

THE WEEK AHEAD

Elk hunting: The Plymouth Elks do a lot of good work in the community, and they're looking for new members. Find out more about them in Thursday's Plymouth Observer.

MONDAY

City meets: The city commission meets with the township board to talk about Ann Arbor Road issues. The meeting takes place at the Plymouth Cultural Center at 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Township gets together: The Plymouth Township board meets at 7 p.m. in the township hall meeting room. Among the topics for discussion: ballot language for the 1 mill fire services renewal.

School board: The Plymouth-Canton school board meets at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center on Harvey St. The meeting starts at 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

State of the community: The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce sponsors the "State of the Community" breakfast at Ernesto's at 7:30 a.m. Officials from the township, the city and the Wayne County commission will be on hand to speak and answer questions.

Johnson Controls looking elsewhere

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Faced with an early April deadline, Plymouth Township officials are looking at ways to keep Johnson Controls from moving.

The global company, which is the township's second largest taxpayer after Visteon, first located in the township 10 years ago. It is a major supplier of seating, interior systems and batteries.

Because Johnson Controls needs more space, it acquired an option to buy 360 acres of land in Salem Township from Real Estate Interest Inc. (REI). The option expires in early April.

"We're working feverishly to retain them," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann. "They approached the township two years ago for help but were turned away."

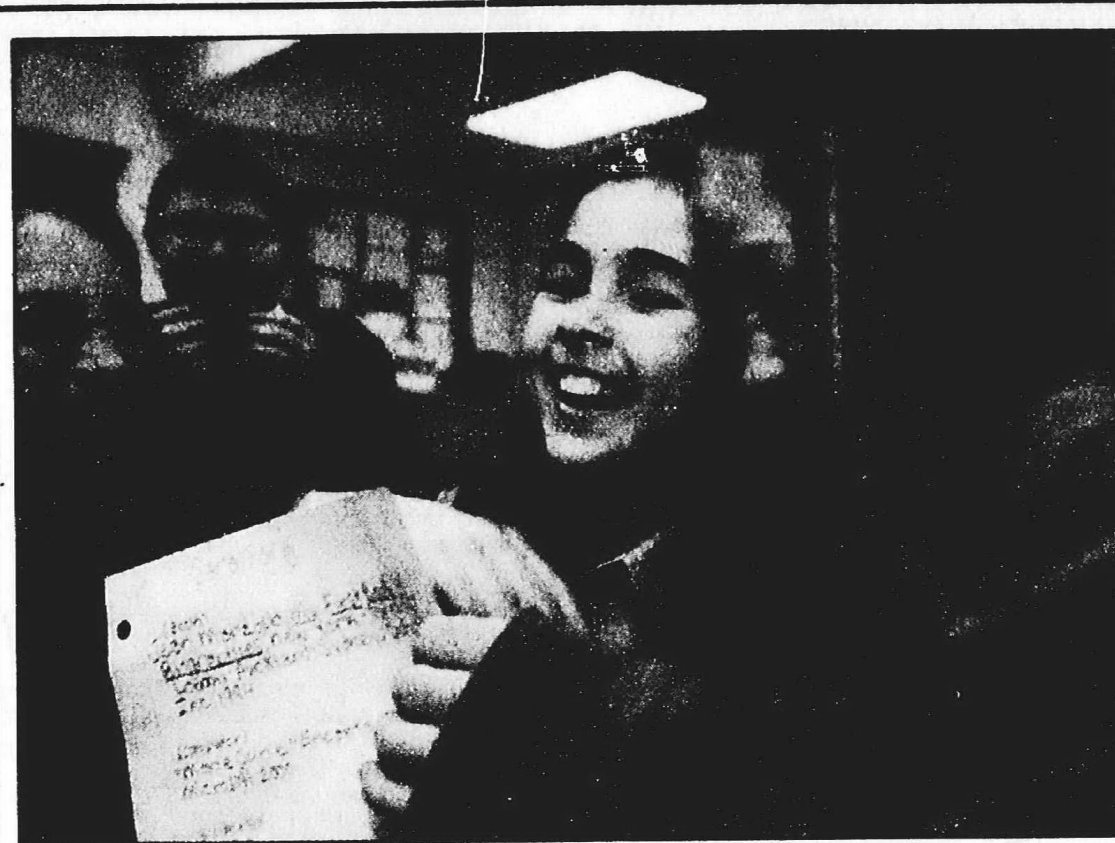
Mann and Jim Anulewicz, Plymouth Township department of public services director, had meetings set with Johnson Controls officials for both Friday and this week. Mann wouldn't comment on specific details or indicate what areas in the township are available or large enough to satisfy Johnson Controls' needs.

Bill Dawson, a Johnson Controls spokesman, said he didn't know if the company was looking to relocate anywhere in Plymouth Township. "I don't know if we could talk about it," Dawson said. "There's things you can't share, confidentiality concerns. We've looked at lease space. I don't know if

'Our customers need us to do more and more. We need to find a place to grow.'

Bill Dawson
—Johnson Controls

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Learning by doing: Gabrielle Wild of Plymouth, 10, and Sara Faraj of Whitmore Lake, 9, laugh together, at right, as Amanda Costantino of Ypsilanti, 9, and Brandon Nalezty of Novi, 10, look on at left. The students at All Saints took part in a "living history" exhibit.

Living history

Students dress up for museum lesson

Do you know Anne Oakley was only five feet tall? If you attended the Biography Museum last week at All Saints Catholic School, chances are you do now.

The fourth grade classes of Dottie Alban and Amanda Trestrail learned several skills to prepare for the museum. They read a biography, took notes from three different sources, created an outline, and wrote a bibliography.

One of the many creative aspects of the project was the Biography Bottle. Using a 2-liter bottle, each of the 47 students created their biography person using paint, fabric, a Styrofoam ball and lots of imagination.

On Thursday, the students dressed as their character and presented the research information to their parents, siblings and relatives who visited the Biography Museum. The students enjoyed being "in character" and the visitors were impressed by the information presented, the Biography bottles, and the posters.

Many parents praised the poise and creativity of each presenter. The evening ended, much too soon for many, with an afterglow of munchies and pop.



Smile: Melanie J. Demmer of Plymouth, 9, gives her presentation as Clara Barton while her dad Jim Demmer videotapes the lesson, at right.

Uproar brings chance to face multi-cultural issues

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SCHOOLS

What started out as a confrontation between African Americans and whites at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park has turned into an effort to make the school district, parents and students more aware of the vast number of cultures in the Plymouth-Canton community.

Thirteen people, seven school district representatives and six from the community, held a three-hour meeting

Thursday afternoon, discussing ways to mend fences after a controversial letter to the editor was printed in the high school newspaper.

The session was the result of last Monday's meeting in which approximately 150 parents and students, mostly African American, met to discuss the letter and its perceived racial overtones as it questioned the reasons for

Black History Month.

While some who read it believe the editorial by a Plymouth Salem student was racist, the focus has now shifted to educating adults and students about all ethnic groups living in Plymouth and Canton.

"Today's (Thursday's) meeting was the result of a bad event last week," said Pastor Virgil Humes of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Wayne, who lives in Plymouth and has children in the district. "This awakened us and

the whole community.

"This is not an African American forum. We want to embrace all the cultures," he added. "Whatever your persuasion, we want everyone to be included."

Humes noted the main goal of the group is to improve the education of students district-wide, an effort which should improve test scores.

"We're hoping that when Black History Month 2002 comes around, no one in the community will be ignorant that African Americans made

contributions to the community at large," said Humes. "At the same time, we want to make sure everyone knows we appreciate the contributions of other cultures as well."

Superintendent Kathleen Booher echoed Humes' interpretation of Thursday's meeting, and the future of the group.

"African American members of the group said they would step back and give their place to an Asian American, or Arab American, or whomever, to

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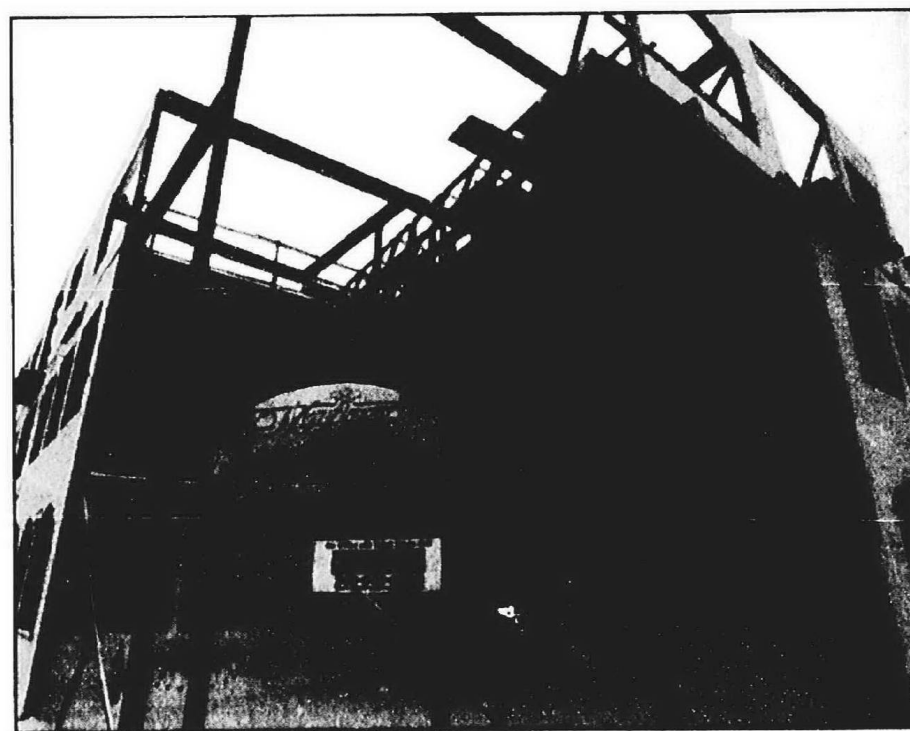
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More of the same: The Mayflower Centre still sits dormant, but developer John Vincenti said again this week the funding for the \$12 million project is nearly secured, and work should resume within weeks.

Mayflower builder says funding available to finish \$12 million project

By TONY BRUSCATO
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He's said it before, but this time Mayflower Centre developer John Vincenti insists work on his \$12 million office, retail and condominium project in downtown Plymouth will resume within weeks.

"There's a 95 percent chance that we will soon be fully funded and finish the project as planned," said Vincenti. "I believe it's almost a done deal. We're looking at another entity to put money into the project, as well as help from a lending institution. We'll still be involved in finishing the Mayflower as planned, but we'll probably give up a third of the project."

Vincenti declined to give the names of his investors until the deal is finalized, which he indicated will be within

10 days to two weeks.

Vincenti was reminded that he has on several occasions told the Observer and city officials that he would be "up and running" within weeks.

"The other times I spoke it was contingent upon sources that didn't come through," said Vincenti. "But, now I'm working with contacts that are honorable and things will happen."

Vincenti said even if the investor doesn't come through, he'll have the bank money to draw upon and has several other sources he could go to for the additional investment.

When asked if his reputation has been damaged because the project has been on hold since November, Vincenti answered "I don't think we've hurt anything, even though the project has been sitting. We still expect to have it

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DDA explores parking possibilities

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Plymouth's Downtown Development Authority has identified four preliminary locations for a new parking deck to accommodate an expected increase in downtown traffic.

"We anticipate a greater demand for parking," admitted DDA Director Melanie Purcell. "The current locations we have aren't ideal as to where traffic is. We expect more quantity of demand, as well as a different location of demand."

Three of the four possible locations have mixed ownership. Existing parking lots on Harvey Street have three different landowners. Property on Deer Street, behind National City Bank, has multiple owners. And land near the Plymouth District Library is publicly owned by the city and library. The fourth location is the site of the current parking deck off Harvey Street, which could have a third level added or be torn down for a new structure.

Purcell estimates a new structure would cost in the range of \$6 million, and would be paid for through bonds issued by the DDA.

"All of this is in the preliminary stage," said Purcell. "We need to talk with the city

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Melanie Purcell
—DDA Director

commission about ideas. And, of course, if we can't come up with agreements with the current landowners, some of those sites could be eliminated."

At a goals session last month, city commissioners identified parking as a priority for the future.

"I encourage and applaud the DDA for the work they've done concerning parking," said Commissioner Sean Fitzgerald. "The consensus of the city commission is that we need to ensure sufficient parking inventory to service business and residents who come

downtown and to Old Village. We need to take a look at the existing parking deck, and look at projections for future parking in the city."

The current two-tier parking deck was constructed in 1983 at a cost of \$1 million. According to Purcell, the DDA spent \$250,000 for repairs nearly four years ago to the parking structure. And, currently, the DDA is exploring additional repairs that could cost in the range of \$135,000-\$700,000.

"It's not space efficient, and is aesthetically unattractive," Purcell said of the current parking deck. "It's not designed to encourage the behavior we want. It's currently a storage facility, and not interactive with the stores it serves."

Purcell said she'd like to see a parking structure with a facade of retail stores, which she notes would increase assessments as well as provide for additional parking for the Mayflower Centre and the new restaurants that have opened, or expect to open soon, downtown.

Purcell projects the city needs an additional 300 parking spaces for downtown traffic. A more detailed report from the DDA on parking needs and locations is expected by mid-summer.

Local man named sales leader

Kirk Albert has been named District Sales Leader, Senior Vice President Business Banking for the Michigan District for KeyBank, N.A. according to Eric Babbert, Senior Vice President.

In his new position, Albert is responsible for managing the Michigan Business Banking team and overseeing high level business developments for clients with \$1 million to \$10 million in annual sales.

Previously, Albert was Vice President, Relationship Manager at KeyBank in Ann Arbor.

Albert holds a BBA in Finance and Human Resource Management from the University of Michigan.

Honored for his banking knowledge and expertise, Albert was named SBA 504 Lender of the Year in 1998 and 1999. An active member of the Washtenaw County community, Albert serves on the Ypsilanti CDC board. A native of Westland, Michigan, he currently resides in Plymouth with his family.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the entire contents of the following storage units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of an open bid on APRIL 13, 2001 at approximately 9:00 a.m. at Shurgard Storage Centers located at 41889 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Unit #145 & #232. Connie McMahon, Household items, bikes, boxes, washer, dryer, mattress, Unit #353, Barbara Hoag, Refrigerator, boxes, blankets, household items. Unit #420, James McKinnon, File cabinets, boxes, Unit #436, Robert Olsen, Chairs, tables, dresser, vacuum, boxes. Unit #9243, Alan Lundberg, Bike, boxes, tools, household items. Unit #9253, Roger Cole, Dressers, couch.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth will accept sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 29, 2001 for the following:

BANKING SERVICES

Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained at the office of the City Treasurer, 201 S. Main St., Plymouth, Michigan during regular office hours. The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

TERESA CISCHKE, CMFA
City Treasurer

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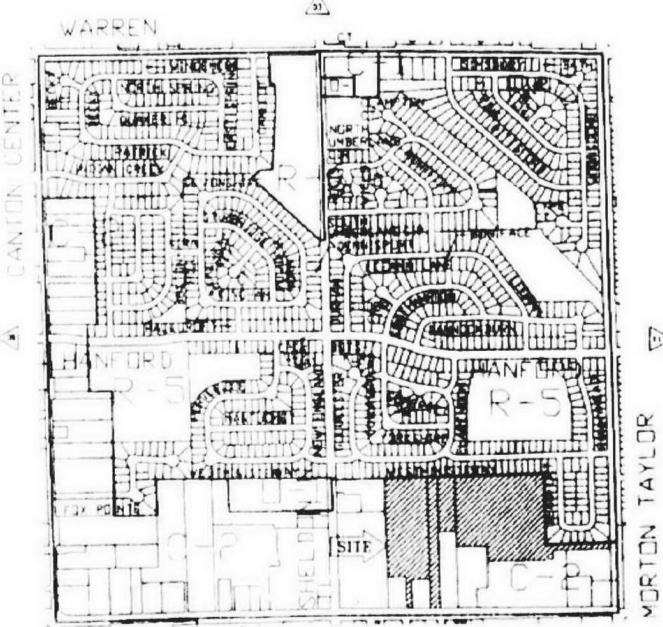
PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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, March 19, 2001 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

GRAND SAKWA SHOPPING CENTER PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) FINAL PLAN. CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS. 040 99 0002 003, 040 990004 001, 040 99 0005 004, AND PART OF PARCEL NO. 040 99 0006 705. Property is located on the north side of Ford Road between Sheldon and Morton Taylor Road. (Second Public Hearing)

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, March 15, 2001 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.



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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Breakfast honors Franks

The Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club is set to honor one of its top members, Jerry Franks, for years of dedicated service.

The club will honor Franks, who has been an optician in Plymouth for 20 years, at a continental breakfast at Plymouth Manor from 8 to 10 a.m. March 24.

Franks has contributed time and skill to helping those less fortunate with free eyeglass repairs for nursing home residents and by donating glasses to families in need. He is a charter member of the Kiwanis Breakfast Club and is currently the vice chair of the Downtown Development Authority.

Proceeds from the breakfast go to First Step, the Western Wayne County project on domestic violence and sexual assault. Cost is \$10 per person. Checks can be made payable to Plymouth Kiwanis Foundation. Tickets are available at Forest Place Optical, 449 S. Harvey; sideways, 505 Forest Ave.; and Management and Tax Service, 1176 S. Main Street. For those unable to attend, donations directly to First Step are being encouraged.

For information, call Char Briggs, (810) 406-8489.

Business hosts first-time exhibit

Though April marks the 21st celebration of Michigan Glass Month, Native West of Plymouth is getting involved for the first time.

Native West features two Southwest artists. Maryann Wagner of Tucson, Ariz., creates hand-drawn native symbols and figures on her crystal, and hand-cuts her original artwork and traditional Native American designs into mouth-blown and hand-blown lead-free crystal with a sandblasting technique.

Sara Creekmore of Magdalena, N.M., works with the finest, fused blown and lampworked dichroic glass available. Colorful paperweights and glass jewelry are what she is best known for creating.

Opening reception is from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 1. Native West is located at 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. For more information, call 455-8838.

Open house

New Morning School in Plymouth hosts a kindergarten/first grade open house Wednesday, March 21 at 7 p.m.

Parents and potential students are invited to attend. While parents learn more about the school, students can attend an abbreviated class taught by New Morning staffers. Parents of current students will be on hand to answer questions.

New Morning School is a state-licensed and certified parent cooperative school offering preschool through grade eight. Register by calling the school, (734) 420-3331.

Pistons clinic

The Detroit Pistons youth basketball clinic comes back to Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville March 24.

Steve Moreland of the Pistons/Detroit Shock conducts the clinics in two waves, from 2:30-3:45 p.m. for grades K-2, and from 4:5-5:15 p.m. for grades 3-6. The clinics are open to boys and girls. Also, Pistons mascot "Hooper" will be on hand for fun, photos and autographs.

Cost is \$15 per child and includes practices on Saturdays, March 31 and April 4. There is a limited number of participants per session. Register by calling Ward Church, (248) 374-5937 or e-mail shelly.martin@wardepc.org.

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tape of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

Barbara Kraft, Library Secretary
Plymouth District Library
223 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170
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CITY OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Plymouth at the office of the City Clerk, 201 S. Main St., until 2:00 pm on Tuesday, April 10, 2001 for the following:

Proposal #1: Furnish and Install Playground Equipment at Jaycee Park with option for Community Build of Playground Equipment

Proposal #2: Furnish Playground Equipment for a Community Built Playground at Garden Club Park with option for Community Build of Playground Equipment

Specifications are available at the office of the Administrative Services Director, 201 S. Main St. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

LINDA A. LANGMESSER, CMC/AE
City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR USE SUBJECT TO SPECIAL CONDITIONS PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE OF HEARING: March 21, 2001
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall,
43380 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission has received a request from Plymouth Baptist Church to approve an addition and an expanded parking lot for an existing church, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance 83. The subject property is zoned R-1, Single Family Residential and is located at 42021 Ann Arbor Tr & 11460 General Dr., which is on the south side of Ann Arbor Tr., east of General Dr. and west of Eastside Dr. Application No. 1661/0101, Tax I.D. Nos. 060-01-0034-300 and 060-01-0036-300. Questions may be directed to Community Development at (734) 453-8131, Ext. 37 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and written comments may be mailed to 46555 Port, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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JOE BRIDGMAN, Secretary, Planning Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Canton Downtown Development Authority up to 5:00 p.m., Thursday, March 29, 2001 for the following:

ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL LANDSCAPE CONSULTING SERVICES

Specifications are available at the Downtown Development Authority Office and questions may be directed to Kathleen Salla at 734-394-5186. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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Needles, but no haystacks

Doctor brings ancient treatment to Plymouth

BY SUE BUCK
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Dr. Milt Dupuy prescribes the 2,500 year old healing art of acupuncture to improve body circuitry.

"I've always had an interest in alternative medicine, especially as it relates to diet, nutrition and stress management" Dupuy said. "I've had a long interest in meditation."

Dupuy, a medical director at the St. Joseph Mercy Center in Livonia, provides acupuncture there and at the Hands On Center for Physical Therapy on Forest in Plymouth for limited hours.

Dupuy went to medical school at the University of Michigan Ann Arbor and trained in medical acupuncture procedure at UCLA.

Six visits with Dupuy freed Bill Fetner, a Plymouth Township police officer, of the low back pain and muscle spasms he has suffered following a lumbar disc injury two years ago.

"I was at work and I was picking something out of the trunk and I sprained my back," Fetner said. "I've had pain for two years."

Dupuy's acupuncture treatment offered relief.

"After the second or third visit there was less pain," Fetner said. "After each treatment there was less and less pain."

Dupuy used a Western medical acupuncture treatment called Craig PENS. He put needles in where nerves come out of the spinal chord.

"The needles tend to regulate and reset the normal flow of chi, body energy," Dupuy said. "The Chinese refer to balancing the energy of the body as chi. The Chinese believe that health problems are the result of block-

ages in the energy flow of chi. Many traditional Chinese medicine approaches are being adopted by Western MDs"

Acupuncture is used all over the world. The theory and practice of acupuncture developed over thousands of years in China and the Far East.

"Western-trained medical practitioners are using this ancient medical art to successfully treat many common health conditions," Dupuy said. "The National Institute of Health and World Health Organization endorse the use of acupuncture for a variety of health problems including low back pain, tennis elbow and shoulder problems, carpal tunnel syndrome, osteoarthritis pain, fibromyalgia, asthma, and other respiratory diseases."

The health risks and complications associated with acupuncture are minimal while the potential for relieving pain and improving health is well established, Dupuy said.

Some insurance companies include acupuncture as a covered benefit, he said.

Dupuy also has a degree in electrical engineering. "It was a good combination to have the hard core mathematical/scientific background coming into medicine," Dupuy said. "It gives you a unique perspective looking at the body as an electrical system. In electrical/biological engineering, I view the world as an electrical phenomenon."

Acupuncture, at its core, views the body as an electrical phenomenon. Dupuy put 10 needles into Fetner's back muscles. He attached electrodes and started electrical stimulation. Dupuy chose points along the meridian which are rivers of energy.

"There are six main meridians which are paired on each side of the body," Dupuy said. "There's no bleeding when needles are removed. To my knowledge there have been no reported cases of infection as long as you use sterile, high quality needles."

The Chinese either used needles only or moxa, called mugwort, Dupuy said. Mugwort is a Chinese herb, like a paste, which is put on the needles and burned.

"We use various frequencies of stimulation," Dupuy said. Low frequencies release neurochemicals of pain relief, he said. Frequencies are adjusted from low to high using a nine-volt battery-operated device.

"There's a sharp pulsating where you can actually feel the electrical frequency," Dupuy said. "A higher frequency is much more soothing and less painful."

Fetner could feel the difference in frequencies. Without acupuncture Fetner



STICKING POINT: Dr. Milt Dupuy places needles in the back of patient Bill Fetner during acupuncture treatment. Fetner's 6-year-old son, Garrett, looks on.

might need steroid injections, which are more invasive, or surgery, Dupuy said. Treatment costs \$50-\$100 per session.

"Acupuncture can provide a side-effect-free alternative to surgery," Dupuy said. He treated another man whose back surgery failed and he was worse off afterwards. "I treated him for 12 weeks and now he comes back every four weeks," Dupuy said. "He's not pain free but he can function where before he couldn't."

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Bill Graham
—New Liberty Bank

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No word whether incumbent will run

School petitions available now; deadline for return is April 9

Petitions to run for the one seat available in the June 11 Plymouth-Canton school board election are now available at the Board of Education office.

Voters will decide who will fill the four-year seat currently held by Roland Thomas, Jr., who has yet to announce if he'll seek re-election.

Elections clerk Liz Adams said nominating petitions are available for any resident in the district who is registered to vote. Candidates have until April 9 at 4 p.m. to file their petitions,

which must have a minimum of 20 valid signatures of residents who are registered to vote in the Plymouth-Canton school district. The last day a candidate can withdraw from the ballot is April 12.

Petitions are available at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, in Plymouth.

Questions concerning petitions or the upcoming election can be addressed to Adams by calling (734) 416-3095.

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completed by the end of the year."

Vincenti said 60 percent of the office and retail space has been "spoken for with either signed leases or letters of intent." He only listed Panera Bread as the latest to become interested in locating downtown, and noted a Starbucks is not in the picture.

New Liberty Bank of Plymouth, formerly People's State Bank, was one of the first to announce intentions to locate in the Mayflower.

Vice president and Chief Financial Officer Bill Graham said his bank is still interested.

"We like the location, but we're concerned with their ability to get it done," said Graham. "We're not being fair to ourselves if we don't look for alternate locations."

Vincenti said he has verbal commitments for two or three of the 11 third-floor condos, while he has a deposit on the corner condominium which overlooks

Kellogg Park.

Tax payment

In a related matter, city officials are hoping it's a good sign that despite the lack of progress on the Mayflower Centre, Vincenti has paid the summer and winter taxes on the property.

Treasurer Teresa Cischke confirmed that on Feb. 21, Tri-Mount Vincenti Companies paid overdue summer taxes and the current winter taxes.

The past due summer taxes totaled \$11,482.17, plus a delinquency fee of \$918.58. Winter taxes on the property were \$1,753.78.

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create a group that looks like our school community so all the groups are represented," said Booher. "What we accomplished was a shared vision that this needs to represent all groups in the community."

Humes said the group discussed minority hiring in the district and curriculum, as well as sensitivity and diversity training.

"We talked about a communication retreat for students, in which ambassadors from every segment of the school population go away for three days to explore how to communicate with each

other," explained Booher. "They then go back to school and foster what they've learned through their group of friends."

"We also talked about staff development and diversity issues," she said. "If you're going to foster children who grow up with a sense of appreciation and respect for others, the adults need to know how to do that through curriculum, class rules and general citizenship behaviors."

Another meeting of the group is planned for this week. "We want to have regular and consistent meetings, and have a

measuring stick as to what we're achieving," said Humes. "We're hoping through invitations that we can find leaders from other ethnic communities to participate with us... so as a community we can have an educational diversity council."

"We want to enjoy each other's soul food, so to speak, sharing each other's stories," added Humes. That, by itself, will help to educate those who are naive about the neighbor next door that doesn't necessarily look like us."

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there is an appropriate amount of land zoned correctly in Plymouth Township."

The land purchase Johnson Controls officials are contemplating is located in Salem's recently-created urban services district, which still lacks utilities like sewers. It is designed to accommodate larger developments. The approximate boundaries are Joy Road/North Territorial to west of Godfredson.

Johnson Controls wants to relocate the three offices on Halvard in Plymouth Township and leased office space on Levan Road in Plymouth, Dawson said. The manufacturing plant on Port Street isn't impacted, Dawson said.

"We haven't bought any land," Dawson said. "Our business is changing. Our customers need us to do more and more. We need to find a place to grow. There's a need for product development and technology. We're talking technology and office space."

Johnson Controls is looking at a long-term, 10- to 15-year plan. "This would be years, more than several years away," he said.

Besides the Salem site, Johnson Controls is looking at loca-

tions in other states in the Midwest.

Johnson Controls made a joint presentation to both the Salem Township board and planning commission Feb. 13. They informed Mann they would be doing so.

The issue has been assigned to Salem's township attorney, land use planners and engineers, said Salem Township Supervisor Fred Reperti. The presenters didn't give a specific date or timeline of when they want to move, Reperti said.

Reaction to Johnson Controls' conceptual plan was mixed, he said.

Companies like Johnson Controls don't require as many services. "They don't need to send children to schools," Reperti said. "Housing would be more spread out. This would bring a fairly large tax base."

However, the lack of utilities and the need for restaurants are other issues.

"They plan to start slowly and expect to expand," Reperti said. "They wanted to get a reaction from both elected officials and the public present. They were trying to gauge a reaction."

Residents submitted petitions to the township clerk challenging REI's earlier plans for homes on the site, Reperti said.

"There are legal issues," Reperti said. "One of them is the availability of sewers. There are a host of problems to be reckoned with. There are a lot of hurdles."

Johnson Controls is also studying the issues of utilities and zoning. "We don't know how long the process would take," Dawson said.

The goal for more space comes at a time when the company is cutting jobs.

Dawson won't specifically talk about layoffs at the Plymouth Township locations. About 400 non-production jobs were eliminated at the almost one dozen locations in Michigan through a reorganization last year. Some people were reassigned, Dawson said.

There are about 3,800 non-production jobs in Michigan, Dawson said.

The company may also outsource some functions to get by with fewer positions, he said.



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Cops help with search, arrest

BY SUE BUCK
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Plymouth Township Police assisted the Garden City-based Metro Street Enforcement Team in executing a search warrant on a Northern Street home March 5.

Police, who were looking for

stolen autos and parts, arrested a resident of the home about 4 p.m. as he was returning from work.

Police found the front suspension of a Ford vehicle covered with a blanket in the driveway in front of the garage. There were several Ford vehicle parts scattered inside the garage,

according to a police report. "The majority of parts were identified as stolen including the parts to the vehicle that MSET had a search warrant for," police said.

Because the case is still under investigation, an MSET officer couldn't say how many people were involved.

OBITUARIES

JENNIE MELLINGER

Services for Jennie Mellinger, 70, of Northville, were held March 10 at The Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating.

Mrs. Mellinger was born Sept. 19, 1930 in Plymouth and died March 5 in Ann Arbor. She worked for the Plymouth Mail, now the Plymouth Observer. She came to the Northville Township community in 1964 from Plymouth. She and Duane were married for 40 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, and one sister.

Survivors include her husband, Duane Mellinger of Northville; sons Dale Mellinger of Northville and Robert (Renee) Mellinger of South Lyon; daughter, Marjorie Sue (Joseph) Hay of Howell; grandson, Joseph Hay, Jr. of Howell; and sisters Alexandria Johnson of Plymouth, Florence (Joseph) DeVriendt of Roscommon and Margaret (Richard) Robinson of Howell.

Memorials may be made to the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center, 1500 East Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

ANNABELLE CECEILA SMITH

Services for Annabelle Ceceila Smith, 90, of Plymouth were held March 8 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial was at Mount Hope Cemetery in Lapeer.

Mrs. Smith was born Oct. 22, 1910 in Sault Ste. Marie and died March 4 in Ann Arbor. She was a retired clerk-typist for General Motors Truck & Coach. She was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her mother, father and two sisters.

Survivors include her husband, Thurston E. Smith of Plymouth; daughter Denise S. Fournier of Canton; grandsons, Sam Plymale of Canton and Carey (Tina) Ritchie of Gains, Mich.; granddaughters, Sarah Plymale of Canton, Kelly (Greg) Ritchier of Toledo, Kristin (Rick) Frye of South Carolina and Karla (Don) Karinen of Almont, Mich.; three great-grandchildren; step-daughters Sandy (Doug) Grooms of Holly and Nancy (Bob) Woychiechowski of Brandenton, Fla.; and brother Francis Cooper of Virginia.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

ROLLAND ALFRED STULZ

Services for Rolland "Ronnie" Stulz, 84, of Livonia, were held Feb. 20 at St. Alexander Church in Farmington Hills with the Rev. Thomas Slowinski officiating.

Mr. Stulz was born July 10, 1916 in Detroit and died Feb. 15 in West Bloomfield.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Leila.

Survivors include son Rolland "Gary" (Sherrie) Stulz of Rochester Hills; daughters Joann Page of Plymouth and Barbara (Thomas) Seabolt of Farmington Hills; stepsons Jim Connor, Fred (Rosemary) Connor and Albert (Barbara) Connor; brother Quintis (Betty) Stulz; sisters Violet Caskie of Walled Lake and Dolores Armitage of Plymouth; 17 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements made by Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home.

CHRISTOPHER YEE

Services for Christopher Yee, 46, of Plymouth, will be held March 12 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth with the Rev. John Sullivan officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Livonia.

Mr. Yee was born April 20, 1954, in Detroit and died March 8 in Ann Arbor. He was supervisor of audit at Detroit Diesel and had worked there since 1978. He was born and raised in Detroit and graduated from University of Detroit in 1972. He received his BBA from Eastern Michigan University. He was a long distance runner and participated in numerous marathons before his illness.

The highlight of his life came with the birth of their son in 1993. He was a very caring and loving family man. His father said, "He always respected his elders; Chris was a good person." He will be missed by his many friends and family.

Chris was preceded in death by his mother, Jane Yee of Redford Township.

Survivors include his wife, Sheryl A. Weinan-Yee of Plymouth; son, Aidan Christopher Yee, 7, of Plymouth; father, Kin (Yin Cheung) Yee of Redford; brothers, Edward Yee of Plymouth, and Brian (Cindy) Yee of Farmington Hills; sisters, Catherine Agacinski of Auburn Hills, Joanne (Terry) Eley of Farmington Hills, and Carolynne (Joseph) DiMare of Wakefield, Mass.; and father and mother-in-law, Frank and Margaret Weinan of Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Cancer Care Center, P.O. Box 995, Ann Arbor, MI 48106.

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New state superintendent says intervention last resort

BY MIKE MALOTT
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State intervention in a troubled school district should be a last resort, says Thomas D. Watkins, Michigan's new Superintendent of Public Instruction.

He was selected to succeed outgoing Superintendent Art Ellis in a 6-2 vote by the State Board of Education last month.

Watkins gave his views on public education to the board during interviews recently. On the topic of state intervention, he said: "I don't know anybody who wants to do ill to children. I don't know anybody who wants to miseducate children, but to let a community fail to educate its children is tantamount to institutionalizing child abuse in my mind."

The state should take over only after it has done everything it can to help a district turn itself around, providing it with the necessary tools, resources and training, he said.

'Some of these districts are like the Energizer Bunny, they just keep running on and on. The adults get taken care of, but the children don't.'

Thomas D. Watkins

Michigan Superintendent of Public Instruction

"But we cannot just let them go drifting along," Watkins said. "Some of these districts are like the Energizer Bunny, they just keep running on and on. The adults get taken care of, but the children don't."

When politics began creeping into the state board debate over who should be the next superintendent, ex officio member Dorothy Beardmore castigated members for it. In the end, she said, she believed they had set aside partisanship to make their final determination.

The man selected for the post by the predominantly Democratic state Board of Education once

served as a consultant to Gov. James Blanchard's campaign committee. Nonetheless, board President Kathleen Straus said she had already received an indication from Gov. John Engler that he would not object to Watkins' appointment. In fact, she had received word that all five of the finalists for the position would be acceptable to Engler. Straus said a thumbs down from the governor probably would have doomed a candidate's chances, but said that did not amount to a gubernatorial veto.

"We said all along that we wanted someone who could work with the governor and the legislature," Straus said. "Political savvy" was one of the board's requirements for candidates. Member John Austin said an objection from the governor would not have ruled out a candidate's chances for success, but would have been an additional obstacle to overcome.

In the final vote, board Republicans Sharon Wise and Eileen Weiser dissented in the 6-2 ballot. Republican Michael David Warren Jr. did support the selection of Watkins along with Democrats Marianne McGuire, Herbert Moyer, Sharon Gire, Austin and Straus.

Wise explained she voted against the selection because she felt he wasn't the best candidate among the five. She said she was "disappointed" in the vote. She said believed the connections to Blanchard "are outdated" and could hamper the new superin-

tendent. "I hope I'm wrong," she said.

Weiser voted against Watkins in the ballot, despite the fact she had selected him earlier as one of her top two picks for the job. Following the 6-2 vote, she declined the traditional attempt to make the vote unanimous. She said it was because Wise had already indicated she would not switch her ballot.

Watkins is presently the executive director of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County in Florida. Previously, he has been a professor at Wayne State University and was director for WSU's Detroit Center for Charter Schools. He was the director of the Department of Mental Health in Michigan from 1987 to 1990. He has been a deputy chief of staff to the governor, a CPA with Plante Moran in Southfield, and a Wayne County Commissioner.

Watkins told board members during his interview that he

believed the superintendent should be a cheerleader for public education.

"But when your team is running the wrong way, you ought to stop cheering long enough to tell them to turn around," he said.

He said his priorities would be early learning for children under the age of 5, to prepare them for entering school; literacy programs; and assuring that curriculum and assessment "are aligned" in the state.


Also considered for the post were James Redmond, superintendent of the Oakland Intermediate School District; Thomas Jandris, division director for state services for the Education Commission of the States; William Bushaw, state director of North Central Association Commission on Schools; and Christa Adams, president of St. Clair County Community College.

CLARIFICATION

Inadvertently, Carl English was only partially identified in a story quoting him about the coming natural gas price-increase that ran in The Observer March

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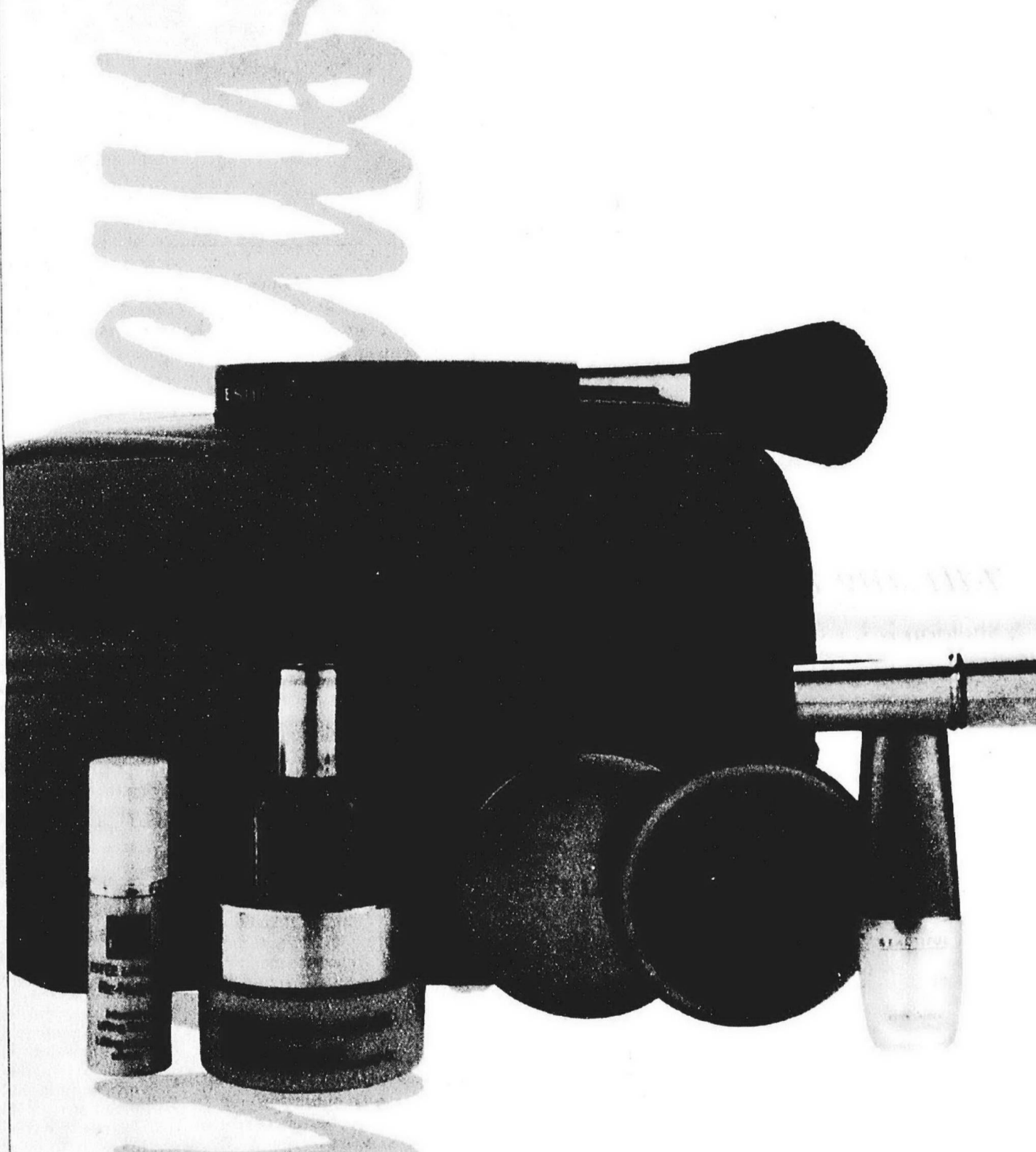
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LINCOLN DAY DINNER

The Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee will host its annual Lincoln Day Dinner on March 22 at the Livonia Holiday Inn with State Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, as guest of honor. The cost is \$45 per person and \$80 per couple. The cocktail reception will begin at 6 p.m., and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. To make a reservation or for information, call (734) 474-3525.

CONCERT CHORALE

An evening of Mozart's music will be presented at 7 p.m. March 18 in the First Presbyterian Church of Northville sanctuary. Advance ticket prices are \$12/adult, \$10/senior (65 and older), \$10 children (12 and under). Tickets at door are \$15. Call (248) 349-0911 and ask for Dr. Kuperus for further information.

DANCING CUCKOOS

A Laurel and Hardy appreciation organization will meet at 6 p.m. for dinner followed by meeting and movies at 8 p.m. March 15 at Mama Mia's in Livonia. For information, call Don Channing at (248) 626-9039.

WOMEN PAINTERS

At 7 p.m., March 19, the AAWP will sponsor a talk by Elona Van Gent, associate professor of art, about 3-D digital art. Van Gent uses data bases and 3-D modeling software to help combine virtual and tangible images into art. It will be held at Earhart Village Clubhouse in Ann Arbor. The public is welcome. Call (734) 998-1123 for further information.

SKATIN' STATION

St. Patrick's Day "Green All Over" Twilight Skate, 7 p.m. - 2 a.m. Friday, March 16. Admission \$10, skate rental is extra. Call (734) 459-6401 for further information.

BOOST AMERICA

The Center for Injury Prevention is holding a car seat safety check-up event at area Ford dealerships. There is a check-up clinic from 3-6 p.m. March 15 at Pat Milliken Ford on Telegraph in Redford.

LENTEN PRAYER/LUNCHEON

Now through April 4, Wednesdays during Lent, First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth is holding an ecumenical prayer service beginning at noon with lunch following at 12:30 p.m. Call (734) 453-0326 for further information.

CANTON HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The museum is now open for the 2001 season. Hours for the museum are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday and Saturday. Tours for school, Scouts or other groups may be arranged by calling (734) 397-0088.

TAI CHI

Ongoing day classes offered for seniors at the Livonia location. Observers welcome. Visit Web site at www.tai.org. For more information, call the society at (248) 332-1281.

MANDALA CLASS

Learn to access your own inner creative symbols to create colorful luminous mandalas. Tuesdays, March 20, 27, and April 3 at the Plymouth Commu-

ty Arts Council from 7:15-8:45 p.m. The cost is \$65 for members/\$70 non-members (materials included). Call Cathy Dyer at (734) 451-9953 for further information.

P/C SENIOR PARTY

Tickets go on sale in the Plymouth Canton and Salem cafeterias during all lunch hours each Monday in March. The party is June 10 and is open to all graduating seniors in the district. The cost is \$45. Starkweather seniors may arrange to buy a ticket by contacting party chairmen JoAnn Lamar at (734) 459-4539 or Dave Garnice at (734) 844-3855.

BELLEVILLE CONCERT

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts presents The Drifters in concert at 7:30 p.m. April 21 at the Belleville High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$15 and \$17.50. Call (734) 697-7151 for more information.

DRUG SEMINAR

"Teens Using Drugs: What to Do" will be presented 7:30-9 p.m., March 13. It will provide information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is identified and will include a recovering teen speaker. Free and open to the public. Please phone (734) 973-7892 for information.

FISH AND PASTA BUFFET

Summit on the Park Banquet and Conference Center is presenting every Friday through April 13 a fish and pasta buffet. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. Doors are open from 4:30-7:30 p.m., and reservations are not necessary unless you have a party of 15 or more. Call (734) 394-5480 for further information.

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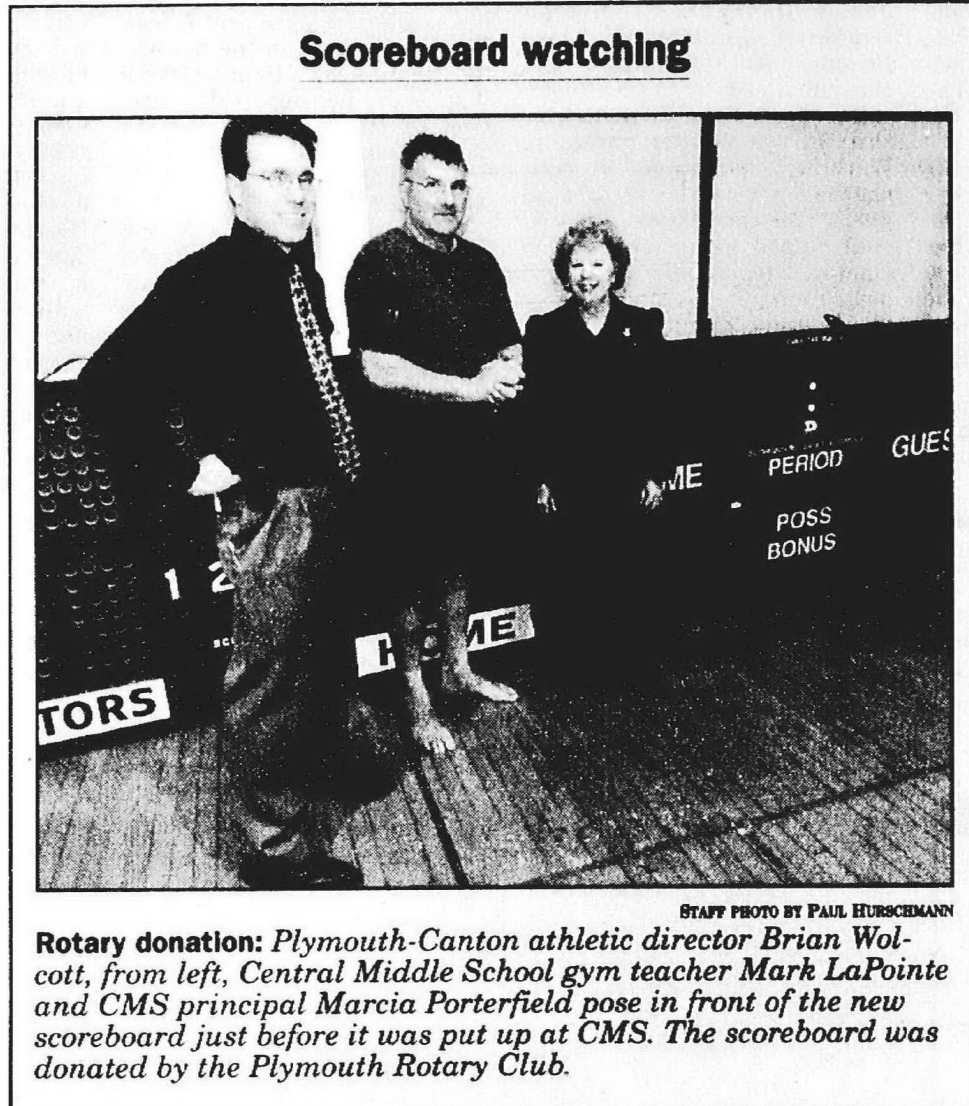
The Ann Arbor Women Painters and the Women's Center of America exhibit paintings in celebration of Women's History Month. The exhibit will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. now through April 27 at the Women's Center of America, 2500 Packard St., Suite 110, Ann Arbor. You may make an appointment for other times by calling (734) 973-6779.

LIBERTY FEST

Canton Township is looking for artists to be involved in the 10th annual Fine Art and Fine Craft Show at Liberty Fest 2001. The displays will run 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 23, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 24. Artists can choose to display their work under the "big tents" or can bring their own tent. The show is juried, and each participant will be required to submit slides or pictures of his work from the approved categories: painting, prints, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, drawing, pastel and selected fine crafts. No commercially produced merchandise will be allowed. Deadline for submissions is April 16. For more information, call Sharon Dillenbeck at D & M Studios, (734) 453-3710.

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

ANN ARBOR RANGERS
The Ann Arbor Rangers U17 Boys Soccer Club is looking for new team members for the winter indoor season and spring "travel" outdoor season. Interested people can attend one of the practices 8-9:30 p.m. Mondays at Mack School in Ann Arbor. For further information, please call Iris at (734) 995-0011.

HATHA YOGA
Hatha yoga classes 9:30-11 a.m., 1:30-3 p.m. and 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 4-5:30 p.m. Sundays in downtown Plymouth. Call Cynthia (734) 420-2418.

RECREATION
The city of Plymouth is taking registration for its childrens/tots gymnastics, dance, arts, Jump-A-Rama, taekwondo, personal development, aerobics and more. For more information, call the recreation division at (734) 455-6620.

POWER SQUADRON
Basic boating education course runs through March 21. The class begins at 7 p.m. at Clague Middle School. The class is open to new or experienced boaters who wish to improve their boating skills. Call (734) 973-0441 for further information.

SKATING CLASSES
Learn to roller skate at Skatin Station II in Canton for children or adults, 7-8 p.m. every Sunday. \$6 per session or \$30 for six weeks. Inline roller hockey leagues for all ages. 10-week session with one game a week for all ages. Call (734) 459-6401 for information.

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

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

VIETNAM VETERANS
Vietnam Veterans will meet at 7:30 p.m. March 12 at 9318 Newburgh. All veterans on active duty Feb. 28, 1961, through May 7, 1975, regardless of duty station, are eligible. For additional info, call Don Dignan at work (313) 845-3752, or home (734) 525-0157.

VEGAS NIGHT
Free admission - door prizes, refreshments and fun, 6 p.m. to midnight, March 24 at the K of C Hall, 150 Fair, Plymouth. Door prizes, blackjack, wheels, dice, roulette and charity game tickets. Call (734) 453-9833 for further information.

NORTHVILLE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Captain D. O'Connell will speak on "The British Military's Relationship to

the Fur Trade." The meeting is at 2:30 p.m. March 11, at the Northville Public Library. For more information call (248) 348-3006.

NACW
The March 13 meeting of the National Association of Career Women will feature guest speaker nurse Janie Thomas from the Homeopathic Clinic in Ann Arbor. This will be held at Ernesto's in Plymouth. Cost is \$18 per member and \$22 for non-members. For reservations or information, call Brenda Durling at (734) 462-4670.

PLYMOUTH POETS
Readings 7-9 p.m. every Thursday night. Featured readers on March 15, hosted by Kathy Mulavey, are Bob Barnett, Danny Rendleman and Jan Worth at the Plymouth Coffee Bean Company.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB
The local club meets on the third Wednesday of every month at Local 845 Hall at 7 p.m. for social and 7:30 for business meeting. For further information, call Becky Tavarozzi (734) 309-5845.

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

WESTSIDE SINGLES
Westside Singles presents Friday night dances. Dances will be held every Friday night at the Burton Manor. Doors open at 8 p.m., dressy attire, budget bar, D.J., 21 years of age and older, price is \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after 8:30 p.m. Call (734) 981-0909 for further information.

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The Knights of Columbus holds a breakfast buffet from 8:30 a.m.-noon every Sunday at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 150 Fair St., Plymouth. All-you-can-eat buffet. Newly remodeled breakfast room. Call (734) 453-9833 for further information.

ARTS COUNCIL
Every second Tuesday at noon you're invited to bring your lunch and learn about art with the speakers from the DIA. The cost is \$5 for members and \$8 for others. Lectures are free to senior citizens. Winter 2001 classes for children-acting, singing, drawing, sketching and painting. For adults-photography, mandala, drawing, sketching, watercolor, salsa dance, and figure drawing with models. Art or drama birthday parties or Scout workshops custom designed for each group (any age) at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. For information, call (734) 416-4278.

KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB
The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8489.

BNI
The Canton II Chapter of Business Network International (BNI) holds its regular meetings 7-8:30 a.m. Wednesday at Millennium Security Services, 42010 Koppernick, Suite 117, Canton. The Plymouth Chapter meets every Thursday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. The Livonia Chapter meets every Friday at Senate Coney Island on Plymouth Road at Stark, Livonia. Call the BNI regional office

at (810) 323-3800.

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

CIVITAN CLUB
The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club meets the first and third Thursdays of the month: business/Salvation Army; dinner/Damon's. Call either (734) 453-7569 or (734) 981-7259.

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

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

M.O.M.
Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) presents guest speakers and discussions from 9:30-11:30 a.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month. Baby-sitting is provided. Call Chere at (734) 416-6214 or Laura at (313) 538-7622.

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

MOMS CLUB
MOMS Club welcomes all western Wayne County stay-at-home mothers to meet at 10 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month. Play group meets every Wednesday. Call Lisa at (734) 844-3685.

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

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

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

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Victim still critical after M-14/Beck crash

BY SUE BUCK
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One man remains in critical condition in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti and another was released following a serious injury accident at 9:20 p.m. March 5 on M-14 and Beck Road.

Michigan State Police said Michael Cannizzaro, 36, of Dearborn, who is listed in critical condition, was driving a Ford Explorer from southbound Beck Road to eastbound M-14 when he lost control of his vehicle. It went into the median east of Beck Road.

A Canton man, 33, who was driving a Ford pickup, stopped to help Cannizzaro. While the Canton man was attempting to pull the Explorer out of the median with his

pickup, a 35-year-old Farmington Hills man lost control of his Isuzu Rodeo when he entered M-14 from southbound Beck Road.

The Isuzu went into the median, struck the pickup, then struck the Explorer and Cannizzaro, who was standing outside the vehicle at the time of the crash.

"Traffic was light," said MSP Trooper Todd Lambert. "That was the night of the snowstorm. A lot of ramps were real icy. They were going too fast for road conditions and lost control."

The pickup driver was treated for a head injury and released.

All of the vehicles were towed to Martins Towing and a hold was placed on them pending further investigation.

Plymouth cop finishes course

BY SUE BUCK
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Communications Supervisor Herbert "Rocky" Rockwell of the Plymouth Township Police Department recently graduated from the Northwestern University Traffic Institute's School of Police Staff and Command.

The institute holds several 10-week sessions per year. It is designed to prepare top- and mid-level law enforcement managers and supervisors for senior agency positions.

Rockwell attended the 143rd class, which met one week a month. Hosted by the Farmington Hills Police Department, the

'It was exciting, entertaining and a challenge.'

Rocky Rockwell
—Plymouth Township officer

course culminated with a graduation luncheon at the Farmington Hills Manor.

"It was exciting, entertaining and a challenge," Rockwell said. "I enjoyed the teachers. It was a joy to go back to school."

The training can be used daily on the job for planning and scheduling and manpower allocation, Rockwell said.

The SPSC program covers the

areas of management and its environment, organizational theory and behavior, human resource administration and skills for planning and analysis. More than 5,400 officers from state, county and municipal agencies have attended the program since 1983.

The Traffic Institute was established at Northwestern University in 1936 for the purpose of expanding the scope of university-level education and training in traffic safety. Since that time the institute broadened its original objective to include training in police operations and management.

Ex-MADD treasurer waives preliminary examination

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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A former Mothers Against Drunk Driving treasurer charged with embezzling from the organization waived her right to a preliminary exam Wednesday.

This means Darlene Hodges, 52, of Westland will face trial on the charges in Wayne County Circuit Court. An arraignment on the information date was set for 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 21, in the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in downtown Detroit.

Judge Carolyn Archbold of Wayne's 29th District Court accepted Hodges' waiver request.

Hodges is charged with five counts of embezzling between \$1,000 and \$20,000. She could face five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine if convicted.

Hodges' attorney, Ray Cassar of Farmington Hills, said waiving the exam is not an admission of guilt on her part.

"We're dealing with this matter downtown," Cassar said. "My client is insisting on her innocence - we want to make sure her rights are protected."

"This is a great lady with no prior record whatsoever," he said, adding that he is continuing to review discovery materials - such as police reports dealing with the embezzlement investigation.

Westland Police Chief Emery Price has said Hodges is sus-

pected of taking the money to gamble. MADD is missing about \$18,500 in money taken from its bank account.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney Margaret Ryner also said the waiver was not an admission of guilt.

"This hearing would have been just to see 'Do we have enough evidence to go to trial?'" Ryner said following the proceeding.

At Hodges' arraignment Feb. 13, Judge Archbold read aloud allegations that Hodges embezzled the money between Dec. 6, 1999, and Nov. 8, 2000.

At that arraignment, Archbold placed a not-guilty plea in Hodges' court file and released her on \$5,000 personal bond.

Hodges, who became involved in MADD 11 years ago after a drunken driver killed her son, was serving as an unpaid volunteer treasurer until she was suspended in November 2000.

Jenny Lozano, chapter administrator of MADD's office on Wayne near Cherry Hill in Westland, said they have taken precautions with money handling.

"We've begun cash consolidation at all chapters," Lozano said. This means all donations go directly to MADD's national offices in Irving, Texas.

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY'S POPULAR PICKS

Every week the Plymouth District Library staff provides the Observer with their list of "Best Sellers" based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library, 453-0750.

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- 3) A Day Late and a Dollar Short, Terry McMillan
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- 2) Ice Bound, Jerri Nelson
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- 4) Who Moved My Cheese, Spencer Johnson
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McNamara, DeGrow meet on airport review

BY MIKE MALOTT
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State senate officials are "cautiously optimistic" that cooperation will improve between Wayne County's Detroit Metropolitan Airport and state reviewers after a private meeting between Dan DeGrow and Ed McNamara.

McNamara, Wayne County Executive, initiated the meeting but not until after the Senate majority leader had threatened in January to use subpoena power if necessary to get the information the state wants for its review of business practices at the airport.

Although the meeting was private, so a full rundown of the discussion is not available, the Wayne executive did promise to make airport employees more accessible to interviews by auditors, according to Aaron Kessler, communications director for DeGrow.

"When the auditors were interviewing employees, managers or their bosses would sit in with them. Employees were not really encouraged to be forthcoming,"



Ed McNamara: Wayne County Executive

Kessler said. The promise DeGrow received from McNamara was that in the future, auditors could interview employees in private.

Airport spokesman Mike Con-

■ 'If we can get what we are asking for, we can get this wrapped up and get out of there.'

Aaron Kessler

Sen. Dan DeGrow Communications Director

way confirmed that McNamara promised the county would no longer have an observer present in those interviews. Previously, observers were included in those meetings, in part, to assure that airport employees followed up on interviews, providing information to auditors if any was requested.

"When they said we were being uncooperative, we called them up and said, 'How can you say that? We've produced hundreds of documents for you.' The only thing Sen. (Glenn) Steil, R-Grand Rapids, could come up with was objection to those observers. So Ed McNamara agreed to change the rule."

Conway contended that the county and airport have been cooperative all along.

Long delays

Kessler could not say whether there had been any discussion of the way document requests are handled. DeGrow said auditors were frustrated by the long delays getting documents they asked for, sometimes getting them late, other times getting them incompletely or not at all. State officials have complained about airport management's monitoring of document requests.

Conway said the purpose of monitoring requests was to make sure airport officials do not lose track of those records once they have been turned over to auditors.

"We are cautiously optimistic," Kessler said. "If we can get what we are asking for, we can get

this wrapped up and get out of there."

Conway describe the recent meeting as "amicable" and "cordial."

DeGrow has said the goal is to complete the review yet this year.

He also has explained that he does not suspect criminal wrongdoing in the operation of the airport, "just mismanagement and incompetence."

No RFPs

Among the problems uncovered so far is a lack of "requests for proposals" in the letting of contracts for services at the airport. One sixth of all contracts, auditors found, were let without RFPs and more than half of all files contain "no evidence" that RFPs were actually ever published. Thirteen of 15 concession and service contracts were routinely renewed without being rebid.

In some contracts, businesses were given incentives for early completion of the projects, but paid extra when the work took longer than expected, DeGrow said.

Contracts at the airport were often found to be as much as 30 percent over budget. In some cases, contractors were 100 percent over budget, auditors reported to the Senate.

In January, DeGrow appointed Steil to chair a committee of five senators to continue the review of airport business practices.

Steil has contended that the airport has been rated as "the worst in the nation."

Kessler pointed out that the airport is what many travelers see first when they arrive in the state.

Conway said the airport currently handled about three times as many passengers as it was originally designed for, and that is exactly why the county is building the new Midfield Terminal, scheduled to go into operation this year.

Conway further pointed out that the state's review is not a full-blown audit. The airport, on the other hand, is getting ready to conduct a full audit. He said the firm has been selected and a contract is currently being drafted.

New access road will ease Metro airport congestion

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Passengers and visitors at Metro Airport shouldn't be inconvenienced by construction this year of the last leg of the south access road to the new midfield terminal, Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara said.

The final leg will link the south access - which will carry traffic from Eureka Road and Interstate 275 to the new mile-long terminal - with Rogell Drive on the north.

While that phase will be more visible than was earlier construction, it should have minimal effect on vehicular traffic, McNamara said during a recent Metro press conference unveiling plans for completing the 10-year, \$144-million road project.

Calling the south access road "the best-kept secret in Metro's \$2-billion capital improvement program," McNamara said the new roadway will offer visitors two options for reaching the airport: Eureka/ I-275 on the south and Rogell/ I-94 on the north.

The access road is scheduled to open later this year along with the new terminal, which will be home to both Northwest Airlines and Metro's three foreign-based carriers, Lufthansa, KLM and British Airways.

"In just 10 short months, the south access road will begin taking travelers to our new, \$1.2 billion, 97-gate terminal with over 80 shops and restaurants," McNamara said.

"This will culminate more than

10 years of vision, planning and construction and (will) help fulfill our promise of transforming Detroit Metro Airport into the world-class facility this community deserves," he said.

The new major access road has been under construction the past 10 years "without much fanfare ... through the middle of one of the world's busiest airports - all the time keeping the facility 100 percent operational," he said.

Much of the final road construction will be done during

evenings and off-peak hours and motorists should experience only minor lane shifts, he said.

During the peak of construction this summer, he said, Metro will maintain three inbound and three outbound lanes of traffic on Rogell - the same level as today.

Extension of the road near Concourse A at the L.C. Smith Terminal already is under way. In the final phase, a new section will be built adjacent to the airport's East Service Drive, even-

tually connecting with Rogell near the Berry International Terminal.

When completed late this year, the south access road will give Metro Airport bragging rights as one of the few airports in the country with major entrances from two interstates, McNamara said.

Airport officials anticipate the Eureka Road entrance off I-275 will be used by up to 60 percent of motorists.

"The south access road will

greatly reduce traffic congestion on I-94, significantly improve traffic flow and offer a whole new way of getting to and from our modernized airport," McNamara said.

"The new road will also offer unique views of the airfield that people have never seen before - taking motorists through underpasses with jets taxiing above and on a roadway with planes taking off on each side.

"For all of us at Wayne County, this project brings us a giant

step closer to our vision of creating a world-class airport.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Ladywood icers fall, 2-1

Grosse Pointe North eliminated Livonia Ladywood, 2-1, in the semifinals of the Michigan High School Girls Hockey League playoffs March 1 at City Sports Center in Detroit.

Ladywood ends the season 14-4-1. After a scoreless opening period, Ladywood's Jana Beumel scored unassisted at the 1:24 mark.

After Ladywood successfully fought off a 5-on-3 disadvantage at the end of the second period, North's Allison Scarfone tied the game at 4:24 of the third period from Christina Schroder after Blazer netminder Megan Shefferly blocked four rebound attempts.

North's Amy Holloway then scored the game-winner with 1:31 left from Alyssa Simon and Jennifer Boutin with a two-man advantage.

The Blazers pulled their goal with a four-man attack with Sara Sharp attempting two breakaway attempts.

The loss marked the final games for seniors Tiffany McFaddin, Pamela Smart, Andrea Siwicki and Shefferly. Two members of the inaugural team remain in Beumel and Laura Lasker.

Shefferly, Beumel and Mickey Fallon were named first-team All-State, while Katie Karabelski, Mary Beth O'Dea and earned honorable mention honors.

All-League selections included Molly Zarb, Sharp, Siwicki and Smart.

At Tuesday's team banquet, Shefferly and Fallon were named team co-MVPs, while Megan Predmesky earned Most Improved.

Other award winners included McFaddin, Athletic Directors; Zarb, Spirit/Hustle; and Siwicki, Defensive Player.

Icicles earn 1st place

The Icicles, a precision skating team based at Livonia's Edgar Arena, recently finished first in the Youth Synchronized Formation (large group) competition at Southgate.

Members of the Icicles, coached by Colleen Nichols and Dawn Trescone-Forgas, include Taylor Pinkerton, Shannon Coponen, Hannah Smith, Courtney Campbell, Kate Kovarik, Hillary Menestrina, Nicole Shaver, Veronica Allen, Christine Sylvia, Carly Abramas, Cassie Haupt, Amanda Haupt, Rachel Jurczyszyn and Nicole Wozniak, all of Livonia; also Diana Merlino, Plymouth; and Kristie Mitchell, Oxford.

Icettes 1st at Southgate

The Livonia Edgar Arena Icettes, a Teen Synchronized Skating (large group) team, recently finished first in competition at Southgate and third at the Zion (Ill.) Precision Classic.

Members of the Icettes, coached by Melissa Kos and Dawn Trescone-Forgas, include: Beth Alderman, Emily Alderman, Amy Burley, Suzanne Burley, Allison Diakow, Stephanie Doyle, Alissa Gatewood, Andrea Haas, Angela Harris, Lindsay Kos, Megan Lamontagne, Nicole Larsson, Megan Line, Kimberly Meyer, Karen Ostalecki, Amanda Regulski, Laura Robert, Kathryn Takach, Amy Witt and Nicole Zammit, all of Livonia; also Danielle, Lisa and Michelle Longeway, all of Northville.

IceLine team runner-up

Ice Line, a Senior Youth Synchronized (large group) skating team from Livonia's Edgar Arena, recently finished second at Southgate and in the Zion (Ill.) Precision Classic.

Members of Ice Line, coached by Melissa Kos and Dawn Trescone-Forgas, include Angeliqne Briggs, Chelsea Bathurst, Audrey Burskey, Suzie Esch, Heather Gatewood, Jaclyn Grubeck, Lauren Grubeck, Sara Gutowski, Lindsey Haas, Jessica Haddad, Lauren Harmon, Renee Kresta, Alison Messer, Danielle Mika, Amy Pisz, Samantha Singer and Amy Witkowski, all of Livonia; also Colleen Allmayer, Farmington; and Cara Sadler, South Lyon.

Westland ice show

The City of Wayne Department of Parks and Recreation and Silver Picks will present its "School Days" figure skating ice show at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 6-7, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 8 at the Wayne Community Center.

Pre-sale tickets are \$4.50 (adult) and \$3.50 (seniors and students). Tickets are the door are \$5 and \$4.

For more information, call (734) 721-7400.

Ocelots 1 win away from 'Hutch'



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

With the flush: Schoolcraft's Sam Hoskin dunks one through for one of his game-high 27 points in an 87-64 win over Vincennes.

S'craft seizes Region 12 title after 87-64 win vs. Vincennes

COLLEGE HOOPS

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Any doubt about the Schoolcraft men's basketball team being able to compete with the top junior college teams in the country was erased Thursday night.

The Ocelots, playing on their home floor, stormed past fabled Vincennes (Ind.) with an impressive 87-64 victory to claim its first-ever NCJAA Region 12 championship.

Schoolcraft, 30-2 overall, is just one win away from making the cut for the 16-team National Junior College Athletic Association Division I tournament (March 20-24) in Hutchinson, Kan.

At 2 today, Schoolcraft will host Region 13 champ Gogebic of Ironwood, Mich., sporting a 21-8 record, for the right to play in Hutchinson.

Vincennes, ranked No. 7 in the NJCAA and winners of 30 of 37 Region championships, was overwhelmed by Schoolcraft's relentless pressure defense and fierce rebounding.

The Trailblazers, who bowed at 26-5 overall, were outplayed in nearly every facet of the game.

"Overall I thought our team hustle was a little better than theirs and we were able to play defense for 40 minutes," said Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs, who has orchestrated a remarkable four-year record of 103-21 and has the Ocelots on the verge of their first trip to the nationals. "We played the way we expected to play at home and being that it was for a Region championship.

"This is certainly our biggest win in school history and it was nice to see all

Today's game

Schoolcraft College (30-2) will host Gogebic (21-8) of Ironwood Michigan at 2 p.m. Sunday (March 11) for the right to go to the 16-team National Junior College Athletic Association tournament. Gogebic has won 13 of its last 14 games, while Schoolcraft has captured 17 straight. Tickets are \$4.

the people in our administration there who have helped support us."

Vincennes had no answers Region 12 MVP Sam Hoskin.

The 6-foot-8, 260-pound center from Redford Bishop Borgess via transfer from Eastern Kentucky University, poured in a game-high 27 points on 10 of 17 shooting.

Guard Derrick Bird added 18 points, while point-guard Dave McGlown added 15. Starting forward Keanan Weir also came up big with 12 points.

Meanwhile, the Ocelots held Vincennes leading scorer Andre Horton to just two points after the 5-10 guard had 30 points the night before in a 94-74 semifinal win over Lansing. The other starting guard, Jon Knoche, laid a goose egg in the scorebook.

"I thought our guard play was very good," Briggs said. "Derrick Bird and Mike Peek did a heck of a job on him (Horton). He (Horton) didn't get a good look at the basketball all night."

Schoolcraft trailed only once in the game, 5-4 at the 16:57 mark of the opening half.

Weir's three-pointer at the buzzer ended the half coming out of a timeout

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Cougars shave Wayne in OT, 61-53

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Justin Ockerman and his Garden City teammates aren't quite ready for baseball season just yet.

The 6-foot-9 pro pitching prospect loomed large in Friday's Class A district basketball championship at Romulus with 23 points and 17 rebounds as the Cougars overhauled Wayne Memorial in overtime, 61-53.

Garden City, 21-2 overall, captured its first district crown since 1985 when Skip Barnett and Steve Dunning led the Cougars to regional final against Detroit Southwestern.

The Cougars move on to the regional semifinals 7:30 p.m. this Wednesday to face host Lansing Sexton.

"I hope this earn us some respect, not because of where we're at and our record, but because of how hard we play and our ability to hang in there," said GC coach Greg Williamson, who won three close district games this week. "There's nothing better than this. These are moments and memories for a lifetime. I was day-dreaming the other day that we'd be making a bus ride to Lansing and that dream came true."

BOYS DISTRICT HOOPS

Wayne, which bowed out at 12-11 overall, couldn't hold a 10-point lead in regulation with just over five minutes to play.

That's when Ockerman became a man possessed, seemingly coming up with big shot after big shot and dominating the backboards.

His inside score with six seconds left in regulation forced OT at 51-44.

"It's all about basketball right now," said Ockerman, the kid with the strong right arm. "The last few games a lot of guys have stepped up and come through at the end for us."

"Wayne played us tough. They were in there battling for rebounds and I was just trying to tip in balls. Both teams really wanted it and worked their tails off."

Colin Sizemore, a 6-3 senior who finished with 19 points, combined with Ockerman to score 29 of GC's 31 points during the final 12 minutes.

A basket by Mike Rashad, however, with 5:17 to play gave Wayne a 48-38 advantage. But the Zebras missed a layup to go up by 12 and took two ill-advised three-point attempts which let Garden City back in the game.

Sizemore started the comeback with a pair of 3's and Ockerman tied it at 50-all with 1:14 left followed by a free throw with exactly one minute to go to give the Cougars a 51-50 edge.

Wayne's Earl Brinston, who had a team-high 16 points, responded by draining a 3-pointer with 29 seconds remaining for a 53-51 Zebra lead.

GC then called a timeout and worked the ball into Ockerman, who cashed in to force a four-minute extra session.

It was all Cougars in the OT as GC outscored Wayne 8-2. The Zebras only field goal came with 9.4 seconds to play when point-guard Gary Johnson, who finished with 15, hit a leaver just inside the 3-point line.

Wayne made just one of nine field goal tries in overtime.

"I thought our guys came out and played with Ockerman, they battled him," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said. "But I have to tip my hat off to him. He really came to play and he was the man inside."

Wayne led 15-12 after one quarter, but Garden City pulled ahead 29-23 at halftime with a 17-8 second-quarter run.

The Cougars, however, went stone-cold in the third quarter, making just three of 19 shots.

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Redford withstands CC challenge, 64-53

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For 32 minutes, Redford Catholic Central showed it could play with top-ranked Detroit Redford.

But for 13 minutes of the second half, the Shamrocks couldn't shoot with Redford's Dion Harris. And that stretch proved to be the difference as the Huskies knocked host CC out of the Class A playoffs with a 64-53 district semifinal win on Thursday.

"We felt good going into the half (up 30-29)," said CC coach Rick Coratti as his team ended the season at 17-4. "We felt good coming out of half time. We had good shots, we just didn't hit them."

Actually, there were more reasons than cold shooting and a hot Harris, who wound up leading all scorers with 28 points. The Huskies (19-1) held CC's leading scorer, Ryan Celeskey, to just eight points and the Shamrocks' bench to just a point. It didn't hurt Redford that it was 21-for-36 from the line and 9 of 12 through the first three quarters,

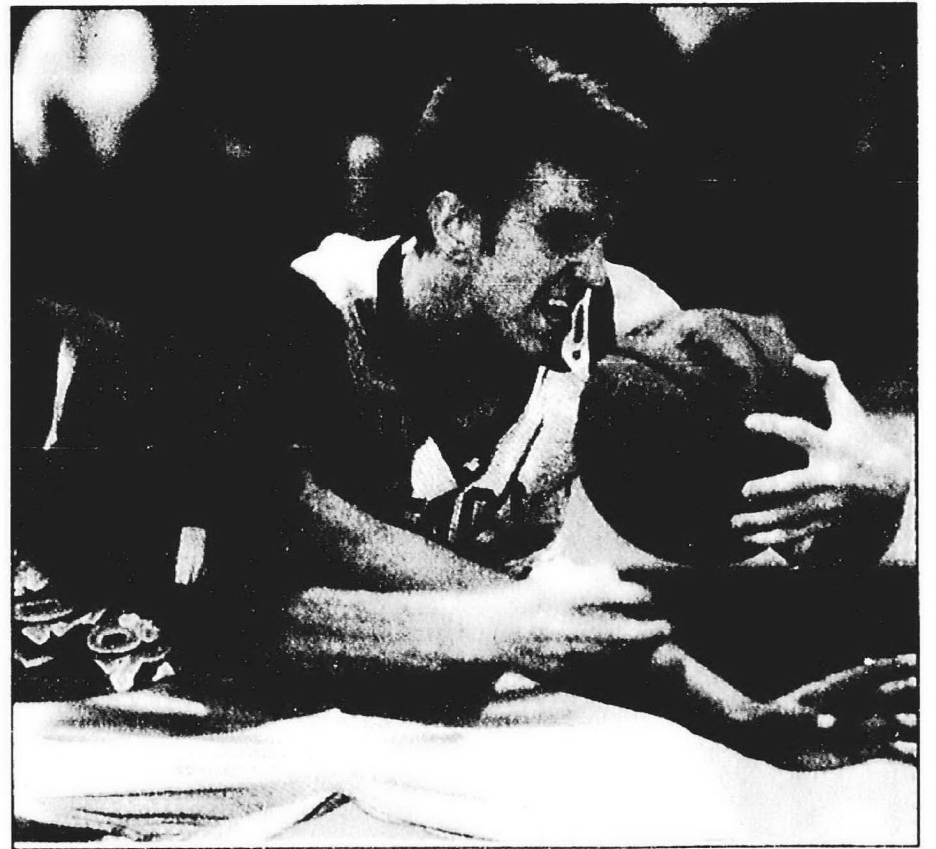
before CC had to foul to catch up. And it didn't help CC that it was 4-for-10 from the line and missed the front end of three 1-and-1 situations.

"In the first half they ran us ragged," said Huskies' coach Derrick McDowell. "They started missing in the second half and we started making them. I thought we did a better job of playing defense in the second half. We got the shots we wanted and got the ball to Dion."

Mark Willoughby, Tom Jakacki and Anthony Coratti did the bulk of CC's scoring, with 23, 11 and 10 points respectively. But of the 45 points among the three, 27 came in the first half as they led the Shamrocks to the 30-29 lead.

Momentum switched in a big way in the third quarter. Harris kicked it in gear, scoring 11 points in the quarter, while the Shamrocks couldn't buy a basket. Celeskey and Coratti hit 3-pointers, but that was the only scoring as the Shamrocks not only went 2-for-9 in the period, but turned the ball over

Please see CC ELIMINATED, B2



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

They want it: Redford Catholic Central's Steve Larkin (right) tries to fend off a Detroit Redford player for the loose ball in Thursday's Class A district semifinal.

Agape falls to district champion Aggies

Since St. Agatha hadn't won a district crown in three years, the players thought they would do something special in the district finals — a big comeback.

The Aggies overcame a 15-point deficit at halftime to win their first Class D district title since 1998 as they stopped Academy of Inkster in overtime, 72-70, at Detroit Urban Lutheran.

"We were down 15 at halftime and we weren't stopping them from penetrating," said St. Agatha coach John Fenbert as his team travels to Hillsdale College on Tuesday night for a regional semifinal against Adrian Lenawee Christian. "He (Academy's Brandon Adams) moved well and he got easy layups in the first half. We finally stopped them when we went into a full-court, man-to-man defense. We pressured their guards and got back into the game. Elvin Holmes did a very good job of playing defense."

After a 61-all tie in regulation, the overtime saw-sawed until Mike Law hit an NBA 3-pointer — his 10th in two days — to put the Aggies up for good at 70-67. After the Tigers missed a shot to try and tie it, they fouled Chris Mayers, who hit both free throws to put St. Agatha up, 72-67. The Tigers then hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer for the final score.

Dan Boulter scored 29 points on a twisted ankle that held him to just four points the night before against Canton Agape Christian, while Kenny Smith had 16 points, Law had 14 with four 3's and Mayers had 10. Brandon Adams led the Tigers with 30 points.

CLASS D BOYS HOOPS

On Thursday, Agape Christian did its best to stop St. Agatha's inside game.

But the Wolverines had no answer for the Aggies' outside game as St. Agatha wound up with a 76-61 win.

"We covered up inside, stopping (Dan) Boulter and (Kenny) Smith," said Agape coach Chuck Henry after his team ended the season at 15-5. "It's one of the few times all year we've been outshot from behind the arc."

The Aggies drained nine 3-pointers on the game to six for the Wolverines. Law led the way, hitting six 3's to wind up with 23 points, while Mayers hit two more and had 22 points.

"Boulter had rolled his ankle in practice and got just four points," said Fenbert. "But the other guys really stepped it up. They made a couple of runs at us, but we didn't break."

Smith added 16 points for the Aggies, who led in every quarter.

Paul Anleitner led Agape with 28 points, while Charlie Henry had 12, Josh Anthony had 11 and Paul Chrenko had 11 rebounds.

"It was a good season overall," said Henry, ending his first season at Agape after coming over from Wayne Memorial. "We were 14-1 overall at one point, but then we were down to seven players."



Midget B champions: The Livonia Sabres captured the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association Michigan Hockey Cup title with a 3-1 victory March 4 over host Troy as John Jashot scored the game-winning goal. The Sabres reached the final with a 3-2 win earlier in the day over Dearborn. On March 4, the Sabres defeated Westland (6-4) and Mount Clemens (3-1), while tying Esconaba (2-2). Other members of the District 5 championship team include: Gabe Villaruel, Tony Grassel, Alex Mancina, Mike Clarey, Dru Girard, Ryan Vella, Dennis Reetz, Eric Sabuda, Keith Gulareki, John Hanley, Brandon Czehaj, Ben Tyndell, Dan Paterra, Chris Guido, Paul Hetu, Brian Guido and Ryan Gulareki. Mike Grassel is the head coach, assisted by Chuck Vella, Mark Sabuda, Dan Gulareki and Mike Guido. The team manager is Al Tyndell.

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Meanwhile, Wayne's Jeff Logwood scored eight of his 11 during the third to push the Zebras up by three, 41-38.

That momentum continued well into the fourth quarter, but the Zebras couldn't close it out.

But it was a far cry from the last meeting (Feb. 20) between the two schools when Garden City dominated from start to finish en route to a 67-55 win.

"We did a better job of being selective and taking care of the

ball," Woodard said. "We also did a better job of defending and taking them off their dribble penetration."

Wayne limited GC's three-point shooting threat Brandon Audette to eight points, but it was Audette's passes into the post that allowed Ockerman to score.

There were other heroes as well for GC.

"We had some guys who played a lot of minutes,"

Williamson said. "Rick Warnock weighs a buck-60 (160 pounds) and had to chase (Gary) Johnson around screens all night long. And Sizemore hung in there with four fouls and was able to make plays."

"We also had two sophomores, Brian Burton and Jason Wright, in there the fourth quarter. It says alot that they were able to step in and contribute in that type of pressure situation."

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four times.

It didn't get any better in the fourth, either. Willoughby hit his head on the floor and had to come out of the game. Without their leading scorer, the Shamrocks struggled and missed their next eight shots. Willoughby came back into the game and nailed a 3-pointer with 3:10 to play to end the drought, but the damage was done.

CC started to hit more from the floor, but the Huskies nailed 11 points from the line — seven in the final minute — to thwart the comeback.

In all, CC was 20-for-54 from the floor, with 14 turnovers, while Redford was 19-for-43 and coughed the ball up just 10 times. DeMarcus Ishmeal added 15 points for the Huskies.

"Everything they did on offense was because of their defense," said coach Coratti. "They do everything off their defense. We expected Harris to do exactly what he did. But the kids never quit, even in the final minute. We got it down to six, but they held us off. We played hard and I'm proud of them."



United undefeated: Livonia United, an under-15 girls' premier soccer team finished unbeaten in both the first and second sessions in the under-16 division at Total Soccer in Wixom. Members of United, which also finished 10-0 in the second division of the Michigan State Premier League, include: Laura Boles, Susan Christenson, Kristin Dolmetsch, Amanda Friedline, Kelly Goris, Sunny Grezlik, Maureen Jackson, Mindy Magoullick, Megan McConnell, Jaclyn Morawa, Anna Rickard, Kaitlin Risk, Laura Rybicki, Tammy Unsworth, Christine Williams, Lia Williamson, Daniell Winiesdorffer. United is coached by Steve Strauch and Nick Nitchov. The team trainer is Matt Pace.

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gave Schoolcraft a 36-22 half-time cushion.

"I knew that was a good sign when Keanan hit that 'three' from the corner," Briggs said. "That gave us some momentum for the second half because for about five minutes our offense was at a standstill with Sam and Derrick out of the game."

The 6-6 Weir, inserted into the lineup recently as a defensive stopper and rebounder, came up with a pair of 'threes.'

"If I'm open, I can shoot it," the Detroit King product said. "I just play a role and do whatever it takes to help the team."

"We ran a 'Down-4' play at the end of the half where we spread it out and let Mike Peek penetrate. He got me the ball and once I got me feet set, I shot it and it went in."

The Ocelots were just 14 of 43 from the floor (32 percent) in the opening half, but seemed to come up with every missed shot. Several times 6-4 forward Dwight Windom kept balls alive on the offensive boards.

Vincennes, meanwhile, never made a serious challenge in the second half. The Trailblazer only got as close as 12 points.

Peek's three-pointer with 11:42 remaining gave Schoolcraft a commanding 66-39 advantage.

The Ocelots shot a blistering 20 of 31 in the second half (64.5 percent).

"They (Schoolcraft) just wanted it more," said Vincennes coach Dan Sparks, who has over 600 wins and is a recent inductee into the NJCAA Hall of Fame. "We have only two people who really wanted it, and nobody else stepped up."

"We knew we had to stop Hoskin inside. Three times he lowered his shoulder in the first half and ran over our guys, and the officials don't call it. There's nothing you can do at that point."

The Trailblazers got a team-high 19 points from 6-8 center Omonivi Makun of Lagos, Nigeria.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Highway robbery: Schoolcraft point-guard Dave McGlown (right) comes up with the steal against Vincennes in Thursday's Region 12 championship.

Marshall Williams, a former Mr. Basketball from Wisconsin and transfer from North Carolina State, was the only other Vincennes player in double figures with 13.

Vincennes committed 17 turnovers and shot just 24 of 61 from the floor (39.3 percent). Schoolcraft had 13 turnovers and was 34 of 74 from the floor (45.9 percent).

"They (Schoolcraft) have good guards and their point-guard (McGlown) really hurt us," Sparks said. "Our point-guard (Horton) was ineffective. He

doesn't work hard enough without the ball to get open.

"We didn't do anything right." Defense may have been the deciding factor. The Ocelots were simply more active.

"We knew we had to play a complete game for 40 minutes because they (Vincennes) are a good team with a lot of tradition," Weir said. "We knew if we played hard and played good defense, the outcome would be a win."

And what a win it was for the Schoolcraft men's basketball program.

WOMEN'S REGION 12 COLLEGE BASKETBALL TOURNEY

Francois nets 26 points, grabs 22 rebounds in S'craft victory

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball is making a run of its own during post-season play.

Redford Thurston's Kelly Grenan and Devin Francois each scored 26 points Friday, leading the Lady Ocelots to an 83-72 victory over Flint Mott in the semi-finals of the NJCAA Region 12-District H tournament at Delta Community College. (Results of that game will appear in Thursday's Observer.)

Schoolcraft, 24-5 overall, met Owens Tech (Ohio) in Saturday's District H championship game for the right to advance into the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II tournament scheduled for March 21-24 in Hagerstown, Md.

Angelica Blakely added 10 points for Schoolcraft, which led the Lady Bears 33-28 at half-time.

Schoolcraft made 29 of 34 free throws (85.2 percent) compared

with Mott's 12 of 19 (63.1 percent).

Tyra Gay paced Mott (22-8 overall) with a game-high 28 points, while Nakia Woods added 19.

SCHOOLCRAFT 71, LAKELAND (OHIO) 63: The Lady Ocelots opened District H play Thursday with a victory over Lakeland (22-7) as Devin Francois grabbed 22 rebounds, 15 on the offensive end, to go along with a team-high 17 points.

Four other Schoolcraft players

scored in double figures included Janell Olson and Rachel Eley, 11 each; Angelica Blakely and Shafawnda Smelley, 10 each.

Blakely also had 12 rebounds, while Eley dished out four assists.

Schoolcraft outrebounded the Lakers, 55-37. The Lady Ocelots were 31 of 85 from the field (37.3 percent).

Lakeland, which trailed by only three at halftime, 36-33, got 20 points apiece from Cyrita Johnson and Heidi Galm.

Monica Gerlosky added 10.

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THE 100-YARD SWIMMER

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Members of the Ice Flairs include: Allison Brown, Eric Douglas, James Brown, Elizabeth Fink, Kara Peterson, Paige Harter, Chelsea Hoge, Kayleigh Kavanagh, Julia Lavier, Sara Lavier, Chinn Lillian, Elizabeth McIlwain, Beth Messerina, Anna Phillips, Chelsea Pankerton, Rachel Probst, Shayan Reckley, Rebecca Ramon, Megan Reid, Megan Smith and Emily Ann, all of Livonia; also Michelle Almayor, Farmington; Rebecca Sadler and Alexa Anglin, South Lyon; and Ashley Mitchell, Oxford.

LIVONIA SWIMMING STARS

Laura Timson of Livonia captured the girls 10-and-under 50- and 100-yard breaststroke events at the U.S. Swimming (USS) Michigan 12-and-under state meet March 2-4 in Rockford.

Timson also finished third in the 100 individual medley and fifth in the 200 IM. She swam on two relays with the Ann Arbor Swim Club/Plymouth YMCA (AASCY) teams as the medley relay finished third and the freestyle relay finished fifth.

Timson, fifth-grader at Webster Elementary School, has qualified to swim in the two breaststroke and two IM events at the USS Zone Meet in August. She also swims for the Newburgh Swim Club Sharks during the summer.

Teammate Carleigh Schwartz placed a close second place to Timson in both the 50 and 100 breaststroke events.

COLLEGIATE SWIM NOTES

Thanks to the efforts of two area performers, Eastern Michigan University captured the Mid-American Conference men's swimming and diving championships March 1-5 at Miami of Ohio with a record 866 points.

Sophomore Keith Falk (Livonia Swimmers) captured the 1000-yard freestyle with a personal best 14:45.85 on route to first-team all-MAC honors.

Falk also received personal bests in the 400-yard freestyle (4:28.88), 800-yard freestyle (9:58.88), 100 freestyle (1:41.66).

In the finals, Mackins took fourth in the 100 freestyle, eighth in the 200 freestyle and 15th in the 50 freestyle.

He was also a member of the first-place 400 freestyle relay and runner-up 800 freestyle relay, along with the third-place 200 freestyle relay.

CVLHS SWIMMING SHOW

The Livonia Clarenceville Athletic Booster Club will present its annual Touch of Spring arts and crafts show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 31.

Over 150 artisans will display their creations.

Proceeds will provide college scholarships, training equipment, uniforms and other items used to maintain the extra-curricular sports budget.

The show offers a variety of shooper services including babysitting, snack bar and raffle of craft items.

SPRING HOOP TOURNAMENT

The Youth Basketball of America Great Lakes Spring Invitational basketball tournament (boys ages 12-14) will be Friday through Sunday, March 16-18 at Allen Park High School and Middle School.

The cost is \$275 per team, which includes round-robin three-game guarantee.

For more information, contact Kevin Wilkinson, Jeff Bradley or Vito Antonazzo via e-mail at Basketball@tournamentsusa.com. Also visit the websites www.yboa.com or www.tournamentsusa.com.

YOUTH BASEBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts (pitchers only) for the Westland Federation 13-year-old travel baseball team will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 6 at Burger School.

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Shamrocks stop Grandville

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

They finally found an arena big enough to hold Catholic Central and its fans. They're still looking for a hockey team that can.

CC moved to within a game of an unprecedented third-straight Division I Michigan High School Athletic Association hockey title Friday night with a tougher than it looked 5-0 victory over overwhelmed Grandville at Flint IMA Arena.

The Shamrocks played Port Huron Northern Saturday night in the championship game.

After three regional games and a quarterfinal where even the parking lots weren't enough to contain the CC rosters, Friday's game was played in a spacious Flint IMA where the fans looked lost.

And for 2 1/2 periods, the Shamrocks were on the verge of getting lost, too. The Bulldogs (21-7-1) didn't get a single shot on goal in the first period - yet

PREP HOCKEY

they escaped with the score tied. They held the favored Shamrocks off the scoreboard for two-thirds of the second period, too.

But Brett John fired in a shot from the left point with 3:43 left in the middle period on CC's 28th shot of the game. They ended the period with a 33-4 edge in shots on goal - and a 1-0 lead.

"Sure I was concerned," CC coach Gordie St. John said. "I was really concerned. There's no reason to think they can't (score, then score again to win)."

Just one problem.

It's tough to get a lucky goal from your own end of the ice. Grandville couldn't mount any sustained offensive effort at any point in the game. The Bulldogs didn't get their first shot on goal until John-Paul Bida swept in on left wing and took a shot 13 seconds into the second period.

"When you're spending so

much energy on your end, it's tough," Grandville coach Dave Hutton said. "But that's the type of hockey team we are. When it was 1-0, 2-0, all we needed was a couple of bounces."

"But, hey, we weren't even supposed to be on the ice with them. I'm proud to say that we were."

The Shamrocks toiled around Bulldog goalie Aaron Vitali so much he should have had whiplash. They buzzed in one side, then around behind the net to the other.

He made sensational save after sensational save. And when he didn't, the pipes did.

"That," Vitali said, "was the probably the funnest game I've played in my career. And I've played travel hockey."

Twice in the last minute of the second period Vitali stoned Jared Ross and Ricky Buttery. Right after the first goal, he denied Ryan Lasecki twice in less than 30 seconds.

But ever been out in the January deep freeze with a just a light jacket? The cold doesn't seem so bad at first, but it relentlessly comes at you and finally chills you to the bone.

CC's hockey team is like that. Finally it broke through - three seconds after Grandville called a timeout to regroup for a final charge.

The faceoff took place to Vitali's left and John Perkovich wristed in a shot from the top of the circle with 4:48 to play.

Bryan Genrich then slipped a slap shot by Vitali from the top of the right faceoff circle with 3:32 left, then scored again 34 seconds later in a shot from the slot through a muddle of players that made it 4-0.

Buttery closed out the scoring with 42 seconds left when he hit the top of the net over Vitali's right shoulder.

CC ended up with a 42-12 edge in shots on goal.

"We had 10 or 11 shots," Vitali said. "But they weren't quality shots. You're not going to win a game like that."

"To be honest, I thought it was going to be worse. I thought they were going to have 50 or 60 shots. But as far as goals, I figured they would score four or five."

"They were as good as their record and their ranking - both in Michigan and nationally. But I still thought we were going to win it until the end. We won our last two games like that, trailing 1-0 and then coming from behind in the third period to win."

"They were every bit as good as everybody told us they would be," Hutton said. "But remember we've got only four kids on our team who play travel hockey. Everybody else is just a kid from the community."

"Catholic Central is a tremendous hockey team and it was just a great compliment to our team just to play them."

"They are a very gritty team," St. John said. "They played very well in their defensive game. They had to be exhausted yet they never quit. You could see why they were here. We didn't know anything about them at all."

Andrew McCoy notched his first shutout of the post-season and was only asked to make a couple of tough saves, both in the first 12 minutes of the final period.

The Shamrocks showed grit by refusing to get frustrated. They were as relentless as the ocean tide.

And like the tide, they finally prevailed.

Editor's note: Results of the state final were unavailable at press time.

ALL-WLAA HOCKEY TEAMS

ALL-WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION 2000-01 HOCKEY TEAMS ALL-CONFERENCE

Goalies: Kevin Marlowe, Sr., Livonia Stevenson; Chris Garbutt, Sr., Livonia Franklin.

Defensemen: Josh Lutzman, Jr., Livonia Stevenson; Adam Jakubowski, Jr., Livonia Churchill.

Forwards: Bobby Zagata, Sr., Livonia Stevenson; Rob Ryan, Sr., Northville; Josh Garbutt, Sr., Livonia Franklin.

Coach of Year: Terry Jobbitt, Franklin.

ALL-LAKES DIVISION

Goalie: Vlad Hritcu, Sr., Walled Lake Central.

Defensemen: Preston Picard, Jr., Farmington Unified; Matt Calus, Sr., Livonia Stevenson.

Forwards: Mark Blazok, Sr., Livonia Stevenson; Steve Nagel, Sr., Plymouth Salem; Dave Bonello, Sr., Livonia Stevenson; Matt Lee, Jr., Farmington Unified.

Coach of Year: Ed Shepler, Stevenson.

ALL-WESTERN DIVISION

Goalie: Matt Williams, Sr., Livonia Churchill.

Defensemen: Matt Krug, Soph., Livonia Churchill; John Nichol, Sr., Livonia Franklin; Aaron Selwood, Sr., Northville.

Forwards: Aaron Jakubowski, Jr., Livonia Churchill; Tim Hillebrand, Jr., Northville; Brad Wolfe, Sr., Plymouth Canton.

Coach of Year: Pete Mazzoni, Churchill.

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Stevenson: Bryan Skekell, Bret Veasey, Jon O'Neill, Dave Mifsud, Tommy Zagata, Ken Koehler; **Franklin:** Sam Dismuke, Gordie Statham, Jason Robinson, Ryan Tracy, Paul Statham, Andy Garbutt, Anders Wendel; **Churchill:** Jeff Andes, Mike Andes, Rory Cesarz, Sean Smith, Tom McKee; **Canton:** Brandon Collop, John Bockstanz, Brad Arznov, Sean Depp; **Northville:** Scott Schaefer, Brandon Caverly; **Farmington:** Brian Marlon, Greg Diven, Kurk Laird, Brad Heraghty, Mike Frayne, Glenn Heran, Tim

Dupula; **Walled Lake Central:** Ferr, C.J. Kirk; **Plymouth Salem:** Nagel, Mike; **Thackerville:** Young, Dave; **GM, And:** Walled Lake Stevenson; **Port Huron:** Ryan Butler, Eric; **Walled Lake Central:** W.L. Central, 0-4-1.

Final Standings:

Lake Division 1. Stevenson, 12-1-1; 2. (tie) Farmington and Salem, 11-2-1; 3. Canton, 10-3-1; 4. W.L. Central, 0-4-1.

Western Division 1. Franklin, 12-1-1; 2. Churchill, 4-1-3; 3. Canton, 10-3-1; Northville, 3-4-1; 6. W.L. Central, 0.

WLAA Overall: 1. Stevenson, 12-1-1; 2. Churchill, 11-2-3; 3. Franklin, 11-2-1; 4. Northville, 8-7-1; 5. Canton, 8-7-1; 6. Farmington, 5-8-3; 7. W.L. Central, 3-10-3; 8. Salem, 3-11-2; 9. W.L. Central, 2-13-1.

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Scoring: 1. (tie) Josh Garbutt (47), 15 goals, 11 assists/26 points; Rob Ryan (N), 13-13/26; 3. (tie) Bobby Zagata (LS), 14-9/23; John Bockstanz (PC), 9-14/23; 6. Brad Wolfe (PC), 10-12/22; 8. (tie) Sean Depp (PC), 9-12/21; Gordie Statham (LF), 9-12/21; 8. (tie) Anders Wendel (LF), 8-12/20; Tim Hillebrand (N), 8-12/20; 10. (tie) Jon O'Neill (LS), 7-12/19; 11. (tie) Eric Wojciechowski (WLW), 7-7/18; Adam Blerley (LF), 8-9/18; Andy Garbutt (LF), 3-13/16; 21. (tie) Matt Lee (F), 12-3/15; Sam Dismuke (LF), 6-9/15; 23. (tie) Alan Stevenson (WLW), 7-7/14; Aaron Jakubowski (LC), 6-8/14; Brandon Caverly (N), 10/14; Brandon Collop (PC), 9-11/14.

Goaltending: 1. Matt Williams (LS), 1.55 goals-against; 2. Kevin McCoy (LS), 1.66; 3. Ryan McBrook (LS), 2.00; 4. Chris Garbutt (LF), 2.26; 5. Brad Arznov (PC), 2.78; 6. Brad Diven (F), 3.07; 7. David By-Bone (N), 3.14; 8. Vlad Hritcu (WLC), 3.70; 9. Scott Stukel (PS), 4.22; 10. Ryan Van Eaton (WLW), 5.43; 11. Andy Dogonski (PS), 6.23.

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Risking their necks for the thrill

BY ANDREW FENTON

Motocross has gained quite a bit of popularity in the last few years, and the reason for this is probably the media exposure.

These days you can see motocross on TV on channels like ESPN and Speedvision almost every day. It has also gained notoriety by having events held on popular shows like the X-Games and NBC's Gravity Games.

Names like Jeremy McGrath are becoming known thanks to commercials for companies like 1-800-COLLECT and arenas are packed with spectators for indoor events. I wanted to find out more about this sport and get a taste of the local competition. What I found was pretty surprising and very interesting.

Most people have heard of motocross or dirt biking, but few understand the excitement, rigors and beauty of the sport.

Here's a brief description of how it works. Riders are divided into age, bike size and skill level. Each rider has a motorcycle or bike ranging in engine size from 50 to 400cc's and 50 to 250 lbs. All the riders line up at the starting gate which usually has places for about 40 bikes and riders. Before the gate is dropped, all the riders make their engines rev high and loud in anticipation.

When they are released, they rocket out of their gate toward a narrowing corner. The first rider out is said to have the "hole shot."

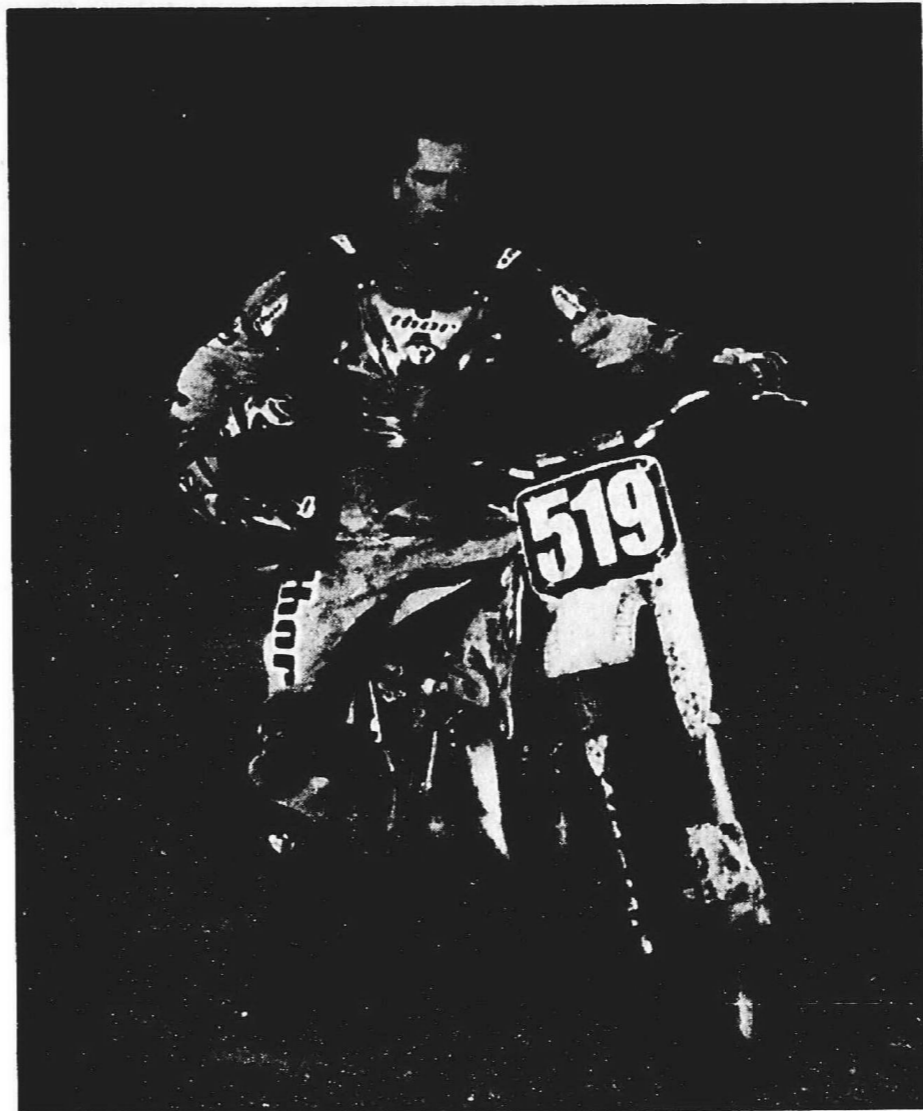
The rest of the race consists of completing a predetermined number of laps around a marked course. The dirt track has numerous obstacles created to make the race more interesting. (See box.) The first one to cross the finish line after his last lap wins.

Tom Savicas, 23, of Romulus, has been riding for four years and says "Any time you take 250 pounds of machinery, and you're out jumping it, there's going to be risk involved. That's what I think is really helping the sport. Everybody sees how tough it is. That's what Americans strive for; to be on the edge all the time."

The feeling that these riders experience during a race evokes both excitement and fear and is in itself one reason why they love the sport.

"When you're out there, I mean, racing's just a rush," said Savicas. "It's hard to explain but you're competing against forty or fifty other guys and it's just the greatest feeling in the world."

"The adrenaline is definitely flowing (before the race). You're looking down and you've got forty gates all full of bikes the same size as yours and you can hear them all revving. And you're looking down the straight and the straightaway comes into about a ten or fifteen foot left-hand turn, and you're thinking, how are all forty of us going to fit into that corner at one time? And as soon as the



In gear: Tom Savicus lives for the thrill of motocross.

gate drops, you just, you forget all that. The wrist just cracks and you're praying to God that you're the first one there or the last one. One or the other."

Dan Gill, 17, of Canton, has been riding for six years. He loves the sport for the unpredictability and the challenge of pushing yourself and your bike to new limits.

"You set your mind into it," said Gill. "You get into a state where no matter what anyone tells you, if you think you can do it, then no matter what, even if odds are totally against you, you are going to do it."

The risk of bodily harm is always present when you get on a motorcycle, but it becomes a whole lot more dangerous when you start jumping them. Savicus, Gill and Alan Strang of Canton have had a total of 22 broken bones in the last four years. That doesn't count all the concussions, sprained and torn muscles and ligaments, bruises, raspberries, and sore muscles along the way.

Gill remembered one of the worst crashes he's ever seen: "A guy went for the grandstand double. He came up

short and broke his pelvis."

Strang, 17, has been riding for six years and recalls a horrific crash he witnessed. "The guy had to get 32 pins and rods in his leg."

These are just some of the many tales of carnage that these guys have acquired. They speak of these crashes with a respectful pain as if they know what these people felt.

Motocross is not only hazardous because of the crashes but it also puts a huge stress on the body even when it stays on the bike. The riders complain of "arm pump" the result of holding tightly to the handlebars, causing their forearms to fill with blood and lactic acid. Motocross puts abnormal amounts of stress on the arms, back, legs, and torso.

"Doctors have told me that soccer is the only sport that is more demanding because of the endurance you need," Savicus said. "People think you just sit there and twist the throttle, but you're standing up almost the whole time on the bike. It's always tense and you're fighting the bike, you're fighting other people as they're trying to pass. It's a

very demanding sport."

These riders aren't completely without protection, though. They wear normal motorcycle helmets and gloves, but they also add chest protectors, kidney protectors, heavy steel-toed boots, goggles, hip pads.

Some even use kneepads, thigh pads, and neck protectors similar to the ones used in football.

All three have their special tracks - Gill has a track of his own that he practices on - but the local track that everyone seems to go to is in Milan. All three of them however, were unanimous in their favorite track - Log Road in Coldwater, with Red Bud in Buchanan right behind.

"Nothing can beat (Log Road)," said Gill. "It's just absolutely awesome."

Saying that motocross is an expensive sport would be a huge understatement. Even expensive sports like hockey and football don't come close to the amount of cash spent by its participants. The only sport more expensive is auto racing, if you can put them in the same category.

"I spend probably, at least \$300-400 a month on my bike," said Savicus.

"During the month, you could spend \$500 easy," Gill said. If you're just practicing, the cost would be less, but racing "really pounds on your bike (and) you're going to need new parts really often."

All felt that he probably spends more. "Just my parts bill was \$26,000, and that was two years ago. And that's just the parts, that doesn't include gas, hotels. It's extremely expensive."

Motocross is not for everyone; only the financially secure can afford to do it the right way. However many businesses help by sponsoring some of the better riders.

The more you practice, the better you get and the easier it is to find these sponsors. Fortunately, two of them had very generous parents that were able to help them out when they needed some money. All three have some sponsors as well.

So why do they do it? Fifteen broken bones in one year? Twenty-six thousand dollars in parts? Why do these daredevils pay to hurt themselves? None of these riders could put their finger on one specific thing.

Their explanations ranged from "It's just so much fun" to "It becomes a part of you," to "I love all the different people you get to meet." The adrenaline rush that they get at the starting gate and the feeling of not knowing what is about to happen were other reasons that they brought up. All three got a sparkle in their eyes talking about it.

Strang was asked if he would regret riding later in life when he has severe arthritis and has to take pain pills every day.

"No, I don't think I'll regret it," said Strang. "I think if I quit, I would regret quitting a lot more."

Hawks help make sense of senses

Sometimes several things fall into place at just the right time.

The other day I was hiking on the Hawk's View trail at Independence Oaks County Park with some kindergartners, showing them an exposed vole tunnel in the snow.

I explained that when the snow was deeper they tunneled through the snow to stay warm and to hide from predators.

Now that the snow has almost melted away, the tunnels, which look like snake trails in the snow, are visible.

About that time someone noticed a red-tailed hawk circling high overhead. As it made

"lazy circles in the sky," the sun reflected off the white belly and underwings. This allowed me to mention that the red-tailed hawk seen on the Hawk's View trail was searching for small animals like the vole.

Experts say hawks can see about as well as a human with an eight power pair of binoculars, but their resolution, or definition of fine detail, is far better than ours.

A red-tailed hawk could easily spot a brown vole on the white snow from a hundred yards in the sky. But what about spotting voles in dense grass in summer?

Hawks, like many predators, watch for movement. Mice and voles move through grasses to search for seeds. Sometimes they climb up stems to reach the seed head of a plant.

They prefer not to do this very often because this kind of behavior exposes them to predators. Most of the time they seek the shelter of the dense grass and search the ground for food.

If they remain on the ground, it is very hard for a hawk to see them. But recently it has been determined that hawks can see the ultraviolet light reflected from the urine of voles.

Since many animals travel familiar routes to and from feeding areas, hawks can increase their chance of finding prey by watching areas with trails that reflect a concentration of light.

Too often scientists only think of an animal's capabilities in terms of our human senses. Scientists are now realizing that different kinds of animals can detect things in many different ways. The earth's magnetic field, polarized light, infra-red and more, have all been determined recognizable by various animals.

An animal can also identify fine gradations using a particular sense. Birds can distinguish which individual is more colorful than another. Possessing this ability, it is believed, helps a female choose a male that will be a better provider.

Since coloration in birds often depends on diet, if a bird has intense color, then it probably knows how and where to get the best food. Good food will help raise healthy offspring.

Even humans can determine the difference in color between two individuals in some cases, but imagine trying to differentiate between the intensity of colors in starlings.

Their iridescent coloration reflects light of many different colors. Though many scorn the starling, its feather does have a beautiful opal-like reflectance.

Female starling can see gradations of color by using the ultraviolet spectrum. People are unable to see light in this spectrum.

Now that man is learning more about what animals can sense, it makes me wonder what new things will be learned in the future.

Recognizing their capabilities will undoubtedly help us understand how they do things that we can't explain today. I'll keep you informed of new discoveries to the best of my ability.

Livonia resident Tim Nowicki is a naturalist with Independence Oaks Park north of Clarkston in Oakland County. He can be reached at (313) 625-8473.

NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

Time to prepare for turkey season

Three whining yelps, followed by some excited cutting had my pup jumping into my lap. Not that he was afraid. Quite the contrary, actually. Although Scooby, an eight-month-old

springer/shorthair mix, is being groomed for grouse and woodcock, the excited outburst from my diaphragm turkey call grabbed his attention.

My wife and two daughters are used to my turkey calling tactics, but Scoob, a newcomer to the household and my pre-season antics, is still inquisitive about those unusual sounds emitting from my home office.

To be on top of things when opening day of the 2001 spring turkey season rolls around next month I start practicing my calling techniques now.

If you're a beginner, take the time to learn your calls well before the season begins. There are numerous tapes, both audio and visual, that can help unlock the mystery of turkey calling. While it's important to learn the proper calls - yelps, clucks, purrs, and cuts are the most used - it's probably more important to learn when to use each call.

When morning breaks and you're already setup on a roosted gobbler, you don't want to open up with some boisterous cackles and cuts. You'll undoubtedly scare the ol' boy out of his tail feathers. You'd be much better off giving him an occasional, and subtle cluck - a little tree talk - just to let him know a hen is near. On the other hand, if daylight has dawned and there is a group of three or four gobblers 150 yards in the distance there isn't much use for those soft, subtle clucks and purrs. In this instance, you'd be much better off letting loose with a few sultry yelps, maybe even some excited cutting - depending on the response -

to get the Boss Tom's attention.

Another good opportunity to learn about calling, setups, bird biology and everything else you need to know before setting foot in the turkey woods, is to attend a spring turkey hunting workshop.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association and the National Wild Turkey Federation sponsor several workshops around the state each spring that are worth their weight in gold.

I've been hunting gobblers for 12 years and have attended several workshops, but I still try to fit one into my schedule each spring as they are beneficial to both inexperienced and veteran turkey hunters.

While all provide instruction and information on the intricacies of turkey hunting, some even provide an opportunity to pattern your shotgun on an outdoor range. A list of all the upcoming seminars is included in the Michigan Wild

Turkey Hunting Guide.

A couple of the closest workshops to the O&E area are slated for March 24 in Almont, north of Rochester, (810) 798-3677; March 31 in Davison, north of Clarkston, (810) 736-1570; and April 7 at the new Cabela's retail outlet in Dundee, (734) 529-4700, ext. 8097.

A wise veteran once told me his secret to successful turkey hunting: It's not how much time you spend in the woods during the season as it is how much time you spend preparing for the season.

Practice those calls now, learn all you can about the habits and antics of spring gobblers, and get out and scout in the weeks leading up to the season.

(Bill Parker writes a weekly outdoor column for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Bill Parker, c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009)

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



BILL PARKER

Bowl-athon to benefit books for blind children

Popular WNIC afternoon disc jockey, Chris Edmonds will be Bowling for Braille Books at Seedlings 14th-annual Braille Books for Children Bowl-A-Thon, 12:30 p.m. Sunday April 1 at Cleverlanes in Livonia.

Seedlings of Livonia is just one of many local charities that Chris supports.

Seedlings Braille Books for Children is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing high-quality, low-cost Braille books for blind children. Every \$10 earned will create one more book.

Come bowl with Edmonds in a nine-

pin, no-tap and help put Braille books into the hands of blind children. The event also includes lots of great door prizes and awards, including some April Fool's Day surprises.

Call Seedlings at (800) 777-8552 for registration and pledge forms.

•Now for some real fun. Join in on the Livonia Fire Fighters Clown Team fourth annual Clown Bowl beginning at 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 30 at Woodland Lanes, 3775 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Donation is \$20 per person, which includes three games of no-tap bowling and shoes. There will be a mystery game, 50-50 raffle, free pizza and plenty of door prizes.

The event benefits the Livonia Fire Fighters Clown Team Charity Fund. For reservations, call (734) 522-4515

(space is limited).

•While my senior team was in action last Wednesday at Mayflower Lanes in Redford, some excitement was taking place a few lanes to the left as Al Messer of Westland had strung out a bunch of strikes in the third game.

As the usual crowd gathered around, he packed three more solid strikes in the tenth for a 300 game. His perfect game was a bit of a surprise, too, as he had only a 167 in the previous game.

In the 29th annual Tri City Ladies doubles tournament, Darrall Garner and Delores Tarpinian took first place with a 1,486 total, which earned them a \$400 winners check.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

Westland Bowl
St. Mal's Men: Jason Williams, 300.

Sunday Sleepers: Steve Klein, 300

Town 'n Country Lanes (Westland)

Inter City Mixed: Billy Wade, 298; Kelly Rusinek, 698.

Junior Classic: Keith Tramel, 300.

Thursday Morning Men: Tom Disney, 300/794.

Garden Lanes (Garden City)

St. Linus Classic: Mark Noxon, 279-300-238/817.

Morri Bowl (Livonia)

Senior House: Brian Macek, 300-237-300/837.

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Cloverlanes (Livonia)

Detroit Edison Men: Paul Hypro, 300.

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T.C.A.C. Mixed: Theo Tolbert, 300.

Ford Motor Men: Ronnie Sawyer, 300.

Sunday Nite Mixed: Rodney Johnson, 300.

ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Guest speakers celebrate books, famous women

Nancy Pearl knows that recommending books is never an easy task for librarians. Her first request for a good fiction novel came in 1967 at the Detroit Public Library where she advised readers after graduating from the University of Michigan.

At least a couple of times a day since then, Pearl hears requests for a "good" book. There are plenty of references for genre, mystery and romance but not for mainstream novels like the "Prince of Tides." That was until Pearl wrote "Now Read This: A Guide to Mainstream Fiction, 1978-1998." Pearl breaks down reading habits into characteristics. If you liked "The Prince of Tides" then look for a novel that tells a good story using well-developed characters such as Michael Malone's "Dingley Falls" or David James Duncan's "The Brothers K."

Story, setting, characters, and language or how a story is written appeal to us individually as readers because each of us have different life experiences. Pearl will discuss why people like the books they like and good books to read during a lecture Friday, March 30, at Schoolcraft College. The discussion is part of a series of events, sponsored by the college's Women's Resource Center, in celebration of March as Women's History Month.

Mysterious

"I think that it's very mysterious why people find certain books fascinating," said Pearl, a librarian and executive director of the Washington Center for the Book at the Seattle Public Library. "They like books for reasons they're not aware of. It's usually something in their background. Reading fiction is primarily an escape. People read fiction to look into other people's lives. Many of us are voyeurs at heart. Reading about other people helps us with our own."

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By the book: Nancy Pearl will share insight from "Now Read This," a reference book she wrote to help readers choose enjoyable mainstream fiction.



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Practice makes perfect: Ann Leiting and David Lipford play with the Plymouth Canton Middle School Orchestra every morning before attending their regular classes. Erin Zurbuchen (bottom left) and Catherine DePentu team up to teach the dedicated young musicians.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Catherine DePentu lets out a blood-curdling scream halfway through "Rosin Eating Zombies from Outer Space." DePentu, director of orchestras for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, is "trying to create pictures in the heads" of the 80 or so students in the district's middle school orchestra.

It's a little past 7 on a Tuesday morning, and these young string players are beginning to come to life after rising early for the class at Plymouth Salem High School. The music is a compilation of every bad horror film ever made, and the students are loving every minute of it.



Dedication

Impressed with their dedication, the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra invited the group to play at a concert in February. Today's lesson, with DePentu and orchestra co-director Erin Zurbuchen, is helping students prepare for a 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 23 concert with the Plymouth-Canton High School Orchestra in Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium.

"There's an interest, a need for the middle school orchestra," said DePentu, who also serves on the education committee of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. "Orchestra was cut from the regular middle school day in the mid-1980s when they aban-

oned the school day. At one point it was held only on Saturdays, then put back to first hour, which is zero hour for these kids. We started out with 20-25 students four years ago. There's now close to 80."

Joey Chesney is one of the students who gets up early and leaves for school while it's still dark to play with the orchestra. If he has a lot of projects to assemble before school Chesney rises at 4:45 a.m. That takes dedication and discipline - and a mother willing to drive him to the class at the high school. After the 45-minute session, Chesney boards a bus that takes him to Pioneer Middle School to begin his regular school day.

"I think orchestra is educational and very good," said Chesney, who began playing violin four years ago as a student at Kembrook Elementary in Farmington. "The teachers are really good. They make jokes and make it fun."

DePentu's sound effects and the humor she and Zurbuchen infuse between lessons are just a few of the reasons students, such as associate concertmaster Scott Huddas, join the orchestra. The experience inspired Huddas so much that he plans on one day becoming a member of a professional ensemble such as the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Fun

"I just thought it would be fun," said Huddas, who won a scholarship to attend Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp this summer.

Rachel Johnson couldn't agree more. She's waiting outside the locked door to the choir room at 6:30 a.m. eager to play with the orchestra.

"It's just fun to play," said Johnson, an eighth grader at West Middle School.

"Most of us are here because it's really fun," added Alycia Wilder, who began playing violin in fifth grade at Lawton Elementary in Ann Arbor. At the end of the year we go to Cedar Point as a reward. One of the hardest things is getting up early. Some of the things we play are really hard."

Concertmaster Heloise Auerbach says playing music as challenging as the orchestra's repertoire old rises at 5:30 a.m. for orchestra rehearsal at school for swimming or softball practice during the season.

"I do like orchestra," said Auerbach, who began playing

Notable devotion

Early risers embrace music

"I like playing fiddle tunes like 'Finnegan's Wake' and 'Eightsome Reel,' but it's difficult, especially when I do sports. Then I'm at school from 7 to 5. I usually go to bed at 9."

Recruiting

DePentu and Zurbuchen actually recruit students from Plymouth-Canton's five middle schools for orchestra just like coaches do for sports teams.

"We take all of the middle school orchestra kids and part of the high school orchestra on field trips so all fifth graders can learn about the class," said DePentu. "Each of the kids in the orchestra say they have friends who would play if it were during the school day so we made a proposal to the school board a year ago, and resubmitted it again in the fall, to include orchestra in the regular school day. We're optimistic with the new administration and the enthusiastic students and parents."

"The only students we lose are because they're overwhelmed. It's the inability to keep up with the schedule."

DePentu and Zurbuchen take turns teaching vibrato, slide and other techniques such as ear training. Zurbuchen plays a few notes, and then asks students to repeat what they heard.

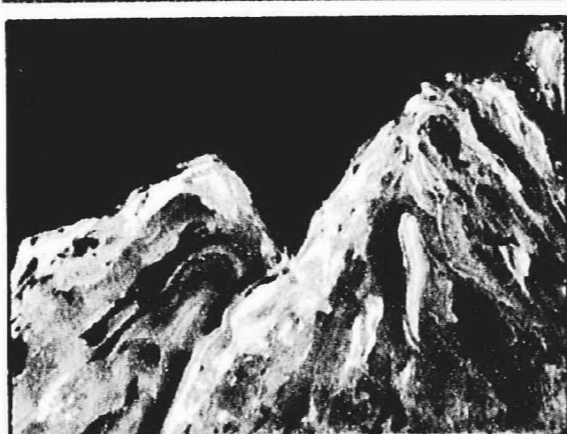
DePentu, violin tucked under her chin, helps string players sitting in the back row. DePentu and Zurbuchen are still tuning instruments for some of the students, and teaching them the basics. It's all part of the process of nurturing these young musicians.

Zurbuchen recently began a class for 15-18 fifth grade violinists at Gallimore Middle School where

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FUND RAISER



Benefit auction: Cheryl Conlin donated this vibrant oil "Up the Mountain" for the Plymouth Community Arts Council fund-raiser.

Dinner auction appeals to arts lovers and everyday people

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Diane Harrison holds up the pink princess gown she hopes some mother will "just have to bid on for her little girl." The costume comes tucked inside a toy chest hand painted by Leslie Kabza. Harrison came up with the idea for the one-of-a-kind item as a way to attract a broader variety of bidders at the Plymouth Community Arts Council's dinner auction Saturday, March 31.

The 10th annual event, "An Evening of Elizabethan Elegance," promises a night to remember. The little girl, whose mother goes home with the toy chest, won't be the only one dressing up.

"I'm excited about my costume," said arts council executive director Jennifer Tobin. "We get to be kings and queens. My husband gets to be a knight. It's going to be so much fun. Everybody loves to dress up and pretend."

Matt Watroba will don the robes of King Henry VIII to lead bidding for the live portion of the auction. Along with the more than 40 art works by Edee Joppich, Donna Vogelheim, Phyllis Hochlowski, Leslie Masters, Cathy Dyer, Pam Grossmann, Barbara Demgen, and Jack Olds there will be a print from Wild Wings Gallery. Jim Quinlan's painting of boats under full sail is already drawing the attention of arts council members. So too are tickets to Red

An Evening of Elizabethan Elegance

What: A gala dinner/auction featuring live music by The Couriers
When: 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday March 31
Where: St. John's Conference Center, 44048 Five Mile, Plymouth
Tickets: \$25, call (734) 454-4378

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Wings games, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Michigan Opera Theatre, Detroit Institute of Arts and Purple Rose Theatre. A two-hour tour of the Detroit Zoo with director Ron Kagan is another one-of-a-kind item. A helicopter ride for four, 18 holes of golf at St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth, a signed Ken Burns jazz video collection and a certificate for classes at Bikram's Yoga College of India should pique bidders' interest as well.

Those who love to dine out will want to take note of certificates for dinner at Ernesto's, Station 885 and Cafe Bon Homme. For the stay-at-homes, there's a chance to bid on nine loaves of bread from the Canton Bread

Company. Their garlic-cheddar bread is a savory treat if there ever was one.

Meal fit for royalty

In addition to the opportunity to bid on auction items, guests will be treated to the sounds of the madrigal singers from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, then, after a meal fit for a king or queen, dance the night away to the swing music of The Couriers.

Feel like playing a little golf? Guests can take their chances on a putting green. Anyone who gets a hole in one will be entered in a drawing for a Callaway putter.

"We're using a bent stick like they did in Scotland when golf

originated," said Harrison. "We want it to be an elegant evening with something for everyone. This is our only fund-raiser and we wanted to concentrate all our efforts on this one event. The arts council operates on a shoestring budget. All of the money will go to sending all the fifth graders in Plymouth and Canton schools to the DIA and to promote the arts."

Last year's dinner auction raised \$30,000 of the annual \$170,000 budget that provides concerts in the park in summer, a fall theater series, year-round art classes and special events like ArtTrain. The arts council is bringing the "Artistry of Space" exhibit on board the Ann Arbor-based train to Plymouth's Old

Village Oct. 27-30. School children and adults will be able to enjoy the works of Norman Rockwell, Peter Max and other artists created after visiting NASA and viewing first-hand the inner workings of the space program.

Exciting new activities such as an art camp this summer and a clay workshop for ages 7 to 70 with members of the Village Potters Guild April 17-19 broaden the scope of the arts council's offerings. A cultural diversity program in April on Armenia will bring the art, sounds and dance of the country to life.

"With the success of the dinner auction we're able to get back to things like bringing back Josh White Jr. to the high school to do a residency in April," said devel-

opment director Stella Greene. "And that's due in large part to the money we raise from the dinner auction."

A free preview, 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 23, at the arts council will feature all of the auction items with some duplicates up for bid that night.

"It's important because the money from the auction helps send fifth-graders to the DIA," said Susan Motley who chairs the ArtReach Luncheons. Just one of the dozens of arts council's programs, the lecture luncheon will feature artist/architect Dennis Jones 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 21.

"It costs the kids a dollar to go, but that doesn't cover transportation cost," said Motley.

"That's where the arts council comes in."

Cheryl Conlin believes her first trip to the DIA inspired her to become an artist, so she's donated an oil painting for the auction. Conlin exhibits frequently in art fairs and Birmingham galleries.

"I gave the arts council the piece because it's going to be able to help send kids to the DIA," said Conlin, a Redford artist whose work can be seen June 2-3 at Art on the Avenue in Dearborn. "When I went in elementary school I thought it was awesome. It was inspirational to me. I started drawing and painting back then. Art always kept me out of trouble."

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she is a general music teacher. Last year, she began an elementary string program for middle school students. She offers two classes a week for beginners and an intermediate class once a week.

"They're like little sponges," said Zurbuchen, a bassist who performs regularly with the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra and a swing band called Five Guys Named Mo. "The earlier they start, the easier it is for them to see music as a language. When they start later, they're not as

receptive to ear training. Teaching by ear is important for strings because they're not pushing buttons. They have to hear the right pitch."

"And research shows early music training develops their brains, especially their abilities in math," added DePentu.

Jeff, Kristin and Derek Thielemann are less concerned with what research studies have shown and more with keeping up with their 15-year-old brother. Ron plays bass in the high school orchestra.

"We went to one of the middle school orchestra concerts in which Ron was playing, and we decided to join," said Jeff, 13.

"It's good to hear when we all play together instead of individually, and we like to play music."

The students have as many reasons for playing in the orchestra as there are bad horror movies. Zurbuchen and DePentu hope that early exposure to music will lead students to develop a life-long love of the classics.

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life."

So why are "The Prince of Tides" by Pat Conroy, "Searching for Caleb" by Ann Tyler, and Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings" trilogy among her favorites.

"I've always liked people and finding out about people," Pearl said. "As far as liking good writing, my mother was a stickler for grammar. I like to be pleasantly stunned by an authors' use of language."

"I read every moment I'm not doing anything else and I try to do little else as possible. I don't garden and I don't cook but I do enjoy biking. I start eight books for every one I finish. I'm a big believer in not finishing book you don't like. I try out many books."

Pearl does finish the books she reviews for the Seattle Times, Library Journal Magazine, and radio stations in Seattle and Tulsa. But if you don't have access to these publications or programs, "Now Read This" lists hundreds of award-winning novels. Pearl's second book will focus on 500 titles from the 1990s that weren't included in the first book due to space. It should be available at the end of the year.

"In the last 20 years fiction has gotten franker in its portrayal of the downside of life. There are subjects not explored in the

1950s. There's more sex and grunginess. There's a much wider choice of books to read and they're not to everybody's taste."

"I wrote 'Now Read This' because I think people want direction. The world of books is large."

That's one of the reasons Nancy Swanborg is bringing Pearl to Schoolcraft College in Livonia for the March 30 lecture, and a symposium for faculty, students and anyone who wants to participate Saturday, March 31 at the college's Radcliff Center in Garden City.

"We wanted to engage people across disciplines," said Swanborg, director of the Women's Resource Center. "There are many reading groups we know exist in the community. 'Now Read This' helps them find good mainstream fiction."

Before listening to Pearl talk about books, you might want to take part in a Wednesday, March 28, buffet luncheon and lecture to celebrate women. You learn about women who received Nobel prizes for their discoveries, the first woman appointed to the U. S. Supreme Court, and those instrumental in the Civil Rights Movement.

"The luncheon is dedicated to famous women who made a difference in different spectrums, women in every area of life who

had made significant contributions," said Swanborg. "When we think about early explorers we think of men like Louis and Clark but the reality is there were women in every one of those wagons. Willa Cather wrote stories about Nebraska. When we talk about World War II, the men went off to fight the war but it was the women who took over this country and made it run. Everyone knows about Rosa Parks not giving up her seat on the bus but there were lots of women in the Civil Rights Movement. The book "Michigan Women: Founders and Firsts" reveals many of these women and they're invisible. It's important to say they made a difference."

Every woman makes a difference to the staff of the Women's Resource Center which provides resources for single mothers and homemakers. Their "From Chocolate Chips to Micro Chips" program assists women in transition especially homemakers trying to enter the work force after a divorce or death of a spouse.

That's why the center's annual spaghetti fund raiser 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 20 is so important. Tickets are \$25 or 2 for \$60. If you'd like to help keep the center helping others, call (734) 462-4443.

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POETRY CONTEST

Deadline for the International Library of Poetry contest is April 30. Entry is free and open to everyone. To enter, send one original poem to The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19910, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, Md. 21117. Send entries via the Internet at www.poetry.com.

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The Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra along with Hammel Music announces a competition March 12-14 for young musicians. A final competition will be held on March 19 at Hammel Music in Bloomfield Hills. Call the symphony at (248) 645-2276 for information or print off an application at www.bbsocompetition.org.

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New semester of classes begins Monday, April 23. Registration is Monday, March 19 for PCCA members and open to the public Monday, March 26. Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Mandala class with Cathy Dyer is 7:15-8:45 p.m. March 20, March 27 and April 3. Winter classes and workshops for all ages are available at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. For a brochure and list of events call (734) 416-4ART.

VISUAL ART

ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA

Classes in various arts forms at the Jefferson Center, Room 16, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia. (734) 455-9517.

CONCERTS

AIR FORCE LANDS IN FARMINGTON

Musicians from the Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio, including a clarinet ensemble, woodwind quintet, brass quintet, and jazz band, will present a concert 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 17 at Farmington High School, 32000 Shawaessee, (west of Orchard Lake Road). There is no charge, the public is welcome.

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND

A Little Bit Irish, a cabaret concert, is 3 p.m. Sunday, March 11 at Groves H.S. Cafeteria, 20500 W. 13 Mile Road. (248) 474-4997.

SARAH BRIGHTMAN

Performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 17 at the Masonic Temple, Detroit. Tickets available through Ticketmaster outlets or

call (248) 645-6666.

CANTATA ACADEMY

An Irish spectacular concert with the Motor City Brass Band and the Cantata is at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 18 at the Southfield Center for the Arts, 24350 Southfield. (248) 788-6618.

CRANBROOK MUSIC GUILD

Presents Ani Kavafian and Ida Kavafian with Anton Nel at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 20 at Christ Church Cranbrook. (810) 751-2435.

DETROIT CONCERT CHOIR

Presents Celtic Treasures, a concert of international flavor, is at 8 p.m. Friday, March 16 at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms, and again at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 18 at Old St. Mary's in Greetown, 646 Monroe, Detroit. (313) 882-0118.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Pops series featuring Debbie Reynolds March 11 at Orchestra Hall, Detroit.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Hosts Benny Waldon in Voice of the Spiritual at 11 a.m. Sunday, March 11 at First Baptist Church, 21200 Southfield, Southfield. (248) 569-2972.

MACOMB CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

The athletic men of Aeros is at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 7. Dublin's Irish Cabaret is at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 8. 44575 Garfield, Clinton Twp. (810) 286-2141.

MARINERS CHURCH OF DETROIT

Kevin Bylsma performs music by Mendelssohn, Pinkham and Franck on Thursday, March 15 at 12:10 p.m. 170 E. Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 259-2206.

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND

Presents an Irish Spectacular at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 18 at the Southfield Center for the Arts, 24350 Southfield. (248) 788-6618.

RACKHAM SYMPHONY CHOIR

Performs African Sanctus at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 11 at Bethel AME, Warren and St. Antoine, Detroit. (313) 341-3466.

FOR KIDS

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE

Now accepting registration for the 23rd Summer Camp of the Arts at the Huntington Woods Recreation Center. Classes are from June 18-July 6, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (313) 965-3544.

EAST LANSING CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL

The fourth annual festival is March 16-18 with movies, including the Red Balloon, Big Hairy Spider and the U.S. premiere of Bully Dance. 551 E. Grand River, East Lansing. (517) 332-6076.

KINDERMUSIK

Village Music offers classes in Kindermusik (newborn to 8), group piano lesson (5 to adult), private voice, piano and hammer dulcimer. Summer classes start in June. All classes taught at Village Music, 130 E. Liberty, Plymouth. (734) 354-9825.

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY

Koncert for Kids is at 9:45 and 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 1 at the Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium for 4th graders of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools. (734) 451-2112.

SOMERSET COLLECTION

A children's concert is 1:30-2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 11 in the Somerset South Rotunda, featuring Mark Gottlieb from Evola Music. Somerset Collection, 2800 W. Big Beaver, Troy.

TINY TOT SERIES

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra brings Amazing Musical Tales at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 7 at Seligman Center in Beverly Hills. An encore performance of Fun Dances from Faraway Lands will be performed at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 19 at Parcels Middle School in Grosse Pointe Woods, 20600 Mack. For ticket info call (313) 576-5111.

WEST BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENING)

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Opens Friday, March 16 - The

Print, 2001 through April 15.

Opening reception is 6-8 p.m. Friday, March 23. 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-8004.

FORD GALLERY

Opens Tuesday, March 13 - Minimal Information featuring the work of Matthew Reynolds through March 30. Artist's reception is 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, March 13. 114 Ford Hall, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. (734) 487-0465.

SYNERGY STUDIO

Opens Friday, March 16 - Grand opening of Chris Attaway's studio at 576 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 433-3366.

WAYNE STREET

Opens Friday, March 16 - Tracks, recent paintings by Michael Todoroff and Calvin Kemppainen through April 15. 3025 S. Wayne, Wayne. (734) 729-9662.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

AFFIRMATIONS PITTMAN-PUCKETT GALLERY

Through March 17 - Exploring Creativity: Works in Progress, a photographic exhibit by Pontiac artist Diane Holcomb. 195 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale. (248) 398-7105.

47 Williams, Pontiac. (248) 333-7849.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY

Through March 22 - The New Year of Trees: Tu B'Shevat in the second level gallery and Soft Walls: More work by Colorado Fiber Artists in the first level gallery. 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-7641.

FARMINGTON CITY HALL

Through March 30 - Kegham Tazian art exhibit. 28600 W. Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills. (248) 473-1856.

HABATAT GALLERY

Through March 24 - Stephen Clements/Leah Wingfield/Livio Seguso. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 333-2060.

HILL GALLERY

Through March 24 - Richard Pousette-Dart: Contemplating the Sublime. 407 W. Brown, Birmingham. (248) 540-9200.

ELAINE JACOB GALLERY

Through March 23 - Figuratively Literal. Wayne State University campus, 480 W. Hancock, Detroit. (313) 993-7813.

EXHIBIT A GALLERY

Linda Zaila shows her watercolor-mixed media paintings at the gallery, 288 Maple, Birmingham.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY

Through April 30 - New paintings by Joel Sheesley and recent

3005.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA

Through March 16 - Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors. 1200 N. Telegraph, 2nd Floor, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Through April 7 - Arta Fundi by artist Jim Pallas and an exhibit of glass works by students and faculty of the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit. 407 Pine Street, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

PEWABIC POTTERY

Through April 14 - Ewers: a group exhibition of ceramic artists. 10125 East Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 822-0954.

PRINT GALLERY

Through March 30 - posters by Jackson Pollock. Through March 15 - Rembrandt and the Masters of the Original Print. 29469 Northwestern, Southfield. (248) 354-2343.

REVOLUTION

Through March 17 - Peter Williams: Life on a Black Planet. 23257 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 541-3444.

RIVER GALLERY

Through April 8 - Otherworldly Gardens. 121 S. Main, Chelsea. (734) 433-0826.

SCARAB CLUB

Through March 31 - Silver Medal Exhibition. 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250.

STARKWEATHER ART AND CULTURAL CENTER

Through March 24 - The sculpture works of Joyce Gottlieb. Preview reception is 1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 4. 219 N. Main, Romeo. (810) 752-5700.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY

Through March 17 - Sixth Annual Exhibition of Student Artwork. 536 North Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 647-7040.

SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES GALLERY

Through March 17 - Cutting Trees, painting, drawings and wood sculptures by Michael Slaski and Ruth Andrews. 33 E. Adams, Detroit. (313) 963-7575.

SYBARIS GALLERY

Through April 7 - Works by Stuart Mortimer, Bradley Miller and Diane Falkenhagen. 202 E. Third, Royal Oak. (248) 544-3388.

WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY

Through March 31 - The Honors Award Program from the Huron Valley Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. 215 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 761-2287.

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

Through April 6 - MFA Thesis II. Community Arts Gallery, 150 Community Arts Gallery, Detroit. (313) 577-2423.

WEARLEY STUDIO GALLERY

Through March 15 - Japanese Interiors, solo exhibit of new works on paper by Stephanie Sarris. 1719 W. Fourteen Mile, Royal Oak. (248) 549-3016.

WOODS GALLERY

Through March 23 - Michigan Association of Calligraphers is featured. Reception is 2-4 p.m. Sunday, March 4. (248) 543-9720.

YOUTH ARTS MONTH

Wendy's in Waterford (Elizabeth Lake Road and Highland Road locations) is featuring artwork of 94 elementary students through March 31. For information call the Waterford Cultural Council at (248) 623-9389. Also, the artwork of children from St. Fabian Elementary and Middle School and Our Lady of Sorrows is on display at the Wendy's on Ten Mile and 12 Mile in Farmington Hills. (248) 473-1856.

ZEITGEIST GALLERY

Through April 1 - Rodrick Denne and Roger Hayes. 2661 Michigan Ave., Detroit. (313) 965-9192.

LECTURES

BROWN BAG LUNCH

Charles Taylor presents Celtic Folk Music at noon, Thursday, March 15 in the Information Technology Building, County Campus in Waterford. (248) 858-0415.

MASTERING ARTS SERIES

Landscape Design is 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday, March 17 at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Shores. (313) 884-4222.

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE

Presents Verdi Heroines at 7

p.m. Tuesday, March 13 at Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort, Detroit. This lecture will repeat at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 17 at the Detroit Opera House. (313) 961-3500.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Professor Michael Farrell lectures on Gertrude Stein at the Wyndgate, March 16. Call PCCA for time, reservations and directions. (248) 651-4110.

SOMERSET COLLECTION

The piano of tomorrow lecture by Evola Music is 7:30-9 p.m. Friday, March 16 at Somerset South Rotunda. Somerset Collection, Troy.

WOODWARD LECTURE SERIES

Presents Brenda Goodman at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 12 and Duane Michals at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 29 at the Detroit Institute of Arts Lecture Hall, 5200 Woodward. (313) 664-7800.

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

Through April 8 - Network Gallery: Gathering Time. Through April 8 - Forgers of Metal: George Booth & His Patronage of Metalcraft at Cranbrook. 39221 Woodward Ave, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANBROOK.

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

Through April 29 - Electric Space: Bolts, Jolts and Volts from the Sun. Through May 20 - Lasera presents Laser Festival with music of the Beatles, B-52s and Jackson 5. The Young Stargazer's Journey is through Sept. 3. Through December - An exhibit of Great Lakes fur trade with 18th and 19th century artifacts. 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANBROOK.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Through May 6 - Treasures from the Royal Tombs of Ur. Through April 30 - A Cultural Heritage: Selected Works of African American Art from the DIA's Collection. Through May 27 - A Century of Collecting Drawings: 1900-2000. Through March 11 - Little Treasures: Northern and Italian Paintings of the 16th and 17th Centuries.

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Through April 15 - Hair in African Art and Culture. Through March 30 - Historical Themes. Tales and Legends: The Art of Jerry Pinkney. 315 E. Warren, Detroit. (313) 494-5800.

THEATER

AVON PLAYERS

Present *Noises Off*, a comedy by Michael Frayn through March 24, 1185 Washington, Rochester Hills. (248) 608-9077.

BLOOMFIELD PLAYERS

Presents *Oliver* at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 11. 8 p.m. Friday, March 16, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 17 and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 18 at Lahser High School, 3456 Lahser, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 433-0885.

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

Moms Mabley: The Naked Truth by Reuben Yabuku featuring Linda Boston as Moms through March 18. 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. (313) 868-1347.

GEM THEATRE

The Tropical Pickle is at the Gem through May. 333 Madison, Detroit. (313) 963-9800.

MARQUIS THEATRE

Presents *The Wizard of Oz* through April 20. 135 E. Main, Northville. (248) 349-8110.

PLANET ART

Burned Child by Sam Shepard is 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays. 2 and 7 p.m. Sundays. 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 365-4948.

PONTIAC THEATRE IV

Presents *Up the Down Staircase* at 8 p.m. March 16-17, 23-24 at Pontiac Northern High School, 1051 Arlene, Pontiac. (248) 656-7730.

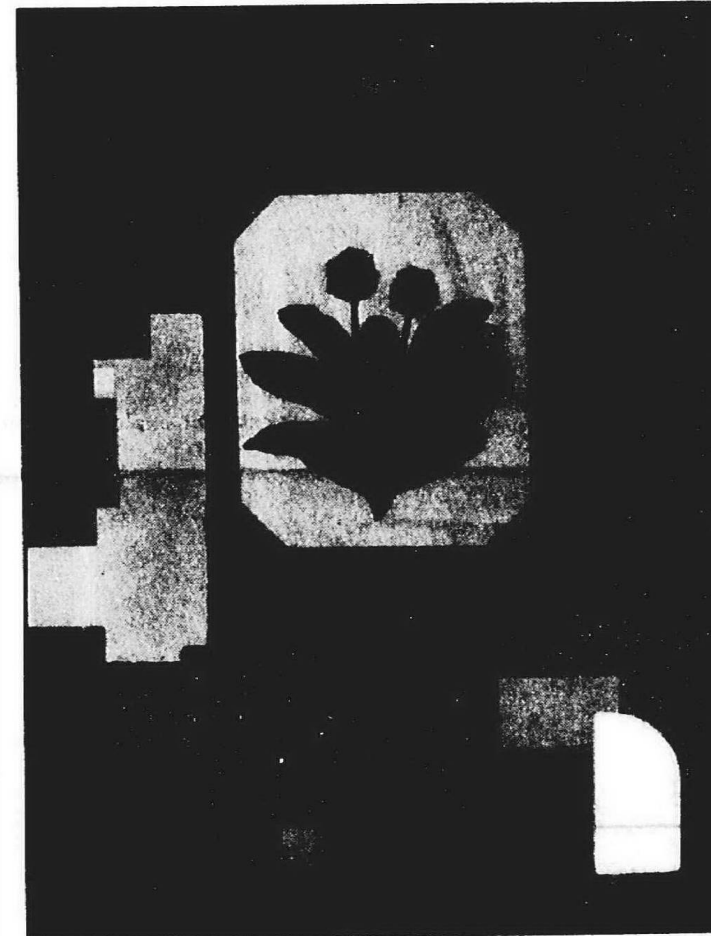
UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY

Presents the Royal Shakespeare Company in Shakespeare's History Cycle - *Henry VI, part I, III, Richard III* through March 18 at the Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher. (734) 764-2538.

WING AND A PRAYER

The Birmingham theater group presents the musical *Anything Goes* on March 16-17, 23-24 at 8 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple, Birmingham. (248) 642-2164.

Flora and Fauna



Colorful collage: The Hill Gallery presents *Place and Formula*, works by Andrew Young, through March 28. 407 W. Brown, Birmingham. (248) 540-9288. Gallery hours noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

ART APARTMENT

Through April 30 - A Reader's Art: Artists books in the Midwest. 210 Abbott Road, Suite 18, East Lansing. (517) 337-8370.

BENTLEY LIBRARY

Through April

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GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

National Announcements
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Andrew Hills 1-14
2150 N. Opbete Rd.
Between University & Walton Blvd
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Art exhibit: Sherry Eid created this colored pencil portrait titled "Eye of the Cat." It is one of the works in the Artifacts Art Club exhibit at Livonia City Hall.

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

FINAL CALL FOR PERFORMERS

The Southeast Region Committee of VSA Arts of Michigan (formerly Very Special Arts Michigan) is looking for children and adults with mental and physical challenges to perform at its Celebrate Arts-Ability Festival Friday-Saturday, May 4-5 at Wonderland Mall in Livonia.

Deadline to apply is Thursday, March 15.

Special needs school and community groups and solo acts from the metro Detroit area will display their dance, vocal and instrumental music achievements at the festival.

Shoppers and performers will explore their creativity through hands-on art, music and movement activities.

For more information or applications, call (248) 646-3347.

ACTING WORKSHOP

Gordon Michaels, personal acting coach for Dylan McDermott on "The Practice," will give a workshop Friday-Sunday, March 30 to April 1 in Northville.

The fee is \$250. For more information, call (734) 261-5354 or (310) 727-2383.

Michaels, a graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland, has been in the entertainment industry for more than 20 years. He's appeared on Broadway, in films and on television. He originated the role of "Unbeatable Harold" Off-Broadway. Film credits include "The Lost World," "Air Force One," "Leaving Las Vegas," and the soon to be released "Texas Rangers."

Michaels will cover a variety of topics in the workshop including cold reading and on-camera techniques, how to get an agent, improvisation, New York versus LA markets, scene study, the actors resume, career consultation, and monologue coaching.

ART EXHIBIT

Artifacts Art Club is exhibiting more than 40 works by its members through Friday, March 30 in the lobby of Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, east of Farmington Road.

Mediums include painting, pastel, colored pencil, and computer art. This is the 11th year Artifacts Art Club has exhibited in the Livonia Arts Commission-sponsored show at Livonia City Hall.

ture for the city of Livonia. The work will be the third piece for a developing sculpture garden located behind city hall on the civic center grounds.

Sculptors should send a letter to the arts commission by March 31 stating their interest in the project. Include photos or slides of previous work. Write the Livonia Arts Commission at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia MI 48154. For information, call the city's community resources department at (734) 466-2536.

ART CLASSES

Canton watercolorist Kaye Rowe will teach classes 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays in April at the Art Gallery/Studio, 29948 Ford Road in Garden City. The theme is spring.

For a supply list and information regarding future classes, call (734) 261-0379 or (734) 513-4044.

MEME TO APPEAR

Marcel Marceau will perform

during the Ford Honors Program 6 p.m. Saturday, May 12 in Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor.

The University Musical Society will present Marceau with its Distinguished Artist Award at that time. In addition to the brief performance, there will be a tribute to his legacy in Ann Arbor and throughout the world. A benefit dinner follows.

Now 78, Marceau is still performing at sold-out venues. He made his first UMS appearance in 1971. The May performance will mark his 30th in the UMS series. Marceau has also appeared several times with the Ann Arbor Summer Festival since the 1980s.

The UMS Distinguished Artist Award is presented annually at the Ford Honors Program which provides an opportunity to honor a renowned artist or ensemble.

For more information or to order tickets, call (734) 764-2538.

AFTERNOON OF OPERA

Canton Project Arts presents "Viva Verdi," a concert 4 p.m. Sunday, March 25 at Summit on the Park. A lecture on opera begins at 3:15 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 and available by calling (734) 394-5193.

SCULPTORS WANTED

The Livonia Arts Commission is seeking sculptors interested in producing a commissioned sculpture.

BOOK HAPPENINGS

Book Happenings features events at suburban bookstores, libraries and literary gatherings. Send news leads to Keely Wygonik, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net.

CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Discussion about Thomas Hardy's classic, "The Return of the Native," 7 p.m. Monday, March 19 in the conference room of the library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, Canton. No charge, copies of the book available at the library. The April book discussion topic is "The Last of Seven" by Mark Frost. Discuss "Because of Winn-Dixie" by Kate DiCamillo 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 28 during Family Book Talk. The discussion is intended for children in grades 4-6 accompanied by a parent. The Family Book Talk selection for April is "Dragon's Milk" by Susan Fletcher. For more information, call (734) 397-0999. There is no charge for these programs.

DEARBORN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Meets 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 22 at the McFadden-Ross House, 915 Brady Street, Dearborn. Guests are welcome, refreshments will be served. Call (313) 561-5301 for information.

DIA BOOK SERIES

DIAGram, a new series of books from the Detroit Institute of Arts, provides art enthusiasts with a creative road map through the museum's extensive collections. The books, each with more than 100 pages and approximately 75 full-color pictures, cost \$19.95 each. The books are published by the DIA and available at the DIA Museum Shop (313) 833-7948 or visit www.dia.org

WRITER'S GROUP

WaldenBooks Writers Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at the store, 30200 Plymouth Road, Livonia. All writers are welcome. The group includes accomplished writers, beginning writers, and those who have always dreamed of being a writer. Call (734) 261-7811.

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Use fashion to celebrate femininity

READY-TO-WEAR



KAREN DASKAS

Style pays homage to the modern feminine form this spring.

Electrifying prints, leather with graphics, sexy heels and brilliant combinations of black and white are just a few examples.

Banished are both the oversized and purely skimpy garments in favor of pieces that embrace and celebrate the feminine form.

It's time to step out of the 90s comfort-zone and into the 00s. While some shoppers may approach these new styles with caution, spring offerings truly address everybody's fashion tastes.

And though you may religiously follow fashion magazines and love new trends, today's woman has less time to comb the racks in search of the perfectly fashionable pieces.

Designers and retailers know and are addressing that. So, if there ever was a season to invest in fashion, this is it.

Still, seek out a personal shopper for help. They can reduce shopping time even more.

Feminine touch

Though the season's fashion offerings suggest trend watching is taking a back seat, there is a look that's in style to guide wardrobe decisions.

It's best described as sophisticated and feminine with an emphasis on creating a complete outfit. So, think of clothing in terms of ensembles put together with thought and care. The philosophy is to always look finished and at your best - from work to weekend.

Devil's in the details

Looking put together and at your best requires attention to details. That's why accessories like shoes and handbags are so important.

With shoes, there are many options. You can spring into the new season with shoes that are light in color and feeling. On the other hand, bold shoes are all the rage on the runways and in boutiques. But, really, the possibilities are endless: delicate ankle-strap shoes with cone-shaped heels and colorful wedges; sleek stilettos with stud details; and delicate mules in soft suede or leather.

The options with handbags, too, are diverse. Look for bright, boxy, oversized handbags in basket-weave patterns and small rectangular clutches in satin or studded leather in colors like fuchsia, sea foam green and mandarin.

Don't forget, handbags, too, can be bold. Keep an eye out for ones with graphic prints, structured shapes, fun fabrics and a 60s influence.

Karen Daskas is co-owner of Tender women's clothing boutique at 271 West Maple in downtown Birmingham. Every season, Karen travels to Milan, Paris and London to see the latest trends in ready-to-wear and accessories. Call Karen with your questions at Tender at (248) 258-0212.



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HOFFMEYER

Dollars and sense: Doris Lachousky (left) and Yvonne Sekeres cruise the aisles at Dollar Castle in Ferndale in search of a few \$1 bargains. The dollar store chain is based in Farmington Hills and has 16 locations.

Modern five-and-dime

Dollar stores amount to big business, even prosper when times are tough

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Not cheap enough to patronize a dollar shop?

You will be.

An increasing number of shoppers are heading to dollar stores to stock up on canned goods, cleaning products and other necessities. More than half of all households shopped at a dollar concept store in 1999, an increase of 6 million households since 1997, according to a survey conducted by ACNielsen, a consumer research firm.

"The public is becoming more aware of dollar stores," said Eddie Denha, owner of Farmington Hills-based Dollar Castle, which has 16 locations, including stores in Southfield, Commerce Township and Auburn Hills.

Accordingly, the retail niche is growing rapidly.

Denha, who hopes to take his store public, opened a new location last September in the heart of downtown Farmington. He also relocated his Ferndale location last year and expanded by 9,000 square feet. Like others in the business, he plans to grow more in 2001, a time when most companies are curtailing expenditures and investments.

Arguably, the threat of economic hard times benefits dollar stores, as consumers look for ways to save money and slim budgets.

One of Denha's competitors, Dollar Tree Stores Inc. in Virginia, plans to open about 250 new stores in 2001, according to Kim Rouke, shareholder services coordinator at the company. The company, which went public in 1995, has 1,729 locations in 36 states, including about 75 in Michigan. Its performer net earnings exceeded \$1 billion last year.

Dollar stores are even popping up on the Internet. The success of the concept no doubt hinges on the savings the stores provide.

At Ferndale's Dollar Castle, there were plenty of name brands for a buck on store shelves: a 19-ounce bottle of Dove dish-washing liquid, a full size Neutrogena transparent cleansing bar, and a 3.75-ounce of Crest tooth-

paste. Two 26-ounce containers of Morton Salt could be had for \$1.

"Everybody's out looking for a bargain," said Dollar Tree's Rouke. "It doesn't matter what income bracket you're in." If money isn't tight, consumers go to dollar stores to stock up.

There's also a psychological draw at work in dollar stores.

Shoppers like them in part because they're reminiscent of five-and-dime shops like Kresge.

"We're the modern five-and-dime. We're just trying to bring that concept back. The difference is everything's a dollar," said Denha, who takes full advantage of shoppers' memories of bygone days at his Ferndale store.

It was relocated in the city's old Kresge building. Out front, the store has a striped awning lit by vintage white lamps. Inside, the aisles are wide and the signs read "Everyday Values" and "Name Brands."

Bob and Sally Wharry of Pleasant Ridge shop at the store once or twice a week, usually on a weekday, to stock up on canned goods. The weekends get too busy, the couple said. "We've been coming since it opened," Bob commented. And, yes, "in a way" he admitted with a quick smile, the store reminds him of the former Kresge store.

While most dollar stores open in strip centers adjacent to at least one large anchor store - most also have a modified five-and-dime feeling - Denha believes the concept can work in certain downtown districts.

High foot traffic and low overhead are prerequisites, he said. "We're looking at downtowns that are trying to make a comeback. We've looked at Royal Oak. We like the downtown areas, but they have to be busy."

Having a downtown Dollar Castle is just refreshing and sensible in the mind of longtime Ferndale resident Steve Sarris. "It's convenient," he said, standing beside a shopping cart full of party decorations, paper plates and small children's toys, supplies for his daughter's birthday party.

Sarris could have walked a few feet down 9 Mile to the F & M store for the supplies. He didn't because he expected Dollar Castle would have everything he needed. And, he said, "you know everything's a dollar and you're saving a bit."

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

consultations, noon-3 p.m., Designer Bridge Sportswear, second floor, call (248) 614-3340, and Salon Z, third floor, call (248) 614-3323.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

VERA WANG TO ORDER
View Vera Wang's Spring 2001 Special Order Collection at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, through March 17. Designer Salon, second floor. For more information, call (248) 614-3339.

LIZ CLAIBORNE SHOW
Hudson's at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi presents *Glamour* magazine and Liz Claiborne's Spring 2001 Collection on the runway, 7 p.m. For details, call (248) 344-6800.

OSMOTICS FOUNDER VISITS
Meet Francine Porter, and skin care expert and the founder of Osmotics, at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Cosmetics & Fragrances, first floor. To schedule a personal appointment, call (248) 614-3366.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

ANTIQUES FESTIVAL
The Community House Antiques Festival, featuring a variety of events like "Take a Walk With a Designer" runs through March 18. The main event showcases more than 40 respected antique dealers and costs \$10 per day for admission, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. All events take place at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in downtown Birmingham. For more details, call (248) 644-5832.

TRUNK SHOW
Roz & Sherm, 6536 Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Township, hosts designer Carol Peretz and her evening wear collection for spring

through March 17, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Call (248) 855-8877.

CRAFTS SHOW
Livonia Mall at 7 Mile and Middlebelt roads hosts a crafts show through March 18, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. For details, call (248) 476-1160

SEWING PATTERNS SHOW
Fred Bloebaum, designer of LaFred Patterns, presents a trunk show and in-depth weekend of seminars through March 17 at Haberman Fabrics, 117 W. Fourth Street in Royal Oak. Advance registration is required. For details, call (248) 541-0010 or visit www.habermanfab.com.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

MOTHER-OF-THE-BRIDE SHOW
Jacobson's in Rochester Hills hosts a runway show of fashions for the mother of the bride, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. with collections available for viewing 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Dresses department. For more information, call (248) 651-6000.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

MEET SURVIVOR KEITH FAMIE
Keith Famie, local chef and Survivor cast member, signs copies of his new cookbook at Jacobson's stores in Livonia at Laurel Park Place, 10 a.m.-noon, and downtown Birmingham, 1-2:30 p.m. For details call the Livonia store at (734) 591-7696 and the Birmingham store at (248) 644-6900.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

FASHION SHOW
Garden City Business & Professional Women sponsor the 8th Annual Parade of Fashions to benefit their scholarship fund at the Hellic Center in Westland. Clothing provided by Unique Accessories of Plymouth, Dress Barn of Dearborn Heights and Nicole's Revival of Westland, noon with lunch. Tickets are \$30. Call (734) 458-4331 or (313) 277-7742.

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

FASHION FAIR
Plum Smart Resale in Waterford hosts an expo, luncheon and fashion show to benefit breast cancer research at Santia Hall, 1985 Cass Lake Road in Keego Harbor, 1-4 p.m. Tickets are \$12 per person and can be purchased by calling (248) 682-1866.

PROM PARTY
Jacobson's Ms. J prom fashions are informally modeled at retailer's stores in Birmingham, Livonia, Rochester and Ann Arbor. For details, call local Jacobson's store.

CELEBRATE THE ARTS
Livonia Mall's 10-day tribute to the arts featuring professional and amateur artists and special performances, continues through March 14. For information and show schedules, call (248) 476-1160.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

ARMANI AND BREAKFAST
View the Armani Collezioni Collection and enjoy breakfast at Jacobson's in downtown Birmingham, 9 a.m. breakfast, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. collection show. Reservations are required. Please call (248) 644-6900.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

APPLE TREE ROOM SHOW
The Women of Bloomfield host a fashion show of clothing from the Apple Tree Room in Franklin at the Plum Hollow Country Club, 11:30 a.m. with lunch. For details, call (248) 855-8432.

DANA BUCHMAN WARDROBE DAY
Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, presents a Dana Buchman wardrobe day with informal modeling and personal

WHERE CAN I FIND?

This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate retail merchandise that's difficult to find through reader feedback.

If you have a request or information about where a product is sold or service is available, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number.

Please be patient about your requests and feedback; we receive an overwhelming number of phone calls. If you don't see information about your request, we couldn't find it. Requests are published twice.

WHAT WE FOUND:

- Eight track tapes can be purchased at Broadway Records in Lake Orion.

- Antique tea cups can be repaired at House of Renew on Merrill Street in Birmingham, (248) 642-0363.

- Combination window and shower curtains can be found in the J.C. Penney spring/summer catalog and through the Country Curtain catalog, call (800) 456-0321.

- Priscilla curtains can be found in the Country Curtain catalog, call (800) 456-0321.

- Physician's Formula makeup can be purchased through Pierre Fabre, call (800) 788-7891, and at area Meijer, CVS, Kmart, Walgreens, and Target stores.

- Clarkston Community Education teaches German language classes. Classes start April 25 and run for eight weeks, call (248) 623-4550.

- For curtains made from a customer's own fabric, try K&R Textile in Grand Blanc, call (810) 694-0440.

- The Bread Basket on Plymouth and Middlebelt roads has food like the former Ben & George's Deli.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

- A cleaner or merchant who cleans and re-stuffs European pillows with feathers (also need new pillow casings) for Elaine, who resides in Rochester.

- A business that re- straps vinyl webbing on patio furniture for Vivian, who lives in Livonia.

- A store that sells garters for men's stockings for John.

- A store where a real marble top telephone stand with a wrought iron or wood base (18-by-27-by-27 inches) can be purchased for Kathy, who resides in Brooklyn.

- A store that sells Prince spaghetti sauce for Leanne of Canton.

- A store that sells children's strollers for triplets for Marcia.

- A store that sells coffee makers that brew directly into a travel mug for Patricia, a resident of Livonia.

- A business that repairs table lamps for Joseph of Westland.

- A store where a drop-in cassette ribbon for a Sears electric portable typewriter (model #268.53940) can be purchased for Maria of Livonia.

- A store that sells First Coat Eye Primer by Max Factor.

- A store that sells a CD or cassette tapes of the soundtrack from the movie *Sweet Dreams* about Patsy Cline for Linda.

- A store that sells a life size poster of Uncle Sam pointing his finger with the saying "I want you" for Lorraine, who resides in Farmington.

- A store that sells women's My Onne underpants for Evelyn.

- A store where the game *Blew It* (played with five dice) can be bought for Sue, a resident of Westland.

- A store that sells appliance covers for Diane.

- A store that sells a music recording of *The Charge of the Light Brigade and the Bugler* for Pat of Redford.

- A store that sells women's seamless nylon stockings (used with garters) for Cecilia.

- A store that sells Bee-man's gum for Lois, who lives in Walled Lake.

- A store that sells a Weather-tamer wind breaker jacket for children for Barbara.

- A store that sells the VHS video of the Village People singing and dancing to the song *YMCA* for Stephen.

- A store that sells Italian or Egyptian cotton sheets made by either Jeaurum, Prapesi or Frette for Michele of Waterford.

- A store that sells men's Jockey (power knit) T-shirts for Chris of Livonia.

- A store that sells Butch wax in a tube for men's short hair styles for Richard of Garden City.

- A store that sells short sleeve sweatshirts for Mrs. D.

- A store that sells video tapes of children's songs for Debbie of Redford.

- A store that sells blueberry- and strawberry-stuffed shredded wheat cereal for Debbie.

- A store that sells old-fashioned, steel wheel roller skates for John.

- A store that sells Living Books products (*Little Monsters at School* and *Bearen-steen Bears* CDs for computers) for Barb.

- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

Closet-cleaning time

Donate used business attire to Art Van Furniture stores for women entering work force

Not only is it time to clean the closet, but the official "Clean Your Closet Weekend" is fast approaching.

While you're organizing and cleaning, why not help women who are entering the work force?

Art Van Furniture stores are accepting gently used women's business attire Friday, March 16-Sunday, March 18 in partnership with WJBK-FOX 2

television station's Working Women program.

As more women look to enter the workforce, the need for support increases, and donating appropriate business attire is an easy way to help.

Clothing donated at Art Van Furniture stores during "Clean Your Closet Weekend" will be distributed to needy women through the Dress for Success

agency. In addition to providing receipts for tax deductions, Art Van Furniture will offer store savings coupons as thanks for donations.

For additional information, visit www.artvan.com or contact a local Art Van Furniture store. Locations include Livonia, Novi, Royal Oak, Southfield, Waterford, Westland and Ann Arbor.

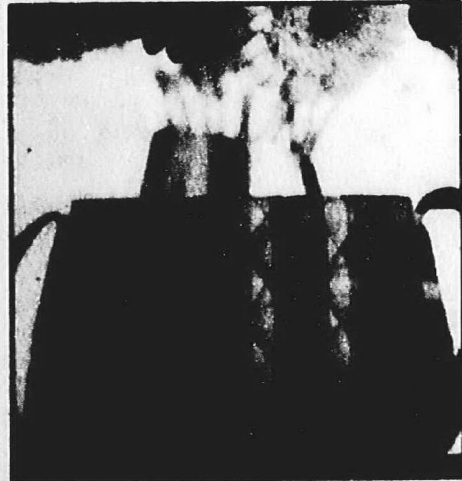
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STUFF WE CRAVE



Spring spark: Bobbi Brown's Opal Sparkle-dust is a sheer wash of "pearlized" color for eyes and cheeks to wear alone or on top of other cosmetics, \$20 at area department stores.

Spring satchel: Lightweight quilted softness meets rich silk in Vera Bradley's new limited edition silk purses in four silhouettes and jewel tones, \$61-61 at La Belle Provence in Birmingham.



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Visit Granville Island for a grand time

BY SANDIE PARROTT
SPECIAL WRITER

Granville Island, located in Vancouver, British Columbia, is a great little place to visit, with the kids or without. The tiny island has just about everything. Well, I didn't see any fast food restaurants — and I didn't miss them at all.

A Moveable Feast

First things first, there's food, and lots of it. The Granville Island Public Market is a feast for your eyes and stomach. Browse through the stalls of produce from bright red tomatoes to luscious mangoes to Japanese eggplant. Smell the wonderful aromas of fresh baked bread or bagels mixed with the sweet scent of chocolate. Gaze upon spicy salami and cheeses strung up in colorful rows.

Make sure to nab a nice bouquet of fresh flowers arranged in a theater of colors from one of the many flower stalls. Sample a tidbit from one of the multinational stalls such as Babushka's Kitchen, The Milkman, Okanagan Wine Shop, Olde World Fudge, Seafood City, South China Seas Trading or Longliner Seafood's.

Chefs from some of Vancouver's finest restaurants come to the Public Market to find that special ingredient for their recipes. How about, wild fiddleheads? (I think they are the young growth of a fern — I wouldn't know this except I'm a gardener.)

Who would know that they are edible? Or, how would you like to taste some fresh durian? (I admit, I looked this one up.) It is an edible fruit with a nasty smell, but a pleasant taste — or so they say — I didn't try one.

Blue Parrott Coffee

This was a must rest stop in the Public Market for me and my

If you are going

Granville Island Hotel

The Hotel started out as a "boatel" where weary seafarers could stop for a shower and some food. It is now a very nice place to rest your head on a pillow. It has some nice traditionally decorated rooms facing the water and some less pricey ones with no view. The Creek is a nice spot for lunch and in good weather to watch the boats go by. For reservations call (604)-683-7373.

CMHC Granville Island Office

For information on transportation, maps, restaurants, events and festivals, shops and artists, call (604)-666-6655.

Cruise

Weather permitting and generally in the summer, plan to take one of several choices of short water cruises. Try an Italian Gondola ride with lunch or dinner with Viaggio Gondolas (604) 688-3362.

Chow down

The Island offers quite a selection of restaurants. The only thing we couldn't find was a decent breakfast place. Here is a list of some of them: Bridges, Granville Island Coffee House, The Sandbar, The Creek, The Keg, The Sirloner, The Only Other Fish and Oyster Cafe, Pastel's and the Cat's Meow. We ate at the Cat's Meow and enjoyed it for the upbeat, artsy atmosphere and the good food. The Creek has food "to die for" and a wonderful view of the water. We were going to try The Sirloner. This was a traditional steak type of place. It was a bit run down when we visited and we weren't impressed, so we skipped it.

Granville Island Brewery

This was BC's first and still a leading maker of craft brews. It is a very popular spot for a taste and it has a retail shop. They also carry a number of local wines, hooch and cider.

"Raindrops keep fallin' on my head"

Vancouver is a wet city, especially in October through April. Bring an umbrella or a waterproof jacket. The temperature is mild most of the year, thanks to the winds off English Bay, but a jacket still comes in handy. We were there in June and we wore jackets most of the time.

husband — notice my last name.

The Blue Parrott Coffee Bar claims to be the first establishment in Vancouver to make coffee beverages according to old Italian methods. They serve such drinks as Coffee Glace, Coffee Ghiaccio, and of course there is Iced Americano. Light sandwiches come with the coffees and so does a wonderful view. Get there early or you will have to fight for a seat. It is always packed full of students, shoppers and tourists.

The Kids Market is a brightly colored modern building that even has a special door for kids to enter. This building is a wonder to see, even for adults. It has

a store for the serious or amateur magician called, Clowning Around. Granville Eyeland "Just for Kids" has custom sunglasses strictly for children. Don't miss Camelot, a store specializing in soft learning toys from all over the world.

Outside of this store is a place called Woofles — Doggylicious Deli. This deli is located in an old trolley car and serves to puppies, both young and old!

A little history

Granville Island didn't used to be so grand. The island started out as a sandbar in False Creek used by the natives of Snaug vil-

lage to trap beaver, ducks and muskrat and fish for trout and sturgeon. By the 1920s, due to its access to barge traffic, it had evolved into an industrial mecca with some of the largest manufacturing operations in the area. Starting in the 1950s the island began to decline. It no longer made sense to have large manufacturing companies in the middle of the city and freeway access was more important and quicker than shipping by barge.

Starting in the 1970s a plan was formulated to transform this derelict industrial region into a people place. The plan was to have a mix of restaurants, theaters, shops, educational facilities, studios and office space.

This design was to incorporate its industrial roots by maintaining the brick, metal and stucco buildings and turning them into modern, colorful works of art. The Granville Island that lives today was a struggle for these developers and city officials, yet it contains a nice mix and I think it was worth their effort.

Let's go Shopping

If you like artistic and fun kinds of stores and studios, this is the place. There are jewelry stores and textiles, to glass studios and pottery. Visit the custom printers, metalworkers, glassblowers, ceramists, candle-makers and even a custom shoe-maker. Generally, they will let you watch while they create.

Have you ever seen a Luthiery? Geza Burghardt Luthiery designs, restores and repairs fine violins, guitars and other musical instruments using European skills. Want to see a boat being built right before your very eyes? Stop by the Alder Bay Boat Company. They will probably invite you in and let you ask millions of worthless questions — like I did.

Some of Granville Island street entertainers have been



Island life: The Vancouver skyline is within eyesight of tourists on Granville Island.



Kidding around: The Kids Market is a brightly colored modern building that even has a special door for kids to enter. Inside are lots of wonderful toys to delight children of all ages.

performing on the island for years and have attracted quite a following. Two of the best known are G.I. Blues and Soul Survivors who play to international audiences.

And Granville Island capitalizes on its street entertainers. Where else would you be able to dial up on a hotline to find out

who's playing on the street? But here you can, and the number is (604) 683-0878.

The exchange rate (remember this is Canada) along with all of the entertainment, arts and crafts for adult and child alike makes Granville a grand place to visit.

GREAT ESCAPES

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THE COTTAGE INN

Mackinac Island's newest overnight destination will open on May 17 on historic Market Street in downtown Mackinac. The 11-room, three-story inn will have beautifully decorated

Mackinac themed rooms such as "Somewhere" in Time, and "Lighthouse Tower" with modern amenities and turn-of-the-century architecture. The inn will be a fully air-conditioned, non-smoking building featuring a large porch and beautiful turrent. The average room price of \$150 will include a continental breakfast. Special off season rates and packages, and daily tours of the building will be available.

The inn is owned by Bob Benser. For reservations and

information, call (906) 847-4000.

CEDAR POINT

The 364-amusement park/resort is adding a luxury camping complex to its popular Camper Village RV campground that will feature upscale overnight cottages, cabins and RV campsites. Lighthouse Point, located on 15 acres of lakeside property near the Cedar Point lighthouse, offers 50 cottages, 10 cabins, and 59 luxury RV campsites. Call (419) 627-2223 or visit www.cedarpoint.com.

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KELLI LEWTON

How about a few words about cabbage?

A few weeks ago, when I brainstormed St. Patrick's Day menu ideas with the wonderful folks over at my office, I found myself locked into a fast and furious debate over cabbage.

It seemed to be the consensus of everyone, excluding me, that cabbage was a stinky vegetable that they would not want to cook at home or go out of their way to consume.

I thought "Wow, that's really a shame." Maybe they haven't enjoyed cabbage prepared in all the wonderful ways I have.

A need for representation

Cabbage doesn't really have a spokesman like many of the other vegetables do.

Carrots have Bugs Bunny and spinach has Popeye. I remember Cabbage Patch Dolls. Although they were pretty popular, they really did not promote cabbage consumption.

When I traveled through much of Europe a few years ago, it seemed the Europeans were quite proud of cabbage and its culinary achievements in the kitchen. It seems here that you only find trusty cabbage in coleslaw, sauerkraut and seasonally at an Oktoberfest event or on St. Patrick's Day featured with corned beef.

Cabbage is a wonderful vegetable that pairs well with everything from fish to game.

Alice Waters of Chez Panisse writes that American habit of cooking cabbage in water in which we have cooked ham hocks "has blinded us to its virtues."

"Because it can provide food in the winter when there may be few other vegetables to be had, and because it can be grown in most temperature climate zones of the world, cabbage has developed a reputation as a commonplace or even course vegetable," Waters writes.

"But it is worthy of the most refined preparations," Waters writes.

Waters serves it with foie gras and caviar. "Its sweetness complements the richness of duck and pork. It is surprisingly good with fish, wrapped around salmon and steamed, for example, trapping the juices and flavor. Braised, steamed or stir-fried, it is a treat by itself. Fermented and transformed into sauerkraut, it is a new vegetable altogether."

Relatives are different

Cabbage, the oldest and most widely grown vegetable of the Brassica group, belongs to the mustard family. The other members of the family include broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, Chinese cabbage, kale, kohlrabi and turnips.

Cabbage distinguished itself from other family members by the short petioled leaves, the latter development of a compact head and the compressed stem and leaves.

Selective breeding has produced several distinct types of cabbage: early, mid-season, and late; green and purple; large and small heads; flat, oval, conical and globular; savoy types, and smooth or crumpled leaves.

Wild Cole crops grow along the Mediterranean and Atlantic coasts of Europe. It is presumed that cabbage and kale originated in western Europe

Please See CABBAGE, D2

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Spring cleanup
- Salon team

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Get fit, eat right, hit the gym.... and enjoy these vegetables

BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS
SPECIAL WRITER

As many frustrated people feel the pull of a few extra pounds this month and look forward to the lighter days of summer, now might be the perfect time to focus on nutrition.

The month of March, also National Nutrition Month, can help remind everyone that there is an inseparable relationship between food and physical activity.

This month's theme of "Food & Fitness: Build a Healthy Lifestyle" highlights the inseparable relationship between food and physical activity. That focus helps many promote physical activities for the entire family and achieve healthy lifestyles, including Rebecca Bimberg of Livonia.

"As a mother of one, with another on the way, I've managed to stay in shape by making exercise a way of life," said Bimberg. "We've found that exercise is more fun when we do it as a family. When we go to the gym, my husband and I take turns exercising, while the other plays in the pool with our daughter."

Diets aren't a quick fix

Good health is not found in a bottle of supplements, the latest diet book, fancy gadgets or body wraps. Good health and fitness come from exercising every day and eating a variety of foods in sensible portions.

Of course, this "exercising every day" message is not appealing to many people. Dieters want immediate results and are willing to go to extreme measures and pay dearly to be thin.

Diets should not be viewed as a quick fix with long-term results. They "represent negativity," said Abby Warmuth, of Farmington.

"Diets say what I can't eat, what I can't have," said Warmuth. "I'd rather focus on what I can have and limit my portions than deny myself food."

"In the long-term, it's a lot easier to have less of what you want than to have nagging cravings."

What to eat

Meals should be varied, interesting and inviting. And, as we observe National Nutrition Month, it's important to remember to eat various vegetables, fruits, grains and legumes and remind ourselves of the important nutritional considerations.

Five servings of fruits and vegetables should be consumed each day, but the American Institute for Cancer Research also recommends that those servings include a variety of different types, to ensure you're getting the full range of important nutrients.

Salads often are not as healthy as dieters perceive them to be. Generous servings of salad dressing, croutons and bacon bits add calories and fat to an otherwise nutritious dish.

Instead, lighten up on the dressing and add a good source of protein for flavor. Turkey slices or a small can of

tuna may be added to any salad, including those that are available prepackaged at the grocery store.

Adding a variety of vegetables can make salads more appetizing. An easy way to make a meal for shrimp cocktail fans is to have a salad with mixed greens, fresh asparagus, cauliflower and grape tomatoes. This salad is a delicious, healthy treat with almost no prep time. Hard-boiled egg slices also are a good addition.

For those with a yen for snacking, take advantage of fresh produce that is in season. Broccoli, cauliflower and asparagus are delicious right out of the refrigerator.

Always on the go with little or no time to spend in the kitchen? Prepackaged vegetables that are freshly washed and cut are available in most grocery stores. Baby carrots, sugar snap peas, broccoli and cauliflower florets and grape tomatoes are among the vegetables readily available for snacking and cooking.

Washington Apples, oranges, pears, and green and red grapes are at their peak right now and are a great way to satisfy the sweet tooth.

Fruit also can be a satisfying treat for ice cream lovers; frozen bananas and grapes are delicious and decadent right out of the freezer.

Fruit leather is another fun way to enjoy fruit, but look for the real thing instead of the artificially colored and flavored fruit roll ups for kids.

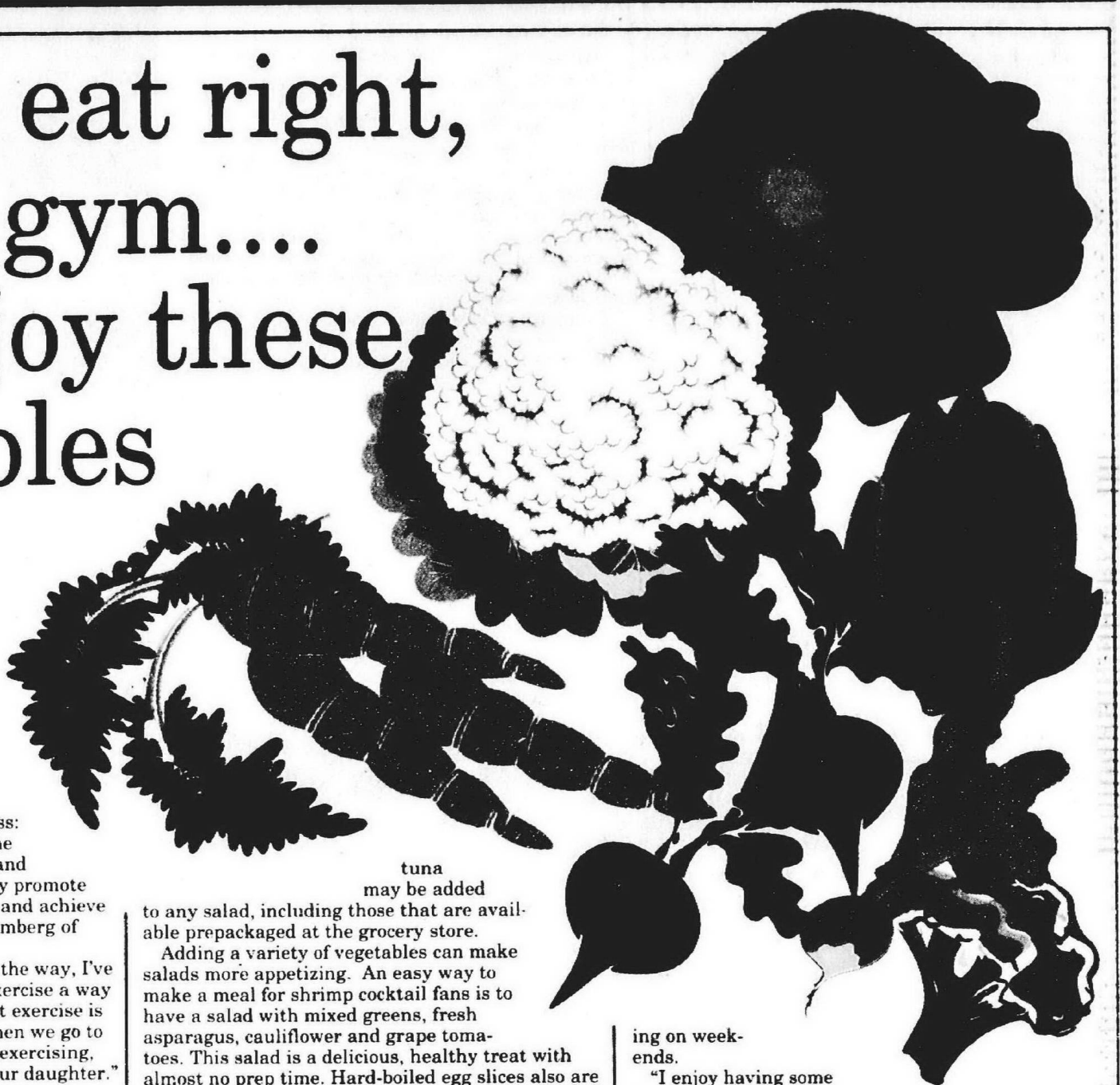
Fit in your fitness

National Nutrition Month's "Food & Fitness: Build a Healthy Lifestyle" theme can be fit into a daily routine through exercise without much effort. Instead of driving around in circles to get the closest spot in the parking lot, park a little farther away and walk the extra few paces.

Unless you need to go to the top floor of a skyscraper or are carrying heavy packages, you will be better off taking the stairs and reaping the benefits of walking. Every little bit helps when it comes to making exercise a part of one's lifestyle.

Sheryll Kollin, of Farmington Hills, used to work out at a gym.

"Now, I run at home on my treadmill three or four times a week," said Kollin. "I run at night during the week and in the morn-



ing on week-ends. "I enjoy having some time to myself, and as crazy as it may sound, I find running very relaxing."

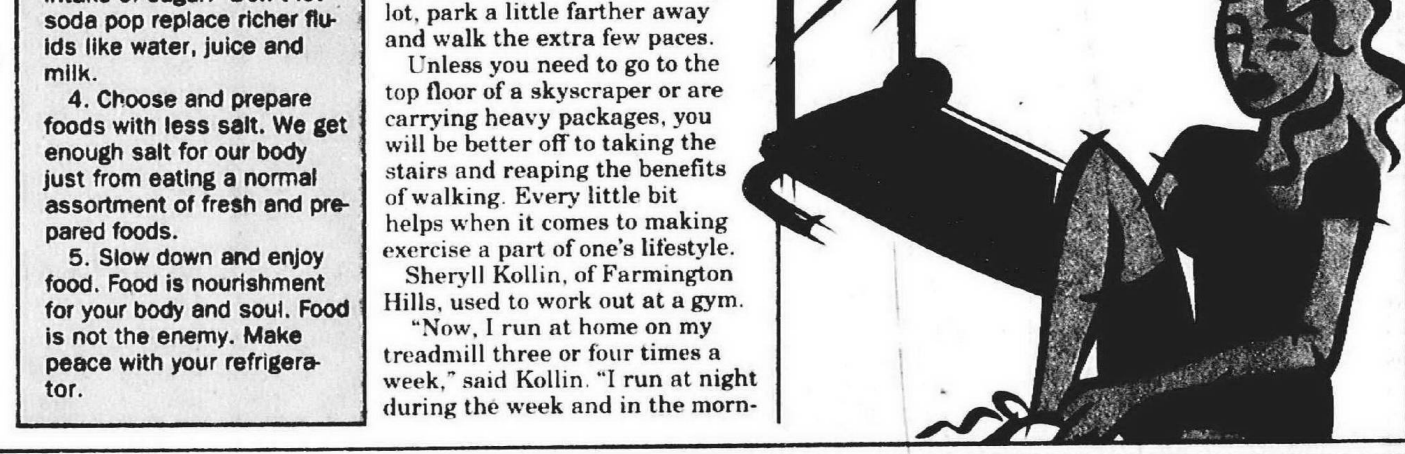
A little advice

The best advice for those wishing to shed a few pounds-and keep it off-is to find a sensible diet and exercise program that can be maintained on an ongoing basis. Otherwise, there is the risk of "rebound dieting" and weight gain.

As we try to rid ourselves of any excess weight we've gained during the winter months, it is important to remember that the message of National Nutrition Month rings true throughout the year. Take your time and choose your foods carefully. And don't forget to go outside and play.

Peggy Martinelli-Everts, a Clarkston resident, is a registered dietitian and director of clinical operations for HDS Services, a 35-year-old Farmington Hills-based food service and hospitality management and consulting company, specializing in food service management for hospitals, long-term care facilities, businesses, private clubs and private schools. HDS Services has approximately 250 management accounts throughout the United States and Japan.

See inside Taste for recipes.



Dinner time is family time with children

MAIN DISH MIRACLE

Want some help with lunch or dinner? Ask the kids. Besides making cooking time family time, you'll be creating a food education experience.

Children are naturally curious about food. I have never met a child who didn't at least taste what he or she cooked—even vegetables!

What you need is a simple recipe like this one for Chicken Vegetable Tacos and a microwave oven with no pots to wash and no hot stove burners to contend with. Also, you might want to make this an example of safe microwave cooking.

Give your children these reminders:

- Don't start an empty oven.
- Use potholders to take food out of the microwave oven. Sometimes the heat from the food heats the dish.
- Remove food covers from the side opposite you so hot steam doesn't hit your hands or face.

Let food cool a little before eating. Show kids what dishes to use. Do not reuse plastic trays, bowls or plastic bags that come with food. Pierce whole foods like potatoes to prevent food explosions. Cover cups and bowls with wax paper or a paper towel, not plastic wrap, to prevent splatters. This recipe for tacos (something kids already like) introduces microwave vegetable cooking.

Look for Main Dish Miracle on the second Sunday of the month in Taste. Muriel G. Wagner is a registered dietitian and nutrition therapist with an office in Southfield. She publishes "Eating Younger," a quarterly newsletter with recipes and nutrition tips. To subscribe, send a check for \$13.50 to "Eating Younger," P.O. Box 69021, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069.

MURIEL WAGNER

VEGETABLE-CHICKEN TACOS

2 cups frozen broccoli, cauliflower and carrots (Other combinations will work. The child can choose.)
1 cup mild salsa
1 15 ounce can kidney beans, rinsed and drained
1 5 ounce can chunk chicken, rinsed
6 taco shells
6 tablespoons shredded fat-reduced Monterey Jack or Cheddar Cheese

In large microwave-safe bowl, defrost veggies. Drain well. Combine with salsa, kidney beans and chicken. Microwave on high for 2 to 3 minutes or until thoroughly heated, stirring once half way through cooking. Keep warm. Heat taco shells in microwave oven as directed on package. Spoon vegetable mixture into taco shells. Top with cheese. Serves 6.

Nutritional facts: Calories: 200; Total Fat: 1 g.; Saturated Fat: 0.5 g.; Sodium: 165 mg; Cholesterol: 10 g.
Food Exchanges: 1 lean meat, 1-1/2 starches, 1 vegetable.

Scones top off the mornin'

BY DANA JACOBI
SPECIAL WRITER

The Irish have a genius for turning simple, unassuming ingredients into dishes glowing with comfort and flavor.

Lavish amounts of dairy products, from milk and buttermilk to cream and freshly-churned butter, increase the allure of many classic Irish dishes. These scones use buttermilk instead of heavy whipping cream. A by-product in making butter, buttermilk, contrary to its name, can be a lean product. Whole buttermilk contains eight grams of fat per cup. The reduced-fat version has half that — just four grams — and fat-free buttermilk is also available.

These scones may seem as sweet as an Irishman's brogue, but they call for a minimal amount of sugar. Instead, they get wholesome sweetness from a lavish measure of dried currants. Interestingly, we have the Celts to thank for the name of this fruit, which looks like a miniature raisin. Originally called "raisins of Corinth" because they were made from small grapes from Greece, the name was shortened to Corinths, then later corrupted to "currants."

Blending some whole wheat flour with white flour gives these scones a nutty flavor, yet retains the light texture of British baked goods made with whole-meal flour — a finer and lighter version of America's whole wheat flour.

- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup currants
- 1 teaspoon caraway seeds
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 3/4 cup low-fat or fat-free buttermilk
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Coat a baking sheet with cooking oil spray.

In a large bowl, mix together all-purpose flour, whole wheat flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt until well combined. Mix in currants and caraway seeds.

In a separate bowl, whisk together egg, buttermilk and butter.

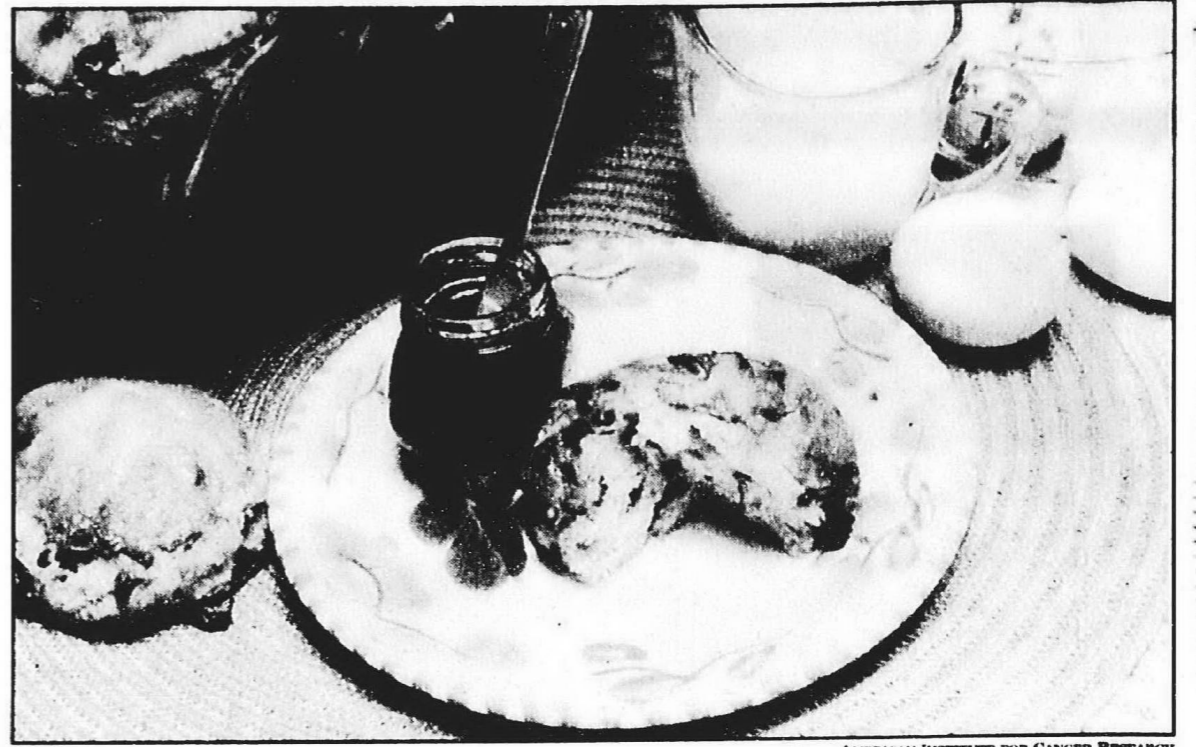
Add liquid mixture to dry ingredients, mixing with a wooden spoon just until they are blended and form a fluffy, moist dough.

Using one-sixth at a time, transfer dough by spoonfuls onto the prepared baking sheet, spacing the 6 scones 3 inches apart.

Bake scones 20 to 22 minutes or until scones are lightly browned on top and feel firm when pressed in the center. Transfer scones from pan to wire rack and cool slightly. Serve hot, accompanied by your favorite jam.

Nutritional information: Makes 6 scones, each containing 211 calories and 5 grams of fat.

Dana Jacobi writes "Something Different" for the American Institute for Cancer Research and is a recipe creator for AICR's book, "Stopping Cancer Before It Starts."



Irish scones: These scones may seem as sweet as an Irishman's brogue, but they call for a minimal amount of sugar. Instead, they get wholesome sweetness from a lavish measure of dried currants.

IRISH BUTTERMILK SCONES

- 1 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup whole wheat flour
- 2 tablespoons sugar

Beer tasting event scheduled in March

Lovers of fine ale and lager beers can choose up to 50 tastings from 100 beer selections at Schoolcraft College's Sixth Annual Winterfest Beer Tasting at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 22 in the Waterman Campus Center.

Patrons can sample a wide variety of foods prepared by Schoolcraft's Culinary Arts Department and chosen to complement the beverages.

Participants can snack on mixed grilled sausages, beer breads, relishes, and cheeses and crackers. A Tex Mex food station will feature a barbecue chicken pizza, a wide variety of quesadillas, chips and a salsa bar. All proceeds fund Gourmet Club Scholarships.

Tickets are \$35 per person and must be purchased in advance through any of the Merchant's Fine Wine locations, at the College's Student Activities Office, or with a Visa, MasterCard or Discover Card by calling 734-462-4422.

Patrons must be 21 years old to attend.

Try these cabbage recipes

Recipes courtesy of Kelli Lewton. See related column on Taste front.

CABBAGE BACON SLAW

- 1 medium green cabbage, shredded
- 10 strips of bacon, diced
- 1 large onion, diced
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1/4 cup tarragon vinegar
- Pinch of caraway seeds
- 1 tablespoon fresh chopped parsley

Melt butter in sauté pan. Add bacon and sauté for 2 minutes.

Add onion and cabbage continue to cook for another 2 minutes.

Sprinkle in brown sugar, tarragon vinegar, pinch of salt and pepper and caraway seeds continue to cook for about 2-3 minutes. Stir in parsley.

(Great as a warm side slaw, or an accompaniment to game, poultry and especially pork.)

CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE ROLLS

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup carrots, diced
- 1 medium white onion, diced
- 1 pound cooked diced corned beef brisket
- 1 cup cooked brown rice
- 1 cup sauerkraut
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- 1/4 cup veggie or chicken stock
- 8 large cabbage leaves
- 2 cups redskin potatoes, diced and blanched
- 1/2 cup veggie or chicken stock

Sauté onion and carrot. Mix with diced corned beef, cooked brown rice, sauerkraut, redskins, parsley, 1/4 cup stock and season with salt and pepper.

Roll in blanched cabbage leaves about 1/2 cup of mixture per roll and place seam side down in oiled baking pan. Add 1/2 cup of stock, cover with foil and bake 375°F for about 25-30 minutes.

Cabbage from page D1

and kale originated in western Europe and cauliflower and broccoli originated in the Mediterranean region. Cabbage and kale were the first of the cole crops to be domesticated, about 2,000 years ago.

Before their domestication they were collected from the wild and primarily used as medicinal herbs. Other varieties of cole crops were domesticated later with Brussels sprouts the "junior," only having existed for less than 500 years.

Demand was so high for cabbage at that time in Europe that only the wealthy could afford it.

As the Romans conquered new territory, they cultivated cabbage throughout Europe. In fact, the English word "cabbage" derives from the Latin "caput," meaning head.

Today's cabbage is derived from the wild cabbage, indigenous to the coastal areas of Western Europe and Great Britain and is grown commercially throughout the United States in Florida, Texas, California, New York and Wisconsin.

Many people are put off by the aromas of cooking cabbage and other members of the Brassica family.

That odor results from the breakdown of sulfur-based aromatic compounds (mustard oils) and cysteine derivatives to form pungent, odiferous gases when the vegetable is heated.

Unlike most food's reactions, the longer the cabbage is cooked, the more the gases are released.

Storing cabbage

Cabbage stores well at 32 degrees. Cabbage wilts rapidly in dry storage. Domestic and early cabbage tend to have a shorter shelf life.

Cabbage is rich in Vitamin C and is a fair source of thiamin, riboflavin and potassium.

Cabbage is low in calories and provides dietary fiber. Store cabbage properly. Cook quickly in small amounts of water to retain its Vitamin C. Toss into vegetable medleys and stir-fry dishes for extra flavor,

color and texture.

Cabbage is great in soups and stews and wonderful marinated in cold salad.

Blanch larger outer leaves and wrap fish inside for baking or oven poaching. Asian style pasta dishes are a wonderful venue for cabbage.

When boiling cabbage, cut into wedges and fill the bottom of the pot with a couple of inches of water or stock. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to medium and cook for 10 to 15 minutes.

Allspice, salt, pepper, caraway seed, curry, mustard and tarragon work well in flavoring cabbage dishes.

Chef Kelli L. Lewton is owner of 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners in Bloomfield Hills and Aunt Olive's Good Food 2 Go in Birmingham. Lewton is a graduate of Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts program.

Look for her column in Taste on the second Sunday of the month. See recipes inside.

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A dish for the day: Potato and kale casserole works well for St. Patrick's Day. Not only does it feature potatoes, but it also includes lots of hearty green kale - the perfect color for the day!

Country casserole is perfect

Americans of many ethnic backgrounds join the Irish to celebrate St. Patrick's Day - and they also share their love of potatoes. This staple of Irish cooking is America's favorite vegetable, enjoyed baked, mashed, boiled, steamed and fried.

Potatoes are a low-fat source of complex carbohydrates, with a variety of vitamins. Potatoes come in many varieties, but you should always select those that are firm, relatively smooth and with good color. Avoid those with cuts, dark or soft spots, wrinkles, wilted skin or an excessive number of eyes. Potatoes with a greenish tinge have been overexposed to light. The green areas should be cut away before cooked, or they will have a bitter flavor. Potatoes are best stored in a well-ventilated, dark, cool place (not the refrigerator), removed from any plastic bags.

Brown, oval-shaped Russet (or Idaho) potatoes are best for baking and mashing. They also make great soups and chowders. Light tan, round, white-fleshed Eastern potatoes are better for potato pancakes. For roasting, salads and gratins, use Yukon Gold potatoes, which also are light tan and round but with yellow flesh. Small red potatoes work well roasted or steamed.

Although many people think potatoes are fattening, it's the way they are prepared that can make them high in calories.

Americans consume more than five billion pounds of processed french fries every year and spend nearly \$4 billion on potato chips. Fat-laden butter, sour cream and cheese are common companions for the potato.

Fortunately, there are lots of delicious, low-fat recipes for potatoes. Try spicy oven-roasted small potatoes, cut in half and tossed in a bit of olive oil seasoned with paprika, turmeric, cumin, salt and cayenne pepper. Or, lightly sautéed cooked, thinly sliced red potatoes with sliced onions and thin strips of green bell pepper.

This country-style casserole is perfect for St. Patrick's Day. Not only does it feature potatoes,

but it also includes lots of hearty green kale - the perfect color for the day!

POTATO AND KALE CASSEROLE

- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 tablespoon broth or water
- 2 cups cold fat-free milk
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 small onion, coarsely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 cups cooked kale, chopped (see Note)
- 1 tablespoon chopped pecans (optional)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon white pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 large cooked potato, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon plain bread crumbs

Preheat oven to 350° F. Lightly coat a medium-sized, shallow baking dish with cooking oil spray.

Combine oil, broth, milk and flour in a saucepan. Stir and blend until flour dissolves. Over medium heat, cook, stirring, about 5 minutes or until mixture boils and thickens. Remove from heat.

In skillet lightly coated with cooking oil spray, sauté onion and garlic over medium heat, about 5 minutes. Stir onion mixture into milk mixture. Stir in kale, half the pecans (if using), salt, pepper and nutmeg.

Spread a thin layer of kale mixture over bottom of baking dish. Alternate layers of potato slices and kale mixture until both are used up. Sprinkle top with bread crumbs and remaining pecans. Bake until heated through and top is golden, about 30 minutes. Note: Frozen, thawed kale can be substituted for fresh, cooked kale, but drain well before using to remove excess water.

Nutritional information: Makes 4 servings, each containing 172 calories and 4 grams of fat. Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Sandwiches balance out menu

Recipes courtesy of HDS Services. See related story Taste front.

TURKEY FRENCH GRILLED SANDWICH

- 1/2 cup egg substitute
- 1/4 cup skim milk
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 8 slices of whole grain bread
- 8 ounces sliced turkey
- 2 teaspoons margarine, softened
- 2 tomatoes, sliced 1/4-inch thick

In a medium bowl, combine egg substitute and skim milk and mix well. Pour half of the milk and egg mixture into a large long cake pan. Spread one teaspoon of mustard on each slice of bread. Top with two ounces of sliced turkey. Place two slices of fresh tomatoes on top. Place remaining sliced bread on top, with mustard facing down.

Press sandwiches lightly together to hold. Place into the long cake pan. Pour the remaining milk and egg mixture on top. Turn with a spatula to coat both sides. Brush a thin layer of margarine on top of a

hot grill top or large frying pan, heated to 350° F or moderately hot.

Brown turkey grilled sandwiches for approximately three minutes on each side until light golden brown. Cut in half diagonally and serve on plate with fresh fruit or pickles on the side. Serve warm. Makes 4 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 295 calories, 37 gm carbohydrate, 20 gm protein, 9 gm fat, 603 mg sodium.

OPEN-FACED MONTEREY CHICKEN SANDWICH

- 8 ounces chicken, diced 1/2-inch, cooked, chilled
- 10 ounces, red delicious apples, julienned
- 1 stalk celery, cut into 1/4-inch pieces
- 1 tablespoon walnut chips, 1/4-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup fat free sour cream
- 1/2 cup fat free mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground white pepper
- 2 Kaiser or onion rolls, cut in half

Fat free mayonnaise to taste
4 bibb lettuce cups
8 cherry tomatoes for garnish

Chop cooked chicken into medium 1/2-inch pieces. Hold in refrigerator until all preparation is completed. Cut apple slices, peeling if necessary. Cut celery.

Chop walnuts and add to apple mixture. In large bowl, combine sour cream, mayonnaise, mustard and seasonings and mix.

Add the apple mixture and diced chicken and fold together to mix. Keep cold. Spread extra mayonnaise to taste on roll. Top each half with a bibb lettuce cup.

Fill cup with generous half cup of chicken salad mixture. Garnish with two cherry tomatoes. Serve chilled.

(This dish can be prepared up to two hours in advance, but should remain refrigerated and loosely covered.) Makes four servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 442 calories, 40 gm carbohydrate, 27 gm protein, 17 gm fat, 418 mg sodium.

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During the checkup event, a child's car seat will be checked by a certified technician for proper size and installation, recall, and to be sure the child is secured in the seat correctly. Previous checks have revealed that 95-98 percent of child restraints being used incorrectly.

Technicians also will check to make sure that children between 40 and 80 pounds are riding in a booster seat. Many parents think that once a child has reached 40 pounds, he or she can sit in an adult seat belt. Children can be critically injured or killed riding in an adult seat belt that is too large for their bodies. A booster seat must be used until the child is approximately 80 pounds.

It is best to have children present, so they can be evaluated in seat. Allow 15 minutes per child seat.

For more information on the Boost America! program, please log on to www.boostamerica.org for details of past events, etc. Contact the International Center for Injury Prevention at (734) 324-5981.

Get into the swing

Golf season is almost here. It's important to know how to prevent injuries as you get back into the swing of things. Botsford's Total Rehabilitation & Athletic Conditioning Center will offer a special pre-season training seminar, "Tee Off with TRACC," 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, March 24.

TRACC's team of athletic trainers and exercise physiologists will measure your strength and flexibility; Bob Ackerman, PGA Master's golf pro and 1999 Chicago Open Champion, will give you a personal golf lesson; and Dr. Homer Linard, orthopedic surgeon and, sports medicine specialist, will show you how to ease the pain when you're injured.

In addition, Denise Kordie, certified Feldenkrais practitioner and occupational therapist, will teach you how to combine slow movements with mental imagery to achieve correct posture and balance.

The cost is \$40 per person. Pre-payment is required. Deadline is March 18. For reservations, call (248) 473-5600. The TRACC training seminar will be held at Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River Avenue between Haggerty and Meadowbrook in Novi.

Weight management

There's still time to join the 13-week HMR Weight Management Program offered through a partnership with St. Mary Mercy Hospital and Health Management Resources.

Registration is through March 28, and participants are requested to attend a free orientation session from 4-5 p.m. Wednesday, March 21 or March 28 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

The HMR program includes the option of a medically supervised program and a non-medically supervised program, depending on the amount of weight loss desired. Both options use nutritionally complete weight-loss foods (shakes, bars and entrees) as the basis of the diet. Specially designed lifestyle education classes focus on lowering fat and calories without going hungry.

To pre-register, call (734) 655-1783. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 34675 Five Mile Road in Livonia.

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Straight from the heart

New procedures and research continue to aid people with heart disease

Although the death rate from cardiovascular disease has declined in the United States during the last decade, it still claimed almost 950,000 lives in 1998, the most recent year for which data are available, according to the American Heart Association.

That figure includes 459,841 from coronary heart disease and 158,448 from stroke. Cardiovascular diseases include high blood pressure, coronary heart disease (including heart attack and angina), stroke, congenital cardiovascular defects and congestive heart failure among others.

However, in the area of research, new procedures and prevention, there is good news from the medical community in the battle against coronary heart disease.

Angioplasty and stents

Angioplasty procedures performed today to re-open blocked arteries are more than 10 percent more successful than procedures performed in the mid-1980s, according to a recent report in *Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association*. And individuals who receive the procedure are 40 percent less likely to require follow-up bypass surgery or an additional angioplasty to revascularize — or re-open — their coronary arteries.

Much of this improvement is due to the development and wide use of coronary stents, mesh tubes placed in the artery to hold it open after the angioplasty balloon catheter is removed.

"With stents, the artery is opened to a larger degree, and there is less closing of the artery over time," said researcher Dr. Katherine M. Detre, a professor at the University of Pittsburgh.

Unfortunately, restenosis — or the re-clogging of an unblocked artery — can happen. The approach to limiting restenosis has been radiation, but cell overgrowth at the edge of the radiated area of the artery can cause re-narrowing.

A recent study published in the Jan. 16 issue of *Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association* shows that angioplasty with drug-coated stent appears to limit the re-clogging of heart arteries and reduce the need for repeat procedures. The drug, sirolimus, was administered directly to a human artery by adhering it to a stent. Sirolimus is an immunosuppressant drug used to prevent kidney transplant rejection. It works by preventing cell overgrowth.

Source: American Heart Association

Drilling holes in the heart

Transmyocardial revascularization, or TMR, a surgical procedure that uses a laser to drill holes in the heart, can reduce or alleviate angina in a majority of individuals for at least five years, a major study shows.

TMR uses a carbon dioxide laser to make multiple channels in the heart for the blood to flow through. There are several theories as to why TMR works: The laser channels may provide a new source of blood to the heart; it may trigger angiogenesis, the stimulation of new blood vessel growth; or it may simply destroy the nerves in the affected area of the heart, numbing the heart and thus relieving chest pain.

"Whatever symptom relief these patients had at one year seems to be holding true out to five years," said Dr. Keith Horvath, lead researcher of the TMR and assistant professor of cardiovascular surgery, Northwestern University Medical School. "We have a significant number of patients who have experienced pain relief for as long as eight to nine years following their TMR."

TMR most likely won't replace coronary artery bypass or angioplasty as the most common method of treating coronary artery disease. But TMR may be used for people who are high-risk candidates for a second bypass or angioplasty; people whose blockages are too diffuse to be treated with bypass alone; some patients with heart transplants who develop atherosclerosis after their transplant.

Source: American Heart Association

Electrical pulses reduce angina

Ninety to 95 percent of people who suffer from angina are able to control their angina with traditional therapies including medication, aggressive lifestyle changes, and procedures like angioplasty, bypass and transmyocardial revascularization.

But what about the other 5 to 10 percent? The answer may be spinal cord stimulation, a therapy that has been studied in Europe for more than 10 years as a treatment for angina. Most commonly, spinal cord stimulation is used to treat patients with chronic back pain.

The spinal cord stimulator works by supplying very small doses of electrical current to a key part of the spinal cord, the cervical and upper thoracic spinal cord, explained Dr. Jeffrey Rosenthal, clinical

assistant and professor of anesthesiology at the University of Michigan. The stimulator alters blood flow to the heart, so that areas with normal blood flow begin to supply other areas of the heart that have poor blood flow.

"The heart has its own pacemaker and its own electrical conducting system," said Rosenthal. "However, the heart is also under the influence of the spinal cord through the brain and brain stem. It's through this connection that we influence activity at the heart by using electrical pulses at the level of the spinal cord."

After a successful five-day trial period during which a stimulating electrode is placed through the skin in the neck, the patient is ready for implantation of the battery and receiver underneath the skin in the abdomen. Afterwards, the patient is given a hand-held control unit that transmits radio waves through the abdominal wall to the receiver, triggering the electrical signals.

It is important to note that the spinal cord stimulator will not mask a heart attack, but also it will not protect against it.

U-M will be the only facility in Michigan to take part in the United States' clinical trial of spinal cord stimulation. Patients interested in more information and those who would like to be notified when the clinical trial begins can leave a message at 1-800-742-2300, category 6220.

Source: University of Michigan Health System

Can a vitamin prevent heart disease?

Americans might live longer if they got the recommended daily level of folic acid and vitamin B12 in middle age and beyond from inexpensive multivitamins, a new University of Michigan study found. It would most benefit those whose blood tests show an elevated level of homocysteine, a harmful amino acid. High homocysteine levels may be associated with up to 6 percent to 10 percent of all heart deaths in the United States.

Homocysteine is found everywhere in the body. Laboratory studies show it can harm the lining of blood vessels, encourage more smooth muscle cells to grow in vessel walls, and create an environment in which blood clots more easily.

Fortunately, scientists have found that folic acid can lower homocysteine levels by helping in its breakdown. They've determined that the most effective dose for this effect is 400 micrograms a day, coincidentally the Food & Drug Administration's new recommended daily allowance. Higher doses don't seem to lower homocysteine levels much further.

Because there's evidence that high folic acid can mask a deficiency of vitamin B12, the U-M group and others have recommended that B12 be taken along with any folic acid supplements. Most multivitamins contain both nutrients, as do whole grains, oranges and green vegetables.

Source: University of Michigan Health System

Soy to the world!

For the first time, researchers report that whether a person's cholesterol levels are high or normal, those who add soy to their diets may see an increase in levels of "good" cholesterol in their blood.

Results of the clinical trial in China were presented at the American Heart Association's 41st Annual Conference on Cardiovascular Disease Epi-

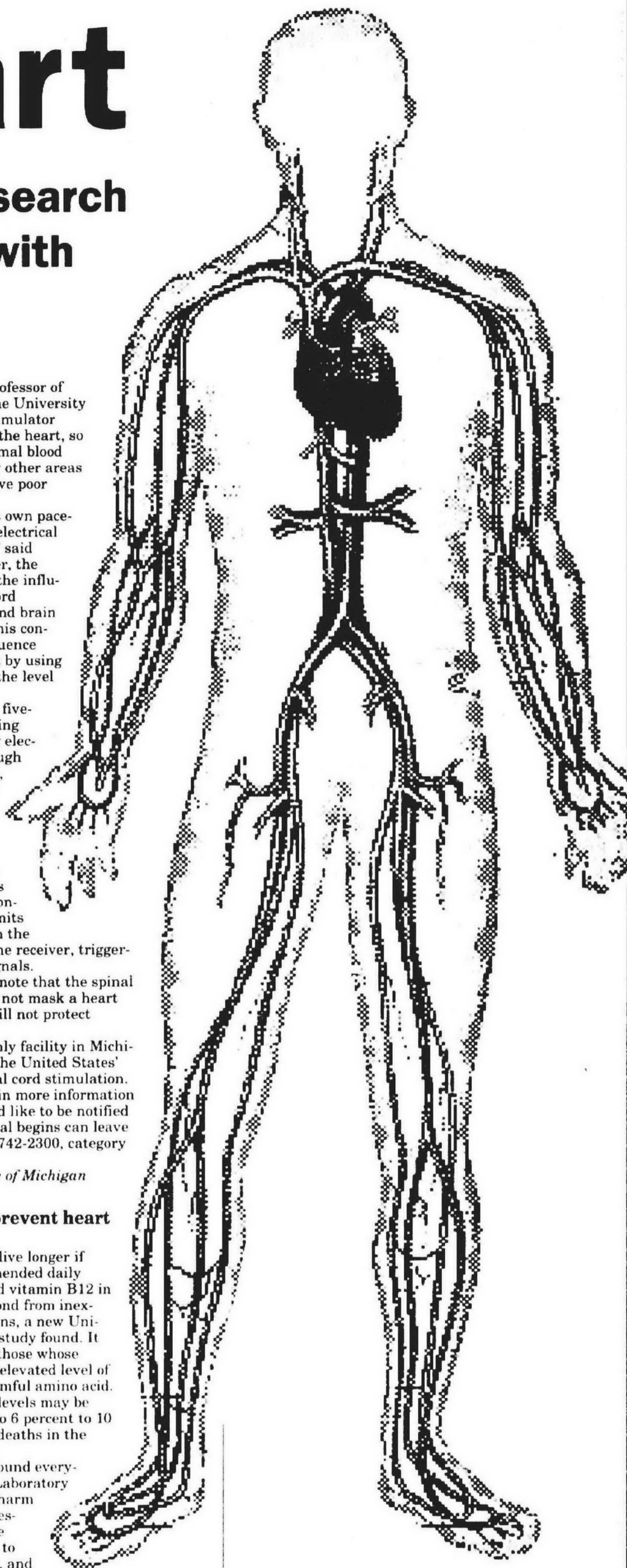
demology and Prevention.

When 40 grams of soy protein were added to the daily diet of a group of men and women with normal lipid profiles, their levels of "good" high-density (HDL) cholesterol increased, while their levels of "bad" low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol were not significantly affected," said Dr. Jiang He, associate professor of epidemiology at Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine in New Orleans, and lead author of the report.

After 12 week study participants who ate cookies containing soy protein supplements every day showed a 4.7 increase in HDL compared to the control group. Although there was a small increase in LDL among soy-consuming participants, it was not considered significant. Among people with high cholesterol, a number of U.S. studies have shown that daily soy protein consumption actually lowers LDL, in addition to raising HDL levels.

Unlike the vegetable protein contained in most grains and legumes, soy protein is "complete," meaning that it contains all the essential amino acids found in animal protein.

Source: American Heart Association



A glass of apple juice a day goes a long way in keeping the heart doctor away

BY LINDA ASHTON
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — A glass of apple juice or two apples a day might help keep the cardiologist away.

In a small, three-month study of 13 healthy women and 12 healthy men, researchers at the University of California at Davis found the heart-health benefits from eating apples similar to those of drinking tea or red wine.

"Whole food is where it's at," nutritionist Dianne Hyson, the lead researcher on the project, said Monday. "People are still looking for pills and easy answers."

The study was paid for with an unrestricted grant from the U.S. Apple Association and the Processed Apple Institute, and the findings were published in the winter edition of the "Journal of Medicinal Food." But the two industry groups had no part in the design of the study, the researchers said.

The study showed that apples

and apple juice may help to slow the oxidation, or break down, of "bad" or LDL cholesterol. When LDL cholesterol breaks down, it has a tendency to clog arteries, which can lead to heart disease.

"A very moderate intake of apple juice or apples has the potential to reduce risk factors for heart disease in a fairly short period of time," Hyson said. "These small diet changes might play an important role in a heart-healthy diet."

While the sample was small — 13 women and 12 men — it was determined to be statistically significant, Hyson said. It was an attempt using people to confirm laboratory findings from 1999 that showed apple nutrients inhibited LDL oxidation.

More good news

Last summer, Cornell University researchers reported that apple antioxidants inhibited the growth of certain types of cancer cells. In research published in the journal *Nature*, Cornell researchers reported that apple

components had more antioxidant capabilities than a 1,500-milligram dose of vitamin C.

The UC-Davis findings suggest apples have an antioxidant capability similar to those of tea and red wine.

The average age of the study participants was the early 40s, and their average overall cholesterol level was just above 200 milligrams per deciliter of blood.

The men and women drank either 12 ounces of 100-percent apple juice or ate two apples with the peel daily without changing any other aspect of their diets or exercise routines. The apples consumed were Fuji, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith and Red Delicious.

All members of the group ate apples for six weeks or drank juice for six weeks and then switched.

Researchers measured the time it takes for LDL oxidation to occur. The people who drank apple juice showed a 20 percent increase in the time it takes LDL cholesterol to break down. Eat-

ing apples produced a slightly smaller increase but added the benefits of a 22 percent increase in dietary fiber intake.

Nutritional biochemist Alice H. Lichtenstein, a professor at Tufts University in Boston, said it's still difficult to attribute any specific health effect to a single plant.

"What we know about fruits and vegetables is they are good for you," she said.

Data suggest that people who eat a lot of fruits and vegetables tend to have better health and a lower risk for some forms of cancer, but it's not known if that's because they're eating more fruits and vegetables or eating less of foods that increase health risks.

For years, the U.S. government has recommended that people eat at least five servings of fruits and vegetables daily, but despite the easy availability of high-quality food here, they're not doing it, Lichtenstein said.

Source:
www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu

Children's health, education are the focus at Medstart Conference

Tomorrow's health and education professionals will focus on issues facing today's children at a March 17 conference on children's health, education and wellness organized by students at the University of Michigan, including the Medical School and Schools of Public Health, Nursing and Social Work.

"Education: Enriching Minds, Opening Doors, Paving the Path to a Brighter Future" will take place 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 17, at Hutchins Hall in the U-M Law Quadrangle. The public, including students and faculty from other Michigan schools and colleges, is invited to join U-M students, faculty and staff at the event.

From alternative education to violence, eating disorders to disabilities, the ninth annual Medstart Conference will offer participants information on a range of issues and problems facing the nation's youngest citizens. It will also feature keynote addresses by award-winning author Alex Kotlowitz and the mother of late teen AIDS activist Ryan White.

The morning keynote, given by Kotlowitz, is titled "Breaking the Silence: Growing Up in Today's Inner City." Kotlowitz is a journalist and author of two books: *There Are No Children Here: The Story of Two Boys Growing Up in the Other America*, a 1991 report on young people in the Chicago housing projects, and *The Other Side of the River: A Story of Two Towns, a Death and America's Dilemma*, a 1998 look at race relations in St. Joseph and Benton Harbor, Mich., following the death of a black teen.

The afternoon keynote address will be given by Jeanne White-Ginder, mother of Ryan White, a hemophiliac who died of AIDS in 1990 at the age of 18 after years of public AIDS activism.

White-Ginder, herself an AIDS activist, will address her son's legacy and the educational discrimination he faced because of his HIV status and illness. Last fall, the federal government re-authorized the Ryan White CARE act, a \$1.8 billion package that funds HIV and AIDS prevention, testing, education and care.

Local and regional experts will lead 15 one-hour workshops throughout the day.

Fees are \$12 for students and \$22 for non-students who pre-register by March 6, and \$17 and \$27, respectively, for those who register after March 6 or at the conference. More information is available at www.umich.edu/~medstart or by calling (734) 214-3867.

Medstart was founded in 1991 by U-M medical students who wanted more training in children's issues in their first years of medical school. It works to expose current and future professionals — especially those in medicine, public health, education and law — to children's issues early in their careers.

In addition to the conference, Medstart also coordinates health fairs, offers information about volunteer opportunities, and matches students with pregnant women or hospitalized children for companionship, learning and health education. Its current president is U-M medical student Lisa Chu.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

ONGOING

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Alcoholics Anonymous meets 8:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday and Sunday, Garden City Hospital (north entrance), 5254 Inkster Road. Alanon meeting Sunday only. Call (248) 541-6565 or (734) 776-3415. Noon Tuesday and Thursday, Providence Medical Office Center, 39500 W. 10 Mile (at Haggerty), Novi. Call (248) 348-9362. Noon Wednesday, Livonia Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 953-1188.

FREE PROSTATE SCREENINGS
Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital will offer free prostate screenings on the fourth Thursday of each month in the radiology oncology department at the McAuley Cancer Care Center in Ypsilanti. Call the Saint Joseph Mercy HealthLine at (800) 231-2211.

ANXIETY DISORDER
Ward Presbyterian Church, corner of Six Mile Road and Haggerty, Northville, sponsors a Panic Attack & Anxiety Disorder Support Group meeting 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month. Call (734) 420-8175.

DIABETES
St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor will offer a Diabetes Support group 2-3:30 p.m. the first Friday and 7-8:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month in the Exhibition Room of the hospital Education Center. Call (734) 712-2804.

LYME DISEASE
The Lyme Disease and Chronic Illness Support Group, Western Wayne County meets the third Tuesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church, 3 Towne Square, Wayne. For more information, call (734) 326-3502.

present "A Quest for a Healthier You," a free seven-session health seminar presented by local medical professionals 7:30-8:45 p.m. Tuesdays at the Summit on the Park, Arts II Room, Canton. Topics include: Diet & Nutrition, Stress Management, Heart Disease, Exercise & Weight Control, Cancer Prevention, and Diabetes. To register, call (734) 844-8660.

SUN, MARCH 11

DEMENTIA AND DEPRESSION
Judy C. Wheeler, a clinic nurse specialist and nurse practitioner-gerontology, will present "Dementia and Depression with Aging" a free workshop 2 p.m. at the Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Pre-register by calling (734) 422-0149.

CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY
MCS Friends, a support group for those who are physically harmed or who have lost someone through death due to chemical exposure, will meet 2-5 p.m. at the Farmington Library, 23500 Liberty Street, Farmington. The public is welcome. Call 248-349-4972.

MARCH 11-14

MEDICINE AND MORALITY
Calvary Baptist Church will present Veritas Christian Research Ministries and "A Christian World View: Medicine and Morality" at the church, located at 43065 Joy Road, Canton (between Lilley and Morton Taylor/Main Street). Dr. Robert Evans, founder of Veritas Ministries, will present the following topics: "The Image of God and the Moral Status of Life" — 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 11; "East Meets West: The Christian Stake in Alternative Medicine" — 7 p.m. Monday, March 12; "Playing God: The Christian Stake in Genetic Engineering" — 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 13; and "A Christian Manifesto in a Culture of Death" — 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 14. Call (734) 455-0022.

MARCH 12

COMBAT FITNESS
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MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

Heart to heart
St. Fabian Church in Farmington Hills recently purchased two automatic external defibrillators from the American Red Cross. The \$6,000 cost for the two defibrillators was covered by a private donor. In conjunction with Providence Hospital and the Farmington Hills Fire Department, the church will offer training classes in AED use for its parishioners.

"This is a real community effort between Providence, the Farmington Hills Fire Depart-

ment and our church," said parish nurse Donna Carrico, who also works as a nurse at Providence Hospital.

Thirty-two parish members signed up for the first training session March 10. The next training session will run 7:30-10 p.m. Thursday, March 15. Training is limited to parish members.

Carrico and Tom Shurtless, a paramedic with the Farmington Hills Fire Department, will conduct the training sessions. For more information, call the church at (248) 554-4610.

Family retreat Share cancer experiences with other families

Anyone who has been diagnosed with cancer knows there are numerous opportunities for support, ranging from classes to help patients look good and feel better to support groups for children of cancer patients to group meeting focusing on a specific type of cancer.

'The Circle of Care Family Retreat will include activities that help patients and families reflect on the experience of cancer. These activities include a nature walk, discussion opportunities, and lunch and dinner — all set in the beautiful, serene surroundings of U-M's Matthaei Botanical Gardens.'

One element missing in this system of support is an offering where family and friends can come together to share their cancer experience together.

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System of Ann Arbor and the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center will present a unique program for families going through the cancer experience. The Circle of Care Family Retreat will be held 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at U-M's Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 North Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor.

The retreat is the result of the vision of a local woman who recently lost her battle with cancer, Christy Yenkel. "Christy noticed that there were many opportunities for support for cancer patients, but they sometimes fragmented and separated the family into separate groups. Her vision was to have the health-care community offer a program where the cancer experience could be shared as a family, not as separate individuals," says Debbie Mattison, a social worker at McAuley Cancer Care Center of SJMHS.

Yenkel's love of community involvement and her dream of providing care and support to

loved ones dealing with cancer has grown to become the Christy Yenkel Fund for Community Cancer Care. Her fund is a sponsor of this event.

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"We hope to create an open atmosphere where family members can discuss their journeys and share the impact cancer has on each of their lives," says Suzanne Mahler, director of the Healing Arts Program at the U-M Cancer Center.

Registration fees for the retreat are \$10 per person or \$25 per family. Call (800) 865-1125 by March 16.

Defibrillators prove life saving

A study in today's issue of *Journal of the American Medical Association* reaffirms the life-saving role of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in treating sudden cardiac arrest.

This analysis of more than 100 journal papers detailing AED experience found that recent advances in AED technology and design have simplified AED operation, reduced costs and improved accuracy and effectiveness in analyzing heart rhythms.

"Defibrillation is the only effective treatment for most sudden cardiac arrests and the use of AEDs by trained personnel has reduced time to defibrillation — a critical point in increasing the chances of survival someone in cardiac arrest," said Rose Marie Robertson, M.D., president of the American Heart Association.

"We need to continue to gather more information about the effect of public access to defibrillation programs on victims of

sudden cardiac arrest, including survival rates through hospital discharge, post-arrest quality of life and the costs of conducting such programs," she continued.

The American Heart Association supports the increased availability and use of AEDs as part of its Operation Heartbeat program. Operation Heartbeat is a community-based initiative designed to help improve the national sudden cardiac arrest survival rate, which is currently about 5 percent. And the association is co-funding a two-and-a-half-year study with the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute to further examine issues relating to the cost and quality of life of public access defibrillation (PAD) programs.

The information contained in this *American Heart Association (AHA) Web site is not a substitute for medical advice or treatment, and the AHA recommends consultation with your doctor or health care professional.*

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STOPPING ARTHRITIS MEDICATION

If your joints are doing well on your present medications, you may wonder if your arthritis is resolving and if you need your arthritis drugs. There is nothing wrong with that notion, and you should test it out. However, it is not appropriate to stop your arthritis drugs, and then see what happens. The trouble with that approach is that you may learn painfully that you do need them. You could have a flare of joint pain, and the misery of needing to start all over again to control your arthritis.

Stopping cortisone taking no more tablets exemplifies the hazard of suddenly ending your medication. Going without this medicine quickly brings on a return of joint swelling and in addition causes you nausea and weakness that could necessitate hospitalization.

There is a way to stop medications: that is to do so gradually. If you are on 10 milligrams of cortisone a day, and feel you don't need it, then go down to 9 milligrams a day. Stay at that dose for 2 weeks and if you still feel well, then decrease to 8 milligrams a day for 2 weeks. If you are taking celebrex and think you no longer need the drug, then go down from twice a day to once a day, or change from 200 mg a tablet, to the 100 mg tablet size.

If you no longer need the drug, you will be able to decrease to a zero amount. This approach takes time, but it is safe. In most instances, you will find you need a medication but that a lower dose suffices.

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The Livonia Department of Parks & Recreation, in conjunction with Applied Fitness, presents two, five-week "Combat Fitness" classes at the Livonia Community Center. One class runs 6-7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday and the other 6-7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursdays. The high-intensity, cardiovascular and strength conditioning class incorporates various military "basic training" exercise with kick boxing drills. Recommended for the intermediate and advanced fitness practitioner. \$50. Class space is limited. Register at Parks & Recreation. Call (734) 466-2410.

LIVESAVING COURSE

The Livonia Department of Parks & Recreation will offer a six-week American Red Cross Lifesaving Course for those age 15 and over. Classes will be held 6:30-9:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia Community Center. \$35. Successful completion of the course may lead to employment with the City of Livonia. Class space is limited to the first 20 participants. Register at Parks & Recreation. Call (734) 466-2410.

THYROID SUPPORT GROUP

The Michigan Thyroid Disorder Support Group will meet 6:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth. Scott Popyk, compounding pharmacist at Health Dimensions, will be the main speaker. For more information, call Tracy Green (734) 453 7945 or e-mail mitsg@mediaone.net

MON, MARCH 19

GAMBLING

An estimated 1 percent to 2 percent of the general population become compulsive gamblers. People in this group lose control of their betting, often with serious and sometimes fatal consequences. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is offering a class to address these consequences 6-7:30 March 19 in West Addition B. Pre-registration is requested. Call (734) 655-2944.

SAT, MARCH 31

PMS & MENOPAUSE

Suffering from depression, mood swings, hormonal imbalances hot flashes, irritability and restless nights? Learn how to overcome PMS and menopause 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Body Works Healing Center, 819 N. Mill Street, Plymouth. The cost is \$35. Reservations required. Call (734) 416-5200. This program includes natural prescription for relief of female related problems. Diet and energy work will also be included. Presented

y Dr. Mark Roby, N.D., founder of the Metro Center for Attitudinal Healing.

WED, MARCH 14

SENIOR HEALTH

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will present "Herbal Therapy and Supplements" 1-3 p.m. in the hospital's Auditorium. Registered dietician Linda De Vore will teach attendees about possible health risks of some popular herbal supplements and how to locate reliable resources for herbal supplement information. To register, call (734) 655-8940.

BLOOD DRIVE

Celebrate Valentine's Day by giving blood. The Livonia Post Office, 11800 Merriman Road off Plymouth, will sponsor a blood drive noon to 6 p.m. Please contact Marge Walter at (734) 425-8050. There is a blood shortage, so give a pint at the post office.

DIABETES

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will host a free support group focusing on information important to those who live with diabetes and its related issues 7-8:30 p.m. in the hospital's Auditorium. John Pedit will present "Medicare & Supplemental Insurance Update." To register, call (734) 655-8940.

THUR, MARCH 15

CAR SEAT SAFETY

The Center for Injury Prevention in Metro Detroit, in conjunction with the Ford Motor Co.'s Boost America! Program, will hold a car seat safety check-up 3-6 p.m. Thursday, March 15 at Pat Milliken Ford on Telegraph Road in Redford.

Mon, March 19

Gambling Addiction Avoid the serious - and sometimes fatal - consequences of gambling. St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer a gambling addiction class 6-7:30 p.m. in West Addition B. Pre-registration is requested. Please call (734) 655-2944. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located on Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. Participants should use the South Entrance off Levan Road. Wed, March 21

DYSLEXIA

The Dyslexia Support Group will meet 7-9 p.m. at the Michigan Dyslexia Institute-Detroit Metro Center, 30230 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 130, Farmington Hills. Mary Rodriguez, a member of the Plymouth-Canton Special Education Advisory Committee, will discuss special education law and the IEP as related to students with dyslexia. Call (248) 737-0044.

THUR, MARCH 15

SCORE

The Service Corps of Retired Executives will offer the following workshops: "Business Plan" 8:35 a.m. to noon Thursday, March 15 (\$40) at One Stop Capital Shop, 2051 Rosa Parks Blvd, Detroit; "Marketing Plan" 8:45 a.m. to noon Thursday, March 29 (\$65 in advance, \$75 a the door) at Executive Office Building of Oakland County, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. Call SCORE at (313) 226-7947 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays to register.

MARCH 13 & 20

FINANCIAL WORKSHOPS

Morgan Stanley Dean Witter will offer the following workshops: "Smart Women Finish Rich" 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, Laurel Park Place Mall, (734) 432-7525; "Professional Investment Management" 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, Laurel Park Place Mall, call (734) 432-7525.

TUES, MARCH 13

CAREER WOMEN

The West Suburban Chapter of the National Association of Career Women will meet 11:45 a.m. at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Guest speaker Janie Thomas, RN, from the Homeopathic Clinic in Ann

Arbor will discuss "Women's Alternative Health." Luncheon cost is \$18 per member and \$22 for non-members. Call Brenda Durling at (734) 462-4670.

ACG MEETING

The Southeast Michigan Chapter of the Association for Corporate Growth will host a breakfast meeting with Richard Beadle of the Executive Committee Detroit, Inc., and Chris Edwards of Renaissance EXECUTIVE FORUMS of Michigan, 7:30-9:30 a.m. at the Excalibur Banquet & Convention Center, 28875 Franklin Road, Southfield. Cost is \$15 for members and \$35 for guests. For reservations, call ACG, (877) 894-2754.

ISO 9000 REVISIONS WORKSHOP

Arch Associates will present a half-day study of the new ISO 9001:2000 quality system requirements at Laurel Park Holiday Inn at 8:30 a.m. Doors open at 8 a.m. \$220 cost includes copy of the new standard course manual and refreshments. The SE Mich. Quality Study Group will meet afterwards at 1 p.m. to discuss quality system contributions to overall business plans and successes. (Prior attendance of Arch Associates' ISO 9000 Workshop is required.) \$120 cost includes reference materials and refreshments. Advance registration required for both the workshop and the study group. Call 248.449.5433.

AMA hosts job fair next Saturday

Contrary to local announcements of employee cutbacks, the proverbial "help wanted" sign still hangs on many door within the advertising and marketing industry.

The Detroit Chapter of the American Marketing Association (AMA) seeks to fill these positions at their third annual job fair 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 17 at Oakland University, Rochester, in the Oakland Center Building, Gold Room B.

"In spite of a slowing economy, there are still many good job openings right now in marketing," said David Stander, chairman of this year's job fair. "When consumer demand softens, there is an increased need for effective advertising, sales promotion and market research. AMA Detroit is excited about

making everyone aware of these important new job opportunities."

Entry-level, as well as senior management careers in advertising, sales promotion and marketing research, will be the focus of the job fair.

Representatives from three leading Detroit-based advertising and marketing communications agencies - Campbell-Ewald, PentaMark Worldwide (owned by BBDO Worldwide) and J. Walter Thompson - will be on hand to meet personally with attendees during a two-hour networking period.

Attendance is limited to the first 300 people who make reservations. Call (248) 478-6910. The event is free. Job candidates should bring multiple copies of their résumé.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

WED, MARCH 14

IABC WORKSHOP

The International Association of Business Communicators/Detroit will sponsor "Maximizing Your Web Strategies" featuring Shel Holtz, author of Wired World and Public Relations on the Internet, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Walsh College Lecture Hall, 3838 Livernois, Troy. Holtz will cover effective Web writing for online audiences and provide tips for creating customized and targeted content that helps better manage the information overload. He is principal of Holtz Communications & Technology. The daylong workshop costs \$95 for IABC/Detroit members and \$125 for nonmembers and includes breakfast and lunch. Visit www.iabcdetroit.com. Call (248) 546-5490.

FRI, MARCH 14

NABOB

The National Association of Women Business Owners will hold its 7th Annual Top 10 Awards Luncheon honoring the top 10 Michigan women business owners 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Northfield Hilton in Troy. Networking and business-to-business showcase 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mary Kramer, editor of *Crain's Detroit Business*, will act as guest moderator. Cost:

\$40 for NAWBO members; \$45 for non-members and guests. Payment required by March 9. Call (313) 961-4748.

FRI, MARCH 16

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L

The Livonia Chapter of BNI will meet 7:30 a.m. at Senate Coney Island on Plymouth Road at Stark, Livonia. Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

WED, MARCH 21

BUSINESS FORUM

The International Business Forum meets 11:45 a.m. at The Fairlane Club, 5000 Fairlane Woods Drive, Dearborn, for a couple of hours of networking, learning, lunch and a discussion led by Ludvik F. Koci, vice chairman and CEO, Detroit Diesel Corp. RSVP by March 19. Cost: \$20. Call Vanessa at (734) 479-2345 or e-mail: ib@wtcdw.com.

THUR, MARCH 22

FINANCIAL SEMINAR

"Wealth Building Strategies" is the subject of a free seminar by Jonathan Stanley, vice president and financial advisor at 6 p.m. in Morgan Stanley Dean Witter's Laurel Park Office. Seating is limited. Call Sue Rankin at (800) 745-4550, ext. 7524 for reservations.

Make connections at collegiate job fair

Graduating seniors can meet one-on-one with prospective employers at the 27th Michigan Collegiate Job Fair 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, March 30 at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

More than 180 employers are expected to attend the fair, co-sponsored by Wayne State and Eastern Michigan universities and promoted by more than 80 other four-year and two-year institutions. ESD, the engineering society, is a supporting sponsor for the job fair.

One of the state's largest and longest-running job search events, the fair offers an opportunity for students to meet with employers looking to fill primarily entry-level positions. Graduates also can practice their interviewing skills and obtain information about employment opportunities.

To register for the fair in advance, students can send a résumé and check for \$10 to Michigan Collegiate Job Fair, University Counseling and Placement Services, 1001 Faculty-Administration Building, Wayne State University, Detroit MI 48202-3622.

Advanced registration must be received by Friday, March 23. On-site registration is \$20. Free parking available.

For more information, call Nannette McCleary at Wayne State at (313) 577-3390, Ken Meyer at Eastern Michigan University at (734) 487-1195, or by contacting local university or college placement offices. Information is available online at <http://www.mcjfg.org>

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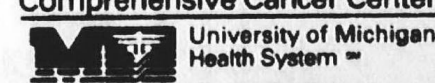
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20 homes are going up in Troy

Three story-and-a-half plans all loaded with standard features await buyers at Chatfield Commons, a detached condominium community in Troy.

Robertson Brothers, which over the years has developed several residential projects in Troy, will construct 20 homes at the northwest corner of Wattles and Coolidge.

Base prices go from \$634,000 (3,238 square feet) to \$639,000 (3,003 square feet) to \$674,000 (3,495 square feet.) All contain three bedrooms and 3-1/2 baths.

All also include three-car garage, first floor laundry, basement, air conditioning and a fireplace.

Other basic amenities include separate tub and shower in the master; double oven, cook top, microwave and dishwasher in the kitchen; wood flooring in the foyer, hall, half bath and kitchen nook; and carpeting throughout the rest of the home.

Granite counters in the kitchen and crown moldings are also standard. And each home will come completely landscaped.

Many prospective buyers at Chatfield Commons already live in the Troy area, said Paul Robertson, president. But after experiencing tremendous appreciation in the value of their homes, they're ready to upgrade.

"The want smaller. They want to get rid of maintenance. Most don't live in homes now with the master on the first floor. That's another reason they look here."

"The key is the three-car garage, with one tandem (space)," Robertson added. "There's a lot of condos you can go into, but not another one in town with a three-car garage."

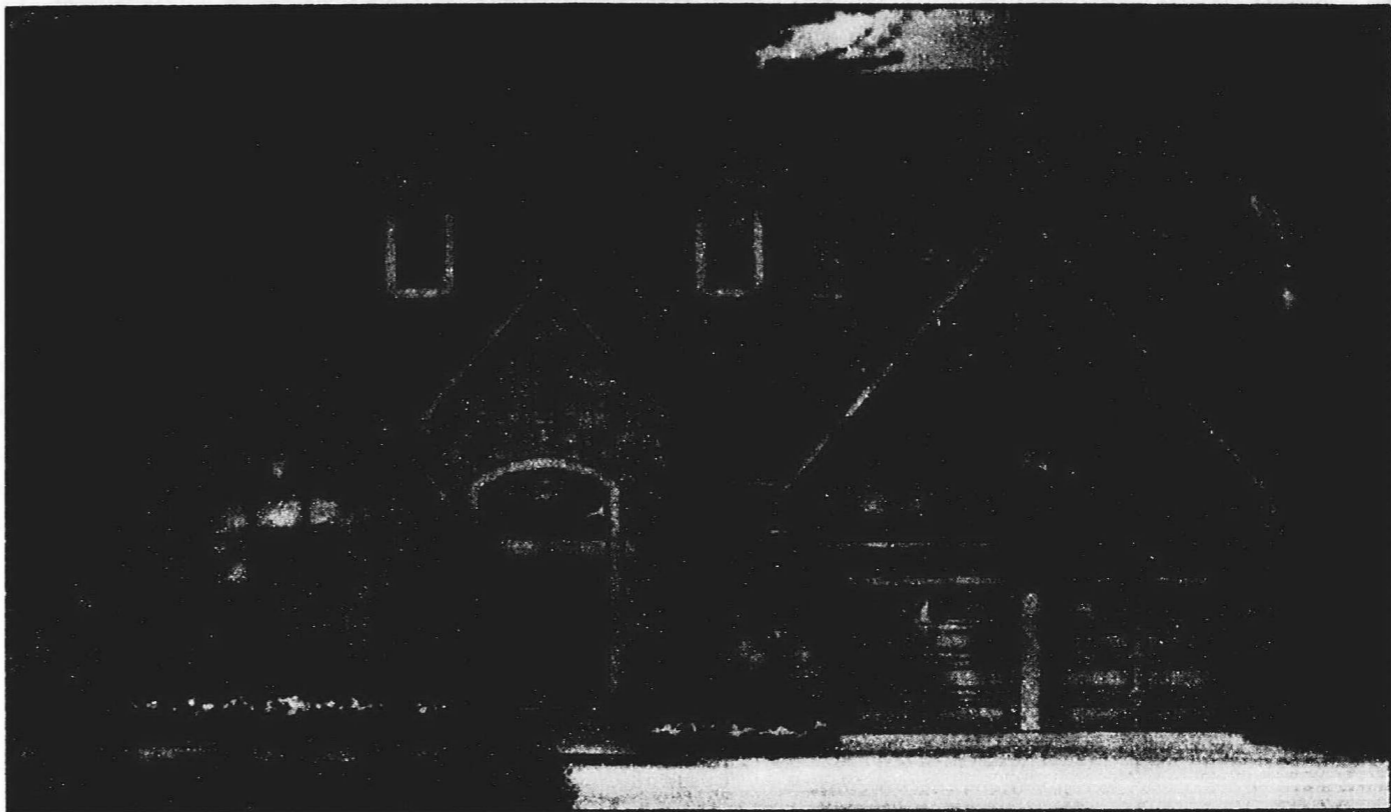
But even that isn't etched in stone. "Some want a two-car garage and are expanding the master suite, some are putting in a workshop," Robertson said. "That's what's really unique."

Amira Kaafarani, sales consultant, greets visitors as they came to check out Chatfield Commons.

"I think they are impressed with the features and amenities we're offering," she said. "They're impressed with the size of the rooms. They're impressed with all the closets we have."

"The majority of the living space is on the first floor," Kaafarani said. "You don't have to go anywhere else."

There are other draws to Chatfield Commons.



Linden: This story-and-a-half home of nearly 3,500 square feet contains three bedrooms, each with its own bath.

"This is an A+ location," Robertson said. "You're three miles from downtown Birmingham, one mile from Somerset."

"You're close to the freeway," Kaafarani added. "We're putting in probably close to three quarters of a million dollars in landscaping."

The site, though fairly small, will be surrounded by trees and contain gathering and picnic areas.

"We've tried to create a little corner of the world, a village green, village commons," Robertson said.

The Linden, the largest plan at 3,495 square feet, is under construction as a model.

It features a two-story foyer, den with cathedral ceiling, kitchen/nook with island and built-in desk, dining room and a great room with volume ceiling.

The master with pan ceiling also contains a two-sink vanity, three wall closets, a walk-in closet and linen closet.

The upstairs is virtually the same in all three plans - two bedrooms, each with a walk-in closet, one with combi-

nation tub/shower, the other with a shower.

Brick and Hardiplank, a concrete siding, are primary exterior materials.

The monthly maintenance/association fee is \$250. That includes lawn cutting and snow removal.

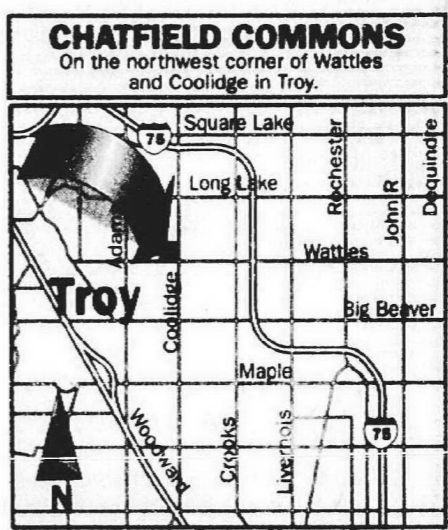
Chatfield Commons is served by city water, sewers and sidewalks. It's within the Troy school boundaries.

The property tax rate is \$35.09 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price for new construction. That means the owners of a \$639,000 home there would pay about \$11,300 the first year.

Ron and Gail Valentine bought in Chatfield Commons.

"We were looking for an empty-nester home... the master suite on the first floor, two bedrooms up... for two years now," Ron said. "We've lived in Troy 22 years and like it there."

"They had everything we wanted - floor plan, location, only 20 homes there. It fit our style exactly what we



CHATFIELD COMMONS
On the northwest corner of Wattles and Coolidge in Troy.

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The sales office/model at Chatfield Commons, (248) 822-1100, is open noon to 6 p.m. daily.

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bedrooms and 2 baths, including a luxurious master suite with a glamour bath.

In addition, many upgrades have been added in this house, including a daylight basement, extensive use of oak floors, open staircase, and much more.

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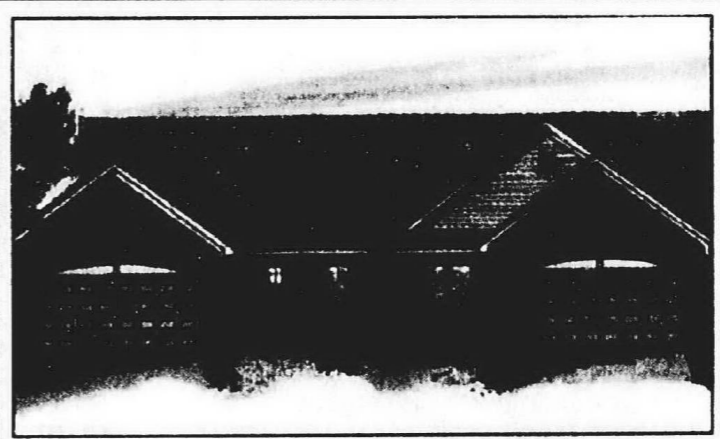
The eight custom floor plans offered are ranch, story-and-one-half and two story homes ranging in size from 2,450 to 3,900 square feet, with prices starting at \$381,000.

Exterior features include charming elevations, four sides

brick on first floor, architectural shingles, concrete driveway, three car side entry garage, and full basement.

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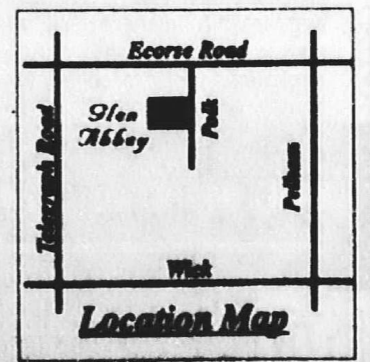
From the time you step onto the oak floors in the Foyer and look across to the optional fireplace, you'll know that every detail has been addressed from

the six panel colonist doors and molding to the standard ceramic floors in the Bathrooms.

The exterior is fully bricked on the first floor and includes maintenance free siding, trim, gutters, and windows. The site is fully landscaped with an automatic sprinkler system.

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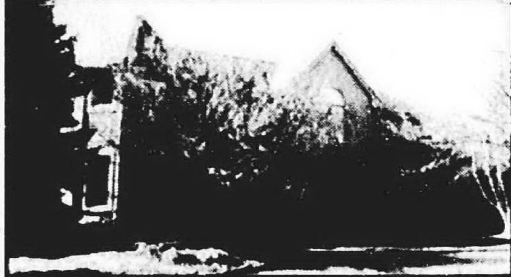
For further information or to secure your reservation, contact one of the friendly staff at Dublin Building Company, 248-644-0900.



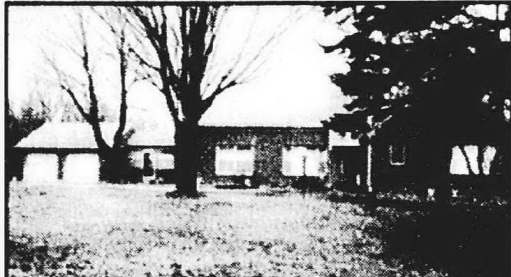
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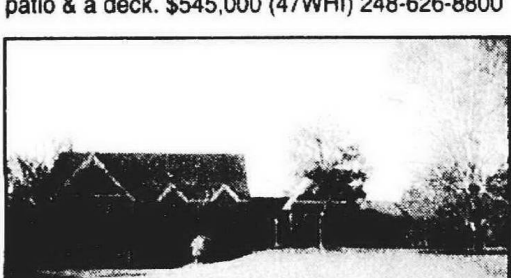
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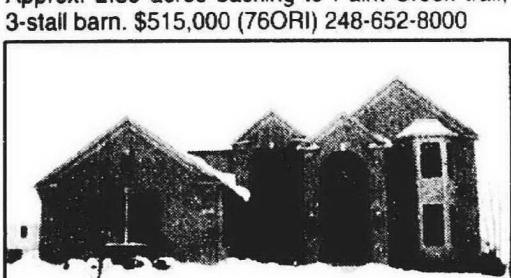
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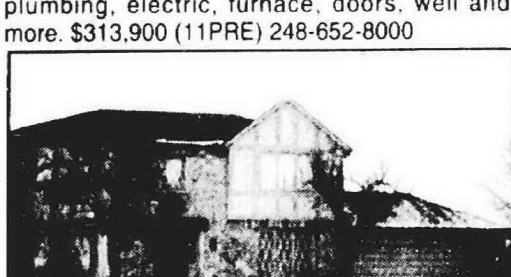
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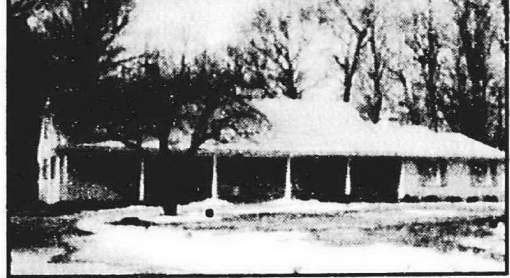
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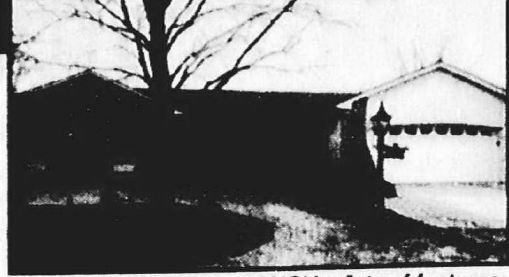
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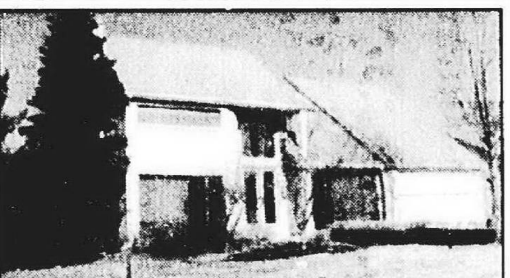


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Dumbwaiter connects to garage

The Splendor (409-38) is a uniquely designed home with the garage located on the first floor and the main rooms located on the second floor.

The rear and left sides of this magnificent home are on post and beams. This would be ideal for a home on the beach or near water. The brick face and the zigzag front stairs add charm and warmth to this home.

There are four landings before entering the vaulted family room of the Splendor. Once inside the vaulted entry, there's a huge vaulted family room with fans and a corner fireplace.

Patio doors open onto a deck at the side of this home.

The formal dining room is set apart with walls and also has a door that opens onto the front porch.

The kitchen and utility room occupy the left rear corner.

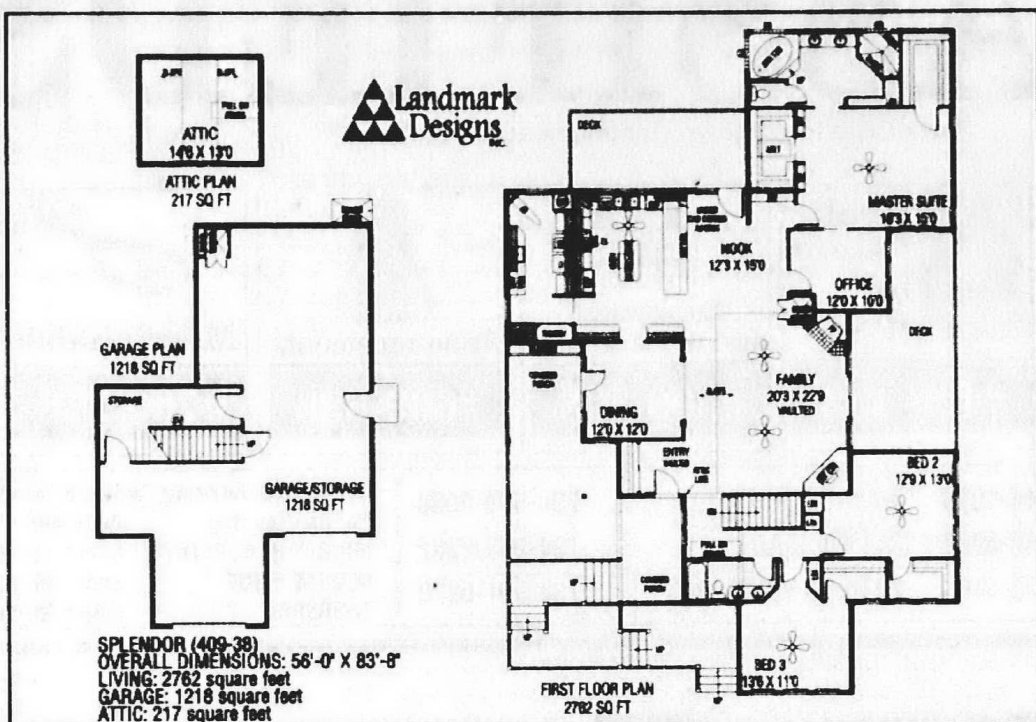
The elongated utility has an ironing board, sink, drying rod, along with the freezer and pantry.

The U-shaped kitchen has many great amenities such as a Lazy Susan, trash compactor, dual sinks, an island in the center containing the ovens, an overhead fan and a long eating bar. The nook is very large with a door opening onto the rear deck.

An office has been located in this area with a door from the nook and a pocket door from the master suite.

The balance of the rear of the home is the master suite.

There is an enormous elongated walk-in closet with a skylight overhead, and shelves lining the outside. There is also another walk-in closet in the rear corner next to the



where the dumbwaiter comes down that could be used as a recreation room. There is a door on the side, with a beach shower on the rear wall for those days when the salt from the sea gets too much.

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The master bath has a wondrous corner spa tub, an oversized corner shower with a bench, dual sinks, a long corner linen closet, all enhanced with the light from glass blocks. The front of the Splendor contains two more bedrooms with the stairs to the garage level. Both bedrooms have walk-in closets as well as three linen closets and a full bath. The attic area is located above the hall and bathroom areas and the pull down stairs are just outside the bath. A unique feature of this different home is a dumbwaiter that goes to the rear of the garage. The garage has space for two cars, an enormous storage room, and an area in the rear

Mortgage: most important payment

When it comes to protecting hard-earned home ownership, most advisers suggest a "stay-at-home" philosophy. This means, above all, staying current with your mortgage. Regardless of all the different financial relationships you have - from credit cards to car payments - the home loan is the bedrock of your creditworthiness. The home loan, your ability to secure a mortgage (or mortgages) and your record in making payments on time, is still the No. 1 measure used by credit approval managers in the real world of finance. Furthermore, there is no easy reprieve from bankruptcy or foreclosure.

In Michigan, if you miss a mortgage payment or are late days with your payments, legally, you could face foreclosure proceedings and have your house taken from you. Buying a home. The first step to mortgage responsibility is being realistic about how much home you buy in the first place. All things considered, the larger the home, the greater your "beyond mortgage" expenses - for drapes, carpet and furniture; landscaping; yearly maintenance; and taxes - will be. Some other strategies. Be careful taking equity from your home too frequently. Our Michigan single-family-home market has been excellent over the last five to six years, but don't bank on continued, large jumps in appreciation.

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Should you start having problems meeting a mortgage payment, contact your lender representative and financial counselor as soon as possible. Today's lenders want you to keep your home, but it takes prompt, honest communication with them to negotiate adjusted payment schedules and other solutions.

Your home is your castle, but there is a lot more to life. Keep things in perspective, including how much of your monthly expenses you put into the home mortgage. Don't forget other important life objectives such as saving for education or developing a family business.

Leave some time and money for life's smaller pleasures, a new book or CD, having dinner with the family and vacations. This is how we can secure our home and keep up with ourselves.

Bruce J. Carr is president of the Michigan Mortgage Lenders Association and executive vice president of Southfield-based Romestead USA. David A. Trott is a past president of the Association and managing partner of the Birmingham Farm-based bankruptcy and foreclosure law firm Trott & Trott.

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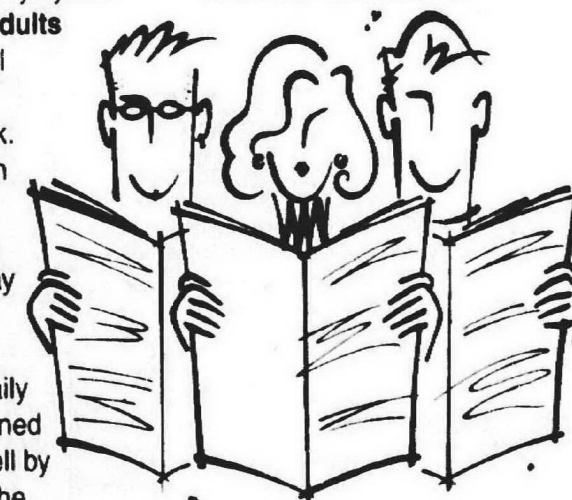
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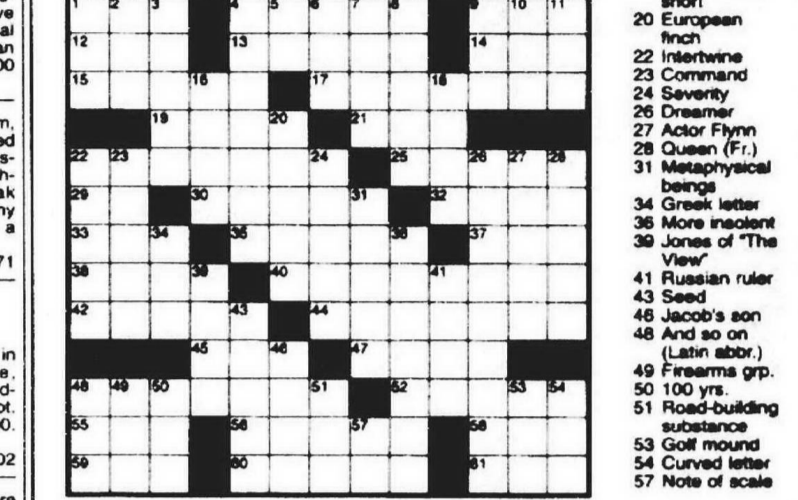
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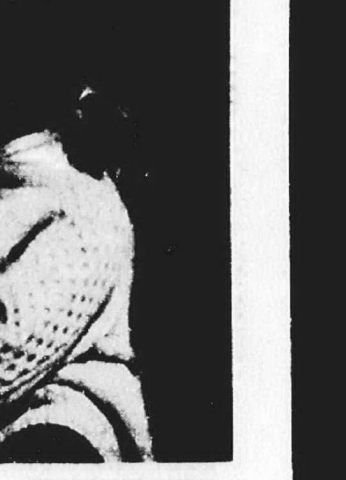
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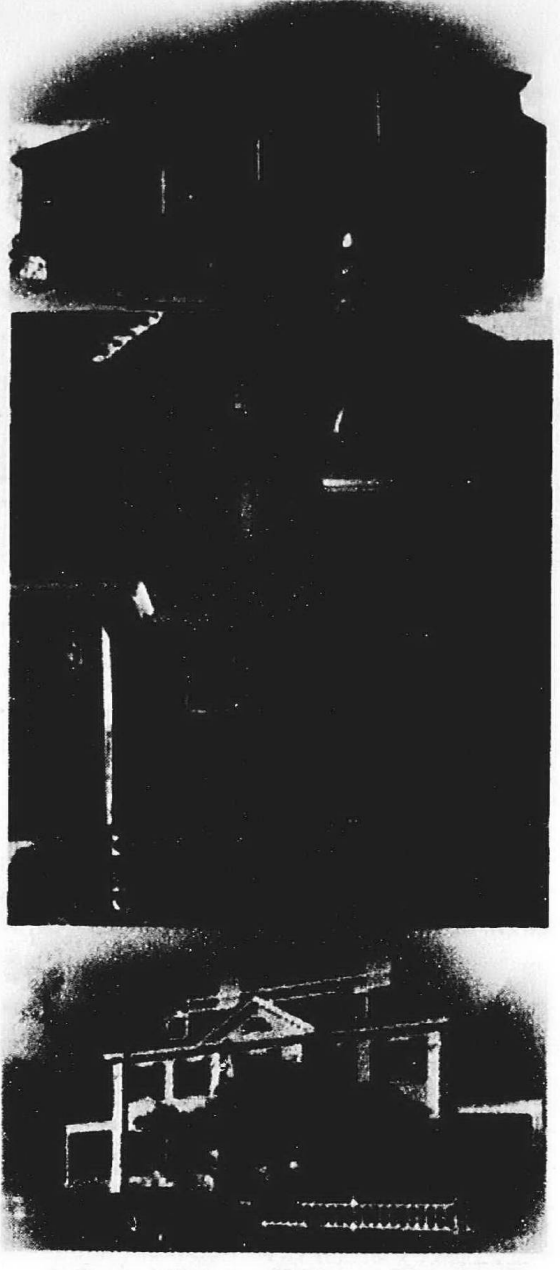
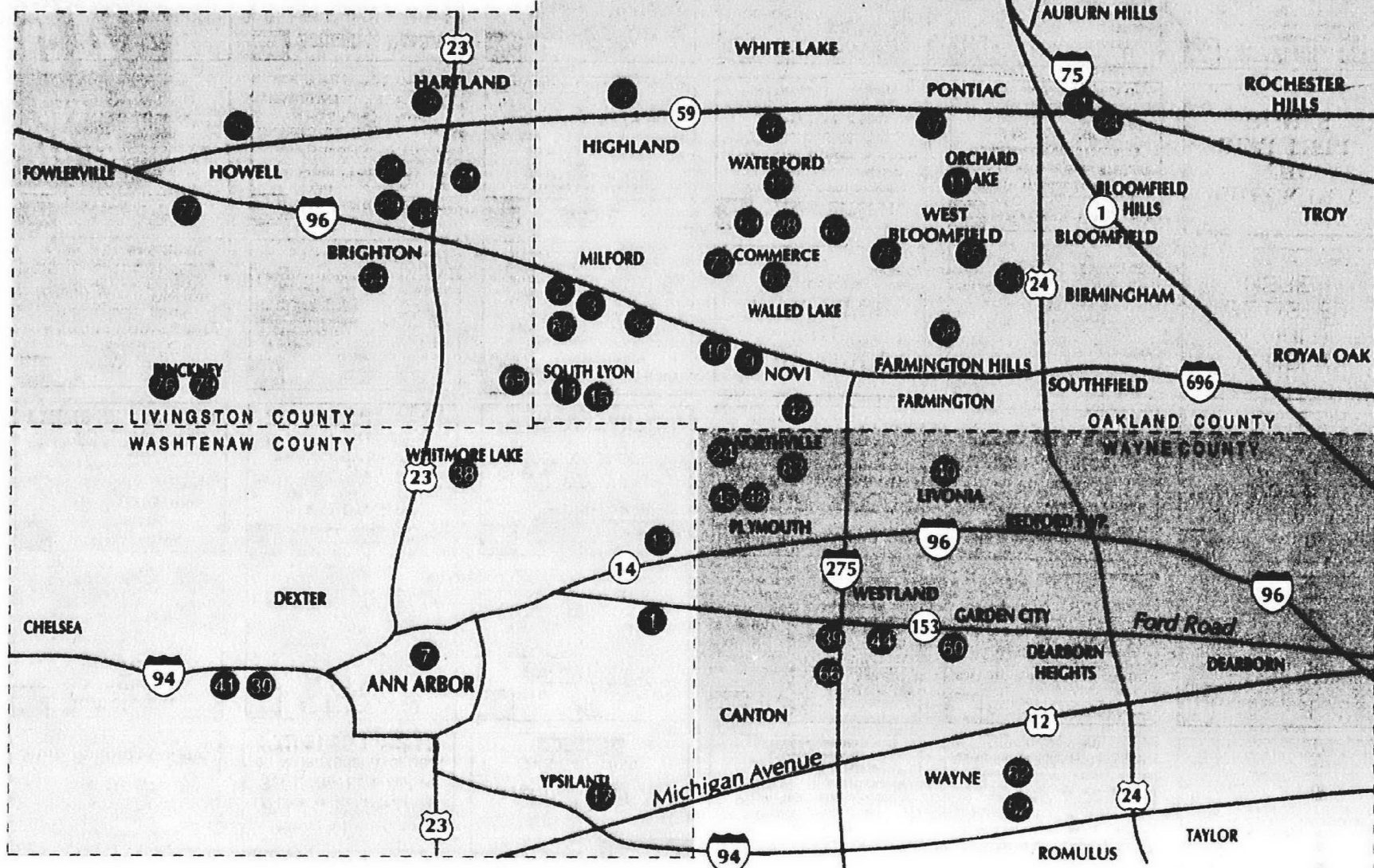
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in this little hot wagon

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When AutoWire.Net asks people about luxury cars, most will name off the typical nameplates. Mercedes-Benz, Audi, or maybe Infiniti and Acura. Some people might go on and on about Cadillac, or even Lincoln. But few people we know talk about Volvo. And that is truly unfortunate. Not only does Volvo have the safest vehicles on the road, they also are affordable and full of luxury amenities. Take the Volvo V70 XC

AWD wagon. That means the Cross Country all-wheel drive version of Volvo's hot little station wagon series. It was added to the Volvo wagon line up in 1998, and in the middle of 2000, the XC received a complete makeover. It reminds us of the Subaru Outback - only more rugged and more expensive. But if you look at the Cross Country for what it is - a tough station wagon that acts like an SUV, but with plenty of luxury - then you see that comparing the XC to a Subaru probably is an under statement.

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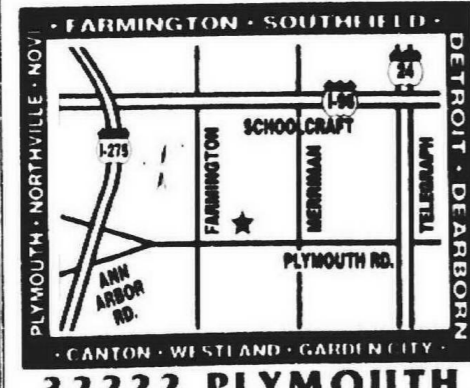
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2001 WINDSTAR	\$2229	\$229**	\$215**	\$278**
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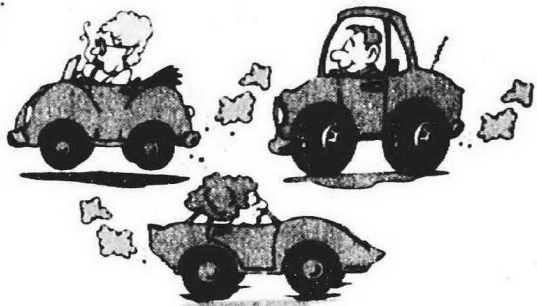
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lamps, roof rails and a distinct grille and bumpers. Inside, this XC test wagon was equipped with Volvo's navigation system. On sunny days, it's a little hard to see the screen, which pops up from the middle of the top part of the dash. But still is very useful when you need help in locating a destination in an area you not familiar with.

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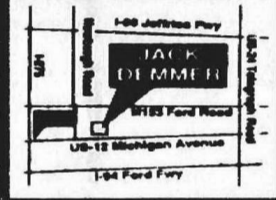
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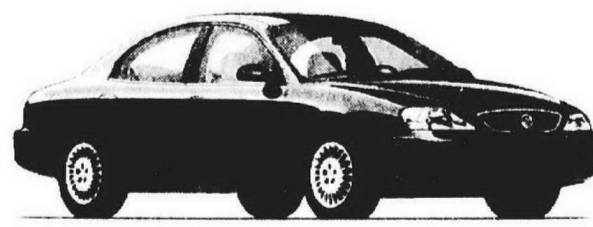


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