



HEALTHY CHANGES

Dear reader, We'd like to know what changes you made in your life this past year that resulted in a healthier, more physically fit you. Did you commit to a diet that significantly lowered your cholesterol and blood pressure? Did you lose 30, 40, 50 or more pounds by making wiser food choices? Have you rediscovered the vitality of your youth through exercise? In other words, are you now an improved version of your old self?

Please tell us about the "new" you and send us some "before and after" pictures (you're entitled to bragging rights!). Send information to Renee Skoglund, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150; fax: (734) 591-7279; e-mail: rskoglund@oe.homecomm.net.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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.new-morningschool.org.

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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
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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



date. 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 Sean 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

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

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 consideration.

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 law.

"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 were requested by Teague, commissioners approved the pact at last Tuesday's regular meeting.

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

Commission already plotting next strategy

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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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contract. "I've decided to go into the private sector," Teague explained to the Observer when contacted Thursday morning. "It has nothing to do with 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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Locks of Love

Program uses donated hair to provide wigs for children in need



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



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Q's & A's

Here are some commonly asked questions about the Locks of Love program:

Q. How many ponytails does it take to make a hairpiece?

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 ponytail 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 who receives my hair?

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 deductible?

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

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For 15 years, even after the Princess Di look became popular back in the early 1980s, 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 in 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-term hair loss.

"I initially heard about it last spring, when a beauty shop advertised free haircuts for Locks of Love," said Haradean, a 40-year-old Plymouth resident. "I was planning on getting a haircut, but I thought I might as well get it nice and short so I could donate and have a wig made. It was fast, and I just thought, 'I'm on vacation, I might as well do it now.'"

Haradean had no particular idea in mind when she went to get it cut in Florida. She 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.

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"It really is a good cause, for something 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 neat thing to do."

It's becoming a pretty popular thing to do, too. According to Locks of Love officials, the program gets 800 ponytails a week. The program helps both boys and girls, although girls appear to need more assistance, program officials say.

Because it is "socially acceptable for young men to have short haircuts or buzz cuts," the program also helps them. "We've had a lot of boys who have lost their hair because of cancer or other medical conditions," said Haradean.

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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 told me she wanted to do this as soon as we read the article," Patty said.

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

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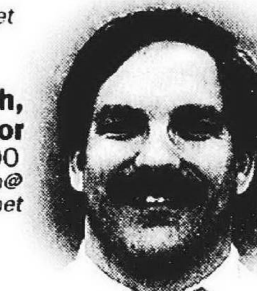
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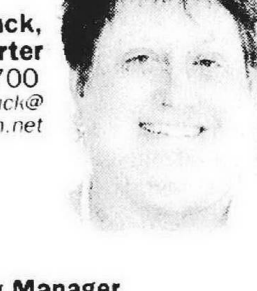
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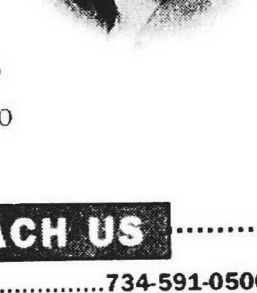
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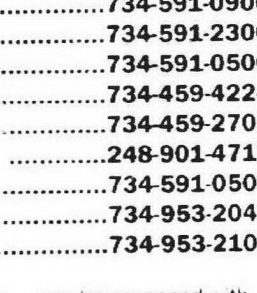
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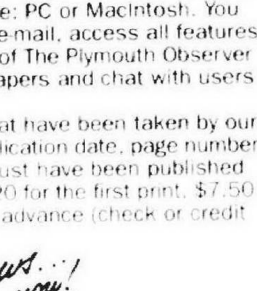
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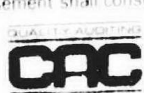
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Calvin Teague

tigation 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 possession.

There was also an incident involving a female friend in a parking lot while he was city administrator in Marshfield, Wis., 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 Sincok 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 comment.

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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."

Group explores change to elect full-time mayor

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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 a 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.

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.newmorningschool.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 Canton.

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.

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

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For more information, contact chairperson K.C. Mueller, 455-0075.

Open houses

New Morning School in Plymouth is hosting two opportunities for interested families to 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.

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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 nurses.

"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 suite.

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 smooch: 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.

wasn't going to be a large event, 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

same place. They did take a trip to Pennsylvania just before the wedding, where Sean asked Debra's father for permission to marry her.

"We'll plan our honeymoon for the summertime," he said.

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 Amrhein 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 employee."

Pinion expected many people at Saturday's funeral, which was handled by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with Minister Vance H. Cobb officiating.

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.

Planners debate concerns over dog day care center

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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 don't want the service nearby and complained about dog droppings.

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

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 office.

Where to walk?

Though dogs were initially walked in the neighborhood, they were later exclusively walked only on the store property, 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 disguise "potty breaks." Her employees always carried a bag with them during dog walks, she said.

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 Haefl, 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 may not be enough parking spaces available for the day care use. This must be addressed to the commission's satisfaction.



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Adkins of Livonia's V Salon.

"I've heard of people doing this," Adkins said. "But I don't think I've ever heard of anyone this young making a decision like this. I think it's awesome."

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

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



awesome 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 ways. Those donations are most likely to be sold to help offset the cost of manufacturing the hairpieces. Most people don't realize they can still help, Haradean said.

"There are a lot of people who say, 'I don't have a 10-inch ponytail,'" she said. "But they can work with anything. There are probably quite a few people who don't realize they actually could donate their hair."

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 recognized was a problem at first.

People at work didn't actually recognize 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 Locks of Love program, call them toll-free at 1-888-896-1588, or visit their website at www.locksoflove.org.

Staff writer Paul Hirschmann contributed to this report.

Plymouth companies issued tax-exempt bonds

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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 Battle Creek.

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 acquisition 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.

IDRB financing lessens the cost of borrowing because the interest paid to the bond buyer is exempt from federal, state and local taxes.

Wilcox Foundation announces scholarships

The Wilcox Family Foundation 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

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.

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.

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 concerns.

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 accompanying 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 constructed.

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Commission OKs bonds for airport hotel

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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 Airport.

Beard said that, together with the new midfield terminal and fourth major north-south runway — both now under construction — the new nine-story, 404-room 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 of traffic.

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). Furthermore, no private entity,

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 said.

If there's any economic turnaround 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 solution.

Commissioner John J. Sullivan, D-Wayne, praised 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 2,300-square-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 mid-field 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

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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 Michigan 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 school-district levels who develop policies and make critical decisions on major educational and social issues that affect entire communities.

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

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 hitting

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

nearly half-a-million children in Wayne County. It also provides services to schools in other parts of Michigan and the United States.

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

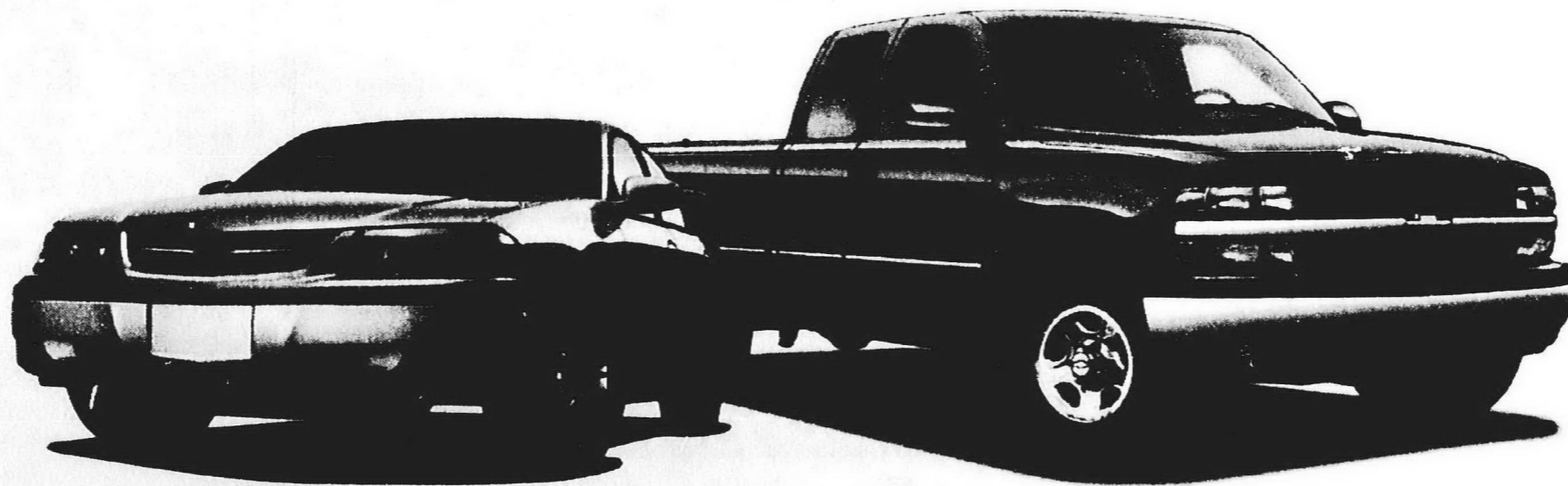
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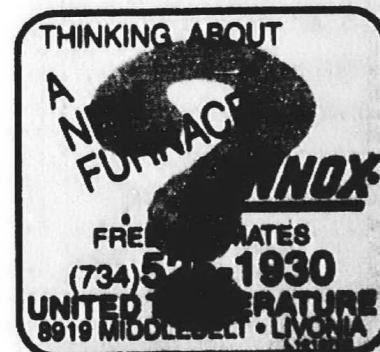
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Township establishes Human Relations Commission

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

The commission's township representative, Daniel Durack,

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 process."

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



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' views."

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Utility company offers tips to keep homes from ice buildup

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The utility also urges customers living in mobile homes to keep the area around rooftop chimney vents clear of snow and ice.

"Snow and ice can often hide potentially hazardous situations," said Paul N. Preketes,

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 meters.

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

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More road work on tap for area

BY RICHARD PEARL
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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); and

• 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 county-wide 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 of credit."

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 fund."

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

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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 earliest.

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

crete.

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 north-bound 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

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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 Conference of Western Wayne, succeeding Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey.

Kirksey becomes chairman emeritus.

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 Gail Karczynski, Livonia direc-

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.

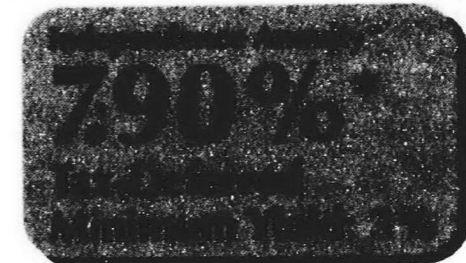
"Art in Detroit/Detroit in Art" will take place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 12, in Kresge Hall. Art educator Catherine Guinn, Academy of the Sacred Heart, Bloomfield Hills, will reveal more about the art of Detroit with a field trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts. Free

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 include 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) 432-5653.

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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 OLCG 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 DRIVE

■ The American Red Cross will sponsor a Community

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. Walk-ins 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.

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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 DANCE

■ 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

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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 Kinder-musik 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

■ Hatha Yoga classes, downtown Plymouth, 7:30-9 p.m., Wednesdays, and Sundays, 4:50-6:30 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.

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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 Plymouth Canton 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-

nastics Dance, Arts, Jump-A-Rama, Tae-Kwan-Do, Personal Development, Aerobics and much more. For more information, call the recreation division at (734) 455-6620.

ANN ARBOR POWER SQUADRON

■ 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 information.

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 Kinder-musik 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 Kinder-musik 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. Kinder-musik 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/kinder-musik.

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 Kinder-musik 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 Kinder-musik classes. 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 state-licensed 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.mediaone.net/newmorning.

K OF C BREAKFAST BUFFET

■ The Knights of Columbus holds a breakfast buffet every Sunday, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the K of C, 150 Fair St., Plymouth. All-you-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.

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 age 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 adults-photography, mandala, drawing, sketching, watercolor, salsa dance, and figure 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 welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8489.

BNI

■ 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 every Friday at Senate Coney Island on Plymouth Road at Stark, Livonia. Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

ASTRONOMY DISCUSSION 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) 981-7259.

CALENDAR FORM

The Plymouth Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Plymouth Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48179, or by fax to 734-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Thursday for the following Sunday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

Event:

Date and Time:

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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 officiating.

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 Funeral 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 at 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 Philanthropy, One Ford Place, Suite 5A, Detroit, MI 48202.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

MYRTLE B. MYER

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.

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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.

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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 Kelly officiating.

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.

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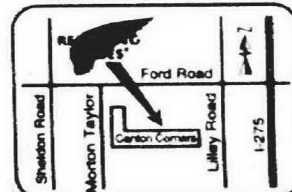
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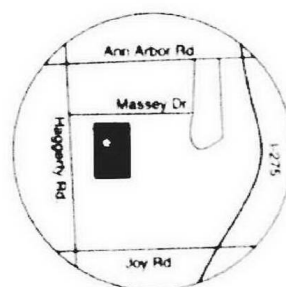
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Lawmakers are likely to get their pay raises

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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 36-percent 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 seven-member 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 \$56,981 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 cheap.

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

the rate setting system, asking it 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

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 contended.

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

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 argued.

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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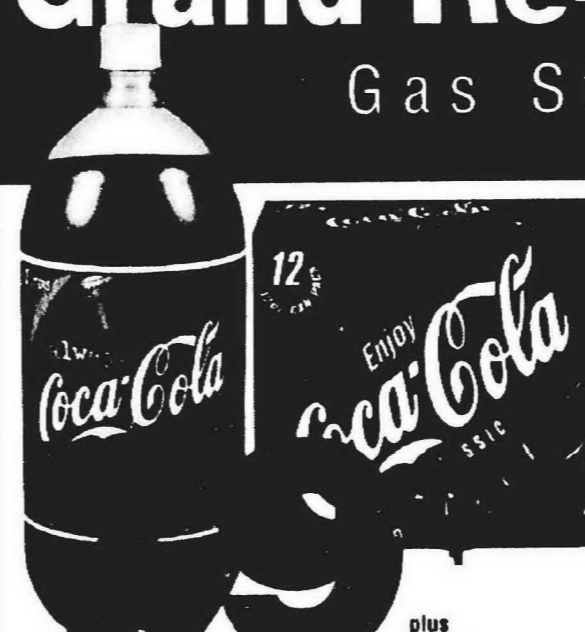
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Stingray road trip

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 Estilsson, Kristine Lince, Lynn Loechli, Nikki Potter, Chelsea Reynolds, Sarah Skonieczny, Andrea Slusser, Nikki Songer and Brittany Zeches.

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).

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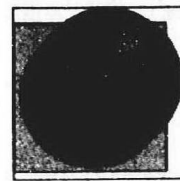
The Central Michigan University men's track team opened its indoor season by hosting the Chippewas Open Jan. 12 at the Jack Skoog Indoor Track. The Chips dominated the non-scoring event with 11 firsts, including one by Plymouth Salem graduate Ian Searcy, who captured the 600-meter run in 1:21.00.

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 5-foot-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 Burgess 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

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 made way too many of our own."

"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 nine.

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

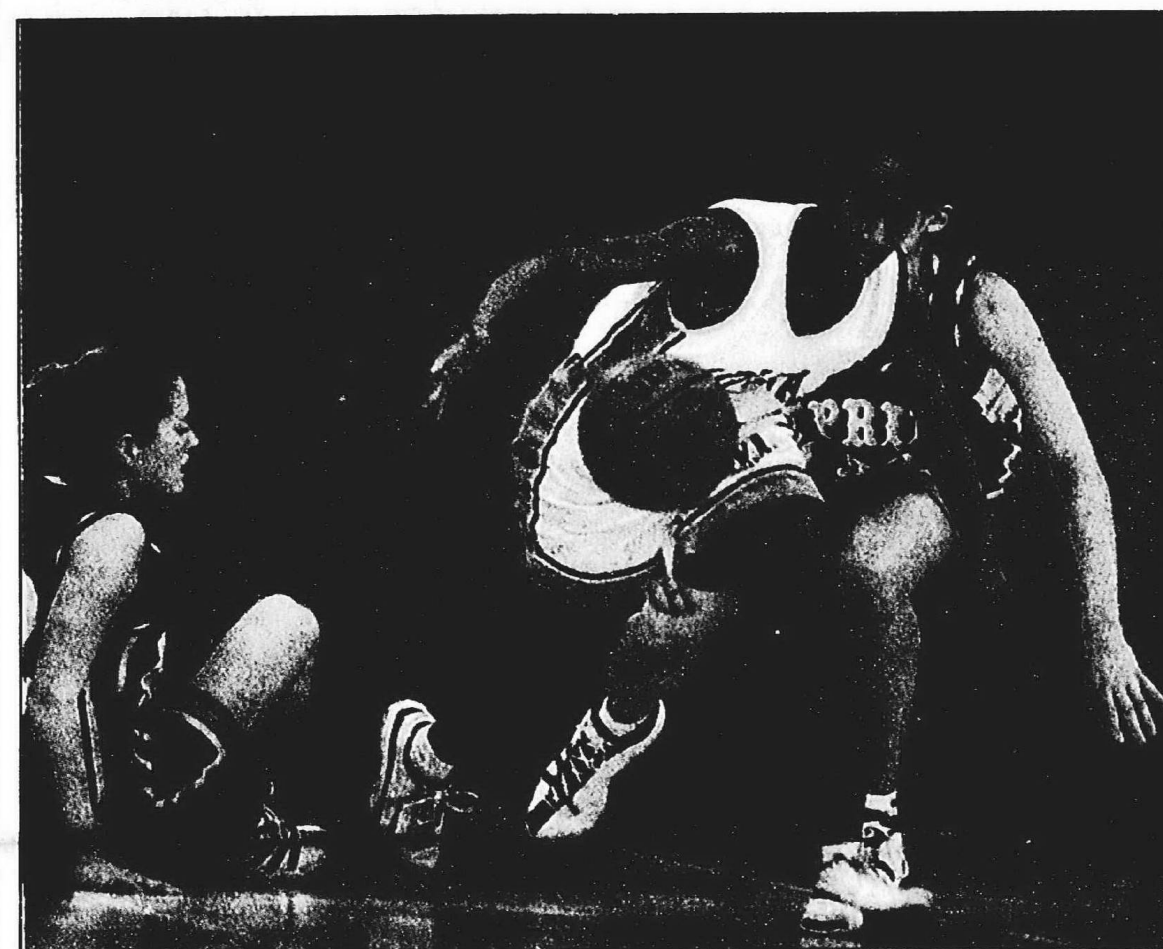
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W.L. Central 60, Salem 50: Get the team with the best record in the WLAA going against the team with the worst, and the expectations are usually spelled b-l-o-w-o-u-t. But that wasn't the case Friday when Plymouth Salem, with just one win in eight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



A theft for 2: 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 off-balance and also helped Fletcher score 14 points.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMAN

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.

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The Crusaders did manage to turn it up a notch and led 36-35 at halftime. From there 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 Pangonis led Madonna with 23 points; she also had 10 rebounds and three steals. Pangonis 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, Krjstin 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 College.

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 assisted.

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 two-point goal by Danny Santoro just 11 seconds after Dailly's score, narrowing the gap to 10-6.

But Callahan came through again, nailing a second three-pointer (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 half.

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 stops.

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 WLAA.

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

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.

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

Other Canton victors were Kyle Pitt

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at 119, in a 3-1 decision over Brian Clement; Doy Demick 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 215.

"Our guys were pleased, but they know this also," said Demick. "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 Demick.

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



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

area. Canton should be among the favorites, together with Livonia Stevenson and Redford Catholic Central. CC is the defending champion.

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 McGlowin finished with a season-high 20 points, while Sam Hoskin (Redford Bishop Borgess) added

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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 1-4 in the conference, got a game-high 25 points from Charles Underwood.

Richard Garcia and Betrand Hawkins each added 13.

Spring Arbor 77, Madonna 64: Madonna University simply could not sustain a strong first half, during which it built an eight-point 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 15-of-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 the WHAC.

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.

MICHIGAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION BASKETBALL			Men's Standings		
Women's Standings			Eastern Conf.	League	Overall
Eastern Conf.	League	Overall	Henry Ford CC	4-0	11-3
Schoolcraft College	5-0	12-3	Flint Mott CC	4-1	14-1
Delta College	4-1	13-2	Schoolcraft College	4-1	14-2
Flint Mott CC	4-1	10-4	St. Clair CCC	3-2	8-8
St. Clair CCC	3-1	9-8	Oakland CC	2-3	6-10
Henry Ford CC	2-2	9-5	Alpena CC	2-3	8-8
Macomb CC	1-3	2-10	Macomb CC	1-3	3-8
Oakland CC	1-4	5-9	Wayne CC	1-4	5-7
Alpena CC	1-4	2-12	Delta College	1-4	2-13
Wayne CC	0-5	1-6	*Kirtland CC	0-0	11-6
*Kirtland CC	0-0	4-13			
Western Conf.			Western Conf.	League	Overall
Western Conf.	League	Overall	Muskegon CC	4-0	13-2
Kalamazoo Valley CC	4-0	15-1	Grand Rapids CC	3-1	13-1
Lake Michigan	3-1	13-3	Glen Oaks CC	3-1	10-6
Grand Rapids CC	3-1	9-5	Kalamazoo Valley CC	3-1	14-2
Kellogg CC	2-2	7-9	Lansing CC	2-2	5-10
Lansing CC	2-2	5-9	Ancilla College	1-3	8-8
Glen Oaks CC	1-3	9-7	Kellogg CC	0-4	5-8
Muskegon CC	1-3	8-8	Lake Michigan Coll.	0-4	4-10
Ancilla College	0-4	5-10			

* probationary member

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

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 Lutheran, 7 p.m.

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 p.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 p.m.

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 Christian at Wayne Memorial, 8 p.m.

Southfield Christian at Ply. Christian, 8 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, Jan. 22

Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner at Huron Valley 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 Lutheran, 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 Christian 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 Fourney, 8 a.m.

Lutheran Westland at Woodhaven Tourney, 9 a.m.

John Glenn at South Lyon Invitational, 8 a.m.

Thurston, Canton at Clarkston Tourney, 9 a.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Wednesday, Jan. 24

Ladywood vs. Bloomfield at Arctic Pond, 6 p.m.

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 Redford Arena, 8 p.m.

Redford Unified at Dearborn, 8:15 p.m.

GIRLS GYMNASICS

Monday, Jan. 23

Salem at Livonia Unified, 7 p.m.

Hartland at John Glenn, 6 p.m.

Walled Lake at Canton, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 27

Canton at Farmington Invitational, TBA

PREP WRESTLING

Wednesday, Jan. 24

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 p.m.

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.

Saturday, Jan. 27

Redford CC, Clarenceville, Lutheran Westland, Churchill, Franklin, Stevenson, John Glenn, Wayne, Garden City, Redford Union, Thurston, Canton, Salem at Observeland 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 Redford 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.

Friday, Jan. 26

Schoolcraft at Macomb CC, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 24

Aquinas 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 Aquinas, 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 about.

"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

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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 qualifying 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 Schmieding 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 first-year 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.

College hoop

The best game and the best team in the state were the Wolverines. They defeated the Spartans 75-55 in a game that was a real test of their strength.

"We really picked up the defensive intensity, the pressure," said SC coach Kevin Lohr. "It wasn't all about the offense, but we didn't let up."

Michigan's point guard, led the Cats with 25 points, 10 rebounds, six assists and eight steals. DeShawn Edwards added 20 points (on 10-of-15 shooting from the field) with five boards, and Angelica

Smith contributed 15 points, 10 rebounds, six assists and eight steals. Smith was named the game's Most Valuable Player.

SC improved to 12-2 overall, 6-0 in the conference. They are 12-2 overall, 4-1 in the conference.

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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 Hart.

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 time."

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 apiece.

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 previously-unbeaten 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 leg. He got a lot of attention and was double-teamed."

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 HARRISON/FARMINGTON 55
Thursday at Farmington HS
Team dual-meet records: Salem 3-1 overall, 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.
Event winners
200-yard medley relay: Salem (Eric Lynn, Matt Showalter, Kevin Schopieray, Dave Carson), 1:49.28.
200-yard freestyle: Ben Dzialo (PS), 1:52.65.
200-yard individual medley: Aaron Shelton (PS), 2:09.83.
50-yard freestyle: Mike Johnson (PS), 23.64.
Diving: Greg Kubitski (PS), 197.50 points.
100-yard butterfly: Mike Horgan (PS), 1:00.42.
100-yard freestyle: Jim Ross (PS), 52.40.
500-yard freestyle: Brian Mertens

(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 overall, 2-1 in the WLAA.
Event winners
200-medley relay: Canton (Trey Gerack, Eddie Lindow, Jordan Champine, Steve Van Proyen), 1:55.27.
200-yard freestyle: James Sattler (PC), 2:13.14.

200-yard individual medley: Brad Herbeck (PC), 2:22.13.
50-yard freestyle: Ryan Ahern (PC), 23.96.
Diving: Blake Brunner (PC), 189.70 points.
100-yard butterfly: Matt Wisniewski (PC), 55.24 (state qualifier).
100-yard freestyle: Dennis Speck (PC), 54.60.
500-yard freestyle: Brad Nilson (PC), 5:12.54.
200-yard freestyle relay: Canton (Matt Wisniewski, Ron Opyke, Shawn Bernard, Bret Reidsma), 1:40.86.
100-yard backstroke: Brad Herbeck (PC), 1:05.84.
100-yard breaststroke: Eddie Lindow (PC), 1:06.63.
400-yard freestyle relay: Canton (Steve Kiljanczyk, Scott Franke, Brad Herbeck, Matt Wisniewski), 4:08.32.

BOYS SWIM PERFORMANCES

Following are the best Observerland boys swim times and diving scores. Coaches should report updates to Dan O'Meara by fax (734-591-7279), telephone (734-953-2141) or email (domeara@bbs.homestead.net).

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY
(state cuts: A — 1:43.00, B — 1:48.00)
Plymouth Salem 1:42.63
Redford Catholic Central 1:44.08
Livonia Stevenson 1:45.46
North Farmington 1:46.26
Plymouth Canton 1:48.79

200-YARD FREESTYLE
(state cuts: A — 1:49.30, B — 1:55.50)
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:47.03
Eric Lynn (Salem) 1:48.19
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 1:48.84
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 1:49.46
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 1:52.65
Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 1:53.19
Jim Ross (Salem) 1:54.75
Andy Grant (Churchill) 1:55.83
Joe Le (Canton) 1:56.48
Brian Mertens (Salem) 1:57.02

200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
(state cuts: A — 2:03.00, B — 2:11.00)
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:59.32
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 2:06.55
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 2:07.21
Rob Cambridge (Stevenson) 2:08.76
Brad Nilson (Canton) 2:09.00
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 2:09.04
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 2:09.83
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 2:11.46
Eric Dobkowski (Stevenson) 2:16.05
Tim Ryan (Redford CC) 2:16.68

50-YARD FREESTYLE
(state cuts: A — 22.00, B — 23.00)
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 22.04
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 22.54
Mike Johnson (Salem) 22.93
Kevin Ryan (Redford CC) 23.29
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 23.54
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 23.57
Mike Greis (Redford CC) 23.62
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 23.65
Ryan Ahern (Canton) 23.96
Jeff Andonian (Redford CC) 24.06

DIVING
Greg Kubitski (Salem) 352.10
Blake Brunner (Canton) 291.20
Chris McFarland (John Glenn) 254.00
Andrew Brissette (Stevenson) 194.40
Mark Moretto (Redford Union) 182.95

100-YARD BUTTERFLY

(state cuts: A — 45.00, B — 50.00)
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 53.51
Eric Lynn (Salem) 53.72
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 53.89
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 54.18
Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 55.24
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 55.81
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 56.35
Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 56.40
Robert Cambridge (Stevenson) 56.99
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 59.07

100-YARD FREESTYLE
(state cuts: A — 48.40, B — 51.99)
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 48.97
Eric Lynn (Salem) 49.18
Mike Johnson (Salem) 50.22
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 50.35
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 50.97
Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 51.03
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 51.06
Joe Le (Canton) 51.68
Brad Nilson (Canton) 51.70
Kevin Ryan (Redford CC) 51.98

500-YARD FREESTYLE
(state cuts: A — 4:57.00, B — 5:15.99)
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 4:59.46
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 5:03.18
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 Ahern (Canton) 5:19.00
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 5:22.62
Mike Horgan (Salem) 5:24.01

200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY
(state cuts: A — 1:31.00, B — 1:36.40)

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 — 56.00, B — 59.00)
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 Clayton (N. Farmington) 59.50
Zach Feltrath (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 BREASTSTROKE
(state cuts: A — 1:02.00, B — 1:07.00)
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 — 3:23.30, B — 3:35.99)
Redford Catholic Central 3:20.66
Plymouth Salem 3:20.32
Livonia Stevenson 3:31.74
North Farmington 3:35.42
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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 top-five 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

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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 35.13 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 lead

State-ranked Livonia Churchill (9-2-4, 4-1-3) overcame a sluggish first period to turn back visiting Plymouth Salem (4-9-1, 1-8), 5-1 in a WIAA 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 Morrison.

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

Brian Grant tied it at 1-1 at

HOCKEY

3:37 of the second period. Krygowski and Derek Rory Cesars followed at 4:01 from Martin and Remy Thompson.

Jeff Andes scored at 10:12 and Sean Smith scored a power-play goal from the Krug and Andes at 14:01.

In the third period, Andrew Jakubowski closed out the scoring at 7:18 from Cesars and Smith.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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) 684-5640.

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. Saturday, Feb. 3 at DeWitt High School.

The program title Two-Dae, Trained Women Officials: Dedicated, Accomplished, Educated, will provide insight, encouragement and training to become an 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 7-70, 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.

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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 gymnasium.

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 11.

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 required. 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-and-under 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.

ROLLER HOCKEY ACTION

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

•An adult drop-in roller hockey 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 13-18: 4-5 p.m.; sessions for ages 9-12: 5-6 p.m.; sessions for ages 8-and-under: 4-5 p.m.

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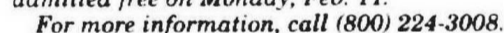
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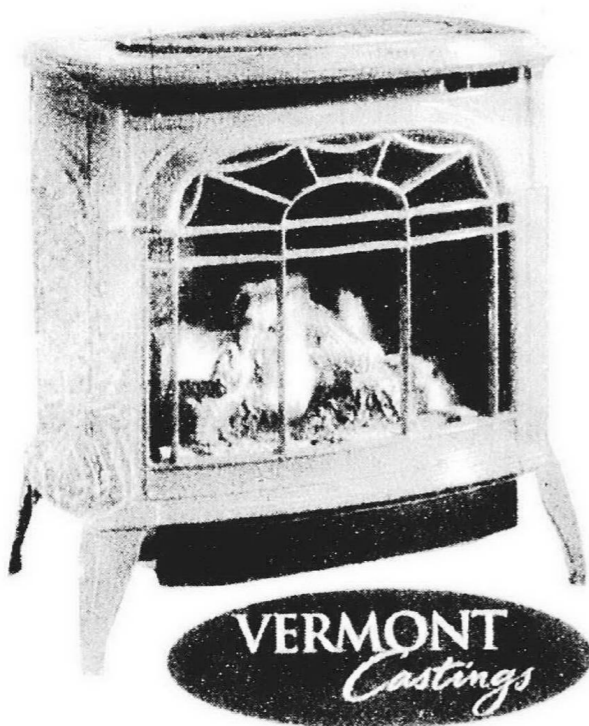
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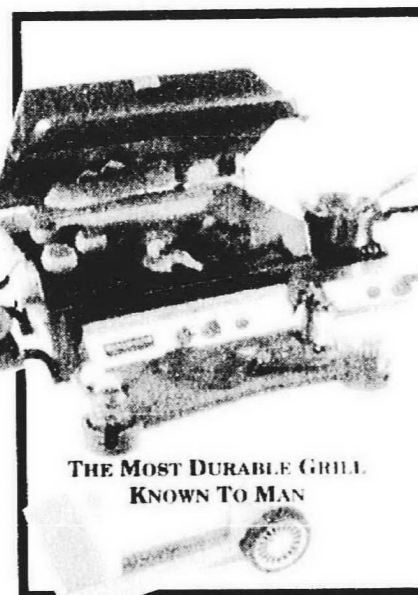


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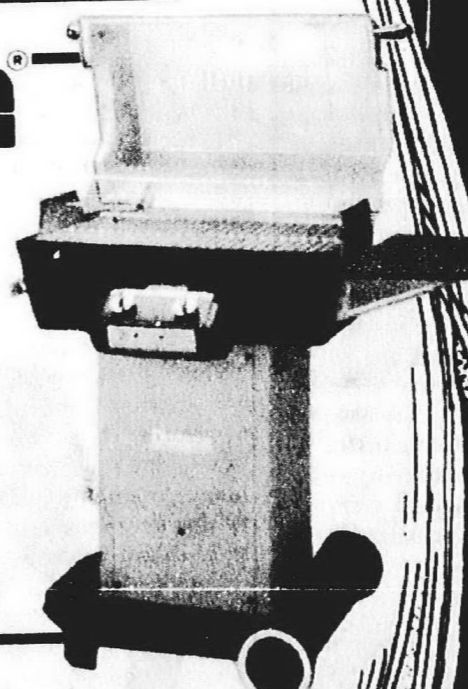
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Players enjoy challenge of new music

Andrew 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

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra

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 Arbor.
Tickets: \$14, \$12 seniors/college students, no charge for children in grades K-12. Call (734) 451-2112.

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



PHOTO BY CATHERINE BYRD

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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Tall tale: Corinne Stavish will tell the tale of "Noah and the Giant Og" at a Storytelling Festival hosted by Canton Project Arts.



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Storytelling appeals to the kid in everyone

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Corinne 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 professor who specializes in children's literature at Wayne 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 them."

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 civilization.

"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 though. Storytelling came naturally to him. Today, Lieberman is known as one of the country's leading tellers of Jewish stories.

"My father was a used car salesman so he always had a lot of stories," said Lieberman who taught 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

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-

ment curriculum, especially history classes.

"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 storytellers 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 powerful."

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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Syd Lieberman



Craig Roney



Corinne Stavish

Storytelling Festival

What: Canton Project Arts presents storytellers Syd Lieberman, Corinne Stavish and Craig Roney.
When: 1 p.m. (family performance, recommended for ages 4 and up, tickets \$3) and 7:30 p.m. (adults, \$5) Saturday, Jan. 27. For tickets, call (734) 397-6450.

Where: Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, west of Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill, Canton.

DANCE



Linda-Denise Evans looks to the heavens in Judith Jamison's *Divining*

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 Detroit.
When: Wednesday, Jan. 31-Sunday, Feb. 4.
Tickets: 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) 648-6666.

Alvin Ailey dancers express their spirituality

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All dance ultimately is an expression of human spirituality.

As with tribal prayers to the rain gods, dance plays to the heavens. Its movement expresses emotion on a larger scale, and its message is often more demonstrative than words.

There's probably no better example of dance's link to spirituality than the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, slated to perform Jan. 31-Feb. 4 at the Detroit Opera House. And, with such 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 in 1989.

"There is a spirituality that permeates all his work," said Penny Godboldo, chair of dance at Marygrove College and a former student at The Ailey School. "Though Ailey's company has always been popular, because there is a deeper emphasis on spirit-

ality, audiences may be more open to it."

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 Singers.

"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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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 Rushing.

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.

In Judith Jamison's *Double*

In Judith Jamison's *Double Exposure*, dancers hold wireless video cameras during the performance.

Exposure, dancers hold wireless video cameras during the performance. The images projected on to 20-foot screens allow the audience to see two sides of the same person and invoke a sense of inner conflict.

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 Rushing.

"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 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

filled the venue to capacity.

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 day-dreams 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 groups," said Washburn. "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 textures."

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

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

The Storytelling Festival is 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

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.

'Vagina Monologues' goes beyond mere drama

BY ALICE RHEIN
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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 woman'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. 23
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 Streep.

The play, in which the actresses talk about everything from

what their vaginas would wear if 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 initiated 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 tour.

"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 Benford.

"The main thing is that when people leave, they leave with a door open to discussion," said

Lee. 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 incest.

"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 dies. Bad things happen in the dark. Violence against women needs to be talked about."

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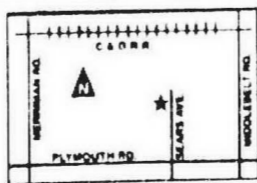
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The annual Michigan Lesbian & Gay Film Festival is Jan. 26-Feb. 2 at the AMC Abbey Theatres, Madison Heights. Tickets (248) 547-5878.

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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.

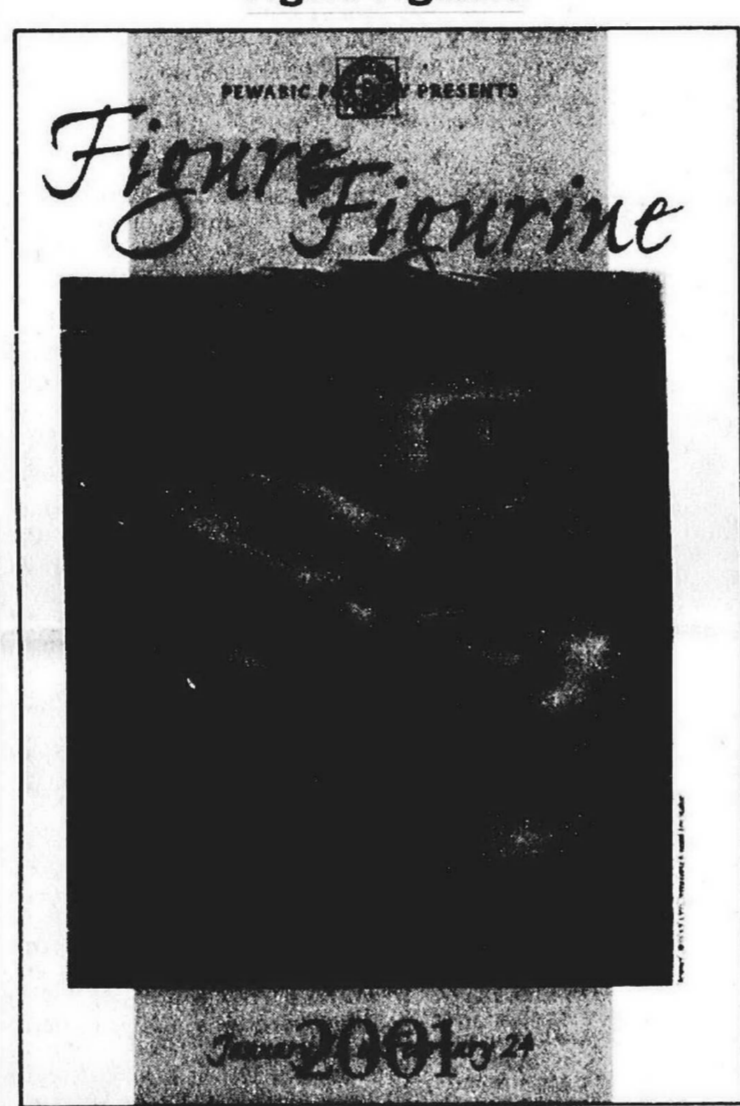
BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

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 p.m.

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. Cranbrook, 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.

KINDERMUSIK

Enroll anytime for classes for newborns to age 7. Parents participate in classes for children under 3. Classes are held at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 48000 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Call Lori at (734) 354-9109.

LIVONIA MALL

Arts & Crafts gives kids the chance to make colorful masks between 2 and 4 p.m. Jan. 21. Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt, Livonia.

VILLAGE ARTS

Registering children for kindermusik classes beginning the week of Jan. 22. Classes available for newborns through 8 years. Registration is also open

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 Hershman. 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) 832-8540.

JANICE CHARACH

EPSTEIN GALLERY

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

FARMINGTON CITY HALL

Through March 30 — Kegan Taglan 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.

SSION 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 HOOSSEN 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 Salazar 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) 965-9192.

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

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FAMILY MAN

Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Send Wayne County arts news leads to Art Beat, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150, or fax them to (734) 591-7279.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

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.

The cost is \$15. Advance registration required. Call (734) 747-8885.

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 Kegang 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 Aspnos 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, Aspnos 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 questions.

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

Stanley Clarke, Michael Manring, Victor Wooten, and the late Jaco Pastorius. During his solo performances, Georgin uses his fretless and 5-string basses, an elbow, 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 Goralaki 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'oeuvres followed by the wedding. A full course authentic Polish feast will be served after entertainment by MuzaMix.

Tickets are \$35, \$20 for children age 12 and under. Reserva-

tions must be made by Friday, April 13. Call (313) 581-3181 (days), (734) 789-8801 (evenings), or BusiaAttic@aol.com. More information is available at <http://polishallianceculturalcenter.org>.

SINGING VALENTINE

Nothing says you care like a singing valentine. A barbershop quartet from the Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society will serenade your sweetheart at home, at work, or anywhere else in Westland, Wayne, Garden City, Plymouth, Canton or Livonia.

In addition to the serenade, the object of your desire will receive a red rose and a personalized Valentine's Day card. The quartet will even deliver a special gift from you.

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. 9.



Art Exhibit: Kegang Tazian is exhibiting his art work at Farmington and Farmington Hills City Halls.

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TOTAL: 3 weeks

4th Prize: 1 week with full hookup at Wardenwoods Family Recreation Area, including free historical tour, with full hookup at American Campgrounds, with full hookup at Monroeville County KOA Campground, with full hookup at Monroeville County KOA Campground, with full hookup at Monroeville County KOA Campground.

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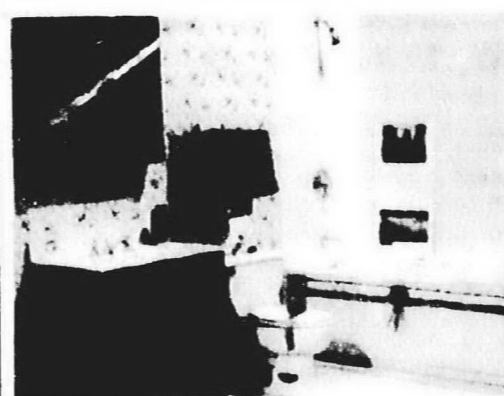
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New year is time for renewal

DISCOVERING BEAUTY



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 fat-burning 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) non-powdery 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 GreatLash Mascara, a permanent favorite, cranks up the volume for fat, luscious lashes with no clumps.

■ 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:

■ Burt's 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 Signature.

Q: Are most buyers women? Does your field feel like a female-dominated one?

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

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, 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 fashion?

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 want?

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 interests?

R: I hope to give customers a new perspective. I hope they come in and see things that they didn't expect to see.

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?

R: Yeah, yeah, I don't want to buy something just because they say 'you

have to buy this.' I want it to be something that makes sense on the floor.

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 22 stores.

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 different if a man were buying for it?

R: Oh, definitely, even if it was another woman. I think it's individual.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

TRUNK SHOW

Badgley Mischka's spring 2001 special order trunk show collection visits Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset 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

FASHION SHOW

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 (248) 614-3317.

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) 476-1160.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

RETAIL BENEFIT

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.

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. By fax, (248) 644-1314. E-mail, nstafford@oe.homecomm.net. Deadline for publication is two weeks in advance.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

MALL BOOK DRIVE

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.

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YOU'RE GOOD TIMES!
58 yr old, 4'11", 155 lb, divorced white male with blonde 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

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26 yr old college educated, single white male who enjoys movies, comedy clubs, the outdoors, concerts, music, reading, biking and much more. is seeking a single female, 25 to 38, to share good times and friendship. BOX 14249

DINNER FOR TWO!
Single white female, in the 50's, 5'5", 125 lbs, with blonde hair, and blue eyes. Active, and professional. Enjoys movies, reading, dining out, dancing, music, and much more. Seeking a single male, to share good times, and friendship. BOX 14259

LET'S CHAT!
Attractive, 28 yr old, 5'7", 160 lbs, single white female, with long blonde hair and blue eyes. Professional, enjoys the outdoors, camping, fishing, long walks, biking, shooting pool, and much more. is seeking a single male, to share good times, and maybe more. BOX 14303

LOVE IS A CALL AWAY!
37 yr old, divorced white female, 5'8", full figured, long dark brown hair and green eyes, great sense of humor, loving, romantic, college educated, enjoys the outdoors, 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 female with red hair and brown eyes, enjoys dining out, movies, golf, fishing, reading, and much more. is seeking a single male, for friendship and maybe more. BOX 27477

LET'S HOOK UP!
Divorced mother, 24 yr old, non-smoker, brown hair, and eyes. Enjoys bowling, movies, reading, long walks, and much more. Seeking a single male, with similar interests. 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 movies, music, dining out, reading, cooking and much more. is seeking a single male, with similar interests, for friendship, possible relationship. BOX 32666

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, outdoor activities, movies, and much more. Looking for a white male, 40 to 45, who is caring, loves children, outgoing, good sense of humor and similar interests. Friendship and possible relationship. Wayne County, BOX 33625

A LADY OF CLASS
Vivacious, upbeat, very attractive blonde female, a professional, 5'7", 115 lbs, upper 50's, seeking soul mate/country partner, 60's, a professional, for dating, possible long term relationship. Call me and see what life has in store for us. BOX 35096

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE
New age woman, seeks faithful companion, 40 to 60, financially secure, emotionally centered, intelligent, curious, kind, generous and positive. Im 49, 5'5", divorced, pretty, a small plus size, shoulder length, natural reddish, a beautiful smile that lights up a room. Join me on my quest for transcendence. BOX 25698

IT TAKES TWO
Divorced white female, 53, 5'7", 140 lbs, average build, who enjoys country music, slow dancing, drinking out, concerts, movies, taking walks with that special someone. Seeks male companion tall, honest, no head games, for possible relationship. Wayne County, BOX 33671

QUALITY QUALITY
Single, sincere, honest, no games played, non-smoking, social, looking, single white male by a divorced white female, 54, who loves to do almost everything looking for friendship, companionship or something long term. West side Wayne County, BOX 25333

SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE
Pretty, petite, passionate, divorced white female, 40ish. Seeks non-smoking, single white male, over 35, for dating, mating, relating. Let's create sparks and watch them fly. BOX 25332

HELLO FRIEND
Attractive, intelligent, slender and tall, lady of 54, is also warm hearted, soft spoken, a smoker. Seeking someone who is 55 to 59, intelligent, tall, an old fashioned gentleman, an old fashioned gentleman, is seeking you. Oakland County, BOX 25385

COUNTRY LIFE
Anyone out there loves dogs and other animals more than the city life? 54, divorced white female, college educated, pretty, 5'5", weight proportionate to height, loves home, laughter, children, good friends and warm conversation. Seeks male, 52 to 68, Novia Area. Oakland County, BOX 25401

KEY TO MY HEART
52 yr old, white female, full figured, non-smoker, giving, loving, and full of fun, loves life. Looking for a sincere, successful, secure, stable, loving, Caucasian gentleman, non-smoker, 45 to 60, who's positive and loves life as much as I do. Go for the genuine gem, answer my ad today. BOX 25328

ATTENTION HARLEYS
Divorced white female, 41, no dependents, height weight proportionate, caring, considerate, cute and cuddly, enjoys just about anything with the right person. Seeking warm, hearted, romantic, non-smoking, white male who is ready for a relationship. BOX 35480

READY FOR ROMANCE
Attractive, single black female, 40, plus, light smoker, social drinker. Sensually 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 friendship and maybe more. open BOX 35490

WANTS A FRIEND
Outgoing, easy going, single white female, who is physically, emotionally, financially fit, who is ready for friendship, and possible long term relationship. Who can enjoy fine dining, home cooking, likes golf, the outdoors, dancing, and a warm fire. Must be a non-smoker. Social drinker. okay 52 to 62. North Oakland area. BOX 25070

SEEKING A PARTNER
Single female, who is physically, emotionally, financially fit, who is ready for friendship, and possible long term relationship. Who can enjoy fine dining, home cooking, likes golf, the outdoors, dancing, and a warm fire. Must be a non-smoker. 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, honest, affectionate, happy, positive attitude, successful with values. BOX 25075

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Seeks single white male, 27 to 45, tall, lanky, bear type, with values and morals, enjoys going to movies, dining out, hanging out and is a romantic. For friendship and a possible relationship. BOX 25090

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Giving, loving, compassionate, petite, attractive lady, 43, 5'2", likes to dance, travel and have fun. Looking to enjoy life with a financially secure gentleman, 60 to 70. Wayne County, BOX 25331

PRETTY ENTREPRENEUR
Giving, loving, compassionate, curvy, lots of fun, great conversationist, looking for sincere, successful Caucasian gentleman, 45-55, to be my soul mate. Please write me, I'll be happy to hear from you. Call today. BOX 25332

NEW TO THE AREA
Single black female, 40, 5'3", brown eyes, reddish brown hair, interested in meeting someone who is honest, not a game player, caring, likes to laugh, knows how to treat a lady. 36 to 52. BOX 25073

HONESTY IS THE KEY
Divorced black female, 5'9", 155 lbs, coffee with cream complexion, non-smoker. Enjoys movies, reading, and quiet times. Seeking a male, 40-50, honest, kind, caring, and dependable for possible long term relationship. BOX 25096

MR RIGHT
Single white female, 20, medium to full figured. Likes movies, bowling, cozy nights at home, and much more. In search of honest, caring white male, for friendship and maybe more. If this sounds like you, call me. BOX 25331

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READY FOR LOVE!
50 yr old, 5'8", 160 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 10846

IT'S A DATE!
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Black professional male, 6'1", 122, 208 lbs. Enjoys outdoor sports, cars and antiques. Seeking a white professional female, with similar interests. BOX 14040

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19 yr old, 5'5", 120 lbs, single white male with blonde hair and blue eyes, enjoys movies, reading, the outdoors, hiking, biking and much more. is seeking a single female, 20 to 26, with similar interests, to share good times and maybe more. BOX 32663

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ONLY YOU!
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Single divorced white male, 36, 6'1", 190 lbs, brown hair, brown eyes, no children. Looking for a attractive white female, 20 to 30, with a good sense of humor. BOX 10771

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Recently divorced white male, 42, 5'11", 160 lbs, blue eyes, down to earth. Enjoys the outdoors, camping, fishing, or just spending quality time together. Looking for a friendly and soul mate who is honest, 38 to 42. Wayne County area. BOX 25972

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Single black male, 48, 5'7", 170 lbs, easy going, enjoys biking, cooking, dining out, gardening, movies, music, walks and more. Seeking a single white female, 35 to 55, with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 10697

I AM YOUR MAN
Hardworking divorced white male, 49, 5'8", 175 lbs, is seeking a fun loving, easy going, intelligent, caring, and camping. Seeking a single white female, 35 to 55, with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 10697

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Single white male, 48, 5'4", 136 lbs, dark hair, eyes, mustache, lives down river, smoker, light drinker, easy going, call owner. Enjoys dining, golf, movies and more. Seeking a single female, height/weight proportionate. BOX 32803

TIME FOR A CHANGE
Professional single white male, 45 yr old, 5'8", 175 lbs, Catholic, no dependents, communicative, humorous, flexible, introspective, and more. Seeking thin, educated, emotionally available, single white female, to share a happy and healthy relationship. Wayne County, BOX 33681

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48 yr old, white male, 5'7", 145 lbs, dark blue eyes, fun loving, non-smoker, who likes walking, swimming and camping. Seeking a single white female, for possible long term relationship. BOX 36096

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Attractive, widowed, single white male, 5'8", 175 lbs, 62, active, younger, excellent physical condition, blue eyes, very easy going and light hearted. I like walking, traveling, games and conversations. Looking for a single attractive lady under 60, with a nice personality for a serious relationship. BOX 33426

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I know you're out there. Family oriented man, seeking the love of a lifetime. I'm 38 yr old, 6'10", long brown hair, hazel eyes, father of two, good person. Enjoys movies, fishing, quiet evenings at home. Seeks female, 25 to 40, with similar interests and values. Wayne County, BOX 33644

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Professional, single white male, Catholic, no dependents, 45, 5'8", optimistic, persevering. Enjoys the outdoors, bicycling, music, movies, conversation. Seeking emotionally available single white professional female, to share happy, healthy relationship. Wayne County, BOX 33659

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If you are tired of these ads and meeting fussy men, then call me. I have both feet on the ground, big hearted, don't drink, am gentle, 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 33488

UNDER THE STARS
Divorced father, 48, handsome, athletic, 6', salt and pepper hair. Green eyes. Loves long conversation by the fireplace, walks on Caribbean beaches, romantic, family oriented long term relationship. Seeking warm affectionate attractive and fit, 30 to 50, non-smoker, 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 female, petite, must have sense of humor for long term relationship. Wayne County, BOX 33675

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Single white male, 55, 5'11", 180 lbs, tall and slender, dark hair and eyes. Interests include: dinner, dancing, traveling up north, boating, casinos. Seeking a white female, 40 to 52, average to slender, for possible long term relationship. Wayne County, BOX 33663

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BY KEELY WYONIK
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Some 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 camping.

"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 Canada.

History

Historian David Woodworth is 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 Quadra-steer electronic four-wheel drive steering system.

Travel writer Jim DuFresne will conduct free seminars on "Great Michigan Camping Destinations" and "Alaska and Canada Maritime Province Adventures."

Full-time RVer Bill Farlow who writes for Highways Maga-



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 curiosity.

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 winter.

"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

"Beginning Mushroom Hunting" 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.

The first 500 people coming to the show will enjoy a free Hillshire Farms CheddarWurst or Brat.

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The 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 fact the earliest "modern" versions of restaurants were shops that sold soup.

The first coffee-houses and cafes appeared in France in the early 1800s 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 opened a shop that served soups. 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 "restaurants" 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 (sauteed) 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 procedures.

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; andouilles 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

Say Cheese!



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.

FILMMAKERS EXPLOIT AMERICANS' LOVE-HATE RELATIONSHIP WITH FOOD



If you have the stomach, there are plenty of horror food films

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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 preservatives."

Although these films are rather brainless, dining on brains has

Please see **HORROR, D2**

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Conflicted 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 sundaes.

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 temptation, desire and pleasure, chocolate 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

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 film is, said Wilhelm, "a perfect and simple way to tie together different 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.

Please see **FILMS, D2**

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, co-owner of Thomas Video, on Main Street near 14 Mile Road in Clawson



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.

RECIPE TO SHARE

Spinach dip scores with Super Bowl party guests

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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 food.

"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 together."

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 at a table to consume hot foods. She has the planning down to the "tee" — the kickoff is 6:22 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28.

"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 pumpkin 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

cold temperature, as the dip will thicken.

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 pimientos, 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, pimientos, cheese and dill. Heat and stir until cheese melts and sauce is well-blended. Remove from heat.

Stir in sour cream until smooth. Cool 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 kabramczykoe@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

Recipes courtesy of Bruce Konowalow, director of culinary arts at Schoolcraft College. See related 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 taste.

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

leeks will more or less float and you can pull them off the surface of the water.

Only Hungarian paprika should be used.

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

and then sprinkle on flour and mix. Add the tomato 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 minutes).

Season with salt and fresh black pepper. Serve with a dollop of sour cream and a nice piece of crusty bread. Makes 12 portions.

CRÂME 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 tablespoons unsalted butter
2 1/2 ounces salt pork (cut criss-cross pattern on the fat - available in meat section)

1 cup heavy cream
Sweat leeks and onions in butter. (Remember that sweating is sautéing 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 white pepper.

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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

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

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 City.

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 kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

Horror from page D1

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.

The *Brainiac* is a classic from our friends south of the border and demonstrates the refined way (on a silver platter) to consume gray matter. At the other end of the dining room table is *From Beyond*, which opts for

brains by the handful, along with a loving description of how wonderful they taste.

Still with me?

For the most adventurous, there is a whole menu of cannibal movies that we will not even begin to describe other than by title: *Cannibal Cookout*, *Cannibal: The Musical*, *Eaten Alive* (the one about cannibals, not the giant alligator movie, which is also good in its own right) and *Make Them Die Slowly*, among many others.

As a side dish, try *The Exterminating 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 countless others.

Hey, some people eat bugs.

Bon appétit!

Play it safe

Are holiday foods still safe to eat?

Follow these guidelines from the Michigan Food Safety Task Force.

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 Olenksi, 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 sex."

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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 jalapeno pepper, minced
1/2 bunch fresh cilantro, chopped
1 onion, diced
1/4 ounce minced garlic
1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
1/8 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin

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 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; Polish, 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 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 campus.

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-275.

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., Tuesday, 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;

■ Herb-a-mania, 6-9 p.m., Thursday, March 22;
■ The Incredible Edible Mushroom, 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, April 3;
■ European Bread Making (two weeks), 6-10 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 26.

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 e-mail 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 Better."

"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 time-saving 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 tomatoes.

■ Cover a tortilla with turkey or chicken, low-fat 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 serve.

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 Canned Food Alliance online at www.mealtime.org.

Booklet, coupons help in food drive

Gleaners Community Food 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

straight from the Weight Watchers kitchen.

Proceeds will go to the Salvation Army and Gleaners Community Food Bank and other food banks throughout Michigan.


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.

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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) 327-3409.

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 give 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, Novi.

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 Databook (upcoming calendar events); Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field); and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies).

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Hottest food trend of 2001



It's never too late to add diet changes to your New 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 'fruits 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

■ '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.'

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 high-protein 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,

whole grains and beans.

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 high-risk and underserved communities.

New approach

In many ways, these moves by the nation's health organizations are simply following the direction set by the American people.

"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 Polk.

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 living

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 Nutrition, 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-onset diabetes and coronary artery disease, he added.

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 available 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 Stransky 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, Modetz 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 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. Stransky 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 continuum.

"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 our life," he said.

To obtain a copy of Stransky's book, contact the Oakland University Health Enhancement Center at (248) 370-3198.

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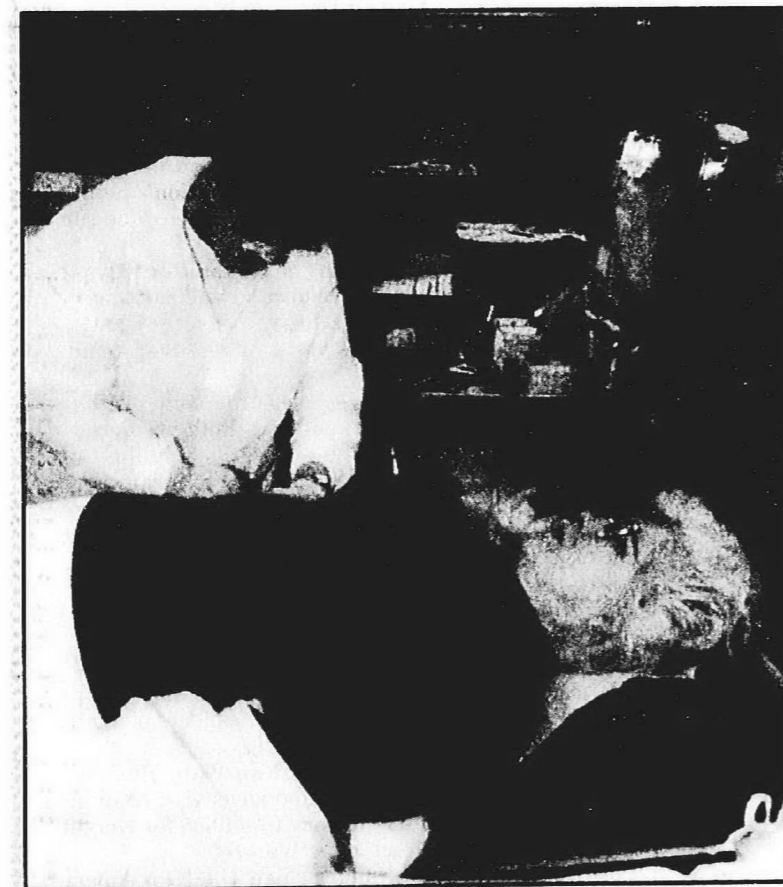
The American Red Cross will sponsor a Community Blood Drive at St. Mary Mercy Hospital 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25 in the hospital's Auditorium. Community residents are urged to join St. Mary Mercy employees and volunteers in donating blood.

Blood supplies are critically low. Snow and ice storms in 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.

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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. Noon Wednesday, Livonia Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 953-1188.

IMPOTENCE
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 Cancer

Care Center in Ypsilanti. Call the Saint Joseph Mercy HealthLine at (800) 231-2211.

ADULT ADD
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/ADHD
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.

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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

stroke."

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 disease-fighting phytochemicals."

A diet full of fruits and vegetables makes it easier to maintain a healthy weight, which in turn

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 colors that Americans demand."

Source: American Institute of Cancer Research.

A free copy of AICR's New American Plate brochure is

available by calling (800) 843-8114, Ext. 30, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The brochure can also be ordered by sending a 68-cent SASE to: The New American Plate, American Institute for Cancer Research, 1759 R Street NW, PO Box 97167, Washington, DC, 20009-7167, or by visiting the institute's Web site: www.aicr.org

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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. Call (734) 416-2411.

SUN, JAN. 28

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

FIBROMYALGIA 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 fibromyalgia and discuss self-management techniques. Other topics include sleep, natural healing and nutrition. Registration 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) 982-8384.

THURS, FEB. 1

NUTRITION
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

WOMEN'S HEALTH
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.

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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.

Prime 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 and Williams International.

Afterwards, prime contractors and business representatives can network from 4-6 p.m. during a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception.

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 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 McDowell, president, Schoolcraft College; Dr. Kenneth Watson, superintendent, Livonia Public Schools; and David Spivey, president and CEO, St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Other board members include Sister Mary Renetta Rumpz, CSSF, Provincial Minister, Felician Sisters; Sister Mary Cynthia Ann Machlik, CSSF, Felician Sisters; Sister Mary Dennis Glonek, CSSF, Felician Sisters; Sister Mary Alfonsa Van Overbergh, 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 staff.

Valassis

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 Walsh College. Both men have been with the company for eight years.



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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 non-members. Register by calling Nancy Skidmore at (248) 546-5490. Further information on IABC/Detroit programs and membership is available by visiting www.iabcedetroit.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 free seminar, "Retirement Plan Distribution," 10 a.m. at the company's Livonia/Laurel Park office, 17420 Laurel Park Drive

BUSINESS CALENDAR

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 long-range 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

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) 745-4550, ext. 8028.

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

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 information, call (313) 961-4748.

FEB. 15, 16, 21

SCORE

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.

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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 built."

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 two-car 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 Commons.

"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 \$3,500.

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 second 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 at \$187,900.

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.

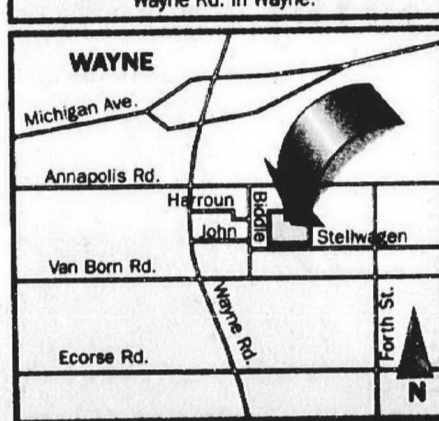
Several plans offer a three- or four-bedroom option, one a sunroom alternative.

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 means the owners of a \$210,000 home there would pay about \$4,450 the first year.

MONROE COMMONS

At Biddle and Stellwagen, east of Wayne Rd. in Wayne.



The spec home and sales office at Monroe Commons, (734) 722-2255, is open 1-6 p.m. daily, closed Thursdays.

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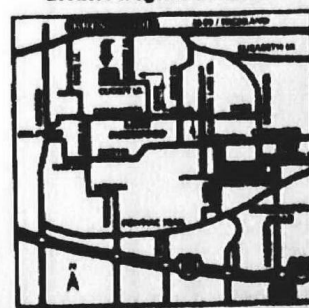
Priced at \$284,915, located on a golf course lot, this 2,300 sq. ft. home offers a two story foyer with hardwood flooring, loft on second level, great room with two sided fireplace, hardwood flooring in kitchen & nook, 3 bedrooms with 1st floor master suite, 2 1/2 baths, 1st floor laundry,

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 1/2 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, 2 1/2 baths, great room with a fireplace, dining room, library, two car side entry garage, and day-light basement. Completion in Spring 2001.

Contact Beverly Climie or Cathy Bray at (248) 606-1990 Sales Office Model Open Daily 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. (Closed Thursday) or by appointment. Brokers & agents welcome.



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Entertaining is effortless in the expansive dining room and adjacent great room with soaring vaulted ceilings, gas fireplace, recessed lights and decorator shelving. The door leads to a wonderful multi-level brick paver patio.

A luxurious first floor master suite will pamper you with its vaulted ceiling, whirlpool tub, separate shower & walk-in closets.

The first floor also includes a generous laundry room, powder room plus a private library with a closet for added versatility.

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The tiled room along with stucco sides flatter this southwestern styled home and make the Santa Fe (D6803) extremely eye appealing.

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.

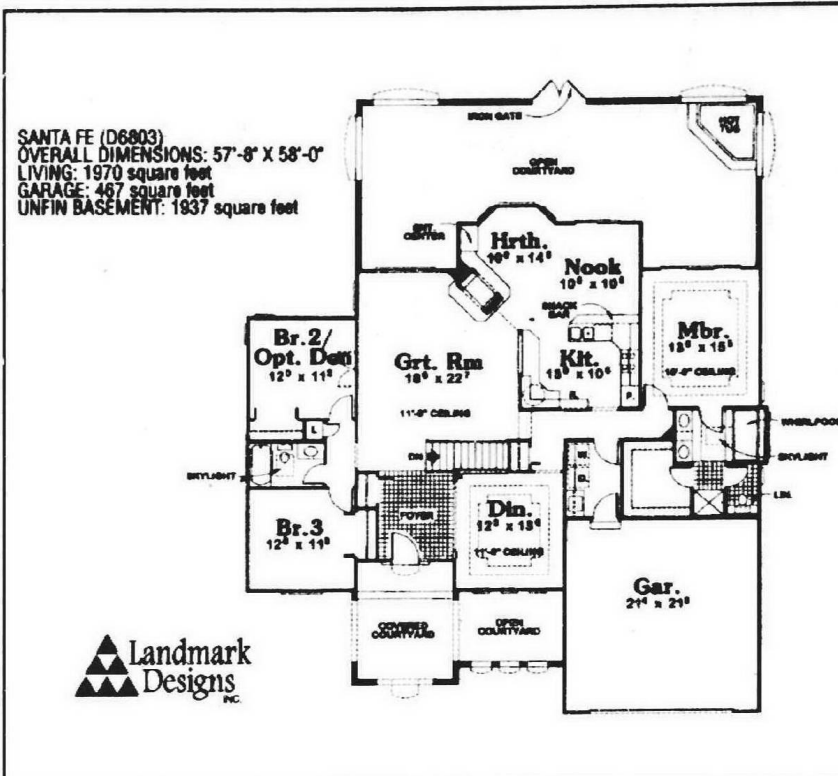
The Santa Fe has 1,970 square feet of living area on the first floor and a full unfinished basement waiting to be used.

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. His-and-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 other side of the shower.

room 2 is used as a den instead of a bedroom, the door can be changed to open off the great room, using two beautiful French doors.

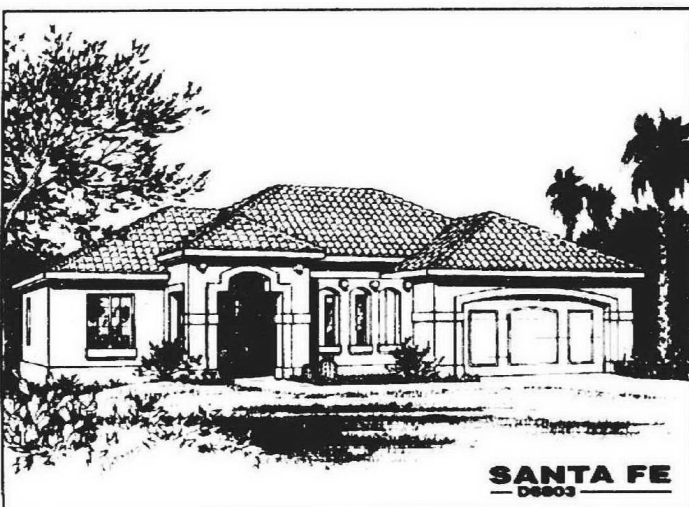
As the front of the Santa Fe has a courtyard, so does the back. It has a hot tub in the rear corner with arched transoms spaced throughout the wall.

An ornate iron gate opens to the back of the property.

For a study plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, sections and an artist rendering, send \$24.95 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Road E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424. Please specify plan name (Santa Fe) and the number (D6803).

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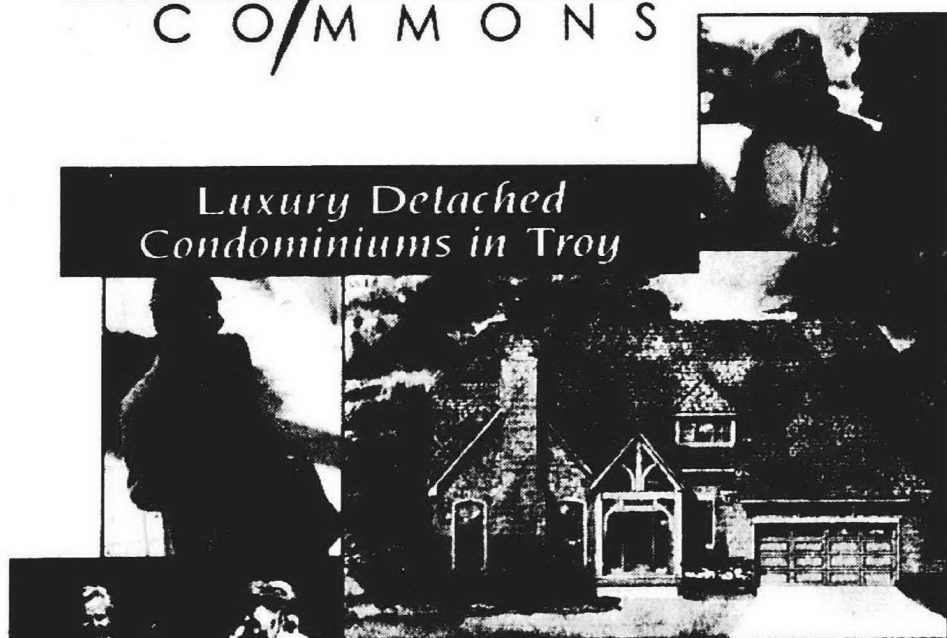
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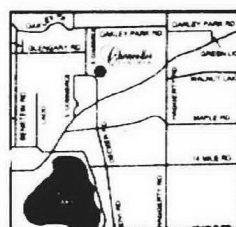
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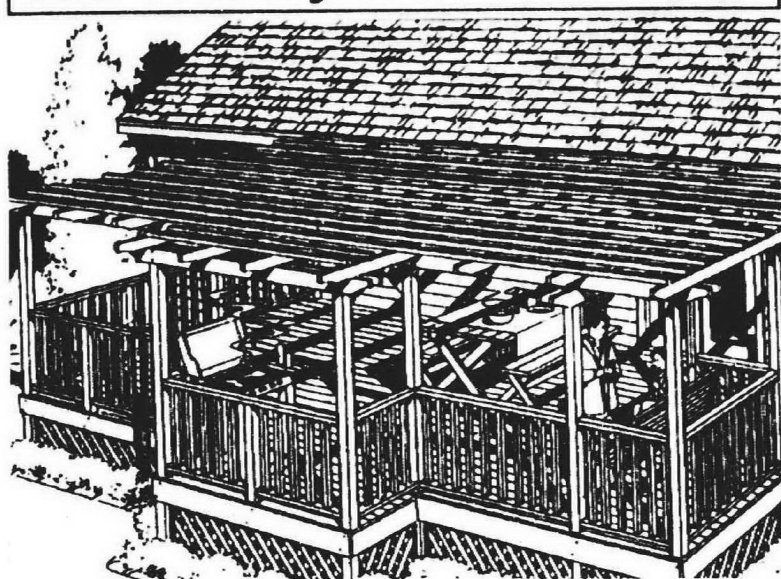


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Save energy, cash with these fairly simple suggestions

(NAPSI)-Soaring oil, gas and electric prices don't necessarily have to translate into hundreds of dollars more on heating bills.

The following tips developed by the experts at HomeJupiter.com, an Internet resource for home building and renovation, can help you win the energy war.

■ 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 way to keep rooms warm at no cost.

For these tips and more useful information on home building and renovation, visit the Web site at www.homejupiter.com

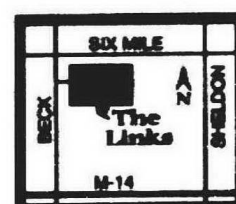
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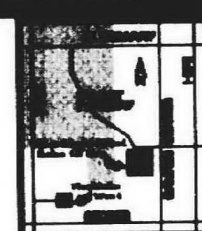
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(NAPSI) - According to statistics from the FBI, a home is burglarized an average of every 12 seconds in the United States.

Break-ins occur anywhere and at anytime, forcing homeowners to consider methods of protection for their homes.

Today, a number of criteria arise in the search for a home security product - reasonable cost, effectiveness and ease of use. Is there a method available to homeowners that meets these criteria?

There are a number of options available to homeowners, from traditional, such as guard dogs, security lighting, alarm systems to one of the newest home security devices - intrusion-resistant window and door systems made with KeepSafe glass.

The three traditional methods may deter a burglar from attempting the crime, but in the end, a burglar can still enter the home.

Intrusion-resistant window and door systems made with KeepSafe glass help provide home security by keeping burglars out.

Weak links

Windows and doors represent the weakest link in your home's defense; 67 percent of all burglaries involve forced entry through a

door or window.

According to crime prevention professionals, the most important issue to consider when determining home security methods is "hardening the target."

Windows and doors made with intrusion-resistant KeepSafe laminated glass effectively harden the weakest link in home security and discourage intruders by denying them what they want most, a quick and quiet entry into your home.

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Ins and outs of storage closet systems

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP SPECIAL FEATURES

(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 hangers.

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 full-height. 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 half-height 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 one.

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 pre-cut 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 pre-cut 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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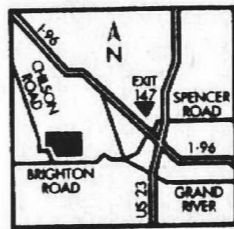
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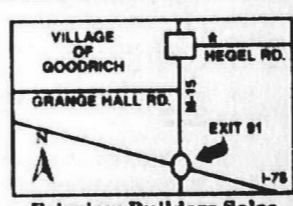
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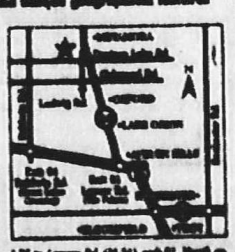
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Single white female, in the 50's, 5'5", 125 lbs. with blonde hair and blue eyes. Active, and professional. Enjoys movies, reading, dining in or out, and long massages. Seeking a single male, to share good times and friendship. BOX 14259

LET'S CHAT!
Attractive, 26 yr old, 5'7", 160 lbs. single white female, with long blonde hair and blue eyes. Professional, enjoys the outdoors, camping, fishing, long walks, hiking, and much more. Seeking a single male, to share good times and friendship. BOX 14303

LOVE IS A CALL AWAY!
37 yr old, divorced white female, 5'8", 140 lbs. with long blonde hair and green eyes, great sense of humor, loving, romantic, college educated, enjoys the outdoors, movies, reading, long walks and much more. 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 lb. single white female with red hair and brown eyes, enjoys dining out, movies, golf, fishing, reading and much more, is seeking a single male, for friendship and maybe more. BOX 27477

LET'S HOOK UP!
Divorced mother, 24 yr old, non-smoker, brown hair, and eyes. Enjoys bowling, movies, reading, long walks, and much more. Seeking a single male, with similar interests, for fun times, and maybe more. BOX 27483

JUST CALL ME!
40 yr old, petite, single white female with a great smile, dark brown hair and green eyes, enjoys movies, music, dining out, reading, cooking and much more, is seeking a single male, with similar interests, for friendship, possible relationship. BOX 32666

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, 38, brown hair and eyes, 5'7", average build. Enjoys camping, outdoor activities, movies, and much more. Looking for a white male, 40 to 45, who is caring, loves children, outgoing, good sense of humor and similar interests. Friendship and possible relationship. Wayne County. BOX 33625

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Vivacious, upbeat, very attractive, blonde female, a professional, 5'7", 115 lb, over 60's, seeking soul mate, counter part, 60's, a professional, for dating, possible long term relationship. Call me and see what life has in store for us. BOX 3599

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New age woman, seeks faithful companion, 40 to 60, financially secure, emotionally centered, intellectually curious, kind, generous and positive. I'm 48, 5'6", divorced, pretty, a small plus size, shoulder length natural red hair, a beautiful smile that lights up a room. Join me on my quest for transcendence. BOX 25698

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Divorced white female, 53, 5'7", 140 lb, average build, white female, mother, 40, 5'5", 150 lb, blonde, smoker, occasional drinker, no drugs. Enjoys the outdoors, riding motorcycles, quiet times. BOX 33384

SOMEONE TO SPOL ME
Seeking someone to have fun with, must love animals. Single white female, mother, 40, 5'5", 150 lb, blonde, smoker, occasional drinker, no drugs. Enjoys the outdoors, riding motorcycles, quiet times. BOX 33384

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Live, love, laugh and be happy. Non-smoking, professional female, with a zest for life. Enjoys travel, the mountains, and quiet walks. Seeking a non-smoking, financially sound, honest gentleman, 50 to 60, with a great sense of humor, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 33689

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Attractive, 5'10", redhead, Catholic, fun loving, adventurous, romantic, comfortable in jeans to evening gown. Loves sports, travel, theatre, gourmet cooking, (for that special man). Seeks tall white gentleman, financially successful, 40 to 50, who is romantic, kind, has a good sense of humor, with similar interests. Oakland County. BOX 35585

QUALITY, QUALITY
Seeking a sincere, honest, no games played, non-smoking, social dining, single white male by a divorced white female, 64, who likes to do almost everything. Looking for friendship, companionship or something long term. West side. Wayne County. BOX 35857

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Pretty petite, passionate, divorced white female, 40ish. Seeks non-smoking, single white male, over 35, for dating, mating, relating. Let's create sparks and watch them fly! BOX 25332

HELLO FRIEND
Attractive, intelligent, slender and tall, lady of 54, is also warm hearted, soft spoken, a smoker. Seeking someone who is 55 to 59, intelligent, tall, an old fashioned gentleman, a smoker. Please call if this describes you. Oakland County. BOX 25395

COUNTRY LIFE
Anyone out there loves dogs and other animals more than the city life? 54, divorced white female, college educated, pretty, 5'5", weight proportionate to height, loves fun, loves life. Looking for a sincere, successful, secure, stable, loving, Caucasian gentleman, non-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

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52 yr old white female, full figured, non-smoker, giving, loving, and lots of fun, loves life. Looking for a sincere, successful, secure, stable, loving, Caucasian gentleman, non-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
Divorced white female, 41, no dependents, height proportionate, caring, considerate, outgoing and cuddly. Enjoys just about anything with the right person. Seeking warm, hearted, romantic, non-smoking, white male who is ready for a relationship. BOX 35480

READY FOR ROMANCE
Attractive, single black female, 40 plus, slightly smoky social drinker. Seriously thinking of warm kisses working out daily, good conversation, music, sports, and is an optimist. Looking for a professional, divorced white male, 40's, physically attractive, tall, no beard or mustache, intelligent, good sense of humor, non-smoker. South Oakland county. BOX 36066

WANTS A FRIEND
Outgoing, easy going, single white female, 58, 160 lbs. with long blonde hair and blue eyes. Professional, enjoys the outdoors, camping, fishing, long walks, hiking, and much more. Seeking a single male, to share good times and friendship. BOX 14133

SPIRIT OF LIFE
58", 140 lbs, long brownish red hair, independent, romantic, who enjoys dancing, shooting, pool, bowling, race cars, outdoors or a quiet evening at home watching movies. Looking for a man, 35 to 45, who's romantic and enjoys some of the same interests. Down River area. BOX 14471

DREAMS
51 yr old, single female, believes in romance, enjoys simple pleasures. Seeking a kind, sincere, single or divorced male, 46 to 60, non-smoker, with similar interests, for a long term monogamous relationship. Down River area. BOX 14471

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Divorced, white female, 50 yr old, mother of three children, social drinker, smoker. Enjoys the outdoors, camping, hiking, fishing, sitting in front of the fireplace with a good movie. If interested please respond. BOX 32632

LIGHTEN UP MY LIFE
Single white Christian female, 38, 5'8", full figured, long brown hair and blue eyes. Interests are jazz, Christian music, old cars, long walks, and more. Looking for a single white Christian male, easygoing, 5'9" to 6'4", who knows how to treat a lady. BOX 10709

NEW TO THE AREA
Single, black, reddish brown hair, interest in meeting someone who is honest, not a game player, caring, likes to laugh, knows how to treat a lady, 36 to 52. BOX 25073

HONESTY IS THE KEY
Divorced black female, 59", 165lb, coffee with cream complexion, non-smoker. Enjoys movies, walking, bowling, cooking, dining out, and quiet times. Seeking a male, 40-50, honest, tall, caring and dependable for possible long term relationship. BOX 25098

MR. RIGHT
Single white female, 29, medium to full figured. Likes movies, bowling, quiet nights at home and much more. In search of honest, caring white male, for friendship and maybe more. If the sounds like you, call me. BOX 25311

GREAT COMPANION
Attractive, trim, optimistic, blue eyed, blonde divorced lady, seeks possible long term relationship with non-smoking, degreed, honest, outgoing white gentleman, 48-52, who enjoys travel, golf, romantic times, and the Arts. Oakland County. BOX 25321

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Not perfect, single white mom, 48, sweet, funny, attractive enough, seeking genuine, sincere, white male, single parent, 50 to 58, hard working, non-smoker, for friendly dating. Oakland County area, preferred. BOX 25825

FIRST TIME AD
Divorced Native American female, 38 yr old, 5'10", 150 lbs, long brown hair, brown eyes. Seeking white male, 40 plus, 38 plus, honest, who loves the outdoors, smoker and social drinker okay, for long term relationship. Wayne County. BOX 25333

SEEKING COMPANION
Professional single white female, 38, attractive, non-smoker, single, loves animals, significant weight loss, still losing. Seeking a single white male, for friendship, companionship, and possible mature relationship. BOX 25314

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Falls here, let's go for it. Divorced white female, 68, 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 professional gentleman, over 45, non-smoker, no kids, for a romantic relationship. Interested in the arts, travel, theater, dancing and more. BOX 25991

SOUL MATE
Cute, divorced white female, 55, blonde hair, blue eyes, good and bad, who likes dancing, travel, theater, long walks and even quiet times. Seeking white male, 50 to 62, financially and emotionally secure, with similar interests. Give me a call, you won't be sorry. Macomb County. BOX 25327

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Black professional male, 6'1", 208 lbs. Enjoys outdoor sports, cars and antiques. Seeking a single female, 40's, physically attractive, with similar interests. BOX 14404

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19 yr old, 5'5", 120 lbs, single white male with blonde hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys movies, reading, the outdoors, hiking, and much more. Seeking a single female, 20 to 26, with similar interests, to share good times and maybe more. BOX 32663

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Looking for single white females, 18 to 26, to talk to, kick it with, and hopefully more. BOX 10757

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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

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50 yr old, 5'6", 180 lbs, single white male with brown hair and blue eyes, professional, home owner, non-smoker, enjoys movies, reading, the outdoors, hiking, biking and much more, is seeking a single female, to share good times and maybe more. BOX 27492

CATCH OF THE DAY!
Single white male, 54", brown/brown, attractive, homeown, independent professional, caring, seeking someone for good times, female who is caring and nice and shares similar interests. I enjoy comedy, bowling, movies, dining out, traveling. BOX 32590

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TWO OF A KIND!
58 yr old, 5'8", 170 lb, white male with brown hair and eyes, retired, enjoys movies, reading, the outdoors, country rides, good conversations, is seeking a single female, single female, with similar interests, to share good times and maybe more. BOX 14272

SHARING AND CARING!
35 yr old, 5'11", Christian, single white male, non-smoker, enjoys movies, reading, the outdoors, hiking, biking and much more, is seeking a sincere, caring single female, to develop a long term relationship. BOX 14279

LOOKING FOR YOU!
Youthful looking, 48 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 single/divorced white female, to share good times and maybe more. BOX 27488

LOOKING A GOOD GUY
Look no more! Outgoing, 5'5", 160 lbs, divorced white male with brown hair and blue eyes, professional, home owner, non-smoker, enjoys movies, reading, the outdoors, hiking, biking and much more, is seeking a single female, to share good times and maybe more. BOX 27492

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Single white male, 54", brown/brown, attractive, homeown, independent professional, caring, seeking someone for good times, female who is caring and nice and shares similar interests. I enjoy comedy, bowling, movies, dining out, traveling. BOX 32590

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ONE OF A KIND!
19 yr old, 5'5", 120 lbs, single white male with blonde hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys movies, reading, the outdoors, hiking, and much more. Seeking a single female, 20 to 26, with similar interests, to share good times and maybe more. BOX 32663

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36 yr old, 6'2", 210 lb, divorced white male with brown hair and blue eyes, professional, enjoys the outdoors, movies, the outdoors, quiet times alone and much more. Seeking a fit, spontaneous, single female with a great sense of humor, to share good times and maybe more. BOX 32690

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DO YOU QUALIFY?
White male, 48, muscular, attractive, financial and self secure. Seeking selective, classy, attractive white or Asian female, under 45, for long term relationship. Wayne County. BOX 25870

BIG HEARTED
Attractive, widowed white single male, 5'9", 175 lbs, with good sense of humor, early 80's, enjoys all the good things in life, financially secure, gentle. Looking for a slim attractive white lady 50 to 58 for a permanent relationship. No games. BOX 33486

STILL SEARCHING
Single divorced white male, 38, 6'1", 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 earth. 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

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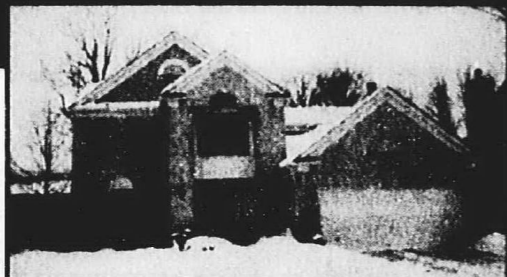
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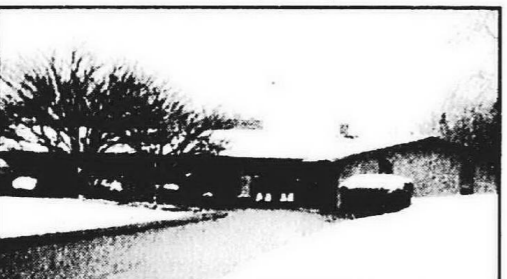
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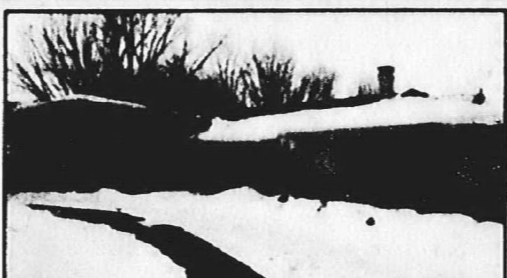
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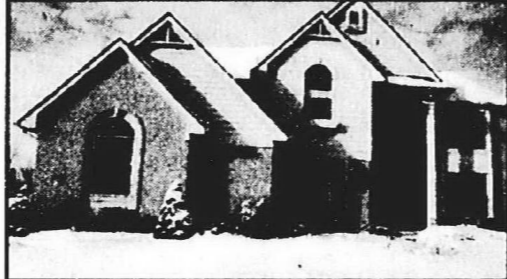
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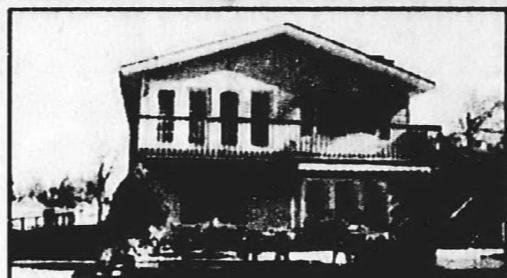
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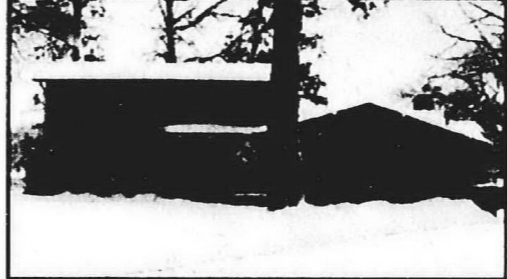
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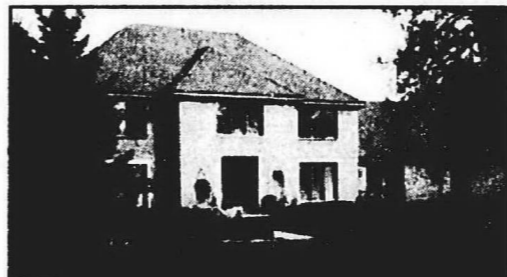
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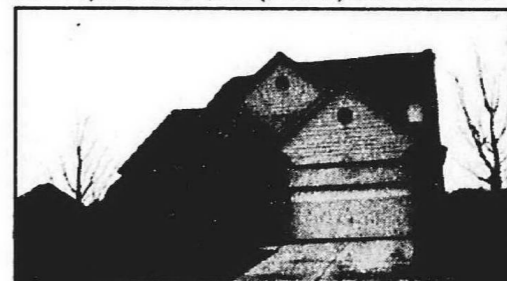
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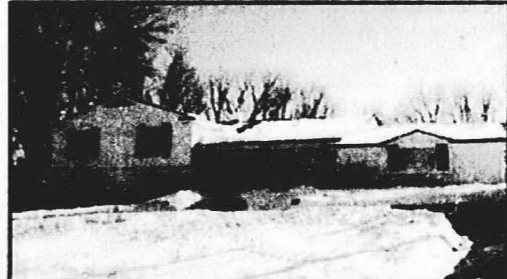
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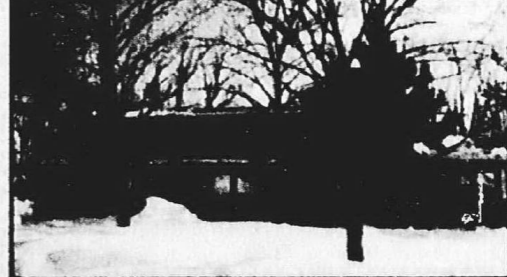
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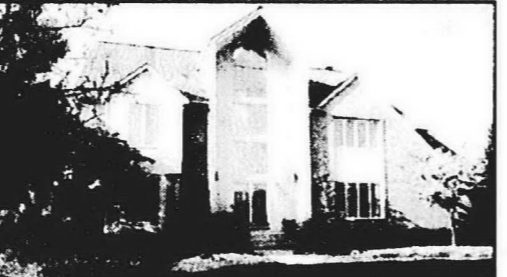


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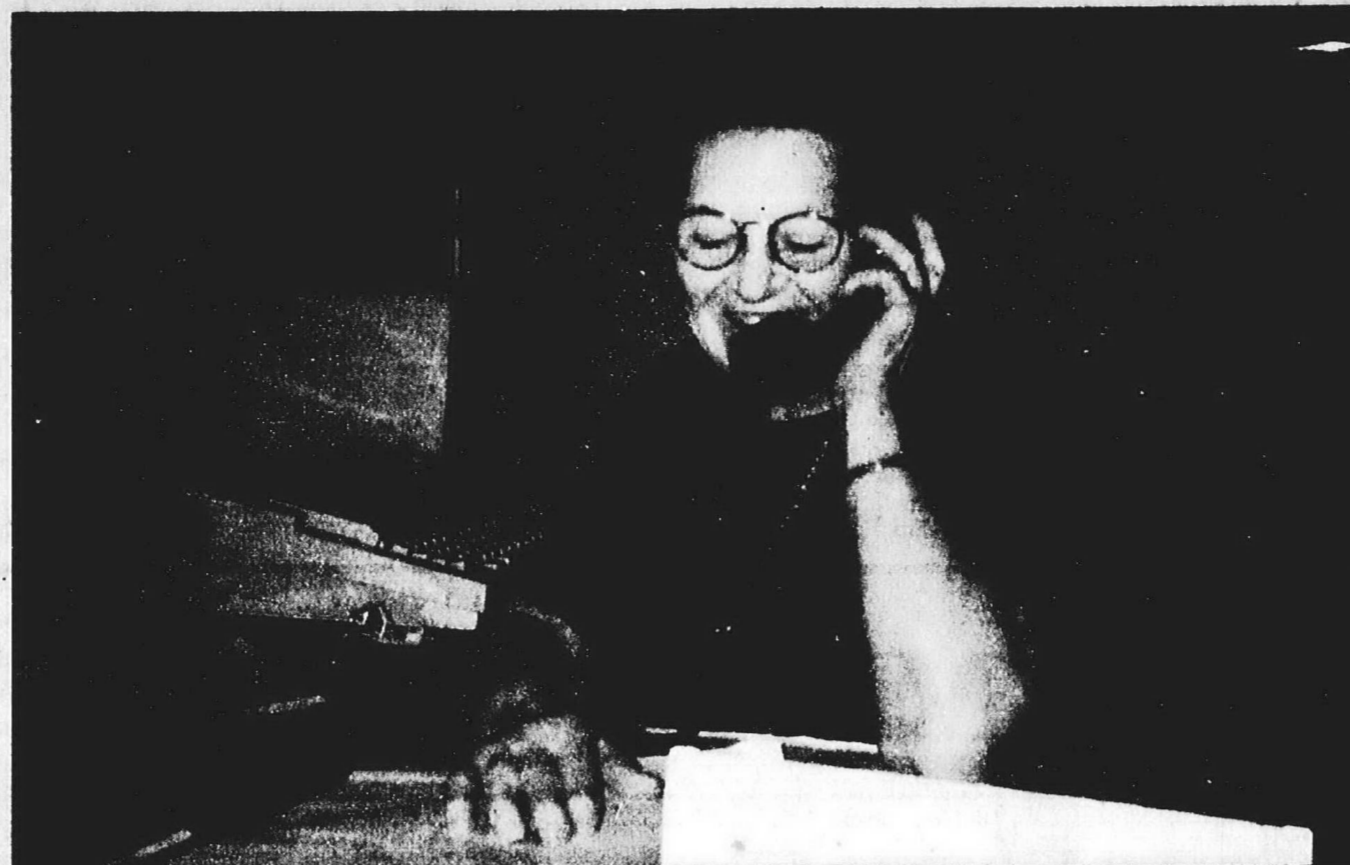


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Still working: Ruth Konkel, 83, keeps busy and helps pay bills with her job as a weekend manager at American House senior living residence in Westland.

Rehirement after Retirement

Businesses consider seniors very valuable employees

BY MARGO DEWEY
SPECIAL WRITER

As 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 campuses.

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 (65 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 benefits."

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

A good resume can make a difference

Q. Please look over my resume. I've only received about one call for every 40 I've sent out.

John S., Livonia

A. This kind of response rate is not that unusual, even when employers are short of good people. But a well written resume can certainly improve the odds of getting a call.

Years ago, I sent a resume to an employer who had a perfect opening for one of my candidates. As is common in a confidential search, I blocked out any information that could have identified the person. It was a great match, but the employer didn't see it my way. He immediately rejected the candidate as "underqualified."

After waiting a few days, I revised the candidate's resume and resubmitted it to the same employer. "You might want to consider this person," I told the manager and mailed the paperwork (we didn't have fax machines or e-mail).

Two days later, the employer called me out of a meeting. "This resume looks outstanding!" he said. We scheduled an interview and the candidate later received an offer.

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.

What did I revise in the resume? What did I do with the cosmetics, while leaving the substance intact? Here are a few things that are definite turn-offs to most employers and recruiters:

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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.

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 camaraderie 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: scheduling 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 time off to see him."

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 wanted 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 Konkel.

"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 operate 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) 642-8850.

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 can go to the web site www.seniorjobbank.com.

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dates to pack their resumes with bulletized achievement statements such as "Increased sales in the floor wax market by 26.4 percent in 1992" or "Designed a new way of processing claim forms that cut paper clip usage by 6.4 percent over 12 years."

Well, I'm sick of it.

We now get resumes that consist entirely of long lists of accomplishments. It seems like everybody has saved money or increased sales or invented something revolutionary. That's great, but I usually can't figure out what these wunderkids actually did during a typical day or what roles they played in their companies. Anyway, there is no way to verify these stellar deeds, particularly those smacking of self-assessment ("Dramatically improved relationships with key customers").

Let's just go back to the old way, when at least some sentences on a resume started out with "Responsible for..."

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Provide support services in a group home near Eight Mile and Woodward. Excellent wages and benefits. Call 248-474-0888

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To assist two women with physical disabilities with daily living in their home in Livonia, afternoon shift. \$7.30-\$7.80. Call Michelle at (734) 484-0781.

Direct Care Staff

To assist five senior citizens with disabilities and to enable them to continue their independent living. Nine mile & Farmington area. Afternoon shifts. \$7.30-\$7.80. Call Michelle at (248) 477-6072.

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Director of Institutional Research

Oakland Community College is currently accepting applications for the position of Director of Institutional Research in the Institutional Research Department at the Pontiac Place.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Master's degree in an area demonstrating experience in institutional research, preferred. Five years research experience with three years directly related to institutional research. Knowledge of statistical methodology. Strong research, technical and evaluation skills. Advanced knowledge of computer applications to support research activities including SPSS. Ability to design data retrieval and analysis programs. Demonstrated oral and written communication skills or interact with college staff and counterparts at other colleges and universities. Ability to work collaboratively with diverse internal and external constituency. Demonstrated experience in assessment and evaluation. Experience with multi-cultural students and staff preferred. (More detailed information is available for this position on the OCC web site at: www.occ.mi.us)

Applicants MUST complete an application form. Requests for applications will be accepted through 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 7, 2001. Contact the OCC Job Hotline at (248) 341-2023 and refer to position 01ADM02-11102.

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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAMS

Oakland Community College is currently accepting applications for the position of Director of Public Service Programs in the Academic Services Department at the Auburn Hills Campus.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Master's degree in Criminal Justice, social science, business administration. Public service or related field, preferred. Minimum of ten years progressively responsible experience in higher education and/or public service administration. Knowledge of principles of management and supervision. Knowledge of labor relations and union contract. Project in management skills. Knowledge of current and projected public safety practices. Skill in verbal and written communication. Knowledge of assessment and evaluation methodologies. Ability to work as a team player in a multi-cultural diverse working environment. Experience with multi-cultural students and staff preferred. (More detailed information is available for this position on the OCC web site at: www.occ.mi.us)

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Part-time Door Attendant for Premier Retirement Community. 9:30 AM - 6 PM, two days per week. Your smile is needed to greet and assist residents, visitors and vendors. Must perform duties in and outdoors. Apply in person. Monday thru Friday, 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM or fax your resume to: 24111 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48034. EOE Drug-Free Workplace

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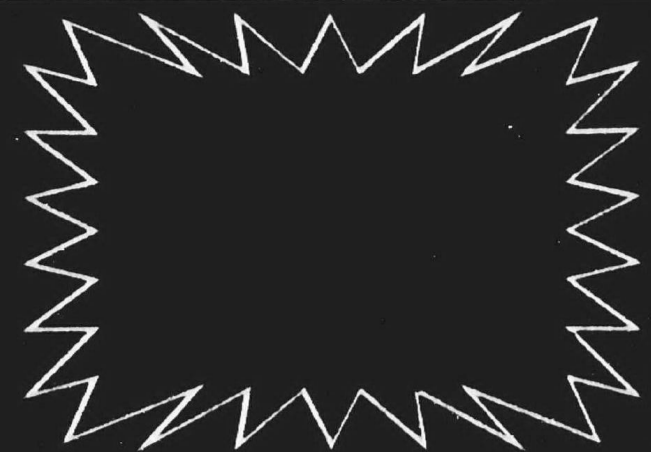
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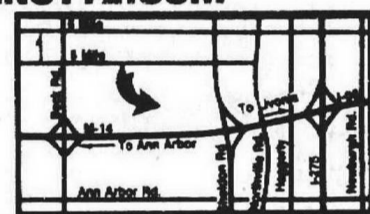
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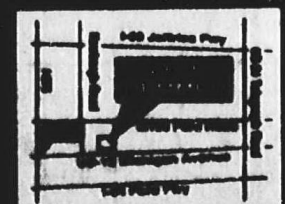


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Honda's engineers take a normal economy car and given us something to remember

BY JAMES F. BRYSON
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In 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 1.7i 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 twists 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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Honda

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my car and given us something to remember.

On that front, the whole drive train works extremely well together. Honda's venerable VTEC technology (variable valve timing) works wonders in keeping torque high throughout the rev range. That, coupled with a 6700 rpm redline, gives the Civic plenty of oomph to get around without much fuss. And fuss it does not. It tantalizes and taunts, causing you to push harder and farther towards redline, pulling every inch of the way.

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, though 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 around-town 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 class.



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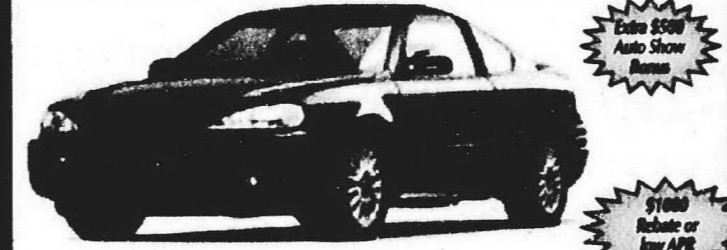
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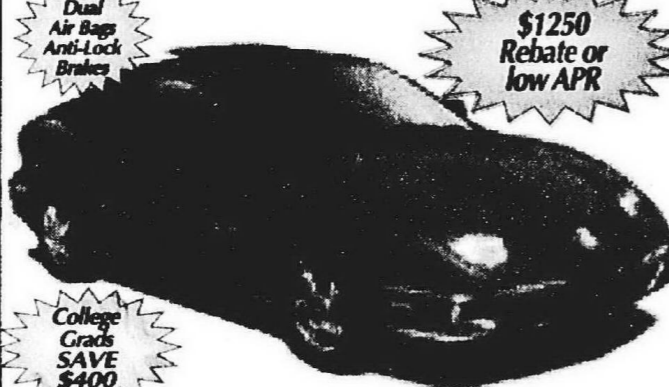
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SALE PRICE **GM's PRICE**
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LEASE FOR **GM's LEASE**
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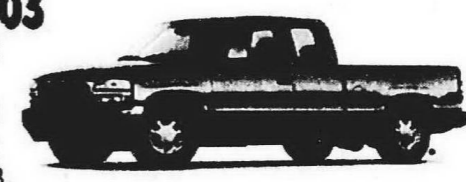
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SALE PRICE **GM's PRICE**
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LEASE FOR **GM's LEASE**
\$300⁷⁷** **\$272⁴⁴****
\$1,457.82 due at signing \$1,427.83 due at signing
Down Payment \$1000

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SALE PRICE **GM's PRICE**
\$29,345* **\$28,033²¹***
LEASE FOR **GM's LEASE**
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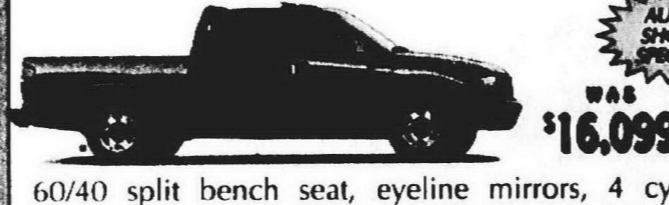
2001 YUKON 4 DOOR



2 wheel drive, buckets, V-8, automatic, SLE decor, stereo cassette/CD, power windows, power door locks. Stock #1-6030

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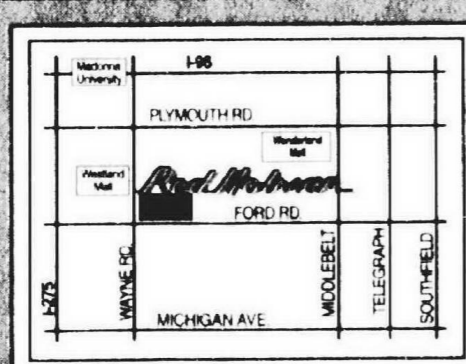
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