

Secrets of Success
Local couples reveal the secrets to their successful marriages in our wedding and engagements special section inside this issue of the Observer.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Helping hands: Volunteers will lend their support to Crossroads in downtown Detroit as part of the outreach program at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth. Find out how it went in Thursday's Plymouth Observer.

MONDAY

Special meeting: The Plymouth City Commission holds a special meeting at 6 p.m. to discuss the city manager search.

Taxes due

The last day to pay the Winter 2000 tax bill without penalty is Wednesday, Feb. 14, according to Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards.

For more information, call the treasurer's office, (734) 453-3840, Ext. 214.

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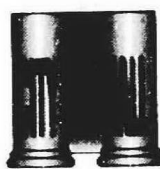
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Recall aimed at commissioners



A Plymouth resident has filed petitions seeking the recall of two city commissioners, including Mayor Dave McDonald, who has already said he won't seek re-election this year.

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An effort is under way to recall two members of the Plymouth city commission.

Plymouth resident Daniel Taylor has filed petition language with the Wayne

County clerk's office alleging three charges against Mayor Dave McDonald and two against Mayor Pro-Tem Colleen Pobur.

In the petition against McDonald, Taylor alleges McDonald:

■ knowingly violated the Michigan Open Meetings Act by calling and par-

ticipating in an illegal public meeting in connection with the termination of City Manager Steve Walters.

■ failed to direct the city police department to investigate a police officer who threatened an individual with murder.

■ exerted improper influence on a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to approve a variance on the lot owned by the mayor pro-tem.

"I'm really unhappy with the leadership and the process they went through to retain a new city manager," Taylor said. "It was not very positive,

and I expect the leadership to make that happen. I consider the leadership Pobur and McDonald."

Pobur, according to the petitions, is charged with the first two violations.

"The charges are almost ludicrous," said McDonald. "There's no substance to any of this."

"Clearly, neither of these things happened. I never participated in an illegal meeting, and I'm a staunch proponent of the Open Meetings Act," added Pobur. "I believe the impetus behind

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Artists' rendering: Plymouth Community Arts Council Director Jennifer Tobin, right, leads the cast of the Whistle Stop Players, who are rehearsing for the upcoming production "T.H.E. Club," which stands for "Try Helping the Environment." The group will perform May 4-6 at the PCAC, and then take the show on the road to local community groups and elementary schools. For information, call (734) 416-4278.

Arts appreciation

Council works at raising awareness

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For more than 30 years, the Plymouth Community Arts Council has tried to raise arts awareness in the community, particularly through the impressionable eyes of its youth.

The council's latest project is another effort to do just that.

The new "Passport to Arts and Culture" program, a cooperative effort between the PCAC, the Plymouth Historical Society and the Plymouth Symphony, will encourage young people to attend events for all three cultural groups throughout next school year. Participating students will be given a document similar to a passport, which will be stamped when the student attends an event.

Incentives will be given to complete the passport by year's end. The program is being

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Time out: Maria Sarinowski of Plymouth, 9, laughs while listening to director Jennifer Tobin during a break in rehearsal. Kirbi Fagan of Plymouth, 10, is at left.

Board eyes cell tower ordinance

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Plymouth Township planning commissioners are studying a new wireless communication ordinance to make its expectations clearer to those wanting to install cell towers, monopoles and antennas.

The amendment to the zoning ordinance is designed with sensitivity to residential areas.

"We acknowledge that these are public conveniences and we want to assist them in locating in an appropriate area," said Shirley Barney, Plymouth Township community development director.

That means providing the highest level of cellular services with the least visual intrusion.

Cell towers in Plymouth Township are located at the Department of Public Services building on Port Street, the Plymouth Industrial Center on Eckles, and the clock tower on the

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Anti-CCW legion takes to the streets

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Critics of Michigan's recently-passed CCW Law, requiring the issue of concealed weapons permits to those who qualify, say the law should have been taken to the people for a vote. Now those critics are taking their gripe to the streets of Plymouth and Canton.

Canton resident Anne Marie Graham-Hudak has picked up her clipboard to help collect the 151,000 signatures required to put the issue on the 2002 ballot, a move initiated by the People Who Care About Kids Committee.

The committee, launched in January, is headed by Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm and Wayne County Prosecutor Mike Dugan.

Graham-Hudak, vice president of

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City unveils park plans

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Improvements costing \$200,000 for two Plymouth city parks have been unveiled, and residents appear ready to enjoy summertime playground upgrades.

Now, it will be up to the city commission to decide how it will come up with the money to buy new playground equipment, upgrade ballfields and plant trees at both Jaycee Park and Garden Club Park.

"I like the plan ... it allows for kids and adults to be more active," said Dave Barry, who spends time at Jaycee Park, at Harding and Wing streets. "It's better use of the land, and there are still enough open spaces to keep it from becoming too crowded."

"I think the improvements are well done," added Paulette Longe, who takes her 3- and 6-year-old children to play at Garden Club Park, located at Forest and Sutherland. "I love the play equipment and the tire swing. And,

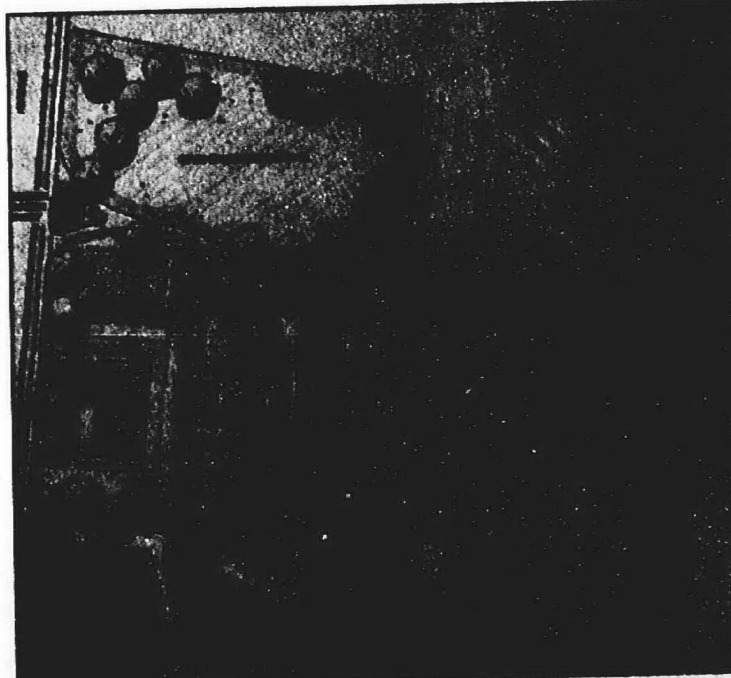
there's going to be an irrigation system so we can finally have some grass there."

The city contracted with Langworthy, Strader, LeBlanc & Associates of Royal Oak to develop the two parks as part of a new master recreation plan, as well as generate a park theme that can be carried throughout the city park system. After a December brain-storming session with area residents, the plans were revealed Tuesday night.

"We're proposing to relocate the sand volleyball and basketball courts to the west, and in its place put in a play structure that will cost about \$40,000," said Robert Petko, a landscape architect from Progressive AE. "We're looking at a hard surface path that radiates from the central portion of the site. A gazebo will be constructed so it's accessible from the sledding hill, play structures and baseball field. We'll also be adding two sets of swings."

The total cost to revamp Jaycee Park, according to Petko, will be \$150,000-\$200,000.

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Park concept: An artist's rendering shows what the completed Jaycee's Park would look like.

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Happy couples celebrated

In an annual feature that has been popular from the start, the Observer features successful local marriages in the February special section on weddings and engagements. This year we received a few more pictures than we had space

for in the special section, hence the appearance of Plymouth residents Gordon and Pat Eddy here. The rest of the happy couples can be found in the special section inside this issue of the Plymouth Observer.



Real commitment: "There is nothing better than a good marriage, but it doesn't just happen," wrote Plymouth residents Gordon and Pat Eddy, who have been married 52 years. "It takes real commitment to each other to keep the romance and love in your relationship. There are three important things we have found in our marriage that perhaps other couples might like to hear. First of all, 'Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain.' If you honor the Lord in your home, each of you will be less selfish and will consider the other person's wants and needs as their own. The second thing we've learned is to communicate with each other every day. Talk things over, and not just about carpooling for soccer practice, etc. But talk about what's really good or about what's bothering you! And the third thing to remind yourself each day why you married your spouse in the first place; why you fell in love with him or her. Think of his good points and don't fall into petty bickering. There is a need for give and take, and compromise, to bring true happiness to any couple."



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Dave McDonald
—Plymouth Mayor

Recall

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this effort is Dr. (Tom) Prose's (\$100 million) lawsuit against the city."

Taylor was not reached by the Observer.

The county's elections commission will hold a meeting Feb. 20, at which time it will decide if the recall language will be approved. If it is, petitioners will have 180 days to produce signatures equal to 25 percent of those who voted in the last gubernatorial race. Plymouth deputy clerk Emily Peters said petitioners will need to collect 853 signatures for each recall petition to put the issue on a ballot.

Peters said a special election could cost taxpayers between \$10,000-\$15,000.

McDonald has said he won't be running for re-election in November. Pobur said she will be seeking another term on the commission.

OLGC hosts music fest

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church hosts an American Music Festival at tonight (Sunday) at 7:30 p.m.

The combined choirs of St. John Neumann Parish in Canton and OLGC present a dynamic and diversified American program that will include the soft-rock cantata, "The Creation," for choir, keyboard, guitar, bass and drums. The second featured piece, "The Promise of Living," by American composer Aaron Copland will be presented as a tribute to the 100th anniversary of the composer's birth.

The final piece will be a sing-along "Gospel Fest" led by noted area singer and composer Barbara Martin. Selections will include "Precious Lord," "Soon and Very Soon" and Martin's composition, "Ride On, Jesus."

The program will be directed by John and



Barbara Martin

PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Gary Robertson. Admission is a \$5 donation at the door. The church is located at 47650 North Territorial Road in Plymouth Township. For more information, call the parish office, (734) 453-30265, or the St. John Neumann parish office, (734) 455-5910.

Arts Council hosts seminar

The Plymouth Community Arts Council and the Plymouth Symphony host an "inspirational and healing" hands-on seminar, "Mandalas and Music," presented by Plymouth artist Cathy Dyer March 3 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts.

Dyer's process involves meditation to access symbols and colors which come from the inner self and from spiritual guidance to create mandalas, or healing symbols based on a circle.

Dyer has been a featured artist at Ply-

mouth's ARTrageous Festival, at the PCAC and in the Artists' Response to Universal Violence Against Women. The March 3 seminar will have as its inspiration the music of Tobias Picker's work, *The Enchantadas*.

Registration fee is \$25 per person, which includes materials. To reserve a seat, pre-register by Feb. 23 by calling the PCAC, (734) 416-4278.

Party team looks for building

When Plymouth-Canton seniors get to the 2001 Senior Party at the end of the school year, they're likely to find a nicely decorated room in which to celebrate.

As long as the committee charged with providing the decorations can find a building in which to work. This year, the committee, which traditionally works out of a separate building to build the decorations for the party, is having trouble finding a home.

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Group effort: Sydney DeLosh, 9, and Meredith Houska, 8, both of Plymouth, act along with their castmates while director Jennifer Tobin gives instruction during a break in rehearsal.

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partially funded by a \$14,000 grant from the state; the three organizations will have to raise the rest of the estimated \$35,000 for the program.

"These young people really do, when they're encouraged, express themselves through art, or music or the theater," said Stella Greene, the council's development director.

It's just another way to get the word to youngsters about the arts. The council also has a portfolio program in the school system, which puts 100 portfolios of completed works, along with teaching manuals for parents. Volunteer parents go through the portfolios with the students.

"We're really advancing the knowledge of parents as well as kids," Greene said. "Parents end up doing more research on their own."

It's the brainstorm of the original founder of the PCAC, Joanne Winkelman Hulse who, 30 years later, is still very involved in the council. It was her desire to take art into the schools. If the mountain won't come to Mohammed, Hulse decided to take Mohammed to the mountain.

"There wasn't enough art appreciation in our schools," said Hulse, who founded the council in 1969 over a coffee shop in Plymouth. "Teachers didn't have the time to give to arts. This council started with education programs in the schools. We expanded from there, but that was always the main goal."

Much of what the PCAC does is geared toward kids. For example, the Isbister Collection will feature children's art in a formal setting in May and June. The council's children's theater program features the Whistle Stop



Plymouth Community Arts Council Director Jennifer Tobin leads the cast of the Whistle Stop Play, who are rehearsing for the upcoming production 'T.H.E. Club.'

Players, giving children the chance to experience the theater. And the student-run Teen Drama Club runs quarterly productions.

"What more is the arts but a way for kids to express themselves?" Greene said. "You don't have to re-create the wheel; you just use the wheels you already have available."

While the council is keen on raising awareness among young people, one of its biggest pushes right now is to pump up the volume in the business community.

With approximately 50 businesses listed as members now, the council is aiming at quadrupling that to 200 this year.

Greene and executive director Jennifer Tobin are hoping local businesses can get excited about the passport program, drawing them into support of the PCAC in the process.

"Traditionally, the business community hasn't supported us," Greene points out. "But we feel we're a tremendous asset to the business community. We bring people to town, even if it's just to walk through downtown for something like concerts in the park. We certainly improve the quality of life in the community."

The PCAC counts on memberships, available in a variety of monetary values, and its biggest fund-raiser, the upcoming dinner/auction, to keep the coffers full. The council hopes to build its overall membership list, which has grown to more than 450.

"We're very proud of that," Greene said. "The dinner auction and memberships are the main ways we keep a roof over our heads, the doors open and the programs going. We'd like to see more people not just be members, but utilize us."

The PCAC, located in the Joanne Winkelman Hulse Center on Sheldon, is available for rent for meetings, conferences and the like. It also hosts plays, classes and seminars.

All of that makes up what Hulse has come to love. It's what keeps her active in the council.

"When you believe so much in something, and you're getting back from it," she said, "it's no longer about giving and receiving."

Neighbors unhappy with plans

Smaller setbacks worry residents around PUD project

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It's the last open acreage on which to build in Plymouth, and residents of New England Subdivision aren't pleased with what's being planned for their backyards.

Developer Marcello Scappaticci of Plymouth is expected to reveal plans for a 32-unit condominium project at Wednesday's city planning commission meeting. And, he's likely to run into opposition from neighbors surrounding the three acres of the old Cassidy Farm property, near North Territorial and Sheldon roads.

Project coordinator Peter Zorney said Scappaticci will ask for the project to be considered as a planned unit development. Under that designation, Zorney said they would save an old farmhouse and a barn on the site in exchange for variances in setback requirements.

That's partially what has his neighbors challenging the project. They want setbacks from their yards kept at 35 feet.

"If he were to break up the units to individually detached condominiums, then the setback wouldn't be such an issue," said Dennis Jones, whose home on Sitchuet adjoins the development at his rear property line. "Instead, it's just a two-story wall with a roof on it."

"We want this project to enhance our neighbor-

hood, not detract from it," said Jones. "We want an attractive looking building, not something that is monolithic, without any imagination to it at all."

While Zorney declined to comment on the specifics, Jones said some of the buildings will be 200 feet long, without much design.

Mike Phillips, who is also opposed to a variance along the property line of his Lexington Street home, is afraid the project won't be aesthetically pleasing to match the subdivision.

"Our yards slope, so a 20-foot setback optically would look like only 10 feet," said Phillips. "It will significantly hurt our property values, by as much as \$15,000."

"If it was an upscale development, it wouldn't have as big an impact," he said. "But as it stands, it will just be a long, brick building across the back of our properties. As a neighbor, we want the same considerations he would expect of us."

Zorney said, "We've met several times with them to come up with a plan that meets their needs. We have revised architectural plans, and are making changes as fast as we can. I understand what their concerns are, and we're trying to accommodate them."

Zorney said he's talked to several neighbors who approve of their plans, and he's hoping changes the opposition sees next Wednesday will appease them.

Jones and Miller admit Zorney has made some concessions to the original plan, but said they aren't enough.

Jones said he will bring petitions to the planning commission meeting, signed by a majority of the 172 New England Subdivision homeowners who oppose the project.

■ 'If he were to break up the units to individually detached condominiums, then the setback wouldn't be such an issue.'

Dennis Jones
—Neighbor

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Massey property on Ann Arbor Road. The clock tower is considered a feature tower because it is designed to look like something else, Barney said.

St. John's Conference Center at Five Mile and Sheldon Roads has an antenna. An area on Powell Road has a microwave tower with antennas.

The planning commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed wireless communication ordinance at its 7 p.m. Feb. 21 meeting at Plymouth Township Hall located at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley.

There is also a public hearing Feb. 21 on an application request from Dr. Bruce Fisher regarding installation of a 190-foot cell tower at Joy and Canton Center Roads. This wasn't discussed at the Feb. 7 planning

commission study session.

"Cell phone access in the Plymouth area isn't very good," said commissioner Bill Pratt. "When you come down that M-14 corridor, you are in a tunnel. You are really dead."

Commissioners mentioned other areas in the metro-Detroit area where cell towers are so disguised a passerby can't tell they are there.

At some churches, for example, the cross is an antenna, Barney said. "You probably see a lot you don't realize," she said.

In considering installations, Sara Hodges, vice president of McKenna Associates Inc., the township's planning consultants, said the township should encourage companies to consider whether there might be an existing structure tall enough to

■ 'There are choices you make on how you will regulate these facilities.'

Sara Hodges
—McKenna Associates

attach an antenna.

Another priority would be to collocate new antennas on a feature tower or existing pole.

"There are choices that you make on how you will regulate these facilities," Hodges said. "You don't want to necessarily bog them down but give them clear direction."

Decisions can be made on a case-by-case basis, she said. "It's a balancing act," Hodges said.

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"I think the plans look really good," said Tim Roraback, whose daughters play at Jaycee Park. "Right now the park is absolutely nothing, so if they do anything with it, I'll be happy."

Improvements at Garden Club Park will be less costly.

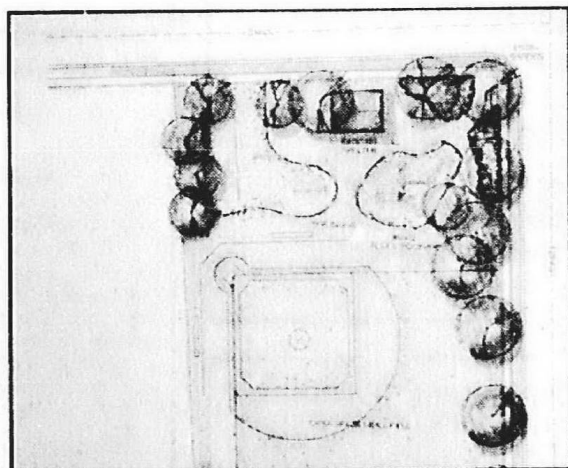
"The major change is flipping the orientation of the ballfield from the corner," said Jennifer Frey, senior project coordinator for LSL Associates. "The view from the corner into the park will be more aesthetically pleasing, instead of looking at the backstop, and will be less congested with players, families and strollers."

"We've also added more swings, a tire swing, and play structure with a lot of climbing apparatus," she said. "We'll put in some topsoil for new grass, and run lines from the water fountain so the grass can be watered."

Frey said the playground equipment will cost nearly \$30,000, with the entire project to cost \$50,000.

"I think it's a definite improvement," said Ann Leland of Plymouth, the civic improvement chairwoman for the Garden Club. "We're glad it will remain a neighborhood park."

Acting City Manager Paul Sincoc said the city commission will be presented with the plans for the two parks at its Feb. 19 meeting.



Park plan: Plans call for about \$50,000 worth of improvements to Garden Club Park.

"We need to look at some financing plans because we'd like to put in the play structures sometime this summer," he said. "In order to do that, we'll need to move on the plans fairly quickly."

Local high schools earn merit honors

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Two local high schools have been recognized by Gov. John Engler for achieving a high number of Michigan Merit Award recipients.

The Governor's Cup, established last year by Engler as a non-monetary award to recognize the high schools in each athletic conference with the highest number of Michigan Merit Award winners, was

awarded to Plymouth-Salem High School and Plymouth Christian Academy High School.

Michigan Merit Award winners are high school students who place high enough on the state MEAP tests to qualify for a \$2,500 college scholarship.

In the Western Lakes Activities Association, Plymouth-Salem had the most students qualifying for the award.

"It's an academic award, and makes me proud," said Salem School District Superintendent John

accepted the Governor's Cup award at a ceremony in Ann Arbor.

Plymouth Christian Academy, a member of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, finished on top in the conference with 31 Michigan Merit Award winners.

"It's a reflection on how well the kids did on the testing and then go on to graduate," said Mary Harrison, Plymouth Christian Academy high school guidance counselor.

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the Livonia League of Women Voters, said it was her involvement with the Million Mom March organization that educated her about the petition campaign. Last weekend, her teen son and her mother joined her to collect 450 signatures at St. John Neumann Church.

Million Mom March coordinator Barb Case, Plymouth, said the organization worked hard to keep the law from passing, but with no success.

"It was a done deal," she said of the legislation which passed in December during the legislature's lame-duck session. "Despite poll after poll showing Michigan doesn't want this, it got passed."

CCW supporters

Canton resident Dennis Kabczy, member of the Michigan Coalition of Responsible Gun Owners and the NRA, said CCW opponents have the right to seek the referendum. But he questioned why they feel the legislature was pulling one over on them.

"This isn't something that has just been sneaked in," Kabczy said. "There's a lot of legislation that was passed in the lame-duck session."

because the people elected their representatives who passed the law.

"How many of your constitutional rights would you want to be put to a vote?" Kabczy asked.

Kabczy said shortly after moving to Canton, he tried to obtain a permit to carry a concealed weapon, and was instructed by the Canton Police Department to give up on the idea.

"They told me that usually only retired police officers can get a CCW," he said. "If you live in Wayne County, your chances of getting a CCW are slim to none."

Kabczy said he sought a CCW because he was working in downtown Detroit, and law-abiding citizens who wish to protect themselves should absolutely have the right to do so.

"There's a lot of 100-pound waitresses out there that are scared of being mugged on the way home from work," he said.

Kabczy said much of the opposition to the CCWs is unwarranted because potential applicants for the permits are not the population the public should worry about.

Under the new CCW law, applicants must complete an eight-hour training course, which is not necessary under current law to obtain a license, he said. Further, there are restrictions in the new CCW law which would prohibit people from carrying guns on school property, at large gatherings, or if they have been drinking alcohol or taking drugs, all of which are issues for responsible gun owners.

"I feel for every mother whose child has been injured by a gun," Kabczy said. "People who assault with a firearm are wrong. But the main problem I have with (the referendum) is the Constitution is designed to protect the rights of minorities, and I am a minority as a gun owner. I don't think anybody who's not willing to undergo the training and knows nothing about firearms should have a say in how I exercise my

Constitutional rights."

CCW opponents unite

Case said shortly after the law passed, Duggan called her to ask if the Million Moms would join a coalition of child advocacy groups, law enforcement groups and churches, to distribute the petitions.

The coalition has until March 27 to collect the signatures, after which the Board of Canvassers will verify and count the signatures, and make the decision about putting the law to a vote.

"We're about halfway there," Case said of the number of signatures collected.

But collecting the signatures is not always a picnic, said Case.

"The majority of people I approach, sign the petition," she said. "Those who don't, refuse with a scowl. Then there are those who love to try to convince me that I'm wrong."

Even worse, she said, some gun-ownership supporters become verbally abusive.

"They say things like, 'I hope no one with a gun is around to help you some night when you're being mugged by someone with a gun,'" said Graham-Hudak.

"As this thing gains momentum that's going to get more and more common," Case said. "We're putting fear into these people. They already have what they want, and so they don't want it to go to a vote."

Case also reported that some members of the Million Moms have received harassing or sexually explicit e-mail from their opponents.

"I know the people who are sending these messages are probably the fringe elements of pro-gun groups and most NRA members and gun owners are definitely not like that," Case said. "But my worry is that if these people can't control their mouths, how can we expect they'll control their guns? That makes us all a little nervous."



Thank you: Senior Pastor Fred Hall presents a plaque to Sharon Barnes, the retiring secretary at Plymouth Church of the Nazarene.

Retiring secretary has seen it all in 27 years

BY SUE BUCK
STAFF WRITER
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From an old-fashioned mimeograph to the computer age, Sharon Barnes, a recently retired secretary and office administrator at the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, has witnessed all sorts of technological advances.

The woman who became known as "the secretary" became almost immediately indispensable.

For her hard work and dedication, Barnes was feted at a Jan. 21 church service with 394 people in attendance.

Though Barnes planned on total retirement, she agreed to continue working at the church office doing financial bookkeeping about two days a week or until someone can replace her.

"I'm kind of a fixture," Barnes said.

The church is located at 45801 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Barnes started working one day a week to see how things worked out. She soon was asked to work more days and eventually became a full-time employee.

"My bosses were men of integrity," she said.

And when they weren't there, Barnes turned her empathetic ear toward those people who hurt.

"If you are the only person here to talk to, you do a lot of listening," she said.

Perhaps her nature is the result of the day she was born —

Christmas Day at the former Plymouth Hospital on Main Street. The hospital was located near the current Dairy King on Main Street.

Barnes was taken home to the house in which she still resides. She is the daughter of Blake Fisher who owned the Fisher Shoe Store downtown.

"My father was a founding member of Plymouth Church of the Nazarene in 1933," she said.

After her graduation from Plymouth High School, she studied at Olivet Nazarene College for two years and completed her education at Cleary College of Business.

She is married to Charles Barnes. They have two sons, Michael and Matthew. Michael and wife, Kim, have two sons, Webster and Walker. Matthew and wife, Joellen, have a son, Blake, and are expecting a sibling for him.

At one time Sharon and Chuck planned to move to Jackson, but that changed when Sharon's father became ill. They decided to live with her father to care for him.

Sharon developed a caring lifestyle.

"Sharon has 'Living for what really matters' written in her Bible," according to the celebration program book distributed at the church service. "This is the attitude that she exhibits in all that she does for others. She truly demonstrates the heart of a servant. She is a blessing to all who know her."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR
DETERMINATION OF
2001 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT FUNDS
FEBRUARY 27, 2001**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing concerning the Community Development Block Grant Program will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, on February 27, 2001.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to afford the public the opportunity to place before the board any proposed use of the 2001 Community Development Block Grant Funds.

Preliminary indications from the Wayne County office of Block Grant, Wayne County Community Development Block Grant Program are that the estimated 2001 funding allocation for the township will be approximately \$136,000.

PROPOSED 2001 PROJECTS	\$136,000.00
1. PLYMOUTH COUNCIL ON AGING	7,200.00
2. SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM	20,125.00
3. MULTI-YEAR SIDEWALK PROJECT	95,074.00
4. ADMINISTRATION	13,600.00
TOTAL	\$136,000.00

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth, upon completion of the public hearing, will determine the use of the 2001 funds.

Any written comments regarding proposed use of the 2001 funds should be directed to Christine G. Haas, Community Development Block Grant Coordinator, Charter Township of Plymouth, 42350 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170 postmarked by February 23, 2001.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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MARILYN MASSENGILL, Township Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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**PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY
PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR January meeting Tuesday, January 16, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS
City of Plymouth, Michigan**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, March 1, 2001 for the following:

Remove & Replace Sink, Countertop, and Cabinets at the Plymouth Cultural Center

This project is being funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Block Grant Program. The successful bidder must comply with the Davis-Bacon Act, the Equal Employment Opportunity Act, all United States Department of Labor Regulations and Standards, and the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act.

Specifications and Bid Documents are available at the office of the Administrative Services Director, 201 S. Main St., Plymouth, Michigan during regular business hours.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

CAROL A. STONE
Administrative Services Director

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The Internet2 superhighway is already open to traffic

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To use the "information highway" analogy, the Internet2 roadway is already open and data traffic has been streaming down it since early 1999 ... extremely quickly, one might add.

Headquartered in a "modest building" on the south side of Ann Arbor, I-2 is a not-for-profit research and development consortium of 180 universities and more than 70 businesses who are working to build the next generation Internet.

The system that Internet2 already has in place can carry information at a rate of 625 million bits per second, according to Eric Aupperle, president of the University of Michigan-based Merit Network. That compares to the 28,000 bits of information per second the typical desktop modem will handle. Also by comparison, a T-1 connection to the Internet - considered fast by most users today - moves information at the paltry rate of 1.5 million bits per second.

"It might be more useful to think of it in terms of downloading, how long it would take to download a DVD," Greg Wood, communications director for Internet2, said. "If you wanted to download 'The Matrix,' the entire movie in DVD quality, on your dial-up modem, it would take you 171 hours. That's about seven days. I don't know about you, but I don't have time to wait around that long. On a T-1 line, it would take six hours."

But Internet2 developers set a record for data transmission last year, Wood said, by sending the entire movie from Seattle to Arlington, Virginia in .011 hours. That's less than a minute, Wood noted - 39.6 seconds to be exact.

Governor's support

Gov. John Engler brought Internet2 to the attention of the Michigan public in his State of the State address Wednesday, Jan. 31.

"Last year, America had a conversation over who invented the Internet," he said, getting in a dig at Al Gore at the same time. "Well, the fact is, talented researchers at our own Universi-

ty of Michigan played a key role. Today, Ann Arbor is again the hub of development for the next generation of the Internet. Internet2 will be far faster, far more secure and have far more functionality. To capitalize on the huge potential of Internet2, I have asked the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to begin negotiations with the Internet2 leadership team to make Ann Arbor their permanent home."

Actually, the headquarters is already there, located in the NCMS Building in southern Ann Arbor, according to Wood.

"Yes, believe it or not, in the virtual world there has to be an actual building with actual people walking around in it," Wood said. Twenty-five to 30 actual people, in fact, are employed by Internet2, which is officially named the University Corporation for Advanced Internet Development. The project is headed up by President and CEO Douglas Van Houweling, currently "on loan" from the staff of U-M. While headquartered in Michigan, day-to-day operations of I-2 are managed from the University of Indiana.

U-M jumped into the program early, one of about 30 universities who joined together to form Internet2 as far back as 1997, Wood explained.

Engler's comments "were his way of saying he'd like it to stay right where it is," Aupperle said.

No move has been afoot to relocate the headquarters, at least as far as Wood is aware, so he suggested the governor's remarks might just have been his way of pointing out the work going on at U-M.

"People might not be aware of the degree to which U-M has been involved in the development of the Internet," he said. It dates back to 1960s and '70s when the system was operated by the Department of Defense as

the ARPANet and moved information around at a top speed of 50,000 bits per second.

U-M's role

U-M's involvement deepened 1985 when the National Science Foundation took it over and ran it as the NSFNet, the precursor to the modern day Internet. Aupperle's Merit Network, housed in U-M facilities, was contracted by the NSF to manage the operation of the network. According to Wood, Merit was responsible for much of the development of the system as it worked to make the network more useful to university users.

In 1995, the NSF handed off control of the Internet to commercial interests, but by 1997, researchers realized development had slowed down, Aupperle explained. So the U-M, with 29 or so other universities, began work on I-2.

Internet2 operates on a "backbone," which is essentially the hardware and wiring that allows

for such high-speed transmissions. That backbone is named "Abilene," but it is not the only one, according to Wood. A "vBNS," or very high speed Backbone Network System, was put in service as far back as 1996 by the NSF.

Together, those two wire backbones make up the "NGI," Next Generation Internet. With two, Wood explained, compared with the single backbone of today's Internet, I-2 will have additional capabilities beyond just speed.

And like the original, I-2 promises to bring a whole new list of funny sounding names and acronyms to the English language. There will be "gigaPoPs," gigabit points of presence, which essentially are connection points to the system where users or other networks can hook up. There are 27 across the U.S. today.

To hold the system together, you need "glue," or software programs that allow end users to communicate with the high speed network. Those programs are also known as "middleware."

Having more than one backbone allows for "multicasting," which allows a user to connect with a number of other users at the same time. It's all enough to give the non-technical person cause to "jitter," but in the I-2 lexicon that's the word for an unwanted variation in the speed of transmission.

Faster Internet

What users get for all this will be a much more capable Internet system. Video put across the Internet today is typically of low resolution, Aupperle explained, appearing in a very small window on the screen and moving in a jerky fashion. I-2 would allow for video conferencing at a very high quality, he said. Wood described it as DVD quality video during conferences, with CD quality sound. Wood said it has already been demonstrated that high definition television, providing cinema quality pictures, can be moved across I-2.

What Doug Rothwell, president and CEO of Michigan's Economic Development Corporation, envisions is a high speed system mainly for use by businesses, firms that need to transfer a lot of information very quickly. According to Kathleen McMahon, director of communications for the MEDC, the system would increase the security of financial information flowing across it as well, a primary concern with businesses using the current Internet.

Furthermore, McMahon said, Rothwell envisions that I-2's Ann Arbor headquarters could serve as a "mini-incubator," an interim facility for spin-off I-2 businesses intended to assist them in getting started. And, of course, Engler and state lawmakers are hoping those spin-

offs will have economic development ripples throughout the region.

"But it's going to be more for businesses, not something you or I would use," McMahon said, giving her assessment of what I-2 will be.

Aupperle disagrees. I-2 "absolutely" will eventually become a consumer network, he contended. History has shown that as networks grow, new uses are found for them, he said, just as the ARPANet eventually "ran out of gas" when universities found they needed something faster to get supercomputers across the country talking to each other. And now consumers are using that faster network.

Consumers will eventually want connections faster even than the currently available T-1 and DSL access lines, Wood said.

"If the T-1 or DSL seem fast to you now, you have to remember that they look that way because you are using applications designed for use on a relatively slow network," he explained. "Once the system is developed, applications will be written to it."

"You have to remember it took 21 years for the Internet to reach the consumer. We are just in the beginning stages," he said. "I haven't seen the revolutionary application that will bring I-2 to the consumer, but it will come along. There are a couple of projects in the works right now."

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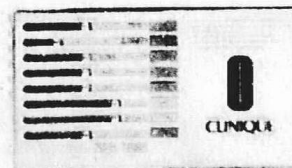
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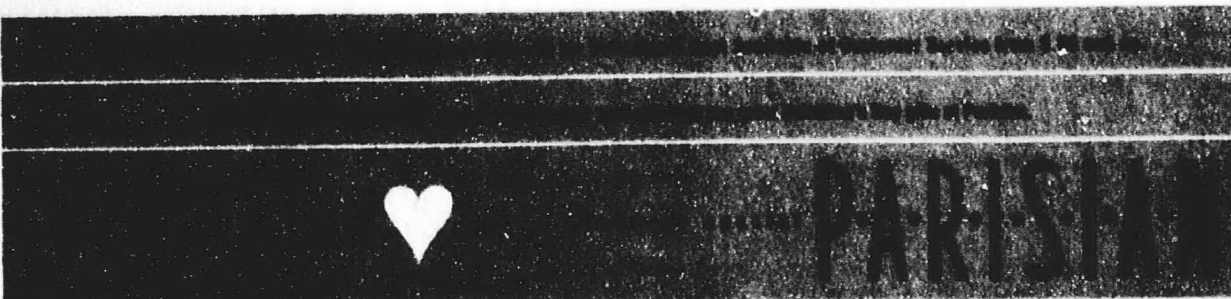
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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND PLYMOUTH

AROUND TOWN

PCAC EXHIBIT

■ The Plymouth Community Arts Council will feature "Illustrations of Kara Renee Marsee" Feb. 12-March 8. The illustrations that she produces are directed towards the child within - that part of all of us that enjoys fun, playfulness, dreams, wonder, curiosity and friendship. There will be a reception to meet the artist 6-8 p.m. Feb. 16. The exhibit will be shown at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth.

AFTER SCHOOL WORKSHOP

■ All teachers and parents who share a concern for improving the educational success of children with attention difficulties are invited to attend a Feb. 21 workshop at Northville High School. The program, presented by David Braukman, "Best Practices at School for Students With Attention Problems 3:30-6:30 p.m.; Best Practices at Home For Students with Attention Problems, 7-8:30 p.m. Call to register (248) 344-8453.

EMU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

■ The team will celebrate National Girls and Women in Sports for their game on Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. All kids 12 and under get into the game for free. In addition Wendy Palmer, Detroit Shock's All-WNBA player will be present before the game to sign autographs. They play at the Convocation Center on Hewitt Road.

BOATING SAFETY

■ Boating Skills and Seamanship Class conducted by Flotilla 10-11 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Begins March 1 and will be held each 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday for 11 weeks (class will not meet on 4/19 and 5/10) in Plymouth-Canton High School-Room 98. To register please contact the P/C Comm. Education Office at (734) 416-2940. The cost is \$40 for the first family member and \$25 for each additional family member.

DOLL SHOW

■ The "We Love Barbie, Barbie & Friends Fashion Doll Show" returns 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Feb. 11 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Admission is \$5, children under 10 are free. The show will feature vintage and limited edition Barbie's by renowned doll artists and fashion designers. Call (734) 455-2110 for further information.

PRINCETON REVIEW

■ The Princeton Review sponsors Free Strategy Session Seminars in February. These are 90-minute seminars discussing SAT and ACT techniques, as well as helpful information regarding the college admission process. They're scheduled from 7-8:30 p.m. Feb. 15 at Summit on the Park in Canton. Each student should bring pencils and a calculator for the free test. Students MUST call The Princeton Review at (800) 1-REVIEW or (734) 663-2163 to register.

AARP

■ AARP is sponsoring free Federal and Michigan Income Tax preparation for elderly persons at the locations listed. Work is performed by trained counselors qualified by the IRS. An appointment is required. Canton Recreation Center, Tuesdays 9 a.m.-noon, 1-4 p.m., call (734) 394-5485 for appointment. Plymouth District Library, Wednesday 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; 1:30-4:30 p.m., call (734) 453-1234 Ext. 236 for an appointment.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

■ The next meeting will feature a City of Detroit talk and slide tour, describing Joy, Jeffries, Lodge, Bagley, Penger, Williams and other people who had streets named after them. At 2:30 p.m., Feb. 11 at the Northville Public Library. Call (248) 348-3006 for further information.

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■ Fox's Lair Dinner Theatre at Fox Hills Banquet Center presents "Murder Among Friends", a comedy-thriller. Performances are Saturdays through Feb. 24. Cocktails at 6 p.m.; dinner at 7 p.m.; performance immediately following. The \$33.95 package includes buffet dinner, dessert, live show, tax and gratuity. Call (734) 453-7272 for reservations.

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. 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.

TEENS AND DRUGS

■ "What to Do" will be presented 7:30-9 p.m. Feb. 13 at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Classroom EC4, 5305 Elliot Dr., Ypsilanti. 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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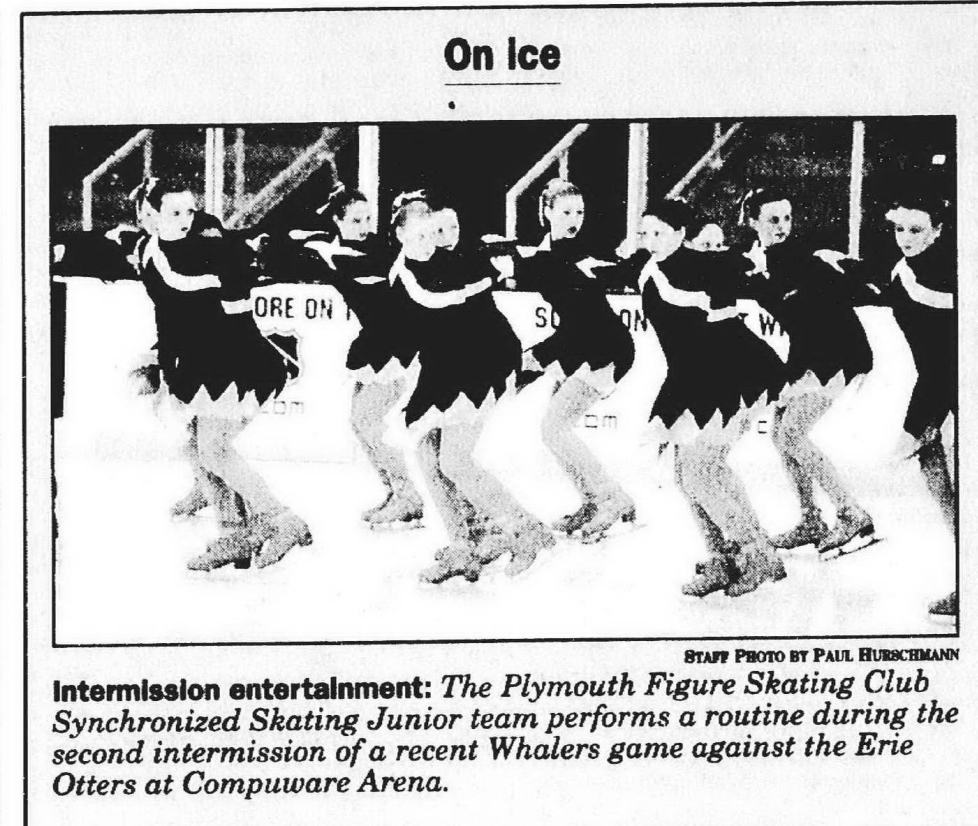
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■ Jingling bells, floating scarves, seasonal stories and little feet moving in time to music...these are just a few of the sights and sounds parents and children will experience at Story Time with Miss Karen. Imaginative songs and chants highlight favorite children's books in these free 30-40 minute interactive programs. Karen Onkka Schanderberger is a licensed Kindergarten instructor at Evola Music of Canton. Registration 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 interest-



Intermission entertainment: The Plymouth Figure Skating Club Synchronized Skating Junior team performs a routine during the second intermission of a recent Whalers game against the Erie Otters at Compuware Arena.

ed 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 Mondays. For further information, please call Iris at (734) 995-0011.

OPEN HOUSE

■ The Plymouth Children's Nursery Open House is being held and 1-3 p.m., March 4 at 5825 Sheldon Rd., 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 4:50-6:30 p.m. Sundays. Starting Feb. 14 additional 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.

RECREATION

■ The City of Plymouth is now taking registration for its Children's/Tots Gymnastics, 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.

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.

YOUTH SOCCER

■ The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking Spring Youth Soccer registration the entire month of January at the Recreation office 8-4:30 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.

SKATING CLASSES

■ Learn to roller 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 an opportunity for interested families to tour the school, meet the staff and have your questions answered. The 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 preschool through grand eight. Interested people can call the school at (734) 420-3331 or e-mail to newmorn-ing@mediaone.net.

KINDERMUSIK CLASSES

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

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 VonGlahn at (734) 453-8253.

CREATIVE MUSIC

■ The Creative Music Center of Plymouth/Canton has on-going registration for its kindermusik classes. Classes are pro-rated. 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.

CLUBS

VEGAS KNIGHT

■ Vegan Night at K of C. From 6-12 p.m. on Feb. 17 at the K of C hall in Plymouth. Black Jack, Charity Game Tickets, Wheels, Craps, Roulette, Food & Drink. Call (734) 453-9833 for further information.

CANTON BPW

■ The February business meeting will be held at 5:30, Feb. 12 with 6:30 dinner at Damons on Ford Road in Canton. Guest speaker will be Congresswoman Lynn Rivers. For more information call (734) 394-2572.

TOASTMASTERS

■ Develop your public speaking, communications and leadership skills. Guests welcome. No pressure to speak. Being held at St. John Episcopal Church in Plymouth. This group meets at 7 p.m., every first and third Monday of the month. Please call (734) 459-0715 for more information.

CAREER WOMEN

■ The West suburban chapter of The National Association of Career Women will hold their monthly meeting at 11:45 a.m., Feb. 13 at Ernesto's Restaurant. The cost is \$18 per member and \$22 for non-member. RSVP Brenda Durling (734) 452-4670.

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.

K OF C BREAKFAST

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

you can eat buffet. Newly remodeled breakfast room. Call (734) 453-9833 for further information.

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. The topic for Feb. 13 is "Age of Energy and Excitement: Baroque Art in the DIA by Wendy Evans. 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

■ 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.

MOPS

■ The Plymouth Baptist Church holds the MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 9-11:30 a.m. These meetings provide a time for moms to develop new friendships with other moms. Childcare is provided. The church is located at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, between Lilley and Haggerty. Call (734) 453-5534. Space is limited.

GOURMET DINING GROUP

■ The Plymouth/Canton Gourmet Dining Group meets the second Saturday, October-June. Planned menu and recipes for each meal. If interested in joining, call Dottie Brower at (734) 455-1206 or Pat Stokes at (734) 455-7446.

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES

■ The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples Club meets 7 p.m. the third week of each month on alternating Mondays and Tuesdays. Play group meets twice a month on alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Call Pam Heestand at (734) 981-3341.

M.O.M.

■ Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) presents guest

speakers and discussions from 9:30-11:30 a.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month. Baby-sitting is provided. Call Cheree at (734) 416-6214 or Laura at (313) 638-7622.

M.I.T.I.

■ Moms In Touch International is for mothers to meet weekly, for one hour, to pray for their children and schools. The goal is to form a group for each school in Plymouth-Canton. Call Karen at (734) 397-2771 or Elaine at (734) 459-3896.

MOMS CLUB

■ MOMS Club welcomes all western Wayne County stay-at-home mothers to meet at 10 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month. Play group meets every Wednesday. Call Lisa at (734) 844-3885.

HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP

■ The Human Rights Group meets at 7 p.m. the first Sunday of the month at the Plymouth Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call Paulette at (734) 416-9288 or Charlene at (734) 963-0649.

PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS

■ Plymouth Newcomers is a social organization dedicated to helping people meet others in the community through its monthly meetings and variety of special interest groups. Call Christine at (734) 416-0300.

YOGA CLASSES

■ Yoga classes beginning in January in downtown Plymouth, Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons. Six classes per session. The cost is \$50 per session. Call Cynthia for further information (734) 420-2418.

MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS

■ The Plymouth Baptist Church MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 9:15-11:30 a.m. These meetings provide a time for moms to develop new friendships with other moms. Special speakers, crafts and great food are some of the highlights at a MOPS meeting. Mothers, with their children, kindergarten aged and younger, are invited to attend. Childcare is provided. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-5534.

VOLUNTEERS

SENIOR PARTY

■ Plans are being made and work is well underway for the all night senior party to be held on June 10. We are looking for volunteers to help in this huge undertaking. Please call one of our co-chairs to volunteer for decorating duty. We are also in need of donations, either monetary or merchandise to be given out as prizes on the night of the party. For more information please call Joanne LaMar 459-4539 or Dave and Marcia Garnice at 844-3855. Plans are being made and work is well underway for the all night senior party to be held on June 10. We are looking for volunteers to help in this huge undertaking. Please call one of our co-chairs to volunteer for decorating duty. We are also in need of donations, either monetary or merchandise to be given out as prizes on the night of the party. For more information please call Joanne LaMar 459-4539 or Dave and Marcia Garnice at 844-3855.

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 48170, 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:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional info.:

Use additional sheet if necessary

OBITUARIES

EWELL HOWARD

Services for Ewell Howard, 74, of Wayne, were held Feb. 9 at the Uht Funeral Home with the Rev. Jack Baker officiating. Burial was at Glenwood Cemetery in Wayne.

Mr. Howard was born June 7, 1926 in Oaks, KY., and died Feb. 4 in Wayne. He was a maintenance foreman for the public schools.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Merle Howard and Ledger Howard.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanor A. of Wayne; sons, Dan (Ruthann) Howard and Stephen (Debbie) Howard; daughter, Linda Langmesser; stepson, Sonny A. Danque; stepdaughter, Annie D. Santos; sisters, Olean Jackson, Rosetta Ledford, Betty Jean Wilson, Imogene Kaufman and Kathleen Hammons; brothers, Robert Howard, Henry Howard, Avery Howard; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements made by the Uht Funeral Home.

JACQUELINE MARIE MOOTE

Services for Jacqueline Marie Moote, 67, of Plymouth Township, were held Feb. 8 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mrs. Moote was born March 29, 1933 in Detroit and died Feb. 5 in Farmington Hills. She was a secretary with Plymouth Canton High School. Mrs. Moote was a devout Roman Catholic, graduating from Holy Redeemer High School in Detroit in 1951. She and her husband were actively involved at St. Christine's parish in Detroit from the time of their marriage in 1958 until they moved to Plymouth in 1971. Later, they helped Divine Savior, Resurrection and St. John Neumann parishes in Plymouth and Canton grow from small Catholic gatherings in local gymnasiums to the large and respected parishes that they are today.

Mrs. Moote is probably best remembered by the thousands of lives she touched during her employment as a secretary. She worked at the University of Detroit ROTC office from 1954 to

1965 and later at Plymouth Canton High School from 1974 to 1988. As a secretary in the Area Coordinators office and later in the Guidance and Counseling office, she came to know many of the students who passed through the Plymouth halls of learning. Rarely could she travel anywhere in Michigan without having someone stop her to say, "Hello and thanks."

Survivors include her husband, Ralph E. Moote of Plymouth Township; son, John M. (Denise) Moote of Plymouth; grandson, Jacob Moote and granddaughter, Rachel Moote of Salem Township; mother, Gertrude M. Witkowski of Plymouth; and sister, Sharon R. Badger of Commerce Twp.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 17220 W. Twelve Mile, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076 or the American Heart Association Midwest Affiliate, Dept. 77-3968, Chicago, IL 60678-3968.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

LARRY CARL BOSTAIN, JR.

Services for Larry Carl Bostain, Jr., 21, of Plymouth, were held Feb. 7 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Michael Bryan officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Mr. Bostain was born Nov. 20, 1979 in Livonia and died Feb. 3 in Ann Arbor. He was a sales associate at Home Depot in Canton. He attended Canton High School.

Survivors include his mother, Patricia K. (Robert) Brothers of Plymouth; father, Larry (Pat) Bostain, Sr. of Plymouth; sister, Jennifer (David) DeLong of Plymouth; brother, Robert (Kimberly) Brothers II of Canton; brother, Christopher Brothers of Ann Arbor; sister, Pam Fugate; brother, Jimmy (Amanda) Fugate; grandmother, Margie Woods of Garden City; grandmother, Betty Eskridge of Wayne; and grandparents, Carl (Dorothy) Bostain.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bostain Family Memorial Fund, c/o Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

EUGENE "IKE" EICHER

Services for Eugene "Ike" Eicher, 71, of Chippewa Lake were held Feb. 7 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial was at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Mich.

Mr. Eicher was born June 15, 1929 in Pittsburgh, Pa. and died Feb. 4 in Grand Rapids. He was a truck driver. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Anna M. Eicher of Chippewa Lake; son, Eugene A. (Marie) Eicher, Jr. of Canton; daughter, Susanna M. (Michael) Yager of Chippewa Lake; daughter, Emily A. (Albert) Shaw of Naperville, ILL.; sister, Marion Andeits of Pittsburgh; sister, Roselma Menke of Pittsburgh; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the VFW National Home for Children, 3573 S. Waverly Rd., Eaton Rapids, MI 48827.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

ALICE MARIE TESLUK

Services for Alice Marie Tesluk, 82, of Livonia, will be held at a later date.

Mrs. Tesluk was born April 26, 1918 in Detroit and died Feb. 4 in Westland. She was a homemaker. She came to the Livonia community from Detroit in 1968. She was a member of Divine Savior Catholic Church. She was a hard worker and loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She and Nicholas were married for over 60 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Nicholas, and son, Theodore Nicholas.

Survivors include son, Frank (Marjorie) Barnowski of Canton; and daughter, Sue (Mike) Hynes of Pinckney; granddaughter, Annette Barnowski of Inkster; and great grandson, Zackery Barnowski.

Arrangements made by The Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

JOEL REVELL

Services for Joel Revell, 91, of Plymouth were held Feb. 3 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiating. Burial was at Riverside

Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Revell was born Oct. 20, 1909 in Obion, Tenn. and died Jan. 27 in Garden City. She was a retired assembler.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Revell.

Survivors include granddaughters, Sherry L. Hale of Canton, Victoria L. Bruff of Washington, D.C., and Patricia A. Kay of Plymouth; great-granddaughter Stacie M. Hale; and great-grandsons Jeremy Galbraith, Brandon Bruff, Dakota Kay and Conner Galbraith; and great-grandson Bobby Hudgins.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association of Michigan, 26555 Evergreen, Suite 375, Southfield, MI 48076.

Arrangements made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home.

EARL E. ERICKSON

Services for Earl E. Erickson, 60, of Plymouth were held Feb. 8 at Risen Christ Lutheran Church with the Rev. David W. Martin officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

Mr. Erickson was born March 26, 1940 in Detroit and died Feb. 5 in Superior Township. He was an engineer with Ford Motor

Company. He was a member of Risen Christ Lutheran Church. He also was a member of the Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society of Plymouth for several years.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley R. Erickson of Plymouth; and sons Craig (Tara) Erickson of Howell and Michael Erickson of Marion, Iowa.

Memorials may be made to Risen Christ Church-Building Fund, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170-3446.

Arrangements made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home.

DANY STOYANOFF

Services for Dany Stoyanoff, 65, of Canton, were held Feb. 10 at the Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia, with the Rev. Thomas Bradley officiating.

Mr. Stoyanoff was born Nov. 13, 1935 in Pontiac and died Feb. 7 in Livonia. He grew up in Dearborn and graduated from Fordson High School. He attended electronics school and then served in the Army from 1958 to 1960. He married in 1962 and settled in Canton in 1974.

He was a pneumatics and electronics technician for Hines

Management who serviced the Renaissance Center in Detroit for 19 years. Previously he was employed by Winkelman's, also in electronics. He was a member of the Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia, where he was an active volunteer using his electronic skills. He completed various jobs around the church and parsonages. His family and friends called Dany "Mr. Fix-it." Dany and June were also on the Newburg Couples Bowling League.

Survivors include his wife, June M. Stoyanoff of Canton; daughter, Michelle (Craig) Wright of Oxford; son, Daniel Stoyanoff of Canton; grandchildren Joshua and Casey Wright of Oxford; brother, Stanley Stoyanoff of Dearborn Heights; and sister, Lenora (Phil) Angelevski of Dearborn Heights.

Memorial contributions may be made to the University of Michigan Neurology Center for Alzheimer's Research, Newburg United Methodist Church or the Alzheimer's Association.

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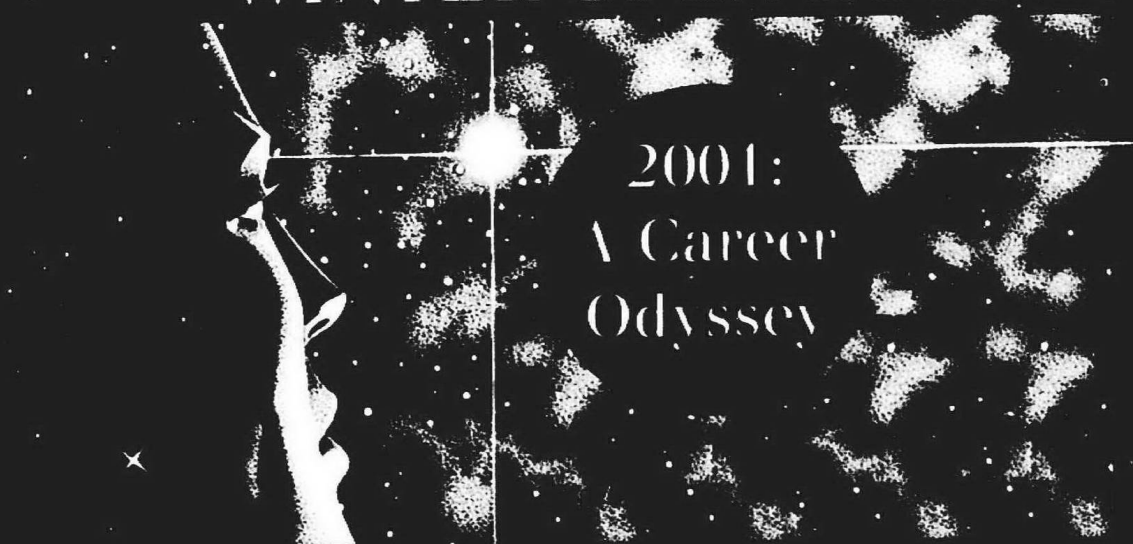
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Frog, toad survey seeks volunteers

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

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You know spring is near when the Friends of the Rouge begins seeking volunteers for its annual frog and toad survey in the Rouge River watershed.

The environmental organization welcomes volunteers of all ages from Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties to work on the survey, which runs during the amphibians' mating season.

The tallying — which must be done a minimum of four evenings between mid-March and July — will help save wildlife and also gauge efforts to clean up the Rouge, because the peepers and croakers are sensitive indicators of environmental quality, according to Sally Petrella, survey director.

No prior knowledge is necessary — six two-hour training sessions are scheduled in the three counties from Feb. 17 to March 17 and all necessary materials are provided, she said. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Volunteers are asked to go outside to their assigned block — which might be their back yard — on damp, windless evenings and record what they hear and don't hear, Petrella said.

"Frogs and toads are easy to survey because they are calling in the spring to attract mates," said Petrella, who came to the Friends in November from the Nature Conservancy.

Her predecessor, John Bingamon, is now working on a master's degree in education.

Audio tapes from the training sessions will help volunteers identify the calls of from eight to 10 species of frogs and toads.

"By noting what they hear on a map," said Petrella, volunteers will provide data "about the locations of wildlife that can be saved from development (or) protected or enhanced."

She said the roughly 200 volunteers annually the past three years have "given hints about the relationship between land-use and the quality of wildlife habitat."

"For example, there were fewer species found in areas with large amounts of impervious surfaces — roads, rooftops and parking lots," Petrella said.

Although more species have been found in the headwaters region in central Oakland, western Wayne and eastern Washtenaw counties, as many as five species can be heard in the highly urbanized areas of Redford Township and Dearborn.

Using volunteers, she said, "makes it possible to cover a large area at low cost, while providing an opportunity to con-

tribute to valuable research and learn about the natural environment at the same time.

"For many people," she said, survey participation "is a life-changing experience."

The Friends survey is not the same as the Michigan Department of Natural Resources survey: It is watershed-wide and not statewide, for one thing, and for another, volunteers are asked to survey within a quarter-mile-square section.

"We also do not ask volunteers

to estimate numbers, only presence or absence," Petrella explained.

Workshop dates, times and sites:

■ Saturday, Feb. 17, 10 a.m. — noon, Summit on the Park in Canton Township.

■ Tuesday, Feb. 20, 7-9 p.m., Van Buren Township Municipal Center.

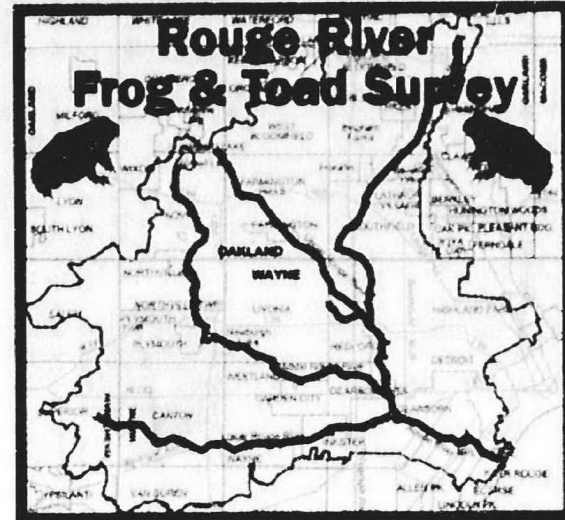
■ Wednesday, Feb. 21, 7-9 p.m., Farmington Hills Heritage Park Visitor Center.

■ Saturday, March 10, 10 a.m. — noon, E. L. Johnson Nature Center, Bloomfield Hills.

■ Monday, March 12, 7-9 p.m., Henry Ford Community College Center for Lifelong Learning, Dearborn Heights.

■ Saturday, March 17, 10 a.m. — noon, Salem Township Hall.

For additional information, or to register for a workshop, call Petrella at Friends of the Rouge, (313) 792-9621 or via e-mail at picoordinator@therouge.org.



Count 'em: This is the area for the upcoming fourth annual frog and toad survey in the Rouge River Watershed.

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If you purchase a new boat at the Detroit Boat Show, registering it will be easier than ever thanks to the Secretary of State Mobile Branch Office, which will be at Cobo Center throughout the boat show.

"The Mobile Branch Office consistently earns excellent customer ratings from residents throughout Michigan," Secretary Miller said.

The Detroit Boat Show opened to the public Saturday and closes Sunday, Feb. 18. Mobile Branch Office hours during the Boat Show will be:

■ Noon to 9 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 10; Monday, Feb. 12 through Saturday, Feb. 17.

■ Noon to 6 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 11 and Feb. 18.

In addition to watercraft registrations and titles, driver licenses and license plates can be renewed up to six months early without penalty at the Mobile Branch Office. No forms are necessary, however, residents must bring identification and proof of Michigan no-fault insurance. The Mobile Branch Office is handicapped accessible.

Since its unveiling, the Mobile Branch Office has served customers at senior events, fairs, exhibitions, and in towns, cities and villages across the state. It has traveled more than 60,000 miles.

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Scholarship finalists

The Michigan High School Athletic Association has selected its eight recipients for its Scholarship Athlete Award program for the fall, 2000 season.

Among the finalists for the eight \$1,000 scholarship awards were a pair of Plymouth Salem seniors, Kurt Sarsfield and Anna Moniodis. Both run cross country.

The scholarship winners — Becky Stepp of Waterford Kettering (basketball), Tom Hakim, Clinton Chippewa Valley (cross country), Karen Elizabeth Latus, New Buffalo (cross country), Kevin Christopher, Grosse Pointe North (football), Jack McKinnon, St. Ignace (golf), Robert Coleman, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern (soccer), Kathryn Ladewski, Ann Arbor Pioneer (swimming), Priya Malviya, Holland (tennis) — carried a 3.5 (or better) grade-point average, previously won a letter in an MHSAA-sanctioned sport, showed active participation in other school and community activities, and produced an essay on the importance of sportsmanship in educational athletics.

Winter sport scholarship recipients will be announced later this week.

Baseball clinics

The Plymouth Salem baseball team and coaching staff will sponsor its annual instructional clinics on consecutive Saturdays, March 24 and March 31 in the Salem gym. Cost for each session is \$20, which includes a hot dog lunch.

The 11-15 year-old session will be 9 a.m.-noon on both days; the 7-10 year-old session will be from 1-4 p.m. each day. Lunch will be served from noon-1 p.m.

Checks should be made payable to the Plymouth Salem Dugout Club and sent to Bill Styles, 10782 Red Maple, Plymouth, 48170. Space is limited; for more information, call Bill Styles at (734) 453-1679.

Baseball/Softball

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association (CCJBASA) will have its spring registration from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday in the Arts II Room of The Summit in the Park. Registration is for boys and girls 4-18 years old who are residents of Plymouth or Canton or attend school in the Plymouth/Canton school district.

All new players must bring a copy of their birth certificate to registration. Fees are: \$65 for tee-ball; \$75-\$95 for baseball and softball ages 7-18; \$350 for travel baseball ages 10-18; \$175-\$250 for travel softball ages under-10 to under-18.

For more information, call Chris Angel (tee-ball 4-6) at (734) 981-3007; Mark Caples (baseball 7-12) at (734) 416-4233; Jay Obsniuk (baseball 13-18) at (734) 981-3272; Karon Barnhouse (softball 7-18) at (734) 454-7328; and, for travel baseball/softball (10-18), call (734) 453-2040.

Tryouts for the Plymouth-Canton Mudcats, a boys 12-and-under baseball travel team, will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15. For location and additional information, call Ron Myers at (734) 459-4026.

The Thunderbird softball teams are looking for fast-pitch in the 12-and-under and 14-and-under age division for the upcoming season. Player ages are determined as of Jan. 1. For more information regarding signing up/tryouts, schedules, travel, etc., call 12-and-under — (734) 546-0940 or (734) 981-7280; 14-and-under — (734) 397-9417. Also, e-mail at softball2001@webtv.net.

The CCJBASA is forming a tournament team for 9-year-old boys in baseball. The players birthdate must fall between 8/1/91 and 7/31/92. This team is designed for the more advanced player. There will be one tournament in May and a week-long tournament in late June in Cooperstown, N.Y. Players will also compete in the regular summer league.

Tryouts will be at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12. For location and more information, call Tom Byrne between 7-10 p.m. at (734) 981-3191.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

Haar's hoop a game-winner for Rocks

What had seemed like a season bordering on disaster has been turned around by Plymouth Salem, which got a basket from Jeff Haar in the final seconds to upset Farmington Friday. It was Salem's sixth-straight win.

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

No way Bob Brodie would have believed one year ago that his Plymouth Salem basketball team would be 7-8 today — and he'd be glad of it.

But needing six straight wins to

reach 7-8 has a way of changing your perspective.

The latest victory for suddenly sound and streaking Salem came Friday night with a little more than three seconds left on the clock on a layup by Jeff Haar that gave the Rocks a 53-52 victory over Farmington.

It was preserved when sophomore David Hoskins blocked a potential shot as time was running out in the Western Lakes Activities Association game.

So now it will be up to Farmington to take a page from Salem's comeback book and get back on the winning track Tuesday against Livonia Churchill.

"We couldn't get it done, but give them credit," Coach Dennis Mikel of Farmington (11-4, 7-2) said. "Our guy was supposed to dribble to the basket and get a layup. But he stopped short. He didn't go all the way."

Scott Discher drove the baseline for the Rocks as the clock ticked under five seconds. He had no shot but made an underhand flip to Haar on the right side and his shot went in.

Farmington called timeout but nobody at the scorer's table could see or hear, so the clock ran down to zero. Officials called for five seconds to be put on and the Falcons inbounded the ball from under the Rocks' basket.

Farmington was trying to get off a shot when Hoskins blocked the ball

Please see BASKETBALL, B6

Late goal gives Chiefs a tie

BY BRAD EMONS
SPORTS WRITER
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The way Livonia Franklin settled for a 4-4 hockey tie Friday with host Plymouth Canton had to be a bit disappointing, but it didn't diminish the moment.

Despite giving up the tying goal with 19.9 seconds remaining, Franklin celebrated a Western Division championship in the Western Lakes Activities Association at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Franklin, state-ranked in Division II and 12-17 overall, finished its division slate at 4-0-4. Second-place Livonia Churchill wound up 4-1-3, while Canton is 3-3-2.

"We really would have liked a victory because it would have given us a shot at tying for the best overall record in the league," said Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt, who still must play overall leader Livonia Stevenson this Friday. "But I'm thrilled and as high as I can be because these boys worked hard for this division title and it's been 20-plus years since Franklin had won any kind of (hockey) title. It's our alone and nobody can take that away from us."

Canton, now 11-7-4 overall, outshot the Patriots 34-25 on the night. But the Chiefs found themselves trailing 4-3 with 5:52 remaining.

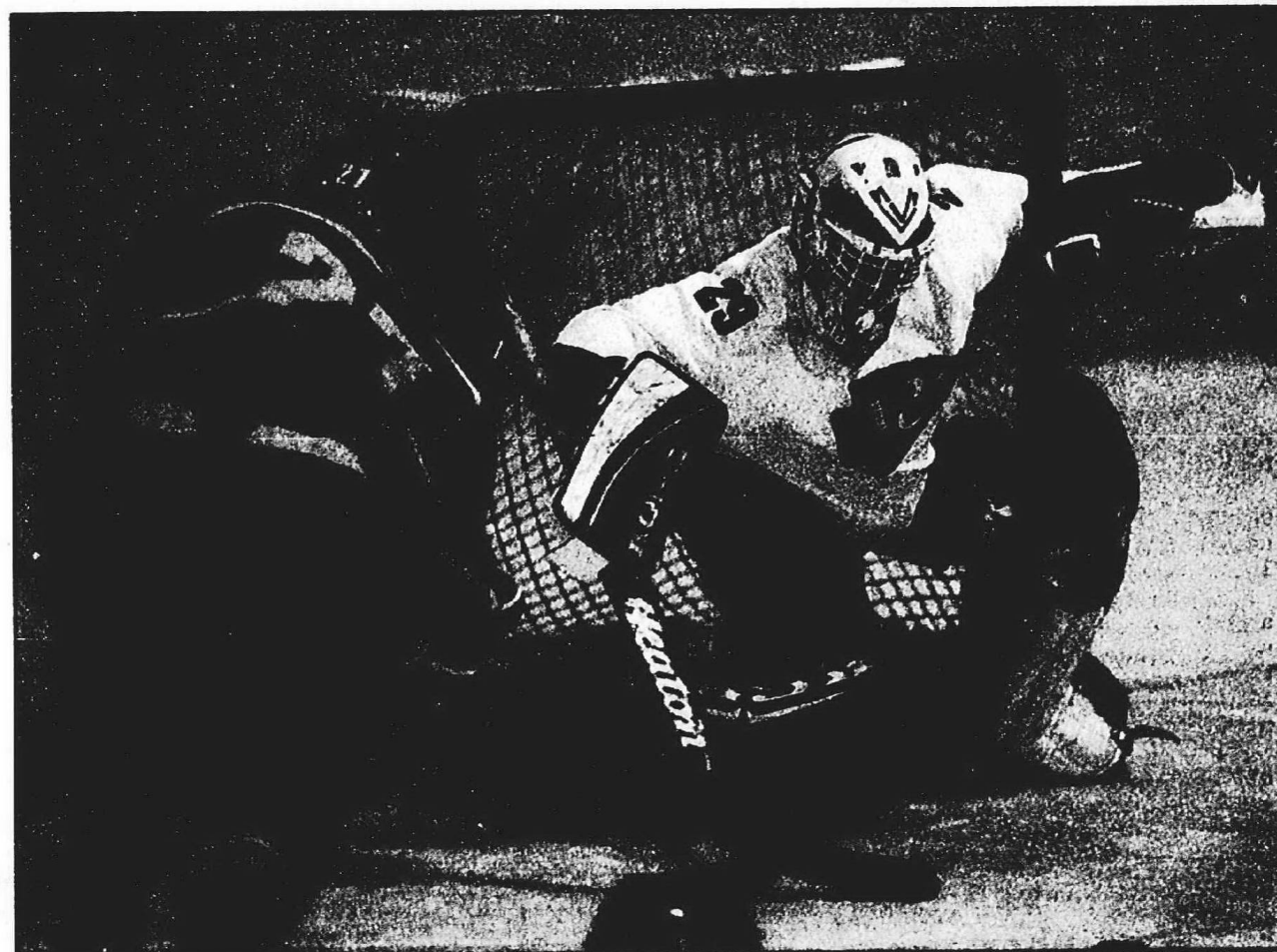
Senior right winger Sam Dismuke's second goal of the night, a backhand from Adam Bierley and Scott Sparks, put the Patriots ahead by one.

Canton coach Dan Abraham then called timeout with 1:52 left to set up strategy for pulling the extra attacker.

The Chiefs got their chance with just under a minute remaining when goaltender Brad Arsznov went to the bench.

Applying heavy pressure around Franklin netminder Chris Garbutt, junior Ryan McCabe scored the equalizer with just under 20 seconds left. Brad Wolfe and Brandon Collop were credited with assists.

"During the timeout you reiterate the things you work on in practice and remind them of that when



STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

Shot stopped: Canton goalie Brad Arsznov kicks this shot by Franklin's Gordie Stathan (27) out early in Friday's game. The Patriots had the lead late in the final period, but the Chiefs got a goal in the closing second to salvage a tie.

they're together," Abraham said. "That last minute there was a lot of talent on the ice and they came through for us."

In the opening period, Canton struck first when Sean Depp tipped in a shot taken by Collop from the

point on a power-play. John Bockstanz also had an assist at the 4:54 mark.

Franklin, however, took 2-1 first-period advantage

Please see CANTON HOCKEY, B6

3rd-period goal spree lifts Whalers



Defense hasn't been a problem for the Plymouth Whalers. It's been producing goals.

Twice in a four-game span — played in a five-day stretch — the Whalers were shutout. On Friday, when they hosted the Barrie Colts at Computware Arena, a scoreless first period seemed ominous.

No worries. Plymouth put two in the net in the second period, then scored three times in the first seven minutes of the third en route to a 6-1 triumph.

The win boosted the Whalers' record to 33-9-4-5, first in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division. The Colts, who came into the game tied for first place in the OHL's Central Division, fell to 23-20-7-2.

Damian Surma paced Plymouth's offense, scoring two goals. Chad LaRose got the Whalers first goal with 5:45 left in the second period; Karl Stewart and Greg Campbell assisted.

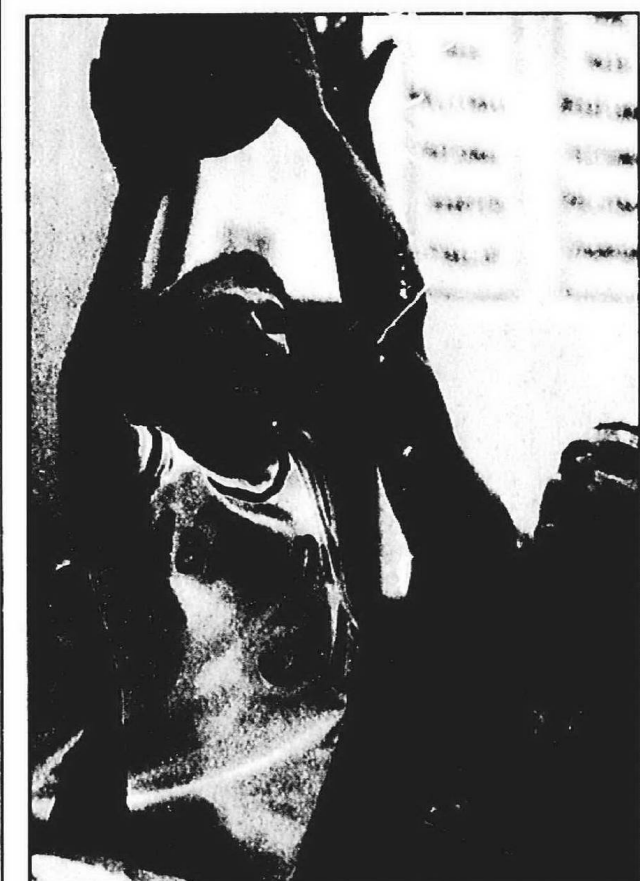
Surma scored his first goal less than two minutes later, assisted by Chad Wiseman.

Surma made it 3-0 1:42 into the

third period, assisted by Tomas Kurka and Andre Robichaud. Preston Mizzi (at 4:38) and Stephen Weiss (at 6:12) ensured the Whaler victory.

James Ramsay got Plymouth's last goal; he also had an assist. Campbell, Kurka and Stewart each had two assists.

Rob Zepp was in goal for the win for the Whalers.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUNDELMANN

In for 2: Madonna's Dan Kurtinaitis (with ball) drives through Tech's Dan Davis for a layup. Kurtinaitis led all scorers with 31 points in the Crusaders' win.

Bounce back

2nd-half tenacity lifts Madonna

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

How did Madonna University offset Indiana Tech's above-the-rim leaping ability and fastbreak-at-every-opportunity offense Wednesday night?

By going lower and slower.

After getting out-rebounded (24-15) and out-scored (41-36) in the first half, the Crusaders hit the floor diving in the second half and bounced back to win, 83-71, before a small but enthusiastic crowd in the Madonna University gymnasium.

"At halftime, I told the kids they had to start getting down on the floor and getting more loose balls," said Madonna coach Bernie Holowicki, whose team improved to 8-19 overall and 3-8 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Tech dropped to 11-16 and 3-8 in the WHAC.

"We came out hustling in the second half and I think we got most of the loose balls," Holowicki continued. "We also used as much of the (35-second shot) clock as we could when we had the ball. They like to get up and down the court, so we wanted to slow down the game as much as possible."

Madonna barely missed leading scorer Mike Massey (21.9 ppg), who sat out his third consecutive game with a sprained ankle. Sophomore guard Dan Kurtinaitis (31 points) and senior forward Narvin Russaw (24 points) did an admirable job of filling the void left by Massey's absence.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Kurtinaitis did most of his damage from beyond the three-point arc, draining six-of-nine long-range bombs. Russaw muscled in 11-of-17 shots — most from within six feet — including two monstrous dunks that the Warriors were probably still talking about on their bus trip back to Fort Wayne.

"Madonna did a nice job of taking us out of our game in the second half," said Indiana Tech coach Jason Kline. "We got a lot of points off offensive rebounds in the first half, but they held us to one shot most trips down in the second half."

Madonna freshman guard Joe Greene tallied just seven points, but he lit a fire under the Crusaders on two occasions Wednesday night. With 2:45 left and the Crusaders clinging to a 74-70 lead, Greene converted a twisting reverse layup through a forest of taller Warrior players that gave his team a six-point cushion.

"That play was huge," Holowicki emphasized, referring to Greene's crowd-pleasing basket. "Joe also made a nice play at the end of the first half when he hustled after the ball and was able to throw up a shot that Jess Webb tipped in at the buzzer. Plays like that usually go against us, but that gave us some

Please see MADONNA WIN, B4

Chiefs clinch division title

Usually, dual meets in swimming are nothing more than a measuring stick, meant to tell a coach how well his team is preparing for the important events — league championship, state finals — that lie ahead.

That wasn't the case when Plymouth Canton hosted Northville Thursday. At stake was the Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division championship.

Canton wanted it. So did Northville. For a while, it seemed the latter would get it.

Chiefs' coach Ed Weber knew better, however. Even when the Mustangs won the 200-yard freestyle relay to go ahead, 71-69, with just three events left, Weber was confident.

"Looking at their past results, we knew we could do well in the breaststroke," said Weber.

He was right. After Brad Nilson won the 100 backstroke (57.05), Canton's Eddie Lindow (1:05.74), Jon Heiss (1:06.72) and Dennis Speck (1:08.87) placed 1-2-3 in the 100 breast, leading to the Chiefs' 102-84 victory.

With it, Canton finished 5-0 in division duals; the Chiefs are 8-1 overall.

"That (breaststroke sweep) gave us a 10-point jump on them," said Weber. "All we needed was two points in the last event."

They got much more than that. Ryan Ahern, Nilson, Joe Le and Matt Wisniewski combined to win the 400 free relay (3:28.81).

Canton also won the 200 medley relay, with Nilson, Lindow, Heiss and Ron Opdyke (1:44.97).

SWIMMING

Double-winners for the Chiefs were Wisniewski in both the 100 (49.93) and 200 (1:49.91) free, and Nilson in the back and 50 free (23.65).

But this wasn't a single-swim type victory, where everything hinged on one race, Weber insisted. "It was a whole team effort, from our new freshmen to our experienced seniors," he said.

Much like it's been all season. "I'm excited about our division championship, with the way our team came together all year," he said.

And it's not over yet.

"This is a stepping stone for what we want to accomplish at league meet in two weeks," said Weber. "We want to go to league and still outscore Northville, still outscore (Livonia) Stevenson, still outscore North Farmington."

Salem remains a solid favorite to gain its ninth consecutive WLAA championship. Although the Chiefs probably can't challenge the Rocks just yet, they are definitely a contender to be the closest team to them when the points are tallied at the WLAA finals.

Salem swamps North

It wasn't expected to be this lopsided, but Plymouth Salem dominated at North Farmington Thursday, finishing first in all but

one event to keep its dual-meet record perfect in the WLAA.

The Rocks final margin of victory was 128-57. It wasn't all good news, however; last Wednesday diver Greg Kubitski suffered a broken arm during practice. One of the top divers in the WLAA, Kubitski will be lost for the remainder of the season.

Salem's only double-winner in individual events was Mike Johnson, in the 50-yard (22.55) and 100-yard (49.70) freestyle.

The best race of the meet came in the 100 butterfly, with the top three finishers separated by .7 of a second. The Rocks got the top two spots, with Eric Lynn winning (53.36) and Ben Dzialo second (53.88), just ahead of the Raiders' Adam Farber (54.06).

All three bettered the state-qualifying standard.

Other Salem winners were Jim Ross in the 200 free (1:52.10); Dzialo in the 200 individual medley (2:05.94); Brian Mertens in the 500 free (5:07.29); Kevin Schopieray in the 100 backstroke (1:02.46); and Aaron Shelton in the 100 breaststroke (1:05.56).

All three relays went to Salem: Lynn, Matt Showalter, Hugo Alvarez and Johnson in the 200 medley (1:44.53); Johnson, Dave Woodard, Dzialo and Lynn in the 200 free (1:32.99); and Lynn, Ross, Mertens and Dzialo in the 400 free (3:26.38).

Salem hosts Westland John Glenn at 7 p.m. Thursday in its final dual meet of the season.

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

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY
(state cuts: A — 1:43.09, B — 1:49.89)
Plymouth Salem 1:42.47
Redford Catholic Central 1:43.17
Plymouth Canton 1:44.29
North Farmington 1:44.32
Livonia Stevenson 1:45.46

200-YARD FREESTYLE
(state cuts: A — 1:49.39, B — 1:55.59)
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:47.03
Eric Lynn (Salem) 1:48.19
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 1:48.81
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 1:49.46
Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 1:49.91
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 1:50.22
Jim Ross (Salem) 1:52.10
Mike Johnson (Salem) 1:53.54
Joe Le (Canton) 1:54.45
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 1:55.43

200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
(state cuts: A — 2:03.99, B — 2:11.99)
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 1:57.41
Eric Lynn (Salem) 2:00.91
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 2:04.35
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 2:05.28
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 2:05.94
Rob Cambridge (Stevenson) 2:08.76
Brad Nilson (Canton) 2:09.00
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 2:09.04
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 2:09.83
Brian Mertens (Salem) 2:10.22

50-YARD FREESTYLE
(state cuts: A — 22.69, B — 23.69)
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 22.03
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 22.28
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 22.54
Mike Johnson (Salem) 22.55
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 22.74
Kevin Ryan (Redford CC) 23.29
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 23.47
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 23.57
Mike Greis (Redford CC) 23.62
Ryan Ahern (Canton) 23.62

DIVING
Chris McFarland (John Glenn) 259.80
Joe Rohde (Redford CC) 230.20
Greg Kubitski (Salem) 224.05
Derek Bell (John Glenn) 214.05
Blake Brunner (Canton) 212.30
Mark Moretto (Redford Union) 203.00
Andrew Brissette (Stevenson) 194.40
Ken Douglass (Franklin) 190.20
Tyler Flood (Redford CC) 176.70
Chris Derrig (Redford CC) 175.70

100-YARD BUTTERFLY
(state cuts: A — 55.59, B — 58.99)
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 53.26
Eric Lynn (Salem) 53.35
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 53.51
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 53.75
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 53.88
Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 55.24

Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 55.81
Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 56.40
Robert Cambridge (Stevenson) 58.39
Brandon Truscott (Stevenson) 58.82

100-YARD FREESTYLE
(state cuts: A — 49.49, B — 51.99)
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 48.47
Eric Lynn (Salem) 48.74
Ed Lesnau (Redford CC) 48.85
Mike Johnson (Salem) 49.70
Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 49.93
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 50.35
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 50.35
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 50.65
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 51.06
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 51.21

500-YARD FREESTYLE
(state cuts: A — 4:57.99, B — 5:15.99)
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 4:55.57
Ben Dzialo (Salem) 4:56.02
Brian Mertens (Salem) 5:00.44
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 5:03.18
Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 5:06.94
Jim Ross (Salem) 5:08.17
Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 5:09.25
Ryan Ahern (Canton) 5:09.91
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 5:10.03
Brad Nilson (Canton) 5:12.54

200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY
(state cuts: A — 1:31.99, B — 1:36.49)
Plymouth Salem 1:30.12
Redford Catholic Central 1:30.85
Plymouth Canton 1:32.49
Livonia Stevenson 1:35.95
North Farmington 1:37.91

100-YARD BACKSTROKE
(state cuts: A — 56.59, B — 59.99)
Joe Bublitz (Stevenson) 54.32
Eric Lynn (Salem) 54.71
Brad Nilson (Canton) 57.05
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 57.56
Zach Feliath (Redford CC) 57.56
Nick Markou (Redford CC) 58.31
Brian Clayton (N. Farmington) 59.50
Andrew Carlin (Redford CC) 59.51
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 1:00.10
Bryant Steele (Redford CC) 1:00.34

100-YARD BREASTSTROKE
(state cuts: A — 1:02.99, B — 1:07.99)
Adam Farber (N. Farmington) 59.82
Dan Dziekan (Redford CC) 1:04.28
Mike Nemer (Stevenson) 1:04.68
Aaron Shelton (Salem) 1:05.56
Eddie Lindow (Canton) 1:05.74
Jon Heiss (Canton) 1:06.72
Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 1:06.77
Matt Showalter (Salem) 1:06.86
Matt Newman (N. Farmington) 1:07.17
Jeff Andonian (Redford CC) 1:08.70

400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY
(state cuts: A — 3:23.39, B — 3:35.99)
Plymouth Salem 3:19.07
Redford Catholic Central 3:20.86
Livonia Stevenson 3:28.13
Plymouth Canton 3:28.36
North Farmington 3:28.48

SWIM RESULTS

PLYMOUTH CANTON 102
NORTHVILLE 84
Thursday at Plymouth Canton
200-yard medley relay: Canton (Brad Nilson, Eddie Lindow, Jon Heiss, Ron Opdyke) 1:44.97.

200-yard freestyle: 1. Matt Wisniewski (PC), 1:49.91; 3. Joe Le (PC), 1:54.45.
200-yard individual medley: 1. Anthony Serge (N), 2:11.55; 2. Yuhei Uno (PC), 2:15.03; 3. Brad Herbeck (PC), 2:19.81.
50-yard freestyle: 1. Brad Nilson (PC).

23.65; 2. Ryan Ahern (PC), 23.72.
Diving: 1. Jason Albosta (N), 221.65 points; 2. Blake Brunner (PC), 198.40.
100-yard butterfly: 1. Derek Ohlgren (N), 58.16; 2. Yuhei Uno (PC), 58.86.
100-yard freestyle: 1. Matt Wisniewski (PC), 49.93; 3. Joe Le (PC), 51.98.

500-yard freestyle: 1. Joe Lynn (N), 5:09.81; 2. Ryan Ahern (PC), 5:09.91.
200-yard freestyle relay: 1. Northville (John Moors, Ben Maxim, Mike Mueller, Myers), 1:32.77; 2. Canton (Joe Le, Ryan Ahern, Yuhei Uno, Matt Wisniewski), 1:35.09.

100-yard backstroke: 1. Brad Nilson (PC), 57.05; 3. Trey Gercak (PC), 1:00.83.
100-yard breaststroke: 1. Eddie Lindow (PC), 1:05.74; 2. Jon Heiss (PC), 1:06.72; 3. Dennis Speck (PC), 1:08.87.

400-yard freestyle relay: Canton (Ryan Ahern, Brad Nilson, Joe Le, Matt Wisniewski), 3:28.81.

Dual-meet records: Canton 5-0 Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division, 6-1 in WLAA, 8-1 overall.

PLYMOUTH SALEM 128
NORTH FARMINGTON 57
Thursday at North Farmington
200-yard medley relay: Salem (Eric Lynn, Matt Showalter, Hugo Alvarez, Mike Johnson), 1:44.53.

200-yard freestyle: Jim Ross (PS), 1:52.10.
200-yard individual medley: Ben Dzialo (PS), 2:05.94.
50-yard freestyle: 1. Mike Johnson (PS), 22.55 (state cut); 2. Aaron Shelton (PS), 22.66 (state cut).
Diving: Stephen Denton (NF), 160.15 points.

100-yard butterfly: 1. Eric Lynn (PS), 53.36 (state cut); 2. Ben Dzialo (PS), 53.88 (state cut); 3. Adam Farber (NF), 54.06 (state cut).
100-yard freestyle: Mike Johnson (PS), 49.70.

500-yard freestyle: 1. Brian Mertens (PS), 5:07.29; 2. Jim Ross (PS), 5:08.17.
200-yard freestyle relay: Salem (Mike Johnson, Dave Woodard, Ben Dzialo, Eric Lynn), 1:32.99.

100-yard backstroke: Kevin Schopieray (PS), 1:02.46.

100-yard breaststroke: 1. Aaron Shelton (PS), 1:05.56; 2. Matt Showalter (PS), 1:06.86.

400-yard freestyle relay: Salem (Eric Lynn, Jim Ross, Brian Mertens, Ben Dzialo), 3:26.38.
Dual-meet records: Salem 8-2 overall, 5-0 in the WLAA, 4-0 in the WLAA's Lakes Division; North 3-3 overall and in the WLAA.

WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearing to ratify the certification of revenues to the FY 2000-2001 Appropriation Ordinance as follows:

1. Certifying a revenue decrease in the amount of \$48,967,727 in the General Fund and additional revenue of \$97,510,478 in the Circuit Court Fund, \$30,809,195 in the Friend of the Court Fund, and \$11,848,006 in the Probate Court Fund; the CEO advises that for Fiscal year 1999-2000, the operations of the Third Circuit Court and the Probate Court were established as component units of Wayne County under Budget Adjustment No. 00-35-232, therefore, this proposed amendment is being submitted to reflect the same format change in accordance with Budget Adjustment No. 2001-35-065.

The hearing will be held:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2001, 10:00 a.m.
Commission Chambers Room 400
Wayne County Building
600 Randolph, Detroit, Michigan

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Chiefs catch Salem

It was consolation for Plymouth Canton's wrestlers, but it still wasn't like competing for the Western Lakes Activities Association championship.

Still, it was the next best thing, going up against cross-creek rival Plymouth Salem. Both teams finished second in their respective WLAA divisions, pitting them against each other in the league's dual-meet crossover.

And by the meet's midpoint, it appeared the Rocks would avenge their earlier loss to Canton; with six weight divisions left, they had a 21-9 lead.

Unfortunately for Salem, that wasn't enough. The Chiefs emerged with wins in five of those six, the last two on pins, to claim a 31-24 triumph Thursday at Canton.

"Salem put up a good fight," said Canton coach John Dem-sick. "Some matches we would like to have gone the other way."

It made it exciting, particularly the 189-pound match with two underweights going hard into overtime.

"Everyone in the crowd were yelling and (were) on their feet. Even with the tension, I stopped to enjoy the moment. Both wrestlers gave their all."

It was a pivotal match, with Salem leading 24-16. After regulation, Canton's Derek Miller and Salem's Quenton Arndt were tied at 8-8; Miller got two points in OT to capture the victory, narrowing the Rocks' lead to 24-19.

When Phil Rothwell pinned Salem's Zack Jensen in 2:04 at 215 and Derek McWatt stopped Jeremy Walker at 275 with a fall at 4:24, the Chiefs had their dual-meet victory.

The Rocks opened the meet with three-straight victories.

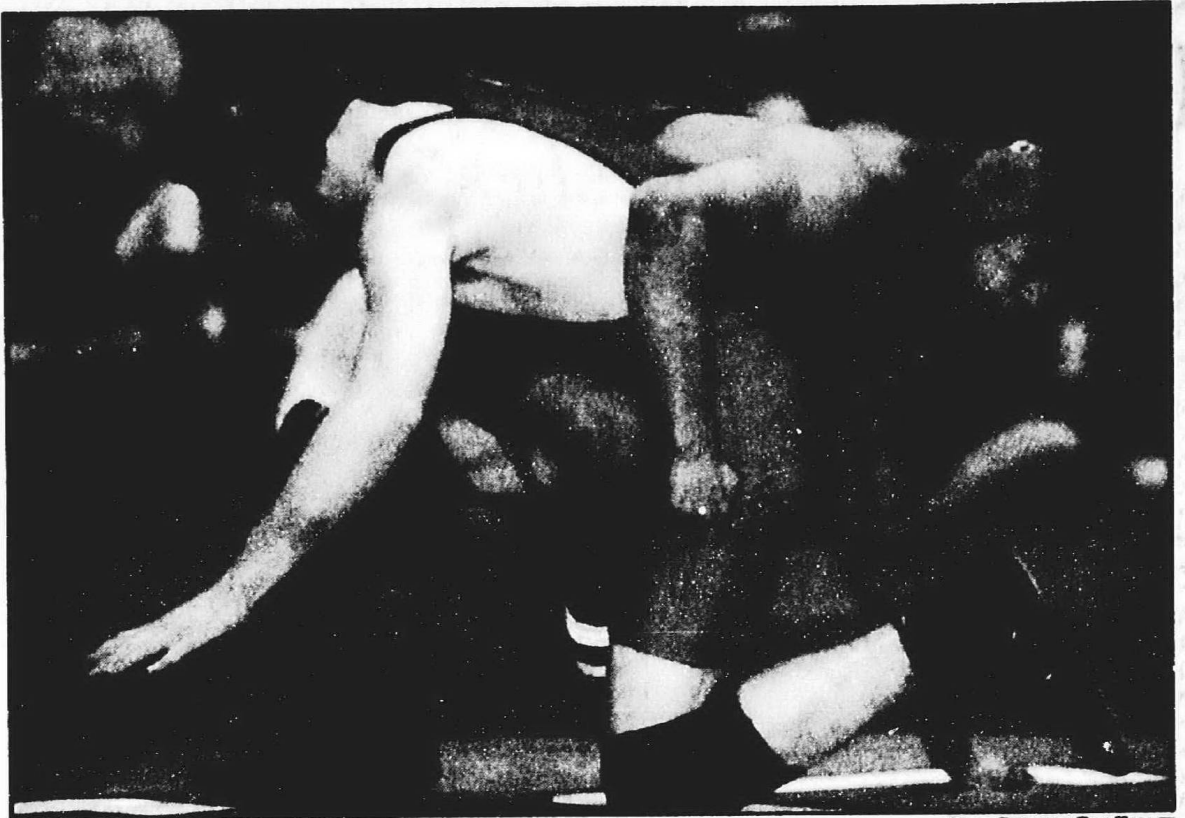
Brian Mervyn beat Steve Hogg, 8-3, at 103; Pete Bobee pinned Andy Roberts in :44 at 112; and Mike Goethe beat Kyle Pitt, 3-1, at 119 to give Salem a 12-0 lead.

Canton's Doy Dem-sick decimated Nate Dillard 8-1 at 125 to narrow the gap to 12-3, but Brandon Sammut followed with a pin of Dustin Armer in 1:47 at 130 to increase the Rocks' lead to 18-3.

But Salem managed just two other match wins: Tony Ken-nard, 8-7 over Greg Musser at 140, and Ryan Bedoun, 7-4 over Shahein Rajee at 160.

Other Canton victories came from Chris Hosey, 8-2 over Tony Stott at 135; Mike Siegrist, 12-5 over Brian Shultz at 145; Joe Faraoni, 14-4 over Craig Blair at 152; and Scott McKee, 4-0 over Phil Portellos at 171.

Next on the agenda for both teams is the state team district tournament, hosted by Salem at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.



Decisive: Canton's Doy Dem-sick (left) got a lead against Salem's Nate Dillard and kept it, winning the 125-pound match 8-1.

Rocks in 1st

An adjustment in the lineup after an disappointing loss in the first game against Salem, Plymouth's volleyball team to capture Wednesday at Canton. The Rocks won the match in three sets.

The Spartans, who trailed 10-3 at one point in the first game, rallied for a 15-11 victory. However, the Rocks moved things around a bit in the second game and the match was a pair of 15-10 sets.

The match was decided by a pair of 15-10 sets. In the first set, the Rocks won 15-10, and in the second set, they won 15-10.

Volleyball

defensive capabilities would be better utilized.

"We adjusted by moving Jackson to right front for her defensive play, and she came through and led the team with 10 kills," said Tosters.

It also meant freshman Jordan Jackson would be at the net front for the attack; she responded with seven kills with just one error.

Leading Salem offensively were Stacy Lee-Lieben with 17 kills with a 100 kill percentage and four service aces; she also had one block and three kills. Salem also added 12 kills, three blocks and two blocks.

Wildcats tryouts

The Western Wayne Wildcats AAU girls basketball program has tryouts scheduled for three of its teams.

■ 13-year-olds: 6-7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26 at West Middle School in Plymouth;

■ 11-year-olds: 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28 at West Middle School in Plymouth;

■ 12-year-olds: 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28 at West Middle School;

■ 13-year-olds: 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 1 at Central Middle School in Plymouth.

Any player unable to attend on those dates, or anyone wishing more information, should contact either Fred Thomann at (734) 484-7746 or Bob Blohm at (734) 414-8156 (work) or (734) 459-1763 (home).

Junior shootout

The Milford Police Athletic League (PAL) will host its 11th-

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Entry fee is \$60 per team (four players). For more information, call Rick Sharpe at (248) 684-1322.

Softball clinics

Performance Fastpitch will be conducting three different softball clinics from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, 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-reg-

istration is recommended since space is limited.

For more information, call Greg Milosek at (810) 227-6295 or Randy Hazzard at (248) 684-5640.

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A rampage

Schoolcraft crushes short-handed Raiders

Oakland Community College's women's basketball team was simply outnumbered. And outgunned.

Schoolcraft College, tied for first in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference, built up a 48-10 lead by halftime of Wednesday's game at SC and cruised to a 90-38 victory.

The win improved the Lady Ocelots' record to 18-3 overall, 11-1 in the conference. OCC fell to 8-13 overall, 4-8 in the conference.

Every factor favored SC. The Ocelots out-rebounded the Lady Raiders 53-24 (23-9 in offensive boards), forced 22 turnovers while committing just 14, and hit 7-of-14 three-pointers (50 percent) to OCC's 3-of-10 (30 percent).

All 12 Ocelots scored in the game; the Raiders had just six players available.

Leading SC was point guard Rachel Eley with 13 points (6-for-6 from the floor), six assists, five steals and five rebounds.

Janelle Olson added 11 points, Angelica Blakely had nine points and seven boards, and four players — Shafawnda Smalley, Ra'Sheida Edwards, Zalika Davis and Devin Francois — netted eight points apiece.

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Edwards also had eight rebounds and two steals, and Francois had seven boards. Shannon Storm's 16 points was best for OCC. Debbie Wesa added eight.

Indiana Tech 80, Madonna 79: This was one that shouldn't have gotten away.

Indeed, if Madonna University truly expects to contend for the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship, winning games like this is a necessity.

But the Lady Crusaders couldn't pull it off. Tech's superior three-point shooting (10-of-19, 52.6 percent) was the major difference in Wednesday's game, played at Tech.

Madonna fell to 8-3 in the WHAC, 13-11 overall. The Lady Warriors improved to 12-13 overall, 6-5 in the WHAC.

Tech led through most of the first half, although the largest lead for either team was never more than five. At half, the Warriors were clinging to a 40-39 lead.

A 9-0 run to start the second half — five points coming from Michelle Curry — boost-

ed Tech's lead to 49-39 with 17:33 left. But a three-pointer by Madonna's Carissa Gizicki, followed by three-straight baskets by Kathy Paganis, over the next two minutes made it a one-point game again.

The Crusaders' biggest lead — 72-66 — came with 4:12 left on a layup by Kristi Fiorenzi (from Plymouth Canton HS). But the Warriors outpointed Madonna 14-7 the rest of the way, with Thyoshi Chambers sinking two free throws with 15 seconds remaining to turn a one-point deficit into a one-point — and ultimately decisive — lead.

Paganis led Madonna with 33 points, six rebounds and two steals. Fiorenzi and Lori Enfield added 11 points apiece. Fiorenzi grabbing 12 rebounds and Enfield 10. Fiorenzi also had three assists.

Gizicki collected 10 points and 12 assists. Curry's 24 points led Tech. Deana Olson had 16, Chambers scored 14 and LaShonda Conwell netted 13.

Madonna had a substantial rebounding advantage — 49-32, including 22-12 on the offensive boards — but Tech hit 10-of-19 of its triples (52.6 percent) to Madonna's 4-of-12 (33 percent), and the Crusaders had 22 turnovers to the Warriors' 16.

Ocelots bury OCC

The Schoolcraft College men's basketball leads the National Junior College Athletic Association in scoring and Wednesday's 137-78 win over visiting Oakland CC will keep the Ocelots on top for another week.

First-place Schoolcraft ran its record to 21-2 overall and 11-1 Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association. OCC falls to 7-16 and 3-9.

Schoolcraft made 51 of 88 shots from the floor (58 percent) and 25 of 35 from the free throw line (71.4 percent), while outrebounding the Raiders, 58-38.

Six SC players hit for double figures — Sam Hoskin (26), Keanan Weir (20), Dwight

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Windom (16), Dave McGlown (11) and Nick Evola (10). Mike Peek added nine.

Three players grabbed double figures in rebounds — Windom (11), Hoskin (10) and Weir (10).

McGlown and Colin Wilkin-son each had seven assists, while Windom led SC with five steals.

Darnell Bobo paced OCC, which trailed 72-36 at half-time, with 18 points, but had nine turnovers. Kevin Williams and William Motley added 16 and 14, respectively, while Cornelius Stanford had 13 points and 12 rebounds.

CC, Mercy win division titles

SKIING

For Redford Catholic Central, it was a matter of coming back. For Farmington Hills Mercy, it was a matter of hanging on.

But both schools got the same result, as they won their respective halves of the Mt. Brighton Division of the Southeast Michigan Interscholastic Ski League on Thursday.

Mercy, which led the league most of the girls season, finished second in the slalom (35 points) and third (66.5) in the giant slalom at the division meet to edge Brighton for the overall championship.

Liz Kujala led Mercy in the giant slalom by finishing fifth overall with a combined time of 39.94. Nicole Zaleski was eighth (40.68), Nikki Anderson was ninth (40.79) and Laura Burek was 13th (43.03).

In the slalom, Kujala was fourth (31.13), while Burek was 13th (33.26). Marcy Godlew was

tied for 17th (34.33) and Melissa Desautel was 32nd (37.04).

The Shamrocks needed to win both the slalom and giant slalom to stop Brighton for the overall championship. CC did that and won on a fifth-place tie breaker to claim the league title.

Matt Gable won the slalom in 29.52 to lead CC, while John Goebel was fourth (32.19), Ryan Boudreau 16th (35.57) and Joe Murray 18th (35.69). Gabel was second in the GS (26.5); Eric Sullivan was eighth (27.64), Goebel 14th (28.15) and Joe Murray 21st (28.86).

Che Martinez finished 22nd in the slalom (36.44) and Boudreau took 26th in the GS (29.09) — both of which were higher than their Brighton opponents to give the league title to CC.

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momentum heading into half-time.

Paced by guard Tyrus Smith's 11 points and a significant rebounding advantage, Tech led 41-36 at the half. Madonna actually outshot the Warriors from the field in the opening 20 minutes, 48 percent to 44 percent.

However, the visitors swished seven-of-eight free throws while the hosts were stone cold from the line (four-of-10).

Following Holowicki's hustle-or-else advice, the Crusaders scored the first six points of the

second half and took their first lead of the night, 42-41, on Kurtinaitis' fastbreak layup and subsequent free throw with 17:28 left.

The score see-sawed until the Crusaders grabbed the lead for good when sophomore guard Aaron Cox connected on two free throws at the 11:45 mark.

Leading 71-70, Madonna iced the game with a 12-1 spurt over the final 4:05. Kurtinaitis hit two triples and a driving lay-up, and Russaw chipped in with four points during the game-clinching

stretch.

"It hurts us with Massey out, but the other guys picked up the slack nicely," Holowicki said. "Hopefully, this game can turn things around for us and we can continue to play well right into the (WHAC) playoffs."

Cox, who was forced to wear number 24 Wednesday because his customary number 12 jersey was stolen prior to the game, netted 14 points and six rebounds for Madonna. Ironically, Cox also led the Crusaders in steals with five.

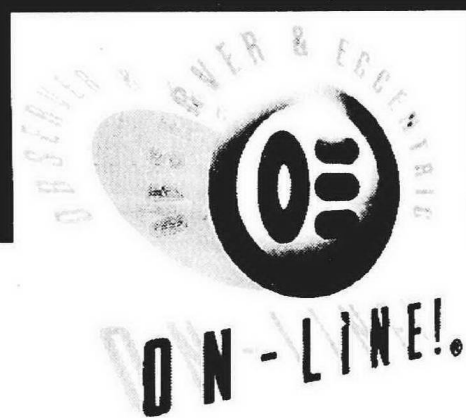
Smith cooled off in the second half, but still led Tech with 21 points on nine-of-21 shooting. Billy Royal added 19 for the Warriors.

Tech finished with a 46-39 rebounding advantage, but the Warriors turned the ball over 18 times compared to the Crusaders' 12 miscues.

Madonna hit 32-of-71 field goals (45.1 percent) while Tech filled the net on 29-of-68 shots (42.6 percent). The Crusaders struggled from the charity stripe, sinking just nine-of-19 free throws.

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Defense tightens, carries CC past Trenton

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The satisfaction — earned, deserved — was palpable. Jim Spiewak didn't attempt to hide it. Didn't want to. No need to.

The Redford Catholic Central team captain slumped against the boards at Trenton's Kennedy Recreation Center, grinning, sweat streaming down his face. "Man," he remarked as he waited his turn to face the Fox News TV cameras, "I am so tired right now."

He went on to describe his third-period goal as "garbage," adding, "but I'll take it." So will his CC teammates, gladly. Because Spiewak's goal, scored from the slot with 2:23 to play, allowed the No. 1-ranked Shamrocks to battle back from a one-goal deficit after two periods and beat No. 2-ranked Trenton, 6-5 Wednesday.

CC improved to 17-0-2. Trenton is 16-3.

Whereas most games featuring the state's best rarely meet expectations, this one surpassed

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them. The packed house, estimated at more than 1,400 fans, was silenced early when CC put two goals on the board in the game's first minute.

Ryan Lasecki knocked in a rebound of a Spiewak shot following a mid-ice Trojan turnover right after the opening face-off. Andrew Eggert also assisted, giving CC a 1-0 lead 12 seconds into the game.

Then, from the left of Trenton goalie Tony Dreyer, the Shamrocks' Jared Ross knocked a shot into the upper right corner to make it 2-0 after just one minute. Brandon Naurato assisted; the overflow crowd sat in stunned silence.

There was good reason. Although CC has captured the last two state championships, it has not enjoyed any recent success on Trenton's ice.

"The seniors had never won here," noted Spiewak. That was motivation enough: "We came out flying," he said. "We had to

take the crowd out of the game quick, and we did."

The crowd might have been quieted, but the Trojans weren't about to be silenced. "We're a confident team," said Trenton coach Mike Turner. "They put us in a hole (early), but we thought we could come back. Just one shot at a time."

Although the Shamrocks dominated early, they couldn't add to their total. The Trojan comeback was started by a picture-perfect deflection of a Nick Oullette shot from the point by Buddy Morsello. Morsello's redirect from 12 feet in front of the net got past CC goalie Andrew McCoy to make it 2-1 with 8:59 left in the first period; Brandon Etlinger also assisted.

It took Trenton less than two minutes to knot it at 2-apiece, and again it was a superior play, this time by John Hackett, who fought through a CC check and managed to keep both his balance and possession of the puck. Hackett's shot went between McCoy's pads, tying it with 5:03 left in the first.

But the Shamrocks rebounded.

Tim Rybinski intercepted a Trojan clearing pass from their own end and went high over Dreyer's shoulder to give CC a 3-2 lead with just :54 left in the first. Jacob Norwood assisted.

The Shamrocks increased their advantage to 4-2 with a power-play goal by Brett John, who slapped a rebound that trickled into the Trenton net with 9:24 to go in the second period.

But things were starting to go awry for CC. Penalties, which hadn't been a factor in the first period (just one was called), became a major factor in the last two periods. The Shamrocks started taking silly penalties, including one for unsportsmanlike conduct right after John's goal, and it led to a shift in momentum.

Trenton scored three power-play goals in the second period, Don Springstead getting the first after pouncing on a deflection to the left of McCoy with 8:11 left. With CC playing two men short, the Trojans' Matt Helka deflected a pass from Brad LaTarte into the CC net to tie it at 4-4 with 5:26 remaining.

And with 3:13 to go, Dan Ohlgren bounced a rebound off of McCoy and into the goal to give the Trojans a 5-4 lead.

"We lost our composure a bit and took some penalties," said CC coach Gordie St. John. "But this is a real emotional game for us."

Defense, which had been absent for the Shamrocks (earlier this season they shut Trenton out, 2-0) thus far, needed to be rediscovered.

"Between periods, our coaches told us we hadn't gone down to block any shots," said Spiewak. "We changed that in the third period. I have to give our guys credit — they really wanted this."

CC had taken the penalties that fueled the Trenton comeback in the second period; the Trojans returned the favor in the third, drawing three penalties in the first five minutes.

The Shamrocks capitalized on

one, with John Perkovich flipping the puck over Dreyer and into the net. Lasecki assisted on the power-play goal that tied it at 5-4 with 10:45 left.

"We can't give them three opportunities in a row like that," said Trenton's Turner. "We used a lot of energy killing those penalties."

"You can't give a team like that that many penalties and expect to keep them off the scoreboard."

The game-winner didn't come on the power play. Instead, it was Spiewak finishing a pass from John on a play started by Ross, who had three assists in the game.

And finally the CC seniors had something else to relish — a win at Trenton. "They've stepped on our perfect record a couple of times, at least," recalled St. John.

Not this time.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Feb. 13

Farmington at Churchill, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Canton, 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.
A.A. Huron at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Woodhaven, 7 p.m.
Taylor Baptist at PCA, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 16

Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Franklin, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Harrison at Northville, 7 p.m.
Salem at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Belleville at Wayne, 7 p.m.
W. Highland at PCA, 7:30 p.m.
Agape vs. Life Summit, TBA.

PREP GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, Feb. 12

Churchill at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Harrison at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Canton at Farmington, 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at Salem, 7 p.m.
Agape vs. Taylor Baptist at Wayne Memorial, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 13

Huron Valley vs. Franklin Road at Livonia St. Paul's, 6:30 p.m.
Luth. W'sid at Cville, 6:30 p.m.
PCA at A.P. Inter-City, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 14

Farmington at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Salem at Harrison, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at N. Farm., 7 p.m.
Belleville at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Allen Park, 7 p.m.
Ypsilanti at Thurston, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 15

Greenhills at Ply. Christian, 6 p.m.
Cville at Luth. N'west, 6:30 p.m.
Hamtramck at Luth. W'sid, 6:30 p.m.
Catholic League A-B & C-D finals at Madonna Univ., 5 & 7 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Warren Zoe at Livonia St. Paul's, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 16

Agape vs. Life Summit, TBA.
Saturday, Feb. 17
Melvindale Tourney, 7 a.m.
Ladywood Tournament, 8 a.m.
Monroe-Jeff. Tourney, 8:30 a.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Wednesday, Feb. 14

Ladywood vs. G.P. South at Ply. Arctic Pond, 6 p.m.
Franklin vs. Salem at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 15

Redford CC at P.H. Northern, 6 p.m.
Franklin vs. Stevenson at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Salem vs. W.L. Western at Ply. Cultural Ctr., 6 p.m.
Canton vs. W.L. Central at Lakeland Arena, 8:20 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 17

Ladywood at Kingswood, 1 p.m.
Salem vs. A.A. Huron at Ply. Cultural Ctr., 1 p.m.
Franklin vs. Milford at Lakeland Arena, 5:20 p.m.
Churchill at P.H. Northern, 6 p.m.
Red. Unified at Grosse Ile, 7:30 p.m.
Farm. Unified vs. Dbn. Unified at Dearborn Adray, 8 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Cranbrook at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

PREP BOYS SWIMMING

Tuesday, Feb. 13

N. Farm. at John Glenn, 3 p.m.
Wayne at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Ypsilanti, 7 p.m.
Salina at Canton, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 15

Churchill at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Northville at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Farm. Harrison at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at N. Farm., 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 16

Redford CC at A.A. Pioneer, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 17
MBCA meet at EMU, 1:30 p.m.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Monday, Feb. 12

Liv. Unified at Walled Lake, 7 p.m.
Wayne-W'sid at Salem, 7 p.m.
Canton vs. Farm. Unified at Farm. Training Center, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 15

Canton at Brighton, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 17
WLA meet at Hartland, 10 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Feb. 14

Siena Hts. at Macomb, 7 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Henry Ford, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 17

Spring Arbor at Madonna, 3 p.m.
Macomb at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Feb. 14

Schoolcraft at Henry Ford, 5:30 p.m.
Madonna at Siena Hts., 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 17

Macomb at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.
Aquinas at Madonna, 3 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Sunday, Feb. 11

Whalers at Brampton, 6 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 16
Whalers at Erie (Pa.), 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 17

Whalers vs. Kitchener at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

NATIONAL PRO SOCCER LEAGUE

Friday, Feb. 16

Det. Rockers vs. Kansas City at Compuware Arena, 7:35 p.m.

TBA — time to be announced.

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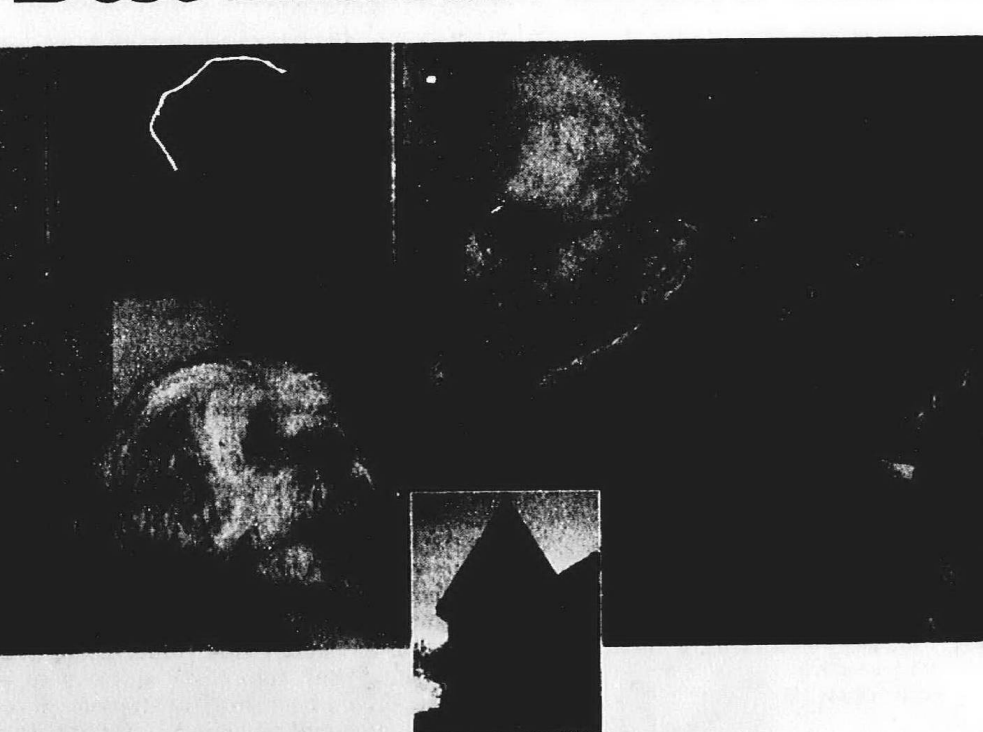
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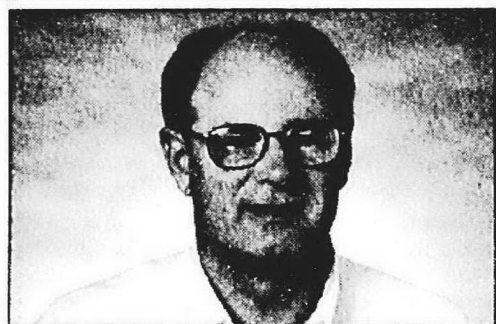


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NATURE NOTES



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Countdown for the Backyard Bird Hunt

Mark your calendar for the Great Backyard Bird Count — Feb. 16-19.

During this time period the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology in Ithaca, New York, is asking people to submit data about birds seen at their feeders, parks, schoolyards or any other areas.

This year marks the fourth year that this web based project has been providing information about the location of birds during the winter.

It was started by the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology in an effort to gather information on the movements of birds during winter. Scientists can take the Christmas Count data gathered from late December to early January and compare it with this mid-February count.

All data will be submitted by the Internet to Cornell's web site www.birdsource.org. Immediate feedback is provided to all those entering the site, because information is updated every hour so you can see where certain species of birds are concentrated.

Last year 64,000 people provided observations to this project. Will they reach the 100,000 mark this year? If you participate that could happen.

Individuals, schools and groups of various kinds are encouraged to participate. Information can be submitted for one of the four days, all four days, or any combination.

All they ask is that you identify the species of bird, count the highest number of individuals of that species seen at any time that day and record the amount of time you spend counting the birds. Then log onto the web site and submit your data.

This could be a project for school groups with feeders in their courtyard. They could see their data contributing to a scientific study and realize how valuable amateurs can be when collecting data. Students will see animated maps and colorful graphs that incorporate their data.

This would be a great integrated learning experience. As an encouragement to get involved, the lab is willing to provide a prize for groups that make a contest of who can contribute the most observations.

If you do not have a computer you can go to your local library and use their computer to get on the Internet. In fact, the lab is encouraging libraries to alert patrons of the count dates and that they can use their computers for submitting data.

Families with bird feeders can spend time during the day getting a high count for each species. This is a good way to refresh identification skills.

Then discuss science with your younger bird watchers before submitting your findings on your home computer.

While at the web site you can learn much more about birds. You might even find another project about birds that interests you.

The Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology has several projects that require the help of willing volunteers.

If you like the idea of providing data about birds at your feeder, they have a Project Feeder Watch that extends throughout the bird feeding season.

There are also projects such as Birds in Forested Landscapes and the Golden-winged Warbler Atlas Project that require trained volunteers to provide data about different kinds of birds in summer.

Teachers may be interested in investigating their Classroom Feeder Watch program.

Information gathered from the backyard count has shown that when snow cover is scant, robins will winter farther north than they would if the snow cover was deep.

Observations made by people like Observer & Eccentric readers helped scientists make this determination.

Take some time to help.

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

Livonia's Mohacsi delivers with 4th 300 game of career

Livonia resident Mary Mohacsi has bowled another 300 game.

This was the fourth perfect game for the 68-year-old member of the WIBC Hall of Fame.

Mary now ranks as the fifth-oldest woman to get that string of 12 consecutive strikes. She did it Feb. 8, at Cloverlanes in Livonia while competing in the Ten Grand Trio league.

Mohacsi was enshrined in the Greater Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame in 1977-78 and has been one of the area's top women bowlers during her career.

She led all Detroit area women bowlers in scoring average for 1964-66, 1977-78 and 1984-86.

She has won numerous national and international events during her career. Mary and son Mark own the 'Right Approach Pro Shop' in Merri Bowl Lanes in Livonia.

■ Did you know that Elks can bowl?

Certainly the two-legged kind have been bowling for a long time, and now the 81st annual Michigan Elks State Tournament is under way at Cloverlanes in Livonia.

There are about 300 Elks teams entered from around the state as the tournament covers nine weekends ending March 25.

After three weeks Rich Ballard of Ferndale is the current leader in Singles actual with 300/780.

Other scorers include Gerry Gerard, 295/755; George Shay of Troy, 268/741; Geno Grabinski of Livonia, 289/734.

Meanwhile, Ted Stephens and Dale Manning, both of Waterford, each had a 289 game.

Ballard leads in singles actual and handicap. The event still has a ways to go, so the leader board can change except for high game at the apex with the 300 score.

Moving across to the other side of Cloverlanes, the 72nd annual Lutheran Midwest Tournament is underway.

The competitors come in from all over Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. One highlight so far was Bill Mueller of Novi with a 300 game and his teammate John Koepke of Canton, a 290 score in the same game which has elevated their team to first place.

This event has only one more week to go, so the winners will be reported shortly.

■ The 6th annual Senior/Youth Challenge took place last Saturday at Mayflower Lanes in Redford.

Opening ceremonies were handled by Jack Dahlstrom, introducing Redford Township supervisor Kevin Kelley, the youngest and oldest bowlers, the tournament committee and another introduction of 87-year-old Jarvis Woelke, to whom the tournament was dedicated.

After a beautiful singing of the national

anthem by Mayflower's own Tammy Plofchan, Woelke rolled the ceremonial first ball, which drew pledges of \$10 per pin from Henry Mistele, Kevin Kelley, Dr. Charles Whalen and Frank Palmieri.

The ball was a perfect strike, so each one contributed \$100 to the scholarship fund. A total of \$5,000 in scholarship funds was awarded to the winning youth bowlers.

The most noteworthy performance was by Lewis Saad, who at age 97, rolled games of 200-180-193 for a 573 series.

His 54 per game handicap adds up to 735 taking first place overall among the seniors.

Saad's score also helped his youth doubles partner, 15-year-old Tim Storer of Redford to fourth place in doubles and \$500 in scholarship money.

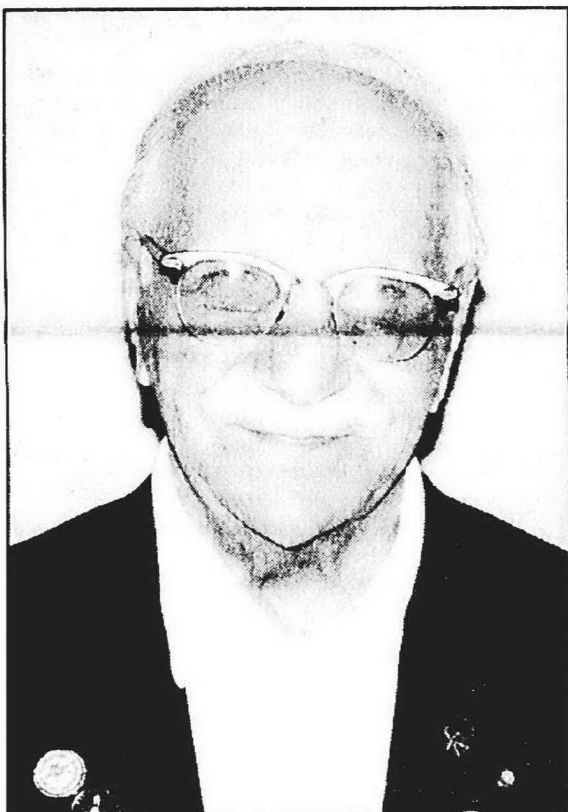
The high score among the kids was 708 actual plus 90 handicap (798) by 15-year-old Nick Hidalgo of Redford, earning him \$1,000 in scholarship money.

The other singles scholarship winners included Karlos Williams, 15, 594 + 105 = 699 (\$500); Chris Ehrenberg, 533 + 156 = 689 (\$500); 11-year-old Steven Cunningham of Redford, 394 + 288 = 682 (\$500).

In doubles, Nick Hidalgo won first place but can only cash once, so 2nd place finisher 10-year old Joel Holder of Redford with help from Jim Rosni won \$750.



Another one: Detroit Bowling Hall of Famer Mohacsi threw the fourth perfect game of her career last week.



Big Series: 97-year-old Lewis Saad hurled a 573 series at the Senior/Youth Challenge in Redford.

Winter therapy can help eliminate summer pains

Are you tired of having chronic, nagging shoulder pain? Here are a few exercise tips that can be used with inexpensive equipment.

All you need are therapy bands (costing about \$10 at most sporting goods stores) and you can get a comfortable workout that will help your shoulder and get you into better physical condition by this summer.

There are many things that can help ease joint pain, but exercise is one way that an individual can gain control in helping old and new injuries heal. Pain can be counterproductive, resulting in decreased strength, atrophy, swelling, etc.

You can eliminate the potential of pain or discomfort while using this exercise routine by using less resistance and proper form during the exercise. If unable to perform any resistance training with a bad shoulder, you may want to consult a physician for guidance or begin by exercising your opposite shoulder first until the bad one is able to perform the routine.

It is true that exercising the unaffected shoulder first can have a positive effect in healing the affected shoulder. This can help speed the recovery process of a recent shoulder injury due to a process called "cross education."

Exercise can help...

- increase strength and size of muscles.
- decrease muscle atrophy.
- allow pain relief
- increase the facilitation and velocity of muscle contraction.
- enhance joint endurance.
- reduce the healing time required due to improved blood flow.

■ decrease scar tissue at the site of the injury (allowing more efficient and pain-free range of motion).

Again, be sure to exercise both shoulders because one can affect the other. Here are three exercises to use in rehabilitating a bad shoulder. If unable to perform exercises with resistance, start exercises without therapy bands.

Shooting the bull on horseback

Stand with your feet about 2 feet apart and bend your knees. You should look like you are in a horseback riding position. Take your exercise band in each hand. Extend your left forearm to the left side while flexing your right forearm and raising your right elbow in line with left forearm. Your face should be turned to the left. This is performed as if you were pulling back a bowstring. Pretend to shoot in the air. Then shoot to the ground and up to the sky. Inhale deeply as you pull back on the band. Feel your shoulder blades pull together.

Strike up the band

Stabilize one end of the band with your foot. Start with your arm at your side. Slowly raise the arm against resistance of the band up to 90 degrees. Now perform the same exercise with the arm at a 12 o'clock position up to 90 degrees.

Pressing issues

Standing, hold your band at waist level with one hand. With the other hand, press your fist upward over your head against the band's resistance.

Perform each of these exercises, doing three sets of 15-20 repetitions, being sure that all exercises are being performed on both sides. This routine should be performed three days per week.

Dr. Aaron Shakarian of Livonia is certified in chiropractic biophysics. His specialty is sports injuries, body aches, pain and health improvement.

GUEST COLUMNIST



DR. AARON SHAKARIAN

OUTDOOR BRIEFS

DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS

Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. membership meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X, 6177 Chicago Road, in Warren. The public is welcome. More information can be obtained by calling Ed Wileczek at (810) 757-7365 or club President Ray Banbury at (810) 598-0310.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

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

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

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

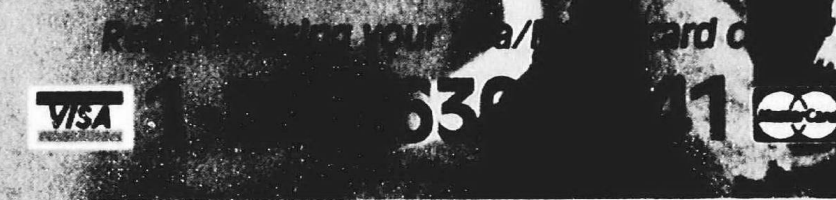
FOUR SEASONS

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

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

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LOVE IS IN THE AIR!
Outgoing, caring, 54 y.o., single white male with long dark hair and blue eyes, employed, enjoys the outdoors, movies, reading and dancing, is seeking a caring, loving, single female, for friendship and maybe more. BOX 10453

KICKSTART MY HEART
Fun, energetic, 23 y.o., female, enjoys sports, concerts, music, and more. Looking for a male, 23 to 27, who enjoys cuddling up to the couch and watching a movie. BOX 10373

ENCHANTED EVENING
21 y.o. single white female of two, 5'1", medium build, brown hair and eyes, looking for a trustworthy male, 25 to 34 who enjoys driving out, going out for a drink and more. Must like children. BOX 10750

NEW BEGINNINGS
White widowed female, 52 y.o., 5'4", enjoys country music, slow dancing, quiet times at home and more. Looking for a big tall, handsome, single male, 52 to 60, non-smoker, drug free, family oriented, for a possible relationship. BOX 14130

YOU-ME-GOOD TIMES!
54 y.o. old, 4'11", 155 lbs. retired, white single female with blonde hair and brown eyes, non-smoker, enjoys movies, reading, animals, and more. Looking for a single male, with similar interests, around the same age, to share good times and friendship. BOX 14293

REAL LOVE!
26 y.o. college educated, single white female who enjoys movies, comedy clubs, the outdoors, concerts, music, reading, biking and more. Must be a single male, 25 to 34, 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, animals, and more. Seeking a single male, to share good times and friendship. BOX 14259

LET'S CHAT!
Attractive, 26 y.o., 5'7", 160 lbs. single white female with long blonde hair and blue eyes. Enjoys movies, the outdoors, camping, fishing, long walks, being in the sun, and more. Seeking a single male, to share good times and friendship. BOX 14303

WARM EMBRACES
Single female, 31 y.o., 150 lbs. single mom college student, long dark red hair, dark hazel eyes. Likes country music, outdoor activities, NASCAR, college football. Looking for a single male, 30's, tall, and professional. BOX 27443

LOVE IS A CALL AWAY!
37 y.o. 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 more. Seeking a single male, to share good times and friendship. BOX 27462

LOVE IS ALL WE NEED!
43 y.o. old, 5'8", 160 lbs. single white female with red hair and brown eyes, enjoys driving out, movies, golf, fishing, reading and more. Seeking a single male, to share good times and friendship. BOX 27493

LET'S HOOK UP!
Divorced mother, 24 y.o., non-smoker, brown hair and eyes. Enjoys bowling, movies, reading, long walks, and more. Seeking a single male, with similar interests, for fun times, and maybe more. BOX 27493

JUST CALL ME!
40 y.o. old, petite, single white female with a great smile, long brown hair and green eyes, enjoys movies, music, dining out, reading, cooking and much more. Seeking a single male, with similar interests, for friendship, possibly a relationship. BOX 32666

ARE YOU THE ONE?
Single white female, 44 y.o., old, attractive, blonde hair, blue eyes, full figured, 5'7", non-smoker, professional, kind, considerate, loyal, down to earth. Enjoys writing, movies, music, dining out, and more. Seeking a single male, 35 to 55, any race, height, weight. BOX 10941

LET'S HAVE FUN
43 y.o. old, single white female, 5'8", 135 lbs. brown hair and eyes, looking for someone to have fun with, smoker, social drinker, white male, 38 to 48, for fun times and maybe more. Wayne County BOX 33373

SINGLE MOM
32 y.o. old, single mother, divorced, 5'8", medium build, brown hair, brown eyes. Enjoys sports, camping, hiking, the outdoors, romantic dinners, walking and more. Seeking a white male, 32 to 45, 5'10" or taller, hopefully with children and similar interests. BOX 30956

HELLO FRIEND
Attractive, intelligent, slender and tall, lady of 54, is also warm hearted, soft spoken, a smoker. Seeking someone who is 55 to 60, intelligent, tall, an old fashioned gentleman, a smoker. Please call if this describes you. Oakland County, BOX 25355

SEEKS NICE GUY
35 y.o. old, single female, 5'10", 180 lbs. brown hair, blue eyes. Enjoys outdoors, dancing, movies, bowling. Seeking a sincere, fun, 30 to 45, with similar interests. Wayne County BOX 33376

LIFE'S BETTER SHARED
50's female, young looking, 5'6", blue eyes, light complexioned, bluish hair, casual dresser, professional, home owner, mother of one. Looking for a nice, kind, sincere gentleman who is looking for a relationship. BOX 14214

LOOKING FOR:
A kind, sincere, single or divorced male, 48 to 60, non-smoker, for long term monogamous relationship. I am a 51 y.o. divorced female. I believe in romance and enjoy simple pleasures. Down River area. BOX 14471

DOCTOR WANTED
Pretty blue eyed, blonde, youthful looking 50, bright warm, witty, Troy area, with special interest in psychiatry. Seeking kind caring physician for intense relationship. Oakland County, BOX 26065

STARTING OVER
5'10", white full figured female, 45, non-smoker, light drinker, no drugs, varied interests that include: working, walking and so on. Looking for same for monogamous relationship that could lead to marriage. Oakland County BOX 26011

ATTENTION HARVEY!
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

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Attractive, 5'10", red head, blonde hair, fun loving, adventurous, romantic. Comfortable in jeans to evening gown. Loves sports, travel, theatre, gourmet cooking, (for that special man). Seeking tall white gentleman, financially (emotionally) secure, 49 to 60, who is romantic, kind, has a good sense of humor, with similar interests. Oakland County BOX 25353

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

LOOKING FOR YOU!
25 y.o. 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

LIGHTEN UP MY LIFE
Single white Christian female, 39, 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, easy going, 5'9" to 6'4", who knows how to treat a lady. BOX 10709

SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE
Pretty, petite, passionate, divorced white female, 40's. Seeking non-smoking, single white male, over 35, for dating, mating, relating. Let's create sparks and make it fly! BOX 25332

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE
New age woman seeks faithful companion, 40 to 60, financially secure, emotionally centered, intellectually curious, kind, gentle and positive. I'm 48, 5'6", divorced, pretty, small plus size, shoulder length natural red hair, a beautiful smile that lights up a room. Join me on my quest for transcendence. BOX 25968

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

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

A LADY OF CLASS
Vivacious, upbeat, very attractive, blonde female, a professional, 5'7", 115 lbs. upper 50's, seeking single male, 30's, 40's, a professional, for dating, possible long term relationship. Call me and see what life has in store for us. BOX 35998

HONEST & TRUE
Petite, 5'11", 110 lb., attractive, white professional, divorced mom. Enjoys working out, daily good conversation, music, sports, and is an optimist. Looking for a professional, for dating, possible long term relationship. Call me and see what life has in store for us. BOX 35998

LET'S HAVE FUN
32 y.o. old, single mother, divorced, 5'8", medium build, brown hair, brown eyes. Enjoys sports, camping, hiking, the outdoors, romantic dinners, walking and more. Seeking a white male, 32 to 45, 5'10" or taller, hopefully with children and similar interests. BOX 30956

KEY TO MY HEART
52 y.o. 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

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

SEEKING ROMANCE
Interesting, beautiful, spiritual, divorced, professional, white female, 38, 5'2", petite, brown hair, green eyes. Enjoys friends, family, movies, plays, and more. Seeking a white male, 40 to 55, who is interested in a serious relationship. Downriver area, preferred Wayne County BOX 32005

LOVE THE OUTDOORS
Single white female, 40, 5'4", and medium build. Enjoys camping, fishing, campfires and quiet times. Seeking a white male, 38 to 45, tall, dark and handsome, with similar interests. For friendship first, possible long term relationship. Down River area, Wayne County BOX 32012

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

SHOOTING STAR
Divorced, white professional female, 5'5", 125 lbs. brown/black hair and eyes, dimples, looks like a star. Seeking a single white male, 55 to 63, attractive, 6' stable and a good sense of humor. BOX 32193

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL...
with a friend 35 y.o. old, black, beautiful female, 5'9", 140 lbs. seeking White/Caucasian professional, handsome male, 30 to 35, for friendship and possibly more. BOX 33689

I'M SANE
22 y.o. old, single white female, 5'8", 125 lbs. loves home, books, single white male, 25 to 31, who is smart and strong willed. BOX 35485

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DO YOU HOLD THE KEY?
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LET'S GET CONNECTED
Divorced 46 y.o. old white male, adventurous and romantic, enjoys camping, fishing, swimming, the beach and more. Looking for a female for a possible long term relationship. BOX 14062

HEAVEN SENT ME
Single male, 5'11", 190 lbs. brown hair and blue eyes, outgoing, born again Christian. Looking for a female who is attending church and is active in the church. BOX 14107

LOVE IS ALL WE NEED!
Outgoing, 5'9", 150 lbs. single white male with blonde hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys movies, reading the outdoors, hiking, and more. Seeking a single female, 20 to 26, with similar interests, to share good times and maybe more. BOX 32663

RAIN DOWN ON ME
Single male, 37 y.o., 5'5", brown hair and blue eyes, home owner, employed, non-smoker. Looking for a female, who wants to settle down, and is looking for stability. BOX 32639

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

ONLY YOU!
25 y.o. old, 6'2", 250 lbs. muscular build, single white male with brown hair and eyes, retired, enjoys movies, reading, the outdoors, quiet times, and more. Seeking a single female, 20 to 26, with similar interests, to share good times and maybe more. BOX 32700

GOOD NATURED
Intelligent, handsome, sensual, passionate, funny, tall, well built, 6'3", 205 lbs. single white male, 40's. Looking for a very sensual, active, attractive, single female, 42 to 49, who can live, laugh, love. Enjoys children, and is interested in variety. Have two teens who live, no outstanding engagements please. Wayne County BOX 25997

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Divorced 22 y.o. old white male, non-smoker, enjoys movies, strolls in the park and more. Looking for a female, 20 to 30 with similar interests for a possible relationship. BOX 13787

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Single white male, 46, 5'4", 136 lbs. dark hair, eyes, mustache, lives down town, smoker, light drinker, easy going, call owner. Enjoys dining, golf, movies and more. Seeking a single female, height/weight proportionate. BOX 32693

JUST A CALL AWAY...
Single black professional male, 53 y.o., 6'1", non-smoker, good physical condition, weight and height proportionate. Enjoys fishing, walking, outdoor activities, cooking, sports and antiques. Seeking a tall, professional female, 42 to 55, with similar interests and possible relationship. Race is open. BOX 27440

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

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METRO AIRPORT AREA
47 y.o. old, single white parent, attractive, 6'1", 200 lbs. smoker, social drinker, hardworking, with a variety of interests that include: golf, camping, fishing, etc. Seeking an attractive, caring, single white female, height, weight proportionate, with family values and similar interests, must like children and animals. BOX 35489

LOOKING FOR YOU
48, 5'8", 175 lbs. is seeking a fun loving, easy going, intelligent, single female, 28 to 39, for friendship and possibly more. My interests are sports, plays, and cooking. Oakland County BOX 26021

A NUMBER ONE
White male, 51, 190 lbs. financially secure, good looks, good occupation, interesting to be with, has realistic expectations. Seeking a nice white female companion, 35 to 49. BOX 33381

ADDRESSING OUR NEEDS
A love connection? Nice white male, 43, handsome and fun, upscale life style, seeks unattached white female for a fresh relationship mutual attention, memorable experiences. BOX 26024

FRIENDS FIRST
18 y.o. old, white male, 5'7", 140 lbs. who is looking for a single female, 18 to 21, race open. Who enjoys movies, skating, and traveling out. Wayne County BOX 32018

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backward and the game ended. "It didn't come down to that," Mikel said. "There are a whole lot of reasons for losing. Make your free throws. You've got to guard people."

The Rocks have fashioned their winning streak at the right time — in the conference season. They are also 7-2 in WLAA play, a game behind Walled Lake Central.

"When you're 0-7, you really second-guess yourself," said Brodie, whose teams are always fundamentally sound and well drilled. "But we'd lost a lot of close games. And we were in all except two or three."

"Then our point guard was injured and we had a couple of sophomores up. We knew it was going to be a matter of time before they jelled."

Discher's triple with 1:07 left tied the score at 51, then Brad Barenie hit the first of two foul shots to give Farmington the lead. Salem called timeout and the second free throw didn't go down, giving the Rocks the opportunity to go for the win or a loss with one last shot.

Barenie's hot hand with three pointers — he made five of them in a 16-point game — let the Falcons stay out in front. Curtis Tillman had 10, all in the second

half, and Matt Mikel scored 12.

Nick Tochman made a nice assortment of put-backs, runners in the lane and rebounds to keep Salem hanging around in the fourth quarter, when he scored half his 16 points. Discher had 11 while Pat Abraham, Haar and Hoskins had eight apiece.

"We did a good job rebounding," Mikel said, "but we gave them far too many easy baskets. We didn't do a good job defensively."

The game began slowly, with Farmington holding a 4-2 lead midway through the first quarter, which ended with Salem up by 8-7.

The Falcons held a 21-17 half-time lead as Barenie fired in three triples but the score was deadlocked at 36 after three periods.

"Our objective was to keep them off the glass," Brodie said. "We didn't do a very good job of that."

Brodie put the primary responsibility of checking Matt Mikel on his sophomore point guard, Kevin Savitskie, who along with Discher did a nice job of holding down a very good player.

"We tried to wear him down," Brodie said. "He didn't get too many good looks at the basket."

He did a real good job — and he's not a sophomore any more."

Tillman did a good job of keeping Hoskins under control for Farmington.

The Falcons were up 16-8 early in the second quarter and 23-17 early in the third but the Rocks wound up taking the lead, 26-25, on a Discher triple with 3:54 left in the third.

The game went back and forth thereafter, with both teams refusing to be put away.

Brodie will remember this season more than some of his others for the way his team refused to go down the slide.

"When you're on that slide, it's tough to get off," Brodie said. "But when they're good kids, it's not as tough as you think."

"I'm a pretty patient man. And there's a lot of tradition here — and they know that."

"They know the coaching staff will work with them and that their opportunities will come."

They may both get another opportunity to square off again in a couple of weeks. In the WLAA tournament.

Franklin 52, Canton 47: A close game at the half turned into a Livonia Franklin runaway in the third quarter.

The Patriots took their one-

point lead over Plymouth Canton at the half and bumped it up to 13 going into the fourth quarter, thanks to 11 points in that span from Joe Ruggiero.

After that, it was just a matter of holding Canton off, which they did in a WLAA game Friday at Franklin.

Ruggiero, who led all scorers with 21 points, was the key in Franklin's 22-10 third-quarter spurt. Ruggiero also had 10 rebounds.

Mike Petta added nine points,

getting five of those in the third, as the Patriots improved to 5-10 overall, 3-6 in the WLAA. Chad Reed came off the bench to dish out five assists and make four steals.

Canton (6-9 overall, 5-4 in the WLAA) was paced by Jerry Gaines with 10 points and 10 boards.

"We're talking about a large amount of missed shots here," said Canton coach Jeremy Rheault. "Our missed shots were their defense."

Canton Agape 72, Akiva Hebrew Day School 27: The Wolverines cruised to a 44-16 halftime lead Thursday to win their 12th game in 13 tries and third of the week.

Paul Anleitner led all scorers with 17 points, Paul Chrenko chipped in with 12 plus 12 rebounds and Mike Johannes scored 10 points.

Akiva (8-8) was led by Michael Skoczylas, who had 13 points.

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when Dismuke wrapped home a rebound off the board on a shot taken by Sparks at 9:14. Defenseman Ryan Tracy followed by ripping a shot from the point to with just 23.1 seconds left in the period from Bierley.

McCabe's wrist shot from Mike Carson and Matt Ringer tied it at 2-2 with 7:22 to go in the second period.

But the Patriots took a 3-2 edge into the lockerroom when right winger Gordie Statham made a fine individual effort, racing down the ice from his own blue line and beating the clock when he knocked home his own rebound. Sparks' pass out of his own end made the goal possible with just 1.2 seconds to play in the period.

During the second period, Franklin was outshot 15-6.

"The first and third periods kind of went back-and-forth," Jobbitt said. "But Canton really outplayed us that second period."

They dominated."

The Chiefs did not hang their heads after Statham's goal as Bockstanz poked home a rebound after Collop's shot from the blue line just 1:46 into the final period.

"Hockey is an emotional game and sometimes you get sidetracked, but my job is to steer that emotion in the right direction," said Abraham, referring to the intermission between the second and third period.

Dismuke's back-hander 5:52 remaining looked as if it would hold up, but the Chiefs came back to earn the tie.

"We had trouble in our own zone and we kept breaking down because we had too many guys down low," Jobbitt said. "But that's hockey. Breakdowns create goals."

It was the second deadlock between the two teams this season.

"We knew they (Franklin)

would come at us hard," Abraham said. "They have great team speed, but I think we match up well with them. I knew it would be a great game. We've had two ties now with them and that's because it's two good teams."

"We run a similar forecheck with some minor differences. Both teams run and good system and Terry (Jobbitt) had done a good job with them. They're every bit deserving of winning the division title."

From Franklin's standpoint, a win would have been icing on the cake, but the tie proved to be rewarding.

"Right down the lineup these guys have given their bodies and souls, along with the coaching staff," Jobbitt said. "Even the fourth line, when called upon, has done their job."

"And the school has really been behind us. We've gotten great fan support. It's never been better."

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Early risers notable for their dedication

The experience of playing Jean Sibelius' *Finlandia* side-by-side with an adult orchestra made such an impression on Nan Washburn as a youth that the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra conductor is rising before dawn to work with students in the Plymouth Canton Middle School Orchestra.

Both orchestras will play together in a concert Saturday, Feb. 17, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church as part of the PSO's season.

Of course, rising before sun-up and riding the bus to Plymouth Salem High School for the 7 a.m. class five days a week is nothing new for these dedicated students. Since orchestra was removed from the regular middle school day in the 1980s, students devoted to playing symphonic music have gone the distance to learn bowing and other techniques on their own time.

"I had the experience in a youth orchestra in Ventura, Calif., at age 13," said Washburn. "It made such an impact on me I became a musician. Just hearing the large sound of full orchestra. It will give them a lot of inspiration and appreciation for playing in an orchestra. I played the same piece and it inspired me to become a conductor."

Erin Zurbuchen's experience of playing Finland's unofficial national



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Valleys and Peaks: Nan Washburn will conduct the Plymouth Canton Middle School Orchestra in a concert featuring the Plymouth Canton Middle School Orchestra.

anthem moved her as well. It was written at a time in the late 1800s when Russian Tsar Nicholas II undertook an aggressive campaign toward Finland's "Russification." Instead of using quotations from traditional Finnish folk melodies, Sibelius uses musical devices associated with pomp and circumstance. The piece opens with a thundering brass fanfare, follows with a rousing orchestral march and concludes with the entire orchestra playing the final theme.

"It really is an incredible piece," said Zurbuchen, Plymouth Canton Middle School Orchestra co-director. "I've played it before and felt myself getting emotional."

"The orchestra started working on it after winter break. The students are very excited and very hard-working. It's an opportunity to play in a full orchestra and to play with the PSO, a professional organization. They're playing with adults and with the one on one they'll get encouragement from the musicians. I was initially nervous because it's a challenging piece in a different key than they've played before but it's very inspiring to see the different possibilities with them. And they have the opportunity to play with such a fine conductor like Nan to show them how

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BREKLER

Stress reliever: Julie Couyoumjian relaxes as she builds a coil pot.



Ceramic artist: Judy Buresh fights cancer with laughter and a few monsters attached to her toolbox.

Spiritual Journey

Center helps patients heal through the arts

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Judy Buresh dashes from student to student in a frenetic dance to raise their spirits. Her humor and expertise in ceramics is why patients come to classes at the Assarian Cancer Center on the campus of Providence Hospital in Novi.

Buresh is joking all the while she's making suggestions for building coil pots, painting tiles, and sculpting a rhinoceros. Like her students, the Garden City artist has confronted the "C" word. Buresh was diagnosed with thyroid cancer in 1997. She knows cancer spins your life around. One day you're in control, and the next day your body and mind whirl seemingly out of control as you begin a frightening quest for answers.

After 30 years of creating and showing her work, Buresh is exchanging days filled with making pots for teaching in the Healing Arts program founded by Dr. Bill McLaughlin, director of radiation oncology and the Healing Arts at the Assarian Cancer Center. The cancer drained Buresh's seemingly endless energy, but she isn't complaining.

Boost Camps

A tool kit sitting on her bench is decorated with monsters to fight off cancer. It's given to patients attending day-long Boost Camps at the center where the visual and performing arts, yoga, meditation and massage work with conventional chemotherapy and radiation.

"There are tapes for relaxation, books on meditation, and bubbles for blowing because you never know

what will brighten up your day," said Buresh. "Laughter is good medicine. Teaching classes helps me, because ceramics is what I've always done. I love to teach. The students are enthusiastic. I'm a professional artist first, and anything they could think of I've made over the last 30 years. And we make it fun."

Laughter is the reason Julie Couyoumjian loves coming to Buresh's classes. Couyoumjian was diagnosed with cancer in November. At first doctors thought it was a fast spreading form of the disease, but have since discovered it's lymphoma. Couyoumjian is relieved, and even though she's still going through chemotherapy, she's confident of win-

ning this fight. As she smoothes and shapes a coil pot, the Northville resident praises the ceramics program at the center.

"It's a nice relaxing outlet," said Couyoumjian. "It's fun and you meet nice people. I've enjoyed Judy's wit. You need that."

Positive changes

Harry Couyoumjian's seen a change in his wife since she began taking ceramic classes but it's only partly due to Buresh's humor, which can range from silly to dry.

"When you're busy with your hands you get lost in another world," said Harry who was in the process of making a rhinoceros from clay. "It

What: Providence Center for the Healing Arts, Assarian Cancer Center
Where: 47601 Grand River and Beck, Novi. For more information, call (248) 465-4300

also helps me appreciate what she's going through. We go home and have something to talk about that doesn't have to do with cancer. It's a diversion."

"When you're here you don't think of cancer," added Sue who wishes to remain anonymous

because her family doesn't know she was diagnosed with cancer a year ago. "You can talk to the other patients. For me that's very important. We talk about our wigs and turbans. If having pain is normal? You're in a turmoil."

Helping patients overcome the life-altering experience and restore their equilibrium is why Janine VanGemert of Canton became Buresh's apprentice. She originally saw Buresh's work in a one woman show at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

"I really enjoy it," said VanGemert, a student at Eastern Michigan University. "I like showing people they're capable of doing something beautiful."

Cancer patients desperately need to find beauty while they're making their way through what seems like a long, dark night. Donna Vogelheim helps them do that by coordinating the arts programs at the center. In addition to offering classes in painting and creating mobiles and collage in the light-filled space on the second floor, Vogelheim arranges for art

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Art of survival: Julie VanGemert (left) and Harry Couyoumjian work on clay projects while instructor Judy Buresh offers suggestions and humor.

JAZZ

Swedish saxophonist heats up the Costick Center

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Johan Stengard swings like an American when playing jazz standards and popular music on his sax. Born in 1955 in Stockholm, Sweden, Stengard has earned a world reputation for turning *Somewhere Over the Rainbow* into a smoldering salute to the yellow brick road.

He'll bring that tune, along with pop and jazz standards, sacred songs like *Amazing Grace* and *How Great Thou Art* (originally a Swedish folk song) along with some original compositions and well known Swedish songs to the Concerts in the Costick series hosted by the city of Farmington Hills on Friday, Feb. 16.

"I grew up during the '60s with on one side the Beatles, on the other side jazz, and Frank Sinatra, and topped with a lot of classical music," said Stengard in an e-mail interview. "But being a Swede, of course, is also being a part of the Scandinavian folk tradition that you also very clearly can hear in the Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg's

music. In the '50s, Sweden was called "Little America" because of all the influences that we took in.

"The very popular and world famous evergreens are of significant value for a lot of Swedes. We have about the same music and entertainment over here as you have in the USA. We can see Letterman and Leno and Oprah a day later, but that is because of the time difference to give the shows prime time. The only American music that hasn't yet become popular is Country & Western. We also have a lot of pop music, like Westlife, Britney Spears, and others who've recorded and produced in Stockholm, Sweden."

Shaping influences

All of these influences shape the saxophonist who began playing recorder at age 8. He switched to clarinet at age 10, picked up the saxophone at age 13, and studied "to become a symphony player" until he was 22. Then Stengard heard Duke Ellington, Stan Getz, Count Basie, Chick Corea, Keith Jarrett, Jan Garbarek, and some of Miles Davis' early music.



International talent: Johan Stengard entertains audiences with popular American, Swedish and original songs.

"I find myself more comfortable playing the saxophone" said Stengard. "My parents have told me that I always enjoyed music immensely. But my

What: Swedish saxophonist Johan Stengard performs as part of the Concerts in the Costick series hosted by the city of Farmington Hills
When: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16
Where: Costick Center, 29600 W. 11 Mile Road, east of Middlebelt.
Tickets: \$15, \$12 seniors, \$8 students, call (248) 473-1858

grandmother bribed me with 5 kronor (equal to a dollar) to take the first lesson after school hours. The rest is (my little) history."

That history includes 10 solo records including the latest CD, *Andetag*, now a gold album, on Virgin Records. Stengard is currently in Stockholm recording a CD that's due to be released this fall. In between, he's touring.

This is his second time playing in Farmington Hills. He will make two other appearances while in the area. Why does he think his music is so popular with American audiences?

"I am happy to be a part of something that is out of my reach, and over my understanding," said Stengard. "I

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exhibits in the gallery. A cancer survivor herself, Vogelheim has maintained a sense of stability in her life through her art. She's kept busy by painting and teaching at the Visual Arts Association of Livonia and other arts organizations.

"One of the very first people who came in to the art studio started to cry," said Vogelheim, a Walled Lake resident who lived in Farmington for more than 20 years. "They asked me how do you talk about cancer without crying. You will cry, but you get over that. We offer alternative ways to heal in configuration with traditional. We want the patient to break the anger, fear, depression cycle. With art you're totally involved."

Art is everywhere in the build-

ing designed by Albert Kahn Associates. A mural by Vogelheim greets visitors to the science gallery where an interactive computer allows patients and their families to understand cancer by showing how cells divide. Two large-scale watercolors by Vogelheim allow visitors in the main waiting room to see all the emotions a cancer patient experiences by reading the text surrounding the irises.

"Cancer knocks your life off kilter," said Vogelheim. "You're now on a different path. Your life will never be the same."

Dr. Bill McLaughlin couldn't agree more. For more than 15 years, he's watched and treated patients confronted with the disease. Six years ago he presented a plan for the center to Provi-

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Arts coordinator

dence Hospital review boards. He believes in not only treating the body, but also the mind and spirit, as Eastern medicine does.

Healing space

Every building design aspect is meant to heal the whole person. A Reflection Space or Soulscape, as McLaughlin calls it, gives patients a place to contemplate and seek answers from within. Because ultimately, that's where

the healing begins.

Each element in the glass-domed area brings a peacefulness whether it's by looking at the pool, large rock-like sculptures or stained glass mobile overhead. The circular stone floor soothes as well with inscriptions taken from the Bible, Navajo and other text.

"It was a simple observation that different people need different things," said McLaughlin, a

Northville resident. "Some people need to understand what cancer is in the scientific sense; that's the left brain. People who are right brain are learning how to deal with emotions they've never felt from rage to grief."

Some people won't sit down in a support group but they will go in and paint or create a piece of ceramics. That's the pinnacle of art — it's catharsis and expression."

The data isn't in it but the center is doing a research project to evaluate the benefits of the Healing Arts program. One year after its introduction, McLaughlin said he believes more than ever that "it's a vital part of cancer treatment." Eventually, he hopes the program will expand to include cardiac, stroke and

neuro patients and their caregivers.

"I'm learning wonderful things," said McLaughlin. "Chemo can induce nausea. Medicines are expensive and don't always work. One patient went in for a massage and in 30 minutes said the nausea was gone."

Spiritual crisis

"We're putting east and west perspectives in one place. We want patients to see this as a spiritual crisis. We're trying to give people a forum to achieve calm at the middle through meditation, relaxation. Once you get to that point of stillness, you'll see things in a different way. We want to celebrate the spiritual journey people go through."

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only play what I like to play, what my heart and mind let me play best, and it so happens that a lot of people like the same songs and the way I play them. Quite simple, actually."

Emotional and expressive

Nancy Coumoundouros thinks audiences enjoy Stengard's music because it's melodic, emotional and expressive. She first booked the Swedish saxophonist when she was executive director of the Waterford Cultural Council. So when she became cultural arts coordinator for the cities of Farmington Hills and Farmington, Stengard seemed a natural to draw crowds.

"Johan is the most warm and charming performer yet he's riveting," said Coumoundouros. "The music is very soft and relaxing. He also talks about his experiences playing around the

world with Michael Bolton and others."

Concerts in the Costick began in December with the Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings, one of three programs on the music series this season.

"When the cities of Farmington/Farmington Hills hired a private company to survey the community in 1998-99, they found live musical performances were rated as the number one desire in cultural activities," said Coumoundouros. "We try to offer a wide variety from classical to Johan's popular music and jazz to the Chenille Sisters comedy, vocals and great entertainment. The concerts are held in Shanon Hall. After the December concert a woman came up to me and said she felt 'it was like having the chamber winds in our living room' even though it seats over 300."

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to make the music."

The feeling is mutual for Washburn.

"My high school orchestra met before school so I appreciate the dedication of these students," said Washburn. "The first rehearsal, the kids were great. Over the years I've worked with a lot of young orchestras. We started out playing scales together. They were pretty quick. Now they need a little boldness. They were a little shy. The challenge is to bring them out more."

Nonetheless, the growth of the orchestra and students has been phenomenal. In the last four years, membership has gone from 25 students to 80. Zurbuchen and Catherine DePentu, director of orchestras for the Plymouth-Canton Public Schools,

hope a proposal they've submitted to the school board for orchestra to become part of the regular middle school day will be approved for next year. If so, sixth grade students would be able to sleep in a little or even practice their instruments individually.

"We want to make the community aware that there is a growing, vital middle school orchestra," said DePentu who also serves on the PSO's education committee. "When I worked for Detroit Public Schools, we brought in the Detroit Chamber Winds to work with students. They grew musically and felt better about themselves. They were treated professionally by professionals."

"Russ Reed (who retired from the PSO two years ago) used to

come and do the same thing. Now Nan is teaching them how to play, bowing, and we talked about Sibelius and where he lived and about his music. They're so excited. They have to be. The orchestra couldn't survive any other way."

Before students perform *Finlandia*, though, they'll listen to the PSO play Robert Schumann's 1850 *Symphony No. 3* all about the Rhine country. Following intermission a 1999 work, *Slalom*, by Carter Pann will take them on a fast ride down the mountainside.

Harpist Lynne Aspnas, a prolific performer and instructor as well as associate dean for academic affairs at the University of Michigan, will then take the stage for Tailleferre's 1928 *Concertino for Harp and Orchestra*.

Sibelius' patriotic work closes the program.

If you'd like to hear a preview of part of *Finlandia* before the Feb. 17 program, the middle school orchestra will include it in their concert 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, in the Plymouth Salem Auditorium. You won't have another opportunity to hear these talented kids until a May 23 pops concert.

"It's free and we serve cookies," said DePentu.

You don't need any more reasons than those to attend a concert by such dedicated young musicians. I know I don't.

Have an interesting idea for a story? Call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

Cultural events heat up the city in February

There are hundreds of events scheduled throughout the Detroit area to celebrate Black History Month, and their appeal excludes no one.

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An appropriate first stop is the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. Among the exhibits is "Hair in African Culture and Art," which takes something as universal as hair and explores its significant role in African life and culture. Another attraction is a showcase of the works of Jerry Pinkney, which combines the artist's use of color and intense illustrations in a chronological pictorial history of the African American experience. You can preview this collection on Detroit Public TV's *Backstage Pass*, airing 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11.

With interest in the origins of jazz at a peak due to the Ken Burns series on public television, a weekend music event at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn is not to be missed. "100 Years of Satchmo: Featuring the Music of Louis Armstrong" celebrates the birth of Satchmo a century ago through the performances of Marcus Belgrave and his band.

Another highlight staged during the museum's month-long focus on the Harlem Renaissance Movement is family-oriented dramatic presentations on the lives of W.E.B. Dubois, Langston Hughes, and Zora Neale Hurston by re-enactors. Meanwhile, Plowshares Theatre Company

presents a production of the Zora Neale Hurston and Langston Hughes comedy, *Mule Bone*, through Feb. 18 at the Anderson Center Theatre.

We all can share in the celebration of Black History Month because of the way it has evolved over the years. What began as a much-needed and long overdue acknowledgment of the contributions of African Americans has become much more. It has become a cultural event that unites us — with the arts often as a centerpiece. Black History Month is also a spirit of cooperation that manifests itself in some very uplifting ways.

Benefit show

Consider the benefit show for bluesman Willie D. Warren, who died in December, which is set for Feb. 11 at the Magic Bag in Ferndale. On the bill is a diverse group of artists that includes the Howling Diablos, Alberta Adams, Johnnie Bassett, Eddie Hirsch of the Black Crowes and many members of Willie's bands over the years, such as the Progressive Blues Band. The concert is intended to raise dollars for funeral expenses incurred by his family. It's also a way for blues performers, friends and fans to say goodbye. For a bluesman, it's the best way.

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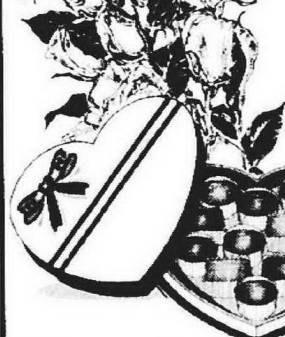
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CONCERTS

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Hungarian Fantasy is at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23 at Hagopian World of Rugs, Birmingham. 850 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 559-2095. A Brass Blast is at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25 at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 559-2095.

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Don Ho performs at 3 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11. Footloose is Feb. 15-17. Cleo Laine and Duke Ellington Orchestra perform at 3 & 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18. 44575 Garfield, Clinton Twp. (810) 286-2141.

MARRIOTT

Jazz saxophonist Kirk Whalum performs at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11 in a pre-Valentine's Day concert. 3600 Center Point Parkway, Pontiac. (248) 253-9800.

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE

The Verdi Great Grand Opera Sing-along has been postponed until summer. Black Singers of Verdi Operas lecture is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13 at the Detroit Opera House. To register call (313) 237-3270.

MILES DAVIS TRIBUTE

Wayne State University's Africana Studies Department celebrates Black History Month with a musical tribute featuring Rayse Biggs Quintet at 4 p.m. Feb. 18 in the General Lectures Auditorium at Warren and Anthony Wayne Drive, Detroit. (313) 496-4742.

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DANCE

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Presents Kaini No Uma (Sea Dappled Horse) at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14 at the Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher, Ann Arbor. (800) 221-1229.

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE

Presents Collage at 8 p.m. Feb. 16-17 at the Maggie Allesee Dance Studio, Wayne State University, Old Main Building, 3rd Floor, Detroit. (313) 965-3544.

FOR KIDS

BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

Register for BBAC Winter Break

On exhibit



Many medias: Farmington Hills artist Kegang Tazian presents a one-day showing of his computer-generated artwork Monday, Feb. 12, at Oakland Community College-Auburn Hills. Call (248) 341-2122. His work is showing through March 30 at the Farmington Hills City Hall.

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.

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 (OPENING)

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Opens Friday, Feb. 16 - Messengers and Messiahs through March 11. Reception is 6-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23. 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-8004.

BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY HOUSE

Through March 4 - the relief sculptures of Birmingham artist Ron Pavsner. 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. (248) 644-5832.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER

Opens Friday, Feb. 16 - Improvisation: A Journey into Jazz through March 31. Opening reception is 6-9 p.m. featuring jazz saxophonist Damani Phillips. There will also be a jazz performance 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25 featuring Wendell Harrison and John Lindberg. Sheila Landis, Rick Matle and Dennis Sheridan will perform 8-10 p.m. Saturday, March 31. 47 Williams, Pontiac. (248) 333-7849.

JANICE CHARACH

Through March 22 - The New Year of Trees: Tu B'Shevat in the second level gallery and Soft Walls: More work by Colorado Fiber Artists in the first level

gallery. 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-7641.

FORD GALLERY

Through March 2 - What a Hoot: Comic Art. Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. (734) 487-0465.

LITTLE ITALY

Opens Monday, Feb. 19 - Darcel Deneau through March 5. Opening reception is 6-10 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19. Hutton, south of Eight Mile, Northville. (248) 348-5547.

REVOLUTION

Opens Saturday, Feb. 17 - Peter Williams: Life on a Black Planet through March 17. 23257 Woodward, Farnsale. (248) 541-3444.

WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY

Through March 3 - Michigan Artists Competition. 215 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 761-2287.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

AFFIRMATIONS

PITTMANN-PUCKETT GALLERY

Through March 17 - Exploring Creativity: Works in Progress, a photographic exhibit by Pontiac

(248) 473-1856.

HABATAT GALLERIES

Through Feb. 23 - New work by Latchezar Boyadiev, and works by William Carlson. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 333-2060.

HOPE GALLERY

Through Feb. 28 - Two Visions: A Celebration of Black History Month. Opening reception is 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13. 1400 Oakman, Detroit. (313) 494-5500.

INN SEASON CAFE

Through March 3 - Oils and pastels of Lisa Rigstad. Fourth Street, Royal Oak. (248) 547-7916.

ELAINE JACOB GALLERY

Through March 23 - Figuratively Literal. Wayne State University campus, 480 W. Hancock, Detroit. (313) 993-7813.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY

Through March 3 - Group exhibition of paintings and sculpture featuring large-scale botanical prints by Judy Pfaff, among others. 107 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-3909.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY

Through Feb. 24 - Dogs and Conchs: The Surreal World of Margie Guyot. Also featuring Laura Whitesides Host: Patterns 6, North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6716.

LIVONIA ART COMMISSION

Through Feb. 27 - Stained Glass Creations by George Pozan at the Livonia Civic Center Library. Through Feb. 28 - Watercolors by Johanna Bielicki in the Fine Arts Gallery, 32777 Five Mile. (734) 466-2490. Through Feb. 27 - Betty Ives and Pat Ingersoll quilts at the Livonia City Hall Lobby, 33000 Civic Center Drive. (734) 466-2540.

MICHIGAN HOT GLASS GALLERY

Through Feb. 28 - Two Views, One Medium featuring the works of Andrea Daoud and Jeff Mack. 1604 Clay, 2nd floor, Detroit. (313) 871-1798.

MEADOW BROOK GALLERY

Through Feb. 25 - Punch's Progress: A Century of American Puppetry. 208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. (248) 370-3005.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERY

Through March 16 - Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors. 1200 N. Telegraph, 2nd floor, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

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, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

PEWABIC POTTERY

Through Feb. 24 - Figure Figurine. 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 822-0954.

SCARAB CLUB

Through Feb. 28 - Global Expressions, an all-media exhibit and statements on the human condition. 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250.

SISSON GALLERY

Through Feb. 23 - Into the Minds of Three Artists. Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. (313) 845-6485.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE

FOR THE ARTS

Through Feb. 28 - An exhibition of photography entitled World Religions in Metropolitan Detroit. 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. (248) 354-4224.

SWORDS INTO

LOWSHARES GALLERY

Through March 17 - Cutting trees, painting, drawings and wood sculptures by Michael Slaski and Ruth Andrews. 33 E. Adams, Detroit. (313) 963-7575.

SYBARIS GALLERY

Through Feb. 24 - International Infusion III, the ceramic teapot invitational. 202 E. Third, Royal Oak. (248) 544-3388.

WARREN TRI-COUNTY

FINE ARTS

Through Feb. 28 - featured artist is Bob Weinberg. 29500 Van Dyke, Warren. (810) 779-9226.

WEARLEY STUDIO GALLERY

Through March 15 - Japanese Interiors, solo exhibit of new works on paper by Stephanie Sarris. 1719 W. Fourteen Mile, Royal Oak. (248) 549-3016.

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

BROWN BAG LECTURES

Ivory Williams, vice president of the Detroit Association of Black Storytellers, presents "Storytelling-Not Just For Children," at noon on Thursday, Feb. 15 at the Information Technology Auditorium on the west side of the County Campus in Waterford. (248) 858-0415.

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET

Artistic opportunities in grant writing is 6-8 p.m. Feb. 15, 4719 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 832-8540.

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

Opens Feb. 16 - Network Gallery: Gathering Time through April 8. Through April 8 - Forgers of Metal: George Booth & His Patronage of Metalcraft at Cranbrook, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANbrook.

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE

OF SCIENCE

Dr. James Ferrara, a leading bone marrow transplant researcher and U-M Hospital physician, will speak on Bone Marrow Transplants in the New Millennium at noon, Sunday, Feb. 11. Stories from Africa is noon-4 p.m. Feb. 17. A gospel concert is 7-9 p.m. on Feb. 17. Reservations is (248) 645-3210. Through April 29 - Electric Space: Bolts, Jolts and Volts from the Sun. Through May 20 - Lasera presents Laser Festival with music of the Beatles, B-52s and Jackson 5. The Young Stargazer's Journey is through Sept. 3. Through December - An exhibit of Great Lakes fur trade with 18th and 19th century artifacts. 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANbrook.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Through April 30 - A Cultural Heritage: Selected Works of African American Art from the DIA's Collection. Through May 27 - A Century of Collecting Drawings: 1900-2000. Through March 11 - Little Treasures: Northern and Italian Paintings of the 16th and 17th Centuries. Through March 4 - A Decade of Acquisitions 1900-2000: Photographs.

MUSEUM OF NEW ART

Through March 31 - Photography by Jeremy Weiss. 19 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 210-7560.

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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 PERFORMERS

The Southeast Region Committee of VSA Arts Michigan (formerly Very Special Arts Michigan) is looking for children and adults with mental and physical challenges to perform at its Celebrate Arts-Ability Festival Friday-Saturday, May 4-5 at Wonderland Mall in Livonia.

Deadline to apply is Thursday, March 15.

Special needs school and community groups and solo acts from the metro Detroit area will

FREE CONCERT

The music program of William Tyndale College will present An Evening of Musical Reflections, a concert featuring its faculty 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17 in Kresge Chapel on campus, 35700 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

For more information, call Kim Swan at (248) 553-7200, Ext. 450.

OPENING RECEPTION

Meet artist Kara Renee Marsee at an opening for an exhibit of her illustrations 6-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16 at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. The show continues through March 8.

Marsee's work is directed toward the child within. Maurice

For more information about the exhibit, call the Plymouth Community Arts Council at (734) 416-4278 or visit Marsee's Web site at www.tir.com/~marsee/kara.

COLLAGE OF DANCE

Detroit Dance Collective presents Collage, a concert of contemporary dances featuring choreography by company members Corinne Imberski, Anh Nguyen and Kay Redoers and previews of new works by artistic directors Paula Kramer and Barbara Selinger 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 16-17 in the third floor Maggie Allesee Dance Studio at Wayne State University, Old Main Building, Cass and Warren, Detroit.

Tickets are \$10, seating is limited. For reservations, call (313) 965-3544.

LOCAL ARTIST EXHIBITS

Margie Guyot of Farmington Hills is exhibiting her work through Saturday, Feb. 24 at the Lawrence Street Gallery, 6 North Saginaw, Pontiac.

She originally began painting after admiring the work of Western landscape painter Clyde Aspevig. When she found a class taught by him in Arizona, she enrolled in this plein air school and hasn't quit painting since. While not rejecting landscape, Guyot has grown to include symbolism and distortion in her work.

For more information, call the gallery at (248) 334-6716.

BANDEON PLAYER PERFORMS

Farmington Hills bandeonist/accordionist Peter Soave performs the tangos of Astor Piazzolla and Romero with his quintet 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18 at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth, Ann Arbor.

The Peter Soave Quintet recently recorded these tangos on their first CD. The Borsarello String Trio from Paris performs J.S. Bach's *Six French Suites* arranged for string trio by Mozart on the first half of the program.

Tickets are \$10-\$25, call (734) 769-2999.

MIME TO APPEAR

Marcel Marceau will perform during the Ford Honors Program 6 p.m. Saturday, May 12 in Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University,

Ann Arbor.

The University Musical Society will present Marceau with its Distinguished Artist Award at that time. In addition to the brief performance, there will be a tribute to his legacy in Ann Arbor and throughout the world. A benefit dinner follows.

Now 78, Marceau is still performing at sold out venues. He made his first UMS appearance in 1971. The May performance will mark his 30th in the UMS series. Marceau has also appeared several times with the Ann Arbor Summer Festival since the 1980s.

The UMS Distinguished Artist Award is presented annually at the Ford Honors Program which provides an opportunity to honor a renowned artist or ensemble.

For more information or to order tickets, call (734) 764-2538.

ART CLASSES

Sign up for art classes to begin Tuesday, March 6 at the Art Gallery/Studio, 29948 Ford

Road, Garden City. Call (734) 261-0379.

Evening classes are 6-9 p.m. through March and April and are taught by Maggie Clooney and Kaye Rowe.

ELIZABETHAN ELEGANCE

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will hold its annual dinner/auction fund-raiser Saturday, March 31 at St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth.

Tickets are \$60 and available by calling (734) 416-4278.

The evening features an Elizabethan theme complete with Matt Watroba (Plymouth high school teacher and radio personality) as Henry VIII conducting the live auction. A silent auction will tempt revelers with a huge array of art works, jewelry, sports tickets, dinners, and travel getaways. Following a sumptuous meal and the live auction, guests can dance the night away to the music of the Couriers. In addition, a putting tournament has been included with a specialty putter as the prize.

A preview of auction items will be held 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 23 at the arts council.

DEADLINE NEARS

Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan: Is looking for entries for its 7th annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition for Michigan High School Students. Held in cooperation with the Italian American Cultural Society, the competition encourages and helps develop young amateur vocal talent and promotes appreciation for Italian music and language. Deadline for submitting tapes is Saturday, Feb. 17. Ten finalists will be chosen from cassette audio tape auditions submitted through their respective high schools. Each finalist will receive a cash prize ranging from \$50 to \$1,000 in addition to the opportunity to perform before a live audience at the final concert 4 p.m. Sunday, May 6 at the Italian American Cultural Center in Warren.

For more information, call (734) 455-8895.



Art exhibit: Margie Guyot displays paintings such as this still life at Lawrence Street Gallery.

display their dance, vocal and instrumental music achievements at the festival.

Shoppers and performers will explore their creativity through hands-on art, music and movement activities.

For more information or applications, call (248) 646-3347.

Sendak and Stephen Gammell are among the illustrators who inspire her. She also finds inspiration in a pet parakeet and dwarf rabbit. You may recognize their influence in some her illustrations.

"I like to stir the imagination of the viewer by illustrating a snapshot of a story," Marsee said.

Past honorees include Howe, Aaron, Manning, Evert, and Palmer.

Someone's gonna have some awfully big skates, spikes, sneakers, or golf shoes to fill.



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MALLS & MAINSTREETS

Sunday, February 11, 2001

New season of fashion offers many choices

READY-TO-WEAR



KAREN DASKAS

Soon the snow will be melting, and with that will depart the salt-stained shoes, slush-laden pant hems and good, old winter blahs. It's time to celebrate the joys of spring, rejoice in its lush colors and embrace the season's elements of style, including graphic prints and unique accessories.

Since this spring's fashion season is packed with choices, let make it easy and look at fashion editors' breakdown of the most important spring trends.

Retro chic

The 50s are back, and Jennifer Lopez is the 2001 version of Marilyn Monroe and Jayne Mansfield in deep plunging necklines with fitted pencil skirts or cap sleeve tees with full skirts. Think Palm Beach prints in tones of coral, pink, aqua and sea foam green and accessorize with a sexy stiletto - in a color, of course.

Frills and flirty ruffles

Feminine looks with a flirty and fun attitude are in abundance. But these looks aren't as sweet and girlish as last season's feminine styles.

Dresses with cut-in shoulders in both floral and graphic prints, for example, are making their presence known for spring 2001. Knee-length skirts in soft fabrics are paired with a shirt or camisole, lending a floating-on-air feeling to the look.

Ruffles are an important detail, either on the neckline or at the shoulders.

Tough love

The military look makes its way into spring with a new turn - soldier-a-la-girl-scout.

Button-front shirts with pockets are finished with gathered short sleeves. Jackets with Army pockets and gold buttons are paired with men's tailored trousers. The colors here are standard issue "Armed Forces." Look for Army green, camouflage khaki prints and gray.

The boy-meets-girl fashion look is softened with high heels and a wrap belt.

Black, white, bold

Black will always be a fashion staple in any wardrobe, but a new trend has surfaced: wear black with a high contrast color like engine red or stark white. A sleek black suit worn with a bright white jersey shirt, closed-toe pump and constructed handbag is a look that will take you anywhere.

"Glam" rock

While every great rock 'n' roller enjoys their 15 or more minutes of fame, the celebrated rock "glam" style has been granted an extension. Moving through the styles of the 80s, look for the return of the mini. Throw on a shiny satin top and finish the look with high-heeled sandals. This 80s trend brings back "glitz," flash and glamour.

Just keep in mind the choice is yours this season, whether your style is feminine, classic or glamorous.

Karen Daskas is co-owner of Tender women's clothing boutique at 271 West Maple in downtown Birmingham. Every season, Karen travels to Milan, Paris and London to see the latest trends in ready-to-wear and accessories. Call Karen with your questions at Tender at (248) 258-0212.

Cool looks

Resort and spring style takes shine to sun wear

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Sunglasses have a transformative power, a potency that's especially appreciated when escaping Michigan's winter in locales with a more temperate climate.

For some, slipping on a new pair of shades on the way to a tropical island compares to slipping behind the wheel of a flashy, new, high-powered sports car.

Even men embrace the "cool" of sunglasses.

Besides, sports cars come with high-powered price tags and even pricey sunglasses are, in the larger scheme of spending, inexpensive.

"It is that one purchase that can make that change," said optometrist Bill Koppin, who owns Shades Optical. The full-service optical store, which has locations in Birmingham and Northville, is known for carrying a wide selection of designer frames and sunglasses.

It's also a purchase that most people feel they can make without experiencing too much guilt, said Koppin. "Sunglasses change the persona and people feel very good about it. It's that one piece you can buy."

The change - that air, that aura, that indescribable something - appears when the bridge of a cool pair of shades hits the wearer's nose. Indeed, the effect that sunglasses have epitomizes the phrase "je ne sais quoi."

Cool, but in style "Sunglasses have always been cool. There's always been an association with sunglasses and coolness," said Koppin. "What's great is that the hottest fashion accessory in recent years has been sun wear."

Koppin isn't just touting his business, either. He's right. A decade ago, only a handful of fashion designers and houses offered sunglasses as part of their collections. Today, just about every designer has jumped on board and is creating fashion sun wear.

Prada introduced its first sun wear collection last spring. Chanel, which has dabbled in creating sunglasses over the years, officially launched a collection



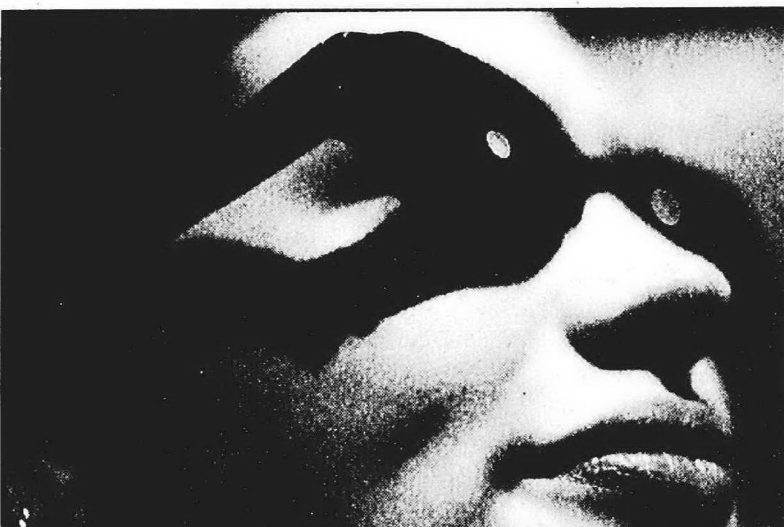
Mr. Cool: Optometrist Bill Koppin, owner of Shades Optical, sports his style of cool.

last spring.

While colored lenses were the craze in sunglasses last spring and summer, large wrap-around styles, lenses with grating tints and rhinestone frames are the latest designer sun wear trends.

And, if designer labels are your bag, designer eye wear, like handbags in the 80s, are a less expensive way to get a piece of what you want. A pair of Chanel sunglasses, for example, is for affordable than Chanel suit.

"People can own a piece of Prada for \$200," Koppin exclaimed, adding, "And people feel good about this."



Eye power: Seattle tortoise and purple sunglasses by Anne & Valentin are contemporary and classic, \$250 at Shades Optical in Birmingham.

Fashion and function

Koppin admits the sun wear boom is partly driven by market demographics; baby boomers need sunglasses and have the money to spend on designer brands.

On the other hand, the entire population is more concerned about the health of their eyes and the sun's effects. "And wearing sunglasses is good for your eyes," said Koppin. "This is about fashion and function."

Not to mention, sunglasses make life easier on sunny and high glare days.

Sunglasses' health benefits, however, depend on the level of ultraviolet, or UV, protection delivered, said Koppin. And not all sunglasses labeled as having UV protection provide the same amount, he cautioned.

Consequently, Koppin recommends consumers only purchase reputable brands and work with a respected local dealer.

A credible optical store should help their customers understand current eye wear technology and make educated purchase decisions.

Most consumers, for instance, are in the dark about how to select a lens color. A reputable dealer will educate their customers about the differences and help them select a color based on lifestyle and individual needs.

In general, lighter lenses allow more light through. However, the lightness of a lens has no bearing on UV protection, which is provided through a clear coating, said Koppin.

A reputable optical store will also assist customers in selecting a suitable frame in terms of face shape and individual style, he said. "But consumers should trust their own instincts about what makes them feel good," said Koppin. "Clients know what they like and what they don't like. First and foremost, you have to like what you're getting."

Selecting sunglasses

Shape guidelines:

- Square face shape - round shape glasses
- Round face shape - square shape glasses
- Oval face shape - any shape glasses

Achieving balance:

- Eyes should be centered in frame.
- Split the face into thirds, from chin to tip of nose, from tip of nose to eyebrows, from eyebrows to hairline. Eye wear should help to create a balance among those thirds.



Particulars: Pink rhinestones make the frame on shades by Selima fa (left), and modified aviator sunglasses by Theo (above) have a two-tone lens, both \$335 at Shades Optical.

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, FEBRUARY 11

BARBIE DOLL SHOW

The "We Love Barbie, Barbie & Friends Fashion Doll Show" returns to the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street in Plymouth, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission is \$5 and free for children under age 10. The show features vintage, limited edition and pink box series Barbie dolls and other fashion dolls and accessories.

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. For more information, call (734) 455-2110.

BRIDAL REGISTRATION EVENT

Hudson's offers morning bridal registration prior to regular store hours through Feb. 25 at local stores. Registration is required. Twelve Oaks store, (248)

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

344-7070; Oakland Mall store, (248) 597-2278; Somerset Collection store, (248) 816-4721; Lakeside store, (810) 566-2940.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE EVENT

Borders Books & Music, 3400 Woodward in Birmingham, hosts a special evening for those interested in Feng Shui, Tai Chi or therapeutic massage. Feng Shui expert Carol Wieland, the Taoist Tai Chi Society and massage expert Ida Maniaci consult with guests and Borders displays a variety of books on these topics, 7 p.m. For more information, call (248) 203-0005.

ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

Westland Shopping Center presents the "All American Arts & Crafts Show" featuring arts and crafts "made in America" through Feb. 18. Works include oil paintings, photography, wood furniture, jewelry, doll clothing, ceramics and toys. For additional information, call (734) 425-5001.

TAMARI DAY

Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts a Tamari Focus Day through Feb. 16. Designer Bridge Sportswear, second floor. Call (248) 3347.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

SWIM WEAR PARTY

Jacobson's hosts a swim wear party at area stores including their Birmingham, Livonia, Rochester and Ann Arbor locations through Feb. 18, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. For information, call the Birmingham store at (248) 644-6900, the Livonia store at (734) 591-7696, the Rochester store at (248) 651-6000 or the Ann Arbor store at (734) 769-7600.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

MAGIC SHOW

Doug Sheer's "All American Magic Show" comes to Livonia Mall at 7 Mile and Middlebelt roads in celebration of President's Day, 2 p.m. For details, call (248) 476-1160.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

BEAUTIFUL BABY CONTEST

Start primping now. New Star Discovery hosts a Baby Beautiful Contest at Livonia Mall at 7 Mile and Middlebelt roads. Contest includes categories for boys and girls in different age categories. Information pamphlets are available at Livonia Mall. For details, call (248) 476-1160.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate retail merchandise that's difficult to find through reader feedback.

If you have a request or information about where a product is sold or service is available, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number.

Please be patient about your requests and feedback; we receive an overwhelming number of phone calls. If you don't see information about your request, we couldn't find it. Requests are published twice.

WHAT WE FOUND:

- Chocolate covered cherries are sold at Cordin Candy Carousel on Michigan Avenue in Dearborn and Kenitz Fine Candies & Gifts at 896 West Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, (734) 453-0480.

- The 8-inch luncheon plates can be purchased by the case through Gordon Food Service.

- Rubber-backed carpet (8-by-10 size) can be purchased at J.C. Penney.

- Moon boots can be purchased through the Highlight's Children's magazine catalog, call (800) 422-6202.

- Adrienne Arpel India green eye shadow is sold on the Home Shopping Network cable television show.

- For broken china repairs, try the House of Renew in Birmingham.

- For chair caning services, try David's Antiques at 30365 West 10 Mile Road in Farmington, call (248) 426-7755.

- For replacements of 1847 Rodgers Brother's silverware, call Replacements Ltd. in N.C. at (800) 214-2315.

- For a two-way zipper, try Joanne Fabrics or Hancock Fabric stores. The zippers are sold in particular standard lengths, but Lazzio's Leather in Birmingham will cut zippers from the top to the size needed.

- For men's Bates Floater's boots, try Famous Brand's Shoes in Dear-

born.

- Stainless steel 8-inch pie/cake pans are sold at Marino Products Inc., on Schoolcraft Road, call (734) 421-1060.

- Pregnancy home exercise video tapes can be purchased at Suncoast Video in Novi. Also, Barnes & Noble and other area book stores may carry them.

- For repairs old phonographs, call Antique Audio on Blanche Street in Plymouth at (734) 20-RADIO.

- For information on how to repair of wicker furniture, call the Greenfield Village Museum in Dearborn.

FIND AND SEARCH:

- The United States Post Office has discontinued recycling canceled stamps.

- A reader has vintage clothing to donate to a charitable organization.

WHERE CAN I FIND:

- A business or store where Avon Skin So Soft Satin Talc (3-ounce carton in the original fragrance) can be purchased for Rosemary, a resident of Livonia.

- A store that sells Robert & James vanilla wafers for Mary, who resides in Southfield.

- A store that sells Betty Crocker's lemon chiffon cake mixes for Sheila.

- A store that sells the card game Five Crowns for Lorraine, who lives in Farmington.

- A store that sells the Fisher Price action-building system Constructux for Pat.

- A store that sells a motion-activated pig that "oinks" for outdoor use for Marti of West Bloomfield.

- A store where a tapestry wall hanging with white lights inserted through the back without a Christmas motif can be purchased (the tapestries are usually sold during the Christmas season) for Marge of Livonia.

- A business that repairs holes in wood interior doors (hollow) for Ron.

- A store that sells terry cloth dish towels for Janet.

- A store that sells opaque tights by Hue for Janet.

- A business that repairs sewing machines and makes house calls for Mrs. G.

- A store where a quality plastic tablecloth without flannel backing can be purchased for Marcie.

- A store where an Ernest & Jennings young adult/child wheel chair (wish to use the parts) can be purchased for Pat of Farmington Hills.

- A business or store that re-wires floor lamps for Barb, who lives in Westland.

- A store that sells men's lightweight long underwear for Leona.

- A store that sells Princess House deluxe cake plates for Pat of Canton.

- A store where a sweatshirt/T-shirt bearing the saying "So many books so little time" can be purchased for Ginda.

- A store that sells an old style pencil sharpener with a wooden base for Lee, a resident of Orchard Lake.

- A store that sews and repairs comforters for Eileen of West Bloomfield.

- A store that has replacement handles for Club Aluminum sauce pans (50 years old) for Irene.

- Antiques stores that sell old drive-in speakers for Kathy.

- A store where a three-tier lazy Susan for kitchen utensils (plastic) can be purchased for Gail, who lives in Plymouth.

- A store where a compact for loose powder can be purchased for Helen.

- A store where a slide exerciser can be purchased for Joe, who resides in Birmingham.

- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

a la carte

STUFF WE CRAVE

Sweet pup: Let puppy play Cupid with a Valentine's Day bandanna. Mikko models an On Cupid's Team red bandanna with cherub and heart motif, \$13 at Three Dog Bakery.



Rose for winter: Soak up the scent of roses with a jar of Trillium's bath salts with crushed roses, \$30, or bottle of rose-scented bath oil with beaded tassels, \$65, at Trillium in Birmingham.



Brunch provided at bridal show

Expert consultants from Tiffany & Co. offer advice at a Tiffany Wedding Day Celebration from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today, Sunday, Feb. 11, at The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

Joining Tiffany & Co. is Alvin's Bride, which will show bride and bridal party fashions.

Tiffany & Co. will exhibit jewelry for the bride, tabletop settings and

bridal gifts.

In addition to providing brunch, The Townsend Hotel will offer tours of their facilities and information about the bridal services they provide.

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TRAVEL

Adventurous couple have warm feelings for Antarctica

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE
SPECIAL WRITER

Now that they've been to Antarctica, Marty and Lois Haron from Farmington Hills have traveled to all seven continents.

Every year come late fall, in the calm before the storm of tax time, this CPA and his wife, an interior designer, take a month-long vacation. Marty makes the decision on where they will go. Lois does the planning. "He reads everything. I do all the detail work. That's my joy," she says.

So far, they've traveled in South Africa, Kenya, Australia, New Zealand, India, Nepal, Egypt, Morocco, the Sahara Desert, China, Singapore and all over western Europe.

They've also been to 46 of the 50 states, including driving to Alaska, and to 10 of 11 Canadian provinces.

Their trip this past December on the Russian icebreaker *Kapitan Dranitsyn* may not be for everyone. The tour, conducted in English, attracted 71 people from 13 countries, although the ship can accommodate 106. The ship departed from Ushuaia, Argentina, the southernmost city in the world, with its Russian crew of 53.

Buying and packing for the trip was an adventure in itself. They took 140 pounds of luggage, part of which was based on dressing for two totally different climates. That's because they also spent some time in Buenos Aires and Iguazu Falls on the Argentine/Brazil border where they experienced summer-time temperatures.

Their clothes and equipment for Antarctica included the layers and new fabrics that are now *de rigueur* for cold weather. Think Polar Tech and Gortex — no cotton. Twice a day, whether it was exploring the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, the

When to go: Mid-November to March
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How to travel: By Icebreaker

South Orkneys, the South Shetlands or the Antarctic Peninsula, they suited up for the ride to solid ground via one of five Zodiacs, a type of rubberized dinghy.

No sandy shores or man-made docks greeted them. They waded ashore from wherever the dinghy could let them off. "Everything's a wet landing," Marty said. He inquired whether if they fell off the boat and into the water what their life expectancy might be. "They told me two to four minutes...and that they hadn't lost anyone yet."

Clothing

"We had expensive boots that our shoes could fit inside," Lois described. They wore them with thin socks. "Our feet were never cold for any reason," she maintained. It also was crucial to have "gaiters" that waterproofed their legs from where the top of the boot to the knee. As it turned out air temperatures generally were in the low 30s and they had lots of sun. But the Antarctic wind didn't often let up. The only clothing item they hadn't thought to bring was a face mask.

Naturalists on board regularly gave them background on what they would see and experience.

What they saw included seals, whales, seven different species of penguins and dozens of bird species, including the albatross and giant petrel. "Penguins bray, they sound like donkeys," Marty reported. "They all sound different," Lois said, "because the mother can identify her chick."

They looked out on the largest king penguin colony anywhere — 180,000 pairs in St. Andrews Bay. "They were all over, everywhere you looked."

Many were losing their feath-

ers and appeared as if they were in various stages of undress. During the three-week molting period, they can't go in the water and they don't eat, Marty explained.

What they experienced included 20-21 hours of daylight, breath-taking scenery and vivid sunsets. Even in this Antarctic wonderland, politics reared its head. The British, who claim the Falklands, refused to let any Argentine citizens ashore due to the bitterness stemming from the Falkland War. So while the rest of the passengers spent several days exploring the islands, the Argentinians either were confined to the ship or cruised the waters by Zodiac.

Lois and Marty saw the first of the icebergs in the South Georgia area where Orca whales search among them for prey. They arose at 6 a.m. to walk out on pack ice right in the middle of the ocean. "The ice breaker just crushes a path through ice that is at least 10 feet thick," Lois explained. "You have to be on an ice breaker to do this."

"We were all impressed with the ship," she said. Their state-rooms were small and there was no television. But there was a small exercise room and the food was both varied and good. "Instead of Baked Alaska, we had Baked Antarctica," she noted.

Favorable weather allowed them to land on Elephant Island in the South Shetlands, where some passengers took a swim in the thermal waters. There they saw two varieties of penguins — the chin strap and the macaroni. "Penguins mate for life," Lois said. "They take turns keeping their chick warm."

On the Antarctic Peninsula



PHOTOGRAPHS BY LOIS HARON

Austere beauty: The Lemaire Channel is so often photographed it has been nicknamed Kodak Gap and Fuji Funnel.

itself, they were surrounded by centuries-old blue ice.

"We did Zodiac cruising through the icebergs," Lois said. "The scenery was gorgeous."

There, the penguins were the shortest they had seen, with hardly any neck and fur that came down to their feet.

"They're very compact," she said. "Nature did a good job."

They were scheduled to go farther into Antarctica than they did. But the sun came out and the captain wanted them to see the Lemaire Channel, also known as the Kodak Gap and the Fuji Funnel, in full sunlight. So they headed back a little early.

Returning to Ushuaia took two full days. Normally Drake Passage around Cape Horn is the roughest body of water in the world, Marty said. Luckily, "It was just like a lake."

"We've loved every place we've been," Lois said.

But Antarctica is the first place to which they will return.

"I'd like to go to the other side on the Ross Sea," Marty said, a voyage that would embark from Tasmania.

But it won't be their very next

adventure. "It's like we were in the center of National Geographic," Lois says. "It was overwhelming. We're still sorting it out."



Look alike: Marty Haron, in his bright gear, could be the giant king penguin himself.



Penguins galore: St. Andrews Bay is home to the largest king penguins colony in the world. There are estimated to be 180,000 pairs.

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SEASONAL SENSATIONS



DIANE REYNOLDS

Dried cherries are versatile and tasty, too!

When we think of "fast food," our minds often picture burger-and-fries meals at a drive-through window.

In reality, "fast food" can mean any food that's eaten with a minimum of preparation involved. Think of fruits and vegetables as the "original" fast food. Most are ready to eat after a simple washing.

It's National Cherry Month

Dried fruits can be placed on your "fast food" menu as they are ready to eat as purchased. Since February is National Cherry Month, let's look at how the flavor burst of dried tart cherries can fit into your healthy food choices.

Where can you find them?

Dried tart cherries are packaged in boxes and plastic sealed containers right on the grocery shelves, often in the baking supplies aisle.

Dried tart cherries are a Michigan grown and produced commodity. It always feels good for us to enjoy a food produced in our home state. You'll find it convenient to purchase dried cherries year-round.

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What can you do with them?

Dried tart cherries are great in baked goods, including muffins, pancakes, cookies, and quick breads.

You'll find you can perk up many grains by adding dried cherries. Rice pilaf, brown rice, couscous, orzo pasta and barley are all made more exciting and colorful with dried cherries. Experiment by also adding chopped nuts,

sautéed celery and onion, or finely minced citrus peel to these grain dishes.

Don't forget the healthy bowl of oatmeal you should be eating every morning. If it's becoming monotonous (or if you just aren't eating oatmeal at all), make it flavorful by spooning in dried tart cherries, walnuts or slivered almonds, cinnamon and a light sprinkle of brown sugar. Add skim milk or soy milk if you like. In addition to it being a super healthy breakfast, you'll find you won't get hungry before lunch.

Breakfast skippers, take note!

Nutritionally speaking...

Ongoing research is continuing to identify numerous health benefits to eating cherries and cherry products. Cherries are rich in antioxidants, which help reduce incidence of heart disease and cancer. Plus, cherries contain natural pigments called anthocyanins.

Three anthocyanins have been identified in tart cherries, with the potential to relieve pain caused by arthritis, gout and even headaches.

For more information on these exciting research breakthroughs, you can contact the Cherry Marketing Institute at 517-669-4264 or visit their Website at www.cherrymkt.org.

Meanwhile, start enjoying dried cherries by trying one of the recipes inside today's Taste Section, courtesy of the Cherry Marketing Institute.

Diane Reynolds of Farmington Hills is a registered dietitian for the Kroger Co. of Michigan. You can reach her at the Kroger Healthy Hotline 1-800-KROGERS (select 3 twice on the automated menu) or by e-mail at nutritionist@kroger.com. In addition, you can request a free copy of the recipe brochure, "Dried Cherries... Naturally Quick & Easy."

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Culinary Adventures
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ENDING ON A SWEET BUT HEALTHY NOTE

Desserts can taste good and still be good for you

BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS
SPECIAL WRITER

We love to eat desserts. No matter how full we are, we always have room for something sweet and satisfying to complete our dining experience.

Unfortunately, dessert sometimes gets a bad rap. Many people limit themselves and banish desserts for health reasons, or they think it will ruin their "diet."

We often tell our children that they cannot have dessert until they finished their vegetables. This statement sends the wrong message and makes vegetables the object of scorn and dessert the reward. It promotes the "good food - bad food" mindset.

Now is the time to move away from guilt and learn how to enjoy a wonderful variety of good tasting treats that can fit into a healthy diet.

Many desserts are simple to make and contain ingredients that are usually readily available. One of the most important rules in baking desserts is to follow the recipe, with no guessing or estimating. Measure the ingredients exactly with no substitutions. The combination of ingredients in a recipe affects the flavor and consistency.

Use the correct size pan and type of bakeware. Preheat the oven to the correct temperature before baking.

Balance that great dessert with some physical activity.

Dessert basics

Here is a list of basic dessert ingredients and their uses:

■ **Flour:** There are several types of flours on the market. The best for baking cakes is cake flour. It is lower in gluten protein, which gives the final product a delicate, tender crumb.

All-purpose flour, as the name implies, will work in almost every recipe. The cake or cookies may be a little tougher, but will still be acceptable. Sifting flour is usually unnecessary.

Louise Genovese, a resident of Farmington Hills,

follows the advice of Flo Braker in her book, "The Simple Art of Perfect Baking," by weighing flour instead of measuring it with a good kitchen scale. Weighed amounts will be more accurate.

Braker says that a 1/4 cup of unsifted all-purpose flour weighs 1-1/4 ounces and sifted weighs 1 ounce, while the same measure of unsifted cake flour weighs 1 ounce and sifted weighs 3/4 ounce.

Braker's book is an excellent resource for novice bakers and experts who wish to learn more about the delicacies of baking.

■ **Sugar:** Regular granulated white sugar is the best sweetener. Brown sugar is white sugar with molasses added.

Powdered sugar, also known as confectioners' sugar, works well in recipes that will not be cooked, such as frostings, because it dissolves better than granulated sugar. Sugar should be creamed with fat before the other dry ingredients are added.

■ **Eggs:** The egg is probably the most important, versatile and nutritious food in our kitchen. Eggs are used in entrees and desserts.

Eggs often are vilified because they contain cholesterol and because of potential salmonella contamination. If you are baking for individuals considered at a "high risk," such as the very young, the very old or those who are sick with compromised immune systems, avoid recipes with raw or undercooked eggs.

If you are on a low cholesterol diet, you can use two egg whites instead of one egg yolk.

The fresher the egg, the better it will perform in the recipe. Eggs are a tender protein and should be cooked slowly and gently in custards and puddings.

Most recipes use large eggs as the standard,

which equates to approximately two ounces each while still in the shell. It is easiest to separate eggs when they are cold, but easier to beat egg whites for cakes and meringues when they are at room temperature. Putting chilled eggs in a bowl of warm water for 15 to 20 minutes will bring them to room temperature.

Added richness

■ **Cream:** Many rich and luxurious desserts contain cream. Cream is a full fat dairy product that many people avoid for health reasons. You can usually substitute whole milk for cream with just a little sacrifice in flavor and texture. Some desserts, however, may be best saved for special occasions because of their rich ingredients.

■ **Butter:** Butter is an important dessert ingredient for two reasons. It has good flavor and is excellent for holding air when beaten. Hardened vegetable fats, like Crisco are good at holding air, but taste greasy. Margarine is less greasy and can hold air, but the flavor is neutral at best. Some oils have good flavor, but lack the body to give lift to baked desserts.

The best all around ingredient for baking is unsalted (sweet) butter. If you must eliminate butter entirely from your diet, stick to fruit or no-fat desserts.

■ **Baking soda and baking powder:** These are leavening ingredients that give baked desserts volume and make them porous. Baking soda works with an acid such as cream of tartar, buttermilk, sour cream or yogurt to create carbon dioxide, which expands batter. Baking powder expands batter.

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PURPLE PASSION SMOOTHIE

- 1 ripe banana
- 2/3 cup fresh blueberries
- 2/3 cup frozen red raspberries
- 3 to 4 ice cubes
- 1/2 cup skim milk
- 1 tablespoon honey

Mix ingredients in a blender until smooth. Makes 2 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 170 calories, 40 grams carbohydrate, 3 g protein, 0.5 g fat, 33 mg sodium.

CARROT COCOA BROWNIES

- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup carrots, finely shredded
- 1/4 cup skim milk
- 2 tablespoons applesauce
- 4 egg whites
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350° F and coat a 9-inch square pan with vegetable oil spray. In a medium-sized bowl, sift together cocoa powder, flour and baking powder. Mix in sugar and carrots.

In a separate bowl, measure milk and add applesauce, egg whites and vanilla. Lightly beat with a fork and add to dry ingredients. Mix just until well blended.

Pour batter into pan. Bake 20 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool and cut into 12 squares. If desired, top with powdered sugar or serve with frozen yogurt. Serves 12.

Nutritional information per serving: 100 calories, 3 g protein, 20 g carbohydrate, 1 g fat, 32 mg sodium.

Recipes courtesy of HDS Services.

Valentine favorite once consumed only by nobility

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KELLI LEWTON

On Feb. 14, millions of people around the world will observe Valentine's Day by giving a symbol of friendship or love. There is a myriad of items exchanged, but the most popular gift form is chocolate.

By giving a gift of chocolate, we will be paying unwitting homage to the power of this ancient food as a part of the magic of love.

A romantic past

Cocoa beans run the historical gamut of use as currency, aphrodisiacs, religious objects and, when it was consumed, presumed magic. During its early history, chocolate represented the emergence of the noble.

In Mexico and Central America, the tree bearing cocoa pods was said to

belong to the Mayan gods. Legend has it that the Mayan gods consumed the drink Xocolatl, made from pod seeds. Beans were roasted, crushed, and whisked into boiling waters, then flavored with various ingredients including chilies, musk, and honey or ground corn.

Although this drink was considered sacred, the powerful gods were said to have permitted the Mayans to prepare and consume it because the gods cared for their people and wanted them to be nourished by this intoxicating concoction. The Aztecs later adopted the Mayan passion for this chocolate beverage.

When Conquistador Hernan Cortez arrived in Central America in 1519, the Emperor Montezuma led him to Maniapalet, "the royal plantation."

Cortez's return to Spain marked the beginning of the demise of chocolate's noble savagery. The popularity of chocolate as a beverage spread rapidly throughout the country.

The Jesuits enhanced its loving reception by decreasing its harsh exotic nature and sweetened it by replacing the original foreign spices with vanilla and sugar. Chocolate was consumed at a high price by Spain's wealthy upper class.

By the early 17th century, this fashionable chocolate drink infiltrated much of Europe, but it was still considered a wealthy person's drink. Chocolate's popularity increased once Parisians started processing it in the solid form, and it became a staple of the fancy Parisian cafés.

As the chocolate industry grew during the centuries that followed, the consumer relationship with the product changed as well. Chocolate factories opened throughout Europe and chocolate was becoming more available to the common person.

Chocolate facts

Much like beans for coffee or grapes for wine, there are different varieties of

cocoa beans.

The word cocoa comes from the Aztec/Mayan word Cachuatl, which was derived from Cacahuasintl, meaning fruit or pod of the cocoa tree.

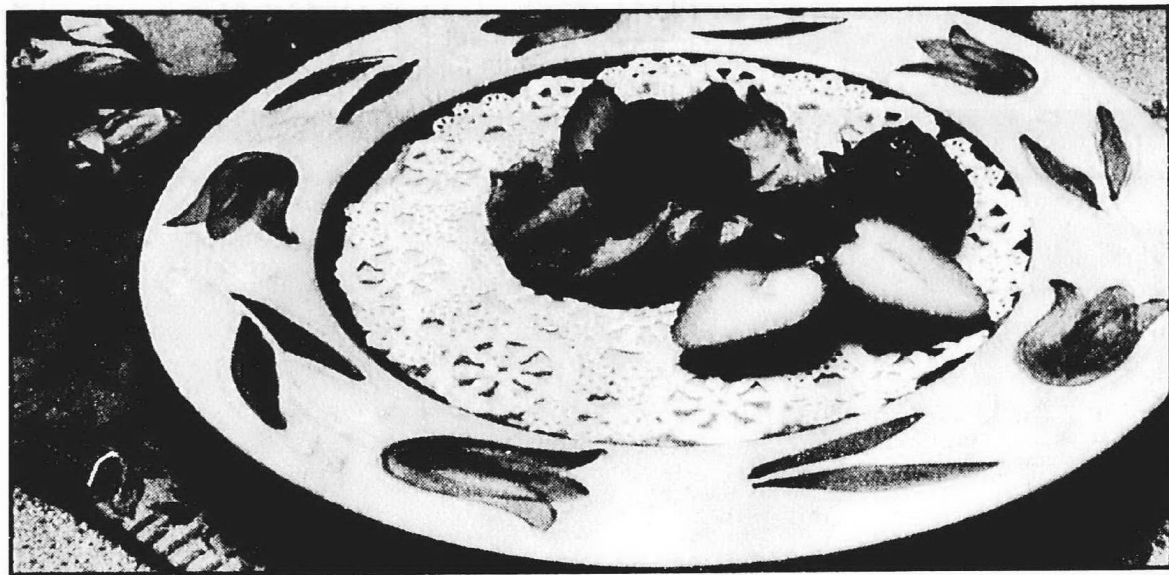
Scientists know that chocolate has a certain bioactive characteristic that influences the central nervous system. It contains caffeine and is a stimulant.

The skill and care exerted at every stage of chocolate processing and making will determine its flavor, texture and richness.

Chocolate is extracted from the tropical cocoa bean Theobroma (food of the Gods). After the beans are removed from their pods, their processing includes fermentation, dried, roasted and cracked, separating their ribs. The ribs are ground to extract some of the cocoa butter, leaving an amber to dark brown paste, called chocolate liquor.

Once the paste hardens, it is further refined and then "conched," a slow-mix-

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Chocolate meringue: Try these chocolate meringues with strawberries for Valentine's Day for that special someone in your life.

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Fix a healthy sweet

Candy, especially chocolates, is a traditional Valentine's Day dessert. But how can you present your loved ones with tasty morsels that enhance, not undermine, their health?

The secret is to offer sweets that are low in fat and rich in health-protective ingredients. But remember, portion size is just as important, even for low-fat sweets, since calories from the sugar in most sweets mount up quickly.

Fruit truffles make a great Valentine treat. In a food processor or blender, grind 1/3 cup blanched almonds that have been lightly toasted. Transfer the ground nuts to a bowl and then process several types of dried fruit, like pitted prunes and apricots — a total of 1 cup — until finely chopped. Pulse in the zest of 1 lemon, 2 tablespoons of the ground nuts, 1 tablespoon orange juice, 1 tablespoon honey and 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon. With wet hands, roll the fruit paste into 1-inch balls, then coat well with the remaining ground almonds. Set on waxed paper to dry and place in candy cups to serve.

A flavorful sauce offers a perfect finishing touch to low-fat Valentine desserts like angel food cake, Pavlova, fruit compotes and poached pears or oranges.

Since chocolate is a favorite on this holiday, make a chocolate sauce by combining 2 1/4 cups unsweetened cocoa, 1 1/2 cups marshmallow creme, 1 1/2 cups low-fat milk, 1 cup sugar and 3/4 cup espresso or double-strength coffee.

Cook, stirring, over medium-low heat until mixture is smooth. Remove from heat and add 1 tablespoon vanilla. Serve warm as a topping or as a "fondue" for dipping pieces of fresh fruit or cubes of angel food cake.

To capitalize on the traditions of Valentine's Day, make a dessert using both red fruit and chocolate.

FRUIT-FILLED CHOCOLATE MERINGUES

- 2 egg whites at room temperature
- 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
- Dash salt
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons cocoa powder

A flavorful sauce offers a perfect finishing touch to low-fat Valentine desserts like angel food cake, Pavlova, fruit compotes and poached pears or oranges.

- 3/4 cup fresh or frozen strawberries, halved or quartered depending on size
- 3/4 cup fresh or frozen whole raspberries
- 1 tablespoon superfine or confectioners sugar (for garnish)

Preheat oven to 275°F. Line cookie sheets with parchment paper.

In mixing bowl, beat egg whites with cream of tartar, vanilla and salt until soft peaks form (tips of peaks will curl over when beaters are removed).

Beat in sugar a little at a time until stiff peaks form (peaks will remain upright when beaters are removed). Sprinkle cocoa over top and fold in gently.

Drop meringue by 1/4 cup portions onto parchment paper that has been lightly coated with cooking spray. Indent center of each with back of tablespoon.

Bake 45 minutes or until dry to touch. Remove and cool.

When completely cooled, store in an air-tight container to prevent meringues from becoming soggy before serving time.

Just prior to serving, fill center of each meringue with mixture of fruit so berries mound slightly. Lightly dust fruit with sugar to garnish.

If confectioners sugar is used, sift lightly over berries using a small strainer and spoon to move sugar through strainer.

This technique achieves light dusting desired. Makes 6 meringues.

Nutritional information per serving: Each contains 89 calories and less than 1 gram of fat.

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ing process that aerates the chocolate and rids it of residual moisture and volatile acids, creating a satiny texture and smooth, rich harmonious flavor.

Pour it on

At this point, chocolate can travel in numerous directions. It can be poured into forms and cooked to make unsweetened bakers chocolate, or it may be mixed with sugar, lecithin, vanilla and additional cocoa butter to make bittersweet or semi-sweet chocolate.

It would seem there are so

many unique products and flavors combined with chocolate, from Oreo cookies to dried cherries to Rice Krispies and its final destination of some form of chocolate varying in a multitude of flavors, shapes and quality.

White chocolate is made from the cocoa butter left from the processing of cocoa powder, milk, sugar and butter without the chocolate liquor. Generally speaking, sweetness and cocoa butter go hand in hand; the more cocoa butter a chocolate contains, the more sugar added as well.

Desserts from page D1

der is a mixture of dry acid or acid salts and baking soda. Baking powder liberates the carbon dioxide in the batter to leaven the product.

Bruce Kane of Canton prefers to sift all of the dry ingredients together before adding the liquid

ingredients. This helps to ensure that the batter is mixed thoroughly and avoids having all of the salt ending up in one portion of the batter, creating an uneven taste throughout.

With a little practice and patience, you can create desserts

that are baked to perfection. As long as you stick with moderate, reasonable portions, you can have your cake and eat it, too.

Enjoy all the wonderful flavors that desserts offer.

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How about a little chocolate?

Recipes courtesy of Kelli Lewton. See related column on Taste front.

WARM VALRHONA CHOCOLATE CAKES

Cakes

- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 3 1/2 ounces Valrhona bittersweet chocolate, chopped
- 2 eggs
- 2 egg yolks
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour

Garnish

- Unsweetened cocoa powder for dusting
- 4 fresh mint sprigs

Butter and flour four 4-ounce fluted molds or custard cups and set aside.

Pre-heat oven 350° F. Melt the butter and chocolate in a double boiler over barely simmering water, stirring until smooth, set aside.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the eggs and yolks. Add the sugar and whisk until foamy.

Add the flour and stir to combine.

Pour in the chocolate mixture and stir to combine.

Pour the cake batter into the prepared molds. Bake the cakes in the pre-heated oven for 8-10 minutes, or until slightly puffed.

Invert the cakes onto four individual dessert plates. Dust the cakes with cocoa. To serve, make a cut into the center of the cake to show the texture; the middle of the cakes should be soft and liquid. Garnish with fresh mint sprigs and serve.

ALL CHOCOLATE CHOCOLATE-CHIP COOKIES

- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/4 cup vegetable shortening
- 1/2 cup semisweet, dark or milk chocolate chips
- 2 eggs

- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons instant coffee crystals
- 1 1/2 tablespoons boiling water
- 1 1/2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 2 cups unbleached white flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa (not 'dutch')
- 3/4 cup best quality semisweet chocolate chips (such as Ghirardelli or Calabutti)
- 1/2 cup white chocolate chips
- 3/4 cup pecans or walnuts, chop and toast
- Non-stick cooking spray

Preheat oven to 350° F. Combine butter, vegetable shortening and semisweet chocolate in a small saucepan until melted, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat, stir again to smooth, and let cool to room temp.

At medium high speed for 5 minutes, beat the eggs, brown sugar and granulated sugar.

Combine hot water and coffee crystals and dissolve them.

Stir in vanilla. After eggs and sugar have been beaten, add the coffee, vanilla mixture and reserved melted chocolate mixture. Beat another 2 minutes.

Combine mixed dry ingredients, flour, baking powder, salt, and unsweetened cocoa. Remove chocolate mixture from mixer stand and stir flour cocoa mixture into it by hand. Add chips and optional nuts.

Spray two double insulated style cookie sheets with non-stick cooking spray.

To make ordinary sized cookies (about 3 inches in diameter), drop batter by rounded teaspoons, about 2 inches apart, onto cookie sheets.

Bake small cookies in preheated oven for about 10 minutes. Let cookies cool.

Serve up apples to cut calories

NUTTY APPLE PIE

- 2 cups thinly sliced, peeled apples
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1/2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1 unbaked 9-inch pastry crust
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 3/4 cup light corn syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 tablespoon margarine, melted
- 1/2 cup whole pecans
- 1/2 cup walnuts
- 1/2 cup slivered almonds

Combine apples, flour and spice. Arrange evenly in crust. Set aside.

Beat together eggs, sugar, corn syrup, vanilla and margarine until thoroughly combined. Stir in nuts. Pour mixture over apples.

Bake at 350° F about 50 minutes or until golden brown and center is almost set. Cook completely before serving. Yield: 8 servings.

Nutritional information per serving, 1/8 pie: Calories, 530; fat, 26 g; chol., 80 mg; protein, 8 g; carb., 73 g; sod., 163 mg, and dietary fiber, 2 g.

Variation: Substitute 1 can (20 ounces) Michigan Apple slices, drained for fresh Apples. Continue with above method.

(Suggested Michigan Apple varieties to use: Empire, Gala, Golden Delicious, Ida Red, Jonagold, Jonathan, McIntosh or Rome.)

Recipe courtesy of Michigan Apple Committee.

APPLE SLICE SURPRISE (CHOLESTEROL FREE)

- 2 large apples
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1 cup crunchy peanut butter
- 2 1/2 cups semi-sweet or milk chocolate candy coating

Wash apples, halve and core. Cut into 1/2-inch slices. Dip and completely coat with orange juice. Drain on paper towels.

Spread one side of each apple slice with peanut butter. Place on cookie sheet lined with waxed paper. Refrigerate about 1 hour or until peanut butter is firm.

Melt chocolate over hot not boiling water, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Using fork, dip each Apple slice in chocolate coating completely. Place on cookie sheet lined with waxed paper. Refrigerate until firm. Store in airtight container in refrigerator. Yield: 8 servings, about 32 slices.

Nutritional information per serving, 4 slices: Calories, 480; fat, 32 g; chol., 0 mg; protein, 10 g; carb., 49 g; sod., 163 mg, and dietary fiber, 7 g.

Variation: Omit peanut butter. Continue with above method. Recipe courtesy of Michigan Apple Committee.

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Dried cherries sweeten recipes

Recipes courtesy of the Cherry Marketing Institute. See related column by Diane Reynolds on Taste front.

CHERRY COUSCOUS SALAD

- 1 cup water
- 3/4 cup quick-cooking couscous, uncooked
- 1/2 cup dried tart cherries
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped carrots
- 1/2 cup chopped cucumber
- 1/4 cup sliced green onions
- 1/4 cup toasted slivered almonds (optional)
- 3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon Dijon-style mustard
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Bring water to boiling in a medium saucepan; stir in couscous. Remove from heat; let stand, covered, 5 minutes. Fluff with a fork. Uncover; let cool 10 minutes.

Put cooked couscous, dried cherries, carrots, cucumber, green onions and almonds in a large mixing bowl; mix well with vinegar and mustard. Pour over couscous mixture, stirring to coat all ingredients. Season with salt and pepper. Serve chilled or at room temperature.

Note: Couscous is tiny grains of pasta that is often used in Moroccan cooking. It combines well with dried cherries in this salad. Use as an accompaniment to pork, lamb, poultry or fish entrees. Serve alone as a vegetarian lunch plate. Serves: 6

Nutritional information per serving: Calories, 171, Fat, 5.6g.

DRIED CHERRY RELISH

- 1-1/2 cups dried tart cherries
- 1/2 cup red wine vinegar
- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 large red onion, finely chopped

- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt, or to taste
- 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper

Combine dried cherries, red wine vinegar and balsamic vinegar in a medium mixing bowl. Let soak 30 minutes. Heat olive oil in a large skillet. Add onion; cook 5 minutes, or until onion is soft. Add sugar; mix well. Cook, stirring occasionally, over low heat 10 minutes.

Add cherries with soaking liquid to onion mixture. Simmer, uncovered, 10 to 15 minutes, or until almost all the liquid is evaporated. Season with salt and pepper. Serve warm.

Note: This relish is a tangy topper for grilled or blackened fish or roast turkey. Serves: 12 (as a relish).

Nutritional information per serving: Calories, 60, Fat, 1.2g.

CHERRY RICE PILAF

- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1/2 cup dried tart cherries
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme (or 1 teaspoon dried)
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh marjoram (or 1 teaspoon dried)
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon margarine
- 3 cups cooked rice

Put onion, celery, cherries, walnuts, thyme, marjoram, pepper and margarine in a large non-stick skillet. Cook, uncovered, over medium heat 10 minutes, or until vegetables are tender; stir occasionally. Add rice; mix well. Cook 3 to 4 minutes, or until thoroughly heated. Serve hot. Serves: 8

Nutritional information per serving: Calories, 189, Fat, 6.4g

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Midwestern chili: Prepare an American classic

BY DANA JACOBI
SPECIAL WRITER

Chili. Just saying the word conjures up images of cowboys around a campfire on the open Texas plain, and cooking fired by incendiary chile peppers. Pair it with "Cincinnati," however, and an urban view comes to mind, of Greek immigrants ladling a meaty mixture over spaghetti at chains of chili parlors named Skyline or Empress.

As chili gradually travelled east, a "San Antonio Chilley Stand" at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893 helped introduce this muscular dish to the Midwest. Its fans carried it on to St. Louis, New Orleans and Cincinnati.

In 1922, the Kiradjieff family capitalized on this local enthusiasm, offering what has become known as Cincinnati Chili, served over spaghetti, at their Empress chili parlor. Additional branches and competing establishments soon dotted the city.

CINCINNATI CHILI

- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, chopped
- 2 jalapeño peppers, seeded and finely chopped
- 8 ounces lean ground beef
- 1 tablespoon ground chili powder or to taste (see Note)
- 1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa powder
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 1 15-ounce can kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 cup diced tomatoes (with their liquid)

- 1 cup salsa
- salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 12 ounce spaghetti
- 3 ounces shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onion (optional, for garnish)
- crumbled soda crackers (optional)

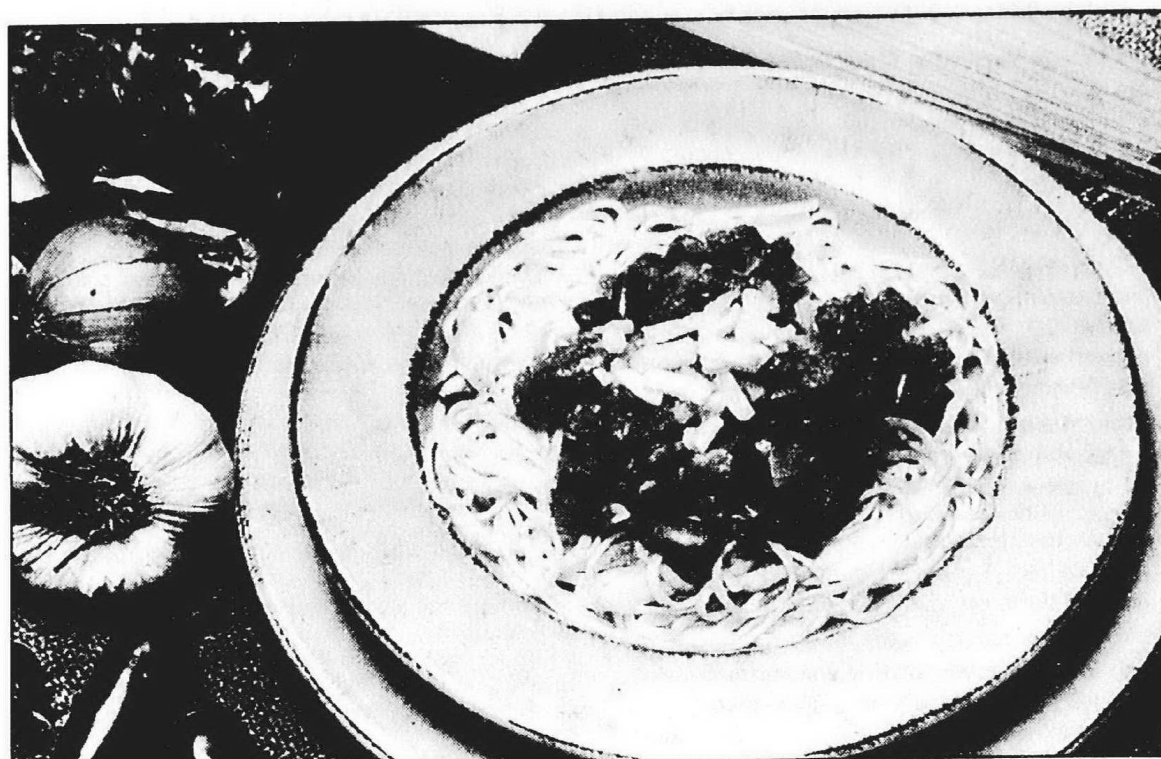
In a Dutch oven or deep medium saucepan, liberally coated with cooking spray, heat oil over medium-high heat. Sauté onion, garlic and jalapeño until onion is translucent, about 4 minutes.

Add meat and cook, breaking it up with a wooden spoon until it no longer looks red, about 3 minutes. Stir in chili powder, cocoa, cumin and oregano. When seasonings are fragrant, in about 30 seconds, add beans, tomatoes and salsa. Simmer chili until liquid is reduced by half, about 10 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Meanwhile, cook spaghetti according to package directions. When tender, drain and divide spaghetti among four wide, shallow soup bowls or dinner plates. Ladle a quarter of the chili over each serving. Sprinkle a quarter of the cheese over each serving. If desired, pass one bowl containing the chopped onion and another with soda crackers, and let people serve themselves. Note: If possible, use a chili powder that does not contain garlic. Makes 6 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 451 calories and 9 grams of fat.

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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: German, Feb. 15; South American, Feb. 22; Vietnamese, March 1; Russian, March 15; French, March 22; Italian, March 29; Poland, April 5; regional American, April 19, and French, April 26. Call (734) 462-4488 for information or reservations. Seating is limited. Credit cards accepted.

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LEARN ABOUT COOKING

Here are Continuing Education classes at Schoolcraft College in Livonia for the winter semester:

- 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), 5-10 p.m., Thursday, April 5 and 12;
- Outdoor Grilling & Entertaining, 5-10 p.m., Thursday and Friday, April 26 and 27;
- Four Course Meals to Go (one

day only but offered three different dates), 6-10 p.m., Monday, Feb. 19, March 19 and March 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 a Valentine's Day Menu for the Ones You Love, noon-2 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 13; 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. Call Nicole Goyarts at (734) 975-

4387, Ext. 236 to register by phone.

Other classes on Wednesdays include: It's Soy Good, 6-7:30 p.m., Feb. 21; Get into the Game, 6-8 p.m., Feb. 28; The Joy of Soy, 6-8 p.m., March 14; Oodles of Noodles, 6-8 p.m., March 21 and Going Solo for One (or Two), 6-8 p.m., March 28.

SAMPLE WINES

The Ann Arbor Art Center will be offering a class on sampling the important grape wines of the world from 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, March 7. Diane MacLean from Partners in Wine will discuss Cabernet and Chardonnay along with other selections. Register by calling the Art Center at (734) 994-8004 ext. 101, drop by the Art Center at 117 West Liberty in Ann Arbor or visit www.annarborartcenter.org to view courses and workshops online.

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MEDICAL
BRIEFS

Health seminar

Want to live a healthier life? Sure you do. New Life Health Seminars will present "A Quest for a Healthier You," a free seven-session health seminar 7:30-8:45 p.m. beginning Tuesday, Feb. 13 at the Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway off Canton Center Road.

Topics include: Diet & Nutrition, Stress Management, Heart Disease, Exercise & Weight Control, Cancer Prevention, and Diabetes. Presenters are Dr. Jason Goliath, a surgical resident at Providence Hospital; Larry Ulery, a specialist in guidance and counseling and teacher of holistic health; and Brenda Schalk, a teacher of medical nutrition therapy. Ulery and Schalk are professors at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich. To register, call (734) 844-8660.

Nutrition and exercise

Henry Ford Medical Centers in Dearborn and Livonia will offer several classes on nutrition and exercise. Call for times and registration fees.

■ **DASH Diet** - Learn how the entire diet can affect blood pressure rather than just watching sodium intake. Location: Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane

■ **Taking Control: Building a Healthy Lifestyle** - This eight-week weight-control class will help you achieve a realistic weight goal. Location: Henry Ford Medical Center-Livonia. Call (734) 523-1788.

■ **Learning the Diabetic Diet** - A registered dietitian will discuss diet, exercise, hypoglycemia, and weight loss to normalize blood glucose for diabetes controlled by diet alone or oral medication. Location: Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane. Call (313) 982-8384.

■ **Lowering Blood Cholesterol** - Decrease your fat intake and lower your cholesterol level. Location: Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane. Call (313) 982-8384.

■ **Diabetes Education Class** - A five-class series conducted by a nurse, dietitian and pharmacist will discuss diabetes management. Location: Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane and Henry Ford Medical Center-Livonia.

Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane is located at 19401 Hubbard Drive, at Evergreen, in Dearborn. Call (313) 982-8384. Henry Ford Medical Center-Livonia is located at 29200 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Call (734) 523-1788. Call (734) 523-1704 between 6 a.m. and 2 p.m. to register for the diabetes education class at the Livonia center.

Fast ER

Oakwood Healthcare System's 30-Minute Guarantee has been so successful it was expanded to the emergency room at Oakwood Healthcare Center - Canton beginning Jan. 29. The center is located at 7300 Canton Center Road (on the northeast corner of Canton Center and Warren).

Patients seeking treatment in the Center's emergency room will be seen by a physician within 30 minutes of their arrival - guaranteed. If it takes longer than that for care to be initiated, the patient will receive a personal apology and a pair of Star Theatre movie tickets.

At Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center - Dearborn, where the program began last July, just 55 pairs of movie tickets have been given away, a success rate of 99.9 percent. The program is also in effect at Oakwood Annapolis and Oakwood Heritage.

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous avenues for you to offer noteworthy information including Medical Deskbook (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsletters (appointments now hires in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies).

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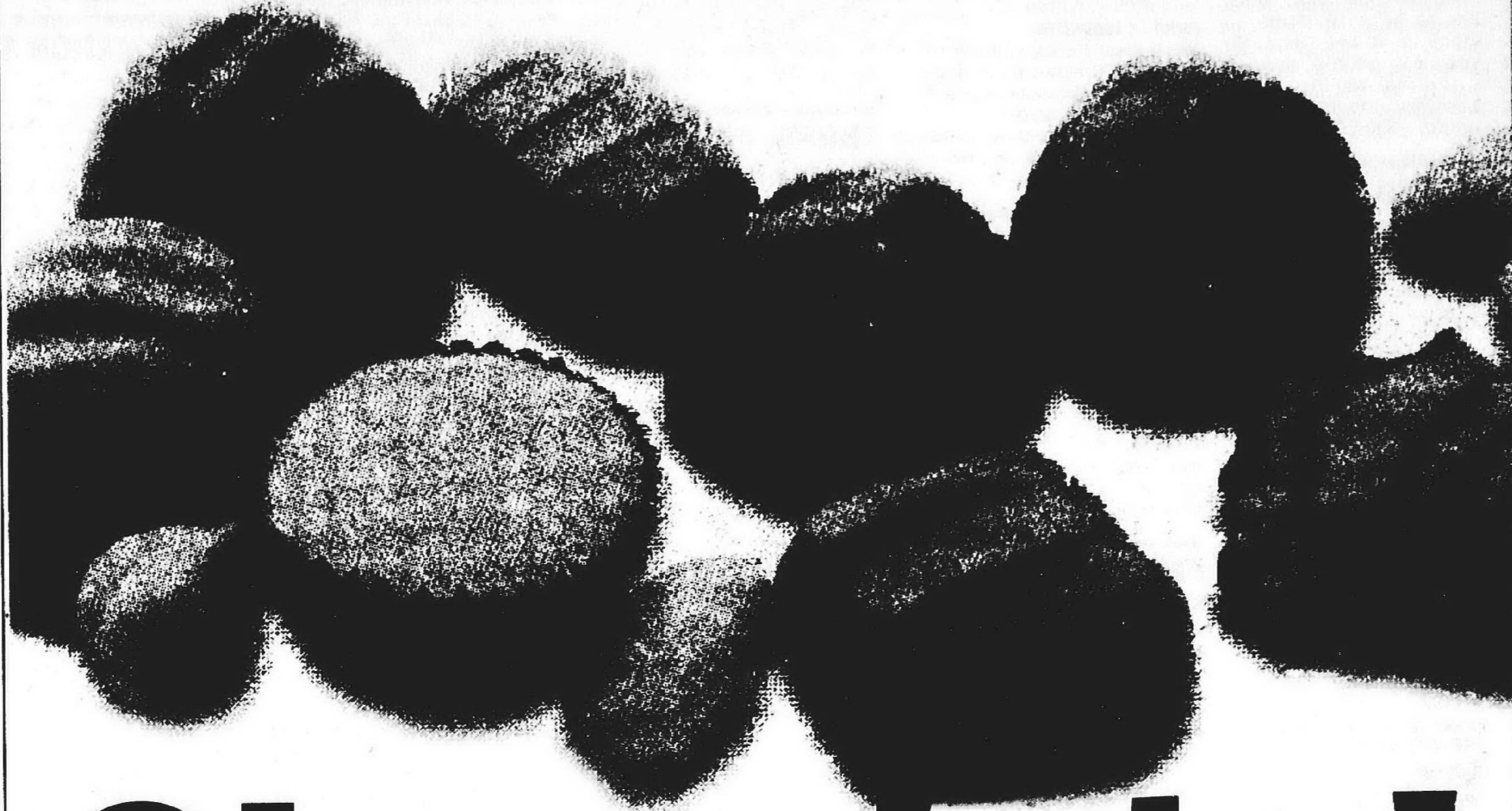
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Chocolate!

A little chocolate may be good for your health

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Chocolate has been considered a nutritional villain for years. Those who savored its sweet, lushly palatable taste often did so with guilty feelings. Now comes research that says chocolate may actually be good for you.

Oh, be still my beating heart. "While it has a high amount of saturated fat and calories, there are perceptions about chocolate that aren't true," said Denise Williams, a dietitian with Saint Joseph Mercy Health System in Ann Arbor. "A small amount can fit into our lifestyle, and we should enjoy it."

Chocolate is made from the cocoa bean, which grows off the Theobroma cocoa tree in the rain forest. It contains several minerals (copper, magnesium, iron and zinc), cocoa butter and a group of phytochemicals called polyphenols. Researchers have begun to study polyphenols for their antioxidant function, the ability to block various hormone actions and processes associated with the development of cancer.

"Research on antioxidants is only in its infancy," said Penny Kris-Etherton, Ph.D.,

the weight."

Fat

According to the American Dietetic Association, chocolate contributes less than two percent of dietary fat consumed in the United States. The majority of dietary fat comes from full-fat dairy products, meats and grain products.

Fortunately for chocolate lovers, not all fat is created equal. The fat in chocolate comes from cocoa butter, which is comprised mainly of palmitic and stearic acid (saturated fats) and oleic acid (monosaturated fat). Each of these fats are present in chocolate in almost equal one-third amounts.

Oleic acid, also found in olive oil, is believed to lower both total cholesterol and LDL (low-density lipoprotein) or "bad" cholesterol. And although past research concluded saturated fatty acids are the most potent plasma cholesterol-raising components, stearic acid has a neutral effect on blood cholesterol.

According to the ADA, a study conducted at Pennsylvania State University concluded that experimental diets containing milk chocolate, in both very high amounts (10 oz./day) and more typical amounts (1.65 oz./day), did not elevate plasma total and LDL cholesterol concentrations.

The study examined 18 healthy men for 26 days while they followed four separate experimental diets, then for another month when they returned to their regular diets.

Other benefits

■ In a study cited by the Mayo Clinic Healthy Living Centers, Harvard researchers found that of 7,800 men who participated, those who ate candy one to three times a month lived longer than those almost never ate candy. Although the researchers didn't ask what kind of candy the men ate, they speculated that many chose chocolate.

■ If chocolate makes your heart go pitter-patter, blame it on the small amount of caffeine and larger amounts of theobromine, both xanthines.

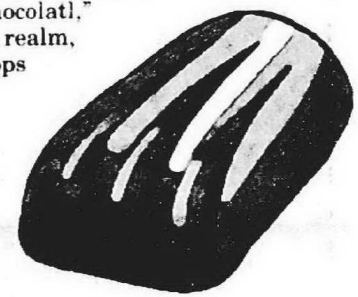
These substances, which are quickly absorbed by the body, mildly stimulate the central nervous system, speeding up your heart and increasing your alertness. However, the extra stimulant is not enough to cost you sleep.

■ Don't worry about your sweet tooth. Chocolate seems to contain an antibacterial agent that inhibits plaque formation.

■ It's what chefs call the "mouth feel." Pop a piece of chocolate in your mouth and savor that full, velvety feeling that floods your palate and gums. "It's melting at your body temperature, 98.6°F, that's why it's so wonderful," said Williams.

Chocolate has had a long and flavorful history. Montezuma, the mighty emperor of the Aztecs, served "chocolatl," the royal drink of the realm, to Cortez and his troops in 1519. The Spaniards, upon returning to Europe, sweetened the drink with cane sugar. The first chocolate factory opened in the United States in New England in 1765, and Americans have been eating chocolate ever since ... and feeling guilty.

This Valentine's Day, and all the days that follow, enjoy your chocolate. Just remember to eat it in



Facts about chocolate

These fun facts about chocolate come from Health Stop, the health education center of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System of Ann Arbor. Health Stop is in Briarwood Mall, just off I-94 at the State Street exit.

1. Although it is high in calories and saturated fat, chocolate is a fun part of a healthy diet in moderate amounts.

2. Chocolate is rich in some of the same antioxidants as tea, which may help protect against heart disease and cancer. One ounce of chocolate has about as many antioxidants as half a cup of brewed black tea.

3. Although chocolate contains highly saturated fat, the fat is made up mostly of stearic acid, which has not been shown to boost blood cholesterol in the same way other saturated fats do.

4. Chocolate does not cause acne!

5. Chocolate is not high in caffeine.

6. Chocolate does not contribute to tooth decay. Although chocolate is sugary, the chocolate clears out of the mouth quickly. Also, cocoa contains substances that may actually inhibit the growth of bacteria in the mouth that lead to plaque formation and cavities.

7. Chocolate makes a delicious dip for cut-up fruits. Try apples, pears, strawberries and bananas.

Candybar
Calories

Sure, go ahead and have that candy bar. But can you stop at one? That's the trick. Dietitians suggest you buy one candy bar, not the whole pack. And remember, if you eat a candy bar every day, you have to cut the calories somewhere else ... hopefully, not the fruits and vegetables.

Here's the caloric lowdown on some of our favorite candy bars:

- Butterfinger, 2.1 oz. — 266
- Baby Ruth, 2.1 oz. — 277
- Nestle Crunch, 1.4 oz. — 198
- Hershey 5th Avenue, 2.1 oz. — 294
- Kit Kat, 1.6 oz. — 235
- M&M's Peanuts, 25 peanuts — 242
- Junior Mints, 12 mints — 120
- Chocolate covered almonds, 6-8 — 161
- Bridge mix, 14 pieces — 140

professor of nutrition at Pennsylvania State University. "We already know that increased consumption of fruits and vegetables results in an increase of antioxidants in our blood. We believe chocolate consumption may have the same effect."

Chocolate, particularly dark chocolate, is a rich source of antioxidant plant compounds known as catechins. In fact, the catechin content in chocolate is approximately four times that of tea.

Also, with Valentine's Day this week, it's nice to know that a 1.5 oz. bar of milk chocolate contains about the same amount of polyphenol antioxidants as a glass of red wine.

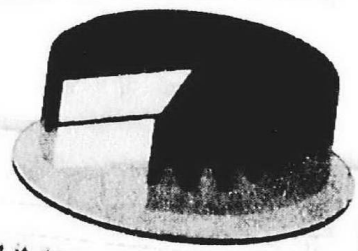
So, do we ask our sweethearts to forget the flowers and bring on the chocolate? Not quite. Flowers don't have calories. A Butterfinger candy bar has 266.

"I think the bottom line when we add chocolate to our diet is the calories," said Gail Cox, a registered dietitian with the Botsford Health Development Network. "If we decide to add a chocolate bar to our daily intake, it's only a matter of time before we gain

Sensible
Substitutions

Sure you can have your cake and eat it, too. Give these substitutions a try:

- For each ounce of sweetened chocolate, substitute 4 tablespoons cocoa powder, 2 tablespoons brown sugar, and 6 tablespoons evaporated skim milk. "It's one of the best inventions around," said dietitian Beth Williams.
- Substitute evaporated skim milk for cream.
- Substitute low-fat cream cheese for regular cream cheese.
- Substitute skim milk for whole milk.
- Substitute plain yogurt for sour cream.
- Substitute two egg whites for one whole egg.
- Substitute 1/4 cup of egg substitute for one whole egg.
- Use diet margarine.
- Use half the amount of chocolate chips in a recipe.



MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail rskoglund@oe.homecom.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

ONGOING

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Alcoholics Anonymous meets 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.

MANIC DEPRESSIVE

The Manic Depressive-Depressive Association (MDDA) of Metro Detroit meets 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of every month, Novi/Providence Medical Office Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Road (at Haggerty), Novi, MI 48375. Call (248) 960-

1288. They also meet 2-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Providence Medical Office Building, 33133 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 542-0430.

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, FEB. 12

THYROID MEETING

Dr. Kelly Mandagere, endocrinologist from St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor, will discuss how she treats thyroid disease in her practice during this month's Thyroid Support Group Meeting, which begins 6:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Public Library. Contact Tracy Green for more information (734) 453-7945 or mitg@mediaone.net

FEB 13-MARCH 20

HEALTH SEMINAR

New Life Health Seminars will present "A Quest for a Healthier You," a free seven-session health seminar presented by local medical professionals 7:30-8:45 p.m. Tuesdays at the Summit on the Park, Arts II Room, Canton. Topics include: Diet & Nutrition, Stress Management, Heart Disease, Exercise & Weight Control, Cancer Prevention, and Diabetes. To register, call (734) 844-8660.

WED, FEB. 14

SENIOR HEALTH

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will present "Happy Hearts: Nurturing Relationships in Your Life" 1-3 p.m. in the hospital's Auditorium. Elaine Koons, Livonia Public Schools, will discuss how seniors can strengthen positive relationships with family and friends. To register, call (734) 655-8940. The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile. Use Five Mile Road entrance.

DIABETES

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will host a free support group focus-

ing on information important to those who live with diabetes and its related issues 7-8:30 p.m. in the hospital's Auditorium. Janice Wheeler, RN, M.Ed., CDE, will discuss "Staying Motivated." For more information or to register, call (734) 655-8940.

THURS, FEB. 15

HEADACHES/MIGRAINES

A complimentary lecture will be given by Dr. Barry Hobbs of Michigan Specific Chiropractic 7-8:15 p.m. on causes, prevention and treatment of headaches and migraines. Located at 7276 N. Sheldon Road. Pre-registration required. Call (734) 416-2442.

FEB. 16 & 17

VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Visually impaired and blind persons, family members, service providers, employers, and the general public are invited to the "V.I. Technology Blizzard Version 2.0" 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Dickinson Center, 18000 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Program includes demonstrations, product displays, resource specialists and low-vision providers. Hosted by Wayne County RESA, Task Force, Upshaw Institute for the Blind and the Michigan School for the Blind. Call (800) 622-6730, ext. 420.

SAT, FEB. 17

ACUPRESSURE

The Tree House for Earth's Children in Farmington will present "Healing at Your Fingertips," an intermediate class on acupressure and vital reflex points, 1-7 p.m. Participants will learn about the effects of reflexology, five-part foot adjustment, specific pressure points, physiology of the colon, spinal relaxation techniques, and first aid rescue points. \$50 (dinner included). To register, call (248) 473-0624. The Tree House is located at 22906 Mooney Street, one block west of Orchard Lake off Grand River.

FEB. 17 & 21

STOP SMOKING

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers will hold the Wellness Seminar for smoking cessation at the following locations: Providence Medical Center - Livonia: Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road (at Newburgh), Livonia 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday and at Providence Hospital, 22250 Providence Drive (the Medical Building), Southfield 10 a.m. to noon Saturday. For more information, call (877) 345-5500.

MON, FEB. 19

BIPOLAR DISORDER

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia is offering a class, "The Complications and Treatment of Bipolar Disorder," 6-7:30 p.m. in the West Addition Conference Room B. Pre-registration is requested; please call (734) 655-2944. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at the corner of Five Mile and Levan roads in Livonia. Participants should use the South Entrance off Levan Road.

WED, FEB. 21

ALZHEIMER ACTIVITIES WORKSHOP

The author of "Healing the Wounds of Alzheimer's Disease" will offer a three-hour workshop designed to show how therapeutic activities help people with Alzheimer's - and their caregivers - regain self-confidence, improve attitude, reduce fear and repair damaged relationships. Credits for professional certification. Workshop held 6-9 p.m. at William Costic Activities, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills (between Middlebelt and Inkster). Call (248) 360-7904.

WED, MARCH 7

MENOPAUSE SUPPORT

The Menopause Support Group will meet 7-9 p.m. at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia in the West Addition Conference Room B. Physical therapist Mary Ann Erickson will discuss "Pain,

Identifying Causes of Pain and Discussing Alternative Treatments to Pain." Call (734) 655-1100.

WED, MARCH 14

SENIOR HEALTH

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will present "Herbal Therapy and Supplements" 1-3 p.m. in the hospital's Auditorium. Registered dietitian Linda De Vore will teach attendees about possible health risks of some popular herbal supplements and how to locate reliable resources for herbal supplement information. To register, call (734) 655-8940. The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile. Use Five Mile Road entrance.

BLOOD DRIVE

Celebrate Valentine's Day by giving blood. The Livonia Post Office, 11800 Merriman Road off Plymouth, will sponsor a blood drive noon to 6 p.m. Please contact Marge Walter at (734) 425-8050. There is a blood shortage, so give a pint at the post office.

DIABETES

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will host a free support group focusing on information important to those who live with diabetes and its related issues 7-8:30 p.m. in the hospital's Auditorium. John Pedit will present "Medicare & Supplemental Insurance Update." To register, call (734) 655-8940.

MON, MARCH 19

GAMBLING ADDICTION

Avoid the serious - and sometimes fatal - consequences of gambling. St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer a gambling addiction class 6-7:30 p.m. in West Addition B. Pre-registration is requested. Please call (734) 655-2944. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located on Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. Participants should use the South Entrance off Levan Road.

WED, MARCH 21

DYSLEXIA

The Dyslexia Support Group will meet 7-9 p.m. at the Michigan

Dyslexia Institute-Detroit Metro Center, 30230 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 130, Farmington Hills. Mary Rodriguez, a member of the Plymouth-Canton Special Education Advisory Committee, will discuss special education law and the IEP as related to students with dyslexia. Call (248) 737-0044.

SAT, MARCH 24

NERVOUS SYSTEM WORKSHOP

The Tree House for Earth's Children in Farmington will sponsor a workshop on the "Sympathetic Nervous System and Receptor Based Therapeutics" presented by Dr. Richard Bray, D.C. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All-organic lunch provided. Workshop cost is \$50. Seating is limited. To register, call (248) 473-0624. The Tree House is located at 22906 Mooney Street, one block west of Orchard Lake off Grand River in Farmington.

THUR, MARCH 29

CHIROPRACTIC CLASS

Dr. Patrick Jary will offer "Health Through Chiropractic," a free lecture/discussion on the benefits of chiropractic care 7:30-9 p.m. at Jary Chiropractic, 27527 Joy Road (1/2 mile west of Inkster), Westland. He will discuss basic human anatomy, differences between traditional medicine and chiropractic medicine, and how to improve and preserve your health. Seating is limited. Reservations required. Call (734) 522-5501.

SAT, APRIL 28

WOMEN'S HEALTH DAY

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will sponsor "2001 Women's Health Day" 8 a.m. to noon at the Holiday Inn-Livonia West. Events include keynote speaker Sandra Beckwith, breakfast buffet, exhibits, workshops and raffle drawings. Program cost is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. For information, call the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1100 or (800) 494-1617 for out-of-area callers. Registration is requested by April 16.

Women are just as likely to be at risk for heart attack

Sue had just turned 33 when the unthinkable happened. She was waiting in the customer service line at the store one morning, her young child in tow, when a heart attack struck out of nowhere.

Luckily, she made it to the hospital in time, and is now recovering with the help of regular appointments with a University of Michigan cardiologist and rehabilitation program. But her heart attack, which came without any warning symptoms, changed her life forever. It also changed her attitudes about who gets heart disease.

"I thought this was more of a men's condition," she says today. "Now, I'm becoming more aware of how young people can have heart attacks, with no known history of cardiac disease, and how it can happen to anybody, including a lot of females - more than I had thought."

Sue's story should help all women realize the danger they face from heart disease - and the steps they can take to prevent it - at any age, says U-M Health System cardiologist and assistant professor of internal medicine Claire Duvernoy, M.D.

"Most women in this country perceive themselves as not threatened by cardiovascular disease, but the fact is that it's the most common killer of women in the country," Duvernoy says. "If you ask most

women, they'll tell you that the major threat to their life and health is cancer, especially breast cancer. I don't want to downplay the significance of cancer, but more women die of heart disease in the U.S. than die of all forms of cancer combined."

Another thing that surprises many women, she continues, is that more women than men die of heart disease, and that women who get heart disease often fare worse overall than men. They may fail to take preventive steps, recognize symptoms, manage their other heart-damaging health conditions effectively, or pursue the best treatment for a heart problem.

Early diagnosis, and appropriate measures to stave off problems, are key to evening the odds. That's why the U-M Health System offers its Preventive Cardiology Service, where women and men can be evaluated for their cardiovascular risk, prescribed a range of preventive strategies, and treated. Those women who prefer a female cardiologist can ask to be seen by one.

Part of the reason for the difference between heart disease death rates for women and men is the difference in life span. Women tend to develop serious heart problems about 10 years later than men so, but they live longer overall, and advanced age is a risk factor for heart disease.

So is menopause - possibly due in part to the fact that a woman's level of estrogen, which seems to protect the cardiovascular system, decreases as she approaches and enters menopause.

Research study

Duvernoy's own research focuses on the effect of estrogen on blood flow in small blood vessels. Women who wish to enroll in her clinical trials of hormone replacement therapy and hormone alternatives can call 734-769-7100, ext. 5425.

Women are also more likely than men to have the kind of chronic health problems, like obesity, diabetes and high blood pressure, that can harm the cardiovascular system over time. More girls and women are smoking at younger ages, posing a long-term risk to their heart. All

of these factors can remove the heart-risk advantage that younger women have over men their age.

These "co-morbidities," or existing conditions, not only help cause heart disease - they can also make a woman who has heart disease harder to treat and less likely to do well after treatment.

"Once a woman's been diagnosed with heart disease, she does not have as good a prognosis on average as a man of her age group who has been diagnosed," she says.

Part of the problem in American health care as a whole, Duvernoy says, is that doctors and other health care providers have the same skewed perceptions as women themselves. They may not be as quick to consider heart problems as a possible cause of a woman's symp-

toms, or they may not treat a woman's condition as aggressively as they would a man's.

Reporting problems

Another problem involves actual differences in the way women experience, react to and report symptoms. For example, unlike Sue, women who have a heart attack sometimes don't even realize what's happening to them. They may report their warning signs as general malaise, nausea, abdominal pain or excessive fatigue, which don't match the chest pain, gray color and sweatiness that are widely thought of as a heart attack's

"typical" symptoms.

As a result, some women don't seek medical attention quickly enough, and when they do, they may not get checked quickly for a heart attack. That can hurt their chances; early identification and treatment of any heart problem is key to making the outcome as good as possible.

So, Duvernoy says, women must learn what to look for, and take symptoms seriously. "The message for women should be: Be aware of your body."

— Source, University of Michigan Health System update. Visit www.med.umich.edu or call (800) 742-2300 category 1010.

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SEEING THE DOCTOR

You can do more than make an appointment if you are to see your doctor about an arthritis problem.

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Those questions will include when did the arthritis begin, is it with you daily, or does it come and go, what joints hurt, what makes the pain worse, and what makes it better? Is your arthritis intense in the morning when you awake, or at the end of the day? Also, what medications, treatments, or other physicians have you seen prior to the present appointment? Were any blood tests or x-rays taken, and if so, what were the results?

The doctor will also want to know about other aspects of your health during the time your arthritis came on. Did you have fevers, a rash, or feel undue fatigue? Did you start any medications for other conditions, prior to the beginning of your arthritis?

These answers help your doctor focus on the likely cause of your ailment from the choice of over 100 different types of arthritis that it is possible you could have.

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Long-term care insurance: Who should buy it?

BY MARK KIRBY
SPECIAL WRITER

How many products have you bought that you would rather die than have to use? Long-term care insurance, the fastest growing segment of the insurance industry, is just such a product. There are few things more dreadful than the thought of losing the capacity to take care of yourself.

Long-term care is one of the largest financial risks Americans face. It doesn't just effect the elderly; accidents, illness and injuries take their toll on younger generations. We all know the plight of Red Wings star Vladimir Kostin or "Superman" Christopher Reeve.

Few of us want to give our life savings to a nursing home. Yet, this expense remains the leading cause of personal destitution in America.

History

Prior to 1974 we couldn't insure against the risk of long-term care. You could buy "skilled care only" policies that would pay for a recovery period, but health insurance and Medicare already did that.

Statistics can be manipulated to any-

one's advantage, but the underlying fact is we have a huge problem. Medicaid - medical welfare - is currently the only government-funded program that will pay for most long-term care expenses. However, you must be broke to access the program.

Transferring assets to family members to qualify is forbidden by long "look back" periods. Yet the program is severely overburdened and looking for ways to cut back even further. Recently, there has been talk in Washington of making the premiums a full tax deduction rather than the current medical tax deduction, but so far only talk.

Decisions

If long-term care is such a problem then insurance is the only good answer, right? It's not that simple. There are many considerations before this insurance becomes a good solution.

First, you must come to grips with the idea that you could become incapacitated and dependent upon others. Second, you must prove you're in reasonable good health when you apply for coverage. You may be a poor risk for an insurance company, and they may refuse to insure you.



Also, the cost of long-term insurance is high, usually ranging from \$1,200 to \$2,400 per year. Prices are based upon several factors, including age, health, amount of coverage, policy features, joint application with spouse, and the company you choose. Ultimately, you purchase insurance for one reason: peace of mind. You don't want someone else to pay for your catastrophe.

A good agent can help you with your decision. He or she knows the differences between the many policies offered. An agent should knowledgeable about the following features and options:

■ **Inflation protection** automatically increase the value of the policy without escalating the premium.

■ **Elimination period** will reduce the premium but force you to pay for care at the beginning of your stay (typically 30-100 days).

■ **Survivorship** will waive premiums for the lifetime of a surviving spouse.

■ **Waiver of premium** will halt payments while in a claim.

■ **Tax-qualified or non-qualified programs** may have significant income tax consequences.

■ **Alternate plan of care** will pay for things not specifically mentioned in the policy.

■ **Bed reservation benefit** pays for your empty accommodations if you're absent due to hospitalization or family visits.

■ **Restoration of benefits** will restore your plan to its original value if you sue part of it and then recover.

■ **Non-forfeiture** will pay a reduced benefit if you lapse your policy and then subsequently end up in long-term care.

Good policy

A good policy will cover any incapacitation without restricting any mental or

nervous disorder. It will also pay equally for any setting you choose, from home care to assisted living, nursing homes, adult daycare or hospice.

If you purchase insurance then think you've made a mistake, you'll have ample time to rectify. The state of Michigan requires all companies to allow a 30-day "free look" period in which to cancel coverage. Also, most good companies will allow additional time to modify your coverage if you want to increase or decrease.

By applying for coverage, you are simply agreeing to do SOMETHING about the potentially devastating risk of long-term care. What you end up choosing may be substantially different from what you originally applied.

If you think you should look into this coverage, there isn't a good reason to wait. The policies get costlier as you age, the cost of care continues to rise, and your eligibility may be compromised by future poor health.

Mark Kirby is a long-term care specialist with GE Financial Assurance. He may be reached at his Livonia office at (734) 462-4960.

COUNTY NEWS

SUN, FEB. 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.

TUES, FEB. 13

CAREER WOMEN

The West Suburban Chapter of the National Association of Career Women will meet 11:45 a.m. at Ernesto's, 4161 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Guest speaker Karen Zoka, a profes-

sional coach, will discuss "The Power of Whole Brain Thinking." Cost of luncheon meeting is \$18 per member and \$22 for non-members. Call Brenda Durling at (734) 462-4670.

THUR, 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. Advanced pre-paid registration required.

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR QUALITY

American Society for Quality (ASQ) Section 1010 will meet at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Seven Mile Road and I-275, Livonia. Edward D. Rothman, PhD, director of U-M's Center for Statistical Consultation and Research, will present "The Quality Process: Six Sigma and Alternatives," a comparison of Six Sigma with the fundamentals champi-

oned by W. Edwards Deming. Registration and dinner at 6:00 p.m.; presentation at 6:30 p.m. Open to the public. Dinner \$15. No charge for attending the program. Reservation deadline Thursday, Feb. 8. Fax reservations to Rhonda McFarland at (248) 616-5395, e-mail rmcfarland@tac.textron.com, or call (248) 616-5377.

THUR, FEB. 15

TRAINING CENTER TOUR

The Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center will host a "Twilight Tour" of its new Advanced Training Center 4-6

p.m. at 47911 Halyard Road in Plymouth. A not-for-profit organization, the MMTC offers training and assistance to help companies improve profits through proven business practices and process improvement techniques. Call the ATC Rental Office at MMTC at 1-888-414-6682, ext. 1189.

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SCORE

The Service Corps of Retired Executives offers several workshops: Small-Business Loan (\$20) 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thurs. Feb. 15 at the Oakland County

Executive Office Building, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac; and Pre-Business (\$40) 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16 and Export (\$40) 8:45 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Feb. 21 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

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MARKETPLACE

Outstanding women

The Michigan Business and Professional Association seeks nominations of Michigan women to honor with its Distinguished Leadership Award, which will be presented at MBPA's fifth annual Women and Leadership in the Workplace Conference April 11, 2001 at Burton Manor in Livonia.

Categories for nominees include: business, professional, human service/philanthropic, media, civic affairs/government, education and small-business achievement. Award criteria includes significant achievements in their professional field, recognition by their peers, and contributions to the advancement of issues related to women in the business world.

To nominate a recipient, call MBPA at (810) 979-6322 and request an award nomination form. Nominations must be submitted by Thursday, Feb. 15.

Top distributor

Livonia-based RS Electronics has been ranked among the top 25 electronics distributors in North America by Cahners Research, as published in Electronic News in December. The company was ranked 24th, marking the first time the privately held company has broken into the top 25. The company expects to post sales of \$84 million in 2000 compared with annual sales of \$73.8 million in 1999.

"We are very pleased to make the list of the top 25 distributors in North America," said President Howard Taxe. "Our commitment to our customers, and an early commitment and investment in e-commerce capabilities, has helped RS Electronics distinguish itself in a very competitive industry."

RS Electronics is a distributor of electronic components, test and measurement equipment, and electrical products. Founded in 1929, the company has built a reputation for implementing innovative supply chain solutions and delivering substantial cost savings through large-scale integrated supply programs.

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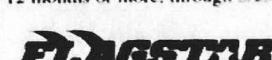
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Last year, 98 people died in residential fires in Michigan. More than 73 percent of those deaths occurred in residences where there were no or non-working smoke detectors. Statistics indicate that occupants of a house with a smoke detector are more than twice as likely to survive a fire as those without one.

"Some detectors provide an early warning that can allow residents to escape before the house is fully engulfed in flames," said Lori Conarton, communications director of the Insurance Information Association of Michigan.

"Most fire victims die from inhalation of smoke and toxic gasses, rather than flames."

Aside from saving lives, smoke detectors also reduce fire injuries and help hold down property losses. It is vital, however, that the devices be properly installed and maintained.

According to Conarton, smoke alarms should be tested at least once a month to ensure they are working properly. Under most circumstances it is recommended that batteries be changed annually.

Follow directions

Smoke detectors should be installed on each level of the dwelling. The most important locations are near bedrooms, at

the bottom of stairways, in hallways and in the living room. The units should be affixed to the ceiling at least four inches from the point where the ceiling meets the wall.

The insurance industry spokesperson also suggests planning and practicing use of alternate escape routes in case of fire. It is important to practice the escape plan at least twice a year. Also, family members should agree upon a safe place to meet once they are outside a burning structure.

The Information Association of Michigan is a non-profit, public information organization that sponsors a number of consumer information and education programs.

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company can be found at www.rselectronics.com

Leadership conference

Two seminars to help women get ahead will be available to participants of the fifth annual Women's Leadership Conference and Awards Program, April 11 at Burton Manor in Livonia. Sponsored by the Michigan Business and Professional Association, the conference will also honor seven Michigan women leaders as role models in the workplace.

Theme for this year's Women's Conference is "Celebrating Empowerment."

Contact MBPA at (810) 979-6322 for information or to become a participating sponsor.

Michigan small business

Design information and assistance for Michigan's small busi-

nesses is available free of charge from a new Web site developed by the University of Michigan's School of Art and Design with funding from Ameritech.

"Design-in-Biz" at www.designinbiz.com, offers businesses help in developing and marketing a more profitable and cost-effective product or services. Michigan businesses can also become part of an online learning community with other small businesses, U-M design faculty and design professionals to share expertise, tips, and strategies focused on small business needs.

For additional information e-mail jhwill@umich.edu or project manager Rhoda DeMasson at hesselti@umich.edu

Retail loss prevention

Two new booklets are now available in the Loss Prevention

series published by the Michigan Retailers Association (MRA).

"How to Detect Counterfeit Currency" shows retailers and their employees how to distinguish between genuine and counterfeit cash. It includes a section on the security features added to the recently redesigned U.S. Currency.

"How to Prevent Return and Layaway Losses," presents guidelines for developing sound store policies on merchandise returns and layaways that maintain a balance between customer satisfaction and a healthy bottom line. It incorporates the latest changes to state law on return of sales tax to customers.

The Loss Prevention Series is designed to help retailers and other businesses avoid costly losses from fraud.

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Buyers at Davenport Woods, a detached condominium community in West Bloomfield, can look forward to almost everything they could want in a home at base price.

The amenities range from big things like separate jet tub and shower in the master to little touches like automatic on/off closet lights.

"We're really going to the top of the line everywhere," said Laurie Frankel Silverman, vice president for sales and marketing for the Herman Frankel Organization.

"We know our homeowners at this price point in this market want the best, so we say, 'Give it to them,'" she added.

"We sat down and asked, 'What would we want in our house?'" said Mark Ian Frick, vice president of operations for Frankel. "We wanted to have custom, high-end features standard, Frick said.

Only 15 homes will go up at Davenport Woods, off Farmington Road between 14 Mile and Maple.

Two plans are offered. The Atrium, a story-and-a-half of 3,150 square feet with three bedrooms and 3-1/2 baths, carries a base price of \$574,900, which includes the lot.

The Villa, a two story of 3,213 square feet, contains three bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths. Price is \$554,900.

An expanded Villa - the same basic plan with a larger library - starts at \$564,900.

All homes come with two-car garage, first-floor laundry with cabinets and tub, and garden-style basement. Two fireplaces, two air conditioning processors, two furnaces and two water heaters are standard.

Kitchens come equipped with double oven, down-draft cooktop and dishwasher, or a regular cooktop plus microwave.

Hardwood floors are included in the foyer, kitchen/ nook and half bath. Granite countertops, maple cabinets and crown moldings are standard.

Again, there's the separate jet tub and shower in master.

And if all that weren't enough, sidewalks, driveways and porches will be constructed with brick pavers. Brick and wood siding are primary exterior materials.

"You can move in here and have all custom features standard, but we do customize," Frick said. "We don't have a checklist, 'choose these items.' We



PHOTO BY BETH SINGER

will entertain any ideas they (buyers) have."

Landscaping will be included and, due to the condo nature of the development, lawns will be cut as part of the association/ maintenance dues.

"It's such a beautiful site - the woods and the privacy of it," said Emma Deussen, sales representative. "Once you drive in, you're in your own little world."

"This is very heavily wooded, spectacular," Silverman said. "You're in an incredible enclave. It's so peaceful and secluded."

The location is good, too, she added. "You can be at Northwestern Highway in less than five minutes. Orchard Lake Road in three minutes. There's shopping, library, the nature preserve a few miles away, great restaurants."

The story-and-a-half has been constructed as a sales model.

The house features a library with cathedral ceiling, great room with sloped ceiling, fireplace and 11 windows, dining room, and kitchen/nook with island.

The master features a reverse gable ceiling, two separate vanities, one with a sitting, make-up area, and a walk-in

closet. Two bedrooms are upstairs, each with its own full bath.

The home also contains a two-story foyer, three skylights at the foyer, and a bridge overlooking the entire lower level from upstairs.

Davenport Woods is serviced by city water and sewers. It's within the West Bloomfield school boundaries. There are no sidewalks.

The property tax rate is \$32.11 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price for new construction. That means the owners of a \$575,000 home there would pay about \$9,300 the first year.

The monthly association fee ranges from \$282 to \$318 and includes lawn maintenance, snow removal and building repairs.

Dr. James Lesser and wife, Joani, have purchased a home in Davenport Woods.

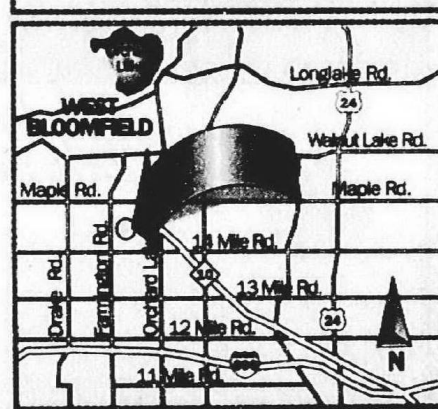
"We had a very good experience with the builder 25 years ago," he said. "We wanted detached with enough large rooms and you can't find that easily."

"We wanted to be in the general area," she said.

Atrium: This grand home contains a first-floor master and two bedrooms, each with its own bath, upstairs.

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"The first floor master was very important for us," he added. "They have an almost unlimited ability to change and upgrade."

The sales model office at Davenport Woods, (248) 851-3500, is open noon to 6 p.m., closed Thursdays.

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OPEN HOUSES OF THE WEEK



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Heritage Meadows of Hartland is one of the latest communities being developed and built by Triangle Development. Conveniently located in Hartland Township, it is just seconds away from M-59 and US-23. Although close to major thoroughfares, the feeling of tranquility and beauty is unmatched by any other development. The sense of community is further perfected by the neighborhood's sidewalks, street lights, and protected open spaces. Heritage Meadows is located within the highly acclaimed Hartland school system, which offers many newly built facilities. Not only does the area create a sense of peacefulness, but it is also easily accessible to major freeways, shopping areas and restaurants.

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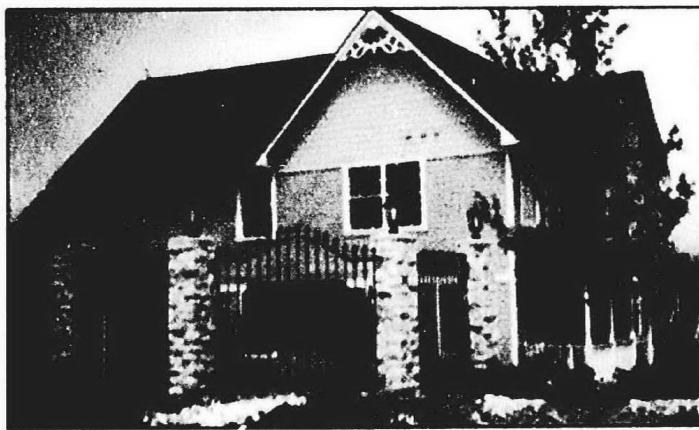
Hurry in now to Heritage Meadows!!! We are located on Clark Road, on the north side of M-59, less than a mile east of US-23. This project has been very successful since opening last year and lots are going quickly. We still have many beautiful lots available, or you can choose from one of our spec homes for quicker occupancy.

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For more information on this project, please contact the sales representative.

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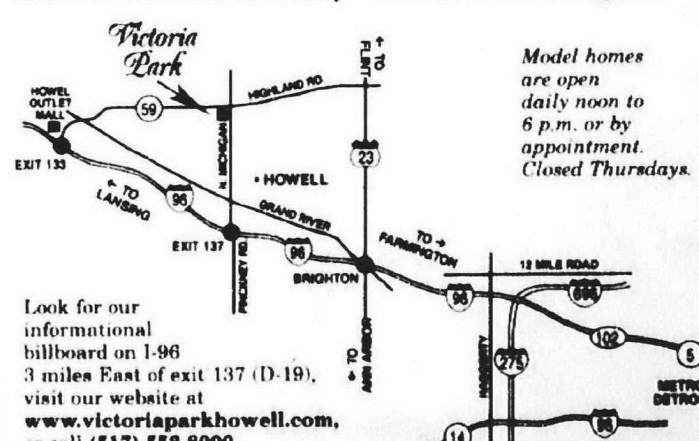
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Victoria Park Condominiums

We're celebrating our first New Year at Victoria Park Condominiums in Howell, and our new homeowners are celebrating too with the pride of home ownership in Livingston County's most outstanding condominium community. Located at M-59 and Michigan Avenue just one mile from downtown Howell, these 1700 square foot homes have gorgeous master suits with standard features that include streetlights, central air, nine-foot basements and beautiful walkouts. One and two story

units are available, with options that include up to three bedrooms and two and a half baths. Victoria Park Condominiums are a beautiful place to come home to. The developer has preserved 13 acres of natural wetlands complete with walking paths and mature wooded areas surrounding the property. We also offer no look alike buildings. Victoria Park Condominiums feature custom colors and stonework. We are down to our last 10 units so hurry in while the selection is still good.



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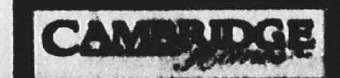
Now, Cambridge Homes is collaborating with some of the finest architects and interior designers in the area to work with homebuyers in designing one-of-a-kind homes for their newest development. Bellagio is Oakland County's premier gated community of custom homes. Each unique home reflects the personality of its owners, creating a prestigious neighborhood rich with architectural diversity.

After years of appreciating old-world craftsmanship, Mark and Eric Guidobono of Cambridge Homes are bringing the grandeur and classic beauty found in European architecture to Bellagio. Distinctive elements, including carved lime-stone facades, blacksmith-crafted iron

work accents, and leaded glass windows are reminiscent of magnificent country estates. Modern luxuries are available as well: A home theater, wine cellar, solarium, and indoor pool are all possible amenities in your Bellagio home.

Over the past 20 years, Cambridge Homes has become an expert at making the design/build experience exciting and positive by focusing on homeowner participation. "We've made a commitment to individuality, quality and creativity," says Mark. As evident in their previous custom home projects and in their Woods of Edenderry development in Northville, these are not your average home-builders, they are inspired craftsmen. Bellagio is certain to be their ultimate accomplishment.

Reservations are now being accepted.
For more information, contact:
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Plastic or rubber roof tiles may outlast slate

What comes in gray, red or green and looks just like a slate roof?

No, not the gingerbread house in Hansel and Gretel. Recycled plastic and rubber roofing tiles. No kidding, these tiles are dead ringers for natural slate tiles.

"Although they're costlier than natural slate tiles, rubber and synthetic roofing tiles are

worth considering," says Richard Roll, president of American Homeowners Association. "Their higher cost might be offset by their longer life."

It's the latest in roofing tiles, just now beginning to appear on roofs around the country. Sometimes we Americans don't always catch on as fast as our fellow homeowners abroad.

Rubber and plastic roofing

tiles have been around in Ireland for more than 20 years and more recently in Canada. But distributors are popping up in the U.S.

Homeowners are attracted by their longevity and 50-year plus warranties.

These tiles do not split apart the way slate tiles do when water gets into the roof and freezes.

With double the life of regular slate roofs, these higher priced tiles are worth considering.

It's easier to invest more upfront knowing that you won't have to replace your roof again in another 20 to 25 years.

And nothing beats their appearance for homeowners wanting the authentic, old-fashioned look of slate.

Still, consumers will have to look at the higher price tag and consider whether slate look-alikes are the right choice for their home or budget.

Always factor the labor costs in addition to materials when comparing standard slate versus rubber or plastic.

If the contractor is familiar with installing these tiles, the installation cost might be less

than natural slate.

Finally, do you plan to live in your home that long? Or can you use your faux slate roof as a selling point?

For more information on any aspect of buying, improving or selling a home, go to www.realtor.com, the Web site for American Homeowners Association.

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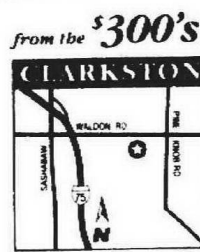


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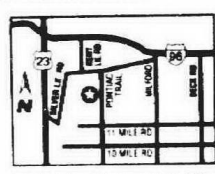


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Consider quality of air in the home

Since Americans spend a lot of time indoors, especially during winter, discovering how easy it is to reduce levels of allergens and pollutants in the home may seem like a breath of fresh air.

That's especially true for the 40 million Americans with allergies and the 17 million with asthma.

According to a recent report from the American Lung Association Health House Project and 3M, choosing a high efficiency furnace filter can make a big difference in improving air quality at home.

Yet only one in eight Americans purchases a high efficiency filter for the furnace.

Here are several other tips to help you and your loved ones breathe easier at home, courtesy of the American Lung Association Health House Project:

- Prohibit smoking in the home.
- Install a carbon monoxide detector on every floor of the house.
- Make sure gas cooking appliances are vented to the outdoors.
- Test your home for radon.
- Clean window coverings—they are magnets for dust. Use window shades made of plastic, wood or other washable materials for easy cleaning.
- Use a damp mop or cloth when cleaning. Never use

aerosols or spray cleaners in the bedroom.

■ Groom pets often and minimize their access to bedrooms of anyone with allergies or asthma.

■ Check the soil of house plants for mold. If mold growth is evident, the plants should be repotted or kept outdoors.

■ Store firewood in the garage or outdoors rather than near the fireplace or anywhere else in the home. Drying firewood can generate mold spores which can easily contaminate an entire house.

■ Keep humidity levels low with a dehumidifier. Clean it regularly so it doesn't become a pollution source.

■ Run the furnace fan continuously, regardless of the outdoor temperature. To do so, set the furnace thermostat to the "on," rather than the "auto" position.

■ Use a high efficiency furnace filter and replace it every two to three months. A high efficiency filter not only protects the furnace, but can also capture up to 30 times more allergens such as pollen, pet dander and smoke than standard fiberglass filters.

■ Have a professional inspect the furnace once a year to make sure that air intake is adequate and the unit is operating at peak efficiency.

As part of an ongoing partnership to raise awareness about indoor air

quality issues, the American Lung Association Health House Project and 3M are offering "A Guide for Creating a Healthier Home."

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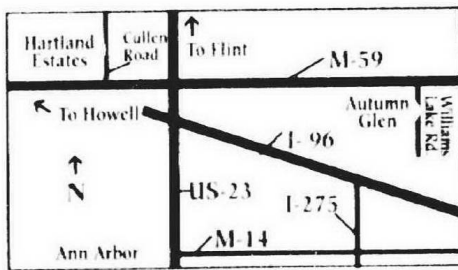
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Many homeowners commit themselves to the purchase of a home prior to selling their present home. This is not unusual and the correct approach for those people who must know where they are going before selling what they have now.

If this is the approach that you want to take, you must be sure that you have a realistic expectation of the amount of equity you have in your present home. You will use the equity in this house as a down payment on the next purchase. It is essential that you don't over estimate the value of your existing property and count on money from its sale that does not exist. Many people fall into this trap. The resulting problems that arise are the direct result of a miscalculation from the very beginning.

If you are interested in buying the next home before selling yours, contact a Realtor who will give you facts and figures about the value of your home on today's market.

The worst scenario arises when you list your property with a Realtor at an inflated figure and expect him or her to produce a miracle. This situation is always doomed to failure. The existing home doesn't deliver the price you were counting on in order to make the next purchase and everyone is unhappy.

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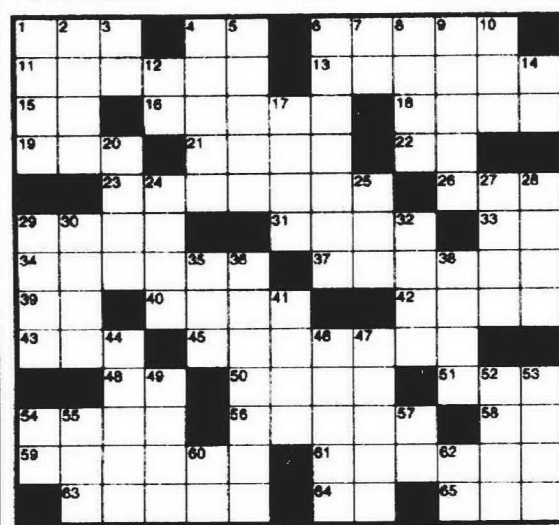
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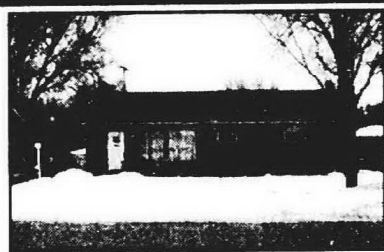
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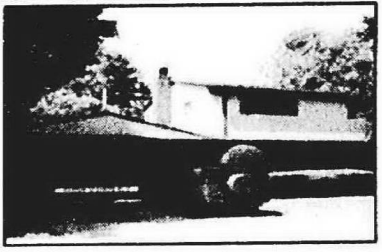
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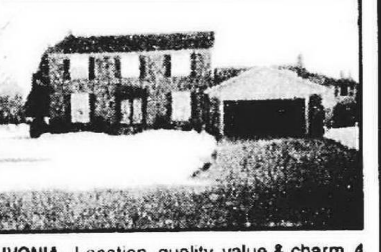
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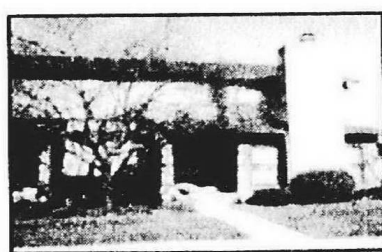
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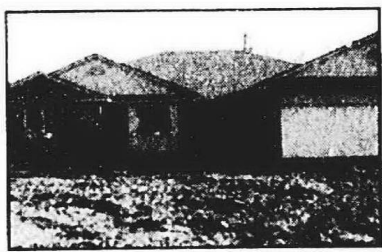
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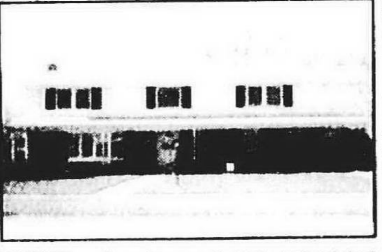
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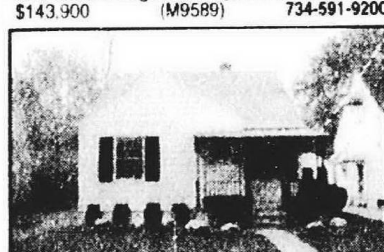
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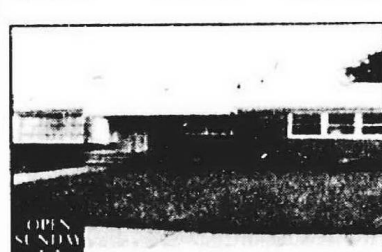
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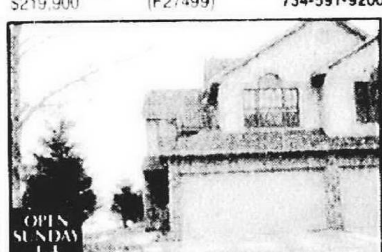
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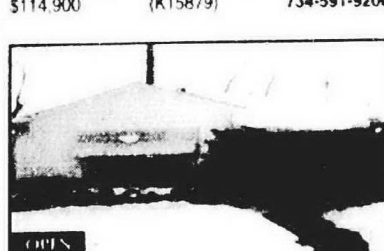
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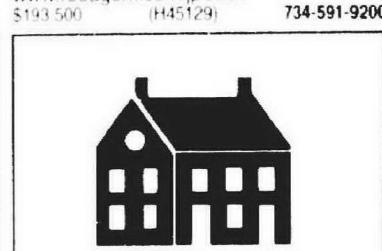
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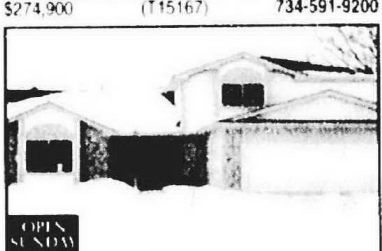
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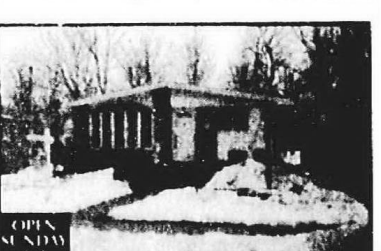
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Plan gives choice between office, additional bedroom

The Royalview (500-17) is impressive with columns across the face and a covered porch running the full length of the facade.

The three gables in the front over the entry add balance and symmetry, almost giving the impression of a southern colonial home.

The Royalview has 2,992 square feet of living space with a long three-car garage on left rear corner.

The vaulted entry with a sloping ceiling provides a doorway to spacious living.

The family room and kitchen are visible from the entry with a formal vaulted dining and living room on either side. The dining room has a huge window overlooking the

covered porch and is fairly isolated.

The vaulted living room is behind French doors and has bay windows that overlook the street in front. It can be totally separated from the rest of home and is ideal for entertaining or for special parties.

Adjacent to the living room is the office with huge corner walk-in closet. This could be used as a nursery or another bedroom if needed.

The master suite is in the right rear corner, with an enormous elongated walk-in closet behind French doors. The master suite has a shower and spa tub with his-and-her sinks.

Between the living room and the family room is a half bath and storage area.

The family room has a tiled hearth with a wood stove residing in the front. Numerous windows line the rear wall overlooking the backyard with French doors opening onto the raised patio.

The nook is open to the family room as well as the kitchen. The kitchen has two L-shaped areas, each

containing an eating bar, cabinets and appliances.

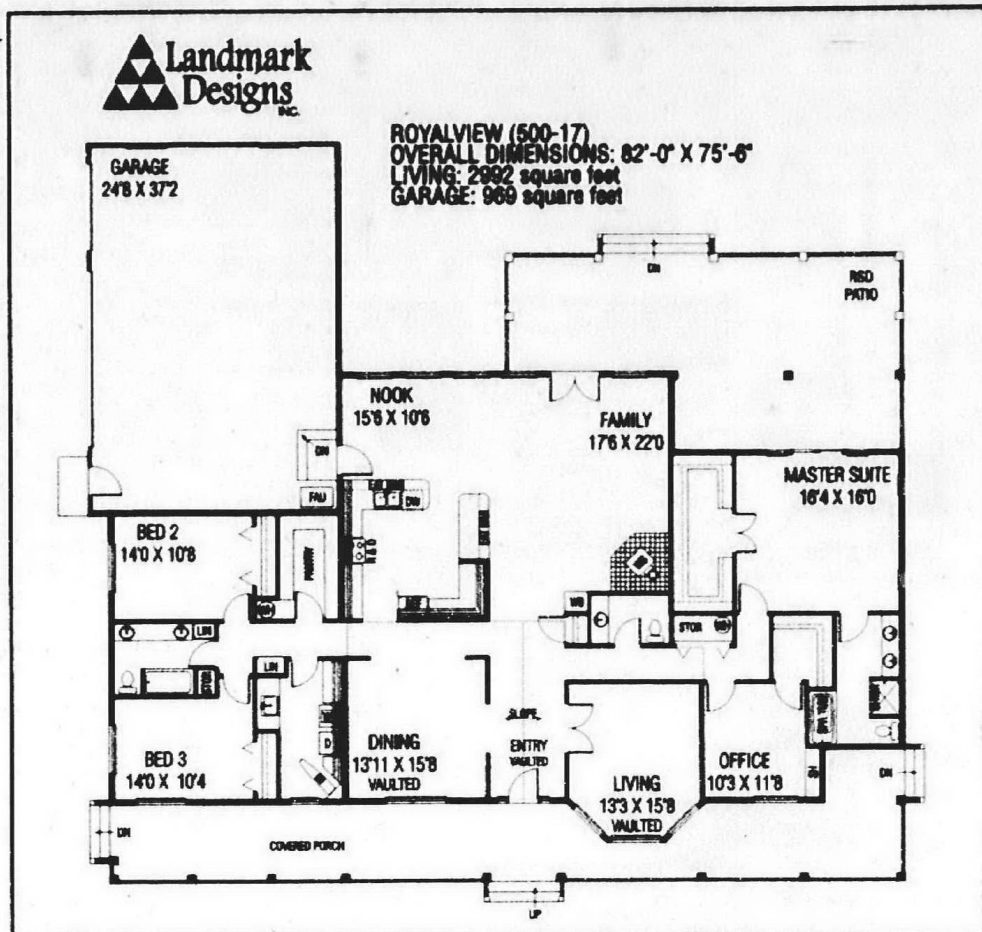
The left side of the home contains two more bedrooms and the utility room, along with a long, deep walk-in pantry.

The two bedrooms each have a wall closet and large windows for extra light. Located between them are a common bathroom with two sinks, a linen closet, storage closet and a tub.

The utility room has a built-in ironing board in one corner, with a large sink opposite. Counter space is located around the washer/dryer for folding ease.

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Guard against injurious falls

Former President Ronald Reagan's recent fall at his home points up a growing national problem.

The National Safety Council estimates that falls caused or led to 17,100 deaths in America last year. Of those, 9,600 of the falls occurred in homes.

While all age groups are vulnerable, eight of 10 of those dying as a result of a fall are older than 65. Falls are the No. 1 cause of injury-related death for men 80 and older and for women 75 and older.

Hip fractures, like the one suffered by President Reagan, are

one of the most serious injuries resulting from such falls. More than 24 percent of all people suffering a hip fracture die within a year of the fall. Another 50 percent never return to their prior level of mobility or independence.

The NSC offers these tips to improve the home environment to help prevent falls in the home:

- Keep the floors clear. Reduce clutter and safely tuck telephone and electrical cords out of walkways.

- Clean up grease, water and other liquids immediately. Don't wax floors.

- Use non-skid throw rugs to reduce the chance of slipping on linoleum.

- Install handrails in stairways.

- Install grab bars in the bathroom (by toilets and in tub/shower).

- Make sure living areas are well lit to reduce the risk of tripping and falling in the dark.

- Use a sturdy step stool with handrails when reaching high storage places.

The problem is expected to grow as the nation's population ages and health factors associated with aging increase the likeli-

hood that a fall will result in a fatal or disabling fracture.

The NSC along with federal government agencies and more than a dozen other organizations are forming a national coalition to bring attention to the matter.

Falls in the home are addressed in the Safety Agenda for the Nation, a major NSC initiative to reduce unintentional injuries and deaths in America.

For more information about falls and the Safety Agenda for the Nation, see the Council's Web site at www.nsc.org

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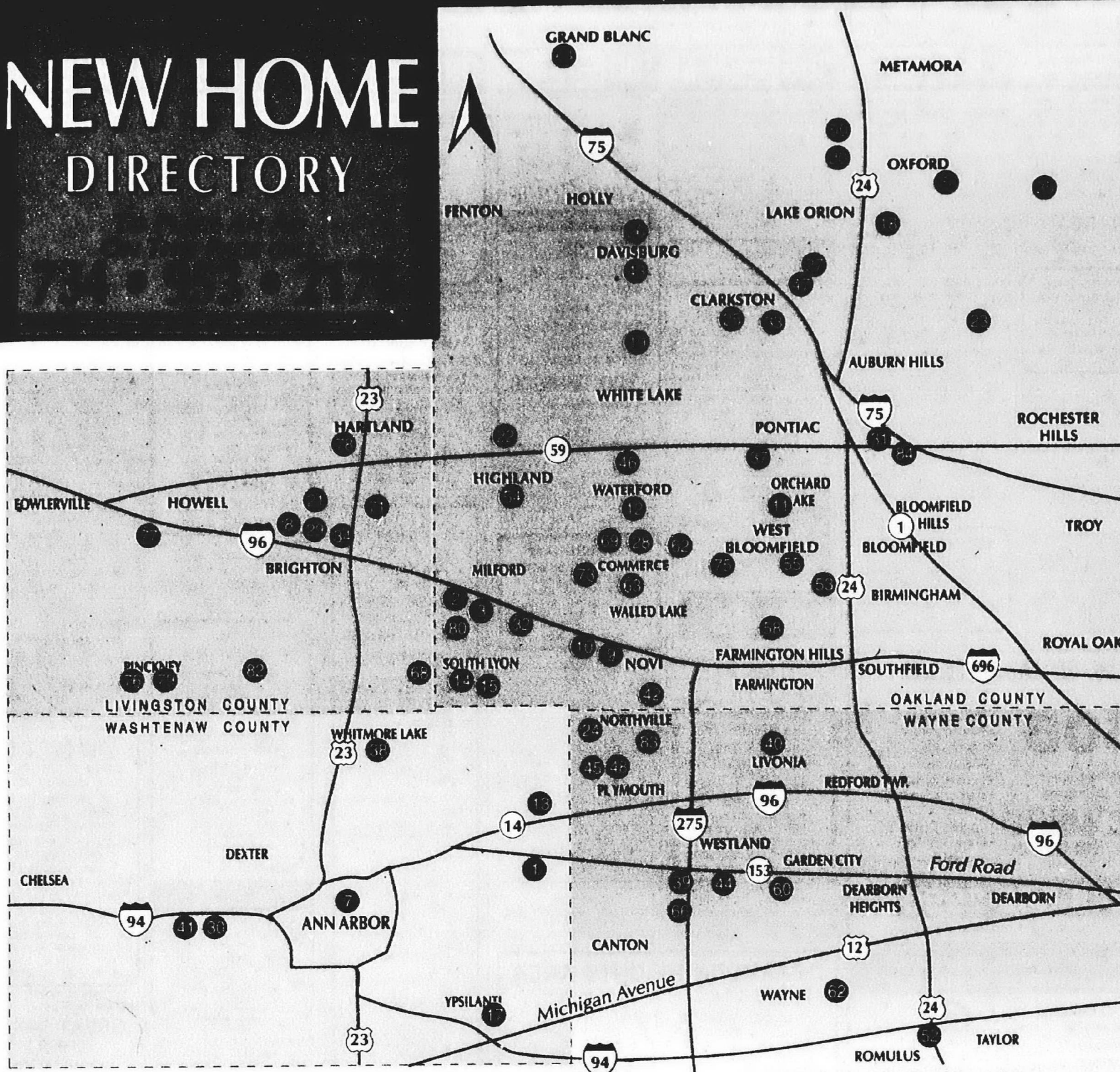
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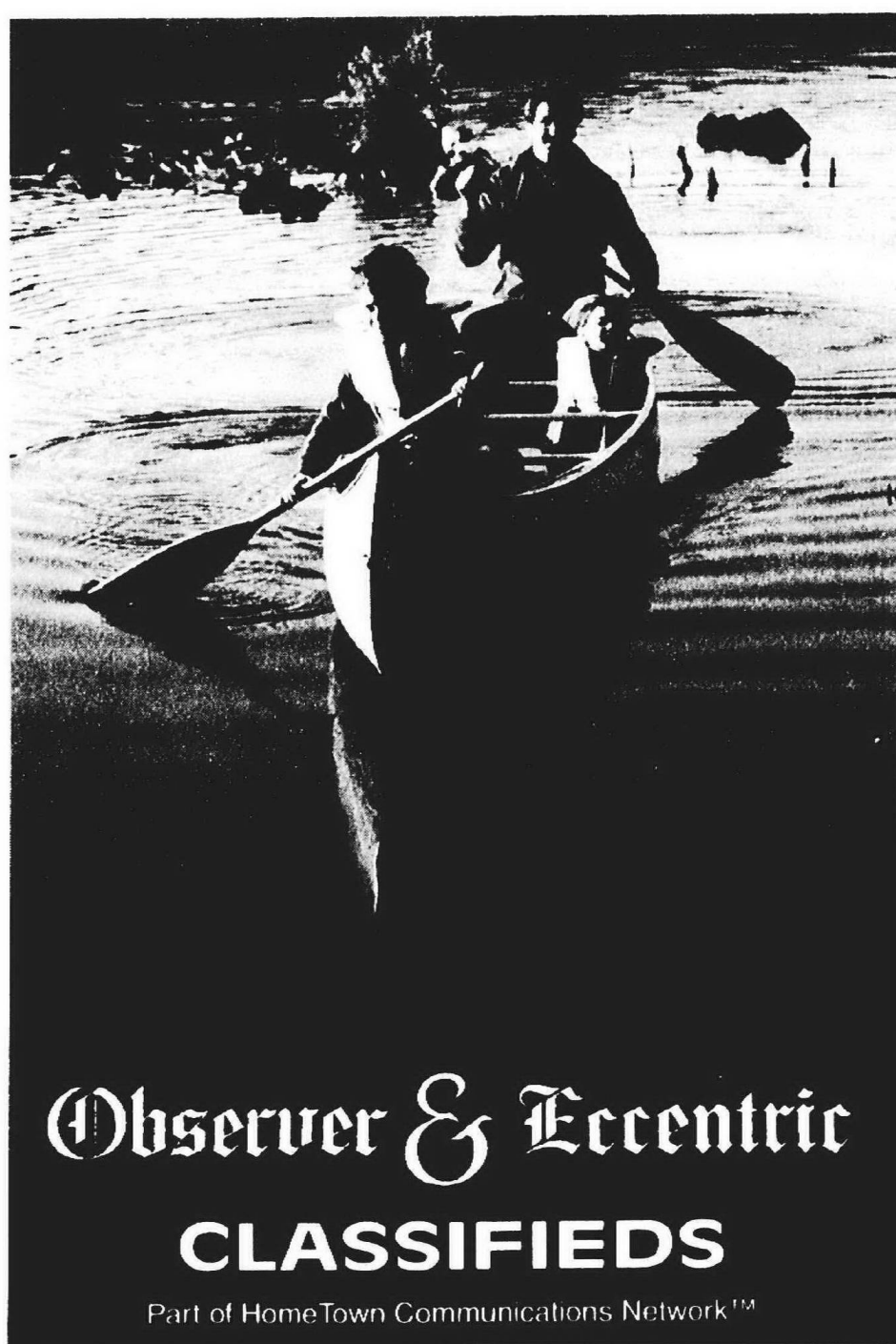
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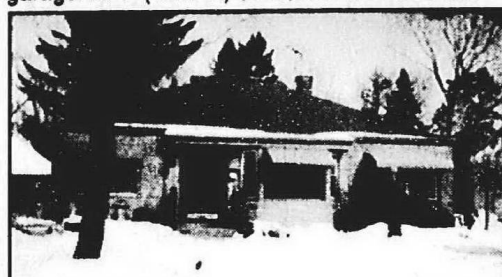
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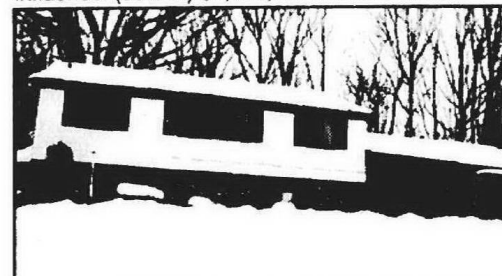
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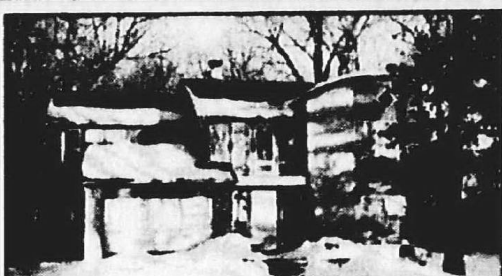
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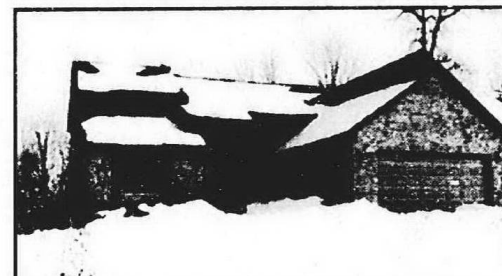
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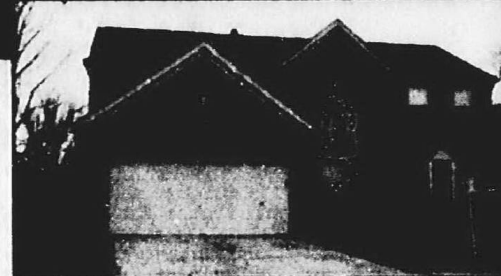
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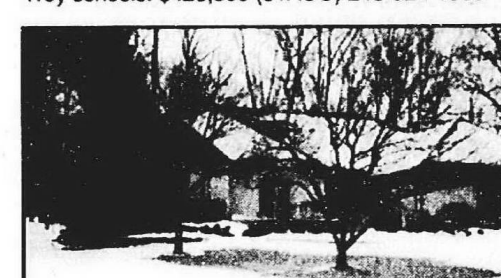
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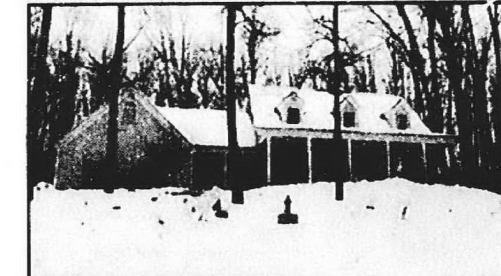
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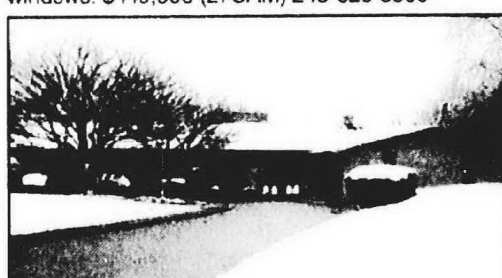
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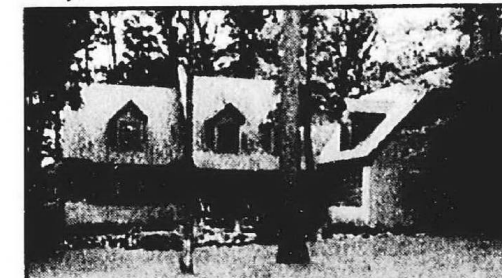
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Employers' society is human resources expert

By DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

The American Society of Employers, with headquarters on North-western Highway in Southfield's busy office corridor, will be a 100 years old next year.

The association's almost 100 years of expertise has been tested with the different challenges of the past ten decades.

Among the challenges in the '90s for employers was finding good employees in a tight job market.

The more than 1000-member not-for-profit organization provides business leaders with expert information and classes in all personnel-related areas. ASE's top leadership includes Mary Lee Corrado of Canton, president of ASE Member Services, and Michael Burns of Farmington, president of HR Management Group.

The new titles and responsibilities for the two were announced in mid-January. Corrado has been with ASE for 11 years; she began as a research analyst. Burns, who has been with the

company 18 years, also started in research. Corrado is a graduate of the University of Michigan; Burns graduated from Detroit College of Law.

About 30 full-time employees work for ASE. Interim HR people on assignment and those waiting for new assignments, trainers and consultants, and a dozen or more experts on call round out the staff.

Services to employers includes training, research, surveys on salaries and benefits, management consulting services, including supplemental HR staffing, background investigations and compensation program development.

One of ASE's oldest members is Associated Spring, marking 75 years with the society this year. Associated is part of a Fortune 500 company, the Barnes Group. Cynthia Phelps, human resource manager for Associated, often calls on ASE for help.

"We utilize the salary survey data to keep current with market salaries. The benefit surveys are used to keep the company competitive," she said. Associ-

ated also uses the research hotline and training courses.

Associated recently moved into a research facility in Plymouth (15150 Cleat Street off of Five Mile between Beck and Sheldon) which houses the firm's national sales force and applications engineering for product development.

"We've got the broadest set of services of any organization like this (in Michigan)," Burns said.

Their membership retention rate is about 95 percent and includes giant corporations like General Motors and Ford. Dues start as low as \$515 a year for small firms. Burns noted that 80 percent of their member companies have fewer than 500 employees.

About 80 such employer organizations exist in the United States. "We are the sixth largest in the country by number of members," Burns said.

"Our services and our reputation sell themselves," Corrado said. Corrado said the society will be launching "e-learning" this year for courses over the

Helping employers: Mary Lee Corrado of Canton has been named president of ASE Member Services and Michael Burns of Farmington has been named president of HR Management Group.



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Be careful when starting consulting job

Q. I'm thinking of leaving my current job to open up a consulting practice. Do you have any tips on getting started?

A. Most consultants I know didn't exactly aspire to become consultants.

Rather, they started by assisting a company, usually managed by someone they already knew, on a casual or part-time basis. Eventually, this side-line activity became so time consuming or lucrative that it simply made good financial sense to start selling advice full time. Even if you seem to be evolving in that direction, however, there are some important issues to consider before committing to consulting as a way of life.

If possible, avoid the solo route, at least initially. Through hooking up with a larger consulting firm or sharing office space with other practitioners, you can learn the mechanics of the business. No matter how brilliant you may be in your particular discipline, there will always be questions about billing, banking, office set-up, accounting, marketing and a million other mundane but critical aspects of survival.

Never launch a solo career without having at least one good client who has already committed to giving you a substantial amount of business.

It is just too risky to hang out your shingle and then worry about getting clients. It can take months of marketing to result in paying assignments. It's better to be able to point to the work you have done for Client A to establish credibility with prospective Client B.

Don't focus on failing - but what if you do? Frankly, consulting experience is sometimes viewed suspiciously or

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The salary surveys are a bread and butter item for ASE. The newest survey (on health care) questionnaires are due back in March, Corrado said.

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Among recent special clients is the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce. The society just finished a salary/benefit survey for that organization; results will be delivered in March. Other survey clients have included the Oakland County Planning and Economic Development Service.

Burns and Corrado both said the hottest job markets are in the computer systems/informa-

tion technology area (first) and engineering (second). "There is a market for good employees, just as there is a market for cars or furniture. We help employers determine a fair price (for compensation)," Burns said.

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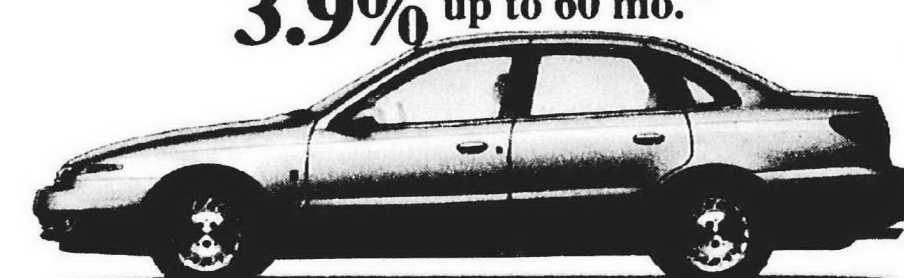
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OLYMPIC EDITION

BUICK REGAL GS



Buick Regal GS 2001

BY STEVE SCHAEFER
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The Olympic Games are over, but you can still buy Buick's 2001 Olympic Edition Regal. Created to commemorate the GM division's support of the U.S. Olympic athletes, the \$1,915 Olympic package can be added to any 2001 Buick Regal model. Buick is well known as a builder of premium American sedans, and the

Regal is no exception. Smaller than the full-size LeSabre and Park Avenue, it fits in where Honda Accords dominate the midsize area.

The difference is in how Buick treats that midsize space. The Regal, especially in GS guise, loads on the features that make freeway cruising a peaceful, pleasant interlude.

The car incorporates all of Buick's

current styling cues inside and out, with rounded corners and smoothly integrated lighting, a little kick up in the rear fenders, wall-to-wall tail lamps, and an oval mouth of a grille. Now in its fourth year, this latest-generation Regal looks neither outdated nor cutting edge.

The interior carries over the body's

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2001 FOCUS SE

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FOUR DOOR AUTOMATIC

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Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

WAS \$15,690 NOW \$13,670^{85*}

A PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$278^{85**} \$1500 DOWN \$23274^{85**}

2001 TAURUS SE

Stk. #12307

4.9% APR
financing
available



FOUR DOOR

Vibrant white, medium graphite cloth interior, six cylinder engine, automatic overdrive transmission, front & rear floor mats, six passenger seating with flip-fold con., power driver's seat, 60/40 split/fold rear seat, adjustable pedals.

Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

WAS \$20,370 NOW \$16,416^{00*}

A PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$246^{34**} \$1500 DOWN \$201^{10**}

2001 RANGER XLT

Stk. #12571

4.9% APR
financing
available



4X2 SUPER CAB

Oxford white CC, dark graphite cloth, order code 387A, XLT trim, elec. AM/FM stereo/cassette, air, wheels, chrome 7-spoke 15" 4.0L SOHC V-6 engine, 5-spd automatic O/D trans, P225 steel OWL all-season tires, 3.55 ratio regular axle, power window/lock group, remote keyless entry.

Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

WAS \$21,635 NOW \$16,356^{35*}

A PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$203^{07**} \$1500 DOWN \$139^{82**}

2001 EXPLORER SPORT

Stk. #12610

4.9% APR
financing
available



2 DOOR 4x2

Oxford white clearcoat, dk. graph cloth sport bucket, 4.0L SOHC V-6, 5-speed auto. O/D trans., P225/75R15 A/T OWL tires, 3.73 km. slip axle, prem. sport group, step bar, front tow hooks, fog lamps, conven. group, speed tilt, puddle lamps, auto/lock/steer, remote keyless entry, AM/FM stereo w/sing. CD/cass., cloth comfort group, front overhead console, floor console, power driver's seat 6-way, cloth LB bucket seats.

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WAS \$25,205 NOW \$20,318^{80*}

A PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$262^{82**} \$1500 DOWN \$199^{97**}

2001 WINDSTAR LX

Stk. #11783

4.9% APR
financing
available



WAGON

Light Sapphire Blue medium graphite cloth, 3.8L DI V6 engine, 4 speed automatic, overdrive transmission comfort group, aux. climate control system, luggage rack, 2nd/3rd row privacy glass, elec. AM/FM stereo/cassette, 6 x 15" aluminum wheel, entrance seating group.

Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

WAS \$27,045 NOW \$21,487^{85*}

A PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$298^{59**} \$1500 DOWN \$256^{31**}

2001 F150 STYLESIDE XLT

Stk. #12035

4.9% APR
financing
available



4X4 STYLESIDE SUPER CAB

Arizona beige clearcoat, parchment 4060 split bench, prel. equip. pkg. 507A, XLT series, overhead console, AM/FM stereo/cassette, air, 5.4L EFI V-8, electronic 4-spd. auto. O/D, 3.55 ratio km. slip axle, 6000 GVWR, pkg. electronic shift-4x4, sliding rear window, trailer tow group, off road 4x4 equip. group, P265/70R-17 OWL, all-terrain, steel plates, 17" cast alum. wheels.

Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

WAS \$31,830 NOW \$23,843^{35*}

A PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$338^{54**} \$1500 DOWN \$273^{05**}

2001 EXCURSION

Stk. #10080

4.9% APR
financing
available



4x2 LIMITED

Chestnut clearcoat, metallic, med. parchment leather, trip computer, alum. running boards, prem. alum. wheels, aux. heater/air, third row seat, rear radio controls, reverse sensing sys., comfort/body group, power driver's seat, pwr. rear quarter vent. windows, 5.4L P V-8, elect. 4-spd. auto. trans., LT265/70R-17 OWL, all-terrain, 3.73 ratio reg. axle, telescope pwr. HTD, ET mirrors, AM/FM stereo W/in, dash 6-CD, heated front seats.

Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member

WAS \$30,250 NOW \$30,933^{05*}

A PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$441^{05**} \$1500 DOWN \$375^{05**}

2001 EXPEDITION

Stk. #11401

4.9% APR
financing
available



XLT 4x4 5.4 V8

Oxford white clearcoat, dark graphite cloth opt. chairs, XLT series, tow hooks, prem. elec. AM/FM stereo/cassette, privacy glass, 5.4L EFI V-8 eng., 4-speed automatic transmission, 3.55 ratio limited slip axle, convenience group, black power heated mirrors, aux. heater/air, trailer tow, sport appear. pkg., P265/70R-17 OWL, all-terrain, steel plate package, fog lamps, 17" 10-spoke alum. wheels, third row seat, CD changer (6 disc).

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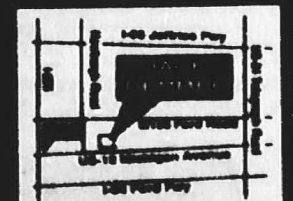
WAS \$38,135 NOW \$29,940^{45*}

A PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$460^{00**} \$1500 DOWN \$395^{00**}

MODEL	Down Payment	Total Due At Inception
2001 EXPLORER 4X2 SPORT	\$1000	\$418
2001 RANGER XLT 4X2 SUPER CAB	\$1000	\$1941
2001 WINDSTAR LX WAGON	\$1000	\$380
2001 EXCURSION LIMITED 4X2	\$1000	\$1872
2001 TAURUS SE 4 DOOR SEDAN	\$1000	\$480
2001 F150 SE 4 DOOR	\$1000	\$3000
2001 EXPLORER XLT 4x4	\$1000	\$897
2001 F150 4X4 SUPER CAB	\$1000	\$2127
2001 TAURUS SE 4 DOOR SEDAN	\$1000	\$430
2001 F150 4X4 SUPER CAB	\$1000	\$1972
2001 EXPLORER XLT 4x4	\$1000	\$240
2001 F150 4X4 SUPER CAB	\$1000	\$827
2001 F150 4X4 SUPER CAB	\$1000	\$2140
2001 F150 4X4 SUPER CAB	\$1000	\$430
2001 F150 4X4 SUPER CAB	\$1000	\$1550



SVT



Olympic

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soft transitions, highlighted by a dramatic sweep of dashboard with a prominent overhead shade. The dash's black center panel sweeps gracefully from one door panel to the other. Large numerals on the gauges and audio controls are easy to see for drivers of any age or description.

My Olympic Edition Regal arrived in an appropriate shade-a-glowing gold metallic. The Olympic Edition marks the start of Buick's association with renowned fashion designer Joseph Abboud, whose logo is affixed to the front quarter panels behind the wheel wells. Mr. Abboud's name will be featured midyear on a non-Olympic Buick model.

The Olympic editions also come in Sterling Silver Metallic and Graphite Metallic. Regardless of color, all Olympic Editions wear exclusive Sandrift lower body panels and Storm Gray grille and wheel trim, and they all flaunt Olympic logos on their tail lamps.

Inside, the Olympic logo is featured on the floor mats, and taupe leather and vinyl dress up the softly padded seats.

The Olympic Edition package enhances the Regal with a power sunroof, a six-way power passenger seat, an electrochromatic dimming driver's outside mirror, and the wonderful three-dimensional Monsoon audio system with eight speakers and steering wheel mounted controls.

Buick has kept the Regal plan simple — four-door sedans in two

model ranges, LS and GS, with one engine and an automatic transmission. No Buick is plain, and my GS tester arrived with a full palette of features.

The automatic climate control system offers dual controls, so front passengers can set their vents for warmer or cooler air than the driver. Also on the menu are remote keyless entry, perimeter lighting, reclining seats, fog lamps, heated power mirrors, power windows with driver auto down, cornering lamps, and daytime running lamps that glow in an eye-catching yellow.

There's more. Buick's Convenience Plus package includes delayed entry and exit lighting with theater dimming, battery rundown protection, lockout protection, an auxiliary power outlet, retained accessory power, a theft-deterrent system, and cruise control.

Think that's a lot? The GS adds more: a driver's seat side airbag, a Driver Information Center with oil-life monitoring, fluid level warnings and handy mileage and distance-to-empty data, traction control, and fancy 16-inch alloy wheels. The GS has something called a Gran Touring suspension with upgraded tires.

The Regal doesn't drive like a Corvette, but I can only assume that the model without the Gran Touring suspension is softer, leans more in turns and has a more traditional Buick ride.

The biggest difference between the LS and GS is in the engine compartment. Both cars share GM's venerable 3800 Series II V6

engine, but the GS gets a supercharger, which bumps horsepower from 200 to 240 and increases torque from 225 to 280 pound-foot.

Supercharger boost comes on smoothly, and only when you need it, taking just one or two miles per gallon as its price. The Regal GS does require premium fuel, however, and earns 18 city, 28 highway per the EPA.

Of special note, all 2001 Regals now come with GM's OnStar system standard. This 24-hour driver assistance system works with the touch of a button to convey live help and information from a central office using a cellular connection and global positioning technology. Everything from navigational support to emergency assistance is at hand.

Recently, an OnStar-equipped vehicle was stolen with a child inside, and authorities used the global positioning system to track it. The child, along with the car, was recovered safely within minutes.

OnStar is a powerful tool that ensures enormous peace of mind. Another useful new feature is a trunk entrapment handle, which can be used by someone who is inadvertently locked in the trunk, such as a child at play, to escape.

With all the goodies mentioned above, the Regal GS Olympic Edition retails at \$28,110, including destination charge. Style, comfort, and safety features, as well as the distinction of a limited edition, give the Regal Olympic Edition a real competitive edge.



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SALE PRICE	\$12,995*
GM SALE PRICE	\$12,460*
36 Mo. Smart Lease	\$219** mo.
Due at Lease Signing	\$1969**

2001 GRAND AM SE COUPE
Air, 4 speed auto trans., 2.4L twin cam 16V engine, power locks, tilt, defogger. Stock #010341

SALE PRICE	\$14,995*
GM SALE PRICE	\$14,561*
36 Mo. Smart Lease	\$229** mo.
Due at Lease Signing	\$1979**

ALL NEW 2001 AZTEK
3.4 V6 engine, four speed automatic, power windows, power locks, tilt, cruise, AM/FM stereo with CD, remote keyless entry. VIN# 322

SALE PRICE	\$19,795*
GM SALE PRICE	\$18,940*
36 Mo. Smart Lease	\$279** mo.
Due at Lease Signing	\$2079**

2001 MONTANA
3.4 V6, 4 speed auto trans., power windows, 8 speakers, remote keyless entry, leather seats, deep tire treads, AM/FM & CD. 6 disc. Stock #014081

SALE PRICE	\$21,495*
GM SALE PRICE	\$20,814*
36 Mo. Smart Lease	\$319** mo.
Due at Lease Signing	\$2119**

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2001 CENTURY CUSTOM
AM/FM stereo, cruise control, power windows, power locks, tilt wheel, 3.1V6, auto trans, air defogger, mats and more! Stock #015073

SALE PRICE	\$17,699*
GM SALE PRICE	\$16,963*
36 Mo. Smart Lease	\$268** mo.
Due at Lease Signing	\$2199**

2001 SONOMA REG. CAB PICKUP
Vortec 2.2L 4 cylinder, automatic, air, tilt, cruise, AM/FM CD player, alarm, wheels and much more. Stock #013167

SALE PRICE	\$13,595*
GM SALE PRICE	\$13,085*
36 Mo. Smart Lease	\$189** mo.
Due at Lease Signing	\$1814**

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SALE PRICE	\$17,495*
GM SALE PRICE	\$16,762*
36 Mo. Smart Lease	\$275** mo.
Due at Lease Signing	\$2075**

2001 JIMMY 4x4
Vortec 4300, 4x4 trans, air, power windows, AM/FM stereo, AM/FM CD player and much more. Stock #015084

SALE PRICE	\$24,995*
GM SALE PRICE	\$23,765*
36 Mo. Smart Lease	\$295** mo.
Due at Lease Signing	\$2495**

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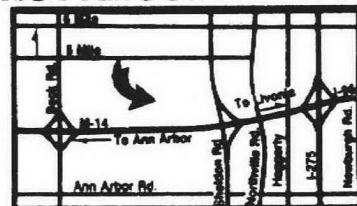
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Stock #	Model	List Price	Sale Price
0458	Park Avenue	\$35,543	\$27,099*
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Stock #	Model	List Price	Sale Price
6135	Sierra w/plow	\$31,728	\$25,995*
6525	Sierra	\$25,589	\$19,995*
6562	Sierra	\$29,761	\$22,995*
6450	Sierra Ext. Cab	\$28,276	\$22,474*
6567	Sonoma	\$15,998	\$14,408*
0497	Sonoma Ext. Cab	\$18,729	\$18,000*
6593	Sonoma Ext. Cab	\$18,729	\$13,883*
6595	Sonoma Ext. Cab	\$18,729	\$18,000*
6657	Sonoma Ext. Cab	\$18,729	\$13,883*
6658	Sonoma Ext. Cab	\$18,729	\$13,883*
6660	Sonoma Ext. Cab	\$18,729	\$13,883*
6572	Safari	\$24,359	\$20,319*
6680	Safari	\$24,219	\$20,203*
0447	Savana Cargo	\$24,414	\$19,204*
0457	Savana Cargo	\$24,439	\$19,228*
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2001 FOCUS SE SEDAN
Automatic, air conditioning, power windows, power mirrors, AM/FM CD, power locks, rear defrost. Was \$15,345

A-PLAN 36 MONTH LEASE	10% Down \$1387	Zero Down \$200** Per Month	WITH RENEWAL \$242** Per Month	\$13,381*
				\$185** Per Month
				\$227** Per Month

2001 TAURUS
Air, keyless entry, power windows, locks, speed control, floor mats. Was \$19,715

A-PLAN 36 MONTH LEASE	10% Down \$1749	Zero Down \$198** Per Month	WITH RENEWAL \$251** Per Month	\$15,349*
				\$183** Per Month
				\$236** Per Month

2001 EXPLORER SPORT
Premium Sport Package, limited slip, keyless entry, power windows, power locks, power seat, AM/FM CD & cassette. Was \$25,205

A-PLAN 36 MONTH LEASE	10% Down \$2192	Zero Down \$192** Per Month	WITH RENEWAL \$284** Per Month	\$20,319*
				\$171** Per Month
				\$263** Per Month

2001 WINDSTAR LX
4 door, air, power locks/windows/mirrors, AM/FM cassette/CD, remote keyless entry, floor mats, electric rear defrost. Was \$25,570

A-PLAN 36 MONTH LEASE	10% Down \$2229	Zero Down \$229** Per Month	WITH RENEWAL \$292** Per Month	\$20,163*
				\$215** Per Month
				\$228** Per Month

2001 F150 WORK TRUCK
8 Box, auto, air, sliding rear window, 6000 GVW. Was \$19,975

A-PLAN 24 MONTH LEASE	10% Down \$1657	Zero Down \$185** Per Month	WITH RENEWAL \$256** Per Month	\$15,359*
				\$163** Per Month
				\$235** Per Month

2001 RANGER EDGE 4x4 SUPERCAB
4.0 V6, automatic, transmission, include 6-CD player, power windows, power locks, speed control, tilt wheel, air conditioning, keyless entry, limited slip axle, color keyed bumpers & wheels & moldings. Was \$24,995

A-PLAN 36 MONTH LEASE	10% Down \$2123	Zero Down \$223** Per Month	WITH RENEWAL \$286** Per Month	\$19,644*
				\$207** Per Month
				\$271** Per Month

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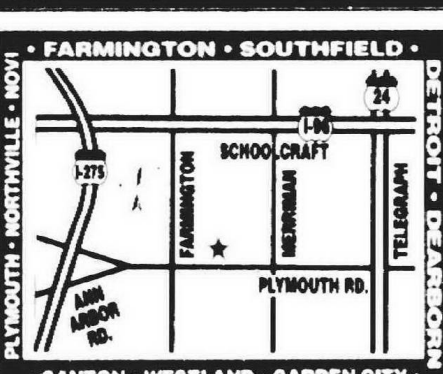
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2001 WINDSTAR	0 Down	\$275	\$880	
2001 RANGER	0 Down	\$275	\$880	
2001 FOCUS	0 Down	\$275	\$880	

*Side price includes assignment of any vehicle and excludes tax, title and destination charges. All prices and rebates are subject to change without notice. **Lease with down payment as shown. 15¢ per mile in excess of 12,000 miles per year. Figure total payments, multiply times number of payments. Figures displayed may not represent actual sales volume. Dealership is subject to lease payments. APR is less of rebate. Sale ends February 18, 2001.

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