic, seeks attractive woman who has characadventurous side BOX 24958 F.7 ON THE EYES

White male, 40's, long brown has 6' 215 ibs seeking female, 35 to 55, blonde preferred. Looking for that special attentive passionate romantic honest person to share

my enjoyment of candles, movies HANDYMAN & MECHANIC Single white male, 40, someone to rely on, handy with household and automotive repairs Seeks mechanically, but not romantically.

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LOOKING AHEAD Divorced white male, 5'11', finan likes exercise, line dining theater tive single or divorced white female 40 to 58 who would be good company in all kinds of situal

tions BOX 36093 CALL ME SOON Hardworking divorced white male, 49 yr old, 5'8', 175 lb is seeking a fun loving easy going intelligent pariionship and long term relation ship Redford Area BOX 36092

LET'S HOOK UP 40 yr old, 6' 180 lbs, professional single white male who enjoys dining out, down hill skiling, biking, and and much more, is seeking a single female with a loving heart, to develoci a long term relationship BOX

AS GOOD AS IT GETS Very kind, respectful, considerate, ngle white male, 39, 6'5', 246 bs. with brown half and green eyes. I enjoy camping fishing hiking any thing outdoors, dancing and the movies. Seeking an honest, loyal and loving female who enjoys doing similar things. Children okay

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CALL ME 41 yr old, single white father of two from Novi, 5'9", great shape, fur caring, honest and sincere, horse-owner, anjoys everything, cooking, carnations, movies, romantic, evenings and camping. Seeks fit, positive, caring, loving white female, for monogamous relation-Children are welcome BOX

25358 HEART OF GOLD 48 yr old, divorced white male, 5'6', 160 lbs, no dependent, affectionate and full of love. Enjoys fishing. boating, dinners, romantic evenings, travet, movies and mak-ing you happy. Looking for a white female, 30 to 45, for a serious rele-

sonship BOX 31950 THINKING LONG TERM! 36 yr old, good looking, athletic, single protessional mate, college educated enjoys sports arts movies, reading and much more, is seeking an attractive, fit, well educated, caring, loving, classy single female, to share friendship and possible long term relations BOX 32682

JUST THE TWO OF US! Very handsome, 35 yr old, 6' 190 bs, divorced white male with brown hair and eyes, is seeking an attrac-tive, single female, with a good sense of humor, 26 to 39 for mendship and maybe more BOX

RUGGED JOCK TYPE Athletic, muscular, single white male, 41, 6'2', 235 bs, brown hair and blue eyes, clean cut, degreed decendents, outgoing personal ity Enjoys outdoors, working out reading, Las Vegas, quiet riights Seeks triendty single temale age/location open. BOX 36124

READY FOR YOU! 28 yr old, 6', 160 lbs, single mate with dark hair and eyes, financially secure, self-employed, is seeking a single temale, for triendship and maybe more. BOX 32691 YOUNG MAN SEEKING

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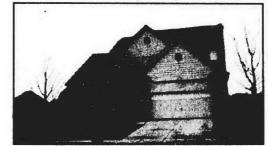
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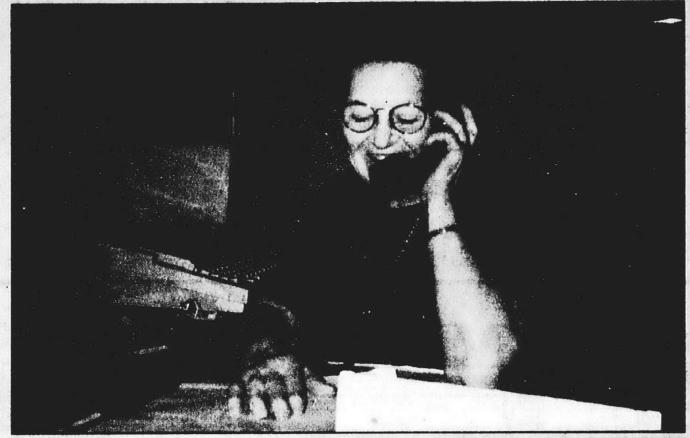
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PROTO BY MARGO DEWEY

Still working: Ruth Konkel, 83, keeps busy and helps pay bills with her job as a weekend manager at American House senior living residence in Westland.

# Rehirement after Retirement Businesses consider seniors very valuable employees

By MARGO DEWEY

s the economy continues to surge upward in 2001, the need for qualified, trained workers remains constant for commercial and industrial businesses.

Employers are interviewing every day for entry level jobs as well as top management positions, but their search isn't limited to college campus-

Many business owners are hiring senior citizens who have years of job experience as well as a solid work ethic.

In fact, as of 1998, 403,000 senior citizens (55 to 64 years old) were

employed and 130,000 senior citizens (64 years old and older) were working in Michigan, according to Yishai Castro, economic analyst for the Michigan Department of Career Development.

"Seniors are a little different from the rest of the workforce today in that they have a choice," said Castro. "They can choose to work or not to work and still receive their Social Security bene-

With President Bill Clinton signing the Senior Citizens Freedom To Work Act of 2000, seniors over 65 can now

earn as much as they want on the job while still receiving their Social Security benefits.

"If they retire early, between 62 and 65 years old, and then return to the workforce, there still are work limits until they reach the age of 65," said Mary Mahler, regional communications director for Social Security. "What we're seeing is that more seniors want to work after they retire. Now they can without being penalized."

Seniors entering the workforce, however, isn't a new concept. Mother

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Packaging can cause any product to be seriously considered or rejected out of hand. A good resume alone can't get you a job, but it can get your foot in the door and cause interviewers to focus on aspects of your background that might be to your advantage.

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Theresa assisted those less fortunate well into her 80s before she died. Pope John Paul II continues to travel around the world touching the lives of millions.

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There are literally hundreds of thousands of people around the United States over 60 earning a paycheck, and Livonia resident Ruth Konkel is among those employees who is considered "golden" by her

employer. Konkel, 83, is a weekend manager at American House, a senior living residence, in Westland. She has worked there since 1991, and enjoys the cama-

raderie as well as the workload. "It's interesting, it's sometimes fun, and it's a necessity for me to pay the bills," she said. "I love the

people I work with. I have made many friends here.' Konkel wears several hats which includes: answering the phone; sometimes solving office problems; helping residents with questions; and taking guests on tours. This isn't her first job, however. The Livonia resident entered the workforce in the 1930s when she obtained a job at U.S. Rubber where she

remained a loyal employee for nine years. "It was a lot of office work, and I enjoyed it," she said. "I lost the job because my husband, Raymond, was in the service at that time, and I took a lot of

Konkel always managed to get another job. She did take off time from working, 25 years worth, to raise her two sons and a daughter.

"I waited until my youngest son was 12 before I started working again," she said. "I really never had a hard time finding a job. It's just something I want-

ed to do.' American House president Bob Gillette believes seniors are the most reliable employees in the workforce, and he wishes he had more employees like

"She is phenomenal," Gillette said. "She does everything. We rely on people to take charge and run things smoothly, and she does it. We have other

employees in their 60s doing her job, and she is 83. It's really remarkable.' There are 27 American House senior living residences in Michigan. More than 600 employees oper-

ate the facilities which includes at least 10 senior employees. "People these days are living longer, and their work backgrounds are so valuable," Gillette said. "We are

always looking for good workers like Ruth. She really cares about her job and the residents at

American House. She always finds time to listen to

the residents, and she makes them feel special."

A new American House is slated to open in Bloom-

field Hills Feb. 1, 2001. Seniors interested in applying for a position at any of the American House facilities can call (248) 642-

Konkel, who lives with her daughter, Susan Schloss, in Livonia, encourages seniors to work.

"I consider myself a valuable employee," she said. 'I fill a place that's hard to fill. When they need me, I'm there for them. It's better than sitting in front of the television all day. So many people do that, and you waste time. Before you know it, you aren't here

anymore. I like to stay active and help people." Konkel also keeps active by being the secretary of her Presbyterian church "friendship unit" group. She is also the family historian, making graphs and writing stories of her life as well as other members of her

family. "I also belong to a group of friends that we formed in the 1930s when I was working at U.S. Rubber," she

said. "There were six of us in the beginning. Now there are only three left. We do a lot of fun things together. I think you have to stay active and

enjoy life as much as possible." For the latest information on Social Security benefits check out the web site www. ssa.gov. Seniors interested in listing their resume online to get a job

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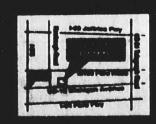
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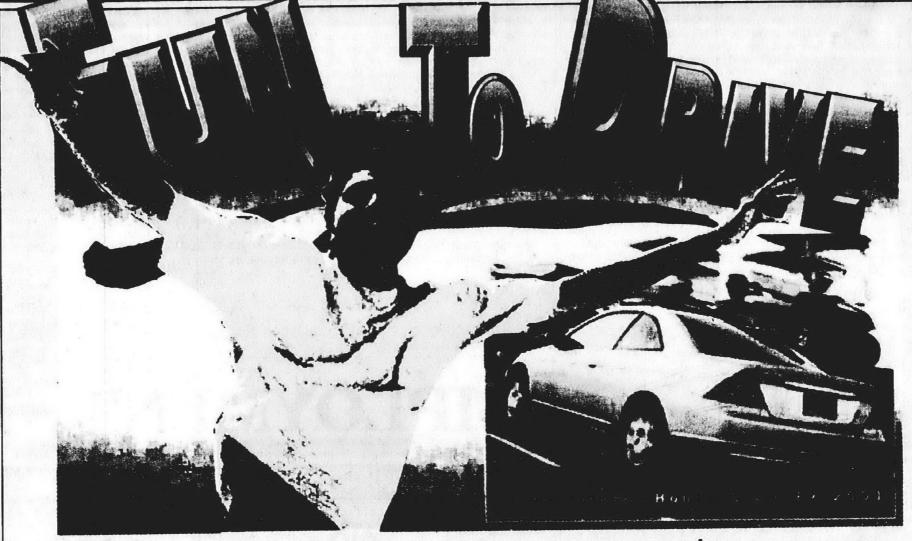
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n the hilly outreaches of suburban San Francisco, there are many twisty, curvy roads that beg to be driven. Hard. The car of choice might be a Corvette or one of the many expensive sports cars on the market today.

But if you, like many of us, can't afford one of these, then a drive in the new-for-2001 Honda Civic EX will give you a taste of what else is out there. Honestly, the only thing smoking during this road test was nothing but tires.

The EX Sedan is a pure pleasure to drive, plain and simple. The test vehicle came with the standard five-speed manual and the peppy 1.71 VTEC inline-four cylinder. It's amazing how quick 127 hp and 107 lb.-ft. can feel, especially in a car that is designated as an Ultra Low Emission Vehicle.

And, given that this seventh-generation iteration has moved from a double-wishbone to a MacPherson strut front suspension, it handles like a more expensive car. Taking the twisties in the Civic is as fun as after-hours trading, the main difference being the instant return on your driving investment.

The shift lever is almost as precise as that of the Mazda Miata or Honda S2000. It's a pleasure to work, back and forth, in small increments, never feeling like you're going to miss a gear because it seems to know where you want it to go - and it takes you there. No other car in this class can match this precision.

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The best aspect of the VTEC engine is the lack of buzz as the revs

reach higher ground.

The 2001 Civic EX has definitely moved upscale too. No longer is it a sub-compact econocar. The EPA rating puts it in the compact class for the first time. If you need proof of this, get a '01 Civic, park it next to an older Accord (the older models give a better indication of the newfound size) and compare length and width.

You'll find the Civic to be almost as much car as an old Accord. This overall vehicle growth is becoming an increasing trend at

Honda these days.

The upscale near-luxury treatment continues on the inside, where the two-tone dash treatment lends an air of sophistication. The plastics on the dash and the carpeting on the doors have a quality feel that should last for the 150,000 to 200,000 miles some Honda owners

put on their cars.

More neo-luxury fair can be found with the shifter itself. The lever is covered in soft leather with a bezel and accent that hold the boot in place. The bezel and accent are done in an aluminum-looking material that almost looks like it belongs in an aforementioned Acura. Though, more such trim pieces would have given the Civic a much more grandiose feel.

On the ergonomic front, where Honda engineers seem to spend a lot of time, the switches are easy to reach and operate and feel like they were taken from an Acura. For instance, you can feel the fan detents when you turn the dial, but they never hinder movement. The transitions are smooth, making the dials feel more expensive. A nice touch for a vehicle that costs under \$18,000.

As for price, the top-of-the-line new Civic EX stickered at only \$17,160. On this model, standard equipment encompasses air (with Micron filter), CD stereo, cruise control, power windows and locks, keyless entry, a myriad of storage cubbyholes, front and side airbags for driver and passenger, ABS, rear seat anchors and tethers for child safety seats, an emergency trunk opener, anti-theft system, 5 mph bumpers and a bevy of other equipment.

The only optional piece on the tester was floor mats at \$89. That plus the destination charge brought the grand total of the tester to \$17,689.00. Not a bad deal considering that the average new car leaves the showroom at the mid-\$20,000 level.

There aren't many dislikes with the new Civic, thought it can be quite noisy at highway speeds, depending on the road surface. There are a number of factors that could cause this, not least of which is the fact that the Civic is still an "economy" car. It is not an Acura, nor does it claim to be, but a little more padding in the right places might drop the noise levels.

After 336 miles of tortuous driving, the Civic returned 31.1 miles per gallon of gasoline. And, no, there will be no recount. This figure is less than the EPA City estimate for the EX, but the mostly aroundtown driving was up and down and around the hills of San Francisco, therefore garnering a bit less in the mileage column.

As for crash test data, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration gives the 2001 Civic five stars for frontal crash worthiness and four stars for side crash worthiness. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety has not tested a 2001 Civic yet.

The new Civic is a good buy and a great car for young 20-somethings, older Honda enthusiasts or anyone in the market for a highly contented car for not a lot of money. And with Honda's stellar quality and durability, the 2001 Civic could be the new sales leader in its



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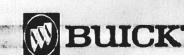
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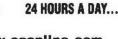
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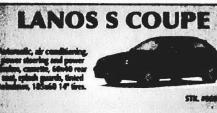
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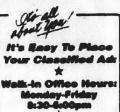
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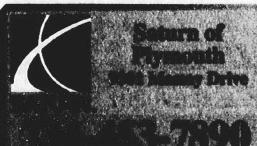


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