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Crowd eager to buy homes



A new Plymouth Township subdivision has sparked a land rush of sorts. Hundreds of people waited outside a real estate office for a chance to buy the \$315,000 to \$380,000 homes.

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

They wanted to buy new houses in Plymouth Township, so some home buyers recently waited for five days in cars or trailers outside a Northville real estate office.

"They were renting RVs, it was amazing," said Pulte Homes of Michigan sales manager Steve Davis.

One prospective home buyer started camping out 10 days before the homes were to go on sale Dec. 14, Davis said.

That number increased to five about five days before the home sale. By the night before the sale, the number had grown to about 30 people waiting in campers and cars.

They were waiting to buy 35 homes yet to be constructed in the

Country Club Village of Plymouth subdivision planned on the township's west side.

Pulte plans a 400-home subdivision which will include some condo units and possibly a nine-hole golf course between Ann Arbor and Powell roads east of Napier Road.

Davis said the homes, which run \$315,000-\$380,000, will be similar to those in the Country Club of Northville subdivision in Northville Township. The homes are described as estate size, over 3,600 square feet on three-quarter of an acre lots.

The four-bedroom homes feature high quality trim and carpeting

comparable to that found in homes offered by custom builders. They also feature hardwood floors and air conditioning.

How did the home-buying public learn the houses were available? "A while back when we were closing our Country Club Village of Northville, we let them know another large community was coming up," Davis said.

He said Pulte also began getting calls from prospective buyers after a sign was erected in recent weeks at the new Plymouth Township home

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Glad tidings: Staff writer Kevin Brown hands food to Salvation Army Captain Randall Van Landingham. Two vanloads of food, non-perishables and many toys were donated by Canton/Plymouth Observer readers to the annual Cheer Club holiday drive. Below, Van Landingham and Ed Moyer load Cheer Club goodies.

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Plymouth family celebrates 70th Christmas dinner

BY DIANE GALE
SPECIAL WRITER

This is the 70th year without fail that Clara Alexander, 97, will host a family Christmas dinner at her Plymouth home.

"There's a lot of cooperation between different branches of the family," Alexander said. "Everyone comes and visits and has a good time. I look forward to seeing them and I think they look forward to coming."

She launched the holiday mainstay a year after she and her husband, Lisle, built their home on Mill Street. Although some of the faces are no longer there and new ones have taken their places, relatives gather at the same location where Alexander continues to live.

"It was always the highlight of the season," according to her nephew Bill Gayde, 63, of Royal Oak. "Even now any family member who can possibly make it comes to Aunt Clara's, because it's a tradition."

Gayde, his wife Carolyn, their four children and grandchildren and Gayde's mother, Berniece Taylor from Plymouth Township, are among the 22 some relatives who celebrate Christmas with Alexander. They travel from all over Michigan and various parts of the country.

"Until about three years ago she did all the cooking," Gayde said. "The last three years everyone started bringing something to put on the table. She has slowed down a little, but not a lot."

Gayde couldn't attend Alexander's party every year when he was a child, because his father was in the Navy and they lived on various bases. But, his aunt remains an important part of his fondest memories.

"When I was a kid one year I got a portable radio, one year a pair of ice skates and one year a pair of roller skates," he said. "We weren't the wealthiest family and I guess they pooled their money and got me a decent gift and it was always given to me at Aunt Clara's."

Many of the other people who gathered at Alexander's table have long ties to Plymouth.

"Her grandfather had a grocery store in lower town, don't call it Old Village," Gayde said. "She was born in lower town and she's related to Beyers who had the drug store. Her father had a meat market on Liberty Street and that's where she was born over the meat market."

School bond vote could be on March ballot

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton school district is moving ahead with plans to ask voters for approval of a \$79.7 million bond issue in March, but questions about the proposal aren't abating.

Superintendent Charles Little traveled to Lansing Thursday for a meeting with the Department of Treasury to explore "preliminary qualification."

At Tuesday's Board of Education meeting, Executive Director for

Business John Birchler presented a five-year financial plan that forecasts a brighter future than the one he outlined the week before.

Trustees and residents raised concerns at the board's Dec. 10 session about deficit spending and the district's surplus - projected to drop to under \$1 million from \$4.5 million at the end of five years.

"We looked at all the assumptions and tried to see what we could get a little tighter to what we would really expect," said Birchler. "We've typi-

cally been conservative on some revenue issues."

Re-examined were transportation costs, Medicaid claims, parking revenue, and staffing at the proposed third high school at Joy and Beck roads. The bond issue would also finance a new elementary school, land for a future middle school, and district-wide improvements.

The readjustments project "a fund balance of \$2.6 million at the end of five years, as opposed to less than \$1 million," Birchler said.

At an interest rate of 6 percent, the proposed 25-year millage will cost a total of \$152.6 million, he said.

A tentative date for the special election - subject to approval by the board, Wayne County and state - most likely will be set at the board's Jan. 7 meeting. "Feb. 4 would be when the board would call an election to be held," said Birchler.

Trustee Carrie Blamer said she's "leery about putting a third high

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Early show: Ice carvers were on hand recently in Plymouth to give students an idea of how sculptures are done for the annual Ice Sculpture Spectacular set for Jan. 15-20.

Design contest open to students

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Middle school students in the Plymouth-Canton community have a chance to relish a few of their 15 minutes of fame with the arrival of the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular Middle School Design Contest.

There's also a chance to win a U.S. savings bond.

Students from the area's 11 local public and non-public schools who are in sixth, seventh and eighth grades are encouraged to sketch or draw a design they'd like to see carved into an ice sculpture during the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, set for Jan. 15-20 in downtown Plymouth.

"This is an experience that usually only comes once in a lifetime for these children," said Sandra Watts, of Watts-UP inc., organizer of the ice festival.

"How many times do you get to dream up an ice carving and actually see it created before your eyes?"

Art teachers from each of the schools will select 10 finalists and submit their sketches to a panel of judges to include Sandra Watts, her husband Mike Watts, co-coordinator of the festival, and Plymouth's Richard Teeple, who is a certified culinary arts instructor, executive

chef and certified ice carving judge.

One drawing will be chosen from each school. A U.S. savings bond from the Observer Newspapers, co-sponsor of the contest, will be awarded to the designer of each selected drawing.

Students needn't feel it's necessary to be a pro with oils and pastels.

"They don't have to be artists," said Watts. "If they have the idea and can put it on paper, no matter how crudely, the ice carver can work miracles. Between the imagination of the ice carver and the imagination of the child, the two kind of melt together and are formed into a beautiful piece of art."

"We encourage everyone to enter. It doesn't have to be this beautiful drawing," she added.

"It's the idea behind the picture, not how well it's drawn. Some of the most beautiful drawings can't be reproduced in ice."

Drawings must be on standard 8 1/2-by-11-inch white paper. For clarity, sketches must be black lines (no color), said Watts. "Teachers are asked to select the 10 best entries and mount them on 12-by-15-inch black construction paper," she said.

Entries must be received between Jan. 6-10, and delivered to the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, 386 S. Main St., Plymouth.

Presentations, interviews, and photographs of the winning students with their sculptures are scheduled for 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20. Photos and a story will appear afterward in the Observer.

Authority gets OK from city

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Business or industrial sites where toxic spills have occurred could be easier to develop, now that the city commission has authorized the creation of a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

The authority - members are yet to be named - will be able to capture both local and state school operating taxes for cleanup work consistent with a remedial action plan approved by the state.

City officials say some examples of sites that could benefit are the BMG property on Mill Street and Stahl Manufacturing on Junction.

Traditionally, toxic spill sites are tough to develop as potential businesses don't want the headache of paying cleanup costs.

City commissioners, in approving the creation of the redevelopment authority, agreed to have members of the city Economic

Development Council serve as members of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Currently, the Economic Development Council is inactive, as appointments have lapsed. Mayor Ron Loiselle said he will seek to appoint members "fairly quickly" to serve jointly on the Economic Development Council and the redevelopment authority.

While contamination at that site has not been confirmed, city officials suspect contamination is likely as for years chemicals were used to treat metal baskets produced by the company.

Through Brownfield Redevelopment Authority legislation approved by the state, the city could enter into an agreement with the owner or buyer of a contaminated site.

The agreement would spell out how the property would be cleaned up and how the cleanup would be paid for as the owner-buyer redevelops the property.

Principal resigns

Applicants are being considered for the position of Gallimore Elementary School principal Larry Cole, who has resigned.

Cole's job was posted Nov. 15 for one month. Gallimore's selection committee, comprised of staff, parents, and administrators, will recommend a replacement after conducting interviews.

Cole was suspended with pay at the beginning of the school year after a grievance was filed by staff. George Dodson was named interim principal, and will continue to act as principal until a successor is named. March 27, 1997.

Community relations director Judy Evola said Cole will be paid

through March 27, 1997.

As to when a new principal will be named, Evola said, "We are using the process that is in place with selection committee. I can't speculate on that."

As for the grievances, Evola said, "The district is not going to comment any further on the situation with Mr. Cole. He resigned for personal reasons."

Plymouth-Education Association official Mike Chiumento said that despite the resignation, "the grievance has not been withdrawn. It is still pending."

The association grievance, filed by more than three employees, deals with harassment complaints.

PLYMOUTH BRIEFS

Holiday trash

From today through Jan. 4 in Plymouth Township, trash will be collected one day later than normal, the township solid waste department reminds residents.

Christmas trees and natural wreaths will be picked up curbside on scheduled collection days from Jan. 6-10 for compost disposal. Please remove tinsel, garland, plastic tree disposal bags and other non-organic materials.

Trash, recyclables and compost can be placed at the curb

the evening before your collection day or no later than 7 a.m. on collection day.

For more information call the solid waste department at 454-0530.

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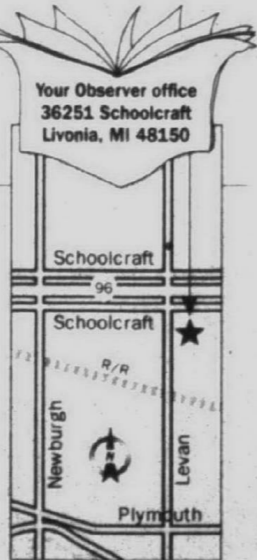
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BY LAURIE HUM
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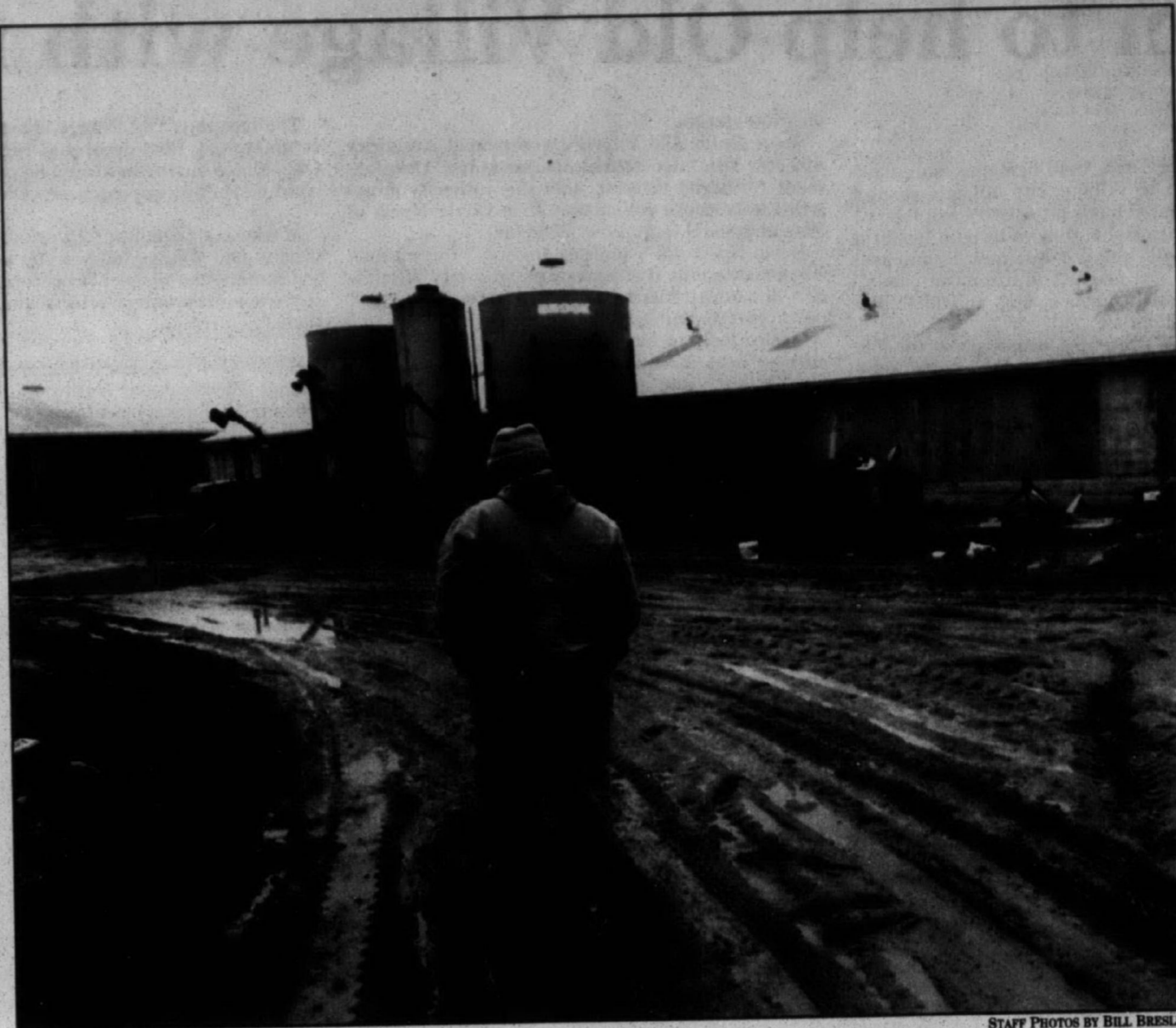
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On the job: Guy Bunyea Jr. and Leslie Bailey deliver straw to a new subdivision in Canton Township. In the photo below, Pat, Guy Jr., and Guy Bunyea take a break in the kitchen of their Powell Road farmhouse.



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Job hazards:
"When you don't get that good sun, this stuff never dries up." Tom Gill walks toward the barns that hold feed for his herd.

Farmers' work doesn't end during winter

BY LAURIE HUMPHREY
STAFF WRITER

Farming in the winter is a different animal than farming in the summer, as some people might guess.

While one can't plant seeds because they can't see the dirt, or drive a harvesting combine through a field when snow drifts could stop machinery in its tracks, the winter is good for something. It is the perfect time however to fix machinery, do demolition/construction work or haul dirt and straw, according to Guy Bunyea, 57, second gener-

ation farmer.

"We fix our own machines here," he said. Repairs are only done however after deliveries and demolition/construction work. So, based on an 11-hour work day beginning at 6 a.m., some repairs can take weeks.

"We haven't gotten to this one yet," he said, pointing to a tractor transmission.

The Plymouth Township family has owned the land on Powell Road, off Ridge since 1945. They also owned parcels in Superior and Canton Townships, presiding over 950 acres in the family's hey-

While snow and cold weather is not conducive to farming crops, it is nothing more than an irritant to dairy farming.

"We're (still) milking 600 cows," said Tom Gill, sixth generation farmer and owner of 1400 acres on Ridge Road, off Cherry Hill. Owning and operating what is said to be the last dairy farm in Wayne County is a big job for the 39-year-old Canton Township resident, even in the winter.

"I don't get vacations," he said, "because you can never close the doors."

A typical 12-hour day for Gill during the winter begins at 8 or 8:30 a.m. with preparing the feed,

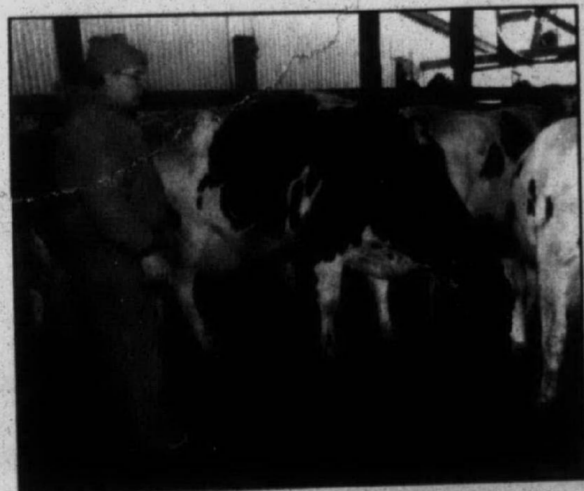
cleaning out the stalls, organizing the cows to be milked, keeping the cows warm, checking on the pregnant cows and preparing to have more impregnated. Add in the actual feeding and milking responsibilities.

"We're not in a business a lot of people go into," admitted Gill. Even some of his family members have left the business. Yet, he is determined to stick with it. "It's the most challenging thing I can think of," he reasoned.

"The work is the same from year to year, but the decision-making is different."



Comfortable surroundings: Tom Gill in the milking parlor.



Tools of trade: Tom Gill holds a handful of feed. It contains grains, silage, and minerals. The cows seem to love it.

A typical day:
Above, Tom Gill directs his herd to the milking parlor. At right, worn-out boots sit on a plank outside the Bunyea home.



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Firm to help Old Village with new businesses

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

With the Lower Town Grill bringing more business activity to Old Village, city officials suspect an upsurge in related business activity will follow.

So to plan things right, they've hired a business consultant to talk about what new businesses would best suit the area. And after the consultant's report is finished this spring, an Old Village parking study will follow.

Two firms have presented proposals to the Old Village Development Authority, for conducting a market analysis of the area. Old Village is centered around the railroad tracks in the north end of the city of Plymouth, along Mill and Stark-

weather streets.

Steve Guile, Old Village Development Authority director who also serves as Downtown Development Authority director, said the authority group will likely chose consultant firm Doyle Hyett of Washington, D.C. at a cost of \$4,000.

Doyle Hyett did a market analysis of downtown Plymouth about five years ago, and city officials and downtown business leaders agreed it helped downtown planning.

"We're looking for a firm to take a look at the current uses in Old Village in terms of the commercial area, and suggest some appropriate businesses to increase the viability of the business area, keeping in mind the nature of Old Village," Guile said.

The nature of Old Village is both residential and commercial. Both local and regional interest in Old Village businesses could be generated with the right marketing approach, say Old Village backers.

Marketing consultant Hyett suggests a two-day visit to Old Village followed by an examination of the commercial district "to determine the status of current enhancement efforts and business operations."

Hyett also proposes a conference with the Old Village Development Authority to discuss "a recommended market orientation for the district."

The firm will also prepare a memo detailing

findings and a recommended market orientation for the district.

"We would anticipate making the on-site visit early in 1997, with the assignment completed by early February at the latest," Hyett wrote.

A parking study will follow soon after. "The Lower Town Grill really generated some questions about future parking needs," Guile said.

"I look at the situation as there is adequate parking for now, but if there is growth in development it's going to be a tremendous drain not only on the public parking but the residential parking," Guile said.

School celebrates anniversary

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Field Elementary School commemorated its 20th anniversary in a big way Dec. 12.

More than 500 former and current students, parents, teachers, support staff and administrators visited the Canton school for a day of festivities. A 2:30 p.m. assembly in the school gym kicked off the fun. A 20-year dedication ceremony took place at 6 p.m., followed by a PTO bake sale and open house.

Field Principal David Farquharson, who taught at Field during the school's first 10 years, said the celebration couldn't have gone better.

Many traveled considerable distances to attend.

"We invited back former students, parents and staff members to help us re-dedicate our commitment to kids," said Farquharson. Among those who came were Larry Miller, principal at Field for 18 years, and former administrators Sam Barresi, now assistant superintendent in Harper Woods schools, and Jim Burt, currently Allen Elementary principal.

"We had the entire gym filled.

It was standing room only," said the principal. "We had students in attendance who were students the year the building opened who came back to visit their former teachers. We had a reunion; it was very special."

Among those original students was Dawn Cummings of Plymouth, now a teacher at Field. Coincidentally, Farquharson taught her in a fourth-fifth-grade split; which is Cummings' assignment this year.

"It's funny how history repeats itself," said Farquharson. "This is Dawn's first year in our district, and we're proud to have her as a staff member."

Cummings spoke at the assembly, reminiscing about her days as a Field student.

"It's kind of exciting to be back," she said. "When I attended here, the whole sub came to Field. It was very family-oriented back then. Coming back, I still feel that way. The staff, parents and students work together. There still is a family atmosphere."

Cummings in her talk recalled how unusual she thought it was, coming from a more traditional school, "that Field had such a

unique design with open classrooms. It was basically one school with different cabinets, and a big 'cube' built into the center. As a kid, seeing something like that was really neat."

Cummings, who at Field was Farquharson's student helper, said it's gratifying to see that "Field still has Crazy Hat Day at the end of the year, and the Golden Boot baseball game between fifth-graders and teachers. It's neat they still do a lot of the things we did when I was a student," she said.

"The PTO presented a new Field flag in honor of starting our 21st year," said Farquharson. "It was really neat to see people reminisce about the good things they remember about Field School."

Farquharson closed the assemblies with a musical slide show he put together.

"I took 20 years' worth of slides and pared them down to 12 minutes," he said. "I taught here for the first 10 years the school was open, and took pictures every year during that time."

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school at the park" without a feasibility study. "As one of the participants in the community forums (which recommended the bond) I heard the word compromise. I would like to look at other alternatives. The location is a big problem for me."

Former Plymouth Mayor Bob Jones said, "I'm back with the same questions. Do we have enough operating money for new schools? I realize John Birchler has different numbers, but still, on a descending scale, it's just going to be a little bit longer before we run out of money. The feds can do it; they can print money. We can't, and that is our problem. I've come to the conclusion we can't afford to operate a new elementary school and high school."

Jones suggested asking state legislators to develop a funding method for new buildings.

Del Templeton of Plymouth is concerned that plans won't be finalized until February. "The administration and board have to show how this money is going to be spent beforehand, or it isn't going to get approved. I'm for this, but it's going to take a lot of hard work to get it done. There are a lot of hard feelings in this community."

At the forums, "We heard from a microscopic group of people in the community," he said. "It's their fault, but a lot of people didn't have input."

Salem High School senior Ryan Rumberger said students aren't going to want to be yanked out of their school to attend the new one. He asked about shuttles to Salem and Canton high schools for swim and acting classes that won't be

offered at the new school. "Why can't you put all the ninth-graders together with their fellow classmates?"

Told that that idea was vetoed at the community forums, Rumberger said, "But those people don't go to school. They may think it's best for kids, but it's totally illogical. It's not a good environment for kids."

Parent Carol Bollman said she had a problem with surveys conducted at the forums. Participants were given pre-supposed proposals versus doing nothing. "People were asked what can you live with; not what do you really want?" she said.

"I feel badly a middle school hasn't been included in the bond," added Bollman.

Homes from page A1

site, saying that estate-sized homes were coming.

Three hundred prospective Country Club Village buyers responded to a survey, and a seminar on the new subdivision was scheduled for Dec. 9 at the Mayflower Hotel prior to the Dec. 14 opening of home sales. Davis and partner Susan

Lewandoski let folks who were waiting in line to come inside the office for coffee during the evening. Then on Saturday morning, Lewandoski "got there at 5 a.m. to set up the computers," Davis said, to serve the people wanting to sign up for homes.

"We realized we had a lot more


than we'd anticipated, so we had more sales people come in," Davis said. "It took us seven hours to write all the contracts, 35 of them."

The next block of Pulte homes at the Country Club Village subdivision will likely be advertised in January.


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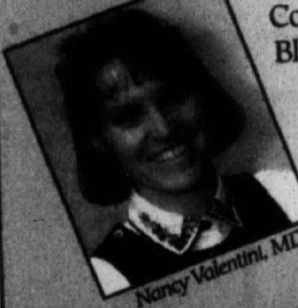
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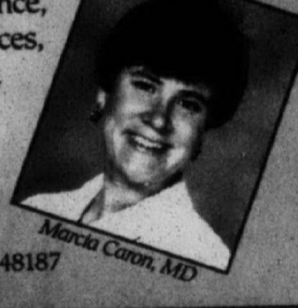
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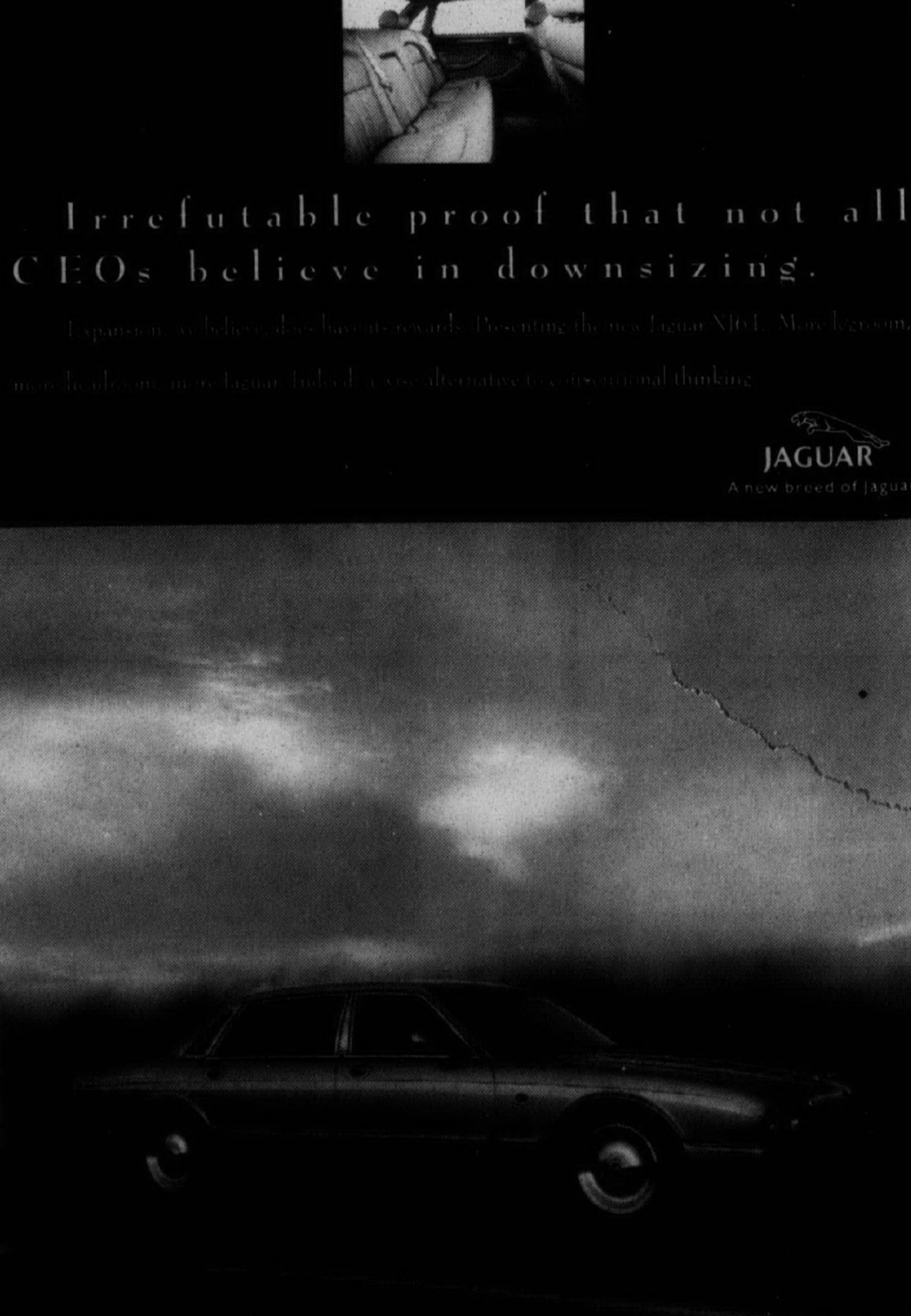
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Told that that idea was vetoed at the community forums, Rumberger said, "But those people don't go to school. They may think it's best for kids, but it's totally illogical. It's not a good environment for kids."

Parent Carol Bollman said she had a problem with surveys conducted at the forums. Participants were given pre-supposed proposals versus doing nothing. "People were asked what can you live with; not what do you really want?" she said.

"I feel badly a middle school hasn't been included in the bond," added Bollman.

site, saying that estate-sized homes were coming.

Three hundred prospective Country Club Village buyers responded to a survey, and a seminar on the new subdivision was scheduled for Dec. 9 at the Mayflower Hotel prior to the Dec. 14 opening of home sales. Davis and partner Susan

Lewandoski let folks who were waiting in line to come inside the office for coffee during the evening. Then on Saturday morning, Lewandoski "got there at 5 a.m. to set up the computers," Davis said, to serve the people wanting to sign up for homes.

"We realized we had a lot more than we'd anticipated, so we had more sales people come in," Davis said. "It took us seven hours to write all the contracts, 35 of them."

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Not just another fish story... Researcher: Rouge River has potential to maintain certain species of game fish

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Paul Seelbach believes anglers in Wayne and Oakland counties may be able to fish for species ranging from northern pike to panfish someday.

But you won't believe where — the Rouge River.

That river has the potential to habitat sport fish such as pike, rock bass and even walleye if the river's water quality and access for fish among the river's three branches and its lower levels can be improved.

Seelbach, an adjunct professor with the University of Michigan School of Natural Resources and Environment and a researcher with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources fisheries division, spent nearly two hours on Dec. 18 outlining details of

■ **'It's a whole new ecosystem. It's pretty spectacular. It's something we haven't seen before.'**

Paul Seelbach

—researcher, discussing the fish potential of Rouge River

what fish species could exist potentially in the river. Seelbach reviewed a report he completed with Michael Wiley for the Rouge River Remedial Action Plan Advisory Council.

The RAP council oversees the federally-funded Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project. Seelbach reported on the ecological targets for rehabilitation of the Rouge River and the relationship between summer temperatures and fish communities.

RAP received the report as an information item and an outline

of a potential target for water quality. Seelbach received a \$112,000 grant for his work.

Species studied

Seelbach found in actuality, the Rouge houses on three of its branches a range from six to 18 fish species at various sample sites.

Seelbach believes the potential is there for up to 30 species on the lower branch, 46 on the middle branch and 47 on the upper.

Seelbach said water temperatures and flows were right for some species to survive in cer-

tain areas and branches of the Rouge. Seelbach used computer data and theoretical models to develop his report.

His data also showed that problems related to urban areas affected the kinds of fish found, as samplers moved down the river into combined sewer overflow (CSOs) areas where sanitary and storm sewers combined and empty into the Rouge after a heavy rainstorm.

Seelbach expected to have more data on wet weather effects at a later date. Much of the Rouge project is directed at expanding storm water capacity of the CSOs with retention basins and limited sanitary capacity.

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This workshop will be held at the Dozier Recreation Center, 2025 Middlebelt Road, in Inkster on Jan. 8 at 7 p.m.

All residents of western Wayne County interested in becoming a partnership owner are welcome.

By the summer of 1997, the Western Wayne County affiliate is planning to construct as many as five new homes within the Inkster area.

Volunteer labor and tax deductible donations will help Western Wayne Habitat build these houses at the cost of approximately \$45,000.

These homes will be sold to selected families with interest-free mortgages. These families will also be required to invest "sweat equity" hours into the construction of their own home, or the home of another partner family.

A house dedication ceremony of the first Habitat house in western Wayne County will take place at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at 29936 Hazelwood in Inkster.

All are welcome to come and join us while we share the excitement with the new homeowner. Western Wayne County Habitat for Humanity is dedicated to making decent shelter a matter of conscience and action.

Anyone with questions can contact Renee Schultz at (313) 432-7700.

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BARBARA L. MILLER

Funeral services for Barbara L. Miller, 62, of Canton were Monday, Dec. 16, at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Canton Chapel. The Rev. Jerry A. Yarnell from St. Michael Lutheran Church officiated.

She was born Nov. 3, 1934, in Detroit, and died Thursday, Dec. 12 in Southfield.

She is survived by sons, Charles G., Kenneth J., and Danny R.; one brother; three sisters; and seven grandchildren.

RUSSELL D. LEWELLEN

Funeral services for Russell D. Lewellen, 38, of Highland Park, were Friday, Dec. 20, at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, in Farmington. The Rev. Ruth Overdier of Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church, in Walled Lake officiated. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

He was born Sept. 11, 1958, in Highland Park, and died Tuesday, Dec. 17 in Walled Lake. He

was employed at Troy Design and Manufacturing for the past 5 1/2 years. He was a prototype cost estimator in Redford. He graduated from Redford Union High School, and Oakland Community College. He enjoyed bike riding and restoring cars.

He is survived by his wife, Kimberly; parents, Bettie Shanahan and the late Collum Lewellen; brothers, Randy Lewellen of Howell, and Paul Lewellen of Farmington Hills; sisters, Teresa Potter of Farmington Hills, and Carol Lewellen of Canton; and grandmother, Josie Peeler.

Memorials may be made to Michigan Cancer Foundation, 18831 W. 12 Mile Road, Lathrup Village, Mich. 48076-9806 are appreciated.

EMIL MUCHA

Funeral services for Emil Mucha, 73, of Plymouth, were Friday, Dec. 20, at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, in Ply-

mouth. The Rev. Robert Cisko, at St. John Catholic Church, in Canton officiated. Burial was at South Lyon Cemetery, in South Lyon, Michigan.

He was born Jan. 5, 1923, in Detroit and came to the community in 1981 from South Lyon. He was in the Army Air Corp. in World War II and worked as an elevator engineer. Mr. Mucha was an avid stamp collector.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred Mucha; daughters, Betty Michalak of Livonia, and step-daughter, Margo Dichtelmiller of Plymouth; sister, Mary Garbacz of Livonia; brother Ralph Dietz of Canton.

JUDITH IRENE HUNTER

Funeral services for Judith Irene Hunter, 54, of Plymouth were Friday, Dec. 20, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. William Pettit officiating. Burial was at Rural Hill Cemetery, in Northville.

She was born June 10, 1942, in Wayne, and died Wednesday, Dec. 18, in Plymouth. She formerly worked as a nurses aide at West Trail Nursing Home and she also worked in Northville. She came to the Plymouth community 30 years ago.

She is survived by her husband, Paul M. of Plymouth; son, Dani of Canton; daughter, Becky Brodzik of Livonia; five grandchildren; sister, Donna Khalif of Westland; niece, Kelly Vida of Westland; brother, Gary Simpson of Fla.; parents, Alva and Oliva Simpson of Garden City; sister-in-law, Pauline Talaga of Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

HELEN MAE BRANDON

Funeral services for Helen Mae Brandon, 79, of Plymouth were Wednesday, Dec. 18, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Dr. Bartlett Hess officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, in Livonia.

She was born June 4, 1917, in Gaylord, and died Monday Dec. 16, in Detroit. She came to the Plymouth community in 1970 from Detroit. She was a former resident of Bradbury. She enjoyed cake decorating and sewing.

She is survived by her daughter, Judith Tompkins of Plymouth; three grandchildren; brother, Clare Warner of Gaylord.

Memorials may be made to

Alzheimer's Disease Association.

WALTER L. PACKER

Funeral services for Walter L. Packer, 79, of Winter Haven, Fla., formerly of Plymouth, were Saturday, Dec. 21, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Peter M. Berg officiating. Burial was in Rural Hill Cemetery, in Northville.

He was born May 24, 1917, in Philadelphia, Pa., and died Sunday, Dec. 15, in Winter Haven, Fla. He was a journeyman Millwright for Ford Motor Company for 30 years. He moved to Winter Haven, Fla., in 1975 from Plymouth, where he was a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Florida. He served in the Armed services during World War II and was a member of the Mayflower-Kt. Gamble American Legion Post No. 6695, in Plymouth.

He is survived by his wife, Adeline P. of Florida and daughter, Pamela A. Geist of Florida.

Memorials may be made to St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Plymouth, or The American Heart Association.

JOHN H. DIXON

Funeral services for John H. Dixon, 86, of Detroit were Monday, Dec. 23, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, in Plymouth, with the Rev. Robert Easlick officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery in Milford.

He was born July 20, 1910, in Windsor Ontario, Canada, and died Friday, Dec. 20, in Detroit. Mr. Dixon was a courier driver for automatic data processing for 12 years. He was a helmsman on Great Lakes ships for 10 years, then worked as a Manufacturer's Rep. for S.P. Ecclestone & Sons. He served in the Merchant Marines and the coast guard.

He is survived by his wife, Jane of Detroit; daughters, Elizabeth deCausin of Plymouth, and Ethel Dixon of Ypsilanti; and grandchildren, Matthew and Amanda.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Community Hospice, 32932 Warren Road, Westland, Mich. 48185.

CANTON TOWNSHIP ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS. The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

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CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 6, 1997 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance: MAKKI/AMANN REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 095 99 0004 001 FROM C-1, VILLAGE SHOPPING, TO C-2, COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN. A special meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, January 2, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider: Z-96-30 509 W. Ann Arbor Tr. Non-Use Variance Requested: Sign Height Zoned: B-3, Central Business Applicant: Accent Sign/O.D. Bush Jewelers

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County officially transfers land to EDC

By Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer

Wayne County commissioners officially turned over a 896-acre county-owned site in Northville Township Dec. 19 to the Wayne County Economic Development Corporation.

Commissioners approved the sale of property, 13-1, Thursday for \$13 million. Commissioners Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, Michelle Plawecki, D-Dearborn Heights, and Kay Beard, D-Westland, were among the supporting commissioners. Commissioner William O'Neil, D-Allen Park, was the lone dissenter. Commissioner Susan Hubbard, D-Dearborn, was absent.

The site is expected to be converted into a golf course community, apartments, senior housing and commercial buildings. It is located between Five Mile Road on the south, Beck Road on the west, Six Mile Road on the north and the Middle Rouge Parkway on the east.

The EDC will sell the property to developers. Sales proceeds will be conveyed to the county not only to reimburse the \$13 million, but to pay for the county's demolition of buildings at the site and any proceeds beyond the \$13 million.

Commissioners were interested in a provision that requires property sales to be approved by the commission.

That was an important provision for Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia.

"Otherwise I would have been against it," McCotter said, of the property transfer. McCotter also represents Northville Township.

The provision allows the EDC to advertise for qualifications requests from developers. Pur-

Wayne County commissioners were interested in maintaining some control over the land sales of the county-owned 896-acre site in Northville Township before turning it over to the Wayne County Economic Development Corporation.

chase agreements can be negotiated and prepared for approval by the EDC and county commissioners.

The site will house a \$405.9 million Planned Unit Development. A PUD is a zoning classification that gives land owners/developers greater flexibility in land use while providing the township a detailed role in the planning process. The land was zoned single-family residential. It once housed the Wayne County Child Development Center and the Plymouth State Training School.

The plan calls for the following uses:

- Residential single family houses: 650 units at an estimated cost of \$130 million or \$200,000 per unit. These areas are proposed north of Five Mile, east of Sheldon and west of Hines Drive, and along the golf course.

- Residential multi-family units: 642 units valued at \$28.9 million, which includes apartments and senior housing.

- Research and development: 490,000 square feet of buildings at \$139.2 million on 63.8 acres of property.

- Neighborhood shopping center: 120,000 square feet at \$7.8 million. Fourteen acres would be zoned commercial on the northwest corner of Sheldon and Five Mile.

- An expansion of Optical Imaging Systems Inc.: 80 acres at \$200 million.

- Open space: includes 206.5 acres for a golf course, 100.5

acres of miscellaneous open space, and 45 acres of public facilities and recreation.

Commissioners also approved a resolution passed Dec. 16 by Northville Township trustees. It included a provision that the county would defend the township if the EDC project plan was legally challenged.

The township will receive \$78 per acre, adjusted for inflation, starting in 1999, for property owned by EDC on Dec. 31 of the prior year.

It also will obtain 45 acres for recreation, public facilities and other public uses.

The planned unit development also must install to the township's satisfaction sewer, hookup, provide site security during development, architectural diversity, public and private road designation and resolve variance issues.

The EDC is expected to sell the property to developers in a range between \$25-\$33 million.

That money will be given to the county, where it will be deposited into the 21st Century Fund. Commissioners must approve all expenditures from that fund. They are expected to fund up to \$20 million for the dual stadiums in Detroit.

Commissioners have not acted yet on demolition bids. Those were expected to arrive in early December.

A first phase of construction is scheduled to begin next year on the golf course and storm water management system.

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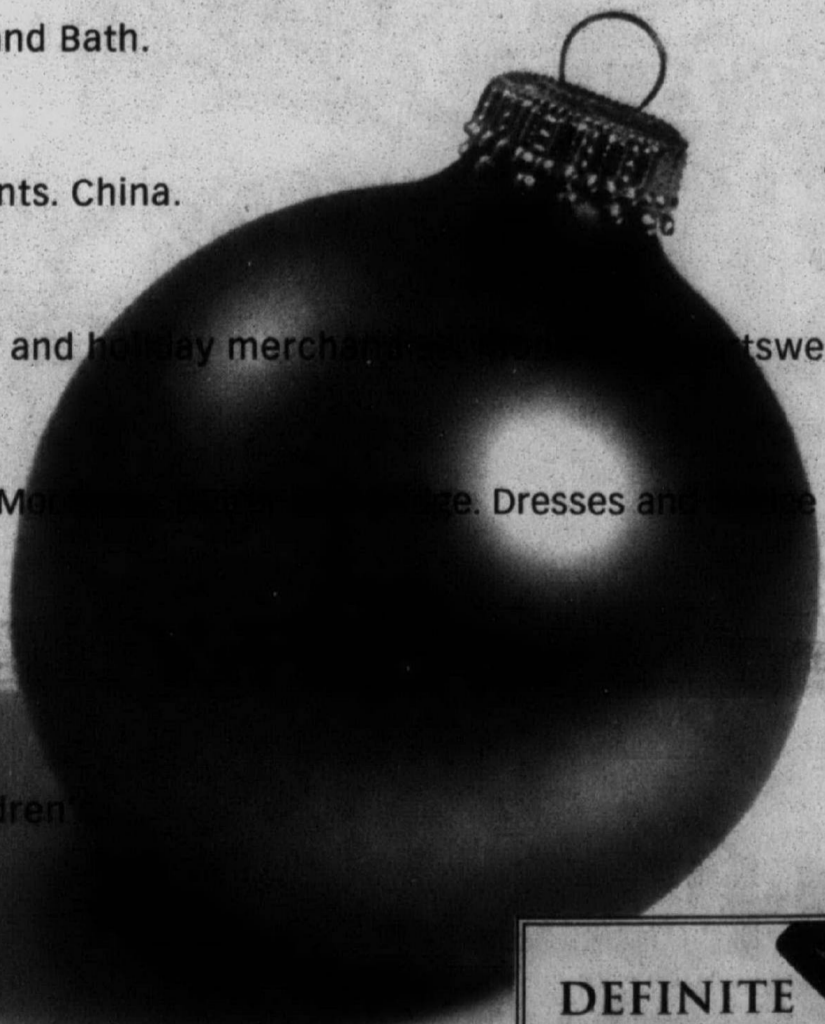
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Report gives optimistic outlook on fish habitat

ENVIRONMENT

A report issued in September 1996 set ecological targets of the Rouge River with fish communities and summer temperatures.

The report, completed by Michael Wiley and Paul Seelbach of the University of Michigan School of Natural Resources and Environment, was reviewed Dec. 18 by Seelbach with the Rouge River Remedial Action Plan Advisory Council.

The report provides a "vision of potential fish communities for specific reaches of the Rouge system."

Here is a summary of that report: Small- to medium-sized channels of the river have potential fish communi-

ties of various chubs, and white suckers in the smaller reaches. Some game fishes like rock bass, small-mouth bass and redbreasts could survive in the larger reaches.

In larger reaches, where the river runs into the Detroit River, water temperatures warm and stabilize, and habitat complexity increases, providing good growing conditions for many warm water and cool water species.

"In general, all of the headwater types showed fishes and temperatures in line with our projected targets," the report states. "These streams have the least-developed watersheds and are upstream of the combined sewer overflow (CSO)

discharges."

The report also stated:

- The downstream, larger reaches of the Rouge River have the greatest potential for developing recreational sport fisheries.

"Because of the size and the shape of Rouge River basin, gamefish populations in these lower reaches would serve as important sources for seasonal migration to the main tributary branches. Furthermore, their proximity to the Detroit River (and migratory Great Lakes fishes) gives these lower reaches an even greater fishery potential than we have indicated."

- Present fish communities in the

lower portion of the Rouge appear to be strongly limited by water quality deficiencies.

- Baseflow enhancement has dramatically increased the fishery potential of the Lower Rouge. The baseflow is the normal level of the river, an average between the spring rains and dry summer months, while enhancement involves raising that level and improving water quality, such as the Ypsilanti water treatment plant.

"Continued rehabilitation of this

branch will be well worth the effort. In low baseflow systems like the Rouge, artificial baseflow enhancement may be a particularly useful tool to enhance sport fish populations."

- Observed 1994 thermal regimes in the Rouge are consistent with targets for a restored fish community.

"Continued monitoring is recommended. The surprisingly cool and stable temperatures in much of this system may depend upon careful maintenance of riparian shading."

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Seelbach summarized some of his findings:

- The main branch of the Rouge, which runs north through Detroit, Southfield and Birmingham, could maintain northern pike and rock bass.

- The upper branch (Redford, northeast Livonia, Farmington and Farmington Hills) may be able to support northern pike.

- The middle branch (Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Westland and Livonia) may support northern pike, rock bass and smallmouth bass (Dearborn Heights only).

- The lower branch (Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Inkster, Wayne and Canton Township) may support northern pike, rock bass, and smallmouth bass.

Channel catfish and walleye may be supported where all three channels meet and flow for the largest volume of water in Dearborn.

Much of Seelbach's research studies baseflows, or the average

of water levels. Low baseflows limit the number of fish species, Seelbach said.

The lower branch of the Rouge now has increased its water flow due to more water discharged from a community water plant in Ypsilanti. (The most westerly reaches of the Rouge watershed extends into Ypsilanti.)

That additional water increased what were smaller streams into larger flows and brings the potential number of fish up to 30 species at one sampling station. Currently the actual species number ranges from three to 12.

Possible angling opportunities include sunfishes, suckers, rock bass, northern pike, smallmouth bass and walleye.

"It's a whole new ecosystem," Seelbach said. "It's pretty spectacular. It's something we haven't seen before."

Poor water quality

Seelbach's research also must

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Jim Graham

—director of Friends of the Rouge

deal with some harsh realities:

- The river's hydrology must improve in stormwater management, and improve base flow and head waters.

- The water's chemistry must be a focus of the Rouge cleanup, which is what RAP and local communities are working on with CSO and stormwater work. Still, nutrients, oxygen and toxins remain at poor levels.

- Temperatures also are important, Seelbach said.

"If you keep the (temperature) flux to a minimum, trout and bass can live on the edge of it," Seelbach said.

- Access must be improved for sporting fish between the river's branches and the lower river,

Seelbach said.

Shared enthusiasm

Jim Graham, a member of the RAP council and director of Friends of the Rouge, shared Seelbach's enthusiasm and optimism.

"I think it's pretty exciting stuff," Graham said. "I think it challenges us to look at ways to confront things that are necessary for the Rouge to have a flourishing fishery."

Graham was encouraged by Seelbach's findings of temperature and substrate conditions.

"There are a couple of major drawbacks that will need some correction with regards to sport fishing, particularly with the concrete channelized area in Dearborn," Graham said.

If the channel could be reno-

vated to create pools and holes for fish on the river's bed and a dam revised on the Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn, more fish from the Great Lakes could move up river, Graham said.

"The possibility of creating a fish ladder would open up the area to more fishing," Graham said.

"We know the stronger swimming fish can get up there, but the walleyes can't get past the dam."

But the channel was created to prevent flooding in the Rouge River basin. It has worked well, Graham said. The dam generates electricity for the Henry Ford Estate for demonstrative purposes.

Graham believes a migratory fishery is attainable for the Rouge.

"The stream banks tend to be stabilized, and the river needs more vegetation to maintain the cold temperatures," Graham said. "The vegetation is so thick near Johnson Creek, that it's difficult to get to the river."

"This is one of those things that there has to be a delicate

balance between a quality environment and people to make it possible for them to get to it to enjoy without destroying that delicate ecosystem.

"It isn't going to happen overnight. We're not talking one or two years, and we shouldn't look at this in terms of 30 or 40 years, either, but maybe 10."

"I don't think we should create unreal expectations, but people need to get some real sense of what is possible."

Graham was surprised at Seelbach's findings and shared his vision of the Rouge.

"I liked it when he said 'I see a river out there,'" Graham said. "There an awful lot of people who don't see that river, but I share his optimism."

Seelbach will continue his research.

"Our work was to set up some targets for the model," Seelbach told the RAP council.

"The question is 'Can you do it?' We haven't gotten that far yet."

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Drunken driving can be deadly

A funny thing has happened in the 15-year battle to rid our highways of drunken drivers. It's working.

In fact, it may be working almost too well, say some of its proponents.

Public awareness generated by the national Mothers Against Driving Drunk organization — and all its offshoots — in conjunction with local and state law enforcement agencies has led to a dramatic decrease in alcohol-related highway deaths since the early 1980s.

The number of drunken driving fatalities has been cut by nearly half, to 17,274 nationally last year. The death rate per 100 million miles traveled, a figure used by traffic engineers, decreased from 1.58 in 1982 to .72 in 1985. And in Michigan last year, 37 percent (570 of 1,537) traffic fatalities involved alcohol — which represents a decrease in the 50-percent or more figures typical during the 1980s.

So far, so good.

But statisticians also note that the national figure jumped in years immediately after the year compared with 1994 — the first annual increase in more than a decade.

Increasing speed limits may be one reason. But public perceptions are another, according to communications experts.

The biggest declines in drunken driving fatalities came in years immediately after two major media campaigns — the initial MADD push in 1983-84 and the "designated driver" effort in the late 1980s and early '90s. With no

new initiative in the last few years, there's been a kind of natural complacency.

The New Year's holiday though allows us to focus on the issue one more time.

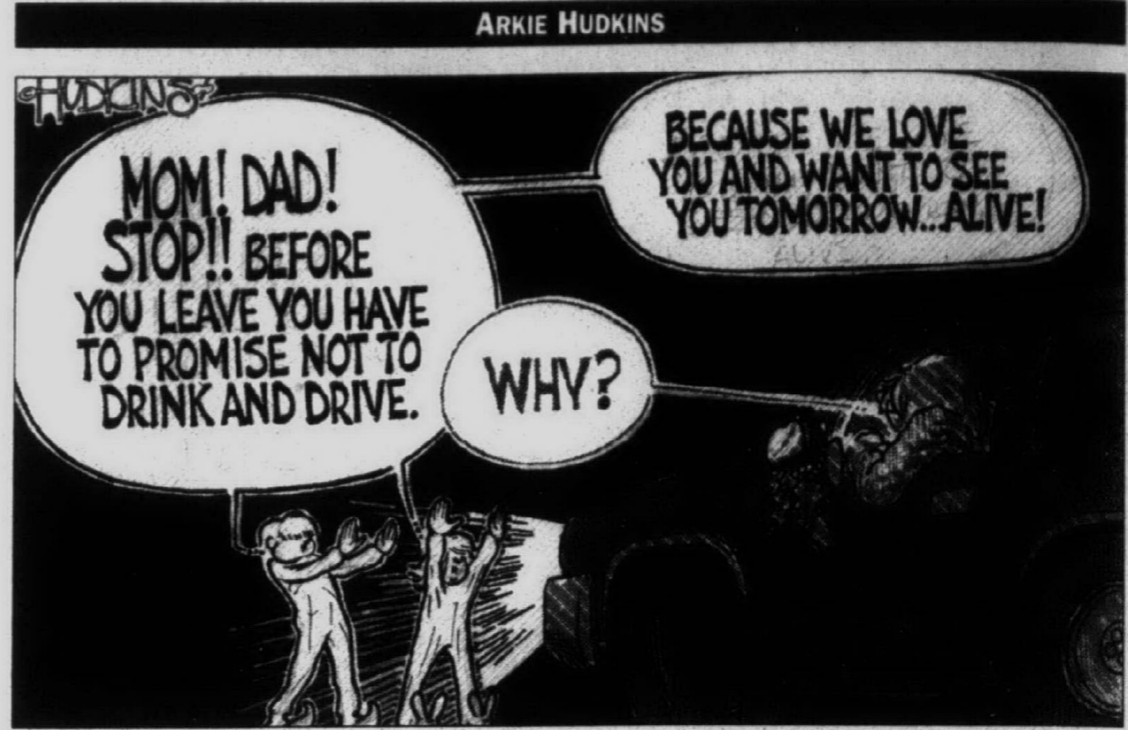
MADD offers the following tips to partygoers and hosts:

- Serve and eat high-protein food along with alcoholic beverages;
- Offer non-alcoholic beverages and place them prominently;
- Encourage guests to designate a driver who remains alcohol-free;
- Don't let guests mix their own drinks;
- Close the bar 90 minutes before the party ends.

In addition to preventative measures, two MADD programs make it easier to get home if you're intoxicated and for others to get suspected drunken drivers off the road.

The organization's Tri-County Chapters, along with radio station WOMC-FM and Detroit-area taxi cab companies will once again team up to provide free rides home on New Year's Eve and early New Year's Day to people who have had too much to drink. Riders should call local cab companies or police departments.

Drivers with cellular phones are encouraged to call 9-1-1 to report erratic or suspected drunken drivers to local police. The statewide campaign is a joint effort between MADD, area law enforcement agencies and 9-1-1 dispatch centers.



LETTERS

Thanks for support

(The following is addressed to the hundreds of family and friends who aided the Otto family throughout their son's illness and death last month).

How could we ever thank you for all you have done for us over the past few years?

Our world fell apart in March 1993 when we learned of Ken's leukemia and need for a bone marrow transplant. In addition to this devastating news, we needed \$100,000 for a donor search. Your prayers and hard work on so many fund-raisers made the impossible happen. In a few short months, we had exceeded our goal! Throughout all of this, Ken's disease was kept under control. A donor was found for Ken — a compassionate man from Australia.

The transplant took place March 2, 1994. Despite some unforeseen problems, Ken made it through. His white blood count soon became our daily concern as we anxiously waited and watched to see if the bone marrow would engraft and give Ken a second chance. Miraculously (even the doctors don't know how), the cells found their way into Ken's bones and started producing healthy blood cells for him!

Your cards, love and prayers flooded his hospital room, pulled him through the many rough days of a long six-week hospital stay and helped us be strong for him. You rejoiced with us when we brought him home in April! Through God's blessings, Ken returned to Michigan State University in January 1995 and was excited to be back with the MSU Marching Band in the fall. We watched the entire first game through eyes filled with tears of thankfulness and joy. We finally were able to relax a little and felt that Ken would be OK.

Our relief once again turned to fear and anxiety on Jan. 1, when Ken developed pain and numbness in his back and legs. The entire month was spent going from Beaumont Hospital to the University of Michigan Medical Center for tests, procedures, X-rays, etc. Despite the pain and uncertainty, Ken started the next semester at MSU. By February, our worst fears were confirmed — Ken had relapsed and the leukemia was back in an even more aggressive form. Once again, we had to bring him home from school and admit him to the hospital. Your prayers and concern never wavered, but became stronger.

The next few months brought much suffering and pain for Ken. Things never were easy for him and each procedure or test brought more unexpected problems. He was also being treated with five different chemotherapy drugs to try and get the leukemia in remission. It was not an easy time for him, but your support, prayers and encouragement helped him keep going and he did attain remission!

His second transplant took place May 7 at

the U-M hospital. This donor was a wonderful woman. It was pretty remarkable that Ken found two donors; many people never find one. Once again, he struggled through being extremely ill. God answered our prayers and Ken was home in June!

The summer went fairly well, but in September, things took another bad turn. The bone marrow started attacking Ken's gastrointestinal system and liver. He was very ill, and we were shocked when doctors told us his gall bladder had to be removed. We told our prayers were with Ken in the operating room and with us as we nervously prayed and waited. He surprised everyone by getting through the surgery with no complications and was back in his room within a few hours!

But his most difficult problem was yet to come. While he was still dealing with all those problems, he was diagnosed with a serious lung infection. On Monday, Nov. 11, the doctors gave us the dreaded news that they could do no more to help Ken. His options were to remain in the hospital or go home. He was adamant about coming home — although we were frightened, we wanted to give him his last request.

God blessed us by allowing Ken to come home. He was surrounded by family and friends instead of machines. He was with us for less than 24 hours, but those hours will always be very precious and special for us. As difficult as it was to let him go, we were privileged to be able to comfort him as he took his last breath here on earth. How appropriate that we were together at his birth and his death. We thank God for this blessing.

We thank our Lord and Savior for Ken's donors, our Blessed Mother, all the angels and saints, the excellent doctors and nurses and all of you for your constant love and prayers for all of us. We were reassured by your support more times than you will ever know. You shared our tears of sadness and joy over and over as Ken went through all the ups and downs. We have felt God's love through all of you and you have touched our lives forever.

We especially thank God for the gift of Ken. He allowed us to share our lives with him for just 23 short years, but we are grateful to have so many wonderful memories. We know that our lives will never be the same and many rough times still lay ahead. We find comfort in knowing that Ken is not suffering anymore, and he is happy with Jesus in heaven. Only through faith, trust and your support will we get through.

Thank you, and may God bless all of you for your compassion, generosity, love, prayers and support. We love all of you, and would never have gotten through with out you.

George, Diane and Larry Otto
 Redford Township

Curb money's campaign influence

In a few months, all of us will be finalizing our income tax forms. One of the many decisions to make will be whether to check a box to donate funds to our favorite political party.

While many residents don't take advantage of this check-off donation, activists promoting campaign finance reform see publicly-financed campaigns as a key reform measure. The need for campaign finance reform becomes clear if you think about the undue influence special interest groups have on legislation because of the political contributions they make — primarily through Political Action Contribution (PAC) money.

By way of example, consider the telecommunications industry consisting of cable companies, local and long distance phone companies, and broadcasters. In 1995, the telecommunications industry spent almost \$2.4 million in PAC money to members of Congress. That same year, the Telecommunication Act of 1995 is resulting in increased local cable bills and allows for multi-media monopolies.

In 1995 the Pesticides Industry — Dow, Monsanto, and the American Crop Protection Association — spent more than \$1 million in PAC contributions to Congress. In 1995 HR1627 was introduced to cut some of the EPA and FDA enforcement laws and cripple food safety laws.

The Superfund PACs (AT&T, Boeing, Union Pacific, GE, and others) "invested" almost \$8.8 million in Congress which introduced HR2500 to shift the cost of toxic waste clean up and Superfund clean up from the polluter to the taxpayer.

The Michigan Citizens League estimates that the Savings and Loan scandal will ultimately cost American taxpayers more than \$500 billion because of legislation benefiting an industry that made large contributions to

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both parties. That \$500 billion amounts to \$3,000 for every household in the nation.

Reformers such as Michigan Citizens League, League of Women Voters, and other groups interested in good government believe financial disclosure will help. Members of Congress must now disclose income, assets and liabilities. Reformers are asking that the same requirement be made of state lawmakers.

The primary election last summer and the general election in the fall brought with it another round of unfair campaign practices and charges in communities like Livonia, Canton, and Redford. Michigan had clean campaign legislation, but it had a sunset provision and after it expired the Legislature has done nothing to bring the issue to the table. At state and local levels we could ask our candidates to publicly "pledge" to run clean campaigns.

Right now there are provisions for democratic financing of campaigns for president. Extending public financing of campaign spending to Congress and state offices will significantly reduce the influence of special interests by having no-strings-attached money paying for campaigns.

Money not only influences who will win but also influences who has access to our elected officials. The power of money is so great that curbs are needed if democracy is to function in the best interest of all citizens.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

What is the best thing about winter?

We asked this question at Civic Arena in Garden City.



"That it's over come March or April."
 Carol Germain



"I grew up in Los Angeles... I like Michigan with the cold weather and the fresh air..."
 Christopher Bowman



"Probably skiing, sledding and outdoor activities. I sled with the kids and I like to ski."
 Rick Naughton



"Making snowmen."
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POINTS OF VIEW

Let's work together to stop pollution

Wayne County approached this newspaper and asked if it would allow a monthly column to be written focusing on environmental issues and, in particular, activities under way to address pollution problems in the Rouge River Watershed. It is my hope that this column will serve as one forum for sharing information needed for community-based participation - whether it addresses the lessons that school children have learned from their sampling of the river or a mayor's concern about the expense of large projects to address pollution or an engineer's explanation of the causes of storm water pollution and the solutions to prevent it from reaching our waterways.

All of us will be asked - and we may be ordered - by regulatory agencies, to address pollution problems. Top down solutions to those issues are not an effective approach. Our volun-

tary efforts as partners will create lasting solutions. Those solutions could be as simple as enhancing recycling programs or household hazardous waste collection to reducing the amount of fertilizers we use on our lawns. Solutions may also be more complex such as construction and maintenance of storm water detention ponds, constructed wetlands to screen nutrients, pollutants and sediments, or construction of engineered projects like retention basins. But no matter what the solutions are, all of us have a role in developing solutions. According to the World Commission on Environment and Development, community-based participation is key to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

We must all act as stewards and accept responsibility for the economic, social and environmental conse-

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ELLEN C. LINDQUIST

quences of our actions. We are fortunate to have in this community committed public servants such as Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara and Wayne County Department of Environment Director James R. Murray spearheading the revival and restoration of the Rouge River as a viable natural resource. We are also lucky to have many community activists providing leadership and

education as we work to enhance the quality of our lives in Southeast Michigan. I know that my own understanding of the importance of addressing and not avoiding environmental problems was forged under the tutelage of groups such as CHECK and the concerned citizens living in the area of Cooper School, which was built on an old municipal landfill. We cannot rely only on a small group of committed individuals. We must all create the solutions. Limited funding will require creativity and compromise. Incentives must be provided to encourage businesses to go beyond compliance with regulatory standards to prevent pollution and remove hazardous waste material from their production processes. Voluntary action must be supported by regulatory agencies who have traditionally relied on command and control.

In the months ahead, this column

will feature guest columnists who will discuss some of the voluntary action occurring within Southeast Michigan. There are many initiatives under way which aim to ensure that there is local control over the decisions needed to remediate environmental pollution in a cost-effective manner while still protecting and preserving our resources. Voluntary action reduces transactional costs associated with attorney and consultant time required to argue with regulatory agencies. That money is better spent on providing implementation of answers, not arguing about answers.

Wayne County's Department of Environment can be reached through my office at 415 Clifford, seventh floor, Detroit, Michigan, 48226. I can be reached at (313) 224-6665; fax (313) 224-0045.

Ellen C. Lindquist is chief deputy director of Wayne County's Department of Environment.

Special ed parents, beware of charter schools

Businesses like FedEx and UPS don't compete totally against the U.S. Postal Service. They pick niches, such as domestic business packages.

The Big Three auto companies build for the middle and upper classes. They let government take care of the rest with public buses.

That's how the private sector can claim to be "more efficient" than government - it picks the profitable markets to "compete" in.

Now you understand why so-called "free market" authoritarians are so eager to help charter and private schools with vouchers and other taxpayer gimmicks. Non-public schools pick niches with very few "special ed" students. In some cases, parents with special needs kids are invited to go back to the public schools.

That's the free market at work. Analyze it like a business person: The state pays a foundation grant of

about \$5,500 per pupil a year. A healthy kid with no handicaps costs only about \$3,000 to educate.

A special ed student costs about \$24,000 a year, Patricia Brand, a Wayne-Westland assistant superintendent, said at a meeting I attended last week. A mild case of mental impairment costs \$16,000. A severe multiply-handicapped kid costs \$70,000.

Terry Anderson, the famed Associated Press writer who's back at work after his Middle East prison ordeal, wrote Nov. 30: "The strain on local schools is nearing the disastrous stage. A single disabled student can cost a school district \$100,000 to \$150,000 a year."

Anderson went on: "When the (federal Individuals with Disabilities Education) act was passed in 1975, the federal government was supposed to pick up 40 percent of the cost. That hasn't happened. With budgets being



TIM RICHARD

cut yearly, last year the federal share of such costs was only 7 percent."

The state, too, has dodged picking up the tab for special education. Local officials say they're paying 90 cents per \$1 of special ed cost. Said Wayne-Westland's Brand: "You do so at the expense of the general child."

A day after the meeting with suburban school budget officers, I was at the State Board of Education meeting in Lansing where a virtual parade of parents pleaded for no cuts in special

ed. "Center-based programs and special programs are critical," said Dave Hansen, an engineer from Canton and father of a 6-year-old autistic boy.

Other parents brought in kids in wheelchairs. The parents praised public special ed programs to the heavens.

During a break, they jumped on Gov. John Engler, first chief executive in years to attend a state board meeting. Engler worded his response very carefully: "There is no plan" to cut special ed. He challenged the parents to ask anyone who circulates that "rumor" to show them a document calling for special ed cuts.

Whether such a document exists, it's obvious public schools could level the competitive playing field if they could make businesslike cuts in special ed. For example, federal law requires special ed for ages 3-21. Michigan provides special ed for ages

0-26. If the state could dump the 0-3 and 22-26 age groups, it could save public schools quite a bundle.

"Don't drop the 22-26 mandate!" begged Lindy Willis of Monroe. "If you drop this mandate, she (her daughter) will be mad. Our folks mature later. They don't mature at 21."

"Zero to 3 is critical," said Mark Kramer of Carleton. "Those are the most formative years."

In this context, parents of special ed students would be well-advised to consider "charter schools" as a predatory enemy. Ditto with a voucher system for religious schools. Ditto with the "choice for families" snake oil.

If physically and mentally handicapped kids are to be educated, only public schools will do it. And state government runs public school finance.

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

Wayne State has come long way with Adamany

Thoughts running through my head while unwrapping presents under the tree:

I'm proud to be part of an organization populated by fair-minded but stubborn pros like Tim Richard, whose work appears regularly in this newspaper.

When I went to Lansing a couple of weeks ago to testify on amending the Open Meetings Act to allow university governing boards a decent space in picking new presidents, there was Richard in the hearing room.

He was there to cover the hearing but also to present the case of the Michigan Freedom of Information Committee - testifying on the other side. We laughed about it at the start. But when Richard sat down to testify, he started off by saying something like: "I'm here sweating because my boss, Phil Power, is testifying on the other side."

He could have ducked his duty as he saw it. And I suppose I could have silenced him on the grounds that you don't contradict your boss in public. But he didn't, and I didn't, and we are better off for it. And so is the integrity of our newspapers and the spirit of our company.

Another person testifying at that same hearing was David Adamany, president of Wayne State University, who a week later announced his surprise decision to retire. Turns out that Adamany's deep - some say crucial - involvement lobbying OMA changes through the Legislature was partially to set the stage so the WSU Board of Governors could find a new president with less thrash than the University of Michigan Board of Regents went through in October and November.

I'm sorry to see Adamany go. It's fair to say he has become the single most effective university president in Michigan.

His influence on the Detroit delegation in the Legislature has brought WSU greater per-capita funding from Lansing than any other university in the state. His unflinching vision of Wayne as a solid, affordable, research-oriented urban university nationally has carried the institution from weakness to strength.

And his fierce determination not to back down when he thought he was right - not to the unions on campus, not to the Legislature, not even to his own board - has been a real study in



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courage at a time when many university presidents would rather run than fight. I believe David Adamany worked an 18-hour day, seven days a week; I never saw him unprepared.

I will never forget watching him testify in Lansing.

He handed the committee members his long, detailed and well-written testimony in advance, and I thought he was going to read the whole thing. Wrong. He sat back in his gray suit, fixed the members with a penetrating gaze and then talked off the cuff: eloquent, lapidary, effective, not a word out of place.

Adamany has made Wayne State an important part of the infrastructure of southeastern Michigan. Many suburbanites, unwilling to drive the distance or pay the freight at Ann Arbor, got their degrees from Wayne - and good ones, too.

I remember back in 1960, when I was editorial director of The Michigan Daily, the student newspaper at U-M. At midnight, just before we went to press, we got a call that the WSU Board of Governors and the U-M Board of Regents had agreed to merge Wayne into the University of Michigan.

After a lot of frantic telephoning on deadline, we found the report was false. But that suggested just how weak Wayne was at the time.

Today, after David Adamany's 14 years as president at WSU, that kind of rumor is wholly implausible. It's a neat way of measuring just how far the university has come under his leadership.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047, Ext. 1880.

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The club is open between 1 and 5 p.m. with no session on March 30. Fees are \$4 per person per visit. Individual memberships are \$28 and family memberships are \$65. For further information, call (313) 462-4413.

Auto theft prevention tips given

As another year comes to a close, the group Help Eliminate Auto Thefts (HEAT), in conjunction with the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB), reminds residents to continue to be mindful of auto theft prevention. "The NICB has been a real partner and leader in the fight against auto-theft prevention and we are proud to work with them," says Bill Liddane, director of the HEAT program. With the help of the "layered protection" plan, HEAT's toll-free confidential tip-line (1-800-242-HEAT) and a cooperative program with Ameritech cellular, everyone can join in the fight against auto-related crimes. "The layered protection plan works for your car the same as layering your clothes works when it's cold -- the more layers, the more difficult your car is to

steal," said Jon Hoch, of NICB. "Motorists who drive high-theft vehicles in high-risk areas should have multiple layers of protection on their vehicle. The "common sense" layer means motorists should always secure their car, which means they should take keys from the ignition, lock doors, close windows and park in a well-lit area. The "warning device" layer includes the use of car alarms, steering wheel collars, steering wheel locks, and theft-deterrent decals. The "immobilizing device" layer consists of a device which prevents thieves from bypassing your ignition and hot wiring the vehicle, such as smart keys, fuse cut-offs, starter disablers and kill switches. The "tracking device" layer consists of a tracking system

which emits a signal to police or a monitoring station when the vehicle is reported stolen. Tracking systems are effective in helping authorities recover stolen vehicles. HEAT rewards hotline callers with up to \$1,000 if their tip leads to the arrest and binding over for trial of a suspected car thief. It also awards up to \$10,000 if the tip results in the arrest and binding over for trial of suspected theft ring members and/or chop shop operators. HEAT also rewards \$2,000 for information leading to the issuance of a warrant for a car-jacking suspect. For more information about HEAT, contact LovioGeorge Inc. at (313) 832-2210.

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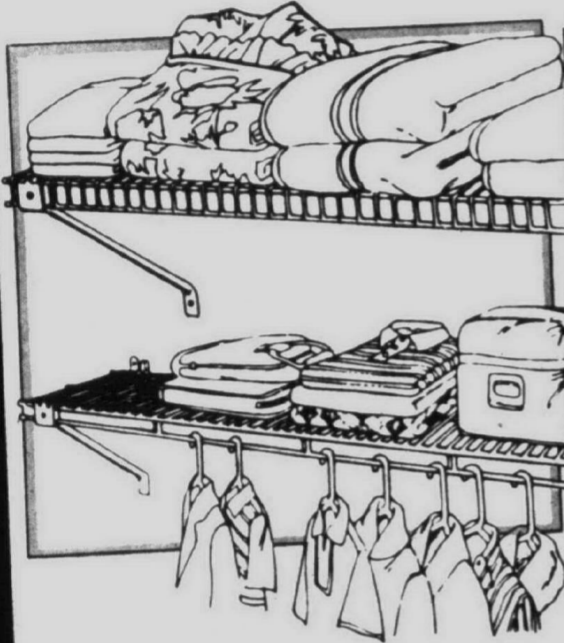
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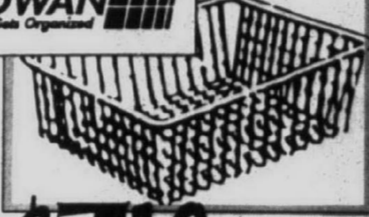
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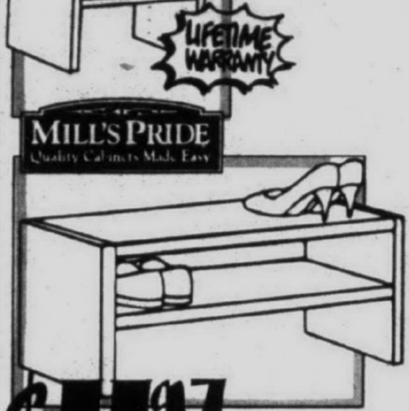
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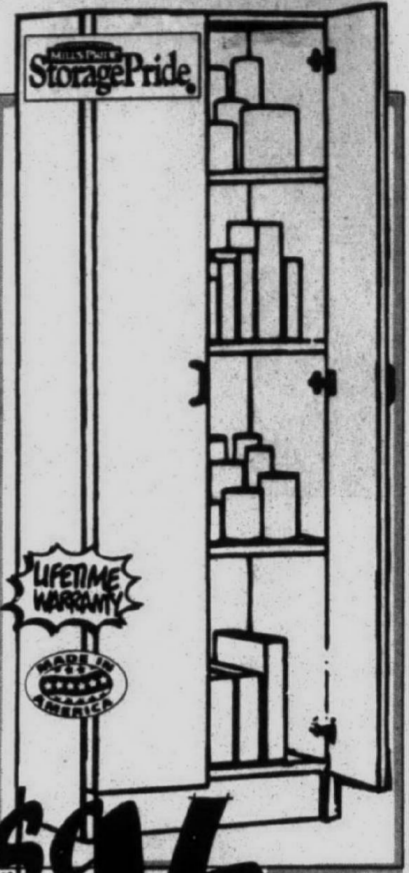
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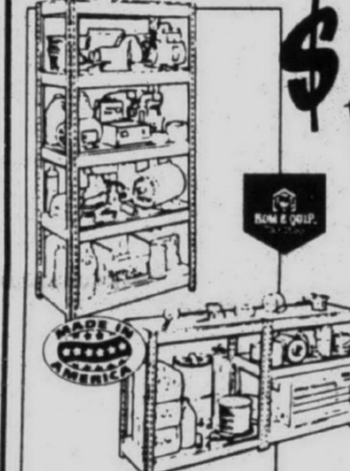
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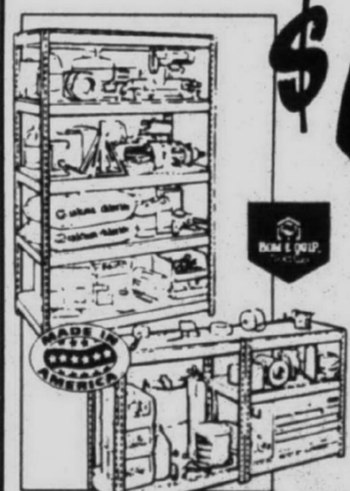
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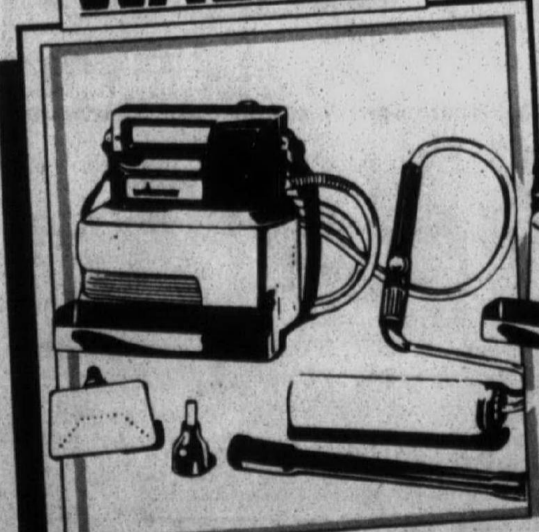


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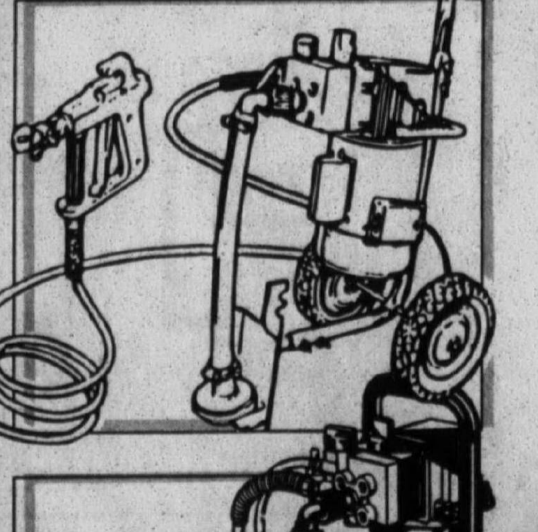
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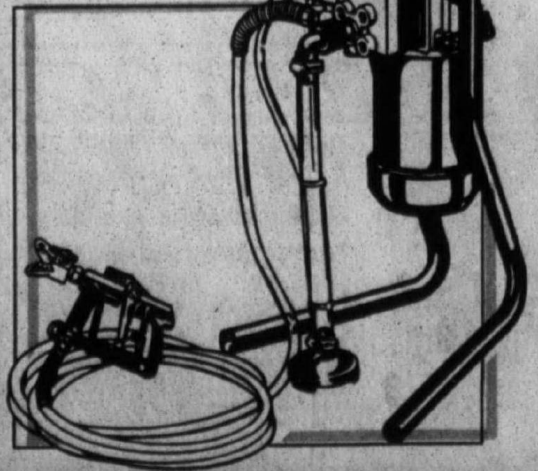
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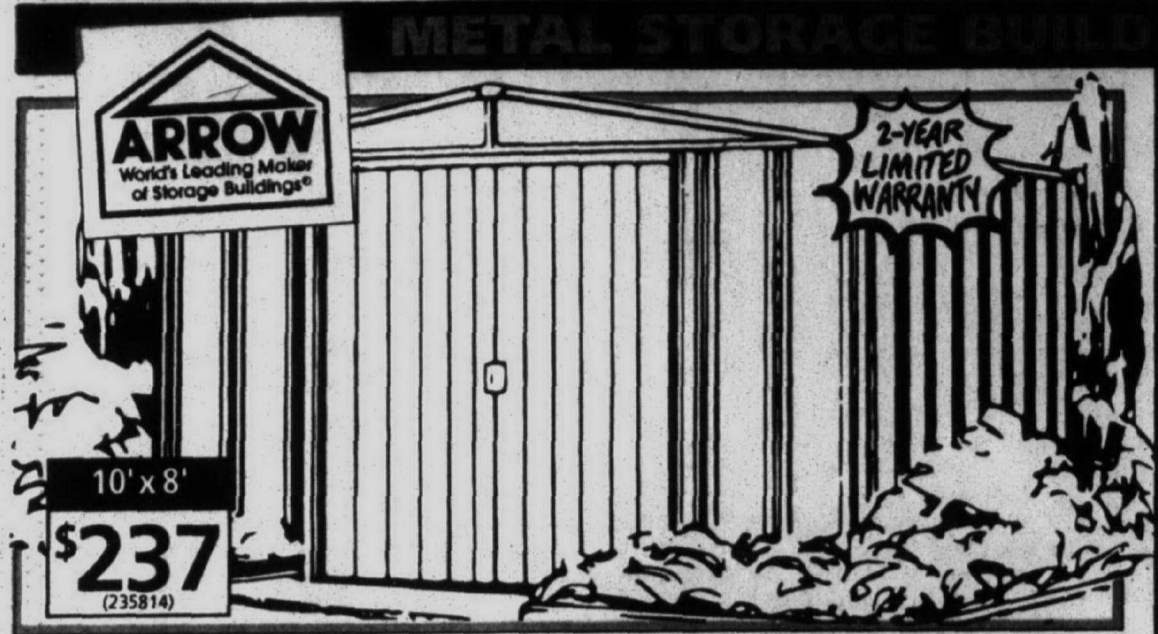


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COMMUNITY LIFE

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1996

FAMILY ROOM



KAREN MEIER

Something to be said about haste

My cupboard was getting terribly bare — Old Mother Hubbard had nothing over me. My grocery situation was bad, and getting worse. Sick children (two, sometimes three, at a time), husband working late. I couldn't get away to buy groceries.

And everyone so busy with holiday preparations, babysitters didn't have time. Besides, asking someone to be with my sick children just before the holiday? Somehow the Christmas spirit wouldn't be reflected in that request.

But the fact remained, the cupboard was bare. And more facts had to be dealt with, such as Joe's fifth birthday and the home-baked cake he had so modestly requested and the Sunday school teachers asking Joe and his classmates to bring in gifts for the needy and the gymnastic booster club homemade baked good donation obligation needing to be met right then and the Kool-Aid and Jell-O the pediatrician's office had recommended over the phone that day to give to the sick ones to help them recover and, of course, the empty dish soap bottle, empty baby bottle, empty bread counter, and empty refrigerator milk shelf.

I had to go. Otherwise it'd be dust stew tomorrow. And a hungry, diaperless baby. And dehydrated recovering flu victims. And a cakeless boy on his fifth birthday.

Finally, with husband Ron home, the dishes of our meager supper cleaned, I headed out, in the dark and bitter cold of a December Michigan night. It was the first time away from my "nurse" duties in a couple days.

Once inside the harshly lit store I saw other shoppers looking haggard and worn — more grocery ghosts. I fit right in. The produce section was first. I examined apples, squeezed kiwis. No squished, rotten, or horrible deals for me. As always, I was careful and deliberate (no impulse buying — I'm a strictly stick-to-the-list shopper) and so, I'm S-L-O-W. A snail slogging through molasses in January with an anchor tied to his tail — S-L-O-W.

But slowness does pay off. The slower I go, the lower my bill. Slower, lower. I don't say this out loud, I just think it.

I was in aisle five that night of desperation

See FAMILY ROOM, B2

Shelter room gets women's touch

■ Suburban West BPW needed a project and First Step was in need of help. So the women's group rolled up its collective sleeves and went to work at the agency's shelter to make one of the bedrooms a truly restful place.

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER



A little of this and a little of that ... and a day's worth of work has made life a little brighter for the women and children who stay at First Step's shelter.

Members of the Suburban West Business and Professional Women's Club are among the growing number of organizations taking on the job of sprucing up the shelter room by room.

"The room is beautiful, it's one I show off to people," said Virginia Williams, First Step facilities coordinator. "I can't begin to tell you how grateful we are to have people take time out to donate to the shelter."

A former nursing home, the shelter is able to accommodate 38-42 people in the seven bedrooms. Not much on style and charm, the rooms are filled with as many beds as possible. Several large rooms accommodate two-three families, one room is set aside for special needs, such as a mother with a newborn, and one is for single women, Williams said.

It was the singles room that Suburban West "adopted."

"My first thought when I saw the room was that if I were a person who needed this shelter, I would have to need it very badly," said Karen Wilmering of Livonia. "It was dingy and dirty. It was the worst room, according to the employees."

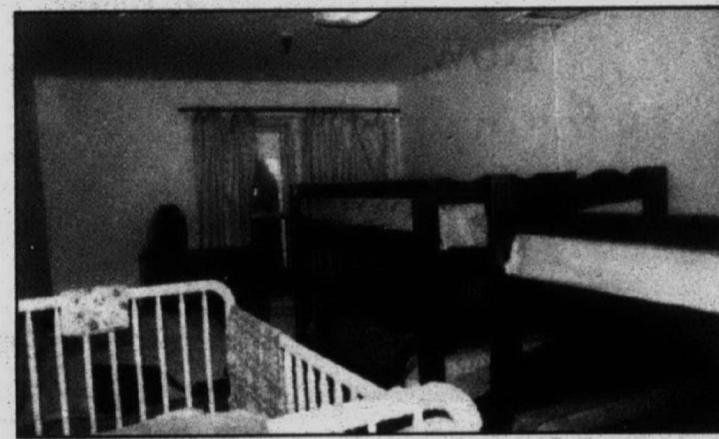
Done in 10

Club members, relatives and a few skilled tradesmen devoted 10 hours into transforming the bedroom that went from its institutional white look to a more soothing, color-coordinated room.

The project was the brainchild of former Suburban West BPW president Pam Hankins who knew someone at the shelter who had said the facility could use some help. Wilmering was tapped to chair the project



Hard at work: Members of the Suburban West Business and Professional Women's Club used fans, including one held by volunteer Ryan Wilmering, to help speed the drying of the walls as they worked on remodeling a bedroom from just a place to sleep (below) to a quiet place to relax at the the First Step Shelter in just 10 hours' time.



because of her experience as an interior designer.

Everything needed for the makeover, except for the mini blinds and carpet tiles, was donated by the club. Wilmering used her connections as an interior designer to keep the costs down.

The drapes were replaced by mini blinds, donated by Blinds and Design. The window treatments were made from bed sheets by club member Mahnoush St. Clair and

matched the new quilts Wilmering found on sale. St. Clair also made a skirt to cover up the base of the sink.

"It's the designer in me," she said. "I wanted every material in there to match. And Mahnoush did it all by dimensions, she never saw the room. The curtains she hand-hemmed on site because they were too long."

Acting on the belief that the women "need someplace to relax, to gather their thoughts and rest," the

walls of the bedroom were painted a deep green and topped with a floral border. The ceiling and the top portion of the walls were painted white. Painter Kevin Strange donated his time to paint the entire room and "was in and out in an hour," Wilmering said.

The attached bathroom also was major project. Painted a bright pink, mold, mildew and rust were pro-

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grocery shopping when the lights of the store flickered off, plunging the store into momentary darkness. The lights, though, went right back on.

I asked another shopper standing near me, "They aren't closing are they? This store is open a couple more hours, 'til midnight."

She said, "Naw. It's nothing, I'm sure," and then she pushed her cart around the end of the aisle and disappeared.

Moments later I heard a very deliberate click click of heels on the linoleum floor. I looked behind me. It was a woman wearing a name tag, heels, and official looking manager clothing. She regarded me with a

practically imperceptible shake of the head, but I saw it. I felt uneasy. I looked and felt wild. And I was stuffy in the head from a head cold. She glanced in my shopping cart and told me I must leave.

People had arrived, she explained, to work on the cash registers and the store was closing early. She asked if I'd heard the announcements. I was too embarrassed to say my ears were plugged from a head cold, so I kind of shrugged an answer.

"Finish up tomorrow," she offered. (What was I going to do for formula, diapers, Kool-Aid and Jell-O, the birthday cake fixings, and the things to make the children's lunches in the morn-

What was I going to do for formula, diapers, Kool-Aid and Jell-O, the birthday cake fixings, and the things to make the children's lunches in the morning, and on top of all that, what was I supposed to do with the young sons who were still sick the next day. Leave them home alone? Bring them with me and risk infecting everyone at the store?

ing, and on top of all that, what was I supposed to do with the young sons who were still sick the next day. Leave them home alone? Bring them with me and risk infecting everyone at the store? Have my husband take a vacation day? Call in the National Guard?)

I stood my ground. I had to get this shopping done and I had to get it done at this time. My family was depending on me.

"I'm sorry, you'll have to leave."

"But, but..."
"Well, just get what you absolutely need," she turned and left.

Yikes. I need ALL this stuff. I don't put frivolous, not needed stuff on the list for a 10 p.m.-in-the-dead-of-winter grocery trip. I wasn't shopping for makeup or stick-on nails or a magazine or candy or beer or cigarettes or ice cream or steak. I needed milk and baby formula and bread and a gift for the needy.

I rushed madly about, up one aisle and down the other, not comparing prices, not being careful and deliberate, not attending to coupons, not living up to my ditty, "the slower I go, the lower my bill." I spent almost \$50 more than I usually spend on a week's worth of groceries. That was bad.

And so I cried on the way out. In the dark and cold December

night, I cried. And went home to my family. They were sleeping.

So, I quietly put the groceries away.

Afterwards, I stood and I saw this: a once empty cupboard was now quite full. A small, hard-fought accomplishment, but there it was - in the light and warmth of my own kitchen. And that part was good.

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

First Step from page B1

minent feature because of non-working exhaust fan.

Electrician Julius Graye came to the rescue, donating his time and the parts to replace the wall light fixture and repair the fan.

The volunteers then went to work, taking down and reattaching the tub enclosure and filling holes that had allowed water to seep in behind the barrier.

"I would have liked to have replaced the tub, but we didn't have a plumber," Wilmering said. "There was a family in there up until 6 a.m., and the

'We're usually involved with families, but never to this extent. Based on the enthusiasm and feedback, we'll be doing this again next year.'

*Karen Wilmering
-Suburban West BPW*

mother was thrilled. They told me, "You're making my bedroom so beautiful."

Many of the members' husbands helped as did Wilmering's son, Ryan, a junior at Detroit Catholic Central High School

who used the project to complete his community service requirement. While he did the work because he had to, he later told his mother that he "had a good time."

Plenty of planning

Planning was the key to getting the project done on time, that and plenty of volunteers. At its peak, there were 21 people helping, including Pauline Graye, Bob St. Clair, Richard Wilmering, Jill and William Thager, Denise Allen, John and Marian St. Clair, Laura Hathaway, Shawn Denman, Lana Holloway, Cliff and Marie Lamberg, Rosemary Firestone and Frank and Rose Grisa.

"It really warmed my heart to



Making repairs:
Catholic Central High School student Ryan Wilmering offers a few "pointers" to his father, Richard, while preparing the bathroom for a fresh coat of paint and new lighting.

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hear people really want to help and not just say, "Here's 20 bucks," Wilmering said. "It was really hands-on. And it seemed that whatever we needed, someone had in their car. It was amazing."

This is the first time the club has done a such a project and it fits in well with the philosophy of the BPW, which is to promote women's and legislative issues and community projects.

Suburban West has about 45 members who meet monthly at the Holiday Inn in Livonia. While members network at the meetings, working at the shelter provided the opportunity to get to know each other better.

"We meet for dinner and chitchat, but when you spend 10 hours together, you really get to know each other," Wilmering said. "We're usually involved with families, but never to this extent. Based on the enthusiasm and feedback, we'll be doing this again next year."

So far, five of the bedrooms at the shelter have been renovated by BPW and Zonta groups from Livonia, Canton and Westland. The shelter dining room and hallways were redone by the Easton Corp. as part of United Way's Days of Caring, held in October.

"The women just love it," said Williams. "Many times they come here with nothing and being able to come in and have a nice, pleasant room ... it's a boon to them."

"We don't have the funds or the resources to do this, so I just can't tell you how much we appreciate these things."

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Duley-Morin

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The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Western Michigan University with a degree in audiology. She is employed as an audiologist in Farmington Hills.

Her fiance is a 1993 graduate of Lawrence Technological University with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. He is employed in Rochester Hills.

A January wedding is planned.



Miller-Barkoff

Richard and Janet Miller of Troy announce the engagement of their daughter, Victoria Branwen Miller, to Larry William Barkoff, the son of Larry and Kathy Barkoff of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in biology and Hahneman University with a master's degree in physical therapy. She works as a physical therapist at Henry Ford Health Systems' Southfield-West Rehabilitation.

Her fiance received his bachelor of arts degree in international relations and master's degree in labor and industrial relations, both from Michigan State University. He works at Eastern Michigan University as a compensation analyst.



A January wedding is planned for the First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak.

Goodrich-Flaskamp

Alison Marie Flaskamp and Andrew Williams Goodrich were married June 30 in Fairlane Mansion with the Rev. Charles O. Mix officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Coleman and Shirley "Karen" Flaskamp of Canton, and the groom is the son of the late Shirley R. Goodrich.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and a 1993 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She works as an intensive care unit nurse at the Ann Arbor VA Hospital.

Her husband is graduate of Florida Southeastern University Medical School and is employed as an anesthesia resident at the University of Michigan.

She asked Holly Hinzmann to be maid of honor. Laura Flaskamp, Lisa Flaskamp and Lauren Goodrich were brides-



maids. The groom asked Rick Goodrich to be best man. Coleman Flaskamp III and William Crawford were groomsmen.

They received guests at the Dearborn Inn and honeymooned in the Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands. They are making their home in Canton.

Porter-Iles

GraceAnn Makowski of Middleton, N.Y., and Richard Porter of Waterford announce the engagement of their daughter, KellyAnn, to Ty Lawson Iles, the son of Eileen Iles of Frankfort, Ill., and the late Lawson Iles.

The bride-to-be graduated cum laude from Saginaw Valley State University with a bachelor of arts degree in commercial art. She is employed as a graphic designer by Computer Sciences Corporation of Farmington Hills.

Her fiance is a graduate of the University of Illinois with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. He is employed by Walbridge Aldinger of Detroit as a project planner and currently assigned to the Chrysler Technology Center pro-



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

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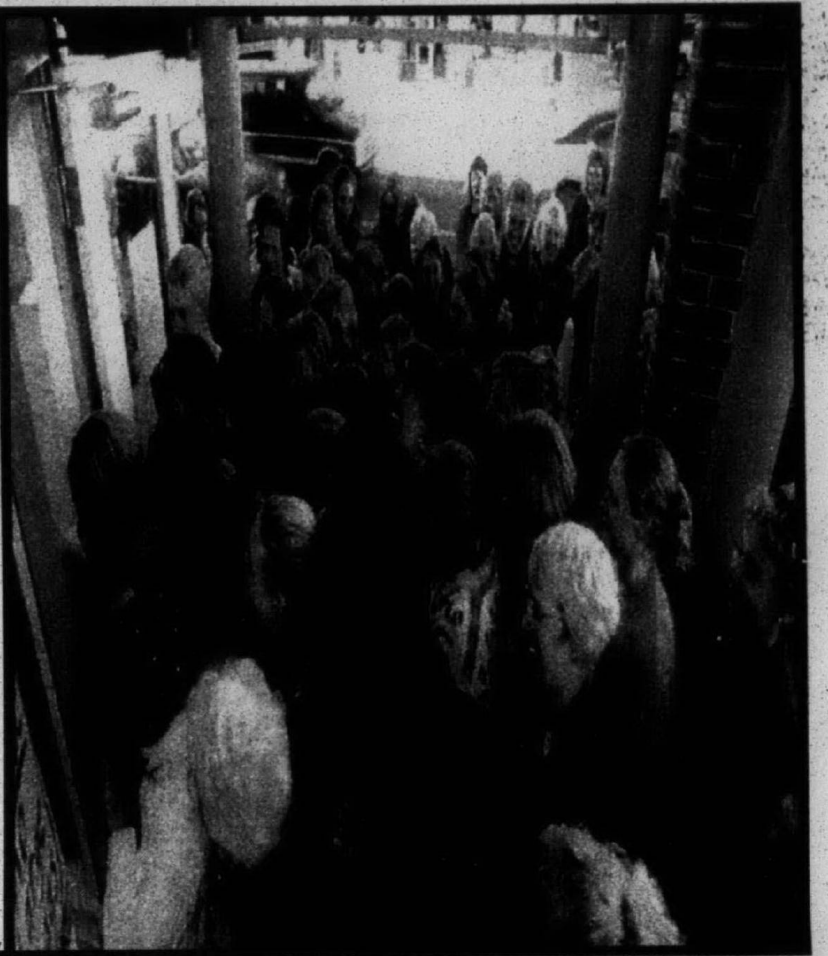
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Apostolic Outreach will hold a service at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, at the Plymouth VFW Hall, 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth. The services are sponsored by the Apostolic Faith Temple of Taylor. For more information, call Rev. Mark Dunlap at (313) 291-8080 or Rev. Don Teulner at (313) 295-1925.

HOLY INNOCENTS
Faith Lutheran Church will have one service at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, on Holy Innocents Day and one service at 7 p.m. New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, at the church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (313) 421-7249.

POLONAISE CHORALE
The Polonaise Chorale, under the direction of Daniel Misterovich, will present its annual Christmas concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Road, north of Six Mile Road, Livonia. The concert is free of charge, however, a free will offering will be accepted.

The Polonaise Chorale sings Polish Christmas carols and has a cassette tape of its singing which will be available before and after the concert. For more information, call (313) 863-6209 or (313) 531-5558.

BETHANY PLYMOUTH/CANTON
Bethany Plymouth/Canton, a ministry providing support for single adults, gathers at 11:15 a.m. Sundays for 11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Aidan's Church, Farmington Road, north of Six Mile Road, Livonia, followed by coffee or lunch. Call Bill at (313) 421-3011 for information.

The group also meets for breakfast at 10 a.m. Sundays at the Redford Inn, Five Mile Road west of Beech Daly Road, Redford - call Val at (313) 729-1974 - and for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Plymouth Road east of Merriman, Livonia - call Tony at (313) 422-3266.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
The radio series "What Is This Christian Science and Who Are These Christian Scientists?" a weekly program to answer questions about the religion, is being broadcast 8:30 a.m. Sundays on CKLW-AM 800. Topics include "How do Christian Scientists feel about modern medicine?" On Dec. 29, "Is care in Christian Science as reliable as medicine?" on Jan. 5, "How do Christian Scientists feel about Jesus?" on Jan. 12, "What kind of faith in God heals?" on Jan. 19 and "Faith healing or something more?" on Jan. 26. The series also can be heard at 1:30 p.m. Sundays on WQBH-AM 1400. It is produced by the Christian Science Committee on Publication for Michigan and sponsored by local Christian Science churches. For more information, call (800) 886-1212.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church will have a New Year's Eve party for the community Tuesday, Dec. 31, at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The worship service will be at 7:30 p.m., followed by a catered dinner at 8:30 p.m. and dancing with a disc jockey. There also will be non-alcoholic beverages, games and a countdown to midnight. Tickets are \$15 per person, if ordered by Dec. 15, and \$18 thereafter. Reservations must be made by Dec. 27. For more information, call Chuck at (313) 453-0406 or Bob at (313) 522-6830. Singles, couples and groups welcome.

NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP
Ward Presbyterian Church will celebrate New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, with an evening of fellowship, beginning at 9 p.m. with a sacred Christian concert, featuring Fred Hubbs Jr. A buffet will be available at 10 p.m. by advanced reservation only. The evening will conclude with a Watch Night Service at 11 p.m. Chimes will ring in the New Year and close the service just after midnight. For more information, call (313) 422-1826.

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

New Beginnings is for people suffering as a result of the death of a loved one. It recognizes that people grieve differently, but have a similar need for the support of each other. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (810) 380-7903 and Rosemary Kline at (313) 462-3770.

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

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The service is people unable to attend Sunday morning worship or interested in an informal form of worship. It is led by Ken Marrs. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-6039.

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The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is available on videotape for a cost of \$15, plus \$3 postage, from Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, Livonia 48152. The tapes make a great gift for a shut-in or those unable to attend the liturgy. The tapes also can be given to those people who are either seeking or expressing an interest in the Orthodox faith.

Parker is a strong advocate of "family-centered" ministry. He has received specific training in alcohol and drug intervention and has provided counseling in that area.

As a licensed contractor, Parker also understands the need for a strong foundation and is committed to helping others strengthen their relationships through faith in Jesus Christ.

He and Cindy, a registered nurse, have five children - Autumn, Weston, Evan, Caleb and Shannon.

Merriman Road Baptist Church is at 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. For more information, call Parker at (313) 421-0472.

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Wayne and Cindy Parker

Memorial High School, received his bachelor of science degree from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti and his master of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ken.

Parker and his wife Cindy, most recently served as director of missions for the Woodland Baptist Association in the Grand Rapids area. During a five-year period, he led an aggressive growth planning project that saw the association grow from eight churches in 1991 to 18 congregations in 1996. From 1983 to 1991, he served as founder and pastor of Charity Baptist Church in Big Rapids.

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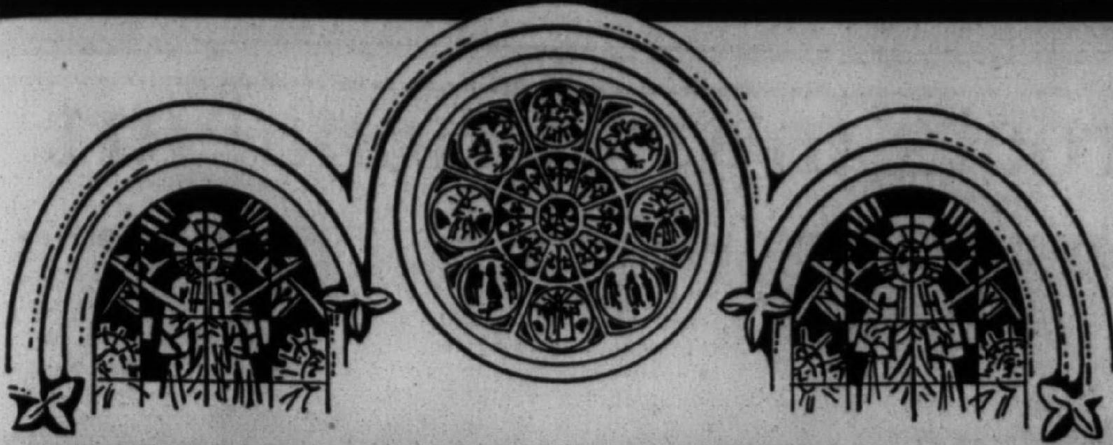
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Japanese culture has its roots in traditional art

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

It's a given. Most Americans know very little about the Japanese culture, let alone Japanese art. Ask to name some form of Japanese art, they generally are stumped.

But a lot can be learned about the Japanese culture by looking at their traditional art, according to Izumi Suzuki of Suzuki, Meyers & Associates, Ltd.,

which specializes in Japanese business communications.

"The goal of Japanese art is to make the person more sophisticated," said Suzuki. "You can choose to be anyone, but you can be a better person by practicing this art."

"There are no win/lose situations in Do because there are many ways to go up the mountain."

Guest speaker during the Schoolcraft College Women's

Resource Center fall luncheon series, Suzuki introduced the audience to the "Do (pronounced dough)," the ways of traditional Japanese art, touching on three of the seven disciplines, flower arranging, the tea ceremony and writing. The others are judo, the way of the warrior, the way of the empty hand, or Karioki, and the way of the sword.

Shodo, a form of calligraphy, is the way of writing. It implies not only a skill of writing, but an entire culture associated with it. It is, Suzuki explained, a "sister to poetry and painting." Children learn Shodo in elementary school. It is mandatory and involves 15 minutes to make the ink, special brushes and a 15-minute period of mental preparation. Students are given just three brushes, although there are many different sizes, Suzuki explained.

"We hold the brush in a special way," she said. "It is three-dimensional in what we do. You see, not just feel the result on paper."

The tea ceremony may be the most recognizable of Japanese tradition. Called Chado, it is the highly structured method of preparing tea in the company of guests.

Chado is art with other people and of being in harmony with people and with the room, Suzuki said. The practitioner must know who made the tea ball, what the picture on it says and what the history of the tea ball is.

The tea ball has "one face" on it, and there always is a front and back to the tea cup. In the



The "Do" of it: Izumi Suzuki of Suzuki, Meyers & Associates, Ltd., which specializes in Japanese business communication, explains to her audience the types of traditional Japanese art that help its practitioners become more sophisticated.

ceremony, the recipient has to humble himself or herself and drink from the back of the cup. The front, according to Suzuki, represents what is shown to the outside, the back is what is kept inside.

The tea is bitter, so a sweet is

served with it. The traditional sweet is made of red bean paste and a lot of sugar.

"In a tea ceremony, you are trying to get close to nature, but you're trying to do it nonchalantly, so you look natural," she said. "Everything looks so simple, it's

like being a dancer. It's beautiful to see and there's no wasteful movement.

"In the Chado, it is not important how bitter the tea is or how sweet the sweet is, it is how the tea master moves. Nothing is nonchalant, but you have to do it nonchalantly."

And to be a tea master is an expensive proposition, since it requires building your own tea room, she added.

Ikebana is the way of making flowers come alive. The artists don't look at the color of the flowers, they look at the branch and work to bring out the character of the branch and to show the cut flower at the best part of its life.

"Ikebana started as flowers to offer to the great Buddha, three flowers for Buddha and the two attendants," said Suzuki. "It evolved into a stand and arrangement and then into an elaborate arrangement."

The style of flower arranging preferred determines what needs to be learned, added Suzuki who is a third degree master in the Ohara School of flower arranging.

The artist calculates how long the branch should be and the spacing of the flowers is important. And mixing of different seasonal flowers is not permitted with traditional Ikebana.

It is the Japanese women who keep the traditions, while the husbands go out and earning a living for the family.

"The husbands make money and bring home money, while the women use the money to get sophisticated," she added. "The men say that the company is the only place they can relax because at the home the women have financial power."

St. Mary holds quit smoking 2-week program

St. Mary Hospital has a class for quitters.

The two-week, four-session Smoke-Free Living Class will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, Jan. 6, 9, 13, 16 in Lower Level Conference Room E.

The two-week program helps individuals quit smoking. Instructors cover the effects of smoking, benefits of quitting, what to expect when you quit, coping techniques and strategies on staying smoke-free.

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WEEKEND

POLONAISE CHORALE

The Polonaise Chorale is holding its annual Christmas concerts of Polish Carols 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, at St. Colette Parish, at 17600 Newburgh Road, north of Six Mile in Livonia. The chorus is under the direction of Daniel Misteravich. Admission to the concert is free, with a donation being accepted during the concert. A cassette tape "Polonaise Chorale sings Polish Christmas Carols" will be available before and after the concert. For more information, call (313) 863-6209 or (313) 531-5558.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

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The Plymouth Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a New Year's Eve party to raise money for the Karmanos Cancer Institute. Ticket prices are \$15 for singles \$25 for couples. The doors open at 8:30 p.m. and the fun goes past 1 a.m. Live entertainment will be brought to you by Broken Halo a very exciting band that has played all over Metro Detroit all the way to Grand Rapids even the Pontiac Silverdome. There will be a buffet that will offer all the food you can eat, door prizes donated by local merchants from Plymouth and a cash bar that will leave you with enough money in your pocket for the "big raffle." Tickets can be purchased in advance at Jerry's Bicycles, 1449 W. Ann Arbor Road, 459-1500.

SUMMIT ON THE PARK

Summit on the Park New Year's Eve Gala will begin 7 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, 8:30 p.m. buffet featuring: Caesar salad, garden salad with choice of dressings, bow tie pasta salad, marinated vegetable tray, kidney beans salad, fresh cut fruit bowl, fresh baked rolls and butter, coffee, baron of beef au jus, herb roasted chicken/sauce Beure Blanc, dusted Gulf Shrimp/cocktail sauce, steamed red skin potatoes, fresh hot vegetables medley, Corn O'Brian. At 12:30 p.m. the bar closes and the music stops, at midnight, champagne toast, party favors, build your own ice cream sundae bar, coffee service. The cost of \$40 per person includes, hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner, deejay champagne toast, ice cream sundae bar. To make reservations, call (313) 397-6800, Ext. 228.

AROUND TOWN

ART EXHIBIT

The installation, "He asked her to marry him and she said..." is the Master of Arts Thesis Exhibition of Plymouth artist, Sharon Marson. It will be on display Jan. 2-Feb. 1 at the Michigan Guild Gallery at 118 N. Fourth Ave., in Ann

Arbor. The installation is a textual portrait, a spatial diary written from the perspective of two people who are contemplation a commitment to each other. The exhibit includes photography, graphic design, original type design, sound, and movies. The gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, (313) 455-1398.

CHORUS AUDITIONS

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

RADIO INTERVIEW

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

SOCCER REGISTRATION

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

CHARITY DRIVE

The "Make Me A Blessing Christmas Tree" drive is ongoing in Plymouth. Businesses are collecting unwrapped gifts that will be donated to Mott Children's Hospital. At each business where collections are taking place, a tree with cards is displayed. For more information, call (313) 459-9780.

TREE OF REMEMBRANCE

Arbor Hospice Tree of Remembrance will be on display through Dec. 27. The tree will be located at the Westchester Square Mall in downtown Plymouth at 550 Forest. The heart ornaments will display the names of loved ones from Plymouth, Northville, Canton and Novi. Families and supporters of Arbor Hospice wishing to place a memory ornament on The Tree should contact Kathy Brennan at (313) 677-0500.

GUEST STORYTELLER

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

Street.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

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

VISIONS OF CHRISTMAS

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

FITNESS CLASSES

There is still time to register for fitness classes beginning the week of Jan. 6, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, in Canton. This 8 week session begins the week of Jan. 6, and runs through the week of Feb. 24. The fee is \$18/class for annual pass holders; \$20/class for Canton residents; \$24/class for non-residents. Register for classes now through Dec. 30th at Summit on the Park.

ANIMAL ADOPTIONS

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

SENIOR TRIPS

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

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

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

OPEN SKATE

The City of Plymouth Recreation Departments Open Skating Schedule is:

- 12-1:20 p.m., 1:30-2:50 p.m. Sunday; 8:40-9:40 a.m., noon-1:40 p.m., 7-8 p.m. Monday; 10:30-11:50 a.m., noon-1:35 p.m. Tuesday; 8:40-10 a.m., 11:50 a.m.-1:40 p.m., Wednesday; 8:40-11:40 a.m., 1-2:40 p.m., 4-5:20 p.m., Thursday; 9:50-11:50 a.m., 12:50

a.m.-1:20 p.m. Friday. Fees: city residents: adults, \$2.75; \$2, children; \$1.50, seniors; \$1.25, skate rental; Non-residents: \$3.25, adults; \$2.50, children; \$1.50, seniors. Open skate line, 455-1782, Parks & Recreation office, 455-6623; Pro shop's phone, 453-7174.

LUNCH SKATE

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

CLUBS

WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club of Plymouth will meet 12:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, at the Fellowship Hall, First United Methodist Church, in Plymouth. An "Artistic Opportunity" will be available right here in Plymouth. An artistic overview will be presented by the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

PLYMOUTH KIWANIS

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

PARKINSON

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

COUNCIL ON AGING

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

GRIEF SUPPORT

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

CANTON SENIORS

The Canton Seniors Singles Christmas dinner will be held 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, at Rose's Restaurant, 201 N. Canton Center. All single Canton residents age 55 or over are welcome. For reservations call by Thursday, Dec. 12, at (313) 397-0316.

SNOWMOBILE CLUB

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

POLISH DANCE

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

PARKINSON'S

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

AIM

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

FORD WIVES

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

M.O.M.

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

AMATEUR RADIO

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

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES

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

NEWBURG SINGLES

Newburg Singles Ministries meets the third Sun-

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

SAFE

(Setting Addicts Free Eternally or Stable And Free Eternally) is a biblical-based support group for addicts and their families. SAFE meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Main Street Baptist Church, 8500 N. Morton Taylor Road, Canton. Information, (313) 464-1783.

CANTON BPW

The Canton Business and Professional Women's group meets 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at Roman Forum restaurant on Ford Road in Canton. This is an organization to promote full participation, equity and economic self-sufficiency for America's working women. Information, (313) 699-1970.

STAMP CLUB

West Suburban Stamp Club meets 8 p.m. on the first and third Fridays at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

MEPPS

Michigan Emergency Pharmaceutical Program offers middle-income seniors a one-month supply of prescription drugs. Must call for appointment noon to 2 p.m., (313) 455-7526. Appointments are on the second and third Friday monthly at Plymouth Township Hall (by clerk's office).

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS

Livonia-Redford Chapter No. 130 Parents Without Partners is meeting at Mama Mia's Restaurant, 27770 Plymouth Road, between Middlebelt and Inkster, on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Parent and family activities are planned. New members welcome at 8 p.m. for orientation. Diane, (313) 464-1969.

SMOKER'S RIGHTS

Group will meet 7 p.m. the third Monday of each month in Denny's on Ann Arbor Road at I-275, Plymouth Township, for people supportive of smokers' rights. Information, call Marc at (313) 455-1635.

JAYCEES

The Plymouth/Canton Jaycees meet at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

FUND-RAISING BOOKS

The Plymouth Symphony League is raising funds by selling the Entertainment '97 book. Each book contains hundreds of "Two-for-One" discounts on dining, fast food, movies, sports activities, special attractions and hotels - 50 percent savings on almost everything! The profit will help support the Sympho-

ny. To order your book, call (313) 453-3016.

COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

PLYMOUTH OPTIMISTS

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

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VOLUNTEERS

Vista Maria Pathways Program: Help guide a young woman into adulthood by becoming a volunteer mentor. Vista Maria, a non-profit agency, located in Dearborn Heights, is looking for women from the Detroit Metropolitan area, to mentor troubled girls ages 16-19. If you are at least 21 years old, and have a desire to be a positive role model for a young woman, then call (313) 271-3050 ext. 276.

CHILDREN SUPPORT

Rainbows is a structured program to help children deal with a significant loss in their lives either through death or divorce. This is an opportunity to share feelings in an accepting environment supported by trained, caring, compassionate adults. A 14-week program available at no charge to children in grades kindergarten through eight. This program is held at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon Road, in Canton. The first half runs from Sept. 24, Nov. 5; second half from Jan. 7 through Feb. 18. For information and registration, call between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at (313) 459-0013.

FOR KIDS

PLYMOUTH CHILDREN'S Nursery has openings for 3 year olds in the Wednesday morning class. For more information about the cooperative nursery school, located on Sheldon Road in Canton, contact Janet Fraser at (313) 844-0216.

NURSERY SCHOOL

Creative Day Nursery School, at the Canton Free Methodist Church, has openings. (313) 981-3990 or (313) 981-6470.

CAMPUS NOTES

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

INTERIM DEAN

Professor Marilyn Oberst of Plymouth, a faculty member at Wayne State University College of Nursing since 1993 and an expert in nursing research, will become interim dean beginning Jan. 1. She will succeed Edythe Hough, who steps down after four years as dean and moving to the Washington, D.C., area. Before joining the WSU faculty, Oberst was

Helen Denne Schulte professor at the University of Wisconsin School of Nursing, where she also held administrative positions. She served as director of nursing research at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, as an adjunct associate professor of nursing education at Columbia University Teachers College and as assistant director of nursing at New York University Medical Center and at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York. She also was clinical supervisor at St. Luke's Hospital there.

She earned a doctorate in nursing research, master's degrees in nursing administration and nursing service administration, and a bachelor's degree in nursing from Columbia University. She also has a diploma in nursing from St. Luke's Hospital

School of Nursing.

In addition to her research skills, Oberst is experienced in administration and teaching and has been published widely in professional books and journals.

NAMED TO WHO'S WHO

Amy E. Mayo and Thomas J. Raven are two of 27 Albion College students selected for the 1997 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Mayo is a senior majoring in anthropology and sociology. She is the daughter of James and Judith Mayo of Plymouth and a graduate of Canton High School. Raven is a senior majoring in public policy. He is the son of

Richard and Julianne Raven of Canton and a graduate of Canton High School.

ALMA COLLEGE

Jennifer Grutzka of Plymouth and junior at Alma College worked as a stage manager at the New Stage Theatre Company in New York City last summer. A 1993 graduate of Ladywood High School, she was responsible for all of the technical aspects of the play performed this summer, Eric Overmyer's "On the Verge."

Involved in theatre since high school, Grutzka has worked on many of Alma College's productions. She is the daughter of Robert and Diana of Plymouth and a theater/dance major at Alma.

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4 ways to cope with the stress of the season

The holiday season is upon us. For many, it's a festive time, filled with mirth, merriment and family activities.

For others, it can be a difficult time, fraught with stress, sadness and depression.

Helping people cope with holiday problems is the goal of New Directions Center for Christian Counseling.

"Our purpose is to help people cope with stress to deal with it during the holidays," said Jeff Imber, a psychologist and the center's director.

Suzanne Hamilton works with

people whose family relationships are strained and whose families are not places of comfort, support or nurture.

"In conflicted families, the holidays are not a time of joy or celebration, but a time of dread, conflict and grief," she said. "Blended families often struggle with bringing together two groups of strangers who both want to keep two separate sets of traditions."

"New traditions have to be established, if possible, combining as much as possible of the other two."

Some families don't know where family members are or whether they are even all right, Hamilton added.

For them and for families who have lost loved ones to death, the holidays highlight their loss.

Imber and Hamilton have some things families can do to cope with holiday problems:

(1) Keep the holidays holy. Make room for quietness and prayer to reflect on your relationship to God and His blessings.

(2) Give yourself permission to grieve during the holidays.

"We often feel guilty to God and family because we experience grief during what should be a joyous holiday season and we can feel guilty to the departed loved one, if we feel joy after their loss," Hamilton said. "But God understands this conflict. Even though the angels spread a message of joy at Jesus' birth, God knew he had sent his son to earth just so he could suffer and die."

(3) Reduce the stress as much as possible by prioritizing the important things. Don't feel you have to do too much. You can

live without what doesn't get done.

(4) Set realistic expectations for your family gatherings for the holidays.

Enlist someone's help who will be supportive and help you when things get rough.

Successful holiday planning and behavior can create safe and wonderful holidays.

"Remember, you can choose how to celebrate the holidays, if you work to make room for Christ in your heart," Imber said.

ANNIVERSARIES

McNulty

Karl E. and Gurvis McNulty Sr. of Canton recently celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary.

They were married Nov. 21, 1952, in Ann Arbor. She is the former Gurvis Eaussy-Shinn.

They have four children - Ronald of Southfield, Mike of Bolite, Wis., Karl Jr. of Coldwater and Keith of Canton - and eight grandchildren.

He is retired from the U.S. Marine Corps and General Motors after 32 years. She retired after nine years with Michigan National Bank.

They are both involved in the Marine Corps League. She is the national junior vice-president of the league and a volunteer at the V.A. Hospital.



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HEALTH NEWS

MEDICAL BRIEFS

Bunion breakthrough

A procedure called the Tri-Correctional Bunionectionomy is now available to area residents suffering from misalignment of their big toe. Dr. Ellen B. Mady, of the Canton Foot Specialists on Ford Road between Lilley and Sheldon Roads, is trained to perform the outpatient surgery which allows people to return to a tennis shoe within two weeks. The procedure involves repositioning the deformed toe, then using a single screw to hold the bones in place. A plastic surgery technique is used on the skin so scarring is minimal. Rehabilitation begins once the stitches are removed. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (313) 981-7800.

Joining forces



Michigan Health & Hospital Association and the Michigan Association of Homes and Services for the Aging have formed a strategic partnership to improve member services and cooperate on efforts to improve health care delivery to Michigan citizens.

MHA members include hospitals, health systems, and other health care providers across the state. MAHSA members are nonprofit facilities and services that attend to the needs of the elderly and/or disabled individuals, allowing them to maintain maximum independence.

Cancer study

Researchers at Henry Ford Health System are seeking men and women ages 55 to 74 to help them determine whether medical tests to detect some of the most common cancers reduce the number of deaths from the disease. Called the Prostate, Lung, Colorectal and Ovarian Cancer Screening Trial (PLCO), the study is the largest-ever U.S. cancer screening trial. It will include a total of 148,000 men and women in 10 cities.

The tests may detect these cancers before symptoms develop. Although it is not known whether treatments at this stage will reduce the chance of dying, some cancer screening tests do reduce the number of deaths from the disease, such as Pap smears, which reduce deaths from cervical cancer.

Men and women interested in participating in the PLCO trial should contact Henry Ford Health Systems at (313) 874-6725.

Program held

Sinai Health System's Prostate Cancer Program featured "Brachytherapy for Localized Prostate Cancer: A Promising New Frontier," in Sinai's Zuckerman Auditorium Nov. 16. The event was attended by 200 urologists, oncologists, primary care physicians, physicists, and other health care providers who have an interest or are involved in the management of patients with localized prostate cancer.

Also known as "Seed Implantation Therapy" — the non-surgical, ultrasound-guided insertion of tiny low-level radioactive seeds into the prostate. Results have been found to be as good as the standard modalities. Morbidity is low and patient acceptance is excellent. The procedure requires just one visit to the treatment facility. Call 1-800-248-3627 for referrals or information.

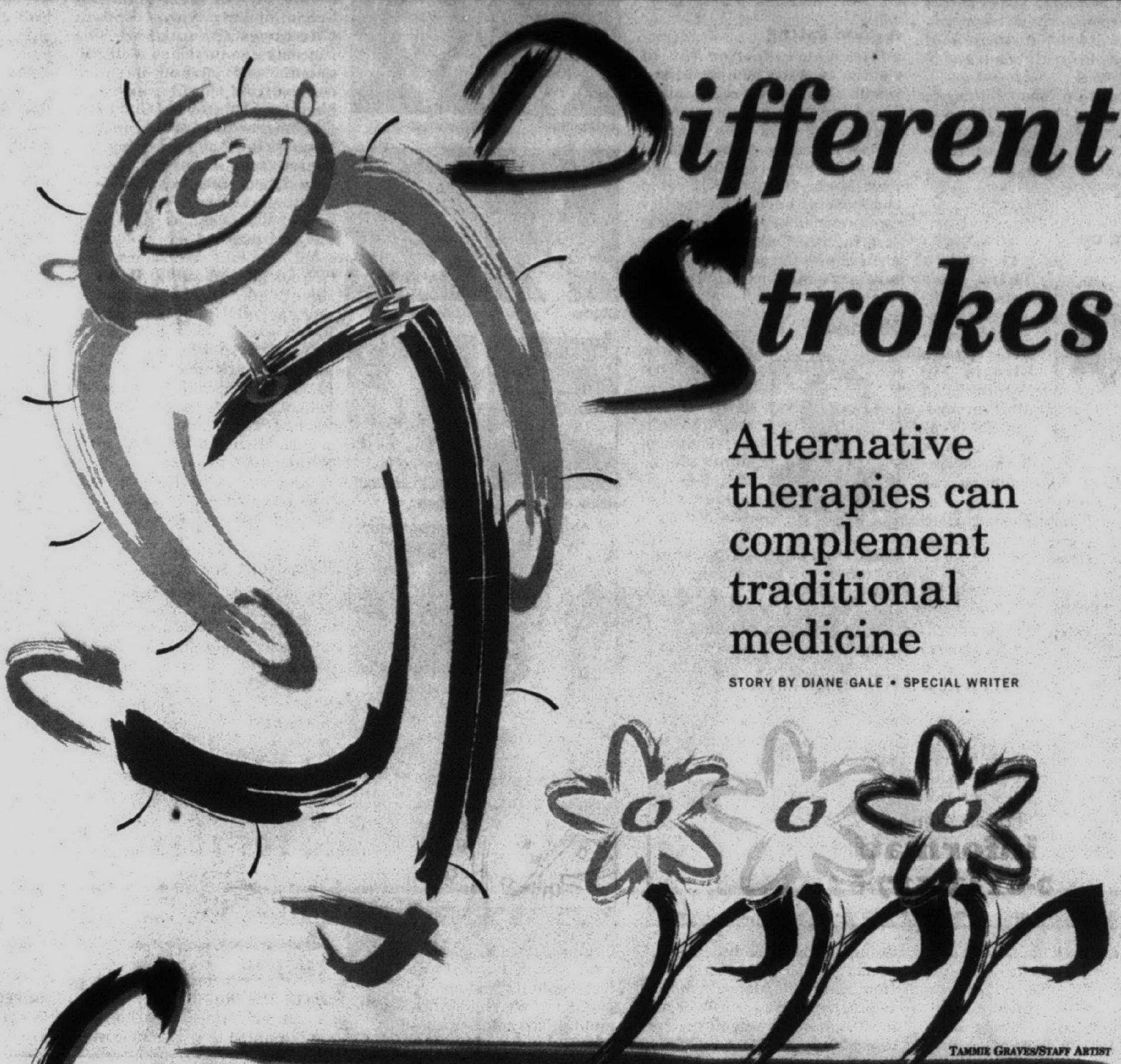
The event was held sponsored by a Prostate Cancer Symposium.

Parasite alert

There are about 300 types of parasites thriving in America today, including: pinworms, tapeworms, hookworms, ringworms, whipworms and roundworms. They are oblivious to financial status, age, or eating habits. They can range in size from microscopic to 25 feet in length and can be contracted through undercooked food, shaking hands or playing with a family animal.

Unless people have major symptoms, other than weakness, weight loss, abdominal cramps, nausea and fever, doctors often misdiagnose cases as bacterial infections.

To receive additional information and a free audio tape about parasites and how they can be cleared from one's body, call 1-800-281-8380.



Alternative therapies can complement traditional medicine

STORY BY DIANE GALE • SPECIAL WRITER

Amille Schneider had bad reactions to pain medicine given to her during cancer treatments. She found therapeutic healing touch was a good alternative and the technique helped get her through the roughest times.

"I use chemotherapy and therapeutic touch is a complementary medicine," according to the Redford resident who is among a growing number of people seeking alternative ways to better health.

You don't have to drink herbal tea, wear a ponytail or live in Ann Arbor to try imagery, acupuncture, yoga, meditation, biofeedback, hypnosis, homeopathy and a host of other treatments.

In fact, according to a Harvard study, one-third of Americans are seeking alternative or complementary ways to their medical care. And they're spending an estimated \$13.7 billion annually on such remedies.

Medical leaders are paying attention to those figures. The American Medical Association passed a resolution in 1995 suggesting that its 300,000 members become better informed regarding the practices and techniques of alternative or unconventional medicine.

And an increasing number of insurance companies are paying for alternative treatments. The first was Western Life Insurance in 1992 and others have followed suit covering things from meditation and group counseling to acupuncture and other methods.

Alternative methods might

help where Western medicine has lagged, according to Talib Kafaji, a clinical psychologist who works out of St. Mary Hospital. He also has an office on Farmington Road in Livonia.

Kafaji recently lectured to medical professionals at the hospital about cancer and alternative treatments. In 1900 cancer was responsible for 4 percent of the deaths in the United States, he said. In 1995, the disease was the cause of 24 percent of the deaths.

"We are advancing in medical treatment and the illness is increasing, why?" Kafaji said. "It's because we are using one method."

Western medicine focuses on treating only the body's problems.

"You have a mind, spirit and other parts of your body, so you need to deal with people from a holistic perspective," Kafaji said. "Even the people in the medical field would not like to call it alternative, we would like to call it complementary treatment."

Guided imagery, hypnotic suggestion, progressive muscle relaxation, biofeedback, meditation, nutrition and a host of other methods are sometimes used during cancer treatment, Kafaji said.

Acupuncture has also become popular for a number of physical problems by inserting needles at specific body points to alleviate pain and other discomfort.

The ancient Chinese technique filtered into Western knowledge almost by accident when President Richard Nixon went to China and a journalist accompanying him became ill.

He was referred to a Chinese doctor who used acupuncture therapy.

The journalist walked away saying he felt great.

"When acupuncture started to come here, the American Medical Association, and pharmaceutical companies fought tooth and nail. All you need are needles and that will cure you," said Kafaji, who studied acupuncture in China.

Dr. Alison Lee heads an Ann Arbor practice, Barefoot Doctors, named after Chinese doctors who were barefoot when they used acupuncture on injured people in rice fields.

Lee looks at patients with an education in Western medicine and an appreciation for Eastern methods. Certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology to practice pain management, Lee practiced anesthesiology for 10 years. She completed a fellowship in pain management at Yale University.

"Strengths of Western medicine are for acute and life threatening illnesses," Lee said. "There's a great deal that can be done for the quality of life and for chronic pain. People are finding that Eastern medicine is useful for people with those conditions."

A common comment among patients who try acupuncture, Lee said, is that it makes sense.

"And there's a great deal of science done and that makes sense to them," she said. "People don't have to live with a diagnosis that nothing can be done for their pain."

Kafaji added that people in the United States should adopt

a Chinese practice of only paying doctors when their health improves.

"There was a doctors' strike in Israel and the rate of deaths dropped," said Kafaji, who is an adjunct faculty member of Wayne State University, Eastern Michigan University and the University of Detroit Mercy.

"Every single year 100,000 to 120,000 people died in emergency rooms, because of a mix-up or confusion. The point is be aware when you go to a hospital," Kafaji said.

Western medicine and complementary treatments are the right combination for Schneider.

"With the chemotherapy you have massive doses of toxins that are entering your body to thwart the malignancy so to put more into our body doesn't make sense," said Schneider, who was diagnosed with uterine cancer in 1994. Doctors said they expected her to live one and a half years. Earlier this year, she learned the cancer was in her lung. She promised herself to get therapeutic touch treatments weekly.

"By the time I had the sixth treatment of chemotherapy I noticed that the level of pain was not as intense, not to imply that pain was taken away totally, but it was diminished and I was able to handle it better each time," said Schneider adding that complementary medicine allows you to help heal yourself.

"I've already beat the sentence and I plan to be around for quite a while," Schneider said. "Healing touch has reinforced my belief in the power of the body to heal itself."

Flu vaccine's effectiveness may require a second dose

BY ZACHARY GORCHOW
STAFF WRITER

Area hospitals are saying patients who obtained a flu vaccine from their facility did not receive the one whose manufacturers now say lacks the potency to ward off the illness.

Persons who received the vaccine, produced by Parke-Davis, will need to obtain an additional shot to ensure vaccination from the flu, according to area health officials.

Donald Lawrenchuk, M.D., Wayne County Health Department medical director, said the department did not administer any of the Parke-Davis vaccine, opting for a different brand.

The Parke-Davis vaccine was "less than ideal" because it lacked the potency to generate enough antibodies to effectively ward off the flu virus, Lawrenchuk said.

Since influenza is an "opportunistic" illness that targets "weak links," officials are concerned that those who received the inadequate vaccination will be the most susceptible to becoming sick, Lawrenchuk said.

Anyone who had the Parke-Davis vaccine will need to receive an additional shot, Lawrenchuk said.

"Those who received (the Parke-Davis shot) will be notified by their physician or provider," he said.

Area hospitals, including Garden City Hospital, Botsford General Hospital, St. Mary Hospital, Oakwood Hospital in Westland and Mission Health Medical Center did not administer the Parke-Davis vaccine, spokespersons said.

But Julie Sproul, St. Mary Hospital community relations director, said she still encourages anyone with a low immune system, such as children or the elderly, to get a second shot, regardless of where the

shot was given. She said this year's strain of the flu is particularly strong.

Lawrenchuk said persons who have not obtained a flu shot and are interested in getting one can still do so.

"The ideal time is one month prior to the first case, but it's not too late," he said.

Lawrenchuk said he encourages people to receive a flu shot because the number of people receiving vaccinations has declined by 25 percent this year, according to the Food and Drug Administration.

The present number of flu cases is "typical" for this time of year, Lawrenchuk said. He said the flu season begins in earnest in January.

Persons who think they may have received the Parke-Davis vaccine can call a hotline that the company has set up at 1-800-797-0705 with any questions.

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



WAYNE BUSINESS *Finance*

BUSINESS PEOPLE

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings and other key personnel moves within the suburban business community. Send a brief biographical summary, including the towns of residence and employment and a black-and-white photo, if desired, to: *Business People*, Observer Business Page, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

Moving up



Lynn Thiry has been promoted to manager of Harmony House Livonia in Wonderland Mall, according to Vice President of Retail Operations Chuck Papke. Thiry was formerly assistant manager at Harmony House Farmington. The chain sells music, magazines and accessories.

Appointment

John Cottrill of Redford will begin his new duties as general manager of Detroit's Westin Hotel on Dec. 30. He will replace Larry Alexander.

After graduating from the University of Nevada, Cottrill joined MGM Grand in Las Vegas, moved to the Hyatt corporation in the mid-1970s, then joined the Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company. He is an active member of several

business and hospitality organizations and serves on various boards.

A good rating

Michigan Induction Inc. of Canton recently completed the QS 9000/ISO 9002 registration and Ford Motor Company Q1 rating.

The company is the only QS 9000/ISO 9002 registered and Ford Motor Company Q1 rated commercial heat treat facility that provides only induction heat treating services. The achievement marks the culmination of a two-year quality focus initiative.

Elected



J. Bruce Lange of Farmington Hills was recently elected vice president of the Hotel Association of Greater Detroit (HAGD). Lange is the general manager of the DoubleTree Hotel in Detroit.

Lange earned his bachelor's degree in hotel/restaunt management from Michigan State University.

He serves on the Owners Advisory Committee for the Metropolitan Detroit Convention & Visitors Bureau.



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Brian M. Akkashian of Bloomfield Hills, a specialist in business law and graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law; **Amy O'Meara Chambers** of Southfield, who concentrates in commercial litigation and earned her law degree from the University of Michigan; **Donna M. Clarke** of Okemos, who concentrates in business law and earned her law degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School; **Mark A. Davis** of Huntington Woods, who specializes in business law, securities law and taxation and graduated from Thomas M. Cooley Law School; **Rhonda L. Ross** of Royal Oak, an environmental law specialist who earned her law degree from Wayne State University School of Law; **Douglas L. Wathen** of Whitaker, Mich., who specializes in intellectual property law and earned his law degree from the University of Michigan; and **David L. Wentworth II** of Peoria, Ill., a commercial litigation specialist who earned his law degree from the University of Detroit.

New board

The Detroit Association for Corporate Growth has elected its board of directors for 1996-97. The board includes: **Bruce D. Birgbauer**, senior partner, Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, Detroit; **Gerard P. Charette** of Wilson, Walker, Hockberg & Slopen, Windsor, Ontario; **Robert S. Griffin**, assistant vice president for Huntington Bank, Troy; **Raymond W. Gunn**, vice president of finance and CFO, Somanetics Corp., Troy; **Jay Hansen**, asso-

Lawyers join firm

Seven attorneys have joined the law firm of Howard & Howard, which has offices in Bloomfield Hills. They are:

ciate, The Oxford Investment Group Inc., Bloomfield Hills; **Ronald A. Hingst**, president, PR Services Inc., Ann Arbor; **Lois Marler**, vice president and chief financial officer, White Pines Capital, Ann Arbor; **Gretchen B. Perkins**, vice president, G.E. Capital, Bloomfield Hills; **Marcus A. Shelly**, manager of corporate development, T & N Industries Inc., Ann Arbor; **John G. Sznawajs**, business development analyst, Masco Corp., Taylor; **Kent P. Talcott**, associate, Amherst Capital Partners, Birmingham; and **H. Gregory Wold**, associate director of corporate strategy, Ford Motor Co., Plymouth Township.

ACG past presidents include: **William J. MacAdam**, president, trans2 Corp., Bloomfield Hills; **David P. Ruwart**, attorney, Plunkett & Cooney, Detroit; and **John F. Burns**, partner, Clark Hill, Detroit.

Top ranking

Douglas Teubert of Northville ranked fourth among more than 1,800 Lutheran Brotherhood field force representatives nationwide in the amount of life, health, annuity and investment products issued in November. He is associated with Lutheran Brotherhood's Karl Mueller Agency in Rochester Hills.

New leadership

Jeffrey R. Caponigro, president and CEO of Caponigro Public Relations Inc., was re-elected chairman of the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition at the Decem-



Caponigro

ber board meeting. Vice chairpersons elected are: **W. Frank Fountain**, vice president of government affairs for Chrysler Corp.; **John C. Funk**, chairman of SEMCOG; **Ann Gail**, president, Gail's Office Supply; **Leonard D. Givens**, executive partner, Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone; **Ernest Lofton**, vice president, International Union-UAW; and **Laurence M. Scoville Jr.**, senior member, Clark Hill. **Douglas D. McClintock**, partner at Arthur Anderson, was elected treasurer. **Dennis E. Gershenson**, president and CEO of Ramco Gershenson Properties Trust, was elected secretary.

New board members include: **Anita R. Ashford**, vice chairwoman, SEMCOG; **Vernice D. Anthony**, senior vice president, Urban and Community Health, St. John Hospital System; **Douglas A. Klegon**, vice president of planning and marketing, Detroit Medical Center; **Mary Kramer**, associate publisher and editor, Crain's Detroit Business; **Roman T. Kulich**, president and CEO, SelectCare; **Daniel T. Lis**, senior vice president and chief legal officer, NBD Bank; **James L. Neblett**, administrative director, Michigan AFSCME-Council 25; and **James C. Rennick**, chancellor, University of Michigan-Dearborn.

BUSINESS DATEBOOK

Business-related items are welcome from the Observer area and should be sent to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

TUES, JAN. 7

BUSINESS OWNERS
The Women Business Owners of Southeastern Michigan will meet on the first floor of the 777 Building on Eisenhower and State Street in Ann Arbor. There will be a mixer activity 6:30 p.m. with the meeting 7-8:30 p.m.

WED, JAN. 8

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

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

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

THURS, JAN. 9

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

JAN. 9, FEB. 13

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

register, call (313) 462-4438.

TUES, JAN. 14

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

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O&E ONLINE

Ameritech is pressing to become an information resource on the Internet. Its latest venture is its Internet Yellow Pages site, an online equivalent of its print PagesPlus versions. In addition, though, the electronic version also is like a shopping mall — allowing consumers to do comparison shopping before reaching for the checkbook.

Simply as a directory, Ameritech Internet Yellow Pages is better because it's nationwide with listings of more than 10 million businesses. It's like having a row of Yellow Pages on your bookshelf and being able to access one for any city in the U.S.

Anyone wanting to buy a gift for an out-of-town relative, wanting to comparison shop for a new car or house, or anyone wanting to locate a good restaurant for a

night out, point your favorite Web browser to <http://yp.ameritech.net>. Upon arrival, users will find nine specialty guides with links to hundreds of information providers to give facts needed to make informed buying choices. Car shoppers, for instance, will have access to the Kelley Blue Book and Car and Driver Buyers Guide in the Auto Specialty Guide. Cyberhomes offers prices and details of homes listed with agents in areas where they want to buy.

When looking for a restaurant for Saturday night, you also will be able to click on a street map to find out the specific location of the restaurant. Or go to the Entertainment Specialty Guide and see what movies are playing at your local theater.

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Searching

Ameritech's Internet Yellow Pages, stripped of its specialty guides, is basically a directory. You'll recall that when searching for Web sites the tools are directories like Yahoo and search engines like AltaVista. Directories are listings by subjects, like a library card catalog or the print yellow pages.

With a search engine, the user looks for the specific site on the first try rather than layering through subject headings. The

more skilled the user is the more successful he/she will be, in the shortest possible time.

To be successful, you will want to have some knowledge of Boolean search techniques. There are a couple of new (to me) options available, so let's take a quick review.

- and connects two search terms, both of which must appear in each Web page returned by the query.
- or connects two words, at least one of which should appear on each Web page on the results list.
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list. If there's no plus sign, the word is considered a request, not a requirement.

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Correction: An error occurred in a recent column on spam. Users who receive spam from clown@circus.com may E-mail a protest to postmaster@circus.com.

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Datebook

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WED, JAN. 22

BUYING POWER

Metro Detroit Marketing professionals will have an opportunity to hear about a recently completed landmark study on business-to-business buying. "Know the Buyer Better" was conducted by Penton Research Services. A 6 p.m. presentation outlining the findings will be made by John Skeri, PRS senior research analyst at the Southfield Marriott.

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

MONDAYS

BUSINESS WOMEN

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

WEDNESDAYS

GROUP MEETS

NAWBO West meets 7:30-9 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at Fox Hills Country Club, 8768 N. Territorial, west of Plymouth Township. The network is for women who own and operate their own businesses to provide support and share solutions. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for guests, which includes a continental breakfast.

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A RESURGENCE IN IRA POPULARITY

Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) may have lost some of their luster in the minds of many working Americans over the past decade, but a recent survey by a nationwide financial institution indicates that the IRA is making a comeback as a savings tool. According to the survey, nearly 33% of working Americans intend to open or contribute to an IRA this year. This percentage compares with 20% in 1995 and only 8% in 1994. IRAs were very popular during the early 1980s, when workers allowed to deduct up to \$2,000 a year in contributions. However, the 1986 tax reform act caused contributions to fall drastically by limiting deductible contributions, even though most households still qualified. Most of the recent IRA growth is coming from people who find IRAs attractive, even though they do not get a tax break when the contribution is made.

Look for a new surge in popularity now that the contribution for a non-working spouse has increased to \$2,000, thereby making a total contribution of \$4,000 possible as long as it doesn't exceed the couple's combined compensation for the year.

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HEALTH News

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

register, call (810) 471-8020.

MON, JAN. 13

A.D.D. CHILDREN
Beginning at 6:30 p.m., Daniel Fischer will discuss the symptoms of attention deficit disorder and focus on treatment options that can help parents with children who have A.D.D. Fischer is

a senior social worker with the Child/Adolescent Outpatient Division, Department of Psychiatry, University of Michigan. The two-hour lecture, to be held at Eastern Michigan University's Depot Town Center, 32 E. Cross St. in Ypsilanti, costs \$10.

TUES, JAN. 14

ACUPUNCTURE

Dr. Luke Kim will explore the benefits, side effects and risks associated with acupuncture and how and/or if it can help cure pains, ailments and diseases. Kim is in private practice. His lecture, scheduled from 6:30-8:30 p.m., will be held at Eastern Michigan University's Depot Town Center, 32 E. Cross St. in Ypsilanti. Admission is \$10.

JAN. 14-FEB. 6

DIABETES
St. Mary Hospital will offer a program for diabetics age 18 and older, "Taking Charge of Living With Diabetes." The eight sessions will be 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays,

Jan. 14 through Feb. 6, in the Pavilion Conference Room B of the hospital, Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. Information on self-care and successful management of diabetes will be provided. The \$75 fee includes a support person. To register, call (313) 655-2922 or 1-800-494-1650.

WED, JAN. 1

GET YOUR SHOTS
Effective Jan. 1, children attending Michigan child care facilities must be immunized against the Hepatitis B virus. Oakwood Healthcare System will offer Hepatitis B clinics at its locations in Canton, Garden City, Livonia and Westland, among others. The price is \$10 per person and you must bring immunization records. For information, call 1-800-543-WELL.

JAN. 2-13

STOP SMOKING
The City of Livonia will sponsor a "Stop Smoking" clinic conducted by Dr. Arthur Weaver. The seven-night program will be held at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, just east of Farmington Road in Livonia. Sessions will be Thursday, Jan. 2, Monday through Friday, Jan. 6-10, and Monday, Jan. 13. Sessions will be 7:30-9 p.m. Donations are accepted. For information, call Livonia City Hall at (313) 421-2000, Ext. 351.

THURS, JAN. 2

ALZHEIMER'S
An Alzheimer's Support Group meeting will be 10 a.m. to noon at the Livonia Civic Senior Center, 32000 Civic Center, Five Mile and Farmington roads in Livonia. The meeting is free and will feature conversation. For information, call (810) 557-8277.

TUES, JAN. 7

HEARTSAVER CLASS
A-BLS Adult Heartsaver Class will be held from 7-10 p.m. in Pavilion Conference Room B at St. Mary Hospital, Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. Fee \$20. Call (313) 655-2922 to register.

THURS, JAN. 9

FITNESS FOR MOMS
The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer an exercise class for new and expectant mothers beginning Jan. 9. It will meet 6-7:30 p.m. Thursdays in the hospital auditorium, Five Mile and Levan. Price is \$35 per person. Registration is required. To register, call (313) 655-3314 or 1-800-494-1615.

DREAM INTERPRETATION
Dr. Howard Wolowitz will explore how to understand dreams and their use as a tool for personal problem-solving from 6-9 p.m. at Eastern Michigan University's Depot Town Center, 32 E. Cross St. in Ypsilanti. Wolowitz is a professor of clinical psychology at the University of Michigan and has practiced individual and family psychoanalytic psychotherapy for more than 30 years. The cost is \$10.

JAN. 9 AND 16

INFANT CARE
St. Mary Hospital will offer an Infant Care Class 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 9 and 16, in Pavilion Conference Room A of the hospital, Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. The class will be taught by a registered nurse. The first session will be "Getting To Know Your Newborn." The second will focus on "Caring for the Sick Infant." Price is \$18 for one session, \$35 for both. To register, call (313) 655-3314 or 1-800-655-1615.

FRI, JAN. 10

ELDERMED
ElderMed at Botsford will host a program featuring Detroit Institute of Arts docent Ruth Lefkowitz 1:30 p.m. in the grand ballroom at Vladimir's, 28125 Grand River, Farmington Hills. Price is \$8 for ElderMed members, \$9 for non-members, which includes a luncheon served at 12:30 p.m. Advance registration and payment are required. To



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SPORTS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1996

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Top soccer teams

The best teams have been determined for the fall session at the Canton Soccerdome. The following are the champions and runners-up in each age division, with their coaches listed:

- Under eight — Green Machine (Rich Kulczycki), first; Red Hots (Jim DeVries), second;
- Under nine — Canton Attack (Randy Johnson), first; Jaguars (Robert Sosnitz), second;
- Under 11 — Wildcats (John Debien), first; Green Giants (Ron Sczomak), second;
- Under 12 — Northville Sting (Gary Tripp), first; Green Devils (John Thomason), second;
- Under 13 — Phantom Force (Rich Sparza), first; Dearborn Heights Jets (Angelo Berlasi), second;
- Under 16 — Michigan United (Dan Radcliffe), first; Redford United (Dan Karns), second;
- Under 19 — Woodhaven (Barrie Riley), first; Eagles (Barton Bryant), second;
- 19+B — Red Puppies (Mark Bielenda), first; Taylor United (Ray Wright), second;
- 19+B — Woodhaven (Barrie Riley), first; Mr. Bubbles (Frank Keatts), second;
- 19+A — All-Stars (Mo Hijazi), first; Team Hedgehog (Leslie Salah), second.

Baseball Coach Clinic

A series of baseball clinics covering different phases of the game is scheduled on Tuesdays throughout the winter at the Huron Golf Club in Ypsilanti.

Sponsored by Eastern Michigan University's baseball staff, the first clinic will be Jan. 28. The topic will be coaching baseball.

Each clinic will last from 7-9:30 p.m. Cost for each is \$35, or \$175 for the six-session series.

Other topics will be catching (Feb. 4), hitting/offense (Feb. 11), pitching (Feb. 18), team defense (March 4) and infield/outfield (March 11).

Featured clinicians will be Eastern Michigan's David Martin, Ron Oestrike, Roger Coryell and Jake Boss, and Detroit Tigers' minor league manager Bruce Fields.

For more information, call (313) 844-2307.

Allen Park alumni swim

Allen Park High School will stage an alumni swim meet at 6 p.m. Friday.

For more information, call Scott Wagner at (313) 582-4431.

Sunday Health Club

Schoolcraft College will host its Sunday Health Club beginning Jan. 5, for 13 weeks through April 6. The Club is unstructured and open to families; members may use two gymnasiums, six racquetball courts, weight machines, the pool and the sauna.

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. The Club is open from 1-5 p.m. every Sunday (except March 30) between Jan. 5 and April 6.

Cost is \$4 per person, per visit. Memberships are \$28 per person or \$65 for a family pass.

For further information, call (313) 462-4413. Schoolcraft is located on Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile.

Parks and Rec offerings

•The Canton Parks and Recreation Services, in conjunction with Skatin' Station II in Canton, is sponsoring a series of roller skating programs for all ages.

Classes for beginner adults and children will be offered. There will also be a class in inline/rollerblade skating, and a hockey league for ages 7-and-under, 8-10 and 11-14.

Cost is \$40 for the classes, which includes skate rentals, and \$95 for hockey, which will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sundays from Jan. 12 to March 23.

There are no residency requirements. For further information, call (313) 397-5110.

•Canton Parks and Recreation Services is offering a men's winter racquetball league for 15 weeks starting Jan. 8, at Body Rocks Racquetball in Livonia.

Cost is \$100 per person, which includes all league court time, awards and a T-shirt. Court times will be 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. Play will be divided into divisions based on ability.

There are no residency requirements. For further information, call (313) 397-5110.

Soccer referees

Training for new soccer referees will be held at Canton Township Hall on four consecutive Saturdays — Jan. 18 and 25 and Feb. 1 and 8.

Each class is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and referees must attend all four classes. A certification test will be given at the final session.

The cost for the sessions is \$43. The classes are open to those 12 years and older. Call (313) 454-7335 to register.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may fax them to (313) 591-7279.

Whalers drop a pair by just 1



It hurts. Say what you want, say what you will. Know going into the season your team is young, mistakes will be made, experience is lacking and that will make a difference all too often. It still has to hurt.

The Detroit Whalers, the team described above, lost twice in a three-day span — both times by a single goal. The two losses dropped

the Whalers to 13-19-2 in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division.

On Saturday, the North Bay Centennials got a goal 1:13 into overtime from Chris Neil — his second of the game — to post a 5-4 triumph.

Last Thursday, Detroit could not quite keep pace with host the Windsor Spitfires, losing 3-2.

The overtime loss to North Bay overshadowed a dramatic, game-tying goal from the Whalers' Jan Vodrazka with just seven seconds left in regulation. A pair of goals by Julian Smith in the first two periods

kept Detroit in striking distance; they trailed 3-2 entering the final period.

A goal by Rich Urazaric early in the third period gave North Bay a 4-2 lead. Chad Cavanagh scored on a power play with 15:08 left in regulation to pull the Whalers to within a goal.

Bryan McKinney, Steve Dumonski and Mark Cadotte each had two assists for Detroit. Shawn Gallant was in goal for the Whalers; he made 17 saves.

In the loss at Windsor, Detroit

trailed 2-0 after two periods — thanks to goals by Glen Crawford and Matt Cooke. A power play marker by the Whalers' Dumonski narrowed the gap to a goal, but with 1:52 remaining Dean Mando expanded the Spitfire lead to 3-1.

Randy Fitzgerald got another Whaler goal, but with just five seconds left to play. Dumonski assisted on the goal.

Nathan West was in goal for Detroit; he made 37 saves.

Detroit hosts London at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, then plays in Windsor Monday.

Big-time bonus

Here's a trainer who really does help train

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Chris Young, Detroit Catholic Central's 6-foot-10 junior center, received an elbow in the chops one day during a preseason practice.

Sensing that a fat lip was coming on, Young looked around, rather helplessly.

You see, the blow came from David Broz, a 6-10 former basketball player at Ball State University who happens to be the CC trainer. Broz had received similar treatment from Young a few trips earlier down the court.

An incident like this will make Young, uh, grow up pretty quickly.

"David was pushing Chris pretty vigorously and Chris boinked him in the ear with his elbow," recalled CC assistant coach John Mulroy. "About two or three trips later, David let him know who's boss, kind of like the old Gordie Howe stories. There was a low rumble that started about David's tennis shoes. I don't think anyone in the gym thought he was kidding."

Now, Broz is far from a bully.

While his primary job is to tape and ice players' injuries, it's an added bonus that he can suit up and practice. Broz scrimmages with the Shamrocks and even participates in some of their drills.

Funny, but Young probably appreciates him as much as anyone.

"He's shown me a lot of moves," Young said.

Broz is also there to offer encouragement, like the other day when he spent a good 15 minutes talking to star guard Marc McDonald after CC's loss to Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

Broz also assists other sports at CC, but he stops short of lacing up the skates for hockey coach Gordie St. John.

"People who are champions learn from their mistakes," said Broz,



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

More than icing: David Broz's job as a trainer includes icing and taping ankles. But his experience as a 6-foot-10 NCAA Division I basketball player come in handy, too.

explaining what he said to McDonald, who has signed with Loyola (Ill.). "I enjoy the competitiveness of sports, have played Division I and would like to help by passing that knowledge along."

Seeing Broz on the sidelines next to Mulroy and head coach Rick Coratti, the first thing opponents must think is how fortunate they are that he isn't playing.

At 24, Broz is still young enough to pass for a player.

"Either that or a coach," Broz said. "I've been given every title except trainer, which is fine because as a trainer I consider myself an extension of the team."

Broz came to CC from Med-Health shortly after the start of football season.

He's been turning heads ever since.

"I showed up one day for the DePorres (football) game and here's this big rascal blocking out the sun," Mulroy said. "I asked somebody 'Who's that assistant coach?' Somebody said 'That's the trainer.'"

Every other player in the CC program needs a step ladder to cover Young, so at 6-10, Mulroy said Broz was going to suit up at practice even if he couldn't walk and chew gum at the same time.

The son of a coach from Westchester, Ill., Broz started four seasons at BSU from 1990-94. Broz was a member of the Mid-American Conference all-freshman team and an academic All-America honorable mention selection before his career ended.

The Cardinals reached both the NCAA Tournament and the National Invitational Tournament in Broz's four years.

Broz played at Proviso East High School. East's big rival was West, which incredibly had current NBA

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Madonna claims Classic

Talk about dominating.

That's exactly what Madonna University's women's basketball team did in its second game of the Madonna Classic Friday, against Michigan Christian College.

In every facet of the game, the Lady Crusaders owned MCC — which is why they coasted to a 106-41 victory.

Including its 89-67 win over Kalamazoo College earlier Friday in the Classic's opening round, the two wins boosted Madonna's record to 5-7.

The points scored against MCC in the final established a new school record for points in a game by the women's team. And it happened thanks to an offensive explosion in the second half.

By the intermission, Madonna was firmly in control, leading 38-20. But in the second half, the Crusaders produced 68 points while allowing just 21.

The Warriors were outclassed everywhere: field goal shooting (MCC was 17-of-56 from the floor, 30.4 percent; Madonna was 43-of-98, 43.9 percent); three-point shooting (MCC 1-of-18, 5.56 percent; Madonna 10-of-32, 31.3 percent); rebounding (Madonna 62, MCC 35); turnovers (MCC 37, Madonna 18); points off turnovers (Madonna 50, MCC 12).

The Crusaders had five players

COLLEGE HOOP

reach double figures in scoring; the Warriors had one, Malinda Werth with 10 points.

Leading Madonna's scorers was Katie Cushman with 25 points, including 4-of-10 on three-pointers. Cushman also had five rebounds, five assists and four steals.

Other standouts for Madonna were Chris Dietrich with 14 points and six assists; Michelle Parmentier and Mary Murray, 12 points apiece, with Parmentier grabbing 10 rebounds; and Kim Lucas with 10 points, five boards and seven steals.

Three Warriors netted eight points each: Becky Bretzke, Ty Wilson (with seven boards) and Shari Stilson.

In the first seven minutes of the second half, Madonna outscored MCC 34-6. Cushman accounted for nine of those points.

In their win over Kalamazoo College earlier Friday, the Crusaders used a quick first-half burst to seize control of the game and then never relented.

Madonna trailed 18-17 with 7:25 remaining in the first half. An Erin Wiley layup regained the lead and started an 11-0 run over the next 1:27. Cushman and Wiley accounted for 10 of the 11 points, as the Cru-

saders built a 28-18 lead with 5:58 left.

The closest Kalamazoo got after that was seven points, and it was never closer than 12 in the second half.

Cushman again paced Madonna, scoring 26 points on 8-of-14 shooting (including 6-of-11 on threes). She also had four assists and three steals.

Dawn Pelc added 13 points, eight rebounds, four assists and three steals, and Wiley totaled 10 points and two steals.

The Hornets, who are coached by former Plymouth Canton standout Michelle Fortier, got a strong performance from Farmington Harrison graduate Kelly LaCasse: 21 points (6-of-9 shooting, including 3-of-4 threes), seven rebounds and three assists. No one else reached double figures in scoring for Kalamazoo.

Earlier Friday, Tiffin University handed Michigan Christian a 71-50 thrashing. Davin Berrie had 21 points, Kellie Jakubowski 19 and Tonya Swick 12 for the winners; MCC got 12 points apiece from Wilson and Kristi Millard.

Kalamazoo did get a split on the day, beating Tiffin 65-46. Kelly Kearney's 21 points was best for the Hornets; LaCasse and Jennifer Stefanski each had 10. Tiffin got 11 from Mary Barga and 10 from Berrie.

Ocelots roll by Alpena

A fast start supplied Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team with a lead it never surrendered in Friday's 89-79 triumph over Alpena CC in an Eastern Conference opener for both teams at SC.

The win boosted SC's record to 3-6 overall, 1-0 in the conference. Alpena is 0-1 in conference play.

The Ocelots built a 19-point first half lead, but allowed the Lumberjacks to get back into it — it was 46-41 at halftime. But SC, with four double-figure scorers, never allowed Alpena to catch up.

Tykie Reeves' 20 points paced SC. Dwaun Warmack had 16 points and five assists, Pete Males (from Garden City) had 12 points, and Bruce Goode scored 10. Naron Burks finished with nine points and seven rebounds.

Alpena got 14 points from Hans Parker, 12 from Emmanuel Hare, and 10 apiece from Tony Robinson and Derrick Brooks.

SC meets Lakeland CC in the first round of the Schoolcraft Holiday Tournament at 8 p.m. Friday, following the Concordia-

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Getting on TRACC

World's best flock to Botsford

BY WILLIAM COUTANT
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes a quick start can make all of the difference in the world, as in world record.

With that in mind, Allen Johnson, the 1996 Olympic champion hurdler took part in one of his more unusual workouts.

Johnson, his coach and several high school athletes worked on their starts using a special computerized starting block at Botsford General Hospital's Total Rehabilitation and Athletic Conditioning Center on Grand River in Novi Nov. 23-24.

"The start can mean two hundredths of a second," said Johnson, the Olympic and world champion who trains in South Carolina. "Everything matters in a race, so I work on every aspect."

Johnson's coach, Curtis Frye, said his athlete's success at remaining No. 1 is due in part because he has started well in big races.

"Allen stays in great condition, and he does not make many mistakes," Frye said. "But, if you come out too low on a start, it takes a lot of energy to make up for that. And at some point in the race it will hurt you."

And shaving milliseconds off his time is what brought Johnson and his coach to Michigan last month.

They and several high school students were the guests of TRACC and professor Doug Briggs of Eastern Michigan University.

Briggs, 54, has been working with elite athletes over the past few years on their starts in an attempt to develop a better starting block and to find a more scientific method of determining whether an athlete has false started.

PROFILE

"I started in sprints," said the University of Leeds graduate who left his native England 17 years ago to do post-graduate work in the United States.

Briggs studied sports medicine and engineering at the University of Oregon and Indiana University after winning the silver medal in the 1,500 meters at the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

He has convinced world-class athletes that perfecting a starting block system can cut down on false starts while improving the starts of athletes at every level.

"What we're trying to do is develop a new block that allows them to get out faster to the 10-meter mark," said Briggs.

He said Johnson, who has run just .01 seconds slower than the world record, could cut about .0345 seconds off his start.

Chip Bridges, Farmington High School track coach, was invited to bring two of his athletes, freshman Dustin Gress and junior Monique Bush, to try the new blocks.

"It's a good way to get them thinking about their start," Bridges said. "And its good to see someone like Allen Johnson with the kind of class doing this sort of thing. It's pretty classy of him."

Bush said she had some difficulty adjusting to the higher blocks but wanted to improve her start.

"I was pretty nervous," she said after trying the new blocks. "But I was glad to get a chance to work on my start."

Harrison High junior Keith Battle, Mercy High sophomore Angka Morris, Novi senior Jason Witherspoon, Novi junior Wesley

VanLandschoot and Novi senior Scott Keys also took part in the experiment.

In addition to helping athletes come out of the blocks in better position, training on them actually improves an athletes' starting technique, Briggs said.

"We tried Allen (Johnson) on the regular blocks in the afternoon and saw an improvement after he'd used the high starting blocks," he said. "They don't alter the mechanics."

Another improvement Briggs hopes the new technology will bring is a fairer treatment of false starts. During the Olympics, 1992 Olympic 100-meter champion Lynford Christie false started out of the finals.

Briggs said current timing devices do not take into account the differences in the size of an athlete.

False starts are electronically determined at international meets, such as the Olympics, by a system that takes measures an amount of forward force.

Different athletes come out of the blocks at different angles with different force, Briggs said.

"We're trying to get Omega (the official Olympic timer) to look at this," Briggs said.

And he has plenty of prestigious company in his bid to improve starting technology.

Gail Devers, the 100-meter Olympic sprint champion in 1996 and 1992, and Canada's Donovan Bailey, will join Johnson and some other world-class track athletes early next year in South Carolina where Briggs will experiment with the new blocks.

"There is always politics involved," Briggs said, "but I think the athletes are seeing the benefit."

OUTDOORS CALENDAR

ARCHERY

OPEN SHOOTING

Open shooting hours at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield are 7-10 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 4-9 p.m. Thursdays; and 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Call (810) 539-3030 or (810) 661-9610 for more information.

YOUTH EDUCATION

Detroit Archers is offering a youth education league at its clubhouse in West Bloomfield. Call (810) 539-3030 or (810) 661-9610 for more information.

SHOWS

BOAT SHOW

The 39th annual Detroit Boat Show will be held Feb. 1-9 at Cobo Center.

OUTDOORAMA

The 1997 Outdoorama Sport and Travel Show will be held Feb. 21-March 2 at the Novi Expo Center.

NOVI BOATING EXPO

The 5th annual Novi Boating Expo will be held March 12-16 at the Novi Expo Center.

SEASONS/DATES

DEER

Archery season runs through Jan. 1.

GOOSE

A special season goose will be held Jan. 4-Feb. 2 in the Southern Michigan Goose Management Unit. Consult the 1996-97 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for additional details.

RABBIT

Through March 31.

RUFFED GROUSE

Through Jan 1 in zones II and III.

SQUIRREL

Statewide through Jan. 1.

SHOOTING SPORTS

WINTER LEAGUES

The Bald Mountain Shooting Range in Lake Orion will hold winter leagues in sporting clays, skeet and 5-stand. Cash prizes (\$500), donated by Wings & Clays, will be awarded in each league. Registration is open through Jan. 31. Leagues begin on Jan. 7. Call (810) 814-9193 for more information.

SHOOTING

RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun, rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to sunset, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd. (three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills). Call (810) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, shotgun and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (810) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (810) 693-6767 for more information.

POINTE MOUILLEE

Pointe Mouillee State Game Area in Rockwood has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. Pointe Mouillee State Game Area is located at 37205 Mouillee Road. Call (313) 379-3820 for more information.

FISHING CLUBS

FISHING BUDDYS

Fishing Buddys Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. Call (810) 656-0556 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Maplewood Center in Garden City. Call Sam Pilato at (313) 420-0521 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at Garden City High School. Call (313) 420-0521 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club,

meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Dearborn Civic Center. Call (313) 676-2863 for more information.

FIREARMS CLASSES

TACTICAL FIREARMS TRAINING

The Northwest Tactical Firearms Training and American Firearms Institute offers several firearms classes including, "Handgun 101," "Firearms Safety and Self Defense," and "Firearms Safety Certification." Call (313) 534-3330 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free, while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks, toll free: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

PERMITS ON SALE

The 1997 Huron-Metroparks annual motor vehicle entry permits and annual boat launching permits go on sale Dec. 1 at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 regular and \$8 for senior citizens (62 and older). Boat launching permits are \$18 regular and \$9 for senior citizens. Corporate discounts are also available. Call (800) 47-PARKS for details.

HOLIDAY BREAK

Lose some of those extra holiday pounds during this naturalist-led walk along the nature trails, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at Kensington.

TRAIL MIX

A naturalist-led hike covering parts of two of the four main nature trails begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

SMALL HANDS WORKSHOP

Children ages 6-8 will learn to make simple gifts during this workshop, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Independence Oaks.

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BY STEVE H STAFF WRITER

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St. Mary's bottles up Shamrocks

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Orchard Lake St. Mary's boys basketball team had little defense last week against the flu, but plenty for Detroit Catholic Central senior guard Marc McDonald.

The flu-riddled Eaglets limited McDonald to 18 points Friday night in a 60-54 Catholic League crossover victory over the host Shamrocks.

The Eaglets played without sophomore center Larry Clark, sidelined by a cold. Several others had a touch of the flu, including senior center Juan Pegues, one of three Eaglets in double figures with 11 points.

The flu bug started with coach Denny Butcher, but apparently didn't get to guards Andre Harris and Matt McDaniel, who had the responsibility of guarding McDonald.

"I had to wear a mask all week in practice," joked Butcher.

McDonald, who has signed with Loyola (Illinois), had accounted for 51 percent of CC's scoring the first two games. He scored 44 in a season-opening loss to Ypsilanti followed by 39 in a victory over Flint Powers.

"I've watched film of that young man and the quickness of his release is scary," Butcher said. "The focus of our team was stopping McDonald. Our goal as a team was to allow him no more than 16 points."

McDonald had 11 points by halftime and seven more in the second half, which is a good night for most high school players, but

BASKETBALL

not necessarily for him. He made only two shots from three-point range.

"I heard of him scoring 30, 40 points and thought he was going to come out firing," said Harris. "We wanted to play hard on him and just wanted to win. If he would have scored all their points, they still wouldn't have won."

Senior guard Kylo Jones led St. Mary's with 17 points, 11 in the first half. Mike Robinson added 15 points, nine before halftime.

The Eaglets committed only three second-half turnovers while forcing the Shamrocks into 10. St. Mary's also enjoyed a 24-20 rebounding advantage after halftime.

Pegues was especially dominant, hauling down nine second-half rebounds.

CC's 6-foot-10 junior center Chris Young scored 16 points, eight in each half. Junior guard Joe Jonna added eight.

The Shamrocks led 29-28 at halftime and 44-43 after three quarters. A three-point play and a put back by Pegues put St. Mary's ahead to stay, 48-46, early in the fourth quarter.

"Juan and Mike (Robinson) switched off on Young," Butcher said. "I thought we'd win that matchup. Juan is a quality, quality player. Nothing against Young, who has a

bright future, but Juan is a little more advanced because he's a year older."

The Shamrocks trailed 52-49 and had a chance to tie, but McDonald's three-point shot rimmed out with about 2:30 remaining.

Young's two free throws cut the deficit to 52-51 with 1:33 left before Robinson's basket on the fast break put the Eaglets up by three. The Eaglets made six of seven free throws in the last minute to seal the win.

The loss dropped CC to 1-2 overall. The Shamrocks are idle until Jan. 3 when they open Central Division play with a game against Redford Bishop Borgess.

"It's been a long week; they wanted it more than we did and played better down the end," CC coach Rick Coratti said, referring to the Shamrocks' being idle on Tuesday night.

"We have to get better (before facing Borgess). We're going to see (that kind of defensive pressure against McDonald) all year. We were trying to go inside more to Chris and Marc got some shots he usually makes. But that's going to happen sometimes."

In his post-game speech to the team, Butcher asked if anyone was going home on the bus. All the players were going home with their parents, leaving only Butcher and his coaching staff on the bus ride home.

With another game scheduled Monday against Detroit DePorres and Butcher still fighting his cold, that was probably just as well.

CC smothers Rice

HOCKEY

Detroit Catholic Central hockey coach Gordie St. John loved the surroundings and the results weren't bad either.

The Shamrocks beat rival Birmingham Brother Rice, 5-1, on Friday night at the Warriors' new home — the six-month old Compuware Ice Arena in Plymouth Township.

CC led 1-0 after one period and 4-1 after two. The Shamrocks outshot the Warriors, 19-9.

All that was missing was a big CC following. With the CC hockey team playing at the same time at home, the crowd wasn't as large as hoped.

"Compuware is beautiful, a fabulous facility," St. John said. "We play them again and I'm sure they'll give us a run the next time. I hope we pack them in when we play at out place."

The win improved the Shamrocks to 7-0 overall, 4-0 in the Metro Hockey League. They are 3-0 against West Division opponents.

As much as the Shamrocks dominated statistically, it's surprising the Warriors scored their only goal while short-handed.

Four players scored goals for CC, led by Nick Kaleniecki with a pair.

Senior forward Eric Bratcher opened the scoring with a goal assisted by Brett Murphy and Ian Devlin at 3:00 of the first period.

The Warriors tied the score with a short-handed goal by Mike Swistak assisted by Joe Kustra at 4:02 of the second period.

The Shamrocks pulled away, however, scoring three goals in the final four minutes of the second period.

Devlin's goal, assisted by Scott Curtin and Bratcher, came at 11:23. The Shamrocks took a 3-1 lead with a goal by Curtin assisted by Curtin at 12:57; Kaleniecki's goal, assisted by Murphy and Devlin, came 16 seconds

PLYMOUTH-CANTON JR. BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Through Dec. 21
GIRLS A LEAGUE

Team	W	L
Pistons	8	2
Celtics	7	3
Lakers	7	3
Magic	5	5
Bulls	3	8
Kings	0	10

BOYS A LEAGUE NATIONAL DIVISION

Team	W	L
Pacers	11	1
Pistons	9	3
Celtics	8	4
Sonics	7	5
Hawks	7	5
Spurs	5	7
Kings	3	9
Bulls	1	11

AMERICAN DIVISION

Team	W	L
Rockets	9	3
Knicks	9	3
76ers	8	4
Lakers	6	6
Nets	6	6
Bucks	3	9
Nets	3	9
Magic	1	11

BOYS B LEAGUE NATIONAL DIVISION

Team	W	L
Pacers	2	0
Pistons	2	0
Bulls	1	1
Celtics	1	1
Lakers	1	1
Sonics	1	1
Bucks	0	2
Knicks	0	2

AMERICAN DIVISION

Team	W	L
Hawks	2	0
Magic	2	0
Jazz	1	1
Kings	1	1
Nets	1	1
Spurs	1	1
Rockets	0	2
76ers	0	2

Scores: Pacers 51, Bucks 35; Celtics 50, Knicks 43; Hawks 58, 76ers 38; Kings 39, Rockets 33; Pistons 51, Bulls 32; Sonics 42, Lakers 33; Spurs 52, Bulls 47; Magic 45, Jazz 35.

PLYMOUTH PARKS AND RECREATION

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Through Dec. 19
WOMEN'S DIVISION

Team	W	L
T-Rex	3	0
Happles Hoopsters	2	1
All For One	2	1
Cutting Edge	2	1
Broh Construction	0	3
Laurel Manor/Mr. De	0	3

MEN'S DIVISION

Team	W	L
Ludwig & Karas	3	0
Dick Scott Dodge	3	0
Uptempo	3	0
Midnight Marauders	2	0
American Pie	1	2
McAuley Pharmacy	1	1
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VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

Through Dec. 20
AMERICAN DIVISION

Team	Matches	Points
Team 6	3	21
Over The Hill Gang	3	19
We Dig	3	14
Back Again	3	12
Spike Force	3	9
Toe Jams	3	7
Single Spirit I	3	2
Canton Road Running Club	3	0

NATIONAL DIVISION

Team	Matches	Points
Buddy's	3	19
Masland Industries	3	14
Abravies Afterhours	3	12
Neighbors	3	12
Stud Puppies	3	11
Single Spirit II	3	7
Single Spirit III	3	7
Mr. B's Stingers	3	2

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Churchill finds new coach

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

John Filiatraut stands 6 feet, 8 inches and he hopes a struggling Livonia Churchill football will grow under his leadership and stand tall in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The former Dearborn Divine Child standout and letter winner at the University of Wisconsin was named the fourth varsity football coach in school history late last week. He replaces Steve Naumcheff, who agreed to step down last month after going 1-44 in five years.

Filiatraut takes over a program that is 1-62 during the 1990s and losers of 28 straight (dating back to 1993).

"John is a presence, he's extremely organized and I've been very impressed from what I've seen him do with kids in school," Churchill athletic director Marc Hage said. "He has a lot of good ideas and a good grasp of the game of football."

"He's very professional and has had an excellent rapport with the students, staff and administration. He demonstrates a lot of maturity for not teaching in our building that long."

The 28-year-old Filiatraut was one of five candidates for the job. He was interviewed Dec. 11 by Hage, along with the school's three assistant principals — Steve Archibald, Joe Anderson and Dan Willenborg.

"I'm real excited because John brings enthusiasm, a lot of neat concepts, and can tap into some excellent resources from Divine

Child and playing football in the Big Ten," Hage said.

Filiatraut has been coaching since he graduated with a degree in history from Wisconsin in 1991. He spent the last two seasons as DC's defensive coordinator. Last fall, the Falcons finished 8-1, just narrowly missing a playoff berth in Class BB-Region IV.

"My immediate challenge is to put together a staff," said Filiatraut, who was hired to teach social studies and freshman orientation at Churchill in August. "My offensive style is conservative with a stingy defense. We ran the stunt 4-3 (defense) at Divine Child and that's what I'll bring over. We'll have good special teams and we'll run the football. It won't be a Churchill air show."

"If you look at the successful teams, they run the ball. As much as (Westland) John Glenn likes to throw the ball, they can always run it when they want."

"We'll show discipline and we'll be a tough, hard-nosed team. The hitting will improve."

Filiatraut will also rely on his experience at Wisconsin where he played under Don Morton and Barry Alvarez (his senior year).

"I've played all the positions," Filiatraut said. "I came in as an outside linebacker, played tight end, moved to the defensive line, played on special teams, and spent time on the offensive line," he said. "I enjoyed practice and I wouldn't trade that experience for the world."

The task of moving out of the cellar in the Western Division of the WLAA will be Filiatraut's toughest challenge. This year, the WLAA boasted the state Class AA champion (Walled Lake Western), the state Class A runner-up (Farmington Hills Harrison) and the state Class AA semifinalist, WLAA champ John Glenn.

"You have to walk before you run," the new coach said. "You have to think short term. To talk league title in 1997 would be premature, but we want to put a better product on the field and have people start talking positive about Churchill football and that's achievable."

"One of the things that makes it exciting is going against the Chuck Gordons (Glenn), the Chuck Apaps (Western) and the John Herringtons (Harrison). That's motivation for me to prepare and work hard."

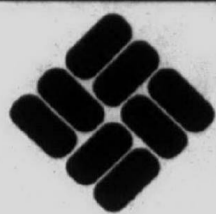
Filiatraut believes the potential is there for a winning program. "It doesn't appear numbers is a problem," he said. "We had 40 freshmen and 40 JV players. We have about 100 kids total and that's plenty of people playing football."

"You just have to get the right kids and teach winning football."

Ironically, Filiatraut returns to coach at the same place where he had the opportunity to attend in high school.

"I played grade-school football at St. Michaels," he said. "My two older sisters went to Divine Child and I followed suit. It wasn't a recruiting thing."

The Livonia native resides in Dearborn Heights with his wife Janice and 7-month-old son John George.



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Wayne vs. Det. Pershing, 6 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 27
PCA at Adrian Lenawee, TBA.
Bishop Borgess vs. Willow Run at Southgate Aquinas, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 28
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Friday, Dec. 27
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Saturday, Dec. 28
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- MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**
Friday, Dec. 27 (Schoolcraft Holiday Tourney)
Concordia vs. Owens Tech, 6 p.m.
Schoolcraft vs. Lakeland CC, 8 p.m.
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Schoolcraft vs. Geo. Brown, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 28
Schoolcraft Holiday Classic, 1 & 5 p.m.
TBA — times to be announced.
- Saturday, Dec. 28**
Madonna at Findlay (Ohio), TBA.
Schoolcraft Tourney, 3 & 7 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 29**
Madonna at Findlay (Ohio), TBA.

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Owens Tech game. The winners meet at 7 p.m. Saturday; the consolation game is at 3 p.m. Saturday.

SC 59, Alpena 37 (women): Defense spelled the difference for Schoolcraft College's women's team Friday against visiting Alpena.

The Lady Ocelots improved

their overall record to 6-3; they are 1-0 in the Eastern Conference. Alpena slipped to 1-5 overall, 0-1 in the conference.

SC led 33-15 at halftime and coasted, according to coach Ed Kavanaugh. Only one player reached double figures in scoring for SC: Crissy Harmon with 16 points, including five three-

pointers. The Ocelots meet George Brown College in the opening round of the Schoolcraft Holiday Classic at 4 p.m. Friday, following the Lakeland-Windsor 2 p.m. game. The winners play for the title at 5 p.m. Saturday, with the consolation game set for 1 p.m. Saturday.

Broz from page C1

players Michael Finley, Sherrell Ford and Donnie Boyce in its lineup during Broz's playing days.

"Even if he had never seen a basketball, he was going in there to bang Chris Young," Mulroy said. "He's a coach's son who really is steep in his knowledge of basketball. He can see things that really are pretty specific, not like 'Oops, that's real bad' or 'Hey, that's real good.'"

Broz said he started out at BSU majoring in communications, a path that ended his sophomore year when he changed majors.

"To be a success in broadcasting you have to be an ex-pro jock and I knew I never would be an ex-pro jock," joked Broz.

Injuries actually led to Broz selecting sports medicine as his field. Broz suffered two dislocated shoulders and underwent one

knee surgery at BSU, helping him get to know the trainers pretty well.

Before long he was taking classes with them. He took his current job after finishing a two-year commitment at BSU in the training field.

"I'm in it for the kids," Broz said. "I love it here. This is a great group of guys and coaches here at CC and I'm really enjoying my time."

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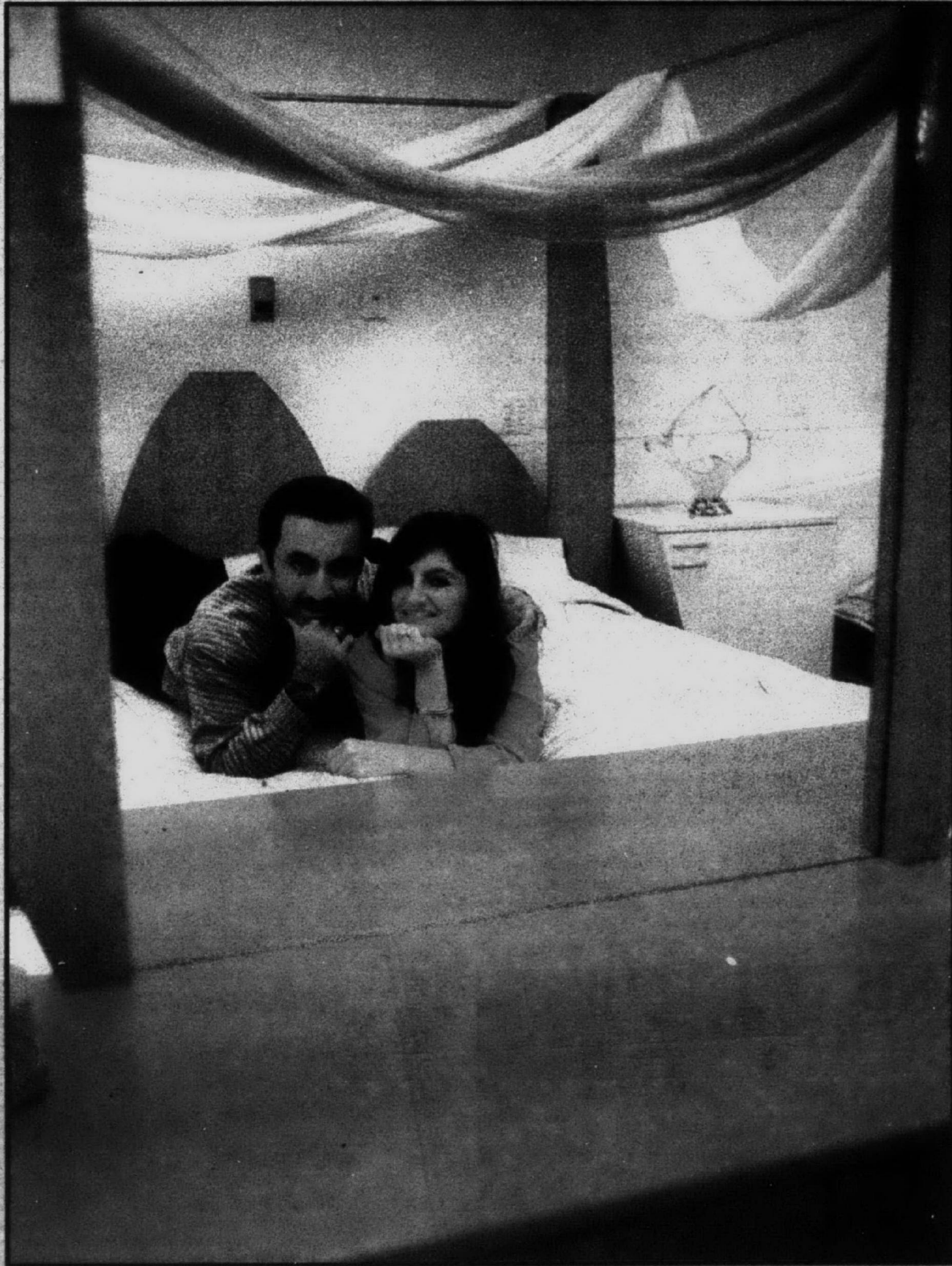
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Welcome New Year with lobster



RUTH MOSSOK
JOHNSTON

I love to celebrate New Year's Eve in the confines of my own home - not that we always do. Some years we are invited to elegant and wonderful parties and just can't say no, other years, it's been a wedding or an anniversary party, we just couldn't miss. When we have the opportunity to do a quiet New Years celebration at home ... I get out our lobster bibs, crackers, and pics, and order those delectable 2-3 pounders!

Needless to say, lobster juice dripping down my arms may not be the most endearing sight - when I eat lobster, I really eat lobster (and I don't get dressed up - my grubbies are the perfect attire for this feast!)

My insatiable taste for lobster goes way back - even as a child, I loved the Peanut-stuffed Lobster at the old Clam Shop in Detroit.

Eating a whole lobster shouldn't be neat and tidy - this is an eating adventure that goes way beyond what proper etiquette dictates - perhaps that's why my mom would always order the Lobster Tail, and politely use her knife and fork, as if it were just another meat entree.

If doing lobsters for the Big Eve - indulge - enjoy - live it up - order whole lobsters!

Other tips in the Lobster arena:

- Local fish and specialty shops will be happy to take your order for lobsters - make sure you place your orders far enough in advance. These specialty shops will have them flown in and waiting for you - the size of your choosing.

- Most grocery stores have a tank

with live lobsters - usually 1-1 1/4 pounds each.

- You can find lots of mail order direct lobsters on the Internet.

- Some mail order sources include:
Bramhall's Lobster Wharf & Shipping Co. (Maine Lobsters) 1-800-793-0343 or e-mail: wharf@midcoast.com

- Lobster Direct (Nova Scotia Lobsters) 1-800-NS-Claws

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- When picking up, or picking out, live lobsters, make sure they are active. A listless lobster, is not a good sign - never accept a lobster that is not moving at all, it could be dead, or likely contaminated.

- A cooked lobster should have a tail that is curled, indicating that it was alive when cooked.

- Never keep live lobster (or any shellfish) in fresh water - it will kill them.

- Don't store live lobsters in a plastic bag.

- Live lobsters will keep alive in the refrigerator, or under refrigerated conditions for 12 hours (most will survive a 24 hour period). It is best to keep them covered with a damp cloth or a layer of seaweed to provide moisture.

- Lobster is low in calories, saturated fat and cholesterol. Lobster meat contains omega-3 unsaturated fatty acids, the substances that seem to reduce hardening of the arteries.

- There is no taste difference between lobsters that have been cooked with rubber bands on their claws or those cooked with no bands - according to tests conducted at the University of Maine.

- A one - two pound lobster is considered an adequate portion for one person (unless you are inviting me to dinner!)

- Approximately two cups of lobster meat equal one pound.

- You know your lobster is cooked when the antennae pulls out easily.

- The green-stuff in the cooked lobster is the "tomalley" - the tomalley functions as a combination of intestine, liver and pancreas - it is not only edible, but quite delicious (to some).

- The red-stuff you sometimes see in the cooked lobster is the roe, or unfertilized eggs - this is called the "coral" - this part is also edible, and many find it quite delicious.

- Larger lobsters don't seem to be tougher than smaller lobsters.

How to cook Lobsters:

Lobsters can be boiled, steamed, broiled, grilled or baked. The most common ways seem to be steaming and boiling. An old Cape-Codder once told me "it is best to hypnotize your lobster before placing them in the boiling water" this may be an old wives tale...but I personally do it.

I place the live lobster on my counter - and rub it from the head down to the tail in consistent motions (like they say to hypnotize an alligator, not that I would) - until the legs drop and it appears to be asleep - I know this sounds a bit wacky, but I think my tail would tense up if someone threw me in a pot of hot water!!

To steam lobsters: place approximately 2 inches of seawater or salted freshwater in the bottom of a large pot or kettle. Bring the water to a rolling boil. Place the live lobsters in the pot, one at a time (grasping them just behind the claws). Let the water return to a boil and begin timing - approximately 18 minutes for a 1 to 1 1/4 pounder or 20 minutes for a 1 1/2 pounder - if the shells are soft - reduce the time by approximately three minutes.

To boil lobsters: fill a large pot or kettle three-quarters full - If seawater is not available, add 2 tablespoons of water to each quart. Allow 2 1/2 quarts of water for each lobster. Bring the water to a rolling boil, place in the live lobsters, one at a time, and allow the water to come back to a boil. Lower the heat source, and lid the pot - simmer for 15 minutes for a 1-1 1/4 pounder and 20 minutes for a 1 1/2 - 2 pounder.

If soft shelled, reduce the time by three minutes.

Remember: you know the lobster is cooked when the antennae pulls out easily.

More Tips:

- Buy a roll(s) of festive wrapping paper, and use as your table covering - when you are through, you can roll it all up and discard it - no ruining good linens with melted butter.

- Use fresh, or new dish towels for napkins - they are great for absorbing all that extra liquid.

- Have extra towels for bibs or paper bibs available.

- Have nut crackers or lobster crackers available for cracking the shells.

- Everyone should have their own warm melted butter/or margarine for dipping their lobster meat.

- Any leftover cooked lobster meat will keep in the refrigerator for 3-4 days.

If going to New York on holiday and Looking for Lobster - try Smith and Wollensky Steak & Chop House (one of my favorite haunts) located on 201 East 49th Street in Manhattan - the corner of 3rd and 49th - (212) 753-1530. They commonly serve 3-6 pound lobsters nightly - you will see everyone (except me) splitting a five pounder with their spouse, I always have my own!

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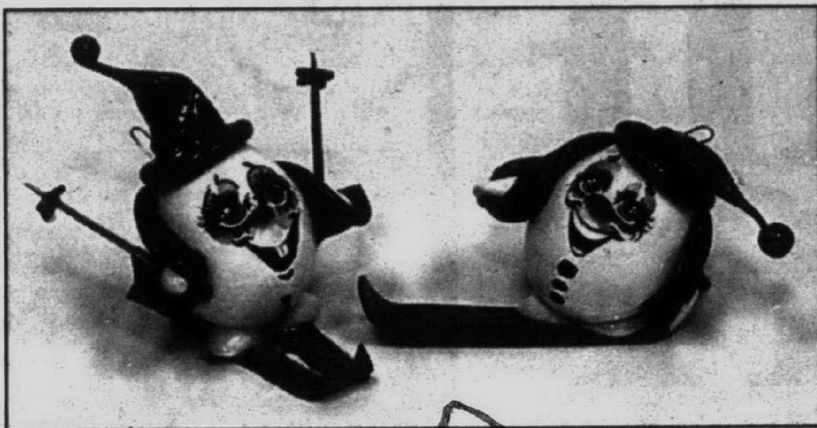
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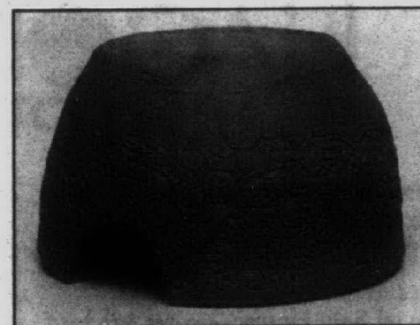
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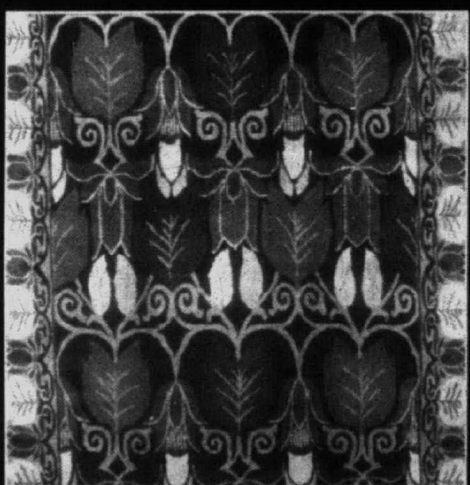
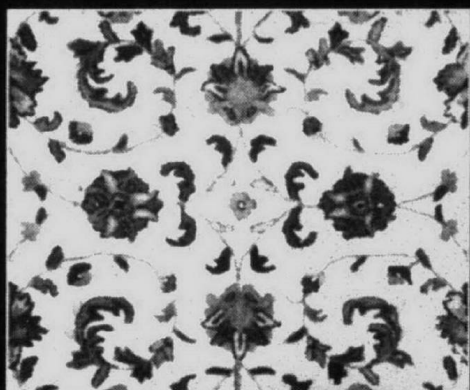
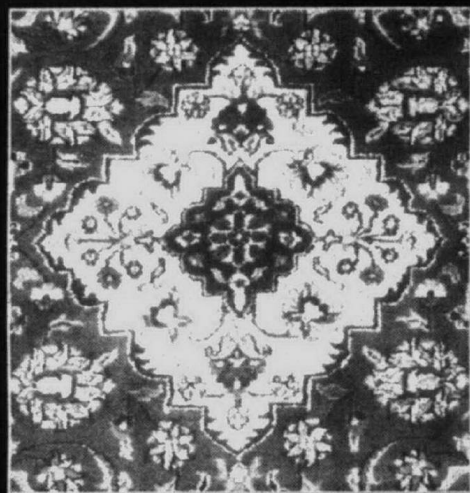
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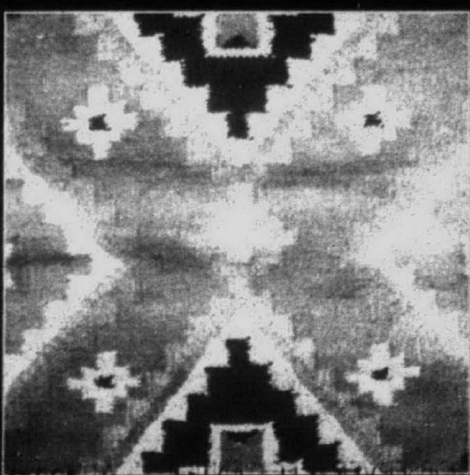


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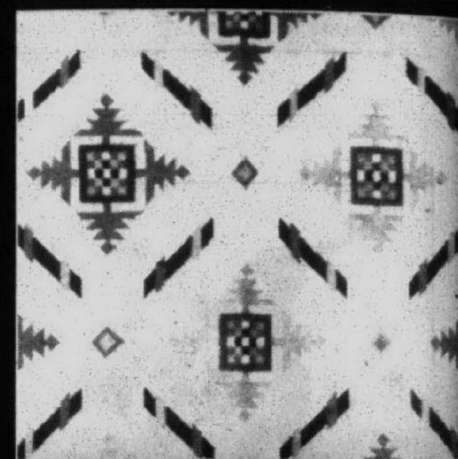
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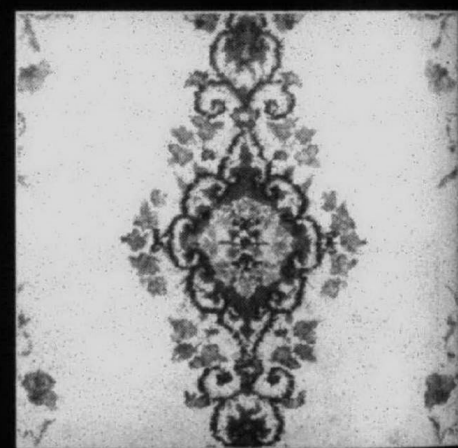
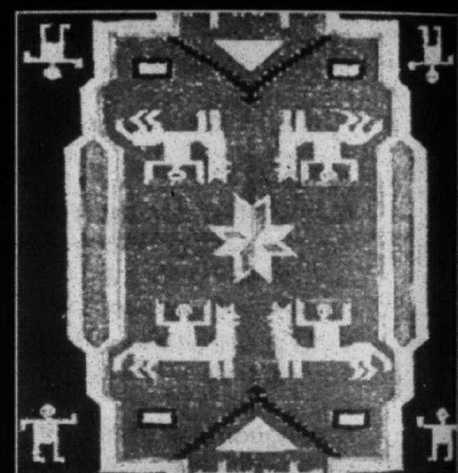
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Here are top furnace problems

BY RICK BOWLING
Special Writer

In an earlier column, we discussed the importance of furnace start-up procedures and the value of an annual cleaning and inspection. Today we will examine some of the most common problems discovered during inspections of heating equipment.

Some of these items are created unknowingly by homeowners, some are the result of lack of maintenance and still others come through the normal wear and tear process. Today we will discuss our top 10 list of the most frequent heating problems.

1. Missing or dirty filters - A high number of homeowners rarely change or clean their furnace filter. Furnace filters not only keep the dust level down, but they serve a function in the maintenance of furnaces and central air conditioning. A dirty filter will increase your utility bill and put added stress on the heating system. On some inspections, we will see dirt so thick that barely any air can pass through the furnace.

2. Humidifiers off or inoperable - Many homeowners turn off their humidifier in the summer and never activate it again. Most homes can use the extra humidity in the wintertime and oftentimes the thermostat can be dialed back a couple of degrees if proper humidity levels are maintained.

The older drum-style humidifiers seem to be most prone to breakdown, especially in areas that don't benefit from Detroit's municipal soft water. Humidifiers need to be cleaned at the start of the heating system and pads changed as soon as they begin to deteriorate or become overladen with minerals. The newer power humidifiers provide better humidification with less hassle. If yours needs repair or replacement, consider upgrading your unit.

3. Poor combustion color is a sign of improper functioning. On most furnaces, you can see the flame without removing any covers. If your furnace flame is orange or yellow, have the unit serviced. Often, the fix is as simple as a routine cleaning and adjustment, but more serious problems may exist.

The cleaner any combustion appliance burns, the less likely that carbon monoxide can be a problem. You want the flame on your furnace, water heater and other combustion appliances to be a bright blue.

4. Flame rollout is a serious defect that requires immediate professional response.

Flame rollout describes a combustion problem where the flame of the furnace actually leaves the confines of the com-

bustion chamber and shoots out toward the room. This can burn other components of the furnace, including wiring and - when at its most serious - can start a fire in the house.

The condition is a result of a small to large explosion of natural gas, and can be accompanied by a booming sound or a "whoompf" kind of a noise. Sometimes a cleaning and adjustment can correct flame rollout but it can also indicate a more serious defect with the heat exchanger requiring furnace replacement.

5. Missing covers are a concern, not only because they protect us from potential hazards in the furnace, but because they can cause misoperation. Furnaces manufactured in the last several years have switches that shut the furnace down when the blower cover has been removed. This has two purposes - one, to keep our hands out; and two, to prevent the furnace from drawing fumes into the blower compartment where they can be distributed throughout the home.

6. Disabled safety switches are all too common. The most frequent problems we see are furnace disconnect switches and blower door safety switches taped in the "on" position. Tampering with any part of the furnace can void the warranty and subject the occupants to unnecessary risks.

7. Improper flues (vent systems) were discussed at length in an earlier column. (If you missed it, contact the author at AmeriSpec in Plymouth for a complimentary copy.) The most important rules here are: a) don't change or alter the furnace flue system yourself, b) have your flue checked annually by your furnace contractor or a qualified chimney sweep, and c) store belongings well away from combustion equipment, including the flues.

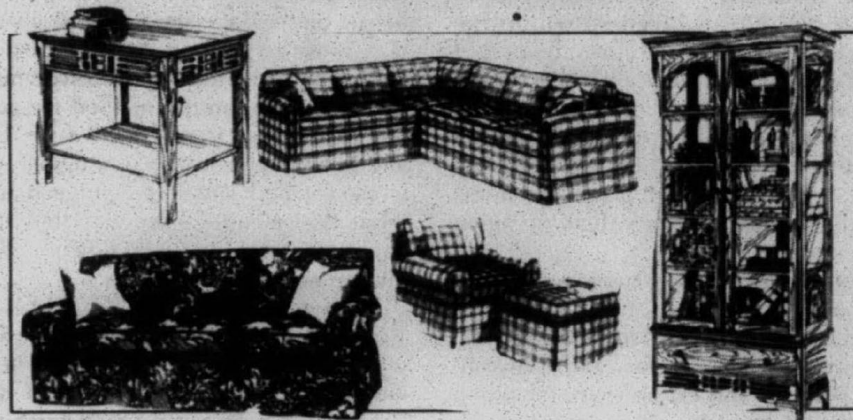
8. No chimney liner - If you have a masonry furnace chimney and have upgraded to a mid- or high-efficiency furnace, chances are a liner is needed for your chimney.

The liner protects the chimney from damage and improves draft of the furnace and water heater, particularly during the cold winter months. It is needed because the masonry chimney is oversized for modern furnaces that waste much less heat than their predecessors. The chimney cannot properly exhaust flue gases and back drafting can occur. The chimney also becomes more susceptible to freeze thaw damage because flue gases that once were expelled quickly hang around and find their way into the chimney structure.

See **Furnace**, page D11

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JOE GAGNON

A few days ago I went out to dinner with Valorie and Hollie, her daughter who is home from Michigan State for the Christmas break.

We dined at the Ginnoplis restaurant which is so well known in the area for its ribs and special sauce. I understand that when Elizabeth Taylor comes to Detroit, she eats there as well and has a box of ribs put on the plane to take home with her. I figure, well if the ribs are that good, I'll take some home with me, too, and cook them up again the next day.

Next day - We just enjoyed a light dinner each sharing the leftover ribs, and it was my turn to clean up the table, the counter area and load the dishwasher. Both Val and Hollie were still sitting at the kitchen table when I put into the

garbage disposal the bones from the ribs and turned it on. If only you could have seen the look on Valorie's face when I turned on the Garbaretor. The noise of this thing made her eyes look like 50 cent pieces. Hollie was laughing her head off, as pieces of bone were flying all over the kitchen sink, even as high as hitting the ceiling.

Well; anything for a laugh, and I went about finishing my cleaning job. I turned on the hot water faucet because I was about to turn on the dishwasher, and we all know from previous columns that this is the proper method for getting clean dishes from a dishwasher. Lo, and behold, the sink was plugged, or worse yet, both sinks were plugged and what that meant to me was that the complete drain line which leaves the kitchen was plugged.

"Not so funny now is it Joey," I heard Valorie say as she retired to the sofa with the newspaper. Hollie was still laughing her head off when suddenly Val joined her. They were both laughing

and I was about to cry because I've had to unclog that blinking drain line before, and it's no fun.

I went to the garage and got the garden hose which was as stiff as a board because it was cold out there. I took it down stairs and hooked it up to the hot water faucet on the laundry sink. I disconnected the plumbing under the sink and stuck the hose down inside the drain line and turned on the water. Job well done after an hour spent playing plumber.

I sat down beside Val and took a piece of the paper and after a few minutes I gently asked her why she didn't help me. With a little smile on her face, she said, "Joe, how many times have I plugged up the drain line by putting in potato peelings etc. which you tell me not to do. Each time I've done so I have felt so terrible for my stupidity that I have had no choice but to help you. This time I couldn't help you because I've been sitting here reading the paper for an hour and I haven't gone past page

one. I've been laughing so hard that it's been impossible for me to stand beside you. I love you."

Whatever happened to the old days? I used to have a Maytag disposer in which you could put a handful of nails and they would come out as dust. I once took a whole turkey carcass and broke it up and ground it up in my old Maytag. That disposer would chew up anything and everything and a senior vice president of Maytag once told me, "It's the best product we've ever made." I could sure use one today to play my little jokes in the kitchen but the moral of this story is - Maytag quit making the disposer just three years ago and I'm stuck with this piece of uselessness which doesn't work worth prunes. Can't even play a joke today because they don't make them like they used to.

Joe Gagnon, the Appliance Doctor, will answer your questions about maintaining and repairing large appliances.



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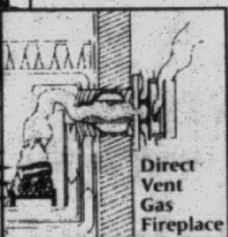


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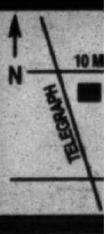
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MONTE NAGLER

When we look at pictures, we are always seeing a flat, two-dimensional image because we are holding a piece of photographic paper in our hands. Yet, with a knowledge and understanding of perspective, an appearance of great depth can be given to a shot.

You see, it's easy to fall into the habit of shooting subjects straight on, the camera most likely at eye level. But take that second look through the viewfinder before you press the shutter to see how you can improve your shot. Move the camera left to right, tilt it up and down. You might be pleasantly surprised at the perspective you'll achieve.

Perspective can be easily understood by imagining yourself looking at someone standing, say, 50 feet away. Behind them, at the same distance again, is a

tree. From your position, the person will appear quite tiny in relation to the tree. But as your walk closer to the person, he or she appears to become progressively larger until, when you're just a few feet away, the person seems to be much taller than the tree. In other words, you can make foreground subjects appear large at the expense of background objects.

This is why the sides of a building tend to converge when you look up at one through your camera. The base of the building is much closer to the camera than the top and consequently looks larger.

This same concept explains why, for example, railroad tracks appear to come together as they extend into the distance. This convergence, called linear perspective, gives the illusion of great depth.

The photograph shown here of a field in England's Cotswold district illus-



In perspective: The principle of diminishing scale perspective is illustrated in this photo taken by Monte Nagler in Stow-On-The-Wold, England.

trates the principle of diminishing scale perspective.

As objects get farther away, they appear smaller as depicted by the fenceposts in the distance and the receding pathway. Moving in close to the foreground further exaggerates this effect.

Pictures such as this can be photographically very effective in that they can stir the viewer's imagination into

wondering what may lie at the end of the fence, road or railroad tracks.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then his mailbox number, 1873. His fax number is (810) 644-1314.

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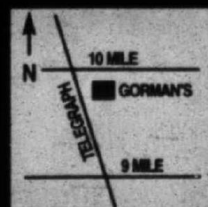
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Flowering bulbs brighten home

BY DR. J. ROBERT NUSS
For the Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Now is the season to brighten your home with flowering bulbs. "Forcing," or the flowering of a plant out of its natural season, is the way to achieve beautiful flowers in the winter.

Bulbs that can be forced are the spring flowering types, such as tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, and crocus. Meeting the proper chilling requirements of the individual bulbs is a key factor in the success of this procedure.

The forcing process can be started now while hardy bulbs are still available for outdoor planting. Start by filling a standard flower pot or bulb pan to within 1 1/2 inches of the top with a potting soil made from two parts packaged soil, one part peat moss, and one part vermiculite (not garden soil).

Set the bulbs on the soil surface and cover them with potting soil. Bulbs like hyacinth, narcissus, and tulip should have the tip of the bulb exposed about 1/2-inch, so you might have to adjust the planting depth slightly. Fill the pot, firm the soil over the bulbs, and water the pots well. Allow excess water to drain away.

After planting, the proper temperature is needed to establish a root system

on the bulbs. Experience has shown that an old refrigerator in a garage or basement is a satisfactory way of keeping the temperature of the bulbs and pots between 45 and 50 degrees. Chilling periods can be as long as 12 weeks, depending on the type of bulb.

During the chilling period, the bulbs must be kept moist. Roots penetrating through the drain holes in the bottom of the pot indicate that a strong root system has developed.

At the end of the rooting time period, and when you see a strong root system developing, you can begin the actual forcing process. This will result in the development of the flower stalk and foliage on the bulb. This is done by moving the bulbs to a temperature of 60 degrees in a dark location. Water the bulbs well at this time. Keep the bulbs under these conditions for one to two weeks until growth appears.

As soon as growth starts, move the bulbs to 65 degrees in a location with as much light as possible. Turn the pots regularly to keep the stems growing straight. Once the plants begin to grow, you will have to water them daily.

Bulbs that have been forced into early flower should be planted out in the garden as soon as the soil warms in spring. Keep the foliage growing as long as possible with regular watering. If the bulbs cannot be planted, discard them.

Adopt-a-pet



Speedy: This 5-month-old black male cat is litterbox trained, declawed in front and is extremely playful. Speedy would like to find a home where he can play with older children and/or other cats. He has lots of energy and is very affectionate. Speedy (No. WO10187) and other pets are available at the Michigan Humane Society Westland shelter, 37255 Marquette, (313)721-7300.

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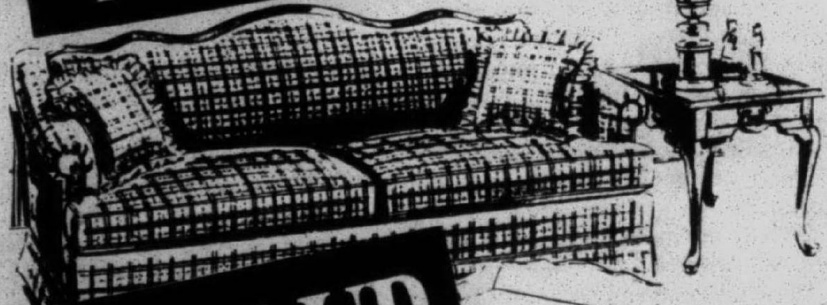
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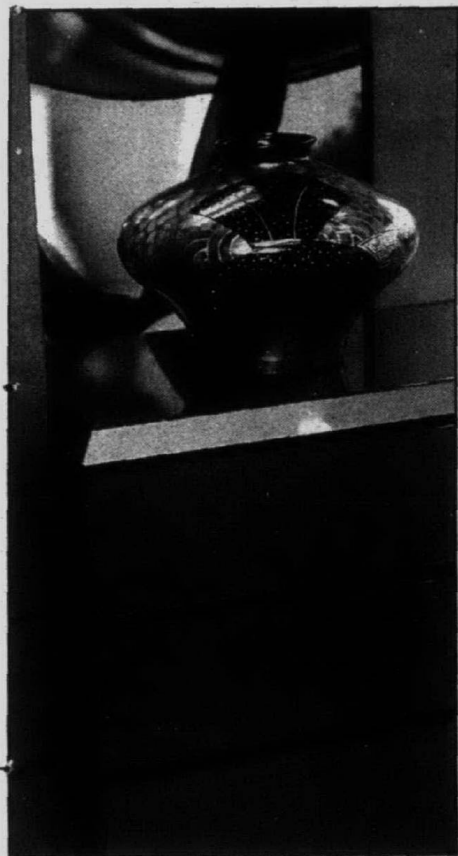
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On the cover: Lenny and Faye Denha lounge on one of their custom designed beds in one of the showrooms at Ziaz Furniture. Staff photos by Sharon LeMieux.



Special effects: (Left) Unusual painting techniques and acrylic materials give furniture buyers a chance for self expression. (Lower left) This dresser is one of many design options that customers can choose at Ziaz Furniture. The modern pottery is an accessory that can be purchased. (Below) This totally contemporary dining table and chairs with a simple but attractive sideboard shows the design options available at Ziaz Furniture.



Furniture designed especially for you

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
Staff Writer

Remember the old Burger King pitch - "Have it your way."

That's the idea behind Ziaz Furniture in Farmington Hills.

The store at 32839 Northwestern Highway opened Aug. 16 to offer custom-made furniture that customers are encouraged to alter to their special needs and tastes.

Lenny and Faye Denha are offering a line of sleek, contemporary beds, dressers and tables manufactured at their shop in Farmington Hills. But the floor models are only a jumping off point for customers who want to create their own furniture fantasies.

"People come in and don't know what we do," said Faye Denha. "We introduce them to our showroom and tell them what we do. They don't have to buy what they see. If they have a design in mind, we'll do it for them."

Lenny (Ziad) Denha is the primary designer for the company's line of furniture. He studied design, including 2 1/2

years at Lawrence Technological University and is drawn to unusual modern styles.

"I just like to create," Denha said. "I'll be driving down the road and pull over to draw out an idea."

The show room gives customers an idea of what can be done with laminates, acrylics, high gloss and matte finishes. There are bedrooms, dining rooms, living rooms and children's rooms showing a variety of styles, colors, textures and finishes. The items manufactured by Denha are complemented by modern upholstered sofas and marble tables that customers can purchase through a catalog at the store for a one-stop shopping experience.

But offering Denha's designs is only the beginning.

"They (customers) come in and say, 'I like your designs, but ...,'" Denha said.

Jody and Tom Byrne of Commerce Township found Ziaz Furniture the perfect place to furnish their new house.

"They find out what your style is," Jody Byrne said. "They give you their

input. They've been great."

Byrne said they've bought many pieces from Ziaz including occasional tables, a dining table and a bedroom set.

"When we went into the showroom, you could see the quality," Byrne said.

She said she was impressed that Ziaz could create one-of-a-kind furniture pieces.

"Whatever works, they make it work for you," Byrne said.

Duraid Antoon and his wife of Farmington Hills had Ziaz create several pieces of furniture to suit their taste.

"It was great. I'm a mechanical engineer and I wanted abstract furniture. I was able to go in and get ideas from what they had," Antoon said.

Denha created a matching set that tied a dining table to an entertainment set and even to a bedroom set in another room. He also created insets for Antoon's leather sectional.

"What I really like is the sharp angled corners, I'm really impressed with that work," Antoon said.

Denha even created a special neon

strip around the bottom on the Antoon bed.

"It's mostly for entertainment. It glows the bed; we don't sleep with the light on, but when friends come over we show it," Antoon said.

At the back of the Ziaz showroom is a wall of sample pieces in laminates, wood veneers and acrylics. There is also a computer with a CAD program so customers can sit down with the Denhas and create their own furniture.

"It's different and they get excited about it," Denha said.

Five employees work at the factory turning out bedroom furniture in 4-6 weeks from the time of ordering or a table in three weeks. Denha said he uses only the highest quality hardware, but will use a variety of lower cost materials - such as particle board instead of plywood - to help bring down the cost of some items at a customer's request. He also advises customers on subtle ways to change a design that will bring down cost but still retain the original design concept.

Furnace from page D5

Most recent installations will have a liner installed, but many mid-efficiency furnaces installed five to 15 years ago still need them.

9. **Inadequate combustion air** - Furnaces and water heaters need lots of air to heat our homes and water. Make sure they are in a room that provides adequate air supply. If contained in a small room, a louvered door is a minimum requirement, unless some other form of ventilation is provided. Have your furnace contractor calculate your air supply needs based on American Gas Association guidelines.

10. **Altered or add-on wiring** - Nearly every home we inspect has some sort of electrical defect, usually created by do-it-yourself electricians. Sometimes, this includes the furnace.

Humidifier wiring is the usual suspect, but sometimes homeowners tap off the furnace circuit for other use in the basement. The furnace should remain on its own circuit, to lessen the likelihood of a thrown breaker or blown fuse.

Furnaces have changed substantially in recent years. In a future column, we will discuss how they differ from older units and provide advice on selecting a replacement unit.

Around the House, by Rick Bowling of the AmeriSpec home inspection service, 1378 S. Main in Plymouth, instructs homeowners about the basics of home maintenance and repair. If you have a question, write to: Around the House/At Home, The Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

Adopt-a-pet



Buddy: This adorable 6 1/2 month old Terrier/Chow mix needs lots of love and attention. This guy has a lot to offer and is eager to learn but needs positive reinforcement. Buddy is teething now and sometimes gets a little frustrated. He wants to find a family who will spend time with him and help him through his "ruff" spot. Buddy (No. RO70604) and other pets are available at the Michigan Humane Society Rochester Hills shelter, 3600 Auburn Road, (810)852-7420, noon to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.

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It's easy to write your Web page



BARRY JENSEN

first of two parts

(Macintosh fans: This column is written from the point of view of someone who uses a Windows computer. But most of the information is the same.)

As you wander around the World Wide Web, you will see lots of pages — pages is how the World Wide Web is presented. Writing your own simple Web page is not difficult. Actually, writing a simple Web page is ... well ... simple. Or at least as simple as things connected with computers are likely to get.

Before you start writing your Web page, you must know what you want your page to look like. To get an idea of what a Web page can look like, just wander around the World Wide Web a bit. You'll see lots of approaches to pages, ranging from overwrought to nifty to stupid.

A simple home page might consist of the following:

n a title

n a headline
n some text
n some links to other pages
n a mail-to link

Once you have decided what you want your page to look like, you're ready to write your Web page. Using a computer and your favorite word-processing program, create a document. Begin this document with the instruction that you are writing a Web page. To do this, type `<HTML>`

This instruction is invisible. Then put in the instruction that tells other computers what this page is about. For example, this might be playing games, game conventions, gaming. This, too, is invisible. To insert this information, type `<TITLE>`

Then type in your title. Follow the title with `</TITLE>`

Then comes the first thing another human being will see. Typically, this will be a headline. The instruction is `<H1>`

If you don't tell the computer otherwise, the headline will start at the left edge of the page. If you want the headline centered, type in this instruction before you type in the headline: `<CENTER>`

Then type in your headline. Follow the headline with `</CENTER>` Follow this with `</H1>`

To begin regular-size text, type the code `<BODY>`

Follow this with the instruction for a new paragraph: `<P>`

Here's an example so far:

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<HTML>
<TITLE> playing games, game conventions, gaming </TITLE>
* <H1> <CENTER> Metro Detroit Gamers Gaming Page </CENTER>
</H1>
<BODY> <P>
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Note: When putting two or more instructions on the same line, such as `<CENTER>` and `<TITLE>`, they must be in a particular order: The first instruction given on a line must be the last instruction canceled; the second instruction given on a line must be the second-from-the-last canceled, etc. See the example's headline line.

As you write your Web page, you can see it as others might if you write it on a computer that also is equipped with a program that will view Web pages. The best-known are Netscape Navigator and Microsoft Internet Explorer.

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What others will see: This is the sample Web page as seen by Netscape Navigator. The file information near the top shows the origin of the page. For this example, the page is from a local computer, not the World Wide Web.

When you've written part or all of your Web page, save it in your computer. Use the "save as" capability of your word-processing program. You must save your Web page as "Text" or "ASCCI" or whatever your word-processing program calls saving without formatting.

Write down where the page is stored. For example, my Web page is stored in my computer as `C:\html\mdg.htm`.

If you want to see how your page is coming and spot errors you've made so far, load the program that allows you to view Web pages (mine is called Netscape.) Most such programs will let you look at the underlying coding, usually by going to that program's file menu and selecting "source" or some such word. Then tell it to look at the your Web page file (mine is `C:\html\mdg.htm`).

Netscape (or whatever you use) will bring up that file as it will look to anyone using the same version of Netscape. If something looks wrong, I make a note of it and close Netscape. Then I go to a word processing program and open the file, find the area that is incorrect and fix it. Then I can call up Netscape and repeat the whole process until I am sat-

isfied with the way the Web page looks.

Having completed the introductory part of your page, you can begin typing your text, using normal punctuation, capitalization, etc.

To get a new paragraph, use the code `<P>`

Example:
of their party. `<P>`
Now is the time ...

On my computer, at least, a new paragraph is indicated by a blank line.

If you want to set things like for a line (such as in poetry), use the line break command

`
`
Example:
The time you won your town the race, `
`
we chaired you through the market place. `
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MARTY FIGLEY

The highly anticipated book "Plants That Merit Attention, Volume II: Shrubs" (Timber Press, \$59.95), sponsored by the Garden Club of America, is now available.

Edited by Janet Meakin Poor and Nancy Peterson Brewster, the book is suitable for all regions of the country. The criteria for plants included in this excellent reference book are: unusual species and cultivars, beautiful, pest- and disease-resistant, tolerant of a variety of environments, and not readily available in at least one major region of the United States.

Why the unusual and availability criteria? "To lead gardeners ... to a greater knowledge of the use and cultivation of shrubs in relation to local conditions."

Each plant is accompanied by

description and all pertinent information regarding its cultivation and landscape value. I am pleased to see *Kolkwitzia amabilis*, Beauty Bush, which is hardy to zone 5, included. Color photos are excellent. Appendices include sources and gardens where plants can be seen. Expert advice by leading American horticulturists make this a most sought-after volume.

"The Living Wreath," Teddy Colbert (Gibbs, Smith \$19.95), not only teaches how to make a living wreath from succulents, but from many other plants as well.

The technique of growing lettuces, herbs, etc. directly in the wreath from seed will keep any gardener busy

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Pages to plant by: These books are filled with a variety of subjects.

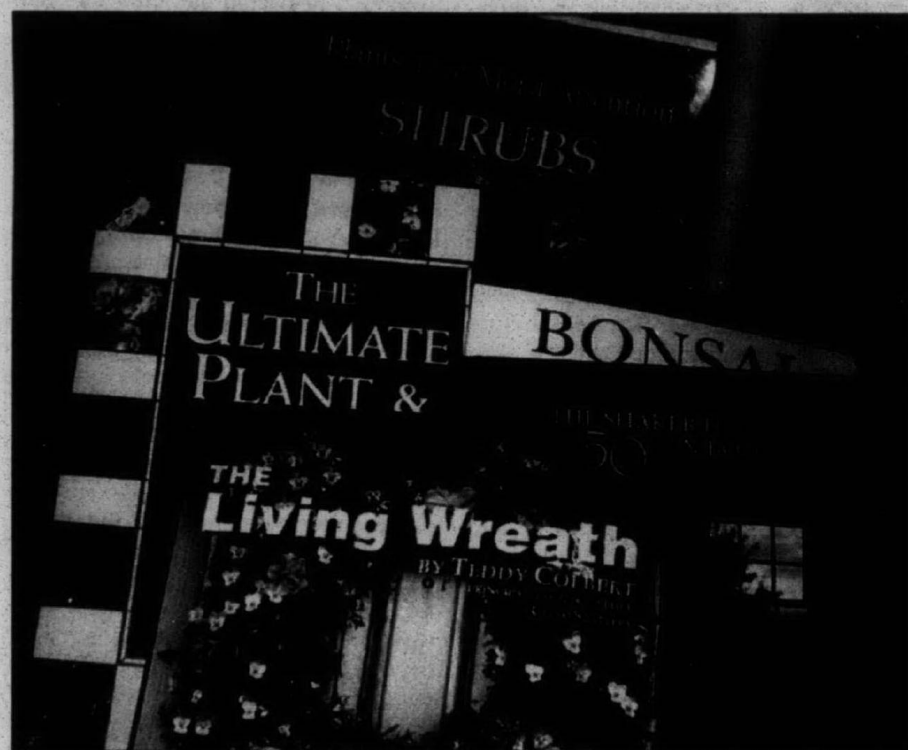
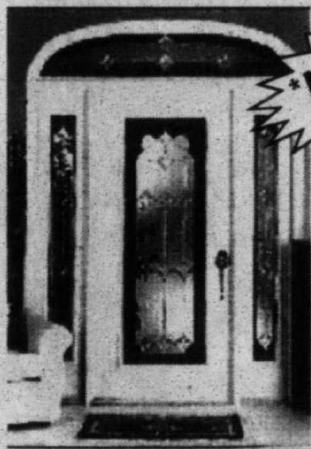


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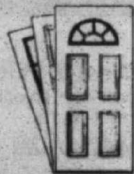
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throughout the year. Colbert's instructions are clear and methodical; plant lists are extensive. Lots of color photographs illustrate various designs. A source list for supplies and plants is helpful.

"Bonsai Survival Manual: Tree-by-tree Guide to Buying, Maintaining and Problem Solving," Colin Lewis (Storey, \$21.95), gives the low-down on this ancient craft.

Lewis, an expert bonsaiist, makes it look easy, with detailed illustrations and script. The species profiles of 50 popular commercial varieties, each with a photograph, take up much of the book. Especially like the succinct information on the specific requirements of each one. If bonsai interests you, buy this book before you invest in your first plant.

Written by a "team of experts," "The Ultimate Plant & Garden Book," edited by R.G. Turner Jr. (Crown, \$50), contains more than 2,000 plant descriptions and 2,200 color photographs.

Information about planning and maintaining a garden to visiting plants growing in the wild is here; the majority of the book is encyclopedic in style. All kinds of plants imaginable are described - annuals, perennials, shrubs, trees, bulbs, grass, ground covers, vegetables and herbs, fruit and nut trees, indoor plants, vines, orchids and more. The sea-

sonal calendar of chores and ideas is quite extensive and useful as are the cultivation guidelines.

In "Creating a Garden" (Macmillan, \$35), Mary Keen, a prominent garden designer, shares her experiences of transforming a neglected garden at her new home in the Cotswolds.

"With the (garden) that is part of your life, commitment can be total," she writes.

"It could take years, but in the doing of it, you should be ... in paradise."

The book details how she married the landscape with the house and incorporated fruit trees, vegetables and herbs, hedges, shrubs, perennials and annuals into the scheme of things. There is a whole bed of hellebores in the kitchen garden border! Changing paths and steps and other hardscapes such as a terrace was accomplished to add dimension and focus to the garden.

Keen's explanations of why and how gardens were designed and plants chosen are sensible advice. The pictures will inspire those with enough land to copy ideas. The section, Tricks of the Trade, explains the nitty-gritty.

"The Shaker Herb and Garden Book," Rita Buchanan (Houghton Mifflin, \$27.95), is an account of their successful business of growing and selling veg-

etable seeds and medicinal herbs in the 19th century.

These dried herbs, oils, medicines and extracts were sold throughout the country. By studying the plants and reading the works of "botanists" and "root and herb" doctors, they knew which plants to grow and how to process them.

The gardens were very neat and contained all manner of crops. Their manuals, written for the public, included garden practices in order to have repeat business. Descriptions of herbs and other plants, especially those gathered in the wild and how they were used, is an interesting story. A list of Shaker communities and their living history museums is included.

Before you travel to England, the book, "Kew" by Ray Desmond (Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, in association with The Harvil Press, London, \$40), gives a detailed historical account of this famous garden. It is distributed here by Harper Collins.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859.

Growing plants topic of talk at Jan. 8 club meeting

Marlene Uhlianuk will draw from wide experience to talk about growing plants and which plants to grow when she speaks to Troy Garden Club at its meeting Wednesday, Jan. 8.

Uhlianuk and her husband offer an extensive and unusual selection of herbs and other perennials at their Coon Creek Farm in Armada. They are regulars at Royal Oak and Pontiac Farmers Markets.

The club meeting will take place noon to 3 p.m. at the Troy Community Center, in the Civic Center complex directly behind City Hall at 500 W. Big Beaver. Refreshments will be served at noon. Guest donation is \$3.

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Eager to offer the community a way to display proudly the area's main attractions and to make a contribution to support local history, Peregon worked with Patrick McKay, supervisor of interpretive services for the city of Rochester Hills. Together they chose the subjects to be portrayed on the coverlet, had photographs taken and worked with a North Carolina firm to come up with the custom design.

Images of the Rochester Train Station, the Old Opera House, Meadow Brook Hall, the Van Hoosen Farm buildings and Farm House, the Home Bakery and Yates Cider Mill are featured, surrounding an oak tree. The blankets are \$45, and a portion of each sale benefits the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm. The blankets are available in the

The blanket features landmarks of Rochester and Rochester Hills.

Museum Gift Shop on Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road, off Tienken. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday.

Show off and support the hometown by proudly displaying its landmarks. The blanket is a gift the whole town will love. For more information, call the museum at (810) 656-4663.

Covering history: Patrick McKay (left), supervisor of interpretive services for the city of Rochester Hills, and businessman Walt Peregon hold a new blanket that features images of Rochester and Rochester Hills landmarks.



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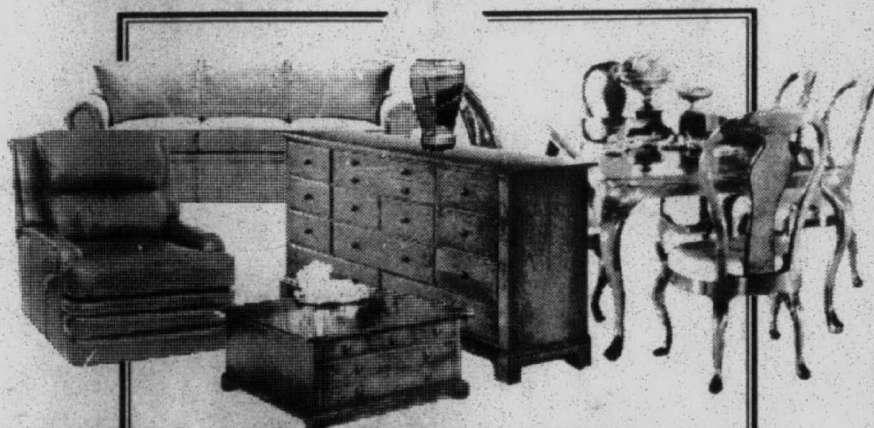
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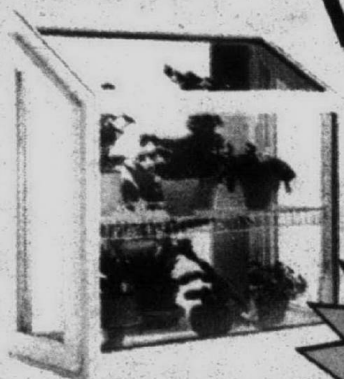


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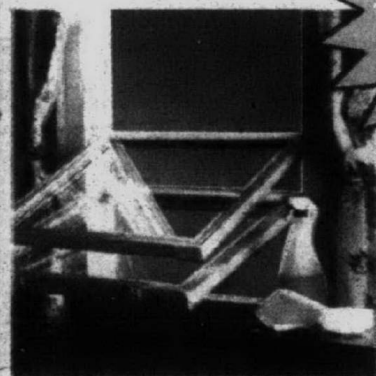
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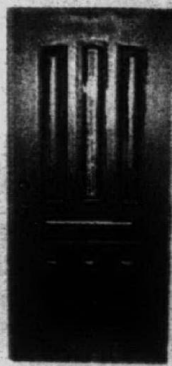
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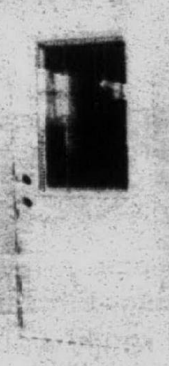
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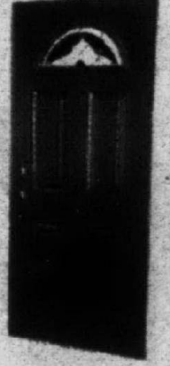


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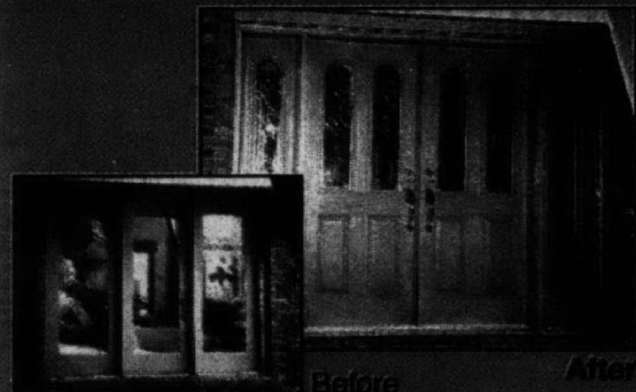
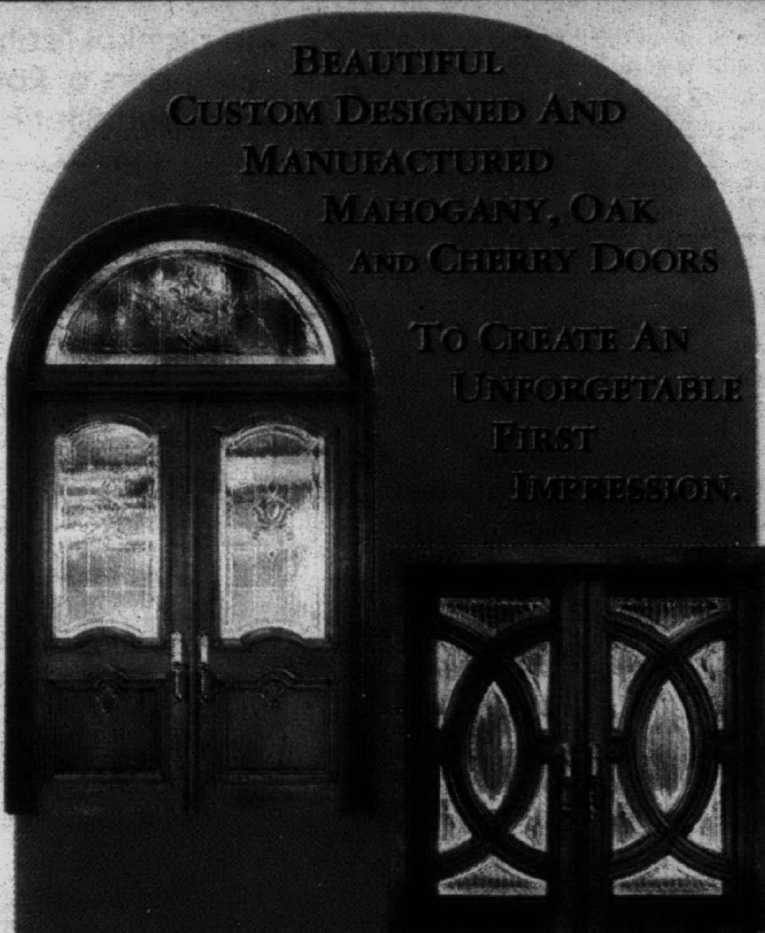


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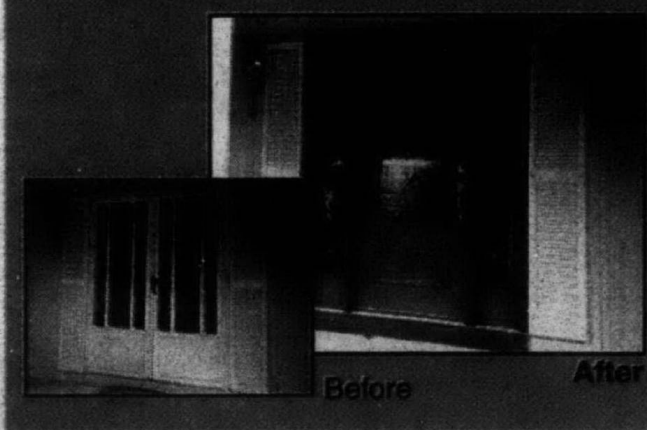
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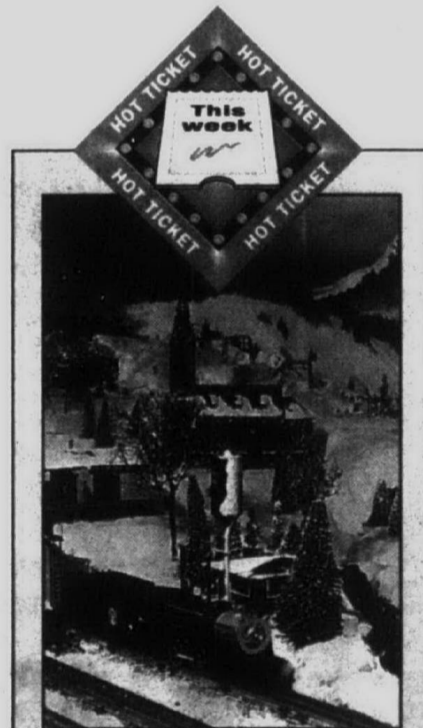


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SUNDAY



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Band of the Year

Who: The Suicide Machines
What/When: The 1996 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers' Band of the Year performs with Spit and Suburban Delinquents Friday, Dec. 27; Earth Mover and Gutter Punx Saturday, Dec. 28; and special guests Sunday, Dec. 29. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. for the all-ages show.
Where: The Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit.
How: \$6 in advance. For more information, call (313) 833-9700.



Band of the Year: The punk/ska outfit The Suicide Machines have been chosen The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers' Band of the Year in part because of its super-charged live shows. Above, well-inked bassist Royce Nunley and guitarist/vocalist Dan Lukacinsky back singer Jason Navarro (partially blocked by Nunley) during a show at Emerald City in Santa Barbara, Calif., in mid-November.

THE SUICIDE MACHINES: A band of the year TO DIE FOR

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

In a sea of grim alternative rock and heart-breaking love ballads, The Suicide Machines have injected fun back into music.

Combative humor, a three-chord crunch, Adrenalin-charged energy and scream-along lyrics made the power-punk band's debut album "Destruction by Definition" (Hollywood) one of 1996's best.

For the Detroit band, however, 1996 meant a lot more than putting out an album. Through relentlessly touring the United States and making a stop in Japan, The Suicide Machines built up a grassroots following before releasing any singles or videos. Seven months after the release of "Destruction by Definition," Hollywood Records released the single "No Face" to radio. The week of Dec. 2 "No Face" was the second most added song at alternative radio.

The band was introduced to a nationwide audience Friday, Aug. 23-Sunday, Aug. 25, when an MTV Sports' episode featured The Suicide Machines' live performance taped July 4 in Phoenix.

When they're not on the road, the members of The Suicide Machines keep busy with their own projects. Bassist Royce Nunley has Broken Spoke Records which released two 7" CDs by Midwestern bands this year. Singer Jason Navarro performs with the emotional hard core band Cleons Down. Drummer Derek Grant has run Sluggo's Old Skool Records for five years selling CDs by bands like

The Exceptions, One Eye Open, the Parka Kings and old demos by The Suicide Machines on the road.

The Suicide Machines' never-say-die attitude, fun-filled album, and hard work has earned the band The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers' 1996 Band of the Year award.

Critical praise has been following The Suicide Machines since the release "Destruction by Definition" in May. Cleveland-based Alternative Press magazine said "The Suicide Machines have gone and released one of the best American pop albums of 1996." Rip said with "the ska-punk uprising gaining momentum, this might be the burgeoning second-generation's best group yet." Huh magazine raved "The Suicide Machines are definitely a new force to be reckoned with."

Formed in March 1991 by Navarro formerly of Livonia and Redford, and guitarist/vocalist Dan Lukacinsky of Redford, The Suicide Machines originally billed itself Jack Kevorkian and The Suicide Machines. The band subsequently shortened the name due to convenience and obvious other legal problems.

Following a debut gig in a friend's basement, the group opened for the Mighty Mighty Bosstones in 1992. The next year, The Suicide Machines opened Rancid's first Detroit show at Grounds Coffeehouse at the University of Detroit Mercy. In the fall of 1994, the band rejoined Rancid on stage in front of 900 people at St. Andrew's Hall.

Inspired, The Suicide Machines set up their own tours, including a

1994 west coast stint and last year's nationwide trek with fellow ska punks Buck-O-Nine.

In the meantime, The Suicide Machines released two demos "Green World" and "The Essential" along with a 7". The band's big break came in 1995 when The Suicide Machines released a split CD "Skank for Brains" with San Francisco's Rudiments on Dill Records. A song from the album, "New Girl" weaseled its way onto Detroit radio creating a buzz in the city. The Walt Disney-owned label Hollywood Records sniffed around and swept up the band.

Sticking with his punk ethic, Grant was skeptical about signing a label deal. He agreed after hearing Hollywood's plan to break The Suicide Machines through a grassroots campaign which included the delay in releasing the first single.

"I was brought up in the punk scene where major labels are evil. It took a lot of convincing to get me to even sign the contract. When we did the deal, the worst thing we can do is go straight to radio and video and be a flash in the pan like countless other bands have done," he said.

The first single, "No Face," wasn't The Suicide Machines' first choice. The band would have liked to have seen "S.O.S." as the first single.

"It's not even a song that we play live. It's the one song on the record I think we might have done a little too much studio work on with the keyboards and the whole nine yards. We thought it was kind of a bad choice, but we'll come up with an idea or

some way to sort of make the best of the situation."

Speaking of making the best of a situation, The Suicide Machines have agreed to do their first video — something they are not necessarily thrilled about.

"I'm not too hip on MTV," Grant said.

The band compromised with its record label and will not appear in the video.

"Basically the video is going to show the contrast between city life — people going into work and going home and I guess the majority of the population pretending like everything's peachy — and the other side. The homeless people, people who get shot. City life just goes by. They want to keep that other side hidden so it doesn't ruin their day."

Besides the new video, the new year will bring yet another tour. It's tiring, Grant said, but fun. The Suicide Machines have hit the road with the likes of Rancid, Social Distortion, The Descendents and Face to Face, and as part of The Vans Warped Tour.

"Of all the tours we've had, the most surprising tour was the Specials' tour. They were one of the main influences on pretty much everybody. That's how everybody got into ska. When I was like real young and The Specials were still kicking in the early '80s, I got into them and Madness and stuff like that," he said.

Someday soon, kids will be citing The Suicide Machines as an influence.

MOVIES

In 1996 films worked best in small doses

BY JOHN MONAGHAN
SPECIAL WRITER

Many of my favorite moments in the movies this year were just that: parts of not-always-cohesive wholes. When I think back, images more than entire movies flash across my memory.

There was Frances McDormand's very pregnant Northern Minnesota sheriff in "Fargo," checking out a grisly crime scene or politely grilling a suspect. In "Basquiat," the young artist looking above Manhattan highrises to see a surferboarder hanging ten. Or in "Shine," the intense composer whose concert debut is so fierce and passionate that it leaves him sprawled on the floor.

How about the two big science fiction movies,

"Mars Attacks!" and "Independence Day," where most of our national monuments were blasted to smithereens?

Then there were those movies which combined those moments to make something entirely satisfying. In no particular order:

"Vertigo." Many call this 1956 romantic thriller Alfred Hitchcock's most personal film, a dark exploration of obsessive love and make-over starring Jimmy Stewart and Kim Novak. The 40th anniversary restoration boosted the sound and color to breathtaking effect, highlighted by what may be Bernard Herrmann's best-loved musical score.

"Secrets and Lies." A working class family learn to communicate after years of the title maladies in this typically insightful drama from

British director Mike Leigh. Hands down the best performances of the year, the kind of ensemble acting that looks so effortless but comes from months of rehearsal.

"Dead Man Walking." Though it opened elsewhere at the end of 1995, Detroit didn't get Tim Robbins' profound treatise on modern crime and punishment until mid-January. Susan Sarandon deservedly won an Oscar for her nun counseling a death row inmate while Sean Penn proved once again why he should remain in front of the camera instead of making his own ponderous films behind it.

"Lone Star." Most folks preferred "Fargo," but I was more enamored with John Sayles' look into



Drama: Sean Penn (left) is comforted by Sister Helen (Susan Sarandon) in the Tim Robbins film "Dead Man Walking."

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FINE ARTS

Exhibit showcases Santa collection



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

So, I wasn't surprised when she showed up for our interview last week with the red cap topping her head.

Spjut has an exhibit of about 100 Santas from her 700 piece collection of carvings, ornaments, mugs, miniature tea sets, Russian stacking Santas, and

bells on display in the second floor showcases at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

Fellow woodcarvers call Spjut Santa's helper. The Livonia resident estimates she's carved nearly 600 Santas in the last eight years.

"That's my trademark, dressing in Santa's cap. That's how people know to look for my Santas when they walk in to a show. It's Christmas year round at my house. I play Christmas music all year long. It inspires you to get busy (carving)," said Spjut who admitted she hadn't finished decorating her Christmas tree yet.

You see, Spjut is running a little behind this year due to a sewing project. She spent the

last couple of months dressing 50 dolls for needy little girls in Lake City where her family cottage is located.

"It's part of a program called HOOP (Helping Our Own People) for Michigan Social Services in Lake City. The kids appreciate it. They just really love the dolls," said Spjut.

More than 400 Santa ornaments, many which Spjut hand carved, and 700 multi-colored lights will create a dazzling display on her eight-foot live tree, once completed. Initially, the hand-carved Santas began as a blank in the shape of the jolly old fellow. Carving takes between three to 18 hours. Jointed Santas take longer.

Once carved, Spjut colors them



Santa's Helper: Woodcarver Judy Spjut of Livonia helps the community celebrate Christmas by exhibiting 100 of the 700 Santas in her collection.

with barn red acrylic paints for

an Old World look. Modern Santas are painted with the brighter cardinal red.

"A lot of the Victorian Santas were greens and blues. I'm starting to work with blues, purples and various shades of green," said Spjut, who teaches students to carve Santas, free of charge, 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays as part of Livonia Woodcarvers Club activities sponsored by the Livonia Parks & Recreation Department. The classes take place in the senior center at Farmington and Five Mile roads in Livonia.

In addition to Spjut's hand carved Santas, visitors to the

library display will be treated to Santas riding alligators, scuba diving, and golfing. Many were received as gifts from friends and family. Others were purchased at Bronner's in Frankenmuth and Always Christmas in Canterbury Village. A few are antiques like the lighted Santa face that goes back to the 1940s.

Spjut's exhibit continues through Dec. 29. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Linda Ann Chomin of Canton is a freelance writer specializing in the visual arts.

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the soul of a small Texas border town. When a young sheriff started digging into a long-closed murder case, all evidence points to his hero father having been a part of it. For me this had the best-scripted surprise in movies this year.

"Swingers." Los Angeles' rediscovered cocktail lounges were the focus of this dead-on depiction of single guys trying to make it in Hollywood. Though it knocked around various suburban theaters with middling success, watch for this one to gather a deserved cult following.

"Paradise Lost: The Child Murders of Robin Hood Hills." Further proof that documentary filmmaking is alive and well and usually playing only at the Detroit Film Theatre. Directors Joe Berlinger and Bruce Sinofsky followed their Oscar-snubbed "Brothers' Keeper" with this powerful study of a grisly triple murder and the heavy metal-listening teens on trial for it. An unexpected bonus was having Sinofsky there on opening night to answer questions about people who allow themselves to be filmed at the most awkward moments.

"The English Patient." I can't imagine a better screen treatment of Michael Ontadje's novel. The illicit love affair between an archaeologist and a rich married woman in World War II-era Cairo isn't usually my cup of tea, English or otherwise, but the actors (Ralph Fiennes and Kristin-Scott Thomas were

the leads) and writer/director Anthony Minghella turned this into one of the richest, most satisfying film experiences of the year.

"Emma." Last year "Sense and Sensibility" and "Persuasion" made my top ten, so I was surprised at how yet another Jane Austen adaptation could work its magic on the big screen. Gwyneth Paltrow's performance certainly helped as a 19th-century busybody with a handle on everyone's romantic affairs but her own.

"Rumble in the Bronx." So what if there were mountains behind New York harbor? This Hong Kong actioner, set in New York and filmed in Vancouver, almost made Jackie Chan a household name. More than a little corny, it showcased the amazing stuntwork and endearing personality of one of the world's most popular stars. Let's just hope Hollywood figures out what to do with him now that he resides here.

"The Umbrellas of Cherbourg." Another rerelease, this time of Jacques Demy's 1964 musical about an impossibly young Catherine Deneuve who must decide between her handsome, prospectless lover and a rich, very available jeweler. The DFT exclusive was so popular in the spring, that the theater brought it back for an encore.

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Actor gets a kick out of performing in 'A Chorus Line'

"A Chorus Line" continues through Dec. 29 at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Tickets ranging from \$25 to \$62.50 are available at the Detroit Opera House Ticket Office, Fisher Theatre Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations, call (810) 645-6666.

BY MARY JANE DOERR
SPECIAL WRITER

Kevin Burrows is one of the look-alikes in the chorus line of the national production of "A Chorus Line" now playing at the Detroit Opera House. But to many of his friends in the audience, Burrows a former Birmingham resident, is not just another nameless member of the "kick line."

Burrows grew up in Grosse Pointe and Birmingham when

his father was an automotive engineer at Rockwell International in Troy, and lived there 13 years.

"It was my sister Shannon that started the theater drive for our family. When she dropped it, I guess I picked it up," said Burrows.

He has only one regret about coming to Detroit. The schools are out on vacation during the holidays, which means he cannot visit old friends and teachers at Midvale Elementary and Covington Middle School where he went to school.

"My fourth grade teacher at Midvale, Mrs. Morris, really had a big part in my interest in being on stage. She brought me out of my shell and incorporated dancing into her music class. I have a picture of myself in her class

doing a little soft shoe with a top hat and cane.

Once Burrows got interested in theater, he played parts in shows such as "The Remarkable Mr. Pennypacker," "Cheaper by the Dozen," and was Oliver in "Oliver" with the First Theatre Guild at the First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham and Pontiac Theater IV.

At Sheryl's School of Dance in Livonia he studied tap and jazz while he earned money-making commercials for a Detroit agency - Elias Brothers, Kmart, and Hudson's. Other TV work included "Kid's World Magazine" on CBS. "I remember one ad I did for a national milk commercial. I drank so much milk that afternoon I was sick as a dog," said Burrows.

The son of "fixer-upper" par-

ents who bought old houses and fixed them up, he moved 18 times from the time he was born in Long Beach, Calif. until he graduated from high school in Cleveland, Ohio. Today, he's still on the move.

As soon as he earned his bachelor of science degree from Northwestern University in acting, Burrows was chosen for the international cast of "West Side Story." Once in Europe he was cast for Skimbleshanks in "Cats" in Zurich, singing both in English and German.

"That experience really improved by dancing technique," said Burrows. "Once I had done that show I had the confidence to move to New York and audition for other jobs."

Since moving to New York, Burrows has been on the road.

He was almost immediately cast into the men's chorus in the national tour of "Hello Dolly" then he won a place on "A Chorus Line."

"Cats" was fun because of the costumes and all the make-up," said Burrows. "I felt like a kid getting dressed up. But 'A Chorus Line' means the most to me of any of the shows I have done because everything in the show relates to my personal life."

"A Chorus Line" is considered by some to be one of the best musicals ever written, being Broadway's longest-running theatrical production, and having won nine Tony Awards, the Pulitzer Prize, five Drama Desk Awards, the New York Drama Critics Award for Best Musical, the Obie Award, and the London

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Anybody wondering if Burrows' character Al makes the cut will have to see the show.

"I am not giving away the ending," said Burrows.

ART BEAT

Artbeat features various happenings in the suburban arts world. Send news leads to Linda Ann Chomin in care of Keely Wygonik, Arts & Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

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DETROIT OPERA HOUSE
"A Chorus Line," through Sunday, Jan. 5, at the Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. 1 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 26, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 28, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29. \$25-\$62.50. (313) 833-3700

GEM THEATRE
"The All Night Strut! Holiday Show," through Sunday, Jan. 5, at the theater, 58 E. Columbia (across the street from the State and Fox theaters), Detroit. Times and prices vary throughout December. New Year's Eve performances: 7 p.m. \$45; and 10 p.m. \$60 includes a champagne toast and dancing afterward. (313) 963-9800

HILBERRY THEATER
"Tartuffe" through Thursday, Feb. 1, at the theater, Wayne State University campus, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. Performance days and times are 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays. \$9.50-\$16.50. (313) 577-2972.

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE
"Family Secrets," a one-woman show featuring former Detroiters Susan Merson, whose Broadway and film credits include "Saturday Sunday Monday," "Children of a Lesser God," "Vanity," "Lost in Yonkers," and "Things to Do in Denver When You're Dead," through Sunday, Jan. 12, at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, and Sundays; 8 p.m. Saturdays. \$10-\$23 with discounts for seniors, students and groups. Special New Year's Eve shows 7 p.m. (\$35 including hors d'oeuvres and champagne), and 10 p.m. (\$50 including hors d'oeuvres, champagne and breakfast). Special show for single and married Jewish young adults, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9. \$18 includes an afterglow and reception with Merson. Deadline for young adults event is Tuesday, Dec. 31. (810) 788-2900

MASONIC TEMPLE
"Phantom of the Opera," through Jan. 7, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. Tuesday through Saturday evenings at 8 p.m.; Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. \$20-\$65. (313) 832-2232/(313) 871-1132
MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
"A Christmas Carol," through Sunday, Dec. 29, at the theater, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Walton and Squirrel boulevards, Rochester. \$19-\$29.50. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28; and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29. (810) 377-3300

COMMUNITY THEATRE

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE
"The Stillborn Lover," through Tuesday, Dec. 31, at the theater, 13103 Woodward Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$14. (313) 868-1347

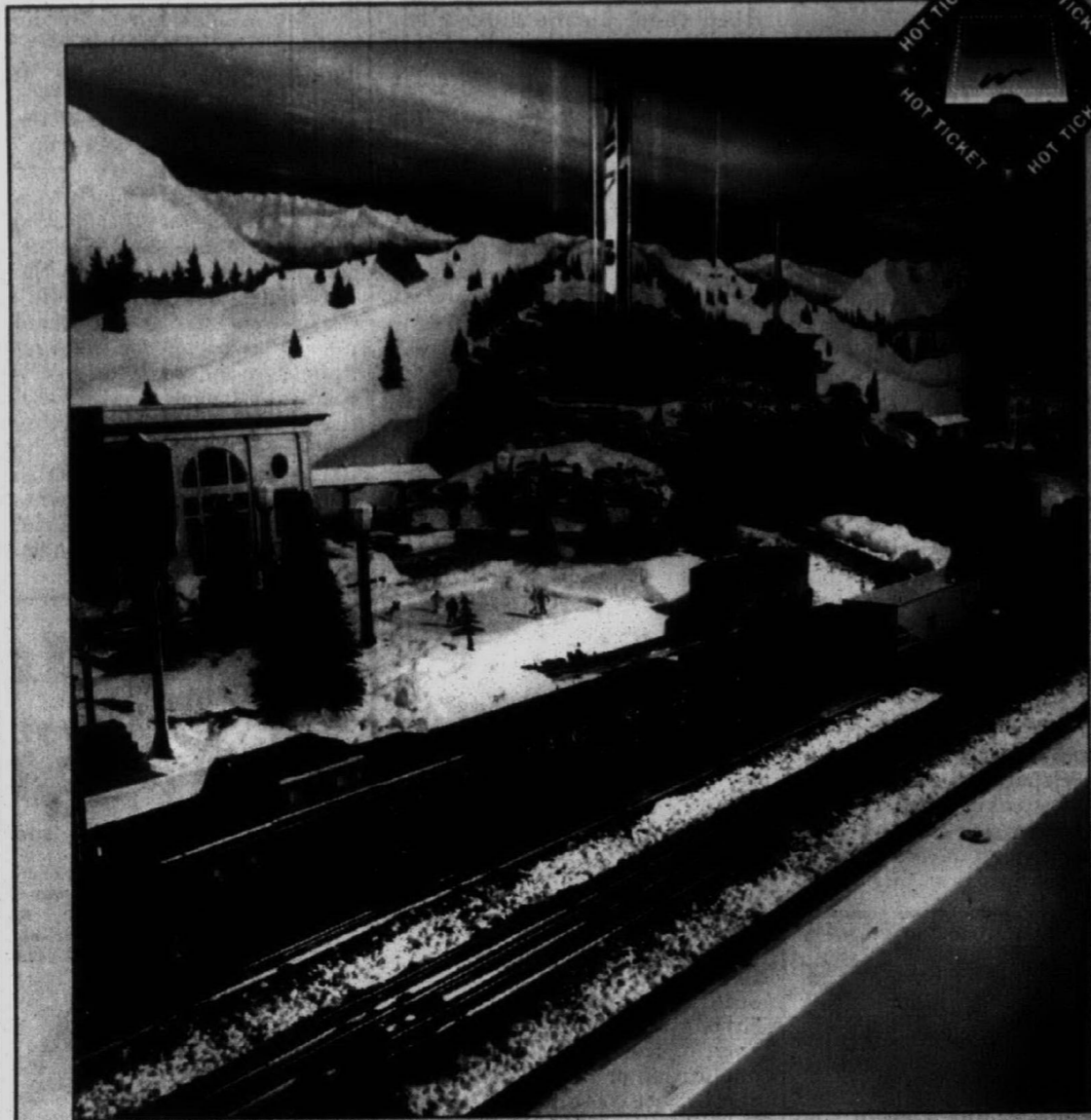
YOUTH

MARQUIS THEATRE
"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," through Monday, Jan. 27, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6.50. Recommended for children older than 3 1/2 years old. Show times: 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 28, and Jan. 4, 11, 18, and 25; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 29, Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26; 2:30 p.m. Dec. 26-27 and 30-31, and Jan. 2-3. (810) 349-8110
WILD SWAN THEATRE
"Charlotte's Web," 2:30 p.m. Dec. 27-29, and Jan. 2-4, and 11:30 a.m. Dec. 28, and Jan. 4, at the Anderson Center Theater at Henry Ford Museum, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard (at Village Road), Dearborn. \$8; additional charge for admission to the museum. (313) 271-1520, ext. 383

SPECIAL EVENTS

THE MAGIC SCHOOL BUS
With science teacher Ms. Frizzle, 7-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Macomb Community College, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$7. (810) 286-2141

HOLLYWOOD LITERARY RETREAT
Two-day seminar on screenwriting and the process of motion picture and television producing, Saturday, Feb. 1-Sunday, Feb. 2, Holiday Inn Livonia West, 17123 N. Laurel Park Dr. (Six Mile Road and I-275), Livonia. Featured guest speakers include Stephen Nemeth, president of Rhino Films; Plymouth screenwriter Jim Burnstein; Producer Carolyn Caldera (Warner Bros., Columbia/Tri-Star Pictures); Lynn Isenberg, producer/screenwriter and native Detroit; Wendy Nyad, literary agent of the Susan Smith Agency. (810) 584-4764



Family fun: The "Toy and Hobby Expo '96" show and sale features trains, toys, models, dolls, bears, doll houses, and the world's largest mobile train display "The Magical World of Lionel Trains," 5-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr. (I-96 and Novi Road), Novi. Admission \$6 adults; \$3 children ages 4-12; \$4 parking. (313) 455-2110

HOLIDAY LIGHT SHOWS

DETROIT ZOO
"Wild Lights" walking tour features more than 50 animal creations, 5:30-8 p.m. through Monday, Dec. 30 (except Christmas Eve and Christmas day), at the zoo, Ten Mile Road and Woodward Avenue (at I-96), Royal Oak. \$3 adults; \$1.50 for children; free for children younger than 2. Detroit Zoological Society members, \$2 adults; \$1 children. Parking is free. (810) 541-5835
DOMINO'S FARMS
"Christmas Light Display," 15-minute drive-through display with more than 900,000 lights, 6-10 p.m. daily through Dec. 31, at the complex, Earhart Road, off Plymouth Road about 1/2 mile east of US-23. \$5 donation weekdays; \$7 Fridays-Sundays. (313) 668-1800.

POPS

BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
"Between the Holidays Special" with guest artist David Syme, pianist, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, Temple Beth El, 14 Mile and Telegraph roads, Bloomfield Hills. (810) 645-8850
JAMES GREENWAY AND LARRY PINHO
9 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 31, Traders Lounge in the Kingsley Inn, 1475 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (810) 644-1400

AUDITIONS

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS
Auditions children ages 8-18 for "Huckleberry Finn," 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, and noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson (between Mount Elliott and McDougall, across the street from Harbortown), Detroit. Auditioners should prepare something to sing (accompaniment will be provided), and readings will be from the script. Performance dates are Feb. 15-May 18. (810) 662-8118
PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS
Open auditions 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, and auditions by appointment Tuesdays, Jan. 14, Jan. 21, and Jan. 28, First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road (west of Sheldon), Plymouth. All voices are needed especially tenors. (313) 455-4080
SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR
Auditions new members, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road (west of Inkster Road), Livonia. The choir will perform Brahms "Requiem" at a spring concert. Members will learn additional selections for the "Collage" concert in April. The 70-voice choir includes SC students and experience singers of all ages from area communities. (810) 349-8175/(313) 462-4448

THE THEATRE GUILD
Auditions for its second annual Festival of One-Act Plays, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, and 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6, at the guild, 15138 Beech Daly Road, Redford. The guild is looking for two men and two women teenaged-age 30; six men and three women ages 30-50; and one man and two women ages 50 and older. This

season's presentation includes five original works overing comedy, drama and tragedy. Production dates are Feb. 7-9, and Feb. 14-16. (313) 573-4145

JAZZ

JACK BROKENSHA QUARTET
With special guest Judie Cochill, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River (at Eight Mile), Farmington Hills. (810) 474-4800
RON BROOKS TRIO
9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27-Saturday, Dec. 28, and Tuesday, Dec. 31, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5 for Dec. 27-28. \$45; \$80 couples for New Year's Eve. (313) 662-8310
KIMMIE HORNE
8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, and Thursday, Dec. 27, Fox and Hounds, 1530 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills; 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27-Saturday, Dec. 28, and Tuesday, Dec. 31, D.L. Harrington's, formerly Murdock's, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (810) 644-4800/(810) 852-0550
SHEILA LANDIS
With Rick Matle, 8-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, Coffee Beanery, 307 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages; With Rick Matle and Dennis Sheridan, 8-11 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, Brazil, 305 Main St., Royal Oak. Free. All ages; 8:30 p.m.-midnight Tuesday, Dec. 31, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River Road, Ypsilanti, as part of the city's New Year's Jubilee; With her quintet, 9 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 3-Saturday, Jan. 4, D.L. Harrington's Chop House, formerly Murdock's, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills (810) 650-3344/(810) 399-7200/(313) 483-4444/(810) 852-0550
"WINTER SOLSTICE"
With The Turtle Island String Quartet, Tuck and Patti, and Phillip Aaberg, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10-\$45. (313) 833-3700
YA TAFARI MAKUNNEN
4:30-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, Borders Book Shop, 31150 Southfield Road, Birmingham. Free. (Caribbean, Afro-Latin and Latin jazz) (810) 644-1515
ALEXANDER ZONJIC
10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27-Saturday, Dec. 28, and Tuesday, Dec. 31, Scallop, 1002 N. Main St., Rochester. (810) 658-2525

WORLD MUSIC

BEAUSOLEIL
8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$17.50. (cajun/zydeco and a mix of blues/country/Tex-Mex/Caribbean) (313) 761-1451
BLACK MARKET
9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (810) 543-0917
MARIANNE MURPHY AND RON ELLMAN
8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe, 145 N. Center St., Northville. Cover charge. All ages. (Celtic) (810) 349-9421
OLONAISE CHORALE
4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, St. Colette,

17600 Newburgh Road (north of Six Mile Road), Livonia. (Polish Christmas Carols) (313) 863-6209/(313) 531-5558

REGGAE AMBASSADA
With Black Thunder, 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, 3-D, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (reggae) (810) 589-3344
WAKA JAWAKA
8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. (world beat) (810) 642-9400

FOLK

JAN KRIST
With Tim Diaz, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe, 145 N. Center St., Northville. \$10. All ages. (eclectic folk) (810) 349-9421

DANCE

BALLROOM DANCING
With the Larry Nozero Orchestra, 7-10:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, Botsford Inn Coach House, 28000 Grand River (at Eight Mile Road), Farmington Hills. \$10. (810) 474-4800
DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
With ballroom dancers as part of "A Night in Old Vienna," 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$25-\$85. (313) 833-3700
NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER DANCE
With music by Akord, 7 p.m.-3 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple Road, Troy. \$60 includes dinner, dancing, snacks and refreshments. (810) 689-3636
NEW YEAR'S EVE SOCKHOP
The cast and crew of Ann Arbor Civic Theatre's production of "Bye Bye Birdie," which runs Jan. 8-11, presents a "Sockhop," 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, at the playhouse, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. \$10 adults; \$5 students with ID in advance and at the door. Admission price includes refreshments, DJ music and a donation to AACT. (313) 971-AACT

MUSEUMS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM
Forensic Science demonstration involves visitors attempting to solve a mysterious crime. While working in teams the participants analyze evidence with forensic methods. Fingerprint analysis, blood typing, and ink chromatography will be discussed. Demonstrations, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays throughout the month of January, at the museum, 219 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor. Museum hours: 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays; 1-5 p.m. Sundays. \$2.50 students, seniors and children; \$4 adults. (313) 995-5439
CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
"Animals Eat," an exhibit combining live animal displays, working models, mounted specimens, hands-on activities, and animated video that helps youngsters formulate a concept of a "living thing" by focusing on eating; and "Mysteries of the Bog," which explores the landscape of wetlands. Both exhibits run through Jan. 5, at the museum, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. \$7 for adults; \$4 children 3-17 and seniors 65 and older; free for children younger than 3. Planetarium shows are an additional \$1 and Lassa shows an additional \$2. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; noon-5 p.m. Sundays. (810) 645-3200
DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
"Glancy Trains Show" featuring toy and scale model trains, accessories, structures, switches and track, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28. Proceeds go to rebuild the fire-damaged Glancy Trains Exhibit; "Legacy: African-American Dolls of the Victorian Era," a new exhibit featuring more than 100 handmade African-American dolls, on display in the museum's Kresge Gallery, through April, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$3 adults; \$1.50 seniors and children ages 12-18; free for children younger than 12; (313) 833-7937
DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
"Dinoscience," a traveling exhibit from

COMEDY

BANANA'S COMEDY CLUB
Johnny Ginger, Marv Welch and Becci Vann, 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, in Red Timbers Seafood Grill, 40380 Grand River, Novi. \$40 includes all-you-can-eat late breakfast, live music, dancing and comedy; dinner extra. (313) 724-1300
JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Leo Dufour, Elliot Branch and Joey Bielaska, Tuesday, Dec. 31; Leo Dufour, Thursday, Jan. 2-Sunday, Jan. 5, at the club above Kickers restaurant, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Thursdays (free); 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$10); and 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5). (313) 261-0555
JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
Vic DiBitetto, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26 (\$8, \$16.95 dinner and show), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27-Saturday, Dec. 28 (\$10, \$20.95 dinner and show); Randy Lubas, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 2 (\$8; \$18.95 dinner show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3-Saturday, Jan. 4 (\$10), 5070 Sciaer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885
LONG BRANCH/MISS KITTY'S COMEDY
Mike Veneman and Seth Buckwald, Friday, Dec. 27-Saturday, Dec. 28; Carl Anthony and Seth Buckwald, Tuesday, Dec. 31, 595 N. Lapeer Road, Oxford. (810) 628-6500
MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
Blair Shannon, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26 and Sunday, Dec. 29, and 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27-Saturday, Dec. 28, \$12, also on New Year's Eve, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, \$22.50, and 10:30 p.m., \$27.50 includes party favors and champagne; Billy Ray Bauer, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, and 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3-Saturday, Jan. 4, \$10, at 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor.

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Lowell Sanders and Mark Fradl, Thursday, Dec. 26-Sunday, Dec. 29; Totally Unrehearsed Theatre hosts open mic night Tuesdays; 1995 Star Search Grand Champion Kevin James and Bob Phillips, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, \$5; 8:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, \$6; 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, \$12; 7:30 p.m. Sunday, \$6. (810) 542-9900
THE SECOND CITY-DETROIT
"One Nation Undecided," 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. \$12 to \$19; Second City Touring Company, 5:30 p.m. Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

BOOKSTORE-HAPPENINGS
BARNES AND NOBLE BOOKSELLERS (WEST BLOOMFIELD)
Barnes and Noble Fiction Club discusses Kaye Gibbons' "Ellen Foster," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, at the store, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. (810) 626-6804
BORDERS BOOKS AND MUSIC (DEARBORN)
"Arthur" visits story hour, 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 28; "Mouse Magic With Auntie Christina" features "Wishbone and the Amazing Odyssey" for children ages 8 and older, 11:30 a.m. Saturday 28, at the store, 5601 Mercury Dr., Dearborn. (313) 271-4441
BORDERS BOOKS AND MUSIC (FARMINGTON HILLS)
Naim Abdur Rauf hosts a Kwanzaa celebration with stories, music and dance with traditional African dress and instruments, 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, in the children's area of the store, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. (810) 737-0110
BORDERS BOOK SHOP (BIRMINGHAM)
Detroit storyteller Elaine Jordan hosts a Kwanzaa storytime and craft hour, 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, at the store, 31150 Southfield Road, Birmingham. (810) 644-1515
WALDENBOOKS (DEARBORN)
Troy author Stephanie Mellen signs copies of her latest book "The Golden Angel," 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, at the store, Fairlane Town Center, Dearborn. (313) 436-8404

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DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM
"Ford Fleet Festival," a special event highlighting the maritime heritage of the Ford Marine Division, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26-Saturday, Dec. 28, at the museum, 100 Strand Dr., Belle Isle. \$2 adults; \$1 seniors and children 12-18; free, children younger than 12. Special registration fee \$2 for non GLMI members. (313) 267-6225
GREENFIELD VILLAGE AND HENRY FORD MUSEUM
"Traditions of the Season," featuring one of Michigan's largest decorated trees, a gingerbread village, holiday decorations, and reenactments of traditions of cooking, baking, and decorating, through Saturday, Jan. 5, in the museum and village, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn. (313) 271-1620
HISTORICAL CHURCH TOUR
Featuring First Congregational Church, Central United Methodist, St. John Episcopal, St. Aloysius and Mariners Church, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6. Tickets are available only in advance and are non-exchangeable and non-refundable. \$10 Detroit Historical Society members; \$15 for non-members. (313) 833-1405

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URBAN PARK DETROIT ART CENTER
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POPULAR MUSIC
FRANK ALLISON AND THE ODD SOX
9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$9. 19 and older. (quirky alternapop) (313) 996-8555
ANTI-FREEZE BLUES FESTIVAL
With Sugar Blue, Willie D. Warren with the Garfield Blues Band, Johnny Yarddog Jones with Bobby East, Wallin' Inc., and The Alligators, Friday, Jan. 3; Larry McCray with The Bobby Murray Band, The Butler Twins, The Grandmasters with Jeff Grand and the Black Crocs; Eddie Harsch, Mudpuppy and Robert Jones, Saturday, Jan. 4; and AC Reed, Big Dave and the Ultrasonics, Johnnie Bassett and the Blues Insurgents, Jocke'n B. and Alberta Adams, and the Hasting Street Blues Band, Sunday, Jan. 5, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$15 per day; or \$36 for a three-day pass. (blues) (810) 544-3030
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9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$9. 19 and older. (quirky alternapop) (313) 996-8555
ANTI-FREEZE BLUES FESTIVAL
With Sugar Blue, Willie D. Warren with the Garfield Blues Band, Johnny Yarddog Jones with Bobby East, Wallin' Inc., and The Alligators, Friday, Jan. 3; Larry McCray with The Bobby Murray Band, The Butler Twins, The Grandmasters with Jeff Grand and the Black Crocs; Eddie Harsch, Mudpuppy and Robert Jones, Saturday, Jan. 4; and AC Reed, Big Dave and the Ultrasonics, Johnnie Bassett and the Blues Insurgents, Jocke'n B. and Alberta Adams, and the Hasting Street Blues Band, Sunday, Jan. 5, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$15 per day; or \$36 for a three-day pass. (blues) (810) 544-3030
ATOMIC NUMBERS
9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 996-2748
BARENAKED LADIES
With Paula Cole, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$26.50. All ages. (alternapop)

RECEPTIONS
URBAN PARK DETROIT ART CENTER
"Future Shock," an exhibition of paintings by Ron Zakrin, who says that his style, "Cyberrealism," is an attempt to capture the human experience in an age of robots. Exhibition opens Jan. 3 and runs through Feb. 3. Opening reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3. Urban Park is on the second level of Trappers Alley in Greektown, 508 Monroe, Detroit, and is open 7 days a week. Call (313) 963-5445 for information.
SWANN GALLERY
Cheryl Pastor, Camille Jungman and group photography show "Eyes of Vision: Eyes of Truth," Jan. 3 to Feb. 2. Opening reception, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, Swann Gallery, 1250 Library Street, Detroit. Gallery hours 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, 6-9 p.m. Monday, Wednesday 7 Friday, and by appointment. (313) 965-4826.

PROGRAMS
CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
"Betwixt-the-holidays Storytelling with LaRon Williams" 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 26-28, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, included with museum admission; (810) 645-3312. Using a variety of musical instruments, dialects, facial expressions and dramatic movement, Williams brings tales to life that transcend boundaries of class and age. The stories, told in a style suitable for the whole family, are inspired by art and life.
U OF M MUSEUM OF ART
"Images d'Epinal" to Jan. 5 at 525 S. State, Ann Arbor; (313) 764-0395. Docent-led tour 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29. Call to arrange group tours of any exhibit.
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BARNSTORMER
8 p.m. through Sunday, Dec. 29, and Tuesday, Dec. 31-Sunday, Jan. 5, Diamondback Saloon, 49345 S. I-94 Service Dr., Belleville. (country) (313) 699-7899

BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3-Saturday, Jan. 4, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 543-0917

BLACK FUZZ
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (psychedelic rock) (313) 485-5050

BLUE-EYED SOUL
9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, Rivertown Saloon, 1977 E. Woodbridge, Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 567-6020

BLUE HAWAIIANS
9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, Fox and Hounds, 1530 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (blues) (810) 644-4800

BLUE ROSE
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Oxbow Lake Roadhouse, 9451 Elizabeth Lake Road, White Lake. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 698-1514/(810) 855-3110/(810) 412-1040

BOTFLY
With Uncle Booby and Affliction, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (funky alternative rock) (810) 335-8100

BRILLIANT
With Hot Moon, 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (alternapop) (313) 875-6555

BUGS BEDDOW BAND
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3-Saturday, Jan. 4, Old Woodward Grill, 555 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 360-7450/(810) 642-9400

BUSTER'S BLUE BAND
10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 332-HOWL

SCOTT CAMPBELL GROUP
With Dan Lamar, Dennis-Thompson, and Walkin' Talkin' Toxins, 10 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, Mirage, 4009 Fort St. (between Goddard and Moran), Lincoln Park. Free. 21 and older. (313) 383-1375

CITY LIMITS
9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, Long Branch, 22138 Goddard Road, Taylor. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, Detroit Bar, 655 Beaubien, Detroit. (blues) (313) 291-7372/(313) 963-3355

CLUTCH
With Shine, Speedball and Tree, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, Majestic Theatre, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance. 18 and older. (hard alternative rock) (313) 833-9700

SAL D'AGNILLO
9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, Fat Willy's, 19170 Farmington Road (north of Seven Mile Road), Livonia. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic) (810) 615-1330

PRISCILLA EDERLE
10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 18 and older. (singer/songwriter) (810) 332-HOWL

EKOOSTIK HOOKAH
8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$8 in advance. 18 and older. (Deadhead) (810) 335-8100

EUREKA BLUE MOONS
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 412-1040

PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS
10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 349-9110

JIMMIE DALE GILMORE
8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$17.50. (rockabilly) (313) 761-1451

GG AND THE COSMIK RAYZ
With Scott Morgan and Terraplans, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (variety) (313) 996-8555

GRIZZLY PEACH
10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 485-5050

GROOVE MONKEY ATMOSPHERE
10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (funk) (313) 485-5050

HARVENGERS
With Hope Demons, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, 3-D, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (810) 589-3344

HOWLING DIABLOS
9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, Bear's Den, 2972 Coolidge Highway, Berkley. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, 21st Avenue Billiards, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues/funk) (810) 545-2246/(810) 542-9922

HOWLIN' MERCY
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover

charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650

IMMATURE
With Ghost Town DJs and Mista, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$26 in advance. All ages. (R&B/rap) (810) 433-1515

NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS
9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, and Tuesday, Dec. 31, Rhino's Pub, 6211 Chase, Dearborn. \$2; \$5 for performance, or \$25 dinner show package on New Year's Eve. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-1726

ROBERT JONES
8-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) (810) 737-0110

CHAKA KHAN
With Ohio Players, 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$35. All ages. (R&B/funk/soul) (313) 983-6611

B.B. KING
With Bobby "Blue" Bland and Little Milton, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$35 and \$27.50 in advance. All ages. (blues) (810) 433-1515

JAN KRIST
As part of New Year's Eve concert (8-10 p.m.) and dinner (6:30 p.m.), Tuesday, Dec. 31, The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe, 145 N. Center St., Northville. \$50 includes concert and dinner. (singer/songwriter) (810) 349-9420

LADY SHINE AND THE X BAND
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27-Saturday, Dec. 28, Sisko's on the Boulevard, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. \$5. 21 and older. (313) 278-5340

JOHN D. LAMB
9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, The Rock, 112 E. Third St., Royal Oak. 21 and older. (singer/songwriter) (810) 542-7625

LIQUID
10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (810) 349-9110

THE LOOK
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27-Saturday, Dec. 28, and Tuesday, Dec. 31, Bonnie Brook, 19990 Shiawassee, Detroit. On New Year's Eve, \$40 includes dinner, drinks and late-night buffet. (313) 534-2830

BRIAN MCKNIGHT
With Eric Benet, 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27.50 in advance. All ages. (R&B) (810) 433-1414

JIM MCCARTY AND MYSTERY TRAIN
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27-Saturday, Dec. 28, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; With Robert Penn. 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3-Saturday, Jan. 4, Sisko's on the Boulevard, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 543-0917/(313) 278-5340

MILK AND CHEESE
9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 485-5050

THE MISSION
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27-Saturday, Dec. 28, Sisko's on the Boulevard, 5855 Monroe (at Van Born), Taylor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 278-5340

MONDO MOD
With Lucky Haskins, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (rockabilly) (313) 996-8555

MOONPIE FONTANA
9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 855-3110

MOTOR CITY OUTLAWS
9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, Ramada Inn and Suites, 8270 Wickham Road, Romulus. \$15 includes live entertainment, party favors, hors d'oeuvres, and champagne toast. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 729-6300

MUDPUPPY
9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, Sisko's on the Boulevard, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 278-5340

BOBBIE MURRAY BAND
Featuring Lenny Watkins, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 855-3110

NEW EDITION
With Blackstreet featuring Teddy Riley, Keith Sweat and 702, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$45, \$35. (R&B/rap) (810) 377-0100

TED NUGENT NEW YEAR'S EVE WHIPLASH BASH
With Alice Cooper, 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center, Detroit. \$27.50 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 596-3287

ROBERT PENN
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27-Saturday, Dec. 28, and Friday, Jan. 3-Saturday, Jan. 4, Fox and Hounds, 1530 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (blues) (810) 644-4800

"POUND FEST"
With Elephant Ear and She's So Huge, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, Magic Bag,



STAFF PHOTO BY SHARON LEMIEUX

Coming home: After touring Europe with Kiss, East Lansing's The Verve Pipe returns home to play Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac, on Sunday, Dec. 29. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are \$13 in advance at all Ticketmaster outlets, including Hudson's, Harmony House, and Blockbuster Music. For more information, call (810) 333-2362 or (810) 645-6666.

22918 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5. 18 and older. (alternative rock) (810) 544-3030

PROJECT TRANSISTOR BENEFIT FOR FREE SPEECH
With Frogg, Walk on Water, Slot and Five Horse Johnson, at St. Andrew's Hall, and Rocket 455, Morsel, Ebeling Hughes and Greyling at the Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 961-MELT

RIGHTIOUS WILLY
8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe, 145 N. Center St., Northville. Cover charge. All ages. (810) 349-9421 (roots rock)

SHAWN RILEY
9 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 27, and 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, Fat Willy's, 19170 Farmington Road (north of Seven Mile Road), Livonia. (acoustic rock) (810) 615-1330

RUSTED ROOT
7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$21.50 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-5451

SHIKSA GODDESS
8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$10 for 8 p.m. champagne reception; \$5 for 9 p.m. show only. ("Avant-Jewish torch ensemble") (810) 335-8100

SISTER SOLEIL
Featuring Stella Katsoudas on vocals, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, Industry, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$5. 18 and older. (techno pop) (810) 334-1999

SKOLARS
Celebrate release of CD with party and performance with special guests

Bourgeois Filth and Social Scare, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$3 on sale only at St. Andrew's Hall and the Beat Hotel Records, 3185 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. All ages. (ska) (313) 961-MELT/(810) 544-2485

SOLID FROG
With Atomic Numbers, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (rock) (313) 996-8555

SPONGE
With Howling Diablos and Charm Farm, 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$15 in advance. All ages; With Big Block and Detroit Cobras, 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$20 in advance. 18 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 961-MELT

CAROLYN STRIHO
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27-Saturday, Dec. 28, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 875-6555

CURTIS SUMTER PROJECT WITH CATHY DAVER
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 855-3110

THE SUICIDE MACHINES
With Spit and Suburban Delinquents, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, with Earth Mover and Gutter Punk, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, and special guests, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance. All ages. (ska) (313) 833-9700

SUNGLASSES AFTER DARK
Celebrates release of new CD "Sunglasses After Dark: Before the Ugly Lights." 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Borders

Books and Music, 5601 Mercury Dr., Dearborn. Free. (313) 271-4441

SWISHBELLY
With Howling Diablos, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$7 in advance. 18 and older. (alternative rock/funk) (810) 333-2362

KOKO TAYLOR
8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$35 includes champagne toast at midnight and complimentary hors d'oeuvres. 18 and older. (blues) (810) 544-3030

TEXAS FLOOD
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27-Saturday, Dec. 28, and Tuesday, Dec. 31, The End Zone, 5157 Telegraph Road, Dearborn. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 291-8850

TEXAS IS THE REASON
With Promise Ring and Needlepoint Book, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6 in advance. All ages. (alternative rock) (313) 961-MELT

3 BLUE TEARDROPS
With the Swinging Demons and The Flying Saucers, 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 includes bowling, cover charge for bands, light hors d'oeuvres, and champagne at midnight. 18 and older. (rockabilly) (313) 833-POOL

TOP KAT
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (funk) (313) 996-2748

TRASH BRATS
With Kevin K. Band and Bomb Pops, 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (punk pop) (313) 875-6555

A TRIBE CALLED QUEST
With Da Bush Babees, 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$23 in advance. All ages. (hip-hop) (810) 333-2362

TWISTIN' TARANTULAS
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older. (rockabilly) (810) 642-9400/(313) 581-3650/(810) 855-3110

THE VERVE PIPE
7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$13 in advance. All ages. (alternative rock) (810) 333-2362

VIETNAM PROM
9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, Gold Dollar Bar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (experimental) (313) 833-6873/(313) 996-8555

THE VOLEBEATS
With Big Back 40, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6. 18 and older. (alternatwag/alternapop) (313) 833-POOL

VUDU HIPPIES
9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$10 in advance. \$5 includes party favors and champagne toast. 18 and older. (alternative rock) (810) 335-8100

WHIPTAIL
10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (punk) (313) 485-5050

ZOOM
With Impact 7, 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 543-0917

CLUB NIGHTS/NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTIES

ALVIN'S
Holiday jam session, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28; New Year's Eve party with Family Funktion, 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, at the club, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355

BIRD OF PARADISE
Acid jazz night with DJ Bubblicious, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Tuesdays at the club, 207 S. Ashly, Ann Arbor. \$3. 21 and older. (313) 662-8310

CLUTCH CARGO'S
New Year's Eve party with big band and lounge music from the II V Orchestra in the Mill Street Entry; "Flashback" retro music on the main level; "Tower of Power" with groove, funk and acid jazz music on the third level; and "Guru" with dance and trance music on the fourth level, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, at the club, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$10 in advance. 21 and older. (810) 333-2362

CROSS STREET STATION
Ska and world beat, 9 p.m. Sundays; Cover charge. 18 and older; Retro dance party, 9 p.m. Tuesdays (except New Year's Eve). \$3. 21 and older. Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. (313) 485-5050

FAMILY FUNKTION
"Uptown Remix," acid jazz, hip-hop, funk and soul dance mix with local national guest DJs, 10 p.m. Friday, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5. 18 and older; "Family Funktion" night, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (acid jazz/funk) (313) 832-2355/(810) 544-3030

INDUSTRY
New Year's Eve party with disco, funk and retro dance in the main ballroom; jazz, martini and cigars in the Sardinia Room; complimentary continental breakfast, 8 p.m.-4 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, at the club, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$17.50 in advance. 21 and older. "Judo Outdoors" is "Times Square Too" with a midnight ball drop, laser light show and fireworks. (810) 334-1999

FOURTH STREET
New Year's Eve party, 8 p.m.-4 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$35 includes dinner buffet, champagne, party favors, hats and horns. (810) 645-6666

THE MAJESTIC COMPLEX
"Psychedelic Sunday" with funk music, 9 p.m. Sundays in the Magic Stick; Cover charge; "The Chamber" with gothic/industrial and deep dark retro music with DJ Tim Shuller, 9 p.m. Mondays in the Magic Stick. Cover charge; "Figure Four Tag Team DJs," acid jazz and early disco/retro tunes with DJs Bubblicious, Scott Zacharias, Paris and Bone, 11 p.m.-4 a.m. Thursday in the Magic Stick. Cover charge; "Rockabilly Bowl" with DJ Del Fridays in the Garden Bowl. Free; "Rock 'n' Bowl" 9 p.m. Saturdays while DJ Cheryl spins alternative, funk and R&B in the Garden Bowl. Free. All events in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 18 and older. (313) 833-POOL/(313) 833-9700

MOTOR LOUNGE
"Blue Mondays" with Johnny "Yard" Dog Jones and Bobby Murray with special guest blues artist weekly; Darren Revell hosts "Big Sonic Heaven," Tuesdays (except New Year's Eve); "Pearl Harbor Club" featuring "Golicans Drinking" and the "seedy side of the swing era" with hosts Jeff King and Perry Lavoisne; Band leader Dan Haddad and "The Motor Powertrain" Thursdays with live jazz; Fridays and Saturdays, dancing with DJ St. Andy, at the lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 369-0090

ST. ANDREW'S HALL/THE SHELTER
10 p.m. Wednesday "The Incinerator" alternative rock in the Shelter, \$6, 18 and older; 10 p.m. Fridays "Three Floors of Fun" with hip-hop, alternative rock and techno/house, \$3 before 11 p.m., \$5 after, 18 and older; 10 p.m. Saturdays "Soul Picnic" with funk, hip-hop and soul in the Shelter, \$3, 18 and older, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT

3-D
"Prophecy," techno/alternative dance night, 9 p.m. Fridays; alternative dance, free before 10:30 p.m. Saturdays; New Year's Eve Party featuring "Best of '96 Video Bash," 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31. \$5. 21 and older; "Noir Leather Presents Sin," a night of fetish and fantasy with demonic music by Aeshma Daeva, 9 p.m. Wednesdays, free before 10:30 p.m., 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (810) 589-3344

Family events celebrate arts

Birmingham and Pontiac are planning New Year's Eve celebrations that put the emphasis on family fun.

First Night, an alcohol-free gathering, beginning 5 p.m. Dec. 31 in downtown Birmingham, encourages party-goers to get "intoxicated on the arts, instead of liquor."

The Contours, The James Family and Sandra Feva are headlining this year's event, which also features the music-making Spoon Man, clowns, magic, face painting, storytelling, classical music, jazz, blues, and Motown.

Participants will find many new twists. Most notably, there will be First Night volunteers roaming the streets dressed as wild animals to entertain the crowd and answer questions. There will also be a heated circus-type tent outside The Community House.

All performances will end in time to gather in Birmingham's Shain Park for the First Night Midnight Celebration.

Things to know about First Night:

Date: Dec. 31
Time: 5 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.
Place: Downtown Birmingham, venues include: The Community House, Baldwin Public Library, First Baptist Church and St. James Episcopal Church.
Cost: Badges cost \$7 per person for those age 6 and above, \$1 for children 2 to 5 years old, children under 2 are free. Advance button sales will be made at 19 area Kroger locations, the Birmingham/Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce, The Community House and NBD Bank branches in the Birmingham/Bloomfield area.

For those seeking an alternative to Birmingham's First Night, there is the third annual Times Square Two in Pontiac.

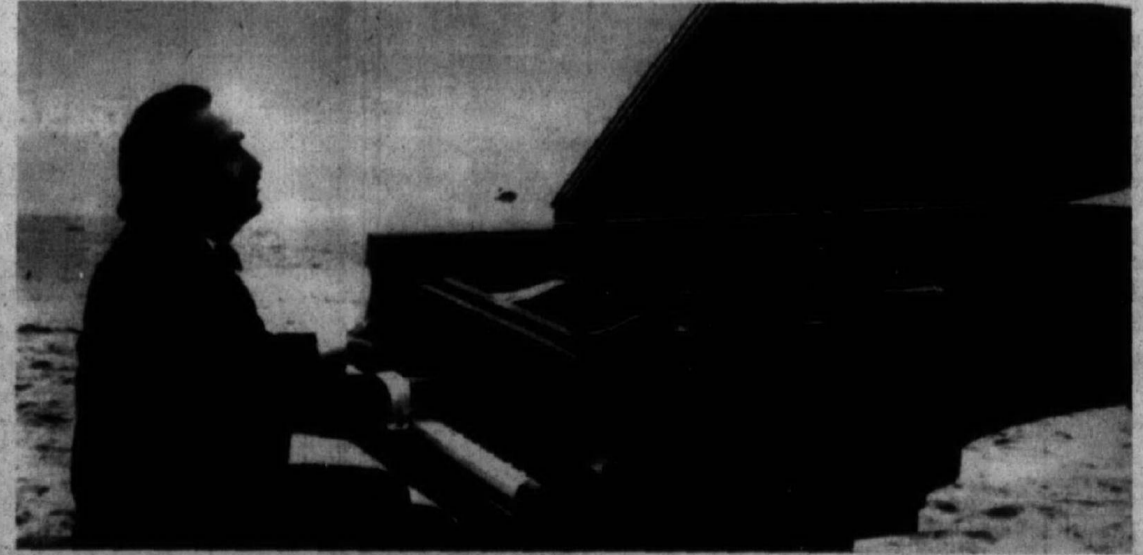
Times Square Two is an alcohol-free celebration at the Phoenix Center in downtown Pontiac. The event, which fea-

First Night hotline: (810) 646-9734 or fax (810) 646-9799. First Night officials warn that most callers will get an answering machine and should leave their name, phone number, address and a fax number should something need to be mailed.

Parking: Free in city structures from 4 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Things to know about Times Square Two:

Date: Dec. 31
Time: 10 p.m. to past midnight
Place: Phoenix Center, Saginaw street in downtown Pontiac
Cost: Free
Parking: Public lots are free
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STREET SCENE

Vudu Hippies ring out eventful '96 at 7th House



CHRISTINA FUOCO

For the alter-napp band Vudu Hippies, 1996 has meant putting out an EP "Who?", performing relentlessly, and releasing a new album, "Trampoline."

hands, watched movies, drove 7,000 miles to play in front of a tornado, and went back up to the room and mashed a potato. But most of all, above everything, we had our pride," guitarist Chris said.

"There's a lot of new growth in this album. I think the album really defines what we're about, what we're trying to say," she said. Chris agreed. "We know how to play our instruments a lot better. We've pretty much had the same lineup since 1992 or 1993. We've definitely started to think a lot more alike. I just think we have more of a professional approach. We know each other a lot better."

The band has included in its set for some time - "Simpatico," "Name," and "Sara." "Sucker" and a slow version of "Simpatico" are hidden in the CD. Renee said her love of the Cowboy Junkies inspired the new take on "Simpatico."

"My favorite's the slow one," Renee said. "I think it shows what the song is about. It comes out better."

Next year the Vudu Hippies will continue pushing "Trampoline" and chasing that elusive record contract.

"Hopefully we'll get farther out in the Midwest and get signed and keep playing. The band is very tight and we're playing such a ridiculous amount of shows. It definitely helps, though," Chris said.

The Vudu Hippies, Brilliant and Crimson Hollow will perform Tuesday, Dec. 31, at 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Doors open at 9 p.m. for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT.

The new year will bring a new single for East Lansing's



Ringling in the New Year: Vudu Hippies - from left, drummer Brad, guitarist Chris, guitarist Reed, bassist Steve, and singer Renee.

The Verve Pipe. Todd Schenkenberger, RCA publicist, said "The Freshman," a song that appeared on the original pressing of the band's first album "I've Suffered A Head Injury," will be the next single. The record company's plan is to "concentrate heavily on college press."

"It's the kind of song that certainly college students can relate to and all the emotions people go through. It's really an accelerated growing up time for people."

In conjunction with U magazine, a monthly magazine carried in college newspapers

around the United States, RCA Records is running a contest where entrants must write in 150 words or less their favorite freshman moment.

"The band will judge the entries and the one that the band chooses wins a free Verve Pipe show on their campus," he said.

On the "I've Suffered A Head Injury" version of "The Freshman," lead singer Brian Vander Ark was accompanied solely by an acoustic guitar. The Verve Pipe's latest album "Villains" takes it a step further with more instrumentation. The band recently re-recorded the song for the third time to make it more "rockin'."

The video, filmed in England, will be sent to MTV in January.

The Verve Pipe, who appears in an Intel TV commercial, will perform Sunday, Dec. 29, at Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac - its first show since returning home from a European tour with Kiss.

"Kiss's management really, really liked The Verve Pipe. The Verve Pipe has gotten a better reaction in the United States than any of the other opening acts they'd had so they invited them to come out and open up all the European dates," Schenkenberger said.

"They were asked to do the Australian tour, too, but with the release of 'The Freshman' and that being a really big single for us, The Verve Pipe had to turn down the Australian dates so they could come back to the United States to concentrate on that single."

The Verve Pipe performs Sunday, Dec. 29, at Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron in Pontiac. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are \$13 in advance. For more information, call (810) 333-2362.

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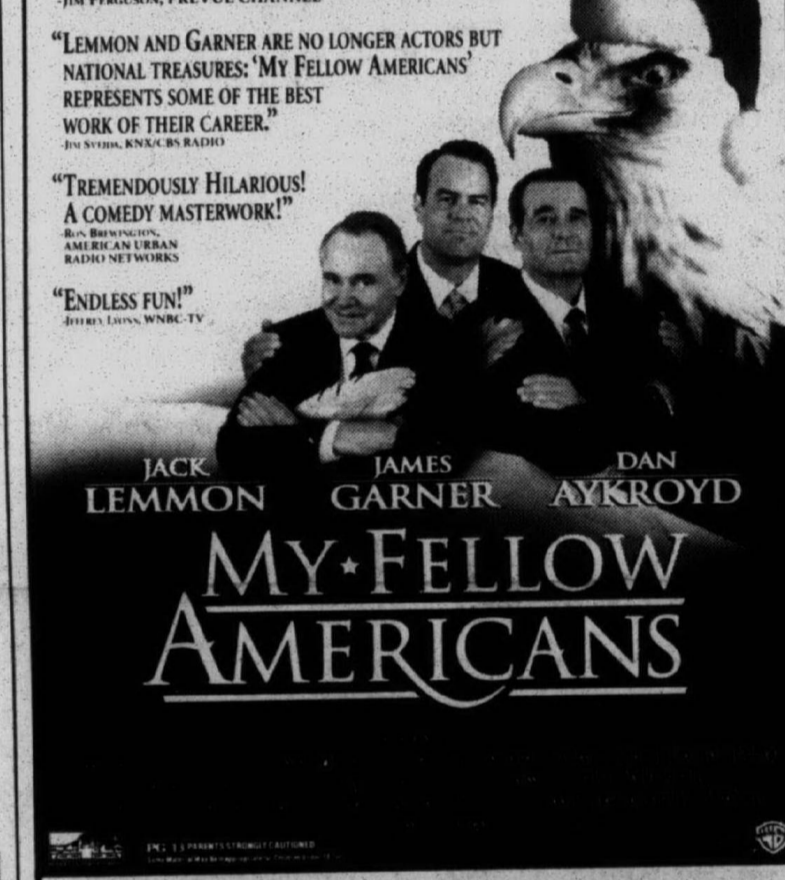
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Older, wiser New Edition returns

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Singers Bobby Brown, Michael Bivins, Ricky Bell, Ronnie DeVoe, Ralph Tresvant and Johnny Gill are no longer the pre-pubescent boys they were when New Edition topped the charts in the mid-1980s.

And that sort of posed a problem for the newly reformed group who range in age from 28 to 30. When puberty came, the falsetto voices went.

"We had to lower some of the keys of the song. We definitely had to," said Ronnie DeVoe calling from his cellular phone on his way to his favorite seafood restaurant in Boston.

"As a matter of fact the other day we were working on a little medley of some of the old ballads like 'Lost in Love' and 'Jealous Girl' and Ralph was in there changing the keys to something lower."

After nearly a decade since their last album, New Edition has come full circle with the release of the band's new album "Home Again" (MCA), which has

charted high on Billboard's Top R&B and Top 200 albums. The smooth R&B album - produced by a slew of knob-turners including Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis, and Sean "Puffy" Combs - includes the singles "Tighten It Up," "I'm Still in Love With You/You Don't Have to Worry," and "Hit Me Off."

DeVoe called "Home Again" New Edition's best effort yet.

"It's our best album, no question about it. I think it reflects the growth that we've all gone through both as people and recording artists. The songs are more who we actually are. I still listen to the album when I'm driving around town. I'm not tired of it yet."

Tracks celebrating New Edition's return - "Oh, Yeah, It Feels So Good" and "Home Again" - act like bookends for the album.

It's not exactly home but New Edition will return to the area to play The Palace of Auburn Hills at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1, as part of its reunion tour. Keith Sweat, 702, and Blackstreet featuring Teddy Riley are also on

the bill.

DeVoe promises an "incredible" show.

"It's going to be like the greatest show on Earth," DeVoe said. "We're gonna give them a little bit of everything. We'll do songs from our solo careers. We'll take them back through the history of New Edition and do some of the stuff off the new album."

The teeny-bop pop group was formed in 1981 in Boston, Mass., by singers Brown, Bivins, Bell, DeVoe and Tresvant, all junior high school classmates in Boston's Roxbury district. While performing in a talent show, New Edition was discovered by impresario Maurice Starr.

The group signed to Streetwise records and scored top ten R&B singles in 1983 with "Candy Girl" and "Is This the End." Later that year, New Edition severed ties with Starr and signed to MCA. It's self-titled,

major-label debut album reached No. 6 on the charts and spawned more hits.

New Edition's success continued in 1985-1986. Brown wasn't happy with the group and left in 1986 to pursue a solo project. Washington, D.C., native Johnny Gill, who sang on the 1988 hit "If It Isn't Love," was recruited to replace Brown. Gill and Tresvant eventually went solo as well. In 1988, the remaining members formed the hip-hop trio Bell Biv DeVoe.

The plans were always to make another New Edition album, according to DeVoe. It was just a matter of timing.

So, now that New Edition's album is doing well, will the group record a follow-up?

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Marco's reflects Italian family traditions

BY ELEANOR AND RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

For nearly eight years, downtown Farmington's Marco's restaurant has treated diners like guests in chef and owner Marco Conte's home. His maternal roots extend from Ponza, Italy, a small island in the Mediterranean. His father's city is Gaeta, a Mediterranean seaport town about two and one-half hours south of Rome. To honor his heritage, Marco has named an antipasto, Spiedini alla Ponza and a pasta, Linguine alla Gaeta. Respect for Italian family traditions runs deep and reflects the essence of this popular dining spot.

The always casually dressed 32-year-old Marco dons his apron in the kitchen as he helps prepare the cooked-to-order Italian specialties. During meal hours, he pulls off his apron a number of times to go tableside greeting couples, families with children and friends enjoying a meal out together. Frequent diners enter and depart with "Ciao, Marco!"

Marco grew up in Farmington and now lives in a downtown Farmington older home, most of which he restored himself. "I believe in an owner-on-premises restaurant," the affable and gregarious Marco maintained. "I live here. It's my life and my love. I love people and I'm here for everyone because basically I like to both cook and entertain." Enthused about his home town, Marco chose it as the location of his restaurant. Set back off the road in a park-like atmosphere, it is downtown yet reminds Marco of the open fields in the Farmington of his childhood.

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Menu: Eclectic collection of classic Italian with innovative dishes and specials that are more "novello" (new). Pastas are served with freshly baked bread and green salad. Additionally, main courses include a side dish of pasta, vegetable and potato.

Meatless options: Many
Highlights: Intimate, comfortable, relaxed atmosphere. Tony Ballog entertains with violin and guitar music Wednesdays from 6:30-9:30 p.m.; Fridays from 7:30-10:30 p.m., the Mike Millman Trio plays light jazz.

Handicap access: wide front door, no steps.

Cost: Antipasti (appetizers) \$4-8; zuppa (soup) \$2-4; pastas \$10-16; Piatti della Casa (main dishes) \$13-24. Dessert selections from a tray including tiramisù \$3-5.50.

Reservations: recommended, but necessary on weekends.

Parking: ample self-park.
Credit cards: all majors accepted.

lamps create the desired mood and accent wall artwork Marco purchased from Michigan artists at the Ann Arbor Art Fair.

"My parents call me the child who was born on the kitchen counter," Marco continued. His parents Ann and Enzo Conte owned Rina's restaurant in Detroit. They sold it to help Marco open in Farmington. But they have not totally retired. Ann is frequently found helping out behind the bar while Enzo works in the kitchen.

When Marco recalls the mentors in his life that led him to the restaurant business, he first cites Paul Terazamo, who supervised his first formal cooking at Southwest Oakland Vocational Education Center. Today, Terazamo manages the Piedmontese Club on Nine Mile Road in Farmington. His next mentor whom he said "molded him into a duplicate of herself" is his aunt Rina Tonon, owner of Café Cortina in Farmington Hills. "I worked for her for 10 years," Marco said. "She taught me how not to focus on the little things in life, but view the big picture." His third influence was his grandmother who "held me in her arms while she stirred the pasta." Rina Tonon also trained 29-year-old Steven Kedzierski of Farmington Hills who has served as Marco's chef since it opened.

Dr. Allan Ash, recently-retired Farmington Hills orthodontist, and his wife Marilyn have been coming to the restaurant since its debut. "The food is excellent and the atmosphere is always congenial," Marilyn said. Dr. Ash added, "Consistently good. We've never had a bad meal. Everything is fresh and full of the right flavors." From the menu, the Ashes chose their favorites: Calamari Fritti (lightly



Welcoming guests: The always casually dressed 32-year-old Marco Conte, chef/owner of Marco's, treats diners like guests his home.

STAFF PHOTO BY SHARON LEMIEUX

seasoned sauteed squid) as an appetizer; Linguine Marinara con le Vongole (linguine with fresh tomato sauce and baby clams) for a pasta dish. As entrees, they recommended Vitello Piccante con Carciofini e Funghi (veal sauteed with artichoke hearts, mushrooms, white wine, garlic and lemon); Petto di Pollo Francaise (chicken breast sauteed with mushrooms, onions, lemon and white wine); and Rolatini di Melanzane (eggplant rolled with mozzarella cheese and baked with fresh tomato

sauce). This latter is a popular meatless selection.

Mark Haines, a Livonia graphic designer, likes to eat at the bar when he's alone, but he frequently has family events at Marco's and entertains clients there often. He also recommended the Calamari Fritti. "It's the best," he maintained. "While all the food is excellent, you can't beat Lambata di Vitello alla Griglia (char-grilled center cut veal chop served with seasoned roasted peppers) and a glass of cabernet sauvignon."

While this is Haines' wine choice, diners have a broad selection of California and Italian wines, both white and red, from which to choose. Italian wine affi-

cionados will recognize some big names (with fair prices) such as Bruno Giacosa, Lungarotti, Castello Banfi, Castello di Gabbiano and Ruffino. Several premium wines are poured by the glass. "Almost everyone orders wine here," Marco noted.

A small, well-stocked bar offers a number of sherries, ports and other aperitifs. Waiter Lawrence Marble won the Opal Nero (Black Sambuca) award for his drink creation named Marco's Jagged Edge, a combination of Black Sambuca, espresso and rum. Marble and other experienced, friendly, courteous and well-trained waitstaff have worked at Marco's for many years.

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Sasena joins Robertson



Lori Sasena graduate.

Lori Sasena has joined the Robertson Brothers Group to head sales at Pinewood of Canton.

Sasena, who lives in that Pheasant Run community, is a Wayne State University

Rea attends summit



Linda K. Rea

Linda K. Rea, a Realtor with Real Estate One in Troy, attended a super sales summit in New Orleans where she spoke on self-promotion.

Rea emphasized team building. Each member of her

staff is licensed and concentrates in a specific aspect of servicing and selling residential real estate so that nothing falls through the cracks.

She's a multi-million dollar sales producer.

Mahoney is promoted



Timothy Mahoney

Timothy Mahoney, RA, has been promoted to director of interior architecture at Hobbs+Blacks Architects in Ann Arbor.

He will oversee programming, space planning, interior design, furniture and finish selection, construction detailing and documentation for interior architectural projects.

Mahoney received his Bachelor of Architecture degree from Lawrence Technological University. He lives in West Bloomfield.

Yatooma joins RE/MAX



Frances Yatooma

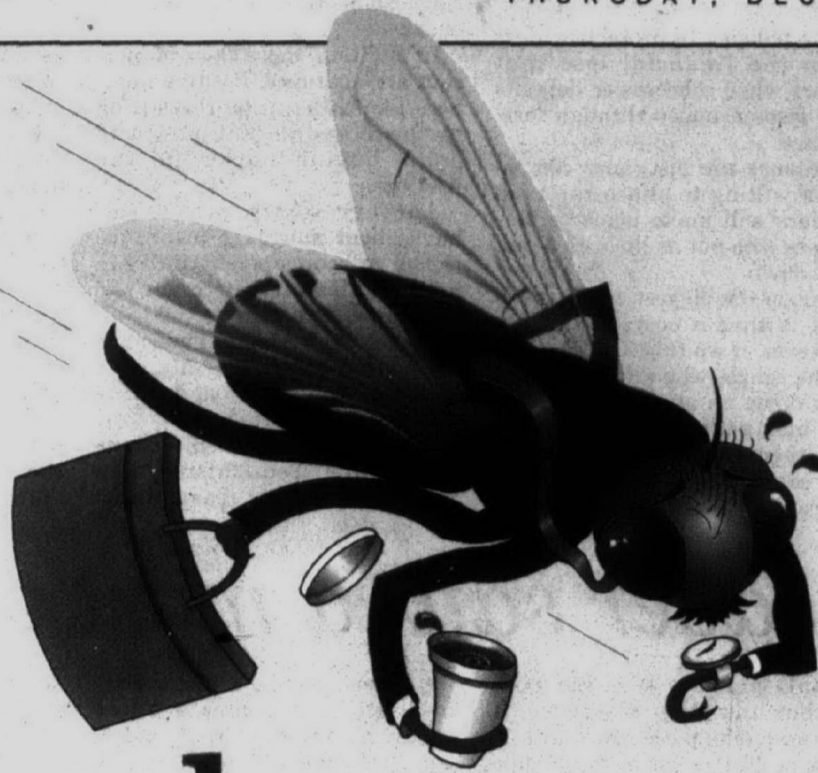
She lives in Southfield.

Frances Yatooma has joined RE/MAX Executive Properties in Farmington Hills as a Realtor associate.

Yatooma, a Certified Buyers Agent, has a degree in computer science.

REAL ESTATE

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Running into sticky situations

Another round of real estate humor

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

We did it before, and you asked for more.

Call it real estate follies. These are stories of humorous, bizarre, embarrassing, aggravating and otherwise out-of-the-ordinary events that actually happened to Realtors in the field.

"A lot of situations, even though negative at the time, are funny after a while—like a year later," one said.

The Twilight Zone or Outer Limits have nothing on some of these escapades.

"I was showing a house one time, and the owner had a real extensive gun collection," said John Ruud, a Realtor with Century 21 Town and Country in West Bloomfield.

"As we were going through, the seller commented to the buyer (my client), 'I notice how you're looking at all my weapons.' The purchaser kept nodding and didn't say anything. The seller said that a couple of guns were illegal.

"The purchaser was an Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms agent," Ruud said. "I was thinking to myself, 'Oh my God, I'm going to be in the middle of an arrest.'

"The ATF agent was looking for a house. I knew he was an ATF agent. I'd never been in that house before. When we left, he said, 'I'll remember this one,'" Ruud recalled.

Ruud eventually found the agent another house. And the guy with the weapons? "I don't know what happened," the Realtor said.

Jo Anna R. Bradick, an associate broker with Jack Christenson Realtors in Troy, had finished showing a vacant house to her clients, prospective buyers, they had left and she was in the process of locking up.

"I was checking that everything was turned off, and when I went into the garage, the door between the garage and

the house locked behind me," Bradick recalled.

"The main door was an electric opener, but the electricity was off because the house was vacant, and I couldn't release the manual," she said. "I had to force the door open enough to crawl out underneath like a dog with a suit on, heels. I ripped my pantyhose. It was like I was crawling out from under a rock.

"Some little kids were playing, and when they saw me come out, they said, 'Are you the new neighbor?' I said, 'Not quite.'

"My purse and keys were still (locked) inside. I had to go to a neighbor, call the office, find the owner, get another key. It was a pain," Bradick said.

John Toye, a Realtor with Remerica Family in Westland, once showed a house that wasn't listed for sale.

How can that be? Let him explain: "I was going to show a condo. I got a confirmation—it was a new listing—that the lock box might not be on yet and if not, the door will be open, just go on in.

"We went to the property, the lock box wasn't on, the door was open, and I showed the property," Toye said. "The condo wasn't in showing condition. It was just a mess.

"My clients wanted to see more condos, then they wanted to go back to the first one," Toye said. "When we did the next day, we found out it wasn't the right listing. We saw the lock box next door. They had given me the wrong number, yet the condominium door was open."

Toye said he has no idea why that door was left unsecured. "I left a card and they didn't call back and ask, 'Why did you come through my place?'"

Edna Barry, a Realtor with Gold Key in Southfield, recalled the buyer who really wasn't.

"I worked with this customer over a year and a half, and she saw everything. As soon as she would present an offer and

the seller would accept, she would disappear for two or three days. I would page her and her three daughters. No one would return calls.

"Then, she'd call me back and ask, 'Anything new on the market?' She wasn't really concerned about the offer. It was crazy."

Because sellers always added a contingency or slightly countered terms of her client's initial offer, she couldn't be held to the sale.

"I don't think she really wanted to move. She had been in her house 35-40 years," Barry said.

But all's well that ends well.

"She finally bought a house—to my surprise—and didn't walk away due to the fact I told her she may not get her deposit back," Barry said. "She's so happy. She's out shopping for things and mentally fixing it up."

So why did Barry put herself through such an ordeal?

"She's one of my dearest friend's mother."

Dorothy Estep, a Realtor with Century 21 Dynamic in Westland, had an experience proving that lightning can, indeed, strike twice in the same place.

"I had customers, buyers, and I was taking them out to see a house. They were following me. When we got there, my car wouldn't start. He took the fan belt off, took me to get the part and put it back on.

"Nine months down the road, in the same neighborhood, with a different car and the same client, the same thing happened," Estep said. "The second time, he fixed it again. He didn't charge me a cent."

Estep was still working with those same people because their interest in buying had cooled, then rekindled between incidents.

"They tell me they won't buy from anyone else. I know they're loyal to me," she said.

PEST STRIP

TAMMIE GRAVES/STAFF ARTIST

Talk to a lawyer if your property is condemned

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q. I am an owner of some commercial property located in an area which may be condemned in Detroit. While I have a general knowledge of my rights, can you enlighten me in general terms as to the process of condemnation?

A. When commercial property is condemned, the owner of the property is entitled to just compensation for the value of his property, the appraisal fees to find the value, if it is necessary to be litigated, and for reimbursement of attorney fees up to 1/3 of the increase in value obtained over the original offer of estimated just compensation provided by the condemning authority.

If the owner or tenant conducts a business on the premises, it may be entitled to a variety of relocation expenses, including moving expenses, reestablishment expenses, such as additional rent for a defined period and mailings to customers. You, as a business owner, may also be entitled to business interruption expenses, i.e., actual expenses to avoid business interruption, if you can relocate the business or you

may also be entitled to recover the going concern value, which is defined as the intangible value of the business above the tangible assets, if you cannot relocate your business.

If you are a tenant, you may also be entitled to part of the judgment rendered to the owner if, for example, you are the beneficiary of a long-term below-market lease. The determination of the tenant's portion of the owners just compensation is a statutory obligation of the court after a judgment is entered. You have various other rights and remedies and you are advised to consult with an attorney at this time, before acknowledging or accepting any offers from the condemning authority.

Q. I am interested in buying some property and developing it and am often perplexed by what is deemed a "wetland." Can you give me any insight into what really constitutes a wetland?

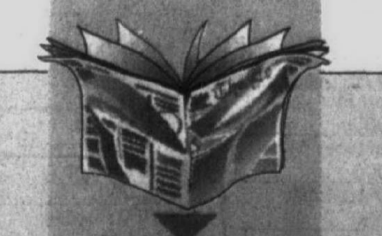
A. Under the enabling act that was established to protect wetlands in 1979, wetland was defined as "land characterized by the presence of water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support and that under normal circumstances does support wetland vegetation or aquatic life and is commonly referred to

as a bog, swamp or marsh."

The State Department of Environmental Quality has jurisdiction over all wetlands greater than five acres in size and other small wetlands that are contiguous to the Great Lakes or any other water course. What is clear is that the parcel need not actually be "wet" to be designated as a wetland. Rather, it is the statutory phrase "under normal circumstances does support wetland vegetation" that often creates the wetland classification.

If a parcel contains predominantly wetland-dependent species, it will be designated a wetland. Most plant species deemed "wetland dependent" frequently appear in upland areas. Obviously, the whole source of wetland discussion has been muddled by varied interpretations placed upon property by the DEQ, the municipality in question and sometimes the courts.

Robert M. Meisner is an Oakland County area attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. You are invited to submit topics that you would like to see discussed in this column, including questions about condominiums, by writing Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Bingham Farms MI 48025. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.



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Private Mortgage Insurance fills a void

MORTGAGE SHOPPING



DAVID C. MULLY

One aspect of the home mortgage process that people ask more questions about than any other is mortgage insurance. Mortgage insurance is not the same as title insurance. The two have entirely different functions.

Some mortgage experts or consumer advocates contend that mortgage insurance is not necessary and should be avoided at all cost. Others consider the existence of mortgage insurance a blessing for people who otherwise would not be able to buy a house.

In some previous articles, we discussed FHA mortgages. These are loans that are insured by the federal government. Today, we're

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talking about private mortgage insurance (PMI).

The major difference between the two types is, through private mortgage insurance, conventional loans are insured by private insurance companies. These types of loans also have a monthly premium in addition to your regular mortgage payment.

After acquiring PMI, you can buy a house with less downpayment than you would ordinarily need. For example, if you wanted to buy an \$80,000 house, many lenders would require a 20-percent downpayment - or \$16,000.

Enter private mortgage insurers. These insurance companies

write policies to protect lenders from the financial loss that occurs when a borrower defaults and loses a house through foreclosure.

Because the insurance company is willing to share the risk, lenders will make loans to borrowers who put as little as 5 percent down.

One of the biggest criticisms of PMI is that it costs too much. However, if we take the example of the couple who put just 5 percent down on an \$80,000 house, the mortgage insurance would cost them about \$50 per month.

For some, it is better to pay the extra cost every month rather

than wait years to save up a sufficient downpayment.

Private mortgage insurance also helps the mortgage process go more smoothly. For example, one private mortgage insurer reports that 98 percent of the loans it reviews have a turnaround time of less than 24 hours.

In addition, more than 90 percent are approved. Positive numbers like this can be reassuring to those people entering the house-buying market for the first time.

Another worry consumers have about mortgage insurance is the misconception that you need spotless credit to get the insurance. According to the leading private mortgage insurance companies, borrowers only need to show a willingness and ability to repay their mortgages.

In fact, even borrowers with no established credit history can obtain mortgage insurance.

Insurers will look for other evidence - such as rental receipts, utility payment stubs, etc. - in order to open the doors of home ownership to as many people as possible.

One final question many borrowers ask is: "Is it difficult to cancel mortgage insurance?" The answer is no, but homeowners need to fully understand the cancellation requirements of the investor who holds the loan.

It's not up to the mortgage insurance company to decide when the homeowner can cancel - it's up to the investor. Generally, homeowners can request that the investor cancel their mortgage insurance when the mortgage balance is below 80 percent of the value of the property.

With today's rising home values, sometimes a new appraisal will show enough increased home value to allow you to meet the requirements for dropping PMI.

For many home-buyers, private mortgage insurance can be a convenient, economical way to move into that house you've always wanted.

If you have any questions about whether PMI is right for you, contact your local Realtor, mortgage banker or me at the number listed below.

David Mully has been writing his weekly "Mortgage Shopping" column for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers since June 1995. He has been involved with residential mortgage lending in the Detroit area since 1988 and is a senior loan officer.

For information about a new mortgage, call Mully toll-free at 1-800-405-3051, fax him at 810-380-0603 or send e-mail to cgbx04d@prodigy.com. You can access Mully's previous Mortgage Shopping articles on-line at <http://1oconline.com/~emoryd/mully>

Every home needs a saber saw, a most versatile tool

BY READER'S DIGEST BOOKS FOR AP SPECIAL FEATURES

To saw a wide variety of materials, making both curved and straight cuts, consider a saber saw. Although a circular saw is

best for a lot of fast straight cuts, a saber saw - also called a portable jigsaw - is more versatile.

Fitted with the appropriate blade, a saber saw can make straight or curved cuts in wood,

metal, plastic, ceramic tile, leather and other materials. It can rip a long piece, crosscut a 2-by-4, or start a cut in the middle of a plywood panel.

Saber saw motion

A saber saw has a motor-driven shaft that moves a blade rapidly up and down that pushes the teeth into the work on the cutting stroke and away from it on the return stroke. This helps clear away chips and lets the

saw cut faster and more cleanly.

Saw power

A saber saw is rated according to its power (generally between 2 and 4 1/2 amps) and the length and speed of its blade stroke (the distance the blade travels). The length of blade stroke generally ranges from one-half to 1 inch. The longer the stroke, the more teeth are engaged in the cutting and the faster the cut. Blade speed is measured in strokes per minute (spm).

Blades

The more teeth per inch (tpi) in a saw blade, the more smoothly and slowly - it cuts. Wood-cutting blades generally range from 3 to 14 tpi and metal cutting blades from 14 to 32 tpi.

To make the most of a saber saw, choose the right blade for the job. Use a narrow scrolling blade to cut sharp curves and a taper-ground blade for ultra-smooth cuts. An extra-wide flush-cutting blade will make cuts right up to a wall or other obstruction. A double-sided blade can back out of tight spots. Carbide-grit blades cut masonry, ceramic tile and fiberglass. A blade for cutting metal will work on aluminum, steel and pipe with one-eighth-inch thick walls. And there are special knife-edge blades for cutting leather, rubber, cork, vinyl, cardboard and carpeting.

Here are some tips on using a saber saw:

■ Clamp the good side of the work face down. Because the saw cuts on the up-stroke, any splintering will occur on the less important side facing up.

■ Make sure the blade has clearance underneath. Reposition the work as needed to avoid hitting any obstruction below.

■ Stand directly over the work with your eyes focused on the line just ahead of the blade.

■ To keep from splintering plywood, score the cut line with a utility knife before sawing. Or you can tape along the cut line.

■ When making a long straight cut, clamp another board with a straight edge to the work piece to guide the saw.

■ If you hit a knot in the wood, feed the blade slowly and let it do the cutting. Don't force it.

■ Begin an internal cut by tilting the saw forward and resting the front of the base on the work.

■ Start the saw at medium speed and very slowly pivot the blade into the work. As you reach a corner, curve the saw to cut to the next straight side. Later, go back and square up the corner.

■ To make a clean cut on thin metal, use a blade that will have at least two teeth in contact with the edge of the work at all times.

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6822 Deering St \$72,000	8963 Mayflower Dr \$215,000	
32416 James St \$96,000	503 N Harvey St \$179,000	
32693 James St \$99,000	312 Pinewood Cir \$72,000	
32109 Kathryn St \$106,000	45195 Riveredge Dr \$205,000	
Livonia		
35452 Bennett St \$239,000	9091 Stone Hollow Ct \$75,000	
29848 Bobrich St \$208,000	1184 Sutherland St \$140,000	
36815 Curtis St \$156,000	763 W Ann Arbor Trl \$150,000	
Canton		
41527 Bedford Dr \$84,000	20696 Ellen Dr \$239,000	
8599 Congress Dr \$175,000	30871 Greenland St \$129,000	
41760 Conner Creek Dr \$199,000	19506 Hardy St \$125,000	
41500 Cumberland Dr \$137,000	19649 Hardy St \$120,000	
44668 Danbury Rd \$225,000	29848 Hathaway St \$120,000	
1740 Dunston Rd \$194,000	14506 Huff St \$126,000	
937 Foothill Rd \$187,000	33106 Kentucky St \$112,000	
7303 Green Meadow Ln \$150,000	37639 Kingsburn Dr \$246,000	
39716 John Dr \$120,000	9921 Mayfield St \$115,000	
44802 Leslie Ln \$180,000	29568 McIntyre St \$106,000	
43538 Lotus Dr \$158,000	28704 Minton Ct \$108,000	
41611 Pheasant Creek \$181,000	30690 Minton St \$106,000	
3215 River Meadow Cir \$178,000	31045 Minton St \$108,000	
351 Roseland Dr \$134,000	28501 N Clements Cir \$90,000	
7714 Rutherford Ct \$374,000	32730 Norfolk St \$110,000	
45993 Southwick Dr \$316,000	34530 Saint Martins St \$220,000	
1505 Willard Dr \$140,000	14054 Sunbury St \$111,000	
2173 Woodmont \$149,000	38138 Vista St \$227,000	
Sardin City		
31210 Balmoral St \$88,000	18526 Westbrook Dr \$131,000	
31973 Barton St \$65,000	27917 Western Golf Dr \$220,000	
28467 Birchawn St \$81,000	Plymouth	
31130 Block St \$60,000	11329 Gold Arbor Rd \$93,000	45537 Lighthood Ct \$232,000
	45540 Leighwood Ct \$127,000	
	6720 Geronimo St \$116,000	
	34823 John Hawk St \$78,000	
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Q: We recently purchased an older home at a reasonable price. The living room floor sags noticeably in the center. A friend of ours says the floor joists probably are bad and need to be replaced, a major repair job. Is this usually the case?

A: When sections of flooring become uneven, usually a problem in older homes, the cause is seldom the joists but more often the weakening of the girder (structural member that runs beneath and at right angles to the joists) or supporting post. One remedy is to merely add another post directly beneath the sagging section of girder. Rent a shoring jack and use it to raise the girder to level, plus a fraction of an inch more to allow for settling. Raise the jack very gradually, a partial turn or so per day over the course of a week or more. Adjust the height of the new post and make sure there is solid footing beneath (a 20-inch-square concrete slab 10 inches thick is standard). Then fit the post, check that it is exactly vertical, and lower the girder onto it as you remove the jack. Sometimes all that is necessary is to place shims between the girder and existing posts, using the same jacking method.

grandchildren come to visit, the water is not hot enough for them to bathe at half-hour intervals, like they did when I had a gas-fired water heater. Can you help?

A: People switching from a gas-fired to an electric water heater frequently cite the problem you discuss. When selecting a water heater, consider its capacity and the recovery rate. The recovery rate is the number of gallons that the unit will heat to 90 degrees to 100 degrees Fahrenheit above its inlet temperature in 1 hour. When the tank capacity is low, in order to have an adequate supply of hot water, the unit must have a high recovery rate. As an example, a typical oil-fired water heater has a 30-gallon capacity and a 120-gallon-per-hour recovery rate.

Electric water heaters, on the other hand, have a low recovery rate: usually about 18 gallons per hour, although some units have a 22-gallon recovery rate. Unless there is a large tank capacity (on the order of 60 to 80 gallons), a simultaneous longtime demand for hot water will result in an inadequate amount of hot water being supplied to the fixture.

You can increase your heater's hot-water output by installing a prewarming tank in series with the water heater. The cold-water supply is connected to the prewarming tank's inlet, and the tank's outlet is connected to the water heater's inlet. By boosting the temperature of the water entering the water heater, you improve its recovery rate. It is also more economical because you are not electrically heating a large volume of water all day, so there will be sufficient supply during the peak periods.

To determine the amount a girder must be raised to level it, stretch a string along one side of the beam, from the bottom corner at one end to the bottom corner at the other. The amount of wood showing below the string (where the sag is most extreme) is the distance the girder must be raised.

Q: We remodeled our kitchen and replaced our 40-gallon, gas-fired water heater with an electric water heater that has a 5500-watt element. Now we are stuck with a tank that is good only for me and my wife. When our three

To submit a question, write to Popular Mechanics, Reader Service Bureau, 224 W. 57th St., New York, N.Y. 10019. The most interesting questions will be answered in a future column.



OVERALL DIMENSIONS: 54'-0" X 42'-0"
LIVING: 1309 square feet
GARAGE: 518 square feet

House offers 1300 square feet

The 1309-square-foot Strawberry would make an excellent purchase for the first time home buyer. For a family with small children, the floor design for the Strawberry offers a substantial amount for your building dollar.

The handsome wood exterior projects a solid permanence and adds greatly to the curb appeal. The covered front porch leads to a recessed entry that has a vaulted ceiling and a roomy coat closet for the convenience of your guests.

To the left of the entry are the

sleeping areas. The master suite, for a home this size, is quite spacious and features a large walk-in closet with plenty of shelves, window to the back yard, and a private bathroom. Across the hall, and in perfect proximity for those with youngsters needing close attention, are two good-sized bedrooms. Each has sufficient closet space, and one contains a built-in desk. This room, if not needed for use as a bedroom, could function as a sewing room, den or home office. In the hallway are a full bathroom and

a linen closet.

The main section of this floor plan, where family activities and entertaining are centered, is designated as a great room. This combines the living room, family room and dining room into one huge uncluttered expanse. Here you and your visitors can enjoy a movie, board game or good conversation.

The adjacent walk-in kitchen is placed for maximum efficiency. Along with all the appliances, there is a step-in pantry. Meals are easily served in the dining

area or, weather permitting, open the sliding glass doors and dine on the back patio.

An added feature is the direct access to the kitchen from the garage via the utility room. This allows you to carry groceries right into the house without worrying about the climate outside.

For a study kit of the Strawberry (404-420E48), send \$10.00, to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Rd. E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424 (Be sure to specify plan name & number).



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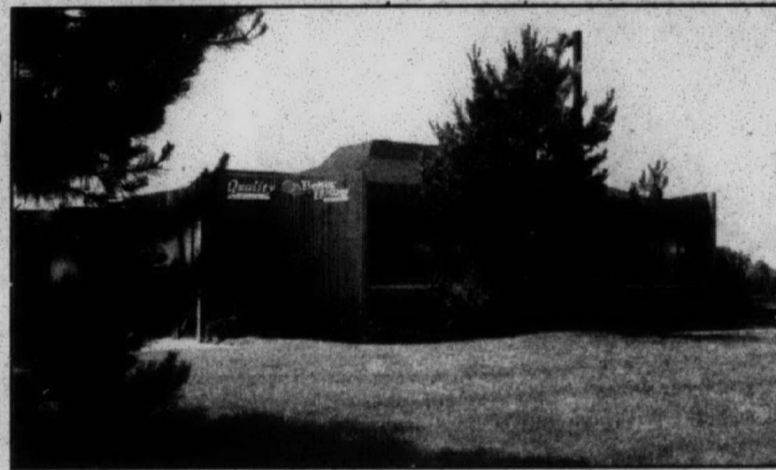
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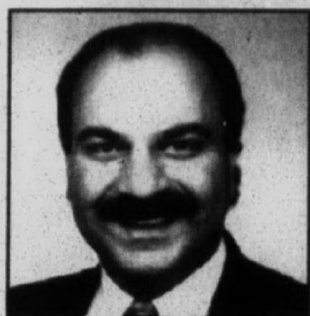
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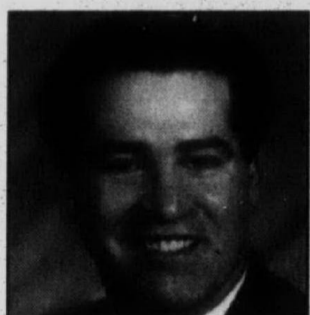
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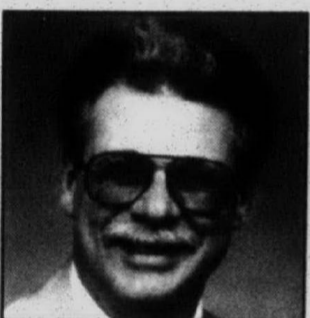
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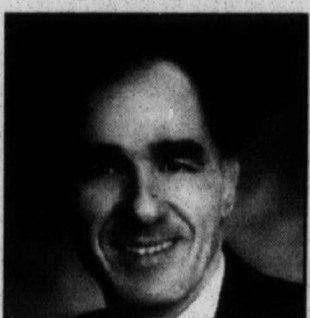
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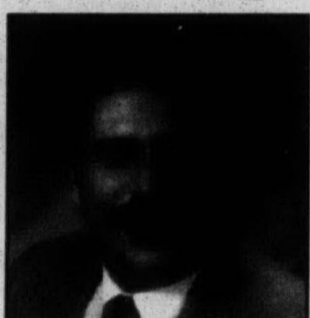
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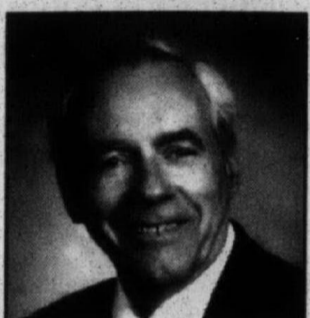
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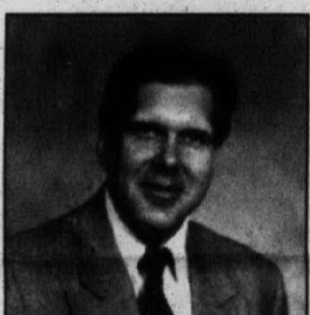
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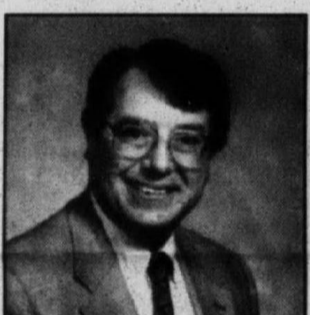
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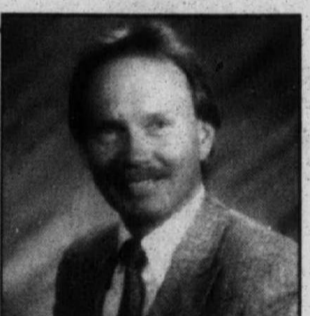
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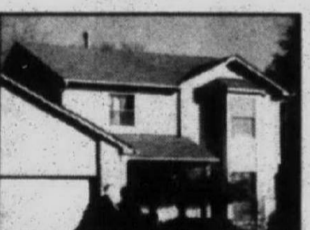
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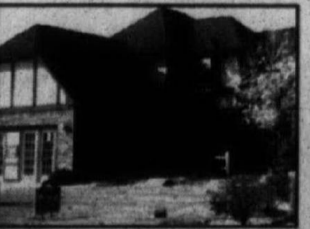
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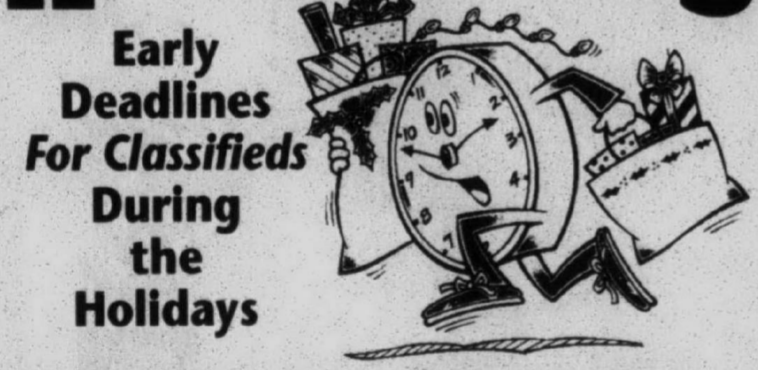
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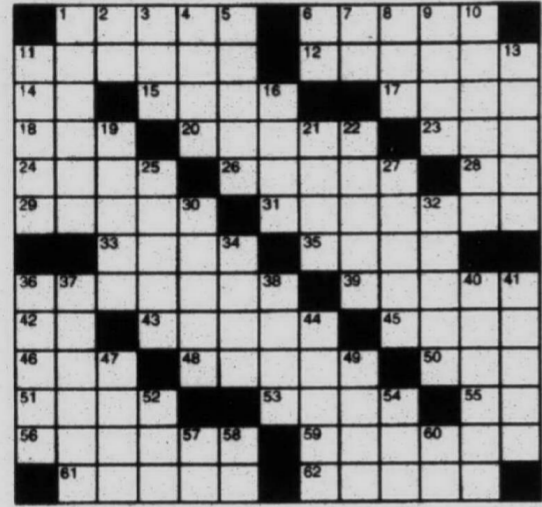
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SPACIOUS COLONIAL. Over 2,700 sq. ft. in this contemporary Colonial. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 bath, den, 1st floor laundry, beamed cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors, circular drive, wonderful family neighborhood. \$238,900. (CLUH) 810-851-1900

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314 Farmington/Farmington Hills
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CHARMING CAPE COD
On 1 acre wooded lot, 3,600 sq. ft., 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home has spacious living room, formal dining room, family room, fireplace, 32x12 Florida room, walk-out lower level, patio, 2 car garage & more. \$274,000. (BJS26) 810-477-1111

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317 Garden City
NEW YEARS SPECIAL
offers this 4 bedroom, 2 bath ranch with updated roof, windows, central air, great room with fireplace, 2 car garage & appliances. \$122,900

CHARMING BUNGALOW features 3 bedrooms, finished basement, large garage with 12 driveway, central air & deck. Freshly painted & some new carpet. \$89,900
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In this spectacular 3 bedroom ranch, large remodeled kitchen & dining room, 2 full baths, central air, attached garage, Florida room with hot tub. All this for - \$99,900

MARVELOUS - 3 bedroom brick ranch, spacious kitchen, 2 full baths, partially finished basement, newer w/ appliances, 2 1/2 car garage, nicely maintained for - \$102,900

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320 Hartland
WATCH THE SNOW FALL! - Warm & inviting home on 2 wooded acres provides a gorgeous & secluded setting. Great room w/ fireplace & wood floors, family room, basement, master bedroom w/ bath & walk-in closet, 2 1/2 car garage, 2 1/2 baths and more! \$194,900.

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321 Highland
HIGHLAND PEACE EASY LIVING. Highland, Huron Valley Schools. This 1900 sq. ft. home rests on 2.16 acre New roof, windows, kitchen. Extensive decking, 3-4 bedrooms, 2 baths. \$177,900. (12642) (810) 684-1065

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325 Livonia
ENGLISH TUDOR ELEGANCE
Combined with the warmth & charm of an open floor plan. Great room, fireplace, cathedral ceilings, dining room, country kitchen, large library. Truly lovely lot. Just gorgeous!! \$249,900. (173209)
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325 Livonia
Tickle Me Elmo
Is as hard to find as a good home, but here it is... First floor library, cathedral ceiling family room, treed lot, huge bath with custom built cabinets, Master suite with walk in closet and bath. Great location, Stevenson High School. You'll love it! \$242,900. (24118) **HomeOne** Pick up the phone and call Mark Kleinbeck at 1-888-HOME-ONE or (313) 420-3400

329 Novi
CUSTOM ROSSI BUILT NOVI COLONIAL
Immediate occupancy! Nestled on wooded lot, neutral decor throughout carpet in Family room (96), spacious rooms, 1st floor laundry, re-modeled baths (96) and new kitchen floor (96). \$234,900 (955ME)

REMODELED COLONIAL UNDER \$200,000 IN NOVI
Wow! A Must See! Remodeled designer kitchen (93), new carpet throughout (93-95), addition with built in hot tub, central air, new roof shingles (96), oak floor in foyer & kitchen, new oak banister (95), newer hot water heater, sidewalks in sub and Quail Occupancy. \$184,900 (96524)

334 Plymouth
ADD THIS UP!
Quality construction, cathedral ceilings in Great room & 1st floor Master, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, library could be office or walk-out bedroom & huge lower level with "Equus" art. Call Val. \$226,400 (402YA)

FIRST CLASS
Outstanding limestone model features 4 bedrooms with 1st floor Master, 2 1/2 baths, spacious kitchen overlooks Great room with gas fireplace, formal dining room could be den, side entry garage & More. \$238,900 (0879H)

TURN OF THE CENTURY FARM HOUSE
Unique 2 story home nestled on 4.9 acres backing to Edward Hines 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath home with over 2600 sq. ft., 1st floor laundry, remodeled kitchen and bath. In-Law quarters. \$269,900 (350AN)

DREAM HOME!
Located in one of Plymouth's most desirable areas and styled for the most discriminating Buyer. First floor Master bedroom, huge library, Professionally decorated to perfection, 3 car garage, etc. \$249,900 (313) 420-3400

IDEAL LOCATION
In Exceptional neighborhood. This exquisite home has every feature you could possibly desire. Over 7100 sq. ft. with 5 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths, walk-out lower level, 2 kitchens and situated on a picturesque pond with woods beyond. \$739,900 (939C0)

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337 Royal Oak/Park-Huntington
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339 Southfield-Lathrup
SOUTHFIELD - Exclusive contemporary home. 2700 Webster (S. of 12 Mile, E. of Telegraph) - 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath, located on 5 acres. Professionally finished basement with full bath & Hollywood style wet bar. Includes cathedral ceiling, built-in surround sound speaker system, huge deck, built-in sauna - many extras. Very private setting w/long floor plan. One-of-a-kind.
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Real Estate One.

FRIENDLY AS CAN BE!
Life is pleasant in this view-accented leaved 3 bedroom ranch. Nearly new, remodeled, on large yard, near schools and shops. Thermal gas, tile flooring, carpeting, upgrade decor, freshly painted interior, gas heat. \$122,500.

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REMERICA HOMETOWN ONE
YOU'LL BELIEVE IN SANTA with 4 bedrooms. 2.5 baths, large master suite and updated everything! Seller transferred. \$115,000. (51456)
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EXCELLENT REDFORD STARTER
3 bedroom bungalow. Master bedroom upstairs, 2 full baths, finished counter tops, newer roof, finished basement with possible 4th bedroom, gourmet kitchen, elegant dining room, tourmaline and much, much more! \$389,900. (724157)
313-261-0700

Real Estate One.

336 Rochester/Auburn Hills
A winning combination - beauty, elegance & warmth. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, decks to commons, hardwood floors, island kitchen, windows, landscaped, large tiered deck, ceiling fans, sprinklers, beautiful decor. \$289,900. (1A147)
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Real Estate One.

337 Royal Oak/Park-Huntington
PLEASANT RIDGE
3 bedroom colonial features fireplace, refinished hardwood floors & beautiful oak woodwork, garage & basement. Everything you've been looking for. \$114,900.
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339 Southfield-Lathrup
SOUTHFIELD
Location important? Low Price Important. Call today! This 2 bedroom ranch nicely located in South-hampton subdivision. Eager to sell, owner has priced home at \$69,000. Needs light repairs but holds terrific potential. District A call away. \$69,000 (254LAT).
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LIVONIA COUNTRY HOME
2200 Sq. Ft. Colonial 3 huge bedrooms, 2 full baths, 3 car garage on 3 1/4 acre treed lot. Perfect combination of location, charm, quality, and value! \$155,444. (518707)
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Real Estate One.

326 Milford
GREAT MILFORD LOCATION!!
Three bedroom, 2 1/2 bath ranch on over three acres. Built in 1990 with all the modern features. Master suite, ceramic baths and nice quality finished, needs carpet and final touches. \$219,777. (1855ME).
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332 Novi
NEW 4 bedroom COLONIAL. Immediate lease - 3 years available. 4 bedroom with all appliances. Great location. Nov Schools. Great floor plan. Neutral decor. \$2,200 per month. (JUNC)
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338 Salem/Salem Township
BE THE FIRST to own a three story Birmingham colonial 4 years old, barely lived in! Neutral, zone, heating, central air, peaked third floor could be 3 bedrooms in addition to the existing 2nd bedroom. New carpet, new electrical system. New copper plumbing. New garage roof & gutters. Remodeled bath, some new windows & much more. \$279,900.
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LATHRUP VILLAGE
3 bedroom Brick Cape Cod. Large master bedroom with walk in closet. Library which could be a possible 4th bedroom on 1st floor. 2 fireplaces. Home Warranty. \$144,000. (284E0).
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Just in time to select your interior colors. 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial, cathedral ceiling, huge kitchen, family room w/ fireplace, 2 car attached garage & full basement. Spring occupancy. Priced in the \$190,000's.

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328 Northville
A PLACE WITH SPACE
3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial in a peaceful country setting on 1 acre ravine lot at the end of a dead-end street. Extra garage on property. \$273,000. (313) 462-9800

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334 Plymouth
OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
Great location, mature trees. Ranch w/3 bedrooms, 2 baths, hardwood floors, full basement w/finished bath, remodeled kitchen & bath, cedar deck, 2 car garage w/overseer. \$134,900.

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335 Redford
REDFORD \$59,900.
Affordable, 2 bedrooms, newer kitchen cabinets, fenced lot, garage, central air, Deck and patio. Large master bedroom. Quick access to shopping and freeways. (12622).
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336 Rochester/Auburn Hills
R.H. 4 bedroom/2.5 bath/Tudor. 2600 sq. ft. Formal living/dining room, den, family room w/wet bar. \$239,900. By apt. (810) 375-9303

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337 Royal Oak/Park-Huntington Woods
BERKLEY
PERFECT STARTER Well built ranch on extra large lot with finished basement. Newer kitchen with appliances included. 2 car garage. Mint Condition!
\$104,900 (778220)
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SOUTHFIELD
CAPE COD ON 4.5 ACRES. Beautiful property abounds for your complete privacy. 3 parcels already split. 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, just freshly painted. \$125,000. (FBK).
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"RAZOR'S EDGE"
Is not as sharp as this sparkling brick colonial. Lots of updates offers 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, inviting family room with natural fireplace, full basement & car attached garage. \$189,900.

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329 Novi
ATTENTION TRANSFERREES
New Colonial. Immediate Occupancy. Spectacular 3791 sq. ft. Colonial plus walkout basement. 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths. Spacious 2 story foyer. Extravagant Master Suite with sitting room. 2 fireplaces. Country sided kitchen with granite counters, 3 car garage.

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Factory-built homes offer lots of choices

BY VIVIAN MARINO
AP BUSINESS WRITER

(AP) Chandler and Suzi Benton's new ranch house has sturdy wood-asphalt shingles, cathedral ceilings, wall-to-wall carpeting, a modern kitchen with oak cabinets and skylights that let them gaze out at the stars every night.

The most intriguing feature of their 1,375-square-foot dream home 30 miles west of Phoenix, is that it came ready-made from a factory at a third less than the cost of comparable houses.

"You can't tell the difference," said Benton, a retired minister from the Midwest. "It's not like a mobile home or anything like that."

The Bentons ordered their \$79,000 modular house in the winter and moved in last spring. They plan to build a pool on their one-acre lot this summer.

Once treated as neighborhood

outcasts, today's factory-built homes are getting the welcome mat from more and more home buyers, appealing to those, like the Bentons, looking to cut costs and construction time.

Since they first appeared in the United States 60 years ago, when Sears, Roebuck and Co. sold manufactured pre-cut Craftsman homes from its catalog, factory-originated homes have undergone considerable changes. Few bear any resemblance to the tin can-like structures that were plopped on concrete slabs in the '60s and '70s.

"The image of a cookie-cutter, mass-produced house is being dispelled ... thanks to new computer technology," said Fred Hallahan, a Baltimore real estate consultant who tracks the industry. "We've seen a steady growth in numbers."

Prefabricated homes — including modular, panelized, precut

and mobile structures — are becoming increasingly popular in the Northeast, where housing costs exceed the national average, and in rural areas, where it's tough to find skilled builders for on-site conventional homes, said Hallahan.

But even in regions where housing costs are moderate and laborers plentiful, more developers are opting for factory-crafted homes or building parts because they offer higher quality control and reduced construction waste.

In fact, at least 40 percent of all new homes today are constructed in whole or part using components built in a factory, according to estimates from the Building Systems Councils of the National Association of Home Builders.

"The builder has much more control," said Steve Kerr, general manager of New England Homes Inc. in Greenland, N.H., which

manufacturers modular and panelized homes, from 900-square-foot ranches to 6,000-square-foot colonials, and has contracts with 80 builders throughout New England.

Kerr says sales are up around 20 percent from a year ago. "When everything is done out in the open air, you can't control the variables," he said. "We've eliminated weather as a variable; it never rains inside the factory. You can build all winter long."

Materials also are sheltered from vandalism and theft, he noted.

As a result, home buyers pay anywhere from 5 percent to 50 percent off the price of traditional "stickbuilt" homes. And while conventionally built homes can take several months to construct, some factory-built homes can be occupied in as little as four to six weeks from the time an order is placed.

Next to mobile homes, which are mass-produced in factories, modulars are the fastest to go up. That's because about 95 percent of a modular home is factory-made. They come off the assembly line in three-dimensional finished sections that are shipped to the building site and connected vertically or horizontally over standard foundations — almost like Lego toy blocks. Afterward, utilities, plumbing and electricity are hooked up. (Many come with appliances.)

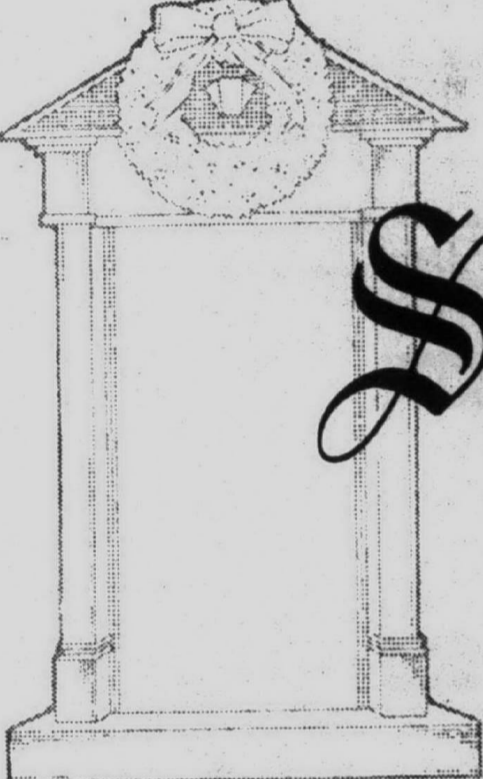
Benton was pleased with the amount of time it took to complete his two-bedroom ranch-style house, even though the developer, Sun Valley Ranches of Buckeye, Ariz., had to contend with a backlog of orders for similar homes.

"We placed our order in January. The house was completed

in March and it was ready to occupy by May," he said. "We could have leaned a little bit and gotten it even faster, but we weren't in that much of a hurry."

















Benton said he came out ahead price-wise as well. Similar conventional-built homes on smaller, quarter-acre lots sold for around \$120,000, \$41,000 more than what he paid. Panelized homes also can save buyers money and construction time, although not nearly as much as modulars.

The walls are factory-made in large sections, or panels, that are designed to go up quickly after delivery, topped with a roof, then closed up within a few days. But more on-site construction remains, including the installation of windows, doors and other fixtures. This can take several weeks, or even months, to complete.



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What's in store for houses of the future?

A panel of architects at the National Association of Home Builders show earlier this year concurred - houses built during the next five to 10 years will enhance our quality of life dramatically.

"The architects agreed that the biggest single factor impacting design will be in how technology changes the space needs in the home," said Gilbert "Buzz" Silverman, outgoing president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan.

Silverman is a third-generation residential builder with offices in Farmington Hills.

With the option of telecommuting to work expanding, people will need dedicated home office space with appropriate telephone, fax, modem and computer services.

While this will create a more fluid workday with less rigid lines between professional and personal lives, it will also affect the use of space in the house and family dynamics.

In addition, people are looking to the home to be their center for entertainment. Many houses will have media rooms with sophisticated sound and video systems built in or retrofitted to suit the owners.

Art Gerish, a Plymouth-based residential builder, sees several other changes when consulting his crystal ball.

"I believe houses will just be modestly downsized ... by five percent," he said. "I have a sense we're going to see inflation again, not the precedent like 1982 and '83 when it was 20 percent. One way of controlling costs is to reduce the size of the house."

"Can you live in a family room 15-by-22 any better than 13-by-20? Or even the master bedroom. I don't think those sizes are quite necessary," he said.

Gerish suspects that two-story-high ceilings will be lowered to save heating costs and to ease maintenance. He also believes that plastics will be more in vogue for interior trim finishings and gradually replace copper piping.

Stuart L. Michaelson, president of Stewart Homes in Novi, also sees technology's influence.

"There will still be a push to make them more efficient, like Smart House. I think you will

'I think even in newer subs, people will go to smaller lots. It's cost. And people buying now don't want to get a riding mower and spend all day Sunday mowing the lawn.'

*Stuart L. Michaelson,
president of Stewart Homes*

see more of that," he said.

"Quality of materials. For insulation, now you can get higher R factors in smaller space. I can see codes changing not to allow masonry (fireplaces). They're totally energy inefficient. Siding on exteriors - we're looking for new materials," Michaelson said.

"There may be a push to build where infrastructure already exists," he said. "Detroit. Look at Royal Oak, Huntington Woods. I think people will buy in older neighborhoods."

"I think even in newer subs, people will go to smaller lots. It's cost. And people buying now don't want to get a riding mower and spend all day Sunday mowing the lawn," he said.

Michaelson also wonders whether a ready supply of skilled tradesmen will be available to meet residential building needs a decade from now.

"Life-cycle housing is another trend in home design," Silverman added. "Many people are moving less, and they want their homes to grow and change with them as they go through different stages in their lives."

For example, a builder may offer a house with three bedrooms today, but he'll give the new owner the option to finish an attic or garage area as needed to accommodate a new child or a parent that comes to live with the family.

Other houses will be placed on a lot so that there will be plenty of room for an addition of a family room or sitting area, and the owner can see the plans for that addition when purchasing the original house.

This will also help when the owner wants to sell since the floor plan is flexible and can meet the needs of many potential buyers.



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Looking ahead: Architects and builders anticipate giving more attention to spatial relationships and including more technological amenities in houses of the future.

In addition, the space above the garage can also be flex space for later additions such as an in-law suite or home office.

Garages are increasing in size to an average of three berths both to accommodate more vehicles in the household and to provide more storage space.

"We will see more features designed for casual entertaining such as front porches and expanded kitchens and family rooms, with formal areas like dining and living rooms becoming multi-purpose rooms," Silverman

said. For example, many new custom houses come with bookshelves built into the dining room so the area can be used as a substitute home office or study area when not needed for formal entertaining.

The architects also called for all-season rooms in a finished basement to allow for specialized areas for exercising, hobbies and other projects.

The rooms will have light shafts from the ground level to allow for natural lighting, floors

designed to cushion an exerciser's feet and specialized storage for tools and hobby supplies.

The architects also forecast a decline in the use of closets and a greater use of furniture such as chests and armoires to hold clothing and personal items.

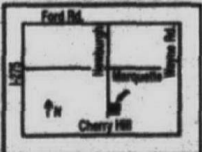
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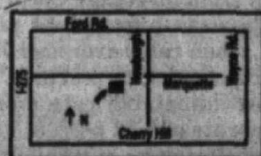


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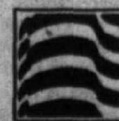


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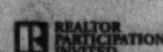
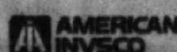
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What kind of help does the city of Detroit need?



STEVEN SIVAK

Although the previous articles have dealt primarily with buildings and building components, the realm of the architect extends much further. Historically, architects have also dealt with design at the smaller-than-building scale and the larger-than-building scale. Smaller-than-building scale designed objects would include furniture, decorative objects, lighting and textiles. Perhaps the most popular of these sort of objects would be Michael Graves' tea kettle for Alessi. Larger-than-building scale design would include city planning and urban design. Looking at the condition and situation of Detroit I am sure that most architects in the metropolitan area have comments, and theories about how to save the city and what its problems are. I would like to offer my two cents on the situation. My hope is that this article might be read by those whose jobs it is to solve these problems.

I approach the issues and problems of Detroit having both grown up in Southfield and having spent 15 years in a variety of other cities including Berkeley, Calif., Milwaukee, Princeton, N.J., Boston/Cambridge, New York City and Seattle. I realize that none of these are Midwestern rust-belt cities and, for that reason, can not be directly compared to Detroit; nonetheless they are cities and, for the most part, are extremely livable and are places that people want to live in. They are places that people live in and enjoy themselves in. They offer variety, they grow and prosper and in so doing they

I think that there is a lot to be said about these issues, perhaps these should be discussed live. Is there anybody out there who has read any or all of the past eight articles who would like to form some sort of discussion group - I am willing to give it a try! How about 7 p.m. Wednesdays starting Jan. 8 at Brazil in downtown Royal Oak. Maybe the Mayor will show up and answer some questions for us all. Give me a call to let me know if there is in fact interest.

create neighborhoods that create differing places to be. Seattle and Boston are great examples of this - put on a really good pair of walking shoes and stroll from Back Bay to the Fenway to Fort Point Channel and on to Little Italy, a collection of neighborhoods with differing ethnicities. In Seattle there is Capital Hill, Ballard, Queen Anne Hill, Mont Lake, First Hill and Magnolia Park, etc. - some neighborhoods being affluent and some not so. Even the more humble areas are still proud and polished. I still believe to this day that Seattle has the highest standard of living for middle-income wage earners. There are lots of free activities, a great parks system, good restaurants and a solid and successful industry, which keeps the cash flow running.

This, however, is Detroit, and it has been said over and over again that one can not compare it to west coast cities or east coast cities but only to rust belt cities like ... Cleveland, which, I understand, has done a remarkable job of renovating itself. I am extremely optimistic for the future of the city - there is nowhere for the city to go but up. I do find the recent wave of large-scale projects to be funny choices for a city so in need of so

much. The fundamental need is real jobs, i.e. ones that pay middle-income wages so that stable family structures can be re-woven into the city. With these kinds of jobs, an economy can be created that takes such wages and buys goods and services, which then trickle down and create prosperity through an entire city. Salaries buy clothing, which then creates income for those employees who buy any number of goods and services from other vendors. Those jobs will create cash flow, which will enable residents of the city to renovate their houses and neighborhoods. Real jobs form the very basic level of prosperity for a city and region.

The misguided thinking began in the '70s with the construction of the Renaissance Center. Basically a walled-off introspective high-rise, which stole a majority of its tenants from other buildings in the city. No open arms on this monument - just reflective glass and a concrete moat to separate itself from the crumbling city that lay outside its walls. Although much more beneficial to the city, the dual stadiums are similar in their negative effects to the city. How so? They are merely entertainment, and the users of the stadiums merely

drive in on the freeways, buy a few dogs, pay for parking and then get in their cars and go home. No neighborhoods have been created; the jobs that are available are low paying service jobs, and did the streets get any safer for this huge undertaking? I doubt it. Sure, stadiums in a prosperous city are great and form part of the aura and youth vision behind any large city in America. Imagine New York without Yankee stadium - it just does not seem to be American. I am sure the stadium will make all kinds of money for the state and certainly for its investors, but I am sure that the drive down Woodward from Jefferson - except for those few blocks around the Fox, which already look as good as they ever did - will be as depressing, scary and downright pathetic as they are today.

Following this line of thought would make one wonder about the logic of Engler's proposed car-racing venue for the State Fairgrounds - again entertainment and nothing more. The casino issue is as bad, but I agree with the Mayor Archer that it is better to have the cash remain in Detroit than wind up in Windsor.

Once again a casino can be part of an entertainment complex, but it, too, does not create real jobs nor does it make neighborhoods. It is these basic features that are required to make a city.

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Answering machine calls pagers

(MPS) - What do you get when you combine an answering machine with Pager Link?

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"The TP-340 makes pagers and answering machines more useful and efficient," says Gregory Rorke, chief executive officer of MobileComm, one of the largest paging-service providers in the United States. "It eliminates the problem of calling your answering machine only to find you have no messages - or several messages that should have been responded to hours ago."

Clipped to waistbands, purses and jackets, more than 30 million Americans regularly wear pagers to stay constantly accessible to business contacts, family and friends. In fact, the pager industry is expected to sell 11.7 million units in 1996 along, an 11-percent increase from last year.

No longer seen as just a business tool to keep in touch with clients and co-workers, pagers are increasingly being used on the home front.

"Demand for pagers has increased dramatically over the past 5 years as the prices of pager service and the units themselves have gone down," says Rorke. "Business uses aside, consumers are recognizing that pagers are an effective, inexpensive way to keep in close contact with friends and family."

Parents are using pagers so that their children can contact them when it's time to be picked up for to let them know they've arrived home from school. Pagers also let parents stay constantly accessible to baby sitters and day-care workers in case of emergency.

Expectant mothers can be sure to reach their husbands when labor begins, and spouses can signal one another to stop by the store on their way home.

"Pagers used to be considered the business tool of doctors, plumbers and other people who had to be on call" says Ken Hilton, executive vice president of PakeMart, a leading nationwide paging carrier. "Now, they're integrated into our culture, and millions of us carry them. We think of them as the logical extension of the telephone. That trend will continue into the next century, when nearly one out of 10 of us will likely carry some type of wireless messaging device."

For the ultimate in pager convenience, the TP-340 offers unique Pager Learn, which automatically programs your pager number when you call your own pager.

"Pager Learn is the technological breakthrough that simplifies pager-number programming to the point where this will be a mass-market product," says Stephen Knuth, president of Casio PhoneMate.

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This answering machine lets you choose between being paged after every new message or only if the caller leaves an important message enters the pound sign (#). The pager function also can be turned off completely.

For example, TP-340 owners could leave a greeting on their answering machine that says, "Please leave a message after the tone, and then press pound if you need to page me." Or, for added privacy, you could let only close family, friends and business associates know about the option to press pound for paging. This feature also lets you have people page you without actually giving out your pager number.

The TP-340 also lets family and business associates page you directly from the answering machine by pressing a single button. The machine then send your programmed number, followed by a "7777," to the pager display - letting you know instantly that the page is from someone in your home or office. The function operates even when Pager Link is turned off.

"This feature will be a big plus for families, because it's easy enough for even a young child to use," says Hilton.

Someone can even send a special message from the answering machine directly to your pager by entering a prearranged code, like "3333," to tell you to "bring home a pizza" or "stop by the office for a meeting." The pager will display your programmed number, "777" and the special code.

Displaying the number of all messages on the answering machine, Pager Link works with numeric and alphanumeric pager - covering the same geographical area as your pager service.

In addition, the TP-340's answering machine includes tapeless, all-digital technology, allowing users to instantly access messages since there is no tape to rewind or reset. The product's synthesized voice announces the time and day each message was received and verbally confirms machine commands. Users can play, replay, skip, repeat, save and erase messages remotely from most touch-tone phones. With exclusive Playback Director, controls like skip, repeat, fast and slow are conveniently located on one large button. Specific messages can be selectively saved or erased during playback. The TP-340 also includes an integrated full-featured telephone and speaker phone.

What does the future hold for pager technology? According to Rorke, in the not-too-distant future, many Americans will be using pagers as minicomputers to get updates on everything from weather to sports scores, stock prices and breaking news.

"The question won't be 'What type of computer do you want?' says Rorke. "It will be 'What type of computer do you wear?'"

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The average was up from 7.44 percent last week and the highest since Nov. 14, when rates averaged 7.59 percent. Until Thursday, rates had fallen each week since reaching 7.88 percent Oct. 17.

On one-year adjustable rate mortgages, lenders were asking an average initial rate of 5.52 percent, up from 5.47 percent last week.

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Real estate investors

The Real Estate Investors Association hosts a seminar, "Everything You Wanted to Know About Real Estate But Were Afraid to Ask," 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 7, at the Southgate Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline one block east of I-75. Cost is \$10 for non-members.

Beginning landlords interested in a free introduction package should call Wayde Koehler, president, at (313) 277-4168.

BIA forecast meeting

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan hosts its annual forecast meeting noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, at the Northfield Hilton, 5500 Crooks at I-75, in Troy.

Speakers: Scott Jacobson, incoming BIA president, and Dave Seiders, senior economist, National Association of Home Builders.

Cost, which includes lunch, is \$25 for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$50 for non-members. To register, call (810) 737-4477.

Home selling workshops

Doug Woodward presents a series of workshops on selling your home through a variety of community adult education programs.

Classes run 7-9:30 p.m. Jan. 7 and 14 in Troy, (810) 879-7599; Jan. 22 and 29 in Farmington, (810) 489-3333; Jan. 23 and 30 in Rochester, (810) 650-5747; and 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Jan. 18 and 25 in Birmingham, (810) 644-5832.

The workshop covers the entire selling process from A to Z, includes a workbook and is especially helpful to those planning to sell on their own.

Cost is \$39, \$49 per couple.

Name change

Birmingham-based mortgage broker Mortgage One Financial changes its name to Consumer One Financial as of Jan. 1.

Its mortgage business is concentrated in three different areas - home equity loans, hard-to-do home purchases and home improvement loans.

"Our new name more accurately reflects the value and commitment we offer and focuses on the core of our business - working directly with consumers," said Keith H. Lewis, president.

Building exam class

Builder's Training Services offers a pre-exam builder's license training program 6-10

p.m. Jan. 6, 8, 13 and 15 at the Clawson Troy Elks Club on Big Beaver Road east of Rochester Road.

Cost prior to Jan. 1 is \$199, \$124 after. The fee includes a training manual and textbook. To register, call (810) 852-3073.

Affiliation switch

Bonnie and Sam Cherrin, broker/owners of two Red Carpet Keim Exclusive offices in West Bloomfield and Livonia, have changed their company's name to HomeLife Cherrin Realty.

HomeLife, with offices in Canada, Florida and California, purchased all Red Carpet Keim franchises in Michigan. The Cherrins have a combined

sales force of 25 agents and plan to expand in 1997.

Fairway Construction

Fairway Construction of Southfield has captured an excellence in advertising award in the advertising/broadcast category from the National Association of the Remodeling Industry competition.

"We are really proud of this award because we think of our advertising as a reflection of the dedication we've had to our customers for the past 70 years," said Adam Helfman, vice president.

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11 Woods of Edenery
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12 Fairgrove Manor
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\$192,900
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E. of Ridge Rd., S. of Ann Arbor Rd.

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19 LANDMARC PARAMOUNT ESTATES
\$289,900
Model Open:
M, T, W, F 9-5 S, S 1-6
S off 6, 1st Street W. of Beck
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20 Lopiccolo Homes & Multi Building
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Price: From the \$200's
Hours: 10-5am, Noon-6 PM
Closed Thursday
Phone: (810) 305-9499
Location: On 52 Mile Between Beck & Taft in Novi

21 Multi Building
presents
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Hours: M-F 1-4 PM Sat./Sun Noon-6 PM
Phone: (313) 688-6300
Location: On Ann Arbor Saline Rd. S. of I-94 in Ann Arbor

22 Lopiccolo Homes & Multi Building
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Name: ROYAL CROWN ESTATES VI
Price: From the \$240's
Hours: 10-5am Noon-6 PM
Closed Thursday
Phone: (810) 305-9499
Location: On 9 Mile between Beck & Taft in Novi

23 Lopiccolo Homes
presents
Name: PARKSTONE
Price: From the \$250's
Phone: (810) 380-9676
Location: N off 6 Mile, W of Haggerty

24 Lopiccolo Homes
presents
Name: COVINGTON SQUARE
Price: From the \$170's
Phone: (313) 397-0285
Location: On Lilley, S of Cherry N of Palmer

25 Lopiccolo Homes & Multi Building
presents
Name: PHEASANT WOODS
Price: \$179,900
Phone: (313) 297-0285
Location: On Lilley, S of Cherry N of Palmer

26 FOXCROFT ESTATES
ENERGY SAVER HOMES, INC.
From \$189,900
Fri.-Tues. 1-6
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1/2 Mile N. of W. Maple on W. side of Benstein

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Oakland Township on Adams Rd. N. of Silver Bell Rd.
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313-844-7201

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Off Beck Road S. of Cherry Hill
From \$240,000
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From the low \$220's
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31 Northridge Preserve
JAC Construction Company
Commerce Township
From the low \$190's
810-684-8609

32 CAMPBELL CREEK
From \$189,900
Golf Course From \$239,900
E. of Welch, N. of Pontiac Trail
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33 OLAH CUSTOM HOMES
IN ROLLING OAKS OF PLYMOUTH
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Complete at \$319,900
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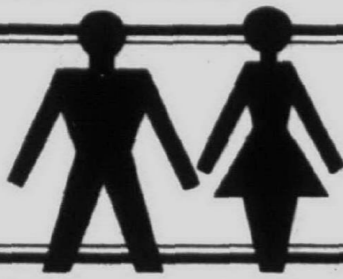
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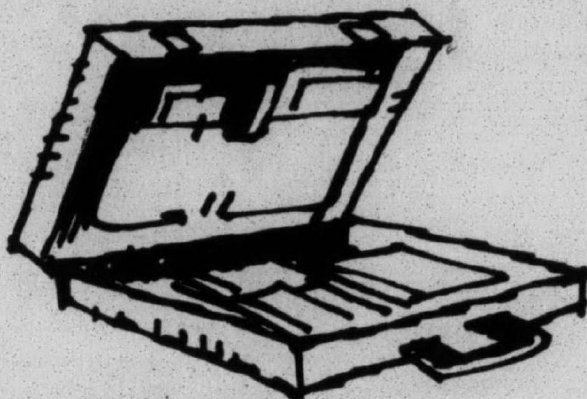
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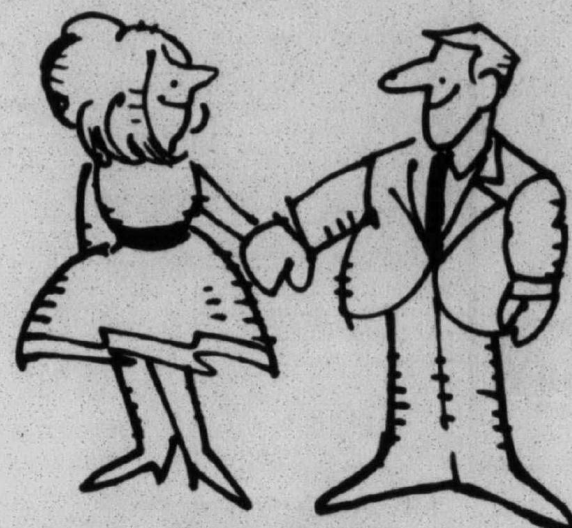
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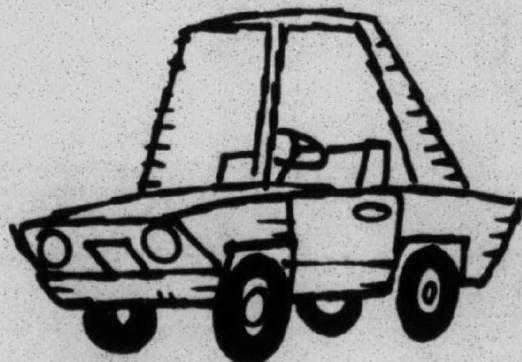
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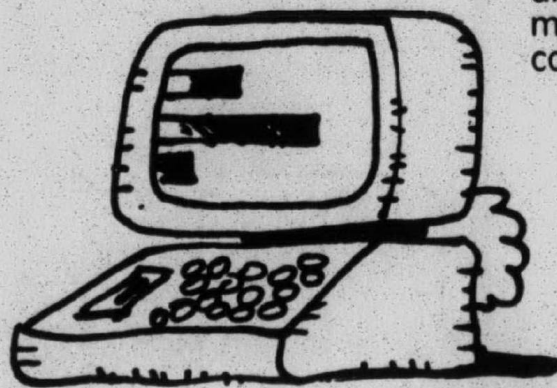
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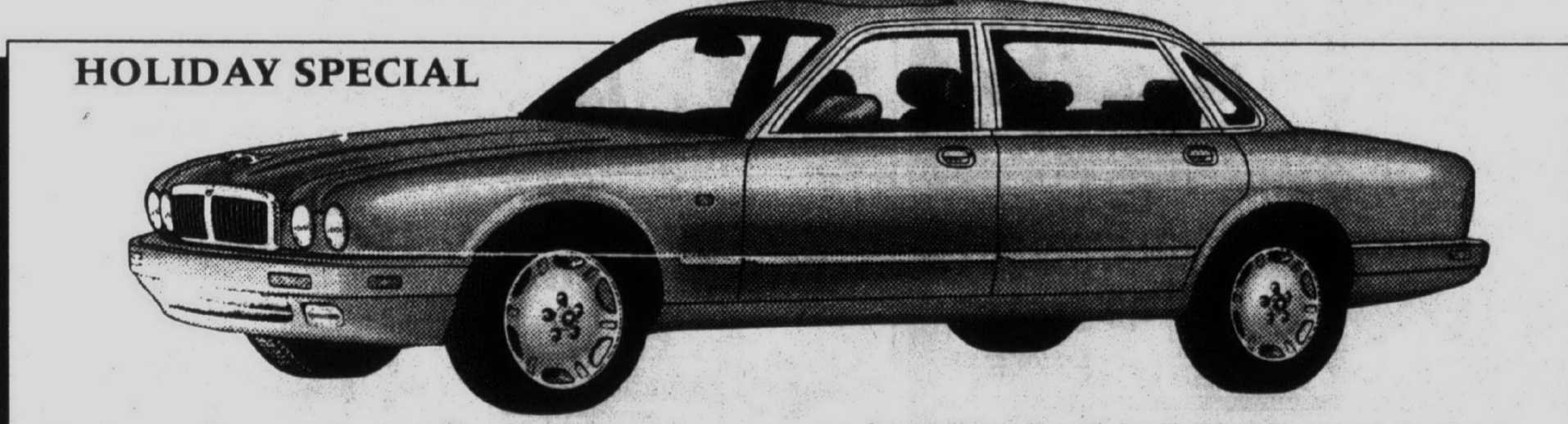
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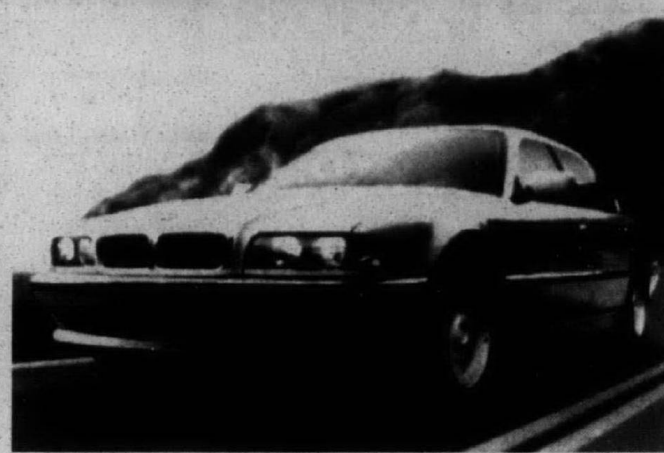
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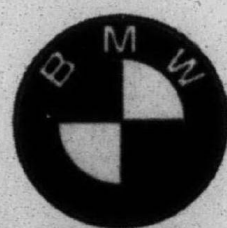
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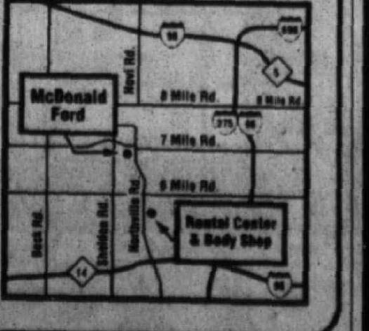
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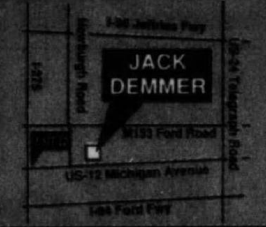
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