

THE WEEK AHEAD

One man's fight: Dr. Dave Janda is trying to help parents, athletes and the general public prevent what he calls one of the most under-recognized medical dilemmas, particularly among young people. Find out about his crusade in Thursday's *Observer*.

TUESDAY

Township meets: The Plymouth Township board meets in regular session at 7 p.m. in the meeting room at township hall, located at Ann Arbor and Lilley. Among items on the agenda: ballot language for the request for renewal of the 1-mill fire services millage.

FRIDAY

Sports banquet: The Plymouth Christian Academy presents "Have a Ball," a night of food entertainment and mingling with sports celebrities at Compuware Sports Arena. For ticket information, call (734) 459-3505.

SATURDAY

Auction, auction: The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts its annual dinner/auction at 6 p.m. at St. John's Conference Center. The theme: An Evening of Elizabethan Elegance. Among the items up for auction are sports tickets, dinners and travel getaways.

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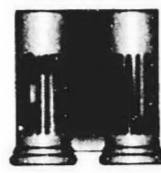
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Commission settles on Sincock



After months of looking elsewhere for a new city manager, Plymouth City Commissioners Thursday decided the answer to the long-vacant position rested right in the thick of things.

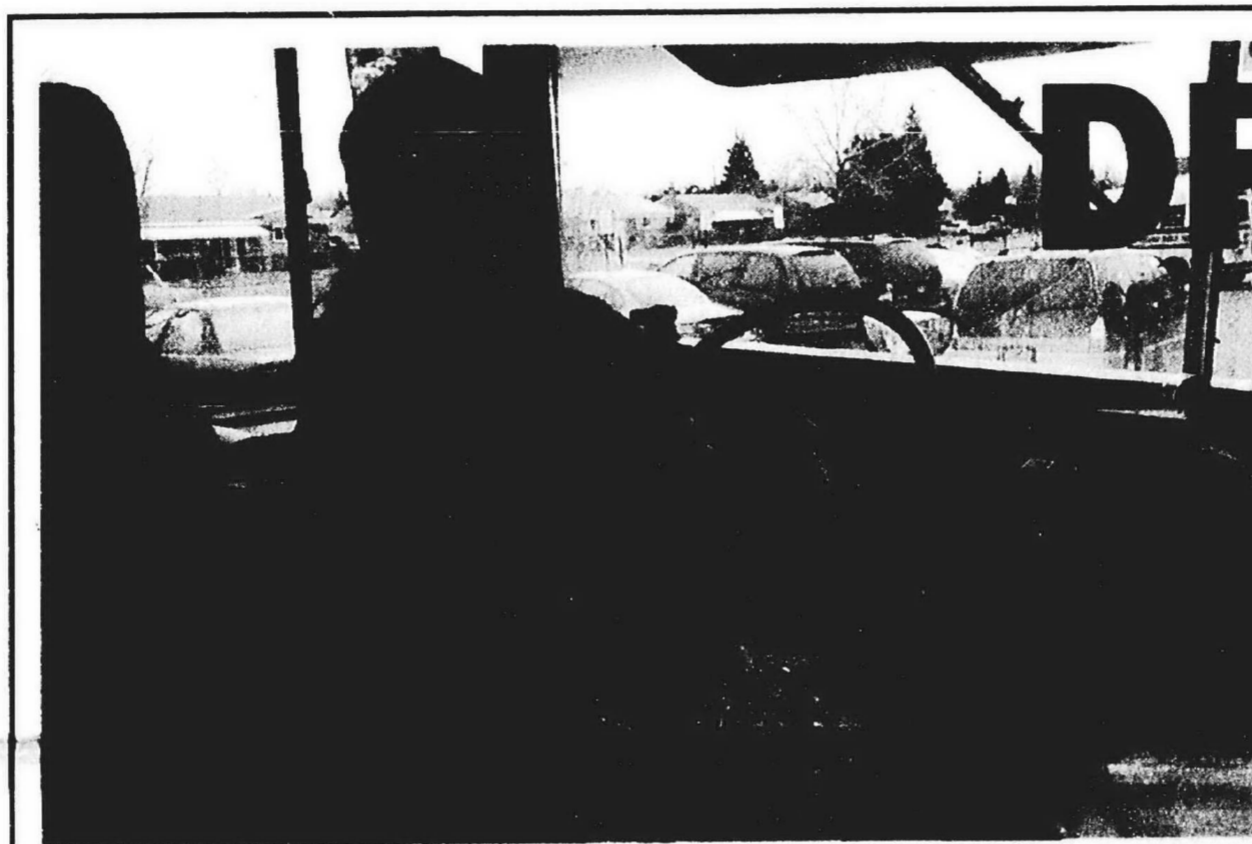
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After reviewing more than 100 resumes in a nine-month search for a new city manager, Plymouth commissioners Thursday night decided the choice was staring them in the face. After a motion by Commissioner Sean FitzGerald, the commission voted unanimously to hire Acting City Manager Paul Sincock, leaving behind a stack of resumes brought to the meet-

ing by a representative from the Michigan Municipal League. Negotiations then began with Sincock. "What strikes me is the City of Plymouth is in great shape, and in a lot better shape than a relatively short time ago," said Mayor Pro-Tem Colleen Pobur. "I think part of that reason is Paul Sincock. We've had a rare opportunity to give Paul a trial run, and he's doing a wonderful job." When asked if he wanted the position, Sincock told commissioners he

was interested in the job, but not interested in being run out of town like many of his predecessors. "Certainly, I'm honored and humbled. If you think this is the right thing for the community, then I will step forward," Sincock told commissioners. "However, I have no interest in being on the city manager express train... this is where I want to be. I've got a 22-year investment here, and I want to make sure that investment is covered. I need a fallback position." An agreement in principle indicates Sincock will receive a salary of \$80,000, which is about \$5,000 more than his predecessor, David Rich. And, while exact details still need to be ironed out, it appears that if Sincock is

ever relieved of his city manager position, he will have an opportunity to go back to municipal services, where he continues to have the title of director. It's an unprecedented move, but one commissioners felt was befitting. "Paul's given us 22 years of dedicated service. It's appropriate that we recognize that and give him reciprocity," said Pobur. Pobur said she realized Sincock was the man for the job when she gave the State of the City address last week at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce breakfast, proclaiming all the city's accomplishments the past year. "It was at that time I said 'Wow. Please see **MANAGER, A3**



Happy thoughts: Anna Fowler laughs while recollecting some of the memories of her bus driving career while waiting to pick up some of the children at Perrinville Elementary in Livonia.

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Anna Fowler's school bus may be one of the noisiest, bumpiest in the Plymouth-Canton Community School district, but it holds a heap of steady cheeriness. Fowler, a district employee since June 1979, who worked off and on before that, was recently nominated as an *Observer* Newspapers "Everyday Hero" by Maureen Beeler of Plymouth Township. Beeler's daughter, Alexandra, 11, who has cerebral palsy, rode Fowler's bus for five years. One of Fowler's routes involves picking up special needs children who live in the Plymouth-Canton school district and transporting them to other Wayne County schools designed to educate these children. Beeler, a home care nurse, said she sometimes ran late getting home. Alex went to McGrath School in Westland and was the last one on the bus. "She goes above and beyond her job," Beeler said of Fowler. "Anne was

'She is a good, hardworking person who always takes one step more to do her job.'

Marvin Batal
Transport director, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

able to understand Alex's non-verbal communication. Everybody knows her as a genuine lady." With just two kids on the special needs bus, Fowler could devote a little extra time. Seniority allows her to select the special kids run. "If her mother wasn't there, we would park the bus and go out and look at the flowers," Fowler said. "They live on a court. She would be 10 to 15 minutes late at the most. Alex is a non-verbal child. She smiles. She knows what is going on. Mrs. Beeler appreciates everything you do for her. Mrs. Beeler was one mother who I really appreciated because, if she wasn't home, she always called." Fowler continues to give her passengers tender loving care. When she starts her bus to transport hearing and visually impaired and non-verbal children, she turns on a cassette of

children's favorites songs, a different one every day. When that refused to function recently, Fowler said she took turns singing songs with the children. "She's wonderful," said Maria McCarrick of Canton Township. "She couldn't be any more caring for my daughter." McCarrick's daughter, Katherine, is nicknamed K.K. because her name both begins and ends with the letter K. "These are delightful children," Fowler said. When she picked K.K. up at Perrinville School in Livonia, K.K. began humming to a familiar tune. Fowler earned compliments from Marvin Batal, director of transportation for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. "She is a good, hardworking person who always takes one step more to do her job," he said. "She

itches in whenever she can." Fowler, a Plymouth resident for 42 years, is one of a majority of female bus drivers in the growing school district. She checks all fluid levels, belts and connections before she starts the bus. Her husband, Dan, a former district driver who is now retired, trained Fowler on being a bus driver. "You have to get used to the size," she said. "When bus drivers are absent, the others have to pick up the slack. 'Most parents have to work,' Fowler said. "You know you have to get there on time so they can get to work on time." Ice on the roads spells havoc for bus drivers. When Fowler started her bus-driving career, there were dirt roads and farms west of Sheldon. "Years ago, I got in a ditch and a farmer pulled me out," Fowler said. She also recalled how startled she was the time a high schooler smuggled a wild bird onto the bus in the springtime and let it free. Please see **DRIVER, A3**

Schools' transportation director leaving district

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Two years after he was hired to correct major problems in the Plymouth-Canton Schools transportation department, Director of Transportation Mary Batal is resigning. "I tried to correct the problems and it didn't work," Batal said. Batal, who is leaving his position June 30, admitted there are major problems within the department that haven't been solved. But, despite his credentials, it's time for someone else to attempt solutions. "It was like jumping right into the fire," said Batal. "Every time something went wrong, the finger was pointed at me. I don't think I can contribute more

to transportation than what I already have, so maybe it's time for someone else," said Batal. "The day I resigned I went home and got eight hours of sleep." Batal's problems escalated twice this winter, once with parents and another with drivers. Both times, administration involvement was necessary to remedy the situations. Privately, some say that's what led to Batal's demise. Parents in the rural areas of the district complained in January about buses not traveling the rural routes during poor weather, and not receiving notification so students wouldn't be stranded at their bus stops. Last month, bus drivers approached the school board, complaining of poor Please see **BARTAL, A3**

Sunshine Honda looking at land swap

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Township officials refer to it as a land swap. Architect Dave Schaff of Architects and Planners in Plymouth considers it a deal with unique appeal. Tom Bohlander, owner of Sunshine Honda, 1205 W. Ann Arbor Road, and Phoenix Land Development, which purchased the former Plymouth Stamping site, 315 Ann Arbor Road, last year, plan to exchange locations. The development company would build townhouses. "They are trading properties,"

said Schaff, who represents Bohlander. "It's unusual. It's something each party wants." Bohlander was out of town this week and couldn't be reached for comment, according to a dealership manager. The Plymouth Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. April 4 in the board meeting room at Ann Arbor and Lilley Roads to discuss conceptual plans for a request for a special use. The swap was the brainchild of both Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann and Department of Public Services Director Jim Anulewicz. Please see **LAND SWAP, A3**

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Hall of Fame

Tickets are going quickly, so Plymouth Chamber of Commerce officials are urging anyone who wants to attend the 2001 Plymouth Hall of Fame banquet, set for April 10 at Plymouth Manor.

Tickets are available for \$20 apiece and are available at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, 386 S. Main St. downtown.

Judge James Garber and the late Robert Sincok, father of new city manager Paul Sincok, are the 2001 inductees. They follow the inductions in 2000 of Jim Jabara, James McKeon and Jack Wilcox, and the 1999 inductions of Joanne Winkelman Hulce, Ralph Kenyon and Dr. Jane Moehle.

For more information, call the Plymouth chamber, 453-1540.

Egg hunt

The Plymouth Canton Jaycees sponsor an Easter Egg hunt at the Plymouth Township Park softball field Saturday, April 14 at 10 a.m.

The egg is open to hunters ages 3-under, 4-6, 7-10 and 11-and-older. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will be available for a fee. In case of inclement weather, call the Jaycees' hotline, (734) 453-8407 the morning of the event.

Sidewalk inspection

City of Plymouth officials announced the city's sidewalk inspection program will be in April, weather permitting. The program this year will take place in the area south of Ann Arbor Trail and east of Main Street.

It's part of a multi-year inspection program that will inspect every sidewalk in the city every four years.

The city will also complete the repairs of previously marked sidewalks in the area south of Ann Arbor Trail and west of Main Street.

Inspectors will be looking for cracks in the cement, heaving slabs of cement or severe scaling of the cement that may cause problems with snow and ice.

Sidewalks in need of replacement will be marked with a large orange "X."

Property owners will be notified by mail if they have sidewalks in need of repair or replacement.

Residents who have concerns related to their sidewalk conditions can contact Bernie Olsen in the department of municipal services, (734) 453-7737, or via email at bolsen@ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Lawyer scoffs at the idea of settling lawsuit against city

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Calling the mediation panel's decision "schizophrenic," attorney Juan Mateo chuckled and said, "There's absolutely no way we're going to accept" \$75,000 to settle Tom Prose's \$100 million lawsuit against the city of Plymouth and several other defendants.

"That doesn't cover the estimated \$1 million Dr. Prose has already paid in legal fees and doesn't address the tens of millions of dollars in lost profits to his business," added Mateo.

A three-member Wayne County Circuit Court mediation panel, in a non-binding decision March 13, suggested Prose's lawsuit be settled for \$75,110. Mateo took only a few of the 28 days allowed by the court to decide the fate of the recommendation.

"It was a unanimous decision that the city and other defendants were liable to Dr. Prose for the conspiracy we allege," said Mateo. "But then they put the dollar figure ... it doesn't even begin to compensate him for his legal fees."

Prose filed his lawsuit Sept. 18, 1999, claiming his civil rights were violated when former Community Crier newspaper publisher W. Edward Wendover, city officials and Plymouth police conspired to file charges of disorderly conduct against Prose during legal battles with Wendover.

Prose is president of General Medicine, which provides medical services to elderly residents in nursing care facilities throughout Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and several other states. Prose's efforts to expand the business had been delayed because the

stalking charges filed against him thwarted his ability to obtain licenses in other states, his attorney said. Those charges were eventually dropped by a Wayne County district court judge.

In the recommendation by the mediation panel, Prose would receive \$75,000 from the city, former Plymouth police chief Bob Scoggins and Lt. Ed Ochal; \$100 from former city manager Steve Walters and former mayors Don Dismuke and Joe Koch; as well as \$10 from Wendover and his wife, Sally Repeck.

Mateo said he believes all the defendants should have shared equal responsibility.

"I don't see how some defendants are less responsible, when we all know they acted in concert," said Mateo. "How they divided the money is confusing to me."

Mateo said Prose might be willing to settle the lawsuits, one in the state court and another in federal court, for the full amount of Prose's losses, which he estimates at \$34.1 million.

"We have an expert witness that has calculated the amount Dr. Prose has lost in profits, plus his ability to expand his business," said Mateo. "The conspiracy has had a significant impact, actually an astronomical impact, in damages to him and his business. The \$34 million doesn't even take into consideration the mental anguish and stress to him and his family."

Prose declined comment on the lawsuit. The city's attorney, Gus Morris of Cox, Hodgman & Giarmarco in Troy, said he will file a motion for summary judgment requesting that both the state and federal lawsuits be dismissed.

'How they divided the money is confusing to me.'

Juan Mateo
—Attorney

Park Players stage 'Sound of Music'

The Park Players of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park present Rodgers & Hammerstein's classic family musical *The Sound of Music* at the Gloria Logan Auditorium for Performing Arts located inside Salem High School at 46181 Joy Road, Canton.

Performances are 8 p.m. April 5, 6, 7 and 3 p.m. April 8. Tickets are \$8 for adults, and \$6 for students and seniors. Tickets are on sale weekdays 2:30-5:30 p.m. and are available at the door on performance dates one hour prior to curtain. The production is supervised

by faculty at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. It is directed by Geoffrey Kopp, with Jennifer Neumann serving as vocal director; Catherine DePentu, orchestra director; Paul R. Bird, technical director and designer. The company features more than 100 students from Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton High Schools in the cast and crew.

The Sound of Music is based on the actual story of the Austrian Von Trapp family singers and their escape from Nazi occupation in 1938. Seniors Liz Filios and Will Hundley star as Maria and Captain Georg Von Trapp respectively. Other major roles are played by Meg Myland, Jerry Reid, Megan Carroll, Joe Drake, Valerie Akers, Kelly Filios, Devin Burnstein and Chris Lamar.

The Park Players under the direction of Geoffrey Kopp were recently honored as State finalists in the annual Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association competition with their production of *The Miser*.

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Township takes part in Northville planning workshop

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Northville Township officials are hosting a March 29 workshop on the proposed Coordinated Planning Act and have invited their municipal neighbors.

The Coordinated Planning Act is a proposed bill that would consolidate and significantly change the current county, township and municipal planning acts, said Chip Snider, Northville Township manager.

Officials from Plymouth Township, the City of

Plymouth, Novi, Livonia, Salem Township, and the City of Northville will attend the meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center located at 41600 Six Mile Road in Northville Township.

"The draft bill was introduced during the last legislative session and is expected to be reintroduced this year," Snider said.

Jim Anulewicz, Plymouth Township director of public services, didn't voice specific opinions about the contents of the bill and its impact but was supportive of the meeting.

"It's a good idea to pay attention whenever the legislature makes changes or improvements," Anulewicz said. "We should not take it lightly."

Northville Township submitted a letter in opposition to the initial draft bill at the 2000 Michigan Society of Planning Officials annual conference where the bill was presented.

It voiced concerns in a letter about the process to require adjacent governments' approval for a community's comprehensive plan, the preference for county and regional agencies for funding, and the removal of a township board member from the planning commission.

Traditionally a township board member is designated to be a liaison and serve on the planning commission.

"As a result of our letter, the MSP Law Commit-

tee offered to meet with us to provide an overview of the bill and give us a forum to discuss our concerns," Snider said. "We felt this would be a good opportunity to invite some of our neighboring communities who have similar questions."

Similar concerns were raised by other communities and organizations, such as the Michigan Townships Association and the Michigan Municipal League.

"We understand many of the issues raised have been addressed in a revised bill that will be available this month," Snider said. "The revised bill will be discussed at our workshop."



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Helping hand: Anna helps one of her vision-impaired students into her seat at the Perrinville School in Livonia.

Driver from page A1

"It was the first day I took the kids out by myself. I was a new driver, and he let that bird free. The bus was jam packed. Kids were in the aisle. In those days you didn't have to have all kids seated."

"The girls, of course, started to scream. I got flustered and pulled off to the side. I had the kids open all the windows and the bird flew off. I never found out who it was. No one would tell."

Fowler wasn't always a bus driver. She has a physical education

■ 'There's 100 bus drivers out there who are making a difference. I think there are many heroes out there.'

Anna Fowler
—Everyday Hero

degree from the University of Michigan. She taught high school completion classes in Livonia for a few years and also ran a wheelchair volleyball activity at Camelot Nursing

Home in Livonia.

She is equally proud of her three daughters: Christine, a surgical nurse at St. John's Hospital in Detroit; Catherine, a dental hygienist; and Caren, who teaches special education at Harper Woods High School.

"There's 100 bus drivers out there who are making a difference," Fowler said. "I think there are many heroes out there. I really wouldn't want to do anything else."

Land swap from page A1

"Wheels started turning," Mann said. "What are the chances we could work out a land swap with Bohlander? One of my campaign issues was that Bohlander expanding negatively impacted Green Meadows."

Green Meadows is a subdivision south of Ann Arbor Road between Main and Sheldon Roads. Some of its residents strenuously objected to Sunshine Honda's expansion plans last year.

Bohlander was the first business to seek redevelopment under a 1997 amended master plan. The plan requires businesses to acquire additional commercial depth on a case-by-case basis if they want to expand and redevelop. Bohlander purchased adjacent residential property to acquire the property depth to allow additional storage and parking.

Schaff said Bohlander has had to piece together his plan for expansion, not being able to

acquire a residence and had to contend with the Detroit Edison power station on the southeast corner of the site.

Though Sunshine Honda submitted an application for a new dealership, Phoenix Land Development hadn't submitted anything to the township as of Friday.

Mann and Anulewicz discussed the swap with Steve Schafer, secretary-treasurer of Farmington Hills-based Phoenix Land Development.

"He (Schafer) proposed an upscale retail strip mall," Mann said "We weren't pleased with the idea. We asked him if he could go back and bring us some kind of townhouse development similar to what he recently completed at Six Mile and Farmington. He has another townhouse site in Dearborn."

Schafer didn't return phone calls. Bohlander couldn't be reached.

"The two items will be consid-

ered separately," said Dennis Cebulski, Plymouth Township planning commission chair. Bohlander's proposed new site is more visible on Ann Arbor Road and closer to I-275, he said.

Jim Karell, who had expressed concerns about the Ann Arbor Road Corridor rezoning last year, was recently appointed to the Plymouth Township Planning Commission. After Wednesday's planning commission meeting, he spoke personally about the land swap.

"Neighbors are keeping their fingers crossed," Karell said.

Area residents complained about truck traffic, noise and property values.

Karell and wife, Arlene, commented last year about the uncertainty and panic the plan created. The Karells live in the so-called red zone. Residents wanted assurance that if they don't want to sell, they don't have to sell.

Planners OK corporate park plan

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Plans for the Plymouth Lakes Corporate Park, a planned unit development at Five Mile and Haggerty, gained ground with the Plymouth Township Planning Commission's approval of the final development plan.

It clears the way for project phasing and the parameters required for site plan submissions.

"The zoning ordinance divides the process for approving a PUD project into several steps," said Sally Hodges, vice-president of McKenna Associates, the town-

ship's planning consultants.

The plan is a cooperative effort by the developers, architect and residents to settle concerns up to this point.

Ray Sturdy, a Thornridge resident, was among a number of residents who lobbied for answers and updates about the project.

"We're really pleased," Sturdy said. He and a group of Lake Pointe area residents reviewed the development plan. Working through Community Development Director Shirley Barney's office, letters and conference calls, the parties reached agreement.

John Thomas, the applicant's attorney who was satisfied with the progress, was short of words and quipped he should quit "while they were ahead."

Sturdy also cited a cooperative atmosphere.

"They said, 'We're going to be a neighbor, we want to get our development done,'" Sturdy said. "They are listening. It's a good relationship."

The builders agreed to put in landscaping and reforestation to buffer noise and visual intrusion into the neighborhood and will ensure Five Mile Road is used as a construction entrance, Sturdy said.

Bartal from page A1

morale and a shortage of drivers to adequately cover the routes.

Bartal has worked for three different bosses since coming to the Plymouth-Canton school district, and said there have been many changes beyond his control. That's as far as he wants to take that discussion.

Superintendent Kathleen Booher admits working in the transportation department can be a thankless position. However, she has conveyed on several occasions she expects the district's customers to be served well by the system.

"We do have specific challenges, and we still don't have solutions for those problems," said Booher. "To work for three supervisors in a short time can be difficult. Each has their own approach and expectations."

"Marv has given the school district a good effort," she added. "It's hard as a transportation director to be a hero. It comes with the territory."

Bartal acknowledges one of the biggest challenges still facing the district is having enough bus drivers to cover the 100 bus routes.

"Sometimes we deal with a 25 percent absenteeism rate by drivers," said Bartal. "There are some very good drivers who go above and beyond to cover the routes, but they get burned out."

"I've tried a lot of things like advertising, sending letters home and job fairs, but nothing seems to work," he said. "The substitute drivers have no benefits. And, with 95 percent of our drivers female, and single mothers, they need benefits. Person-

nel needs to look at better pay and benefits."

"Not only does it affect the drivers, but the students and parents," added Bartal. "Students get home late and parents get angry. I can understand parents getting upset, but if we have no drivers, we can only do the best with what we have."

Unfortunately, Bartal will leave some of the same problems his predecessor, LuAnn Grech, left for him.

"I think I know what I'm doing," said Bartal, who is the president of the Michigan Association of Pupil Transportation. "I thought this would be the place I would retire from. But, when I can't even get past two years here, something is wrong."

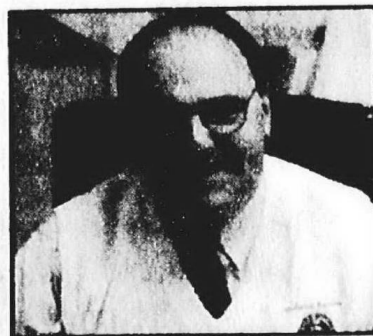
Manager from page A1

how could we do much better?" she said.

Sincock, who started working for the city as a Cultural Center rink guard, has had his opportunities in the past to take the job. However, he feels now is the right time.

"The city commission indicated they had confidence in the abilities of myself and the staff here," he said. "And, Colleen used my line against me ... it's good for the city."

Sincock will now hold the city's top appointed position in City Hall, a building where his father, Robert, a former mayor and commissioner, helped lay the cornerstone. He's worked in the city's recreation department, secured federal grants, worked on special projects and events, became assistant city manager/director of public safety, and municipal services director. Several times he has held the title of acting city manager



Paul Sincock

as commissioners looked for a permanent CEO.

Commissioners, who privately noted they weren't thrilled with the second batch of resumes for city manager, were complimentary of the job Sincock has done since Rich left the position last July. Several said Sincock earned their respect the past nine months as several times he was under fire, but performed his job and did it well.

"Paul is a wonderful, committed, honest person who is right under our nose, who we've watched for nine months do the job ... and the city has excelled," said Commissioner Dan Dwyer. "The city is celebrating tonight."

"We've seen the city improve, and we've taken action on a lot of great things," added Commissioner Michele Potter. "Paul's affection for, and commitment to, the city has been unwavering for 22 years."

The sigh heard at City Hall was from employees who now feel they can move forward, and not have the lack of a city manager and boss hanging over their heads.

"I've worked with Paul for a long time, and I think he'll do a great job," said Clerk Linda Langmesser.

Sincock said he's hopeful his new contract will be ready for approval by commissioners at their April 2 meeting.

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OBITUARIES

SUSAN MAHADY

Services for Susan Mahady, 92, of Livonia, were held March 21 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. John Sullivan officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Mahady was born Aug. 3, 1908 in Minneapolis, Minn., and died March 19 in Farmington Hills. She was a homemaker, married over 25 years. She came to the Livonia community in 1993 from Farmington Hills. Before that she lived in the Washington, D.C., area. She was a member of St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington

Hills. She loved to travel and being with her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Mahady, and daughter, Marilyn Riopelle.

Survivors include her son, Patrick of Bethesda, Md.; son-in-law, Jim Riopelle; and grandchildren Jeffery Riopelle, Jennifer Riopelle, Brenden Mahady and Kelly Mahady.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

GEORGE EDWARD HAYNES

Services for George Edward Haynes, 64, of Plymouth were held March 19 in Chapel Hill, Tenn., with burial at Triune Cemetery in Chapel Hill, Tenn.

Mr. Haynes was born Feb. 23, 1937 in Chapel Hill, Tenn., and died March 14 in Novi. He cut down and maintained trees for Wayne County. He retired from the county recently. He came to the Plymouth community in 1975 from Redford. He was a member of the VFW Post 6695 of Plymouth and the Moose Lodge in Livonia. He loved fishing, boating and working with trees. He played the steel guitar and loved Elvis. He was a loving husband, father, stepfather, grandfather, brother and son.

Survivors include wife, Clarice of Plymouth; daughter, Jennifer Haynes of Plymouth; stepchil-

dren, James (Cheryl) Toomey of Plymouth; Jeffrey (Tina) Toomey of Romulus, and Julie (Chris) Yeskie of Plymouth; stepgrandchildren, Kristin Toomey of Romulus and Nicholas Toomey of Plymouth; mother, Lila Haynes of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; sister, Barbara Wingeter of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; and brother, Norris Haynes of Manchester, Tenn.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

DALE R. MELLINGER

Dale R. Mellinger, 39, of Northville (formerly of Plymouth) passed away on March 20 in Northville. He was born Feb. 23, 1962 in Livonia. He attended Northville High School and worked as an EMT in Detroit. He loved fishing and received a State award in fishing last year.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Jennie Mellinger.

Survivors include his father, Duane Mellinger of Northville; brother, Robert (Renee) Mellinger of South Lyon; sister, Marjorie Sue (Joseph) Hay of Howell; and nephew, Joseph Hay, Jr. of Howell.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

RANDALL E. "DUTCH" SCHUETTE

Visitation for Randall E. "Dutch" Schuette, 86, of Abbeville, Ala. (formerly of Plymouth) were held March 23 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Mr. Schuette was born Nov. 8, 1914 in Saginaw and died March 18 in Alabama. He lived in Algonac for a short time and then he moved to Arizona for 30 years and he moved three years ago to Alabama. He was the former owner of Northwest Beer Distributors in Garden City (Miller Beer). He was a member of the Plymouth Elks and loved to fish and ride horses.

Survivors include son, Rohn (Billie) Schuette of Abbeville, Ala.; grandson, Marc (Laura) Schuette of Abbeville, Ala.; granddaughters, Drema (Steve) Maxwell of Abbeville, Ala., and Rita Norton of Tennessee; great grandchildren, Justin Schuette,

Korey Maxwell, and Ashlee Schuette; brother, Eugene (Matilda) Schuette of Redford; and niece, Marcia Lonteen of Waterford.

Arrangements made by The Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

DOROTHY H. PETTIT

Services for Dorothy H. Pettitt, 87, of Inkster will be held March 31 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, with burial at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Pettitt was born June 25, 1913 in Detroit and died March 18 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker. She came to the Inkster community 18 years ago from Tarpin Springs, Fla. and was a former member of The Order of Eastern Star. She enjoyed playing cards with her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis.

Survivors include daughters Connie (Pete) Breitenbeck of Plymouth, Jackie (Warren) Breitenkamp of Brooklyn, and Barbara (Tom) Mrakitsch of Taylor; 12 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and brother Lewis (Irene) Fowler of San Diego, Calif.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease Association.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

PATRICIA LYNN ZYGMUNT

Services for Patricia Lynne Zygmunt, 36, of Canton, were held March 21 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with burial in Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville.

Mrs. Zygmunt was born Dec. 30, 1964 in Detroit and died March 17 in Canton. She was a former teacher in Ypsilanti and Livonia and a homemaker. She came to the Canton community six years ago from Livonia and was a member of Old St. Patrick's Catholic Church. She was a graduate of Churchill High School in Livonia and Eastern Michigan University. Her husband and daughters were her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Jeannette Moore.

Survivors include her husband, Craig Zygmunt of Canton; daughters, Abigail and Olivia Zygmunt of Canton; aunts, Carol (Melvin) Talovich of Howell, and Susan (Lawrence) Herman of Plymouth; and many cousins.

Arrangements made by The Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

RUBY BROWN FREELS

Services for Ruby Brown Freels, 88, of Livonia, were held at the Sunbright Methodist Church in Sunbright, Tenn., with the Rev. Christina Banes officiating. Burial was at Sunbright Cemetery in Sunbright, Tenn.

Mrs. Freels was born June 21, 1912 in Sunbright, Tenn. and died March 18 in Plymouth. She was a retired school teacher from the Clarenceville School district. She lived in Michigan since 1940, previously of Sunbright, Tenn. She attended Tennessee Wesleyan College in Athens, Tenn. She was a member of Clarenceville Methodist Church in Livonia.

Mrs. Freels was preceded in death by her husband, J.L. Freels and daughter, Clara Ruth Freels.

Survivors include her sons, Bruce (Linda) Freels of Howell, Jerry (Sherri) Freels of Onekema, Dale (Sandy) Freels of Plymouth and Danny Freels of Chelsea; sisters Marie Human of Baltimore, Md., and Rebecc Feil, Ruth Brown and Win.fred Ewan, all of Harriman, Tenn.; brother T.H. Brown, of Harriman, Tenn.; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburg Rd., Livonia, MI 48154-5010 or U-of-M Comprehensive Cancer Center, 1500 East Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0752.

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Plymouth Observer

\$51 million road project program gets under way

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Most of the \$51 million in 2001 road improvements announced this past week by Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara will be going to five west-county communities.

Some \$45.9 million of the roadwork will be done in Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Livonia, Westland and Redford Township.

Together, the five municipalities have 28 of the 70 total miles of roadway which the county has moved from its "perennial pothole-patching program" to its long-term improvement list, said roads department spokesman John Roach.

The projects involve resurfacing, widening, paving and rebuilding. The roads are among the county's worst.

Roach said the current slowdown in the national and state economies won't affect funding

for the projects. "All this funding" is already secured, he said. "But as for future years, (it will be) wait and see," he said.

Among the west-county projects is the one in Canton which last week kicked off the ambitious county construction program: The rebuilding of heavily traveled Canton Center Road between Ford and Warren roads.

That one alone accounts for \$5.5 million.

Even larger dollar-wise is the

\$7.5-million half-mile grade separation work that will kick-off construction of the much-awaited CSX Railroad overpass on Sheldon Road at the City of Plymouth/Plymouth Township boundary.

That is the most expensive project and the one with the greatest impact, but it also will be the last one to get under way this year: Work won't begin until December.

However, the work will neces-

■ The county will post regular updates on all road projects via its Web site, www.waynecounty.com/wayneroads

sitate closing Sheldon at the crossing for more than a year while the bridge is constructed and the road is rebuilt.

"As this project gets closer, we'll be providing plenty of information for motorists, residents and businesses in the area," said Cameron Priebe, the county's director of public services.

Priebe noted the project "will eliminate the inconvenience of delays caused by crossing trains" and promised "we'll do our best to minimize the inconvenience during the construction process."

In general, plans call for traffic to be re-routed around to Beck

Road on the west and I-275 on the east, according to Roach. The railroad project will follow the reconstruction of the I-275 and M-14 intersection this summer, he said.

The county will post regular updates on all road projects via its Web site, www.waynecounty.com/wayneroads, throughout the year.

"Our road improvement effort

Please see **ROADS, A8**

CCW foes say petitions set to go

BY MIKE MALOTT
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Opponents of the recently passed "shall issue concealed weapons" legislation say they have enough signatures to put the law to a referendum on the November 2002 elections ballot.

The People Who Care About Kids Committee has gathered an estimated 200,000 signatures on its referendum petition drive, well over the 151,000 needed to earn a ballot spot, according to Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor and committee member Ruth Carter. She said the group hopes to get 225,000 signatures before the March 27 deadline for submission.

Committee members gathered at Mulligan's Golf Center in Auburn Hills Wednesday evening, March 14, to turn over petition forms. An estimated 2,000 were in attendance.

Glenda Edwards of National Petition Management, a circulation company based in Southfield, said late petition forms can still be turned in through March 21 at 25820 Southfield Road, Suite 209, in Southfield. Anyone who would still like to sign petitions may go to that location to add their names as well.

The referendum is an attempt to overturn a bill passed last year by state lawmakers that requires local county gun boards to issue permits to carry concealed weapons unless applicants have a criminal record or a history of mental illness. The law also mandates that applicants take weapons training classes, be over age 21, and establishes gun-free zones.

Opponents are petitioning against the law on the belief it will put 200,000 new guns on the streets in Michigan.

Despite the fact the bill included a \$1 million appropriation for the distribution of trigger locks, Carter said the group has continued to collect signatures. The state Constitution prohibits referendum petitions on appropriations bills, but Carter explained it will be up to lawmakers to sue to keep the referendum off the ballot.

More likely, Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, said, the petition will be rejected by the Secretary of State's office and committee members will have to sue to get the question placed on the ballot.

Referendum supporter and Wayne County Prosecutor Mike Duggan has said attempts in the past by the legislature to protect bills by adding appropriations provisions have proven unsuccessful. The courts have overruled lawmakers and placed the question on the ballot anyway.

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The Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Ypsilanti is having a rummage sale from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. March 31. Items include clothes, computer equipment, furniture, kitchen items, books, toys, etc.

PCAC AUCTION

The PCAC will hold its annual dinner/auction fund-raiser Saturday, March 31 at St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth. Tickets for "An Evening of Elizabethan Elegance" are \$60 per person and are available by calling (734) 416-4278.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Each Sunday at 4:30 p.m. the Connections worship service at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth presents music and messages to bring Christian faith into the perspective of life you live today. March 25 topic is SURVIVOR! At all costs?

AUCTION

The Marquis Theatre is holding auditions for "Little Red Riding Hood" for children ages 8 through 16 years, on March 25 at 6:00 p.m. Performance dates May 11 - June 10. Call (248) 349-8110 for further information.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Heritage Park in Canton is hosting the Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 10 and under. Being held April 14 on the soccer fields. Children 4 and under at 9:30 a.m.; ages 5-7 will hunt at 10:30 a.m.; and ages 8-10 will hunt at 11:15 a.m. For more information, call the Recreation Division at 394-5460.

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HEAD START

Starfish Family Services has openings for preschoolers in its Head Start program. This is a free program for income eligible 3 and 4 year olds and their families. It also accepts eligible foster children and children with disabilities. For information call (888) 887-9980.

FUN RUN

Congregation Bet Shaverim presents an Inaugural Fun Run on April 28 at Heritage Park in Canton, a 1 mile Run/Walk & 5K Run/Walk. Entry fee is \$15 on or before April 7/\$18 after April 7. For additional information, contact Stu at (734)432-0644.

LUNCHEON/FASHION SHOW

Catholic Central Mother's Club presents a luncheon/fashion show on April 1 at The Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn; social hour 11 a.m. Fashions by The Somerset Collection; celebrity guest speaker, Jeffrey Bruce. Fund-raising event/\$50 per person. For information/reservations, call (248) 684-7822.

ALL NIGHT SKATE

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tion Army is accepting registration for M-W-F 4 year olds; T-Th, 3 year olds; for the Fall 2001-2002 session. Call Peggy Blaisdell at (734) 453-5464 for further information.

RETIREMENT SEMINAR

Edward Jones Investments will be hosting a seminar on Company Plan Distribution Options 6:30-7:30 p.m. March 28; 11 a.m.-noon, March 31. Both seminars will be located at Edward Jones Investments, 470 Forest Ave., Suite 10, Plymouth. For more information call (734) 451-6405.

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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

New beginner Tai Chi classes starting Monday, April 2, 7 p.m. are offered in Livonia and Bloomfield Hills. Day classes for the museum are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday and Saturday. Observers welcome. 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 27, and April 3 at the Plymouth Community 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 chairman JoAnn Lamar at (734) 459-4539 or Dave Garnice at (734) 844-3855.

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Election vote counting is not 'a well-oiled machine'

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Did you vote in last year's election? Or did your ballot get tossed out later due to some error you didn't know you made?

Errors can be made with any type of voting system, according to Chris Thomas, director of the Michigan Elections Bureau. On Thursday, Feb. 15, he gave an overview of Michigan's voting process to the House of Representatives Redistricting and Elections Committee, which is considering reforms to the state's vote-casting method in the wake of the election debacle in Florida this past November.

"Michigan is not in crisis," Thomas said. State lawmakers have already addressed many of the questions, as a result of a couple of contentious gubernatorial recounts back in the 1950s, about how votes are to be counted that Floridians were still wrestling with this past year. For example, Michigan law already specifies that "hanging chads" only count as votes if two corners are broken away. Chads with three corners still attached or merely "dimpled" aren't good enough to count as votes in this state.

But thanks to Florida, Thomas said, the public has learned that our election tabulation process is "not a well-oiled and efficient counting machine." In Michigan, too, there is still a good deal of room for improvement, he said.

Thomas stopped short of making specific recommendations for reform Thursday, but his boss, Secretary of State Candice Miller, already has. During last year's controversy in Florida, she called for the adoption of a statewide standard voting system. Miller did not recommend which system — punch cards, optically scanned ballots, computer touch screens — should be used, just that all municipalities should use the same one. That way, voters would not have to learn a new balloting system

when they move from one community to another.

"Uniformity would be a marvelous thing," Thomas agreed. "In some places, you have four or five different systems within a single county. Try to do a voter education program on any scale when you've got four or five systems within a county. It isn't going to happen."

The most frequent cause of spoiled ballots is voter error, Thomas said. It is not unusual for 10 percent of votes to be lost in a primary election when voters improperly cross over from one party to the other.

Even the new computer touch screen polls can be misused. In the last election, Thomas noted in one precinct that 27 voters did not cast ballots for president. Some don't vote for president, but he also speculated they may have misused the touch screen. When voters touch the party line button, the computer automatically puts checks in the boxes of all candidates who then get votes. Some voters may have incorrectly thought they needed to go through the ballot and uncheck those boxes, Thomas suggested.

Optical scan ballots can produce errors when a voter tries to erase a vote and make a different selection. The scanner may read the smudge and reject the ballot as an "overvote."

That's fine if scanning equipment is in the precinct and the voter gets another chance to cast his or her ballot, but some municipalities have tried to save money by placing scanners only in a central location. Those votes will be lost then, because the voter will have long since gone home, Thomas explained.

Currently, Michigan has a real mix of systems. Of the more than 5,000 precincts in the state, most use optical scanning equipment, but nearly 1,500 use punch cards. Only a few have moved to touch screen computers. More than a 100 still use paper ballots, and almost 700 still have

the old mechanical lever voting machines.

Thomas said cities seem to prefer optical scanners at present, which are much less expensive than touch screen computers. A precinct can be equipped with a scanner for \$4,000 to \$5,000, where touch screens for that same precinct might run \$16,000.

If the state were to require a switchover to a single system, Miller's office believes the state would have to pay for the purchase of that new equipment. Presently, individual municipalities are expected to buy their own voting equipment.

Michigan is a step ahead of most states, since it has a Qualified Voter File system in place, a process for registering voters as they apply for their drivers' licenses, or change the address on their license when they move. It is a system no other state has, Thomas said.

When voters register at Secretary of State offices, notification is sent electronically to the clerk in the resident's new community, and to the community that resident is leaving so that the person can be eliminated from voter rolls there. Paper confirmation follows within days.

The system keeps voter rolls up to date and gets notification of new registrations to clerks quickly, Thomas said.

But it sometimes fails, state Rep. Nancy Quarles, D-Southfield, pointed out. In the last election, five seniors from Groves High School in Birmingham and Oak Park High were turned away from the polls because clerks had not received notification of their registrations.

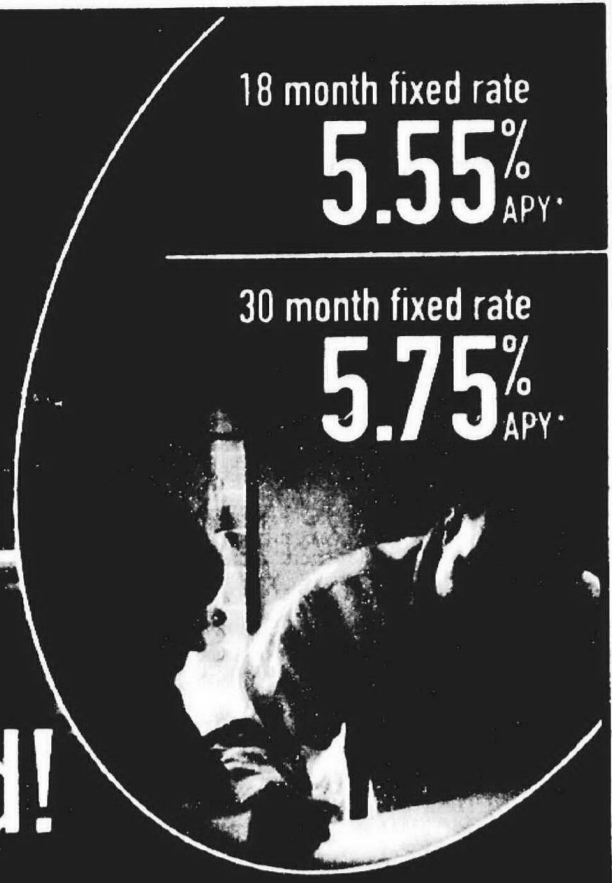
There is already a system in place to handle that problem, Thomas said. If a voter has registered but poll workers don't have him or her on their list, the voter need only file an affidavit saying that indeed he or she has registered. Once the affidavit is filed, the voter will be allowed to cast a ballot.

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is continuing at a pace that is nearly double what it was five years ago," McNamara said. "While there is still a lot of work yet to be done, we are seeing measurable progress from year to year."

He noted among the other major projects this year is the complete overhaul of five miles of Van Born Road, from Venoy Road to Telegraph Road, includ-

ing two miles of complete reconstruction. When completed later this year, Van Born Road will be completely pot-hole free its entire 14-mile length, from Canton Center Road in Canton to the Southfield Freeway, McNamara said.

Priebe said, "Watching our road system improve is sort of like watching a child grow.

"When you're up close, you don't notice the changes as much over time, but because we measure our results through an annual road survey, we can clearly see that progress is being made," he said.

A major contributor to the county's success, he stated, is its quality control program, which is recognized by road builders as being the state's most extensive.

"By placing intense scrutiny on the materials that are used and the construction process, we are able to catch any potential problems before they become part of a final product," Priebe said.

"As a result of this front-end approach to quality control, we have not had the kinds of problems that some other road agencies have seen with premature

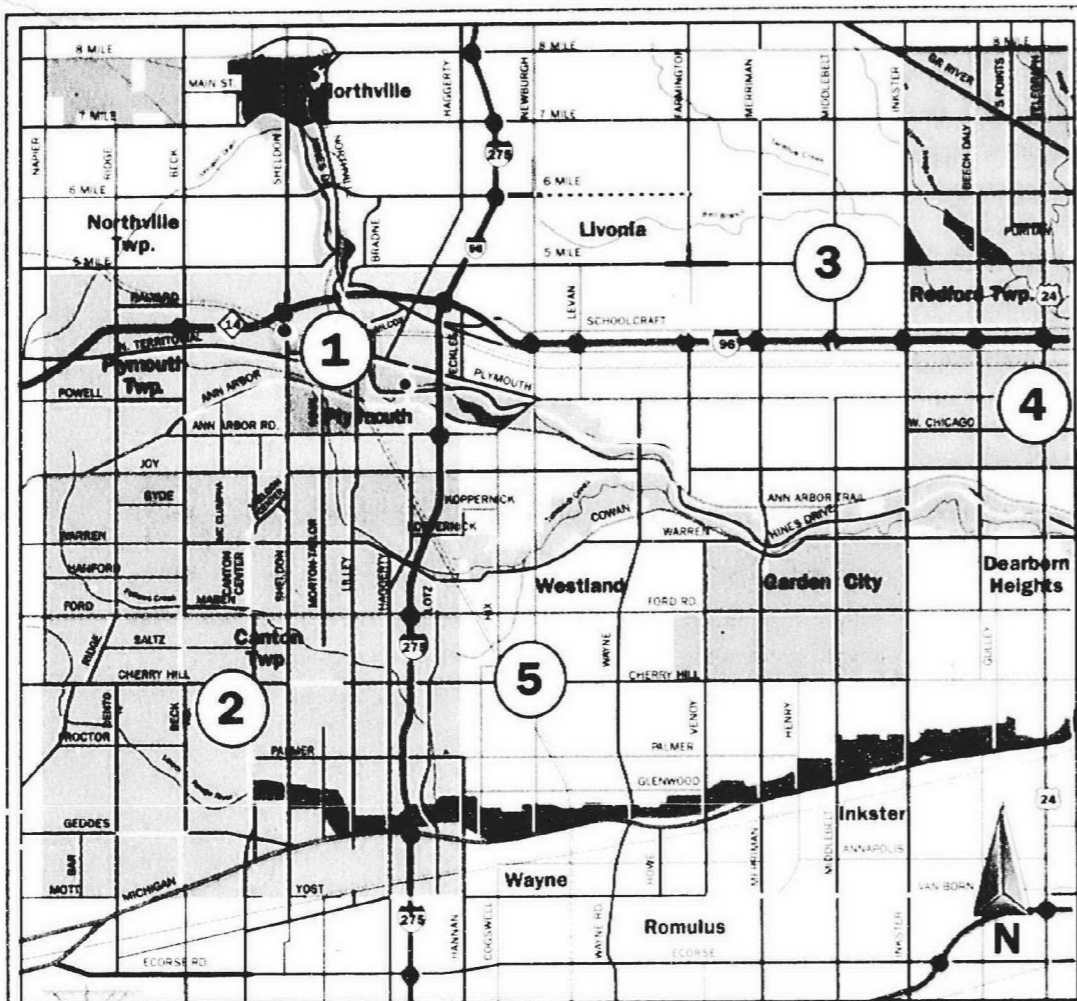
pavement failures," he said.

The county will invest an additional \$3.3 million in preventive maintenance efforts, such as crack-sealing, pavement removal and replacement, and microsurfacing to help extend the life of roads that were resurfaced several years ago.

"Now that we have stabilized

the majority of road system, we have more discretionary funds that we can use to concentrate on good, basic preventive maintenance," said Patrick Hogan, county roads director.

"This will keep our roads in good condition longer an ultimately save us a great deal of money," he said.



1 - PLYMOUTH TWP.
 Northville Road - resurface 1.2 miles, from Mill Rd. to Five Mile Rd.
 Sheldon Rd. - grade separation at CS crossing (.5-mile)
 Ann Arbor Trail - resurface, Beck Rd. to Sheldon (1.6 mi.) and Twp. line to I-275 (1.1 mi.)
 Haggerty Rd. - resurface, Ann Arbor Rd. to Hines Dr. (.75 mi.); reconstruct road and bridge, Hines to Plymouth Rd. (.30 mi.)
 Joy Rd. - resurface, Canton Center Rd. to Sheldon (.5 mi.) and Haggerty to .5 mi. east

2 - CANTON TWP.
 Joy Road - see Ply. Twp.
 Beck Rd. - pave gravel, from Cherry Hill Rd. to Ford Rd. (1 mile) and Michigan Ave. to Geddes Rd. (.7 mi.)
 Canton Center Rd. - bridge reconstruct over Lower Rouge River; resurface .5 mi., from .67 mi. to 1.07 mi. north of Geddes; widen/reconstruct 1.2 mi., Ford Rd. to 2 mi. north of Warren Rd.
 Geddes Rd. - resurface 1 mi., Denton Rd. to Beck
 Van Born Rd. - resurface 1 mi., Haggerty to Hannan Rd.
 Haggerty Rd. - resurface 1 mi., Van Born to Michigan
 Lotz Rd. - pave gravel .75 mi., Ford to Warren

3 - LIVONIA
 Farmington Road - resurface 1 mile, from I-96 to Five Mile
 Six Mile Rd. - resurface 1 mi., Farmington to Merriman Rd.
 Hines Dr. - resurface 2.4 mi., Newburgh Rd. to Joy
 Inkster Rd. - resurface 1 mi., Seven Mile Rd. to Eight Mile Rd.
 Merriman Rd. - widen 1 mi., Seven Mile to Eight Mile
 Middlebelt Rd. - resurface 1 mi., I-96 to Plymouth
 Schoolcraft Rd. - resurface 2 mi., Inkster to Telegraph Rd.

4 - REDFORD TWP.
 Inkster Road - (see Livonia)
 Beech Dal. Rd. - resurface 1.2 miles, from Six Mile Rd. to Grand River Blvd.
 Schoolcraft Rd. - (see Livonia)

5 - WESTLAND
 Van Born Road - reconstruct and widen 2 miles, from Merriman to Inkster
 Hines Dr. - resurface 1.36 mi. Joy to Ann Arbor Trail



14 volunteers are sworn in

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Marlene Briolat of Livonia and Barbara Granger of Westland were among the 14 new CASA volunteers from across the Detroit area sworn in Monday, March 19, by Judge Mary Beth Kelly, Family Division presiding judge in the 3rd Circuit Court.

Briolat, Granger and the others bring to 26 the number of volunteers advocating for some 88 abused and neglected children through the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) service established in 1997.

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Splitz standouts

Splitz Gymnastics, located in Canton, finished sixth in the Michigan Level 7 State Championship meet March 17-18 and had several stand-out performers.

Alyssa Kelley, from Plymouth, collected three state titles in the 12-year-old division, winning the vault (9.4), uneven parallel bars (9.575) and all-around (36.65). Kelley was also third in floor exercise (9.175).

Christa Smutek, from Livonia, was third in the all-around in the 7-10 division with a 36.975. She was second on balance beam (9.3) and floor (9.325) and fifth on vault.

Kristie Savage, of Dearborn, was second on beam (8.95) and floor (9.2) in the 12-year-old division.

Meghan Barida, from Canton, took fourths on bars (9.25) and floor (9.125) in the 12-year-old division. And Megan Narus, from Northville, was fifth in floor (9.15), eighth on bars (9.25) and 10th all-around (35.825) in the 11-year-old division.

The team's score was 110.025.

Last month, the Splitz team traveled to Chicago for the Chicago Style Invitational, one of the largest of its kind in the country, featuring more than 2,300 competitors.

The best team finish was provided by the Level 7s, who finished tied for second. Top individuals included Smutek, a first in the all-around (36.825) with firsts on beam (9.325), floor (9.5) and vault (9.325); Kelley, with a first on vault (9.475), third all-around (37.45), fifth bars, seventh beam and ninth floor; Barida, a sixth on bars; Savage, an eighth on bars and an 11th all-around; and Narus, a third on floor (9.45), a fifth all-around, ninth on beam and bars and an 11th on vault.

The Level 5s placed fourth, with Lindsay Bridges, from Canton, finishing first on beam (9.475), floor (9.55) and all-around (36.675), with a second on vault and a third on bars; Andrea Rivera, from Belleville, a first on floor (9.4), third on bars (9.25), a fourth on vault and a third all-around; Kati Pierce, from Canton, second on beam (9.15) and sixth on floor; Megan Valentini, from Canton, fourth on floor; Hannah Allen, from Canton, seventh on vault; Taylor Standish, from Plymouth, third on vault (9.05) and ninth on bars; and Mandy McManus, from Canton, fifth on vault, sixth on bars, ninth on beam and seventh all-around.

The Level 6s got superb showings from Lindsay Allen, from Canton, first on beam (9.325), seventh on bars, seven on floor and fourth all-around; Amy Quiambao, from Plymouth, seventh on bars, sixth on floor and seventh all-around; Katerina Kariotis, from Canton, 10th on bars; Lindsey Petruska, from Plymouth, fourth on beam and seventh on floor; and Alyssa Bredugh, from Novi, sixth on floor and ninth on bars.

Lady Ocelots honored

Schoolcraft College's Rachel Eley and Angelica Blakely were each honored by selection to the all-Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference team, and Lady Ocelot head coach Karen Lafata was named coach of the year.

Eley, a freshman point guard from Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher, was a first team selection and was runner-up in the MVP voting. She led SC in scoring (12.5 points), assists (6.3) and steals (6.3).

Blakely, a sophomore from Detroit Kettering, was named to the second team. She led the Ocelots in rebounding (8.5) and field-goal shooting (52.7 percent) and was second in scoring (11.2).

Lafata has guided SC to the NJCAA Tournament in Hagerstown, Md., where the Ocelots were 1-1 going into Saturday's game.

Softball Center offerings

The Canton Softball Center, located at 46555 W. Michigan in Canton, has several upcoming events of interest. Call (734) 483-5600 for further information.

Youth All-Skills Baseball and Softball Clinic: From noon-5 p.m. May 5, for ages 7-14, five hours of professional instruction from, among others, Plymouth Canton baseball coach Scott Dickey, including take-home drills sheet, contests, sports break, T-shirt, rules review, etc. Cost is \$50 per camper.

Softball Umpires Wanted: The Canton Softball Center will offer a free USSSA Umpires Training Session from 6-30 p.m. March 30. New and experienced umpires wanted. Rules review and registration for 2001 offered. Multiple games (at \$18 per) per night, flexible schedule.

Last-second shot beats SC



It was an experience for Schoolcraft College, this trip to the NJCAA Tournament, and not always a pleasant one. But despite two overtime losses, the Ocelots made a good account of themselves.

Now Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team knows what separates winners from losers at the NJCAA Division I Tournament.

With 13 seconds left in overtime, SC's Derrick Bird nailed two free throws to put the Ocelots ahead of Okaloosa-Walton (Fla.) CC 96-93. Unfortunately for SC, the lead didn't last.

Demetrius King sank a three-pointer from the wing with 5.6 seconds left to tie it for Okaloosa. That was only part of the bad news for SC; Mike Peek's

inbounds pass was pilfered by Kedrick Brown at midcourt.

Brown took two dribbles and launched a 28-footer that went through as the buzzer sounded, giving Okaloosa a 99-96 victory in a consolation-round game played Thursday in Hutchinson, Kan.

The Ocelots finish their first-ever trip to the NJCAA Tournament with a 1-2 mark, both losses coming in overtime; they end their season with a 32-4 overall record. Okaloosa, 29-5 after the win, advanced to yesterday's game for fifth place.

"We played some tough teams here," said SC coach Carlos Briggs. "It feels like we were snakebitten. Their shots seemed to fall at the right times. On that three by King, we had a hand in his face and he still hit it."

"We showed we can compete with the best. We made a decent showing — but we still didn't show what we were capable of doing."

Bird led the Ocelots with 22 points, including 3-of-5 on three-pointers. Keanan Weir scored 20 (4-of-5 on threes), Sam Hoskin had 19 points and eight rebounds, Dave McGlown totaled 18 points (3-of-5 threes) and five assists, and Peek scored 11.

Brown, a 6-foot-7 forward headed to Louisiana State, topped Okaloosa with 32 points, including 5-of-10 on threes.

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WOMEN'S HOOP Ocelots win, fight for 5th

Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team didn't surrender in its trip to the NJCAA Division II Basketball Tournament, held in Hagerstown, Md.

After a poor performance in their tournament opener last Wednesday, a 64-43 loss to Monroe (N.Y.) CC, the Lady Ocelots rebounded to upend South Suburban (Ill.) College 70-60 in a consolation-round game Thursday.

The win sent SC (26-6) to Saturday.

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Nationally renowned



Best in the state: Last year, Canton's Anne Morrell (in white) was co-winner of the state's best soccer player award.

Canton has to be a bit more than a stage for Anne Morrell

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Three major contributors from last season's 21-2-2 team that advanced to the Division I girls soccer state final are lost. That's the bad news for Plymouth Canton's team.

Everything else is bright. The Chiefs have a team that's been ranked sixth nationally, one that has in place nearly all the key components from last season's squad.

Starting, of course, with the state's co-player of the year in 2000: Anne Morrell.

As a junior, Morrell — who committed to attend North Carolina a year ago — scored 38 goals. She had 10 in seven state tournament games.

She's been ranked as one of the best players in the nation for several years. The only honor that has escaped her is a state championship for her team.

The Chiefs came close last season. They beat some powerhouses in the

state tournament in reaching the final, including Plymouth Salem, Livonia Stevenson and Brighton.

But against Troy Athens in the title match they came undone, losing 4-1. Both of their losses last year were to Athens.

"Yes, they did (have a lot of talent)," Canton coach Don Smith said of the Red Hawks. "We did too, we just didn't use it as well. We had done a good job of getting everyone involved until that last game."

As far as that season-ending defeat, Smith only said, "I haven't dwelled on it. I hope they learned the lesson."

There has seldom been a team returning as much talent as Canton does. The 1998 Livonia Stevenson squad, which was unbeaten in winning the state title, comes to mind.

That doesn't mean the road will be easy for Canton. Not hardly. Stevenson, with its own superstar in Lindsay Gusick, has been ranked 17th nationally. And although Salem lost

Please see **CANTON SOCCER, B5**

Finding ways to use Gusick to be a key in Stevenson's season

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes soccer is like a bridge game.

When you've got an ace, everybody else is hopeful they can trump it.

That's Livonia Stevenson's situation this spring.

The Spartans have one of the state's ace of aces in Lindsay Gusick, a premier player who is a viable candidate for Michigan's Miss Soccer award (for which one of her chief competitors will be Anne Morrell of league rival Plymouth Canton).

A complete player such as Gusick is something many teams are void of — which means they'll be trying any way they can to trump her as a means toward beating Stevenson.

Coach Jim Kimble of Stevenson

goes through this just about every year, though, so he's already concocting a game plan to bring home his bid of a competitive team at the state level.

"As far as we go will depend on how well she does," Kimble said bluntly, "how well we protect her and how well we hide her as far as tactics go."

Come again?

What's to hide?

Gusick will be visible all over the field as one of the most talented forwards in the state. Everybody's going to be watching her.

Which is why Kimble is brewing up a no-trump plan for Gusick and the Spartans.

"There are options (for us) rather than having her have to score all the goals," Kimble said. "We've got some young forwards who could be pretty good. We might move her back to mid-field on occasion."

"So that gives us a couple of different dimensions we can go to — which

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Lindsay Gusick
Spartan star



Fierce rivals: Stevenson's Dana White (left) and Canton's Amanda Lentz will be prominent. So will their teams.

Good coaching, good teams

Observerland boasts top talent, state's best teams

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

You don't do it for the money; that's for sure.

Because the pay for coaching at the high school level would have to be multiplied by 10 just to reach minimum wage, based on the hours put in.

And Terry Jobbitt doesn't coach for the recognition, either, although he was recognized as the Observerland Coach of the Year for the 2000-01 hockey season for the job he did with the Livonia Franklin team.

"You don't do it for that type of recognition," Jobbitt said. "You do it because you love coaching and you want to help the kids to go somewhere and do something."

"You want to see the kids go to a higher level at the end of the year."

Jobbitt also is thrilled to say his team is one of 19 that earned all-scholastic honors with a collective GPA of better than 3.0.

Franklin has to play in the shadow of Livonia Stevenson and Redford Catholic Central. But there's

more to high school sports than winning championships, and that needs to be formally recognized from time to time.

The Patriots finished their season with a fine 17-4-6 record, losing in the regional finals, in overtime, to Southgate Anderson, 5-4. Two of the other losses were to Stevenson.

This was the second time in a career that's nearing two decades Jobbitt has been saluted as the Observerland Coach of the Year. He's earned that honor from his league compatriots four times.

"I'd like to thank the boys for how hard they worked," he said. "They're the ones who deserve cred-



Terry Jobbitt
Franklin coach

it for helping me get this award."

Jobbitt thought, at the start of the season, "This was definitely the best team we'd had at Franklin in years, if not ever."

"But I looked around and saw how much better the entire league was."

"I said, 'Hey, I've got a really good team here, but are we going to do better than last year? And, if we are, how are we going to accomplish those goals?'"

"So I changed my ways, and I changed some of my ideas."

Jobbitt tinkered with his practice schedules, deleting some procedures and adding others that would sharpen his players' skills.

He also modified the Patriots' power play, lifting its efficiency from 20 percent to 32.

"And the whole season we emphasized the team concept," he said. "We had great effort all year long. We had really good scoring from our top three lines."

Borrowing some syntax from Sparky Anderson,

Please see **OBSERVER HOCKEY, B3**

Soccer outlook from page B1

will be a nice change for her. I don't think teams will be able to key largely on her. Which will be interesting."

Gusick, having an Honor Roll brain as large as her ability, is skilled enough to be able to make a transition such as that on the fly. Which will certainly create some opportunities on the field.

There are other storylines that will play themselves out for the 2001 season.

One is the elevation of college All-America goalie Jenny Barker of Madonna University to head coach at Livonia Franklin.

Barker, who has assisted with

the Patriots the last two seasons, now assumes head coaching responsibilities from Mary Kay Hussey.

"Mary Kay got me into coaching the very next year after (graduating from Livonia Stevenson) high school," said Barker, who quite probably is the youngest head coach in the history of the Western Lakes Activities Association. "I just wanted to continue it."

Barker, who still has another season to play at Madonna, led the Crusaders to the NAIA playoffs last fall and became an All-America in the process.

But that's secondary to her

goal of graduating with a degree in mathematics and secondary education. That will allow her to continue her coaching career. She said she's on track to graduate in December of 2002.

"I'm thankful I have another season of eligibility left," she said. "I'm really grateful. I'm looking forward to that."

She's also looking forward to leading Franklin's team.

"I'm just thankful and grateful I can coach in such a great conference," Barker said. "As far as coaching against Stevenson, it's just another team."

Livonia Churchill will also have a new coach this season. A

new old coach.

Chad Campau is stepping down temporarily to be with his wife, who is expecting twins in the near future.

Taking his place is boy's coach Dave Hebestreit.

The WLAA is one of the most competitive and powerful soccer conferences in the state. Other leagues produce a team or two equal to or better than the Lakes' powers, but it's rare to see one with such top-to-bottom strength.

"This looks like another typical year," Barker said, "with Stevenson, Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton up there.

Churchill's usually in the running as well."

Because of Gusick, the Spartans will get the Lions' share of the attention, however.

Gusick has accepted a full ride scholarship to play soccer at the University of Virginia. She's also a member of the U-18 Women's National Team. She was also a key three-point shooter on the Stevenson basketball squad.

"She's an Addidas All-America and our best player, obviously," Kimble said. "I'm good friends with her family and she comes from a great family. You couldn't ask for more, both as a player and as a person."

She comes from a line of outstanding Stevenson soccer players, including Allison Campbell, a great goal-scorer, and Andrea Sied, a physically dominant defender who controlled games from the back end of the field.

"Lindsay is very, very athletic," Kimble said. "She can change the complexion of a game with her athleticism. She's a student of the game and a fierce competitor."

"And this is the best physical condition I have seen her in over four years. I definitely have optimistic hopes for the season."

As do all — even after the games start.

SOCCER CAPSULES

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Coach: Jenny Barker, 1st season
League affiliation: WLAA (Western Division)
Notable loss to graduation: Alexis Bowman, defender
Leading returnees: Kara Wisniewski, Jr., midfielder; Kate Roberts, Jr., sweeper; Megan Farrell, Soph., goalkeeper
Promising newcomers: Shannon Powers, Fr., forward; Alicia Thom, Jr., midfielder; Caitlyn Melochie, Fr., forward
Barker's 2001 season outlook: "We're just looking to build off last season. We want to add new players into the mix, and build up the experience that we have."
 "I'm real excited to have the opportunity to work with such a great group of kids."
 "Hopefully I'll have the opportunity to learn from them and they'll have the chance to take some soccer knowledge from myself."
 "It's a tough league. We always get a few good games out of it and we look forward to those."

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Coach: Larry Brenner, 7th season
2000 record: 16-4-1 (first place, Mega Blue)
League affiliation: Michigan Mega Conference, White Division
Notable losses to graduation: Jenny Clark, defense; Amanda Bledsoe, defense; Lon Giordano, defense; Tina Bradley, midfielder; Tiffany Mishoney, midfielder; Christine Raupp, midfielder; Tish Tedders, midfielder; Ronda Brockman, forward; Kristina McCahill, forward; Kristal Swope, forward
Leading returnees: Jenny Sheppard, Sr., goalkeeper; Nancy Badnarz, Sr., defense; Kristen Zilka, Sr., defense; Rachel Fyfe, Jr., defense; Katie Brothers, Sr., midfielder; Megan Tulppo, Sr., midfielder; Toni Watson, Sr., midfielder; Liz Beckert, Sr., midfielder; Sheila Honey

cutt, Sr., forward; Alana Green, Jr., forward
Promising newcomers: Nicole Quinn, Jr., defense; Lisa DiRusso, Soph., defense; Kalli Prater, Soph., midfielder; Amy Veres, Jr., forward; Ashley Britton, Fr., forward
Brenner's 2001 season outlook: "We moved up to the Mega White Division and lost some very talented players to graduation."
 "But our solid core of veteran players returning along with our new players should keep us very competitive again this year."
 "They are very hungry to show that we can continue to be a strong team. The attitude is great."
 "We need everyone to play their role on the team to have a successful season."
 "This is the most talented group of girls trying out in our seven years of the program."

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Coach: Jim Kimble, 7th season
Notable losses to graduation: Andi Sied, defense; Megan Urbats, forward; Cheryl Fox, defense; Deanna McGrath, midfielder
Leading returnees: Lindsay Gusick, Sr., forward; Dana White, Sr., midfielder; Katie Beaudoin, Sr., defense
Promising newcomers: Melissa Dobbyn, Fr., forward; Maureen Jackson, Fr., midfielder; Mindy Magouick, Fr., goalkeeper; Laura Sulak, Fr., midfielder
Kimble's 2001 season outlook: "We like our team. It's young and athletic. We're going to compete in very game we play."
 "But it will all come down to sorting out the defensive end of the field. If we can replace Andi (Sied) soon enough, we'll be at the top end of the rankings."
 "If we don't sort that out, then we may have some difficulties."
 "(Plymouth) Canton is obviously the team to beat in our league, with (Anne) Morrell and (Amanda) Lentz and (Plymouth) Salem is there every year."

"Canton is the team to look at. But I like our chances. I like our scoring punch. We are going to score some goals."
 "It'll be an interesting year."
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Coach: Jerry Poniatowski, 6th season
2000 record: 9-8
Notable losses to graduation: Jake Fukuda, goalkeeper; Val Kurzynski, forward; Noelle Swartz, midfielder
Leading returnees: Lacey Catarino, Sr., midfielder; Sarah Pack, Sr., forward; Katie Dutchak, Soph., fullback; Jessica Hislop, Soph., fullback; Lauren James, Soph., fullback; Kristal Kilgore, Soph., midfielder/forward; Sarah Bain, Sr., fullback forward
Promising newcomers: Brittany Zwick, Soph., forward; Shannon Abbot, Fr., forward
Poniatowski's 2001 season outlook: "As usual, it's an extremely tough league. We'll just try to keep our heads above water."
 "We'll take what we can and try not to give up anything."
 "We'll try to keep things nice, clean and sportsmanlike. That's what the league is all about."

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Coach: Dave Hebestreit, 1st season
2000 record: 8-9-1
Notable losses to graduation: Karen Kramer, defense; Kristin Leszczynski, midfielder; Michelle Smith, midfielder; Melissa Sultana, defense; Renee Kashawic, goalkeeper-forward
Leading returnees: Michelle Esparza, Sr., midfielder; Dana Thomson, Sr., forward-midfielder; Jamie Zimmer, Sr., defense; Sarah Phillips, Jr., forward; Deanna DeRoo, Jr., forward; Amy Sanders, Jr., defense; Meghan Parnell, Jr., defense; Charity Burbridge, Soph., midfielder; Sarah Leary, Jr., midfielder; Lindsay Delaney, Jr., midfielder; Laura Bules, Jr., midfielder; Sarah Hart-

sell, Jr., goalkeeper
Promising newcomers: Jacqui Gatt, Fr., midfielder; Kyle LaPorte, Fr., forward; Christina Thom, Fr., defense
Hebestreit's 2001 season outlook: "I think that we're bringing in 5-6 new starters, either from girls returning or new players. I think we'll be real competitive."
 "We have a solid crop of freshman that came in, the best freshman crop we've seen. Plus we have a lot of returning players."
 "We're still filling a few holes this week."
 "We're going to be real speedy. We have a lot of team speed all over the field."
 "We're starting all club players, which is a first for us. It's very nice to have."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD
Coach: Jill Logsdon, 3rd season
2000 record: 5-12-1
Notable losses to graduation: Andrea Schimmel, center-midfielder
Leading returnees: Katie Rozum, Jr., midfielder; Jenny Bartkowiak, Jr., midfielder; Sunny Grezlik, Soph., midfielder; Lauren Hesano, Soph., forward; Megan Kogut, Soph., midfielder
Promising newcomers: Sindy Swish, Fr., forward; Sue Christenson, Fr., defense; Christine Williams, Fr., defense; Brittany Cauly, Fr., defense; Stefanie Szczecowski, Soph., goalkeeper (transfer from Dearborn Divine Child)
Logsdon's 2001 season outlook: "We're very young this year, but we picked up a lot of talent."
 "I think that we're going to be strong and definitely compete this year in the Catholic League."

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND
Coach: Mark Brenner, 3rd season
2000 record: 8-6-2
League affiliation: Metro Conference
Notable losses to graduation: Monica Gyorke, sweeper; Kellie Buczek, forward
Leading returnees: Stephanie Erickson, Jr.,

goalkeeper; Lindsey Bowman, Sr., defense; Emily Kamrath, Sr., stopper; Krissy Rose, Sr., center-midfielder; Amy Kamrath, Jr., center-midfielder; Cali Heins, Jr., winger
Promising newcomers: Samantha Poole, Soph., defense; Beckie Walker, Fr., forward
Brenner's 2001 season outlook: "I've got a very knowledgeable new assistant, Adam Danieczyk, who will be a tremendous asset to the program."
 "I think we can build on last year, but we need new leadership to emerge."
 "If we have a solid defense and we start to play possession soccer, we can have a really successful season. If the girls play with a lot of heart, they can do that and be successful."
 "CranbrookKingswood will probably be the leading team in the conference. (Macomb Lutheran) North is always pretty solid, too."
 "I think we can be in the running if some things pull together for us."

PLYMOUTH CANTON
Coach: Don Smith, 15th season
2000 record: 21-2-2, league co-champs, state finalist
League affiliation: WLAA (Western Division)
Notable losses to graduation: Abi Morrell, stopper; Jessica Palis, sweeper; Amy Dorogi, keeper
Leading returnees: Anne Morrell, Sr., forward (state's co-player of the year in 2000); Amanda Lentz, Sr., midfielder; Melanie Dunn, Sr., midfielder; Betsy Huebler, Sr., defender; Allison Mills, Sr., midfielder; Janine Guastella, Sr., sweeper; Sarah Heimerl, senior, midfielder; Arielle Bryant, Sr., stopper; Nicole Schick, Sr., midfielder; Beth Sandusky, Sr., stopper; Stephanie Johnson, Jr., forward; Ashley Rosaen, Jr., midfielder; Sarah Plymouth, Jr., midfielder; Rachel Lindman, Jr., defender; Shauna Smith, Jr., defender; Lindsey Tasher, Jr., defender; Erica Ahrens, Soph., midfielder; Kara Marsh, Soph., forward

Promising newcomers: Briana Wolcott, Soph., keeper; Jessica Dean, Jr., midfielder; Danielle Sheperd, Soph., utility; Rachel Perry, fresh., forward
Smith's 2001 season outlook: "I would think so (we'd be ready). We've just got to make sure we stay focused. They'll be ready for us, they'll come after us. But we've got a lot of good leadership, a lot of seniors this year."

PLYMOUTH SALEM
Coach: Joe Nora, second year
2000 record: 14-3-1
League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division)
Notable losses to graduation: Christen Shull, sweeper; Suzie Towne, defender; Jenny Fitchett, keeper; Jami Coyle, forward; Jesse Bucks, defender; Jeannine Edwards, midfielder; Liz Gizicki, midfielder; Jenny Fisher, forward; Brandi Groves, defender
Leading returnees: Jill Dombrowski, Sr., keeper; Maureen Griffith, Sr., defender; Natalie Thomas, Jr., midfielder; Kellie Mullin, Sr., forward; Amanda Marsonek, Sr., defender; Danielle Portelli, Sr., defender; Amber Williams, Sr., defender; Shara Huggins, Sr., defender; Rachel Berezak, Sr., midfielder; Jange Bucks, Soph., midfielder; Katelyn Lee, Soph., forward
Promising newcomers: Nikki Anderson, Jr., forward; Megan Gourley, Jr., midfielder; Melinda Briones, Jr., forward; Katie Cooper, Jr., defender; Sara Schupria, Jr., midfielder; Stephanie Baron, Jr., keeper; Rachelle Marshall, Soph., defender; Marissa Sarkesian, fresh., midfielder; Jordan Falcusan, fresh., midfielder

Nora's 2001 season outlook: "I think (our strength) will be our defense. Jill Dombrowski has just been playing phenomenally. That will be our strength — quick counters off her play. We want to out possess the other team. (Canton, Stevenson) will be the teams to beat, that's for sure. We'll try and peak around play off time and see what happens."

SOCCER NEWS

The Livonia Youth Soccer Club (LYSC) is encouraging local youth soccer teams to become charter entries in the Livonia Spree Invitational Tournament (June 22-24).


The tournament is open to boys and girls teams in age groups from under-9 through under-19. It offers recreational, select and premier divisions.

The tournament, scheduled in conjunction with the city's 51st anniversary, has been sanctioned by the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA).

All teams are guaranteed a minimum of three games in pool play with group winners and wild card teams moving on to play in a trophy round.

All players will receive commemorative participation pins and they, along with their families, will be eligible for discount tickets to the Livonia Spree.

For an information packet including team entry forms as well as additional rules and information, call the tournament hotline at 734-462-5889.



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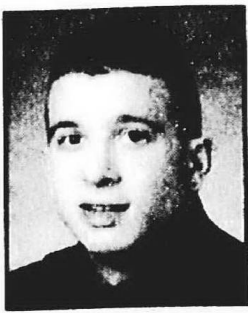
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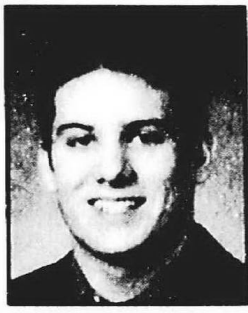
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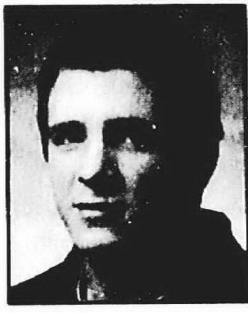
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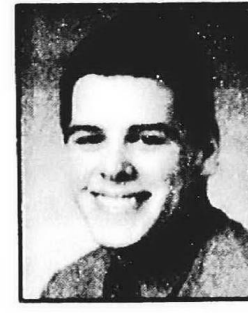
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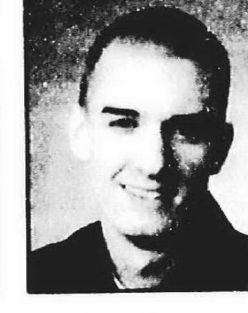
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Jobbitt noted, "You've got to keep up to stay ahead."
Kids, he added, are getting bigger and stronger all the time. "Now you've got to work to bring them up to a higher level yet."

The only thing that marred the season, Jobbitt believes, was losing the Division II regional final to Southgate Anderson. He wonders what might have been if four of his players hadn't come down sick on the eve of the game.

Give a lot of credit to Southgate," he said. "They played a very good game. But could we have beaten them healthy? I don't know."

"But, to lose only four games all year long, the team did over and above what we expected them to do."

"We were in the running for the conference championship up until the last game with Stevenson. We lost to them twice by one goal."

"We never lost to Churchill this year. We tied them twice."

"Stevenson and Churchill were ranked Nos. 2 and 3 in Division I, and we ended up ranked seventh in Division II. It was the first time we were ranked anywhere in a season ever."

FIRST TEAM

Kevin Marlowe, goaltender, Stevenson: Made the Coach's Dream Team squad after a stellar senior season.

Had a 1.71 goals-against average with a .932 save percentage.

"He's a leader," Stevenson coach Ed Shepler said. "He's very reliable; solid both on and off the ice."

"He controlled games. At times he determined how the game was going to go."

Jared Ross, forward, Catholic Central: Ross proved to be the dream player in a dream season for a dream team, helping the Shamrocks to an undefeated season, capped with a state championship and Ross becoming the third player in school history to be named Mr. Hockey.

Ross scored 30 goals and had 38 assists, and was named to the Division I first team and the coaches' Dream Team.

"All season long, Jared put the success of our team, in terms of individual wins and losses, ahead of individual points," said CC co-coach Todd Johnson. "He's an unbelievable offensive player. He has dominated the game offensively more than any player we've had in the last six years and that's a huge statement."

Derek Genrich, defense, Catholic Central: Genrich joined Ross on the Division I first team and the Dream Team. A three-year varsity player, Genrich bounced back from an injury last season

to score three goals and nine assists.

"He led our defense this year physically and emotionally," said Johnson. "He and his family made a lot of sacrifices to send him to CC and all of his hard work really paid off by being captain of the third-straight state championship team."

Josh Garbutt, forward, Franklin: The center made the coach's All-State team in Division II.

Garbutt tied for first in the Western Lakes Activities Association scoring derby with 26 points (15 goals, 11 assists). Totaled 22 goals and 21 assists overall, including five game-winners.

In 76 games over three seasons, Garbutt scored 51 goals and had 55 assists.

"Josh has always been a hard worker," Coach Terry Jobbitt of the Patriots said. "He's definitely a team player."

"He's a kid every coach would love to have on his team."

Jim Spiewak, forward, Catholic Central: Right now, Spiewak probably doesn't know he was selected for this honor. After CC's season ended, he signed with the USHL's Cedar Rapids Roughriders and is commuting between school and hockey during the week.

"He will be a Division I player after a year of junior hockey," said Johnson. "He might be the hardest working player off-ice in the last six years with how hard he works in the weight room and keeping his grades up. He made a tough decision between junior hockey and his senior year in high school and he figured that it was best for him to come back to CC for the season. It placed a lot of pressure on him at times, but he handled it well and was rewarded with his decision."

Brett John, forward, Catholic Central: John was the second-leading scorer for the Shamrocks and also earned a spot on the Division I all-state team. A two-year member of the varsity, John scored 29 goals and 23 assists this season.

"He's a prototypical power forward who can not only score, but punish opposing players along the boards and in front of the net," said Johnson. "He has a tremendous desire to push himself and his teammates beyond the level of comfort in practice and in games. He's going to have a really good hockey career and a good chance at playing Division I in college."

SECOND TEAM

Rory Cesarz, forward, Churchill: This left wing made the All-State team. The senior scored six game-winning goals this season and registered a high of plus-28 on the ice.

"He was at his best in our biggest games," coach Pete Mazzoni said. "He can play the physical game but is probably our quickest forward. He's a pure

goal-scorer."

Cesarz had 15 goals and 10 assists in 26 games.

Chris Garbutt, goaltender, Franklin: Set school record with seven shutouts, including four in a row, and posted nine stellar career.

Caps career with selection to Division II All-State team. Had a 2.19 goals-against average with a save percentage of 90.6.

"He's an excellent goalie," noted his coach, Terry Jobbitt. "This year he took a big step forward."

"He became an excellent strong team player and took the blame for goals that were not his fault. He kept us in games and won the big ones for us."

Sean Genrich, defense, Catholic Central: Genrich, a three-year player, was selected to the all-state first team with five goals and 13 assists.

"His first two years in the program, he was a role player and worked hard last summer to be a key component," said Johnson. "We gave him an opportunity to be on the first power-play unit and he did a nice job. He's a good role model to our younger guys in the program. He comes to play every game."

Bill McSween, defense, Redford Unified: McSween was one of the highest scoring defensemen in the state, scoring 15 goals and 25 assists for 40

points and earned a spot on the all-state first team and led RU to the Mega Conference title.

"He was an outstanding player who covered his area well and saw all of the ice," said RU coach John Gumbleton. "He's not physical, but can take control in the corners and in front of the net. He's interesting to watch, how he doesn't let the puck get away from him. He doesn't hesitate to rush the ice and get in deep. Sometimes, an offensive defenseman isn't good in his own end, but he's good in both ends. He's a very good player."

Bobby Zagata, forward, Stevenson: The senior center was called "the best forward in the area" by his coach, Ed Shepler.

"He's a game-breaker," Shepler said. "He has very good speed and is well above average talent-wise. He can turn it on when the team needs it."

Zagata scored 21 goals and had 20 assists for the season.

Aaron Jakubowski, forward, Churchill: Only a junior, Jakubowski was captain of his team.

His plus-minus was a positive 19 and he had nine goals and 10 assists.

"He can win faceoffs," said his coach, Pete Mazzoni, "he can go in the corners and tie people up. He's the best two-way player."



Sean Genrich
Catholic Central



Bill McSween
Redford Unified



Aaron Jakubowski
Livonia Churchill

ALL-AREA HOCKEY

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- G. Kevin Marlowe, senior, Liv. Stevenson
- F. Jared Ross, senior, Catholic Central
- F. Jim Spiewak, senior, Catholic Central
- F. Brett John, senior, Catholic Central
- F. Josh Garbutt, senior, Livonia Franklin
- D. Derek Genrich, senior, Catholic Central

SECOND TEAM

- G. Chris Garbutt, senior, Livonia Franklin
- F. Rory Cesarz, senior, Livonia Churchill
- F. Bobby Zagata, senior, Liv. Stevenson
- F. Aaron Jakubowski, junior, Liv. Churchill
- D. Bill McSween, senior, Redford Unified
- D. Sean Genrich, senior, Catholic Central

THIRD TEAM

- G. Matt Williams, senior, Liv. Churchill
- F. Brad Johnson, senior, Redford Unified
- F. Matt Lee, junior, Farmington Unified
- F. Brad Wolfe, senior, Plymouth Canton
- D. Adam Jakubowski, junior, Churchill
- D. Josh Latzman, junior, Liv. Stevenson

FOURTH TEAM

- G. Andrew McCoy, senior, Catholic Central
- F. Dave Bonello, senior, Liv. Stevenson
- F. John Bockstanz, senior, Ply. Canton
- F. Kevin Moodie, junior, Redford Unified
- F. Gordie Statham, senior, Livonia Franklin
- D. Preston Picard, junior, Farm. Unified

COACH OF THE YEAR

Terry Jobbitt, Livonia Franklin

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Redford CC: Ryan Lasecki, Mike Rutigan; Redford Unified: Cody Bartlett; Farmington Unified: Brian Marion, Greg Diven, Kurk Laird, Brad Heraghty, Mike Frayne, Glenn Heam, Tom Dupuis; Bates: Steve Nagel, Mark Nagel, Mike Thackberry, Bryan Young, Dave Gill, Brad Arznov, Sean Depp; Stevenson: Mark Blazok, Jon O'Neill, Matt Catus, Bret Vessey, Brian Shekell; Churchill: Matt Krug, Sean Smith, Ryan McBrown; Franklin: John Nishol, Sam Demuke, Jason Robinson, Anders Wendel.

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TIM NOWICKI

Refreshing refresher course on geese

Though Canada geese have not been around this past winter as they have been in previous winters, they have returned from their southern wintering areas where open water and fields with little snow in which to feed were found.

Once again their constant presence provides numerous opportunities for us to listen to their rising, two-note honking sound.

It was an unfamiliar sound that attracted my attention up to the sky the other day.

First the higher pitched one note call drew my attention to the skein of geese in a classic "V" formation flying overhead, then the small size verified that they were snow geese. They were heading southeast, not north as one would expect this time of year — probably because they had spotted a place to stop and rest. It may have been the Detroit River that attracted their attention, or some of the open fields on the Canadian side of the river.

Just to be sure of my identification, I played the sound of the snow geese on my computer program. Sure enough, it was the same.

Spring is the best time to see snow geese since they may stop along their northern route when they find conditions are not suitable to proceed. Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge near Saginaw is a good place to see them in spring.

In fall, migration often takes them directly from nesting sites in the Hudson and James Bay area to their wintering grounds in Louisiana in one long flight. Seldom are they seen in Michigan during fall.

Snow geese are smaller than the giant Canada goose that lives in southeastern Michigan by about five pounds. Though the name snow goose would suggest they are white colored birds, they also come in a blue color with white accents.

Not too long ago — about thirty years or so — the blue colored snow goose was considered a different species than the white colored snow goose. Then a researcher learned that a mated pair consisting of two white colored individuals could raise blue colored offspring, or two blue colored individuals could raise white offspring.

A snow goose born white will stay white the rest of its life. The same is true of the blue colored individuals, they stay blue the rest of their life. Variation in color is similar to the color differences of the screech owl, or the ruffed grouse.

If you are walking at night and you hear a recognizable goose sound, listen carefully because they could be snow geese and not the familiar Canada goose we see every day around here.

To learn more about snow geese and other birds that return in spring you can take a bird study class. Schoolcraft College is offering a class that starts April 23 from 7-9pm. There will be five classroom sessions on Mondays and three field trips on the weekends. In the classroom, bird identification is emphasized by using slides and study skins. Migration, anatomy, song and other topics are briefly covered throughout the class. Weekend field trips are designed to put identification skills into practice.

If you are interested in the class, I would be pleased to have you join me, since I'll be teaching the class. Contact Continuing Education at Schoolcraft College (734) 462-4448 for registration details.

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

Special memories at Trout Opener

Michigan's Trout Opener falls on the last Saturday in April.

The day is as important to anglers, as October 20th and November 15th are to pheasant and deer hunters, respectively.

Fly fishers look forward to Opening Day with the same eagerness as a child on Christmas Eve. I can recall becoming so wrapped up in plans for Opening Day that I once got confused when a friend asked if I was going to the Tiger Opener. "Of course I will," I answered. "I'll be in Grayling at least a day before."

My friend had to explain what he meant. Although I, like many fly anglers, enjoy baseball, it was the furthest thing from my mind.

While the Trout Opener ranks high on the fly fisher's calendar, the day is usually not about fishing. It's more about renewing old friendships.

There's plenty of time to fish all summer. Last year was a good example.

I floated my friend Al the day before the opener on the "Holy

Waters" of the AuSable River (which is open to catch-and-release fishing all year).

As I poled my AuSable riverboat around a bend, I heard a familiar voice booming across the river. It belonged to another friend, Pat, who was staying at a lodge with at least a half-dozen other people that I knew.

After being introduced to the folks I hadn't met before, a cold beverage was placed in my hand. Fishing came to an end for the day as we renewed old friendships and made new ones.

The next morning brought the Trout Opener itself. Because the mornings in April can be quite cool, insect hatches usually don't start until mid-day.

There's no hurry to get to the river. Al and I cooked breakfast for some friends who joined us in camp, then made our way to another lodge on the main-stream where a memorial of sorts was underway. Bud, another good friend, had passed away that winter.

About twenty of us showed up to share coffee, donuts, and a few stories. We were each given a small fly box containing some of Bud's ashes, with specific instructions to disburse

them at a favorite fishing spot.

Later in the day, my wife and kids met me on the river where all the people from the memorial were fishing. My 10-year-old daughter had some flies I taught her to tie. She wanted to fish them that day. I gave her my rod and tied on a fly.

A few moments later, she caught her first brook trout — on a fly she tied herself. I placed Bud's ashes in that hole, a spot that became very special to all of us. She still talks about that day.

We all had a great time, and I spent so much time helping my kids that I don't remember if I caught a fish myself.

This year, I'll be back on the AuSable, fishing with friends and family.

This time we'll remember John, another fishing partner we lost this year.

We'll continue our traditions. There are many great trout rivers all over this state. Why not create some traditions of your own and get out there on the water the last Saturday in April?

Jeff McGowan, a commercial fly tyer and a licensed guide, is a member of the Michigan Fly Fishing Club. For more information about the Club, visit www.mffc.org.



Nice catch: Kathleen McGowan understands the thrill of catching a fish on the Trout Opener.

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

ACTIVITIES

9TH ANNUAL BOAT EXPO

The 9th annual Spring Boating Expo concludes today at the Novi Expo Center. More than 100 exhibitors will gather under one roof, displaying boats for water skiing, fishing, cruising and personal watercraft. Special attractions include a Nautical Flea Market and a BASSMaster Kids Casting Contest. Show hours today are 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Cost is \$7 for adults, and children under the age of 12 are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 1-800-224-3008.

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The Oakland County Sportfishing Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at Santa Hall, 1985 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Call (248) 693-4389 or visit the club's web site at <http://go.to/ocsa> for more information.

DOWNRIVER BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain (14100 Pardee Road) in Taylor. For more information, call Ron Fodor at (734) 676-2863 or send an e-mail to riverrat122@home.com.

DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS

Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. membership meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X, 6177 Chicago Road, in Warren. The public is welcome. More information

can be obtained by calling Ed Wilczek at (810) 757-7365 or club President Ray Banbury at (810) 598-0310.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

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

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

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

FOUR SEASONS

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

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

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

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

License fees going up

Get ready to pay a little more for the opportunity to hunt and fish in Michigan. In a move that was expected two years ago, but was postponed until this year, Department of Natural Resources Director K.L. Cool has approved a price hike this year for hunting and fishing licenses.

In a nut shell, all resident hunting and fishing license fees have increased a dollar. That means the combo deer license, which is actually two licenses, will cost an extra two bucks (\$28). Small game, archery deer, firearms deer, bear, turkey, fur harvester and a restricted fishing license all cost \$14 this year, while an all-species fishing license will cost \$27.

Application fees for special lottery hunts like elk, turkey and black bear remains at \$4.

Non-resident license fees have increased between \$4 and \$14, depending on the license.

The increase is expected to generate some \$1.7 million for the state's Game and Fish Protection Fund, which finances fisheries and wildlife programs, provides up to 60 percent of the Department's Law Enforcement budget and 20 percent of the Department's administrative costs.

The last time we had a license fee increase was five years ago. At that time, Cool received the authority to institute a license fee increase in 1999 and in 2001. He decided to forgo the hike in 1999, or we might be paying \$15 for licenses this year.

You can still get a 15-percent discount by purchasing four licenses at one time.

E-licensing available

The DNR recently initiated a program which allows you to purchase hunting and fishing licenses via the internet. E-licensing is available at the DNR's web site located at www.dnr.state.mi.us. A current MasterCard or Visa is needed to make a purchase.

"We designed the system to be very user-friendly," said Tom Weston, DNR E-Commerce Manager. "Customers will be able to print most

small game and fishing licenses at home, and the system allows them to make sure their computer setup meets the PC needs for online purchasing. They even can test their printer."

Customers need a computer with Netscape 4.0 or newer, or Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.0 or newer, to complete the transaction. Additionally, these browsers must utilize 128-bit encryption, which is the highest level of protection possible for the use of credit cards or to make other financial or confidential transactions over the Internet.

Fishing regulation changes

With April 1 rapidly approaching, anglers should start thinking about purchasing a 2001 Michigan fishing license. The 2000 licenses expire March 31.

With the new season comes some changes in regulations that anglers should keep in mind. Some of the major changes that take effect April 1 include:

■ Walleye — Lake Erie: Only one additional walleye may be taken from Lake Erie, in addition to the daily possession limit of five. In 2000, anglers were permitted to keep five additional fish. This reduction is the result of a downward trend in both walleye populations and catch rates in Lake Erie.

■ Lake trout — Great Lakes: Several changes have been made to the lake trout size limits and fishing zones as part of the agreement concerning treaty fishing rights in the Great Lakes. Refer to pages 19-21 in the 2001 Michigan Fishing Guide for details.

■ Bass season — Lake Michigan: The open season for largemouth and smallmouth bass on Lake Michigan, within one-half mile of Beaver, Garden, High and Hog islands, is July 1-31.

■ Fishing rod limit — Great Lakes: A change to the number of fishing rods that anglers may use on the Great Lakes went into effect last September.

Anglers trolling for trout and salmon on Lake Michigan, Lake Huron, Lake Superior and the St. Marys River may use three lines or three single rods and lines. No more than six hooks total may be attached on all lines. These changes do not apply to shore anglers.

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



BILL PARKER

On the road again ... to Reno's ABC convention

Last week was travel time for this writer as the American Bowling Congress National Convention was going on at Reno, Nevada. Two pieces of luggage plus two bowling balls and the "Wild Blue Yonder" on United Airlines to Reno and the National Bowling Stadium.

That was the start of a great week which included bowling at the stadium and working the convention as a Greater Detroit Bowling Association delegate representing you if you are a league bowler.

The ABC convention is where the proposed rule changes are voted upon and the other topics of interest are discussed by the 1,168 delegates from all 50 states and Canada. The main topic of discussion was the feasibility of a Single Membership Organization which would combine the efforts and facilities of the ABC, WIBC, YABA, USA Bowling and Bowling, Inc. into one solid, single unit.

This could create a more efficient operation for all, a cost savings and would enable all to deliver member services much easier. It would mean abolishing each organization and forming a wholly new one. There were a lot of pros and cons to this idea, and where it goes from here depends a lot on how the women bowlers will see it in their upcoming convention next month in Ft. Lauderdale.

A special tribute was paid to the late Joe Norris with several special video presentations. He would have bowled the prior week in his 72nd ABC tournament.

Over 80,000 bowlers are entered in this year's ABC including over 14,000 teams at Reno's splendid National Bowling Stadium. I'd rather not say much about the tournament, as we had a reverse block oil on the outside boards and dry in the middle in the team event and nobody in the GDBA contingent bowled very well. Just wait 'til next year, and that will be in Billings, Mont. Year 2003 is slated for Knoxville, Tenn., and back to Reno's National Bowling Stadium again in 2004.

While I was gone, Sandy Weed of Novi last week bowled her first 700 series with 240-216-255 totaling 711 pins. She had been stricken with leukemia only five years ago. Most people might just give up, but not Sandy. She ran the full course of chemotherapy and radiation, fought back and not only is in full remission, but is now bowling like she did before she became ill. The bad news is that she did not like lanes 31 and 32 at Country Lanes in Farmington, so she did not enter the usual jackpots. The other bad news is that she did this against my team.

For the many bowlers who knew her, Lillian Vandervennet of Westland passed away on March 13. She had been the counterperson and day manager at Country Lanes for 17 years and had been well known by many bowlers over the years for her congeniality and ability to keep the leagues running smoothly. She took over for Sandy Weed's spot on her team for a year while she was recovering from her illness.

So you want to be a better bowler.

There is a way to do just that by signing up for a one-day clinic with PWBA champions Aleta Sill and Michelle Mullin. Sill is famous for her great success in her pro tour career, and the first woman to top one million dollars in tour earnings. She is a member of the Ebonite Pro advisory staff. Mullin is a former Team USA coach and has a Gold certificate in USA Bowling. The one-day clinic features: Video analysis and on-the-lane coaching, spare shooting, practice plan and more. The cost is \$149 for the complete package. It will take place on April 7 or 8 at Sterling Lanes in Sterling Heights. For enrollment or further information, call (313) 274-1227, or e-mail to www.sillionaire.com.

The "All-Star Grill" women's team is at it again. They are leading the Detroit Women's Bowling Association City Tournament in the Actual Team event with a team score of 1035-1153-1095, totaling 3,286. This is the same team that recently claimed the all-time high series at Cloverlanes with a 3,600 series.

Al Harrison is a Garden City resident.

Canton soccer from B1

nine seniors to graduation, the Rocks have a couple of promising newcomers and enough experience to make things difficult for the Chiefs.

Last season, Salem tied Stevenson and was leading Canton 1-0 in the state playoffs until the final 17 minutes, when Stephanie Johnson scored twice to save the Chiefs.

Johnson, who had 18 goals (six in the tournament), is back for her junior season. Amanda Lentz, a senior attacking midfielder, also returns; she totaled 16 goals and 14 assists last season and was all-conference, all-district and all-region.

Those are three of the key returnees. But there's much more.

Joining Lentz at midfield are Allison Mills, a senior, and Kara Marsh, a sophomore, on the outside right and Melanie Dunn, a senior, and Erica Ahrens, a sophomore, on the outside left. All played extensively at those spots last season.

Sarah Heimerl, a senior, and Sarah Plymale and Ashley Rosaen, both juniors, will be in the rotation at midfield as well.

Abi Morrell, last season's stopper, has taken her talents to Western Michigan. Beth Sandusky and Arielle Bryant, both seniors who were marking backs in 2000, will step into that position.

Sweeper Jessica Palis has also graduated, but there's some good news there. Janine Guastella, a starter at marking back going

into last season, missed most of the campaign after suffering a knee injury. She's back for her senior year and will get a shot at sweeper.

Betsey Huebler, who filled in admirably for the injured Guastella, and Nicole Schilk, both seniors, will be joined by juniors Lindsey Lasher, Shaina Smith and Rachel Lindman at marking back. Again, all played extensively last season.

Keeper Amy Dorogi has graduated. Taking over will be sophomore Briana Wolcott, and Smith is confident there won't be any dropoff. "She's got to get some good game experience," he said. "She's learning fast. I think she has better movement than Dorogi." Tarah Rhoades, a senior, returns to back her up.

Newcomers to the team this year are junior midfielder Jessica Dean, sophomore all-around player Danielle Shepard, freshman forward Rachel Perry and junior keeper Katie Maloney.

Can this team be as good as it looks? Smith believes the Chiefs' dependence on Morrell to produce goals hurt them last year. He wants Morrell to have as many assists as goals this season.

"We just got to make sure we stay focused," said Smith. "They'll all be ready for us, they'll come after us. But we've got a lot of good leadership, a lot of seniors."

They've got all the ingredients, to be sure.

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"Rebuilding" is not a word Plymouth Salem soccer coach Joe Nora is particularly afraid of. Or concerned about.

"With the constant turnover, I look at every year in high school coaching as a rebuilding year," he said.

This season could qualify as something more. After all, Nora — in his second year as Salem's coach — lost nine seniors to graduation from last season's 14-3-1 squad.

Gone are such stalwarts as sweeper Christen Shull (now at Madonna University), midfielders Suzie Towne, Jeanine Edwards and Liz Gizecki, forwards Jami Coyle and Jenny Fisher, defenders Jesse Bucks and Brandi Groves, and keeper Jenny Fitchett.

That's a lot. But as Nora pointed out, "We still have 14 or 15 returning."

"Our talent level is high. It's just a matter of them getting the team philosophy and us working out the (playing) rotation."

There are several solid players to build the team around, starting with senior keeper Jill Dombrowski. As a junior, Dombrowski earned all-conference and all-Observer honors, recording five shutouts with a 0.678 goals-against average.

"Jill Dombrowski has just been playing

Still a force

Rocks lost a lot, but remain formidable

SALEM SOCCER

phenomenally," said Nora. "It all starts with her."

By that, Nora meant he plans to have Dombrowski help build the Rocks' attack "with quick counters off her play. That will be our strength."

That also means Salem's defense will have to be strong and its midfield will have to be able to control the ball. "We want to out-possess the other team," he said.

And although there are holes to fill, there are plenty of players with considerable experience. Joining Dombrowski as team co-captains are senior marking back Maureen Griffith and junior midfielder Natalie Thomas.

The defense, which Nora figured would be his team's best component, features returnees Amanda Marsonsek, who recently committed to Madonna University, Danielle Portelli, Amber Williams and Shara Huggins, together with Griffith. All are seniors; all played extensively last season.

At midfield, returning are senior Rachel Berezak and sophomore Janae Bucks, as well as Thomas. Senior Kellee Mullin (second team all-Observer) and sophomore Katelyn Lee both played at forward last year, strengthening that position.

Newcomers from the junior varsity who should help include juniors Nikki Anderson and Melinda Briones at forward; juniors Megan Gourley and Sara Schupra at midfield; junior Katie Cooper and sophomore Rachelle Marshall at defender; and junior Stephanie Baron at keeper.

Nora also figures to get some solid play from a pair of freshmen: Marissa Sarkesian, whose sister Mia starred at Salem and currently starts for Notre Dame, and Jordan Falcusan. Both are midfielders.

As Nora indicated, the talent level is high. Still, there's a void whenever a team loses nine players to graduation, and it isn't easy to fill — particularly in a conference as tough as the Western Lakes Activities Association.

In 2000, Plymouth Canton and Livonia Stevenson played for the WLAA title and ended up tying, thereby sharing the crown. Both enter this season with solid lineups; both are ranked nationally.

Knowing that Northville and Livonia Churchill also figure to be tough doesn't make the Rocks' road any easier. "They'll be the teams to beat, that's for sure," said Nora.

As for his own team, he said, "We'll just try and peak around playoff time and see what happens."

That could be interesting indeed.

Ocelot men from page B1

Tyrone Hayes contributed 20 points and nine boards, King scored 14, and Brandon Vincent and Thomas Hughes added 10 points apiece.

"It was real tough, physically and emotionally," said Bird. "Both teams had to come in and suck it up. Both had the same types of games last night."

Thursday's contest certainly wasn't a defensive one. SC converted 32-of-52 from the floor (62 percent), including 13-of-24 threes (54 percent); Okaloosa was 38-of-73 from the field (52 percent) and 10-of-26 on threes (38.5 percent).

Okaloosa had the game's biggest lead, going up by 11 in the first half. SC managed to trim that to 46-41 at halftime, and with 10:49 to go in the second half, a three-point play by Hoskin gave the Ocelots their first lead, 62-60.

It was close the rest of the game, the biggest lead by either side just five points — 78-73 SC following a McGlown triple with 3:48 to go.

The Ocelots trailed 82-79 with 1:19 remaining in regulation. Bird's three with :35 to go knotted it at 82-all and eventually forced OT.

"We showed a lot of character and a lot of guts," said Okaloosa coach Bruce Stewart. "We had three (close) games in three nights."

"This was a hard game to approach — we had to readjust our goals. We want to get 30 wins and finish fifth in the country."

As for SC, Stewart had nothing but praise. "They're very talented," he said. "Hoskin is as good an inside player as we've played, 14 (Bird) is one of the best pure shooters we've faced, and they're very athletic at the other spots."

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WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Wayne County Parks System's Rules and Regulations to make the following addition to rule in Section VIII, Boating:

8.4 Prior to loading any watercraft onto trailer or any transport vehicle, the motor of said watercraft must be turned off. The watercraft must then be manually loaded onto the trailer of transport vehicle. It is unlawful to "power load" any watercraft onto any transport vehicle.

The hearing will be held:

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2001, 10:00 a.m.

Commission Chambers Room 400
Wayne County Building
600 Randolph, Detroit, Michigan

Copies of the above item may be obtained or reviewed at the Commission Clerk's Office, 406 Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit 48226. (313) 224-0903.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

LIVONIA GRID REGISTRATION

The Livonia Junior Athletic League will register players and cheerleaders for the 2001 football season 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 7, at the Livonia Community Center, formerly the Bentley Center on Five Mile Road east of Farmington.

Boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 14 are eligible for the freshmen, JV and varsity teams. The fees are \$100 for cheerleaders and \$125 for football players.

For more information call either Phil Adkins at (734) 425-4098 or Tim Kavanaugh at (734) 425-1232.

ADULT HOCKEY SIGNUP

Registration is under way for men's and women's adult

spring/summer recreational hockey teams.

The Rockets (over 21), Lady Rockets (over 21), Masters (over 30) and Golden Eagles (over 45) leagues will play out of the Plymouth and Chelsea arenas.

The season will last from April 22 to July 19, and teams will play on various evenings. For more information call John Wilson at (248) 471-0658, email to john@rspi.net or visit the Web site at www.rspi.net.

WESTLAND GOLF LESSONS

The City of Westland Senior Resources Department is offering golf lessons in cooperation with the Westland Municipal Golf Course, 500 S. Merriman, Westland.

The cost is \$40 for the five-

week session (includes coffee and donuts). Students participating in the golf class will be working with a golf pro and simulators.

Lessons will begin at 10 a.m. Thursdays, March 29, and April 5, 12 and 19.

There will be no lessons today due to golf league orientation at the Senior Resources Center (Friendship Center), 1119 N. Newburgh Road, Westland. Refreshments will be served. League details will be covered at the orientation.

For more information, call (734) 722-7632.

UMPS WANTED

The Canton Umpires Association is looking for people interested in being a baseball umpire with the CCJBASA league.

Weekly hours vary, training and major equipment is provided. Applicants must be at least 14-years-old with some knowledge of baseball.

For more information, call Greg Angel at (734) 981-3007 or Dave Givoe at (734) 981-3427, or by email at wdivgreg@aol.com.

WESTLAND SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Open registration for the City of Westland Department of Parks and Recreation summer softball leagues will be Monday, April 2 through Sunday, April 22 at the Bailey Recreation Center, located at 36651 Ford Road.

Registration for returning teams began March 12.

For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

LEARN TO CHECK CLINICS

Suburban Hockey Schools will conduct the Learn to Check clinics at several metro-area locations.

Clinics will take place 6:30-8:20 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, and Wednesday, March 28, at Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills; and 5:30-7:20 p.m. and 7:30-9:20 p.m. Thursday, March 29, at Redford Arena.

The program is geared toward squirt players moving up the pee wee level, as well as pee wee and bantam players who need instruction on the techniques of checking.

Areas of emphasis in the two-hour instructional session include proper checking technique, how to receive a check,

how to avoid a check, stick checking, back checking, angling and body positioning.

To sign up call Suburban Hockey Schools at (248) 478-1600. For more information visit the Web site at www.suburban-hockey.com.

RIVER DINNER

The Friends of the Detroit River will hold a benefit dinner from 5-9 p.m. on Friday, March 26 at the Gibraltar Community Center. The center is located on S. Gibraltar Rd.

Admission for the event is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. For more information, please call (734) 675-7528.

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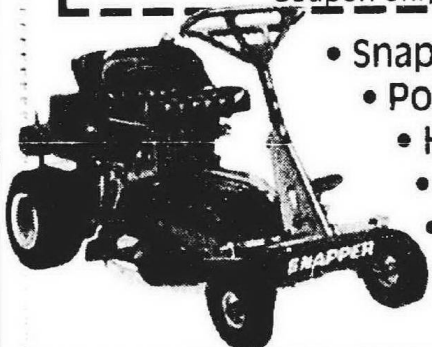
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WACO WOLVES GOLF OUTING

The WaCo Wolves USA travel baseball team will stage a golf outing fundraiser beginning at noon Sunday, April 29 at the Woodlands of Van Buren, located at 39670 Ecorse Road in Wayne.

The cost is \$75 per person. Included in the fee is 18 holes of golf with cart (four-person tee-off), closest to the pin and long drive prizes, lunch special at the turn (hot dog, chips and drink), cookout and open bar at the 19th hole along with door prizes. There will also be a skins competition and 50-50 raffle.

Hole sponsorships are also available.

For more information, call Lou Jannick at (734) 595-2975 or e-mail ljannick@ameritech.net.

RUGBY RECRUITS

The Oakland Highlanders, a new rugby club in the Midwest and Michigan Rugby Football Unions, is currently recruiting new members of all skill levels for the spring season.

The team consists of men 18-and-over. Experienced rugby players as well as amateur athletes looking to explore a new sport are welcome. The team competes against other clubs in the Midwest Territorial Union, such as Battle Creek, South Bend, Flint, Traverse City, Midland, Fort Wayne, Findlay, Toledo and Grand Rapids.

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The Farmington Fury/Waza boys under-15 premier soccer team is looking for advanced players to complete its roster for the spring outdoor season. For information call Alan Helisek at (248) 471-4475.

C'VILLE BOOSTERS CRAFT 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 need to maintain the extra-curricular sports budget.

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

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.

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ADRAY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Henry Ford Community College's 10th annual Mike Adray Memorial Golf Tournament will be Wednesday, May 16 at Mystic Creek Golf Club, located at Camp Dearborn, in Milford.

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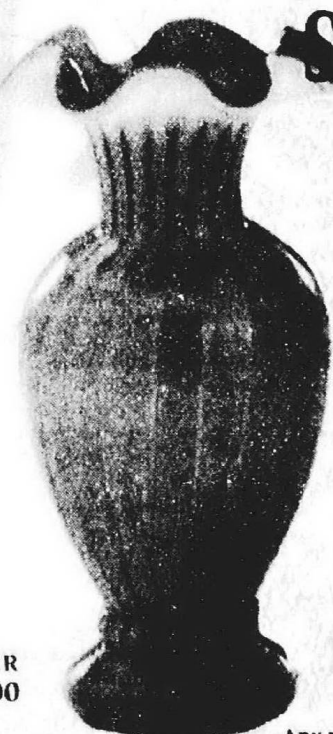
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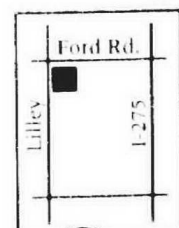
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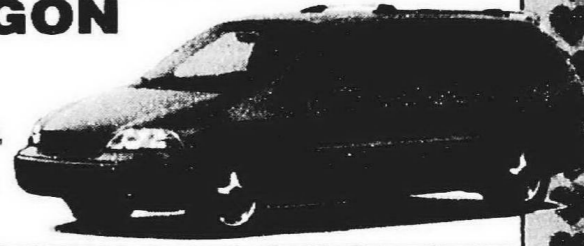
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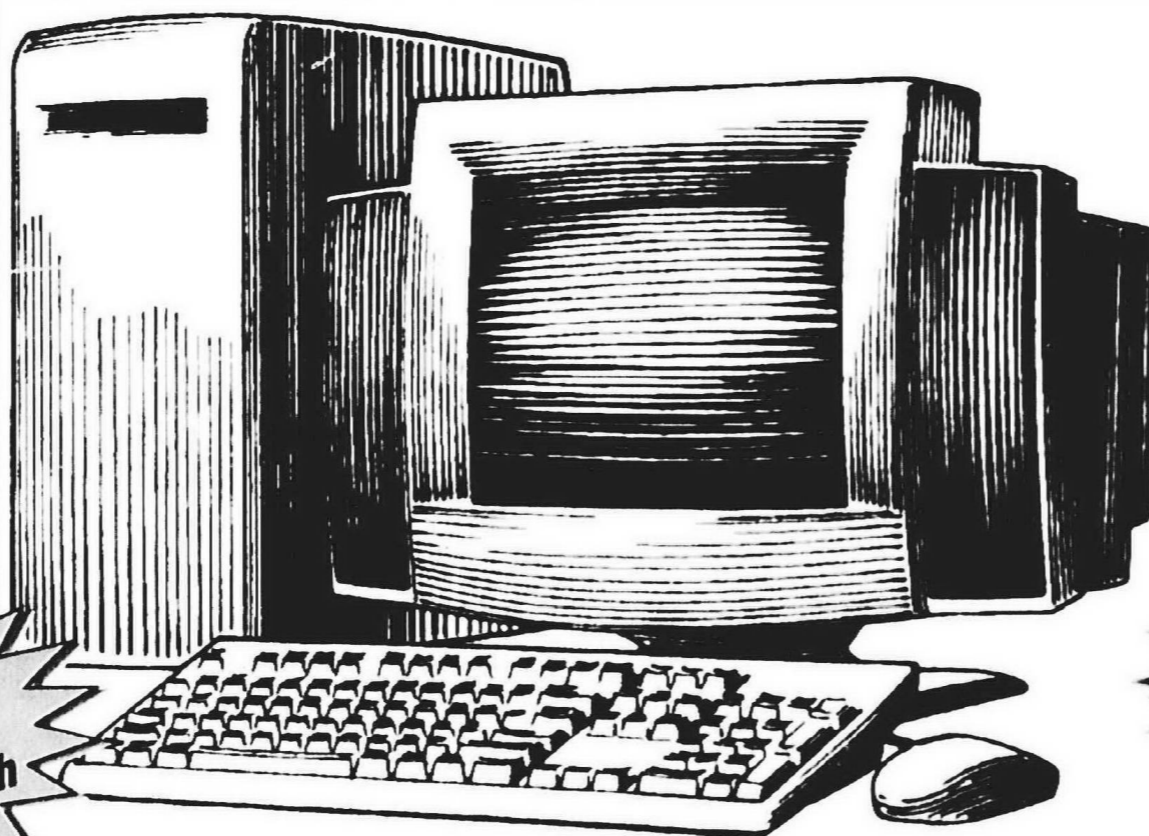
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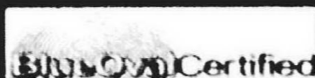
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Musical mission: Christian college building program

When Kimberly Swan was appointed coordinator of the music department at William Tyndale College in August, she never dreamed the job would require 50 hours a week. But she's not complaining. Just the opposite. Her enthusiasm and excitement grows stronger every day.

"We're trying to re-establish the music department," said Swan, a Westland resident who grew up in Livonia. "Twenty years ago there was a strong department with two choirs and a community band. You have to work at it all the time. You have to go out and recruit students. I've been mailing out information, calling and going directly to Christian schools in the area to tell students about our music department."

Building a program

So far, 22 music majors have chosen the small Christian liberal arts college (formerly known as Detroit Bible College) in Farmington Hills because of its one-on-one attention to students. William Tyndale offers bachelor degrees in music, performance, church music, and music/ youth studies. It also offers evening classes to accommodate working adult schedules.

"I know all of the music students by name," said Swan, who teaches voice at the college. "I get to talk to them about their goals, dreams and sometimes their homes."

It's apparent that home and family are important to Swan, and William Tyndale College provides a little of each. Swan shares office space with her father, Jerry Smith, chairman of the music department. Her mother, Sharon Smith, was hired to teach piano last Christmas when the instructor accepted another job.

Program

On Saturday, March 31 Jerry, Sharon, Kimberly and her husband, Jeffrey, a tenor, will sing sacred music with the college's students and faculty at Grace Chapel in Farmington Hills. The program of classical, pop, jazz and traditional music will also feature the Tyndale College Choir, Tyndale Artists Ensemble, and the Praise and Worship Ensemble.

Paul Bechler leads the Tyndale College Choir, Smith the Tyndale Artists Ensemble which is composed of faculty, alumni and semi-professional choir members from area churches. The Praise and Worship Ensemble leads chapel services once a week at the college.

Swan is hoping to fill all 400 seats. The concert begins with "Anthem of Spring."

"It's musically difficult but musically satisfying," said Swan. "It's all about creation - how everything starts to wake up."

Sounds like an anthem for the music department if Kimberly and her dad have anything to say about it. Both believe the college's music department will become stronger with an increase in music student enrollment. To make the program more attractive, Swan wants to send the choir on a tour to Chicago or Indiana next year. She's already writing grants to get the endeavor and the group off the ground.

"It helps the choir grow if you have a tour," said Swan. "We have a long way to go but a lot of good things have already happened like being able to purchase a sound system you can travel with."

And spreading the word in song won't hurt either. In February, the college's choral groups joined students from Walled Lake High School and the Hartford Memorial Baptist Choir to present a concert in honor of Black History Month.

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Roots: Ronald K. Brown's dance troupe Evidence uses a blend of African and modern dance to tell stories about the black experience.

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Inspirational Journey

Contemporary choreographer draws on history

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Ronald K. Brown makes no apologies for the intensity of his work. Dances focusing on slavery, death, and the struggles of women of African descent, allow him to tell the stories of his people.

Using a blend of African and modern styles, the Brooklyn-born choreographer creates thought-provoking, high energy pieces brought to life by his young dance troupe Evidence. Brown, who founded the New York-based dance company in 1985, is hardly an overnight sensation but his work is beginning to earn him a reputation as an up-and-coming choreographer.

Celebrated groups in the dance world think his work has something to say, too. In 1999, the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater commissioned him to create "Grace," a dance capturing all the fervor of a spiritual journey.

On Saturday, March 31, audiences in this area will have their first opportunity to see Ronald K. Brown/Evidence as part of the University Musical Society series in Ann Arbor. It promises to be a moving experience.

Food for thought

"I like going to theater to receive a gift that was on the filmmaker's or playwright's mind," said Brown. "Entertainment is nice but I live to receive a piece of the creator's imagination and heart. It feeds me to see what people are creating."

Observation and research are two essential ingredients in the Brown process of creating dance. Brown didn't begin choreographing "Incidents," one of three works on the program at the Power Center for the Performing Arts, until he read Linda Brent's story about the life of a slave girl.

He also does a lot of "looking at history" and listens to music. "Incidents" is set to traditional spirituals by the Staple Singers and a young Aretha Franklin, and contemporary music, including traditional Nigerian instrumentation, by Wunmi Olaya.

"Technology is moving so fast," said Brown. "Sometimes it's all about what's new with little consideration of where we come from. Knowledge and power comes from history and legacy. Even though my work is contemporary, it's important to show what's come before."

"High Life" builds on images of the first section - "Bid Em In." The work likens the journey of ex-slaves from the rural South to the urban North with the exodus of young African people from villages to the cities. It is set to music by Nigerian

Ronald K. Brown's Evidence

What: Brown's dance troupe makes its University Musical Society debut with a trio of recent works
When: 8 p.m. Saturday, March 31
Where: Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher Street, Ann Arbor
Tickets: \$18, call (734) 764-2538

Related events:

Master classes with Brown open to the public for observation and participation 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 27 at Eastern Michigan University Dance Studio, Ypsilanti, (734) 487-7120, Ext. 2719; 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 27 at Peter Sparring Dance Gallery Studio, Ann Arbor, (734) 747-9813, and 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 28 at Wayne State University's Maggie Allessee Studio, Detroit, (313) 577-4273

composer Fela Kuri and the King of Soul, James Brown.

Dignity and perseverance

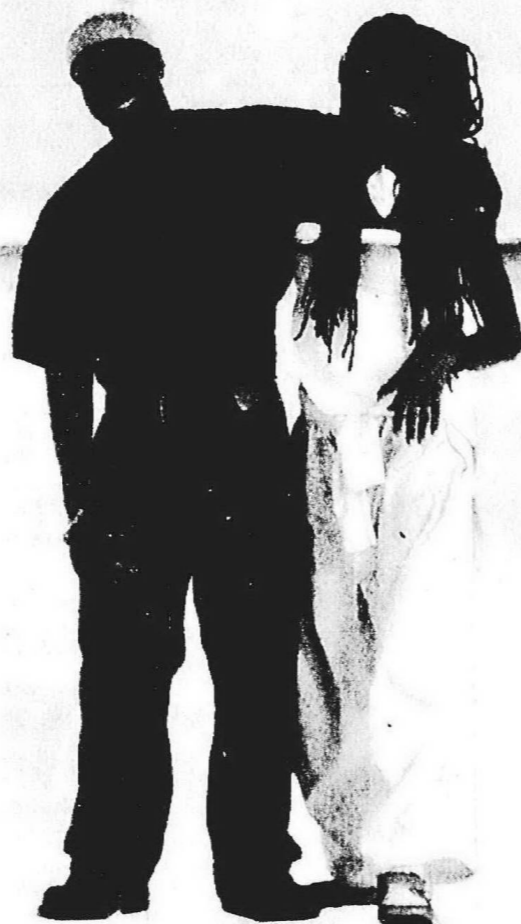
"It's a piece about migration performed in an auctioneer's voice," said Brown. "The dance calls to mind people on the slave block. What did people carry with them through the migration? A sense of self-determination, dignity and perseverance is what people were holding onto. It goes through different time periods and draws a parallel with the hybrid cultural development in West Africa in the 1970s when those countries got their liberation. It was a similar search for a better life. That's

where the term "High Life" comes from. The music comes out of Africa in the 1950s. You can hear the similarity in the music coming from Africa with the music James Brown was playing."

Inspiration

Although "High Life" received its premiere in July 2000 at the Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival in Massachusetts, the initial seed for the piece

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Working together: Ronald Brown (left) set his choreography for "High Life" and "Incidents" to music composed by Wunmi Olaya.

EXHIBIT

Artists take time to share their creativity with children

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Sherry Eid stands in front of "Dancing Wolf" talking about colored pencil and showing a photograph of the American Indian from which she created the work.

It's apparent by the looks on their faces that the drawing is not exactly what third-graders from Livonia's Cass Elementary were expecting to see during their tour of the exhibit. But that's part of the fun for Eid and three members of the Artifacts Art Club. Every year for the last eight, Eid and club members have led children on tours of their spring exhibit as a way of introducing them to original art.

Eid personally makes sure the children at Cass learn about drawing, painting and sculpture throughout the school year. Once a month she takes copies of art into the classroom as part of the Masterworks program in Livonia Public Schools.

"With Masterworks they only see the prints but this way they can meet the artist," said Eid. "It's a thrill. The kids

coming up and asking for your autograph, and afterward reading thank-you notes that start Dear Artist. They're honest about which ones they



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Art tour: Sherry Eid shares with third graders from Cass Elementary School the process she uses to create colored pencil drawings.

like and why."

Carrying tote boards, the classes of Helene Uhlmann and John Colby carefully look at each work while listening to the artists talk about the materials and process used in its creation. Afterward, students meander through the exhibit and cast votes for their favorites. A small group of girls begins to congregate before a grouping of works featuring cats. Some take the opportunity to sit on the floor and draw.

"It's a chance for students to look at different kinds of art," said Uhlmann. "The part we like is some of the artists are here to talk about their inspiration."

"Another benefit is that many times children will come back with their parents so they look too. They don't always realize there is an art exhibit."

Uhlmann proudly displays her own exhibit of art works created by students before viewing the exhibit. In preparation for the tour, the third-graders created art based on titles of work in the Artifacts show. Kendall

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Expressions from page C1

"We offer a \$3,000 scholarship to any freshman who wants to audition, is talented in voice, piano, saxophone or another instrument, and has a 3.0 grade average," said Swan. "I like to think of us as the school that can help those than can't afford the big schools."

Smaller doesn't mean inferior in the case of the music department at William Tyndale College. By singing in concerts like the one today in Canton, Swan helps her students learn about all aspects of a professional career.

Jerry Smith brings plenty of music education experience to his position. His background includes 27 years as choir director at Bentley High School in Livonia, 27 years as director of

music ministry at Ward Presbyterian, and 12 years teaching music at William Tyndale College. He was recently named director of music and worship at First Presbyterian in Plymouth.

Most important, Smith is the college's biggest cheerleader. Smith is used to starting from scratch. In 1986, he founded the Creative and Performing Arts Program based at Churchill High School in Livonia.

"When I first came to William Tyndale 12 years ago, the department was stable and occupied an entire wing. Then the full-time faculty was dismissed and nearly phased out. It was brought back with minimal funding about seven years ago," said Smith.

"You need a music department

especially in a Christian college. We receive calls every day for people to play for churches. The churches are begging for organists and guitarists. Now we need to build the department up by seeking out more students."

In order to make that happen, Smith has taken lessons from an unlikely source.

"Sports can't survive at any level without recruiting. I watch to see how they recruit. You get a star like U of M did with Charles Woodson and the enrollment grows. We need to find the numbers and the stars to build the program."

Verdi Opera Theatre

Tickets for today's Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan concert at



Sing with joy: These are some of the William Tyndale College students who will be featured in a concert of Christian music.

Summit on Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, (west of Canton Center), Canton are \$15. A lecture by John Zaretti on the music, life

and times of Giuseppe Verdi begins at 3:15 p.m. Call (734) 394-5193.

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Chilkiewicz's electric pink sky is every bit as vibrant as Esther Franz's strawberry and blue sky on exhibit at city hall. Kelsey Shore, and many of the students were way off, however, when creating their version of "Dancing Wolf." Naturally, Shore's wolves dance across the landscape.

"I thought it was a wolf dancing, too," said Kara Cetnar. She and Gina Pearson seemed especially fascinated with Eid's colored pencil drawing of a cat taking a sun bath and Ruth Shaw's "Seen Through a Mouse Hole."

"It's very interesting," said Pearson. I like it because I like cats."

Drawn to animals

While Thomas Cullen was taken with Fred Baker's "Red

Tailed Hawk" and "Head of a Hawk" because of an interest in animals and birds, he was here to learn. Cullen shares a love of drawing with the artists whose works are on exhibit. Cullen took his first class at Art Store & More in Livonia six months ago.

"I found out there's computer art," said Cullen.

Renee Boudreau likes art as well and also takes classes at Art Store & More. But not all children have the same opportunity.

"I think it's good for the kids to have that exposure to the culture out there," said Kathy Boudreau, Renee's mother. "Maybe some kids will find they like art."

Mom Linda Macinkowicz couldn't agree more.

What: Artifacts Art Club exhibits more than 40 works by its members
When: Through Friday, March 30
Where: Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2536

"It's important that they be exposed to art and see all the different things you can do, that you can do things other than crayon."

That is exactly the conclusion Lauren Myres came to about art. "I learned that they don't use all crayon and marker but pastel," said Myres, "and sometimes they do pencil sketches."

Seeing Pegg Gray's pastel drawing of an elephant, Delphine Rusaki's vibrant watercolor of yellow and orange tulips, Roland Franz's electric cars parked on "Bourbon Street" and Nancy Hurd's young girl caught in a moment of intense study is

sure to inspire these young students to find out more about art and that's exactly what Eid had in mind when she came up with the idea for the tour.

Watching reactions

"It's fascinating to watch their reactions," said Gray who led the tours along with Eid, Ruth Shaw and Lorelei Christy.

Shaw brought her camera to capture the responses and possibly focus on them in a future painting.

"There's always a boy bored by the whole thing," said Shaw. "but last year I got a commission from a 10-year-old girl who wanted a painting of a horse."

"It's just a delight," added Christy. "They're curious and ask good questions. It's wonderful to see young people interested in the arts. If they're not exposed to these things they just won't know." And Eid isn't about to let that happen.

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was planted in Brown during a visit to a Jacob Lawrence exhibit in 1996.

"I spent hours at the museum looking at the migration series - the images of the people coming to the city with their rural background encountering the new culture and their need to be outside," said Brown. "This stoop culture develops."

The Black experience runs like a silken thread through all of Brown's pieces including "Upside Down" from "Destiny," a 1998 piece he co-choreographed with Rokiya Kone from the Ivory Coast. Brown's many trips to West Africa taught him about traditional dance and its language of movement.

Brown's exposure to a variety of styles over the years helped develop his own voice. From his participation in the Police Athletic League's summer dance programs and performing in the ballet "Swan Lake" in high school to working as a member of the Mary Anthony Dance Company for two years, Brown took what he needed and invented the rest. Today, he uses all of it to mold the eight dancers in his company. All have training and experience with a variety of styles ranging from West African to ballet and modern.

"It's contemporary African dance, a fusion of different techniques," said Brown. "We use a lot of energy. I'm interested in using dance as a mode of expression. I try to share stories. I have this belief that dance is a narrative or contemporary ritual that the dancers go through and a journey the audience can witness."

'They're quite an extraordinary group of dancers. It's a fusion of styles and colorful. It's exciting for the UMS series because it brings in world dance.'

Peter Sparling

Dance professor/choreographer

World dance

Peter Sparling finds the "world" aspect of Brown's choreography particularly exciting. He's seen the young troupe perform and admires Brown's style. Sparling performed with the Martha Graham Dance Company for many years before becoming an accomplished choreographer in his own right. His company, Peter Sparling Dance, recently performed a concert presented by Canton Project Arts.

A professor of dance at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Sparling is especially looking forward to the master class Brown will give at his Dance Gallery Studio in Ann Arbor. It is one of three classes in which Brown will help dancers to increase their physical range and work on phrasing as a way of expression to free up the spirit. The classes are open to the public for observation and participation.

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A recital sponsored by the Detroit Public Library honoring Roland Hayes is at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 25. For ticket information call ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666.
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Romantic Rachmaninoff is March 29-April 1 at Orchestra Hall, Detroit.
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Jack Jones in the Man of La Mancha is March 25. Arlo Guthrie is at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 26. The Incredible Acrobats of China performs March 31. 44575 Garfield, Clinton Twp. (810) 286-2272.

MARINERS CHURCH
Kenneth Sweetman performs music by Bach, Langlais and Mendelssohn at 12:10 p.m. Thursday, March 29. (313) 259-2206.
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Family concert and sing-along is at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 25 at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield. For information call (248) 545-8743 or (248) 932-0390.
MUSIC AT MEMORIAL
Handel's Messiah will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 1 at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms. (313) 882-5330.

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UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY
Ronald Brown/Evidence dance group is at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 31. Orion String Quartet with Peter Serkin is at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 1 at Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (800) 221-1229.
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Encore: A Decade of Dance is at 8 p.m. Friday, March 30 at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts located at Hall Road and Garfield. (810) 286-2222.
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GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENING)

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Opens Friday, March 30 - Michael Glancy: Glass Artist through April 29. Reception is 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 30, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn. (313) 593-5058.
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664-7800.
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Opens Friday, March 30 - Student art from the Livonia Public Schools through April 26. Livonia Civic Center Library. 32777 Five Mile Road. (734) 466-2490. Opens Tuesday, April 3 - The Palette Guild through April 26 in the Livonia City Hall Lobby, 33000 Civic Center Drive. (734) 466-2540.
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Opens Sunday, April 1 - Etchings in Glass through April 30. Opening reception is noon-4 p.m. Sunday, April 1. 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. (734) 455-8838.
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Opens Sunday, April 1 - Featured artist Clare Wolfe through April 30. 29500 Van Dyke, Warren. (810) 754-1466.
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Through April 15 - *The Print*. 2001. 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-8004.
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LEMBERG GALLERY
Through April 21 - *Jane Dickson's Road Trip*. 23241 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 591-6623.
LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION
Through April 4 - mixed media works from Clarenceville High School students. Through March 28 - Bloomfield Hills artist Gijra Viswanath mixed media works. Livonia Civic Center Library. 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia. (734) 466-2490. Through March 28 - The Artifacts Art Club. Livonia City Hall Lobby, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. (734) 466-2540.
MANISCALCO GALLERY
Through April 27 - *Herstory*, in conjunction with *Girlee Detroit*. 17329 Mack Ave, Detroit. (313) 886-2993.
MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY
Through April 8 - *The Art of the Cathartic Circle*. 208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. (248) 370-3005.
OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA
Through April 20 - Oakland University's student art show. 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.
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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, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.
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Through April 19 - Artwork of Wendy Schaefer Miles and Kevin Miles. 29469 Northwestern, Southfield. (800) 521-9654.
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Through April 21 - Self portraits by John Coplans and Phoenix by Jim Melchert. 23257 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 541-3444.
RIVER GALLERY
Through April 8 - *Otherworldly Gardens*. 121 S. Main, Chelsea. (734) 433-0826.
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Through March 31 - Silver Medal Exhibition. 217 Farnsworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250.
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Through May 24 - *Visions of Peace: Children's Peace Art*. Opening reception is 3:30-6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 25. 33 E. Adams, Detroit. (313) 963-7575.
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Through April 7 - Works by Stuart Mortimer, Bradley Miller and Diane Falkenhagen. 202 E. Third, Royal Oak. (248) 544-3388.
WARREN TRI-COUNTY FINE ARTS
Through March 31 - 2001 Prestige Show. 29500 Van Dyke, Warren. (810) 754-1466.
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.
WAYNE STREET
Through April 15 - *Tracks*, recent paintings by Michael Todoroff and Calvin Kempainen. 3025 S. Wayne, Wayne. (734) 729-9662.
ZEITGEIST GALLERY
Through April 1 - Rodrick Denne and Roger Hayes. 2661 Michigan Ave., Detroit. (313) 965-9192.

LECTURES
DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET
Art Smart, a lecture about the current exhibit is 10:30 a.m. noon Saturday, March 31. 4719 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 832-8540.
MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE
Overview of Verdi Operas is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 27 at the

Detroit Opera House, Detroit. The lecture will be repeated at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 31 at the Detroit Opera House. (313) 237-3270.
OAKLAND UNIVERSITY
Symposium on *How to survive as an Artist: Success, excellence and artistic survival in Detroit* at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 31 in the Meadow Brook Art Gallery. (248) 370-3005.
BOJOURNER TRUTH
Sakunah DeLaney will portray the 19th century speaker at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 29 at Wayne State University's David Adamany Library. The event is sponsored by the American Association of University Women. (248) 684-1439.
WOODWARD LECTURE SERIES
Presents 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, 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 Dec - An exhibit of Great Lakes fur trade with 18th and 19th century artifacts. 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANBROOK.
DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
Opens Friday, March 23 - *Island in the City: Belle Isle, Detroit's Beautiful Island* through Sept. 9. 5401 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 331-7760.
DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
GIF, and evening of art, music and fun is 8-11 p.m. Friday, March 30. 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*.

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

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE
T for 2 is March 29-May 20. 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit.
GEM THEATRE
The Tropical Pickle is at the Gem through May. 333 Madison, Detroit. (313) 963-9800.
FOX THEATRE
Smoke Joe's Cafe, starring Gladys Knight, is March 27-April 1 at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Tickets available through Ticketmaster.
HEARTLANDE THEATRE COMPANY
Features *Play by Play*, a marathon of short plays noon-midnight Saturday, April 7. Varner Hall, Oakland University. (248) 988-1094, ext. 1.
MARQUIS THEATRE
Presents *The Wizard of Oz* through April 20. 135 E. Main Street, Northville. (248) 349-8110.
MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
Presents *The Ride Down Mt. Morgan* by Arthur Miller through April 15 at Meadow Brook Theatre. Oakland University. (248) 377-3300.
PLANET ANT
Buried Child by Sam Shepard is Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. Sundays at 2 and 7 p.m. 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 365-4948.
WALLED LAKE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
Presents *The Crucible* at 7:30 p.m., March 29-31 in Central's auditorium. For tickets call (248) 956-4750.

Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford presents 'The Fantasticks'

The Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford presents "The Fantasticks," a musical about teen love, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday through April 8; 2 p.m. Sunday, March 24 and 31, 15138 Beech Daly, one block south of Five Mile Road, Redford. Tickets \$12 adults, \$10 students/seniors, call (313) 531-0554.

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER
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It's spring, and time to fall in love. Well, if there's nobody in the picture, you can spend a lovely evening laughing and watching other people fall in and out of love in the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford's production of "The Fantasticks."

"I love what it's about. I love what it has to say, and the style of the play," said director Rob Papineau of Livonia. "It's based on an ancient Roman comedy and the premise that kids will do what you tell them not to do."

neighbors who are single parents, fake a feud because they want their children to marry.

"I love this crazy story," said Papineau. "All parents know their children behave this way. So the parents use reverse psychology to bring the kids together, and it works."

"But then the parents need another scheme to end their bogus fight. The answer is an even crazier plot involving the mysterious El Gallo, Shakespearean actors and a pretend kidnapping."

The show is full of familiar songs such as "Try to Remember," and the hilarious "Plant a Radish," which compares raising kids to raising vegetables.

"Veggies are more reliable," said Misha Dionne of Livonia who plays the mother. "A garden produces exactly what you plant, but your little future president might grow up to be a circus clown."

Act 2 gets interesting. "That's when the two kids grow up," said

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Maggie Keenan-Bolger who plays Louisa, the young girl in love. "That's when the two kids grow up. They have a fight and go off to experience some 'life,' but life is tough and they get their hearts broken a little. That's when they learn to appreciate each other, and come back home."

The curtain went up Friday, March 23, on the production, and Papineau was excited.

"It's terrific, everyone is having fun, and working together," he said.

Cast

The cast also includes Craig Broombaugh of Redford as Matt, Louisa's love, and Ken Wood of Canton as a parent. Mimes are portrayed by Renee Hermiz



Young love: Craig Broombaugh stars as Matt, and Maggie Keenan-Bolger as Louisa in "The Fantasticks."

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Sunday, March 25, 2001

Consumer troubles - try the attorney general

I don't know if you recall an earlier column I wrote about a damaged couch I received, my efforts to get it repaired and subsequent phone call to the Michigan Attorney General Consumer Protection Division.



NICOLE STAFFORD

The day of delivery, the couch arrived with a small tear. For over a year, I worked with the retailer to have it repaired. The problem was the company, for whatever reason, kept sending the wrong replacement fabric. Of course, I didn't know whether the fabric was right or not until the company repair technician showed up at my place. And, yes, I had to hole up in my apartment for half a day and wait for the technician to arrive during our scheduled "window of time" appointment.

Eventually, I called the Consumer Protection Division for advice. And since my experience over the phone was so encouraging - not to mention pleasant - I wrote a column to encourage other consumers to seek out their help when faced with a problem.

Once again, I am moved to promote the department and encourage others to take advantage of their services.

Positive result

I followed the advice given to me by a Consumer Division representative. I filed an official complaint.

Within a few weeks, I received a letter from the Attorney General acknowledging my complaint.

That's good, I thought, but didn't put much stock in the process. I figured the letter was more perfunctory than anything, like when you call your local legislator with a gripe and an aide calls back promising to "look into it and get back to you."

Naturally, I forgot about my complaint and the letter. If nothing panned out, I'd badger the retailer or file in Small Claims Court.

Then I received a call from the headquarters of the company that sold me the couch. The man gave me his name, said he had received the complaint I filed with the Attorney General and reviewed it. And, "frankly," he said, "this is very embarrassing."

"Okay," I replied not knowing what else to say.

"So, we're willing to do whatever you want here. We can try and get the repair done properly. We can get you an entirely new replacement couch, if you want. We'd be happy to have you pick out another sofa. Or, we're willing to issue you a full refund and pick up the couch."

"Okay," I said, again words failing me.

"Of course, we would like to retain you as a customer, but the choice is yours."

"Well, all right, thank you," I said, adding, "I really did try to get the couch repaired."

I guess I was feeling a little guilty at this point, although wrongly so. "Well, can I think about it and call you back? It's a busy day for me."

"Absolutely," he said, adding, "And those are just a few options. You may have an idea we haven't discussed, so let me know."

Well, well, much better, I thought. Then came the shock. How could this be true? Total consumer satisfaction.

At best, I had figured the resolution would be a lesser one, something in between, like a discount on the sofa. Worse case scenario, well, you know what I thought.

Isn't it sad that we, myself included, are so cynical about the government's ability to help and protect us?

All I can say is, if you're experiencing a similar problem, file a complaint. Sure, the paper work is no party, but it may be well worth the effort.

And, no matter what the result, you'll feel a whole lot better for trying.

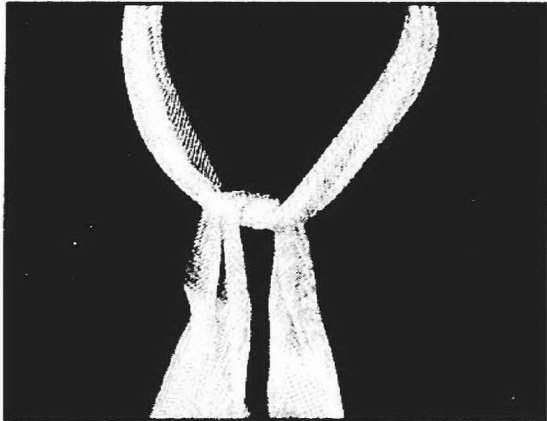
To contact the Michigan Attorney General Consumer Protection Division, call (517) 373-1140 or visit their web site at www.ag.state.mi.us. Complaint forms can be downloaded from the site or filed directly on line by going to the "File a Complaint" link on the left side of the home page.

Wraparound

Fashion gets wrapped up in design trend



Get wrapped: Jones New York white cotton stretch wrap shirt (clockwise, from top left), \$74 at area department stores; Banana Republic tied leather trench coat wraps high on the waist, \$450 at Banana Republic stores; MaxMara black leather wrap waist jacket, \$1,885 at MaxMara, the Somerset Collection in Troy; Anne Klein side-tie shirt, \$46, for wrapping over matching tank suit, \$80, both in gold tone at Jacobson's stores; Chanel wrap style sunglasses, about \$225 at Shades Optical in Birmingham; and Elsa Peretti sterling silver scarf to wrap the neckline, \$1,350 at Tiffany & Co.



If it wraps, you can't go wrong as far as fashion is concerned.

That's so true that Mary Jo Scofes, vice president/divisional merchandise manager - designer for Jacobson's Stores, rates a basic wrap blouse in the her top five wardrobe pieces for the spring fashion season. "The wrap theme, overall, is very popular, she said.

And, it's everywhere. The design trend has influenced not just blouses and skirts but jackets, trench coats, jewelry, sunglasses, swim wear and even foot wear.

To boot, the belt - a quintessential wrap - is being touted as today's must-have accessory.

- Staff writer Nicole Stafford

Fashion historian talks about Hollywood style

Sunday's Oscars are sure to bring television viewers from across the country closer to the glamour of Hollywood.

But a more in-depth look at the fascinating world of movie star style and the relationship between film and fashion will be taken next week at Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills.

Courtesy of Project Hope and Saks Fifth Avenue, author and fashion historian Sandy Schreier will present *Hollywood Dressed and Undressed*.

The event, which includes a reception, luncheon and book signing, is slated Thursday, March 29, and tickets are still available.

Schreier, who lives in Southfield, is the world's foremost private collector of 20th century couture, American fashion and Hollywood costuming.

She's also a fashion insider with ties to the entertainment industry. In the 1960s, for instance, she created costumes for *The Supremes*. She also designed accessories for Yves Saint Laurent's first collection for show in the United States.

As the author of the 1998 book *Hollywood Dressed and Undressed: A Century of Cinema Style*, Schreier lectures throughout the country and regularly shares her experiences in the media. She's been a guest on *Oprah* and talked about fashion and cinema on the *American Movie Classics* network.

In addition to appearing in numerous publications, including *Vogue*, *People* and *In Style*, she has curated exhibitions of costume history at several museums.

Schreier's latest book *Hollywood Gets Married* is slated for release soon.

What: Author and fashion historian Sandy Schreier presents *Hollywood Dressed and Undressed: A Century of Cinema Style*

When: Thursday, March 29, 10 a.m. reception, 11 a.m. presentation, noon luncheon and 1 p.m. book signing

Where: Oakland Hills Country Club, 3951 West Maple Road in Bloomfield Hills

Tickets: \$50, \$75 and \$100 to benefit the Women's Division of Project Hope, to purchase call Cheryl Hall Lindsay at Saks Fifth Avenue at (248) 614-3317 or Bettina Gregg at (248) 322-5260.

Appropriate attire required

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.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

MEN'S ARMANI TO MEASURE

Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, presents Armani Collezioni Made-To-Measure Spring/Summer 2001 for men through April 1, Men's Shop, first floor. To schedule a personal appointment, call (248) 614-3371.

JEWELRY DESIGNER VISITS

Meet Dee Angelo, fine jewelry designer, and view Angelo's special trunk show collection at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, Fine Jewelry, first floor. Call (248) 643-9000 ext. 219.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

CHANEL COLLECTIONS

Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts Chanel's Spring/Summer 2001 Accessory and

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Shoe Collections, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Chanel Boutique, first floor. For details, call (248) 643-9000.

SPORTS COLLECTIBLE SHOW

Livonia Mall at Middlebelt and 7 Mile Road presents a Sports Cards and Collectibles Show through April 1 with autograph sessions on March 30. For details, call (248) 476-1160.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

ARTIST SIGNING

Ferndale artist Rick Pruckler signs his tiles at Enchanting Gifts, 22944 Woodward Avenue in Ferndale. Pruckler, owner of Whistling Frog Tile Company, learned his craft at Pewabic Pottery in Detroit. For more information, call (248) 548-6350.

TEEN FASHION SHOW

YM Magazine joins Nordstrom, the Somerset Collection in Troy, in presenting spring fashions from the retailer's BP department, doors open at 8 a.m. for continental breakfast. Performance follows fashion show, which begins at 8:30 a.m. Reservations are

required. Please call (248) 816-5100 ext. 1690.

BOOK DRIVE'S LAST DAY

Oakland Mall's book drive for the Detroit Public Library and other Detroit metropolitan educational resources ends today. For each book donation, the mall makes a cash donation to the donor's school of choice. Donations accepted at mall's information desk, lower level. For more information, call (248) 585-6000.

FOCUS DAYS

Jacobson's hosts focus days in their Petites and Clairwood departments at stores in downtown Birmingham and Livonia at Laurel Park Place, noon-4 p.m., Petites and Clairwood departments. For information from the Birmingham store, call (248) 644-6900. For information from the Livonia store, call (734) 591-7696.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

GLASS EXHIBIT

Native West, 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth, hosts Etchings in Glass, a glass exhibit to mark Michigan Glass Month, through April 30. Opening reception is noon-4 p.m. April 1. For exhibit hours and other information, call (734) 465-8838.

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:

- A Black & Decker coffee maker that brews directly into a travel mug can be purchased at the following stores: Linens & Things, Bed Bath & Beyond, and Damman Hardware.

- A kilt pin can be purchased at Highland Fling at Canterbury Village in Lake Orion or at Joanne Fabric stores.

- Anne Klein II perfume can be purchased on the Internet at www.fragrancenet.com.

- Men's 50/50 polyester/cotton T-shirts can be purchased at J.C. Penney stores.

- Patsy Cline's songs can be purchased through the Heartland Music catalog, call (800) 788-2400. Also, Harmony House stores may carry them.

- An eel skin wallet can be purchased through QVC television shopping network, call (800) 345-2525 or go to www.QVC.com on the Internet (the wallets are sold under the Lee Sands brand name).

- Breck shampoo is no longer available in Michigan. To order it, call Breck at (800) 258-3425. The company will ship it.

- Appliance covers can be purchased through the Blair Shop catalog, call (800) 458-2000.

- Triple seat strollers can be purchased at area Baby's R Us stores and at Bellini's Furniture on Woodward Avenue in Birmingham.

WHERE CAN I FIND?:

- A business that re-covers lamp shades with fabric for Georgia, who lives in Northville.

- A hairdresser that makes house calls for elderly customers for Margaret, a resident of Westland.

- A store that sells paint-by-number sets on wood for G. of Southfield.

- A store that sells blow-up vinyl birthday cakes with candles.

- A store that sells sugar-free Tang powder drink mix for Jan, who resides in Westland.

- A store that sells women's panty girdle briefs with garters for Mrs. B.

- A business that will repair a Hermes typewriter for Bonnie of West Bloomfield.

- A store where a sweater clip can be purchased for Dot.

- A store that sells Gebhart chili powder for Lila, who lives in Canton.

- A store that sells an electric "addressograph" and printing machine for Susan.

- A store that sells women's jeans by Edwin for Sally of Northville.

- A store that sells various sizes, shapes and colors of cookie/candy tins for Michelle, who resides in Livonia.

- A store that sells used shuffleboard pucks for Carol, a resident of Livonia.

- A store that sells the 1940s movie *I Remember Mama* with Irene Dunne on videocassette for Mrs. B., who lives in Livonia.

- A business that will repair an animated doll with sound (sold at Hudson's at Easter time) for Ed.

- A store where a children's old-fashioned, English style hat in gray with a peak (as seen in the movie *Scrooge*) can be purchased for Claire.

- A store in the Pontiac area that sells women's Tanjay slacks for Margaret of Oxford.

- Compiled by Sandi Jarachas



The Easter Bunny and other spring characters hop back into town at month's end to visit with children in stores across metropolitan Detroit.

Appearances are slated to take place at:

■ Livonia Mall: 29514 7 Mile Road, starting April 1, call (248) 476-1160.

■ Wonderland Mall: in Livonia, through April 14, photos with children available, call (734) 522-4100.

■ Westland Shopping Center: 35000 West Warren, through April 14, digital photos with children available 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon-6 p.m. Sunday, call (734) 425-5001.

■ Art Van Furniture: in Novi, 2-4 p.m. April 1, cameras welcome, call (248) 348-8922.

■ Twelve Oaks Mall: in Novi, featuring Peter Rabbit and Mr. McGregor's storybook garden, through April 14, photo portraits available 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, call (248) 348-9438.

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TRAVEL

Spend some time in paradise – St. Lucia

BY SANDIE PARROTT
SPECIAL WRITER

It's not just the twin mountain peaks, thousands of acres of lush rain forest teeming with wild orchids, ferns and rare birds such as the "jacquot" (St. Lucian Parrott) that make the island of St. Lucia a nature lover's paradise.

Let's not forget the sulfur springs, mineral rich waterfalls, beaches, hiking trails, botanical gardens and plenty of warm waters for snorkeling and diving.

Most of the resorts and nicer beaches are on the northwest side of the island. And you'll get a panoramic view of when you arrive at Hewanorra Airport at the southern tip of the island and travel toward Castries. The route can take an eastern or western approach around the rain forest and higher elevations. While the western route is more scenic, it's a bit slower. Roads are not clearly marked, but if you watch a map for village names, you will be fine.

The Drive-in

St. Lucia claims to be the only place where you can drive into a volcano. Well, you don't really drive in, but you are able to park within a few hundred feet. Your nose will tell you that you are getting close to the volcano because of the pungent scent of sulfur springs.

There is an interesting half-hour tour included in the admission price. A guide will take a small group of people on a hike around the bubbling, gurgling steaming mass and explain the workings of the volcano. It is pretty interesting if you can stand the smell.

Soufriere

This quaint fishing village settled by the French in 1746 is the oldest town in St. Lucia. The area is not as prosperous as it once was, but the 9,000 or so res-

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One U.S. dollar is approximately equal to 2.7 of the East Caribbean dollar. This rate changes daily so check the exchange rate before you go. Retailers readily except U.S. dollars, but you must do your own rate conversion.

WINDJAMMER LANDING

The Villa Beach Resort is sprinkled over 55 acres looking down upon Labrelotte Bay. We rented one of the many two bedroom villas strewn across the hillside. Some of the one bedroom and all of the 2, 3 and 4 bedroom Mediterranean style villas each have their own plunge pools.

The villas are equipped with tropical furnishings, multiple balconies and everything you will need except food. There is every amenity available at the resort including a pleasant wide beach, water sports, restaurants, special parties and even nannies and cooks. They also have special golf cart vehicles to take guests up and down the cobblestone paths. Several pricing options are available from an all-inclusive deluxe room to a villa with private plunge pool. Call (800) 743-9609 or check their Web site at www.windjammer-landing.com for booking or questions.

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You will need to get supplies if you rent a villa or condo. Resort stores are terribly expensive, but very convenient. If you want better prices and a little adventure, go to the nearest local grocery store. It is a challenge to figure out what is available for meals without your usual brand names and favorites. Produce of all kinds such as mangoes, bananas, pineapples, passion fruit, coconuts and guavas are fresh, cheap and available — desired snack foods and sodas are not.

RENTING A CAR

If you think you will be driving to your hotel, make sure to reserve a car before you go on your trip. Cars can be in short supply if several airplane flights or cruises arrive at the same time. Don't worry if they are all gone. Just insist you reserved a car. The rental agency will take you to your hotel and deliver your car either later that day or usually the next day. If you need a car for an outing, make sure to reserve in advance — maybe even the previous day. Make sure you reserve a car that will carry all of your group's luggage. Most cars are quite small. Main roads are generally good, but secondary roads can have large potholes. Don't drive too fast — roads are winding and you never know what is around the next bend. Driving is European-style, so don't forget to drive on the left.

idents always have a friendly smile.

We were cautioned not to give money to the children. It is easy to hand a few children some quarters — it seems harmless enough, but unfortunately, we were told the children start skipping school to beg for quarters.

They end up as delinquents hanging around the wharf, getting into trouble and not completing their education.

Diamond in the rough

Diamond Botanical gardens is a 2,000-acre estate still owned



Wonderful waterfall: Diamond Waterfall, produced from the La Soufriere Volcano waters, is one of the natural wonders you'll see on St. Lucia Island.

St. Lucia is still a relatively undiscovered destination in the Caribbean. You can catch the lush sights of the rain forest and lush tropical flowers without all the trapping of more popular settings.

by descendants of the Devaux brothers from Normandy. There are pathways lined with flowers and flowering trees leading to a natural gorge.

Diamond Waterfall, produced from the La Soufriere Volcano waters, makes a colorful statement because of the mineral laden waters that have stained the rock. Bring along your bathing suit so you can sample the mineral baths, which they claim to have curative powers. There is a small fee for the mineral baths.

Jump Up

Don't miss Friday night Jump Up in Gros Islet. It is a small village, so all you have to do is follow the crowd and the music to the street party. Parking is

wherever you find it. Bring cash in single U. S. dollar bills or the equivalent in their currency which is the East Caribbean dollar.

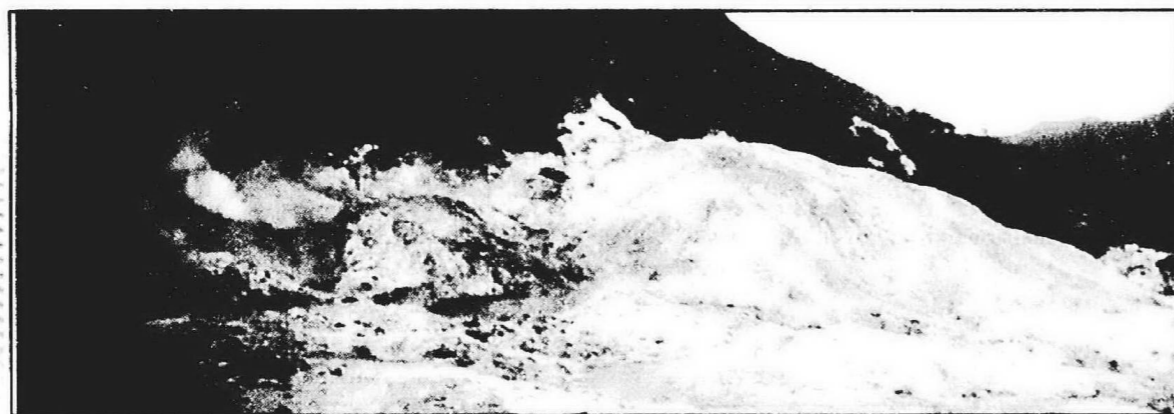
The locals, in front of their very tiny houses, serve drinks and food from coolers and handmade grills. We were a bit suspicious of the food, but it looked interesting. We mostly drank beer or soft drinks from bottles.

The reason for bringing dollar bills or small change became obvious to us when we tried to buy a beer. We only had a five-

dollar bill for a one-dollar purchase. The lady tried to make change — even asking nearby vendors. Finally she said, "Go ahead and take the beer." Well, we gave her the five dollars.

St. Lucia is still a relatively undiscovered destination in the Caribbean. You can catch the lush sights of the rain forest and lush tropical flowers without all the trapping of more popular settings.

I wouldn't have missed a single minute of the adventure.



Volcano: On St. Lucia Island you can park within a few hundred feet of a volcano. Your nose will tell you that you are getting close to the volcano because of the pungent scent of sulfur springs.

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TASTE

Sunday, March 25, 2001

CULINARY ADVENTURES



BRUCE KONOWALOW

*A morel dilemma:
Go with a pro
to identify them*

Michigan and morels are heavenly words for those of us who salivate, knowing that the long-awaited harvest will begin soon. This edible fungi, prized by mycologists (mushroom hunters) and foodies alike, is one of the primary pleasures of early spring.

In and around Boyne City, Mich., tight-lipped mushroom hunters traipse off to their secret spots in the woods, searching for this elusive and (when purchased in a store) costly culinary delight.

Nothing guaranteed

There are no guarantees where morels will grow consistently, but they seem to prefer undisturbed forest floors and areas that house large oak, elm and ash trees. Apple orchards, black cherry trees and areas subjected to forest fires can create the preferred environment, if the rainfall and the temperature are just right. It is this uncertainty that makes it incredibly difficult to cultivate these mushrooms commercially.

In the Midwest, there is believed to be three varieties of morel - the yellow morel, the black morel, and the half-free morel.

The prized black morel is usually found in the last two weeks of April and the first two weeks in May. Every Mother's Day weekend, Boyne City hosts the National Mushroom Hunting Championship. Contestants have 90 minutes to scour the woods and turn in the largest cache of morels.

By the end of May, they cannot be found.

In the Midwest, there is believed to be three varieties of morel - the yellow morel, the black morel, and the half-free morel. Black morels can be as small as 1/2-inch high to over 12 inches tall. Some consider the yellow morel the best tasting; they are sometimes referred to as gray morels. The half-free morel is very tasty, but more fragile than the others are. The half-free is sometimes confused with another spring mushroom called the verpa, which is somewhat poisonous. The basic rule of thumb in mushroom hunting is "if in doubt, throw it out."

Watch what you eat

A good rule to follow for morels is "Do not swallow if the centers' not hollow." If you slice a morel open, you will find there is no flesh in the inside, just the occasional insect or worm.

Both false and real morels contain a chemical that causes a violent reaction with alcohol. True morels may contain trace amounts; false morels contain larger doses. With that in mind, it is probably best to go out with somebody that has experience and knowledge before you take any unnecessary risks. Downing a couple of cold ones during your hot pursuit is probably a bad idea, if you intend on eating large quantities of your catch.

If you are not the outdoors type they can be purchased either in the fresh or dried state. It is not uncommon to pay more than \$20 a pound for fresh morels, depending on the available supply. Dried morels are more readily available, however they may be as much as \$90 a pound.

Both fresh and dry morels should be washed, as they can be sandy. Fresh morels often contain worms or insects.

The morels' earthy flavor makes them the tastiest of all mushrooms.

Bruce Konowalow is the director of the Culinary Arts Department at Schoolcraft College and a Taste columnist. Konowalow is a former director of the New York Restaurant School in New York City.

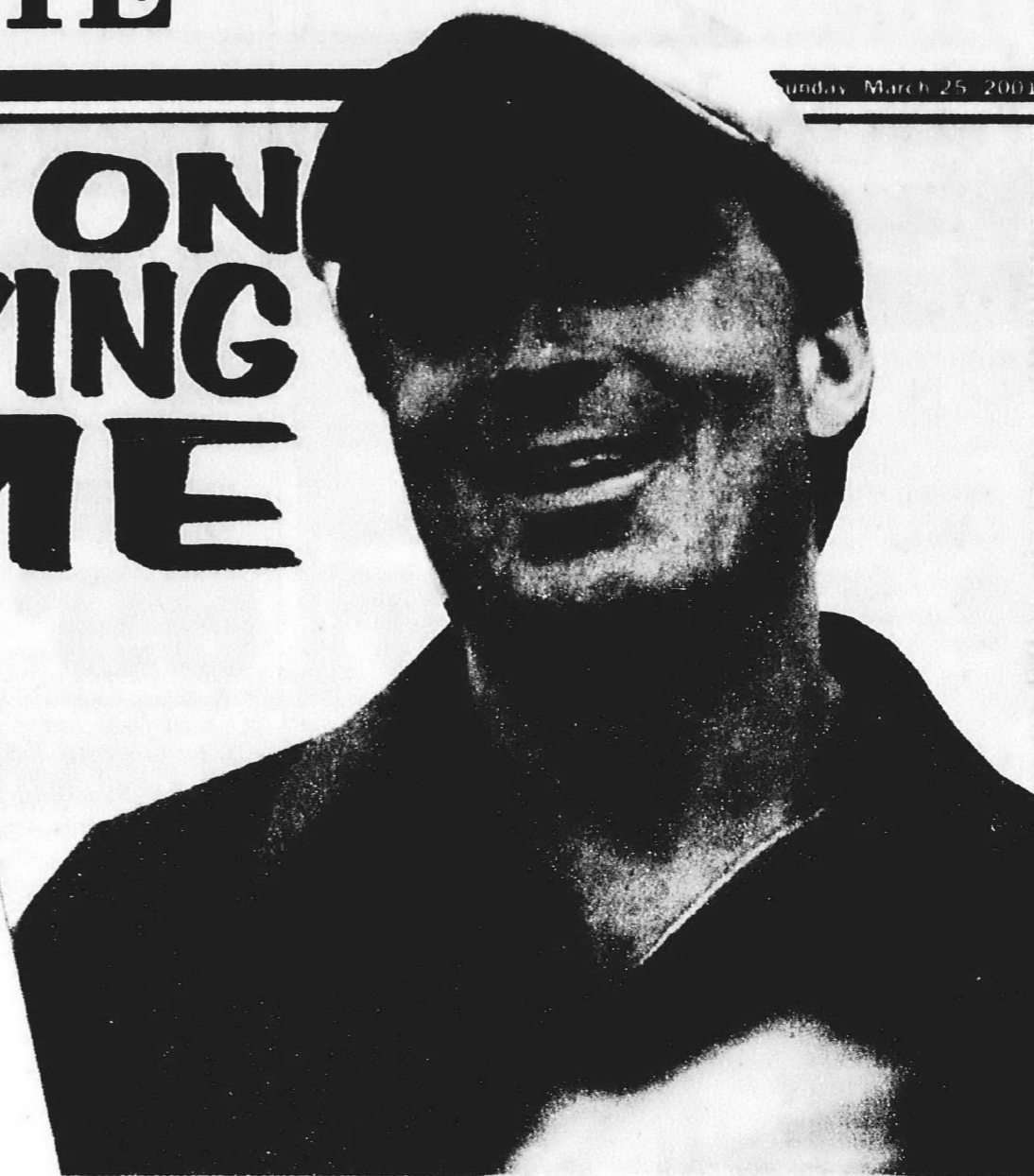
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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Easter eggs
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FAMIE ON SURVIVING FAME



Chef's next project is promoting new cookbook

Famie's Adventures in Cooking
Published by: Sleeping Bear Press

Availability: Borders Books & Music and other area bookstores, \$29.95

Breakdown: First three chapters showcase 33 of Famie's favorite recipes for dishes he served in metropolitan Detroit at Chez Raphael, Les Auteurs and Durango Grill; subsequent sections take on regional cuisine for such areas as Vietnam

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Detroit Chef Keith Famie lost 27 pounds as a *Survivor II* cast member. "From 170 to 143," he says, speaking on his cell phone on route to the Towne Center in Southfield. "There's the saying I lost my baby fat. I refer to it as losing chef fat. Unfortunately, my chef appetite has kicked back in."

Famie's hunger for media attention, well, just keeps kicking.

He has returned from the Australian Outback, but is still alive on the No. 1 CBS reality television show, which concludes May 3. Back home in West Bloomfield, Famie has a cookbook - and, hey, who knows what else fame, and maybe fortune, will bring - to tout.

Just last Wednesday, for example, Famie



Book circuit: Chef Keith Famie also has been doing book signings to promote *Famie's Adventures in Dining* (\$29.95 Sleeping Bear Press). At Borders Books & Music in downtown Birmingham, he signs one for Catherine Harris of Pleasant Ridge.

was spotted doing lunch at Mei Ling, a vegetarian Chinese restaurant in West Bloomfield. Along for the tofu, was Famie's *Survivor* comrade Michael Skupin of White Lake Township and two mystery men, one of whom was feverishly pitching clothing lines and speaking engagements to the two *Survivors*. Suffice to say cell phones were in abundance.

In any case, retreat into anonymity simply is not on the plate for this chef. Soggy rice is no foil for Famie.

And while he's open to new opportunities, he plans to continue taping his local cooking show for WDIV Channel 4.

"I would, no question, like to see an opportunity to do something in the national arena, but I'm not going to pick up and go to Hollywood. This is where I live and this is where my children live."

To promote the cookbook, *Famie's Adventures in Cooking* (\$29.95 Sleeping Bear Press), a launch party, complete with celebrity appearances, is slated April 6 at The Marriott at Centerpoint hotel in Pontiac to benefit the Rainbow Connection.

Famie will help cook for the event's strolling dinner. And an auction which includes a chance to win dinner cooked by Famie, with Skupin as maitre d'. When the moment is ripe, another *Survivor* cast member, Maralyn Hershey, will join the event's entertainment and sing.

"Now, they're friends of mine," says Famie of the cast member appearances, which may include a few surprise ones.

Book signings, media interviews, publicity propositions all tied to *Survivor*. Isn't it a bit irritating to a chef coming out with his first cookbook?

"It's only natural," says Famie. Besides, it benefits his charity, The Rainbow Connection, his book and the publisher, Sleeping Bear Press. "There's no question that the book now has a newer and broader audience" says Famie.

Book party adventure

What: Book release party for *Famie's Adventures in Cooking* featuring strolling dinner prepared by Chef Keith Famie and the Marriott Parkway Grill's Chef Jerry Nottage, entertainment by Stewart Franke and drawing for two round-trip airline tickets to Sydney, Australia

Appearance: Chef Keith Famie and his *Survivor* television show comrades Michael Skupin and Maralyn Hershey

When: 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 6

Where: Marriott at Centerpoint

Tickets: \$75 per person or \$125 per couple to benefit the Rainbow Connection, call (248) 338-7760

Back story

In fact, Famie's book was to be released in October after a contract with Sleeping Bear was signed the month before. Just weeks before the scheduled launch, Famie called the publisher and explained he had to leave town on business.

"We were stunned," recalls Beth Flintoft, publicist at Sleeping Bear. "We were like we can't really release a cookbook without the chef, so we called the printer and said 'don't print.'"

The following January, Flintoft was on business in Paris and in search of an American newspaper. "I walked by and said there's an English newspaper I can read." It was *USA Today*, which had done a front page story about the new *Survivor* cast.

Later, Famie called Sleeping Bear's president, Brian Lewis, to apologize and explain that he wasn't able to reveal he was headed to Australia to tape *Survivor*.

Given the circumstances, Sleeping Bear decided to re-shoot the book's cover, placing Famie, rather than one of his culinary creations, on the front. The book's original title, *Famie's Adventures in Cooking*, worked perfectly.

Q & A la Famie

"Do you know where the Towne Center is?" inquires Famie, breaking out of interview mode, still talking via cell phone. "It's made up of a couple of buildings, OK," he says, "So, I'm in the right place. Go ahead. Next question."

What's the first food he ate after *Survivor*?
"I can't tell you that," he says. "I ate like a barbarian," he does say, emphasizing the word 'barbarian.'

"I can tell you I had a lunch meeting in Detroit soon after I got back. And I had two servings of bread pudding."

What about food cravings?

Please see FAMIE, D1

Going costal with wines from Mendocino

California touts its "coastal" wine regions. North of San Francisco, coastal, in the minds of many, means the larger Napa Valley and Sonoma County appellations. What about Mendocino County? It's the northernmost of California's coastal wine-growing regions and not that well known.

Recognized for its ruggedly beautiful land, the Mendocino area attracted pioneers such as the Pomo and Yuki Indians 5,000 years ago and back-to-the-land settlers in the last 30 years. Home to 30 wineries today, Mendocino County extends the youthful promise of bountiful opportunity that is both the myth and reality of the West.

Mendocino wineries range in size from small, hand-operated family cellars to large, high-tech facilities. The vineyards are equally varied with old, head-pruned varieties to those with modern trellis systems. A pioneering spirit is all pervasive and sensed in the wines of the area.

The years following California's 1850s Gold Rush witnessed the first planting of

wine grape varieties. Immigrant farmers who failed as prospectors, turned to agriculture as a way of life in their new home-land. They knew to choose flat land for food crops and rugged hillsides for grapes. Prohibition killed early wine industry promise.

The 1960s wine boom inspired the revival and replanting of wine grapes. Through the 1970s and especially the 1980s, winegrowing expanded due principally to the efforts of Parducci Wine Cellars and Fetzer Vineyards. Their success inspired others to come to the region, especially since the cost of vineyard acreage is more reasonable than in Napa or Sonoma.

Today's focus

Attention in the region has turned to a refined focus on particular grape varieties and achieving distinctive wine styles that are different from other coastal growing areas.



Since chardonnay remains the number one consumer wine choice, even with the enthusiasm for red wines, we thought it would be interesting to learn whether Mendocino chardonnays had a defined thread, a distinction not common in chardonnay from other California wine regions. A tasting revealed that the best Mendocino chardonnays showcased flavorful pineapple and tropical fruit, but came across leaner and more French Chablis-like, creating a good harmony with foods, especially seafood.

In this category, the 1998 Handley Estate \$16, 1999 Bonterra Vineyards \$15 and 1999 Greenwood Ridge Vineyards, Mendocino Ridge, DuPratt Vineyard \$24 scored highest. Handley is the most Chablis-like while Bonterra and Greenwood Ridge sport a touch more oak, but not overdone.

The 1999 Husch La Ribera Vineyards \$18 had nice pineapple and tropical fruit

Please see WINE, D1

Wine Picks
 ■ Pick of the pack: 1999 Morgan Pinot Noir, Monterey \$22. Lovely wine and a very good value.
 ■ Zinestons: 1997 Wazoozo Zinfandel, Dry Creek Valley \$16 and 1998 Gundlach-Bundschu More Vineyard Zinfandel \$16.
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"Some people craved things like peanut butter and jelly sandwiches," says Famie. "I'd be craving things like roast lobster or a poached salmon with a dill mustard sauce. My cravings got real creative."

Did being a chef help him get cast in *Survivor*?

"Oh sure. There's no question that it had something to do with it. What people do for a living, I'm sure, affects that."

What did he expect to gain from the experience?

"I thought of it as an extreme challenge. You're thrown in the middle of nowhere and you have to scrounge for food. I like that kind of living on the edge."

Suddenly, the cell connection

dissolves and Famie has to call back. "I was in an elevator," he explains.

Unfortunately, the change in environment seems to have affected Famie's willingness to talk. His answers shorten. To many questions — what about the rice, for instance — he replies "I can't talk about that."

What about the uses of his luxury item, the chef's pan?

"I can't talk about that. I'd love to, but I can't," he says.

Seconds later. Another interruption.

"Nice to meet you," Famie's voice is directed to someone outside the wireless connection. Conceivably, there's a hand-shake, maybe even a giggling

female in a Navy blue suit on her way for a coffee break.

"I'm back," says Famie. "Did you get the stuff about the book party?" he inquires, apparently bored with question-and-answer time and ponderous ideas like the synthesis of cooking and entertainment.

He does, however, say it's exciting. The Food Network and other media cooking forums — even his own local show on WDIV television — help elevate the industry while educating audiences about cooking and food. "I think that all of us — I'm talking for chefs as a group in general — feel excited, happy and fortunate. On the other hand, what we do is very entertaining. It's a form of entertainment."

Wine from page D1

accents, but an overt lemon tartness in the finish pushed it to an unbalanced acid side, even for enjoyment with fish.

With more obvious oak, but still not over the top, 1999 Fetzer Barrel Select \$13 and 1998 Navarro Vineyards \$14 were best. 1998 Jepsen Estate Select \$15 was simple and lacked a charm found in other wines. A slightly sweet finish in the 1999 Lolonis \$18 was distracting and not well-designed for food.

The 1998 Parducci Vineyard Select \$10 was a little thin, but hard to beat at the price. The 1999 Milone Family Winery Sanel Valley Vineyard \$19 was coarse with an unpleasant finish.

Mendocino County's grape-growers claim leadership in practicing and promoting organic farming. Bonterra Vineyards is the unparalleled leader combining earth-friendly farming with top-notch winemaking. The

flawed and oxidized character of the 1998 Frey Chardonnay \$12 indicates that some wineries have a way to go in the organic arena.

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Honey Lemon Tart has a tangy taste of spring

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
A dessert with a tangy taste of spring, Honey Lemon Tart would be equally appropriate as part of a meal or as a snack with tea or coffee.

- HONEY LEMON TART**
- For the filling:**
1 cup honey
3 eggs
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons freshly grated lemon peel
3/4 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt

- For the crust:**
1 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup vegetable shortening
3 tablespoons cold water
1 egg yolk
1 tablespoon honey

To prepare the filling:
In medium bowl, whisk together honey, eggs, lemon juice, flour, lemon peel, baking powder and salt; set aside.

To prepare the crust:
Preheat oven to 350 F.

In small bowl, combine flour and salt. Using pastry blender or 2 forks, cut in shortening until mix-

ture is crumbly. In separate bowl, whisk together water, egg yolk and honey. Add to flour, stirring until mixture forms a ball. On floured surface, roll out dough to 11-inch circle. Lay dough in a 10-inch tart pan; press dough firmly against bottom and sides of pan. Place pan on baking sheet.

Pour filling mixture carefully into tart pan. Bake at 350 F for 25 to 30 minutes or until filling is set. Cool on wire rack.

Makes 8 servings.

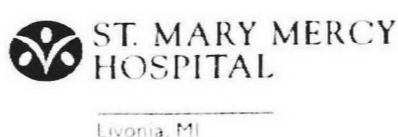
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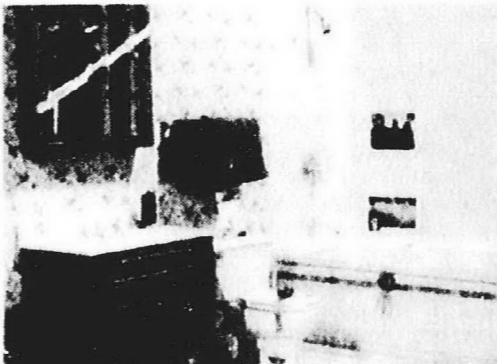
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Add drama to meals with fat-free cooking method

BY DANA JACOBI
SPECIAL WRITER

Nothing does more to make you look like a culinary expert than cooking "en papillote," meaning food sealed in an envelope of baking parchment or aluminum foil.

This dramatic technique is a particularly healthful way to serve vegetables like winter squash, as well as fish and chicken. This virtually fat-free cooking method is simple enough to use often. In many instances, you can make the packets hours in advance and refrigerate them until baking time.

Cooking parchment, sometimes called 'greaseless' or 'liner paper,' is traditionally used for cooking en papillote, dating back to a time when foil wrap was not available.

When you bring these ballooned packets with their elegantly folded edges to the table, and then slit them open, an enticing, aromatic cloud is released.

Their interior reveals colors heightened by the steam — a harbinger of deliciously concentrated, succulent flavors.

Cooking parchment, sometimes called "greaseless" or "liner paper," is traditionally

WINTER SQUASH AND RED PEPPER EN PAPILOTE

1 1/2 pounds delicata, acorn or butternut squash, or a combination of them

- 1 large red bell pepper, seeded and diced
- 1/4 pound shallots, peeled and sliced lengthwise
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh rosemary or 1 tsp. dried
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon salt, or to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper, or to taste
- 1 teaspoon extra virgin olive oil
- 4 teaspoons chopped pumpkin seeds

Preheat the oven to 425° F. Cut four 15-inch lengths of baking parchment or foil wrap. Fold each piece in half, crosswise, to make 12-by-7-1/2-inch rectangles. As if making a valentine, cut each piece into the shape of half a heart. Set them aside.

Cut squash in half lengthwise. Scoop out and discard seeds. Cut squash crosswise into 1-inch slices, then peel. Cut into 1-inch cubes. Place squash in a large bowl and add bell pepper, shallots, rosemary, vinegar, salt and pepper. Toss to coat vegetables evenly.

Place one-fourth of vegetables in center of each heart along one side of fold. Drizzle 1/4 teaspoon oil over each mound of vegetables. Sprinkle one teaspoon pumpkin seeds over each.

Fold parchment over so edges of both sides meet. Starting at top of the heart, at the center, fold about an inch of paper over twice and press firmly to seal. Repeat along entire edge. Twist pointy end to seal tight. Make four packets in all and place on cookie sheets, two to a pan.

Bake 25 minutes or until vegetables feel slightly soft when packet is pressed gently. Remove from oven and let packets sit 10 minutes before serving.

To serve, place each packet on a separate plate. Using a sharp knife, slit each open down the center and fold back paper.

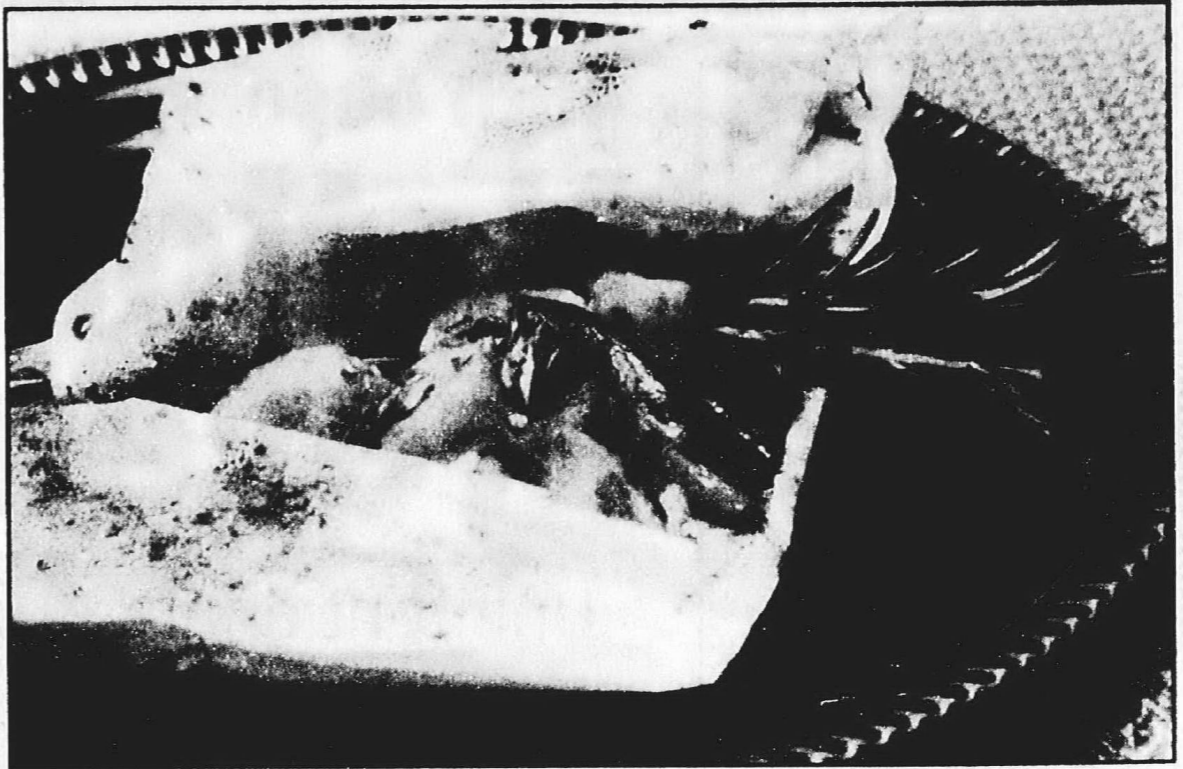
(Take care, as the released steam is scalding hot.)

Nutritional information: Makes 4 servings, each containing 91 calories and 3 grams of fat.

used for cooking en papillote, dating back to a time when foil wrap was not available.

Suitable substitute

Although foil is a suitable substitute, it doesn't puff up attractively when steam is released, as happens with the heavy paper. Baking parchment is now as easily available as foil, in many supermarkets and spe-



Flavorful packet: Winter Squash and Red Pepper en Papillote is a healthful way to serve winter squash. "En papillote" means food sealed in an envelope of baking parchment or aluminum foil.

cialty stores.

To make packets the traditional way, cut the paper into a heart shape. You will quickly get the hang of rolling, folding and pressing edges along the curves, twisting the point into a tight seal.

Chefs often use foil, which can also be formed into the classic heart shape, or into a rectangle by folding in the two short ends

and sealing together the two long edges. Rectangular packets take up less room in the oven, a good choice when doubling this recipe.

Fragrant herbs

Fresh herbs are often sprinkled over food cooked this way to add extra fragrance as well as flavor.

Balsamic vinegar contributes a bit of moisture to encourage steaming, and a few drops of olive oil add to and meld the flavors.

Dana Jacobi is the author of "The Joy of Soy" and recipe creator for the American Institute for Cancer Research's book "Stopping Cancer Before It Starts."

Go wild for morel mushroom stew

See related column by Bruce Konowalow on Taste front.

Try this recipe developed by Master Chef Dan Hugelier, who teaches restaurant operations and ala carte cooking for Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts Department in Livonia.

Hugelier stresses the use of seasonal vegetables and adapts all of Schoolcraft's American Harvest Restaurant menus according to the season.

This recipe for a wild mushroom stew is an excellent appetizer when served in small puff pastry Vol-au-Vent or Bouché (both are different shaped puff pastry patty shells.) This stew would also make an excellent

crepe filling. If you would like to try something a little different, mix this mixture into scrambled eggs. It makes a supreme brunch or light luncheon entrée.

MOREL WILD MUSHROOM STEW

3 pounds assorted wild mushrooms; use any variety or combination of chanterelle, morels, shitake, and "lobster chicken" or "hen of the woods," sometimes available at Eastern Market

- 8 ounces shallots finely diced
- 2 each whole lemons juiced
- 8 ounces whole butter, melted

- 8 ounces Madeira wine
- 2 ounces Armagnac
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 2 tablespoons fresh parsley, minced
- Salt, pepper, and nutmeg to taste

Cook mushrooms until brown in butter, adding more butter if necessary. Add shallots, lemon juice and seasonings, sauté briefly.

Add the Madeira, Armagnac and cream. Reduce the sauce until it coats the mushrooms. Add the fresh parsley. Taste and adjust the seasonings.

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Tai Chi and balance

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will offer a series of six t'ai chi martial art classes 9:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday beginning April 3 in the hospital's auditorium. T'ai chi helps improve balance, body awareness, strength, visual control, breathing, and memory. The classes include meditation, repetitive form sequences and introduction of the Yang short form.

There is a \$10 registration fee, and participants are asked to pre-register by calling (734) 655-8940.

Healing laughter

What better way to heal a broken heart than by spending an evening laughing? Northville-based New Hope Center for Grief Support presents "Laughing on the Outside" 4:30-9 p.m. Sunday, April 1, at Joey's Comedy Club, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

The cost is \$50 (\$24 is tax-deductible) and includes a buffet dinner, entertainment and live and silent auctions. Mark Hayes from Channel 7 will be the celebrity MC. All proceeds benefit the New Hope Center, which offers free, Christian-based grief-support groups and services to adults, children and teens in Southeastern Michigan.

RSVP by March 26 by calling (734) 261-0555. Make checks payable to New Hope Center and mail to 113 E. Dunlap, Northville, MI 48167. Charge by phone at (248) 348-0115.

Healthy seniors

Senior Health Services of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System of Ann Arbor will sponsor a lecture for seniors 1:30-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, at Canton Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway off Canton Center Road, Canton.

The event will feature Dr. Bharati Srivastava and Debra Longo, who will present "Staying Healthy as You Age." They will discuss the aches and pains, feelings of sadness, loneliness and worthlessness, and the onset of forgetfulness that accompany aging. They will explore what is normal versus a potential problem.

Light refreshments will be served. The event is free but reservations are required. To register or for more information, call (734) 397-5444.

Dementia conference

Eastern Michigan University's Alzheimer's Education Program presents the sixth annual Edna Gates conference on Dementia Care April 3-5 at the Novi Hilton, 21111 Haggerty, Novi.

The conference is geared to health professionals and persons caring for family members. Topics include:

- Listening to the voices of younger people with dementia.
- Recognizing the creative potential of people with dementia.
- Helping families understand their relative's intimacy needs.
- Helping families accept help.
- The decision to move to residential care.

The cost is \$275 for the three-day session; \$190 for two days; \$120 for one day; \$50 a day for students. For reservations, call Lisa Gray at (734) 487-8578.

Health fair

American House Northville will sponsor a free health fair 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, at its senior living residences, 42000 Seven Mile, Northville, one-fourth mile west of Haggerty.

The health fair will offer screenings for blood pressure and glucose, as well as hearing, vision and bone density testing. Local health-care professionals and representatives from the Arthritis Foundation and the Alzheimer's Association will be on hand to share information and referrals.

For more information, call (248) 449-1480.

40th observance of

National Poison Prevention Week

Unintentional poisonings from medicines and household chemicals kill about 30 children each year



Each year, unintentional poisonings from medicines and household chemicals kill about 30 children and prompt more than 1 million calls to the nation's poison control centers. The 40th observance of National Poison Prevention Week aims to help prevent those childhood poisonings by reminding people to check their homes now.

"Most homes are filled with potentially poisonous products, including laundry detergents, paints, thinners, insecticides, plant food and bathroom cleaners. While these products help maintain our homes and lifestyles, they can sicken or even kill individuals who take them internally," said Tom Kiurski, a firefighter and paramedic with the Livonia Fire Department.

The three most important safety messages to prevent poisonings are:

- Use child-resistant packaging because it saves lives;
- Keep medicines and household chemicals locked up out of reach and out of sight of young children because some children can open child-resistant packaging; and
- Keep the poison control center number next to your telephone and call immediately if a poisoning occurs.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission requires child-resistant packaging for 28 categories of medicines and household chemicals and is considering such packaging for a group of chemicals known as hydrocarbons.

"Child resistant packaging saves lives," said CPSC Executive Director Pamela Gilbert. "For aspirin and oral prescription medicine, special packaging has saved the lives of over 900 children since the early 1970s."

National Poison Prevention Week is organized each year by the Poison Prevention Week Council, a coalition of national organizations working to prevent poisonings. For 40 years, National Poison Prevention Week has emphasized the responsibility of parents, grandparents, and other caregivers in preventing poisonings.

"Children are curious, and they act fast. So do poisons. Keep chemicals and medicines locked up out of reach and out of sight. Poisonings can, and

must, be prevented," said William W. Bradley, chairman of the Poison Prevention Week Council.

*William W. Bradley, chairman
—Poison Prevention Week Council*

Not child-proof

Child-resistant packaging is not child-proof. If a young child swallows a medicine or chemical, parents must call the poison control center immediately. Dr. Alan Woolf, president of the American Association of Poison Control Centers, said, "By treating poisoning in the home instead of the emergency room, poison centers save the United States \$350 million annually."

The "Poison Control Center Enhancement and Awareness Act" will provide a stable source of federal tax money for poison centers and make them more accessible to the entire nation. The money will support poison center programs throughout the United States.

At a news conference in Washington, D.C. marking the beginning of National Poison Prevention Week, three-year-old Stevie Carrico and his parents, Debbie and Steve Carrico, told the story of his poisoning. Stevie swallowed some cough and cold medicine. His parents called the poison center, which recommended that they give him syrup of ipecac to make him vomit. He is fine today.

Safety tips:

Here are the basic poison prevention tips that every person should check during National Poison Prevention Week:

1. Use child-resistant packaging properly by closing the container securely after each use. Never transfer medicines from child-resistant bottles to open containers.
2. Keep all chemicals and medicines locked up and out of sight.
3. Call the poison center immediately in case of poisoning. Keep on hand a bottle of ipecac syrup,

which causes vomiting. However, use it only under the direction of a physician or the Poison Control Center. Check the expiration date.

4. When products are in use, never let young children out of your sight, even if you must take them along when answering the phone or doorbell.
5. Keep items in original containers.
6. Leave the original labels on all products and read the label before using.
7. Do not put decorative lamps and candles that contain lamp oil where children can reach them. Lamp oil can be very toxic if ingested by young children.

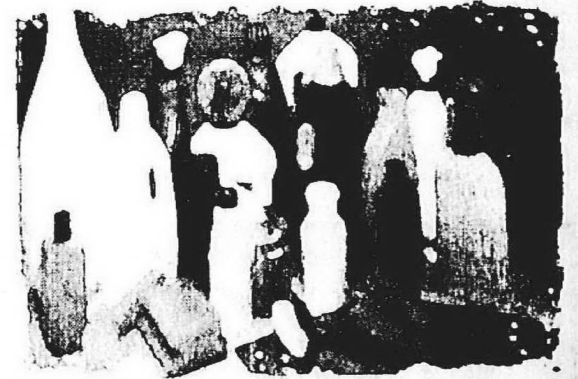
8. Always leave the light on when giving or taking medicine. Check the dosage every time.

9. Avoid taking medicine in front of children. Refer to medicine as "medicine," not "candy."

10. Clean out the medicine cabinet periodically and safely dispose of unneeded and outdated medicines.

"If someone should become poisoned, call your local emergency number, which is 911, right away," said Kiurski. "Try to identify the poison that was taken, since treatment is based on the type of poison. Keep the container and any unused poison nearby for emergency medical technicians to take to the hospital for identification of ingredients and dosages."

To get a free packet of poison prevention publications, write to "Poison Prevention Packet," CPSC, Washington, DC 20207. The direct line to the Poison Control Center, located at Children's Hospital in Detroit, is (313) 745-5711, or (800) POISON 1.



Mark your calendar for Project Healthy Living

Project Healthy Living, formerly known as Health-O-Rama, is back in town offering some great health-screening bargains for anyone at least 18 years old. It is offered in the city of Detroit and Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties Monday, March 26 through Saturday, April 28, with bonus days May 8-10.

In the Observer area, the Project Healthy Living is scheduled at the following sites:

- Wonderland Mall, 29859 Plymouth Road near Middlebelt, Livonia, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 3, 4 and 5. Sponsored by St. Mary Mercy Hospital.
- Wayne Community Center, 7635 Howe Road, Wayne, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 17. Sponsored by Oakwood Annapolis Hospital.
- Livonia Mall, 29514 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 10, 11 and 12. Bonus days: May 9 and 10. Sponsored by Botsford Hospital.
- Laurel Park Place Mall, 37700 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., March 28 and 29. Sponsored by Henry Ford Medical Center - Livonia.
- William Costick Activity Center, 28600 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. April 6. Sponsored by the Farmington Commission of Aging.

These sites will offer the following free basic tests and services: Height and weight, vision, blood pressure, counseling and referral, and health education information. In addition, the following optional laboratory-evaluated screening tests will be offered at a discounted fee:

- **Blood panel test of 22 profiles** - \$30. This test includes total cholesterol, thyroid, glucose, HDL (the "good" cholesterol), triglycerides, red and white blood cells, platelets and calcium. *Take all prescribed medicines. A four-hour fast is recommended. Water, plain tea or black coffee are the only recommended intakes.*
- **Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) blood test for men** - \$25. An annual PSA blood test is recommended beginning at age 50 (age 40 for African American men). *It is recommended that men planning take the PSA test refrain from ejaculation for 48 hours prior to testing.*
- **Cancer Antigen (CA) blood test for women** - \$25. This blood test may detect reproductive problems in women.
- **Pylori blood test** - \$15. This blood test is recommended for people who are experiencing stomach problems. The test may detect ulcers, gastritis

and other stomach ailments.

■ **Colorectal Cancer Screening Kit** - \$8. This take-home kit may detect early warning signs for ulcers, colitis, cancer and other problems.

■ **Osteoporosis Screening** - \$25. Screens for bone loss. Offered by Botsford Hospital and Oakwood Annapolis Hospital.

■ **Vascular Screening** (offered by Oakwood Annapolis Hospital). Must call for an appointment, 1-800-541-8110. Stroke screening, \$35; aortic aneurysm screening, \$35; leg circulation screening, \$35. All three vascular screenings, \$95. Heart screening, \$60. All vascular screenings plus a heart screening, \$150.

Project Healthy Living 2001 is sponsored by WKYZ-TV, Channel 7 and the United Health Organization, a United Way Community Services Agency, with contributions from Comcast Cablevision, the Detroit News and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

For more information, call the Project Hotline at

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Datebook (upcoming calendar events); Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field); and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies).

We also welcome newsworthy ideas for health and fitness related stories. To submit an item to our newspaper you can call, write, fax or e-mail us.

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail rskglund@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

ONGOING

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Alcoholics Anonymous meets 8:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday and Sunday, Garden City Hospital (north entrance), 5254 Inkster Road. Alanon meeting Sunday only. Call (248) 541-6565 or (734) 776-3415. Noon Tuesday and Thursday, Providence Medical Office Center, 39500 W. 10 Mile (at Haggerty), Novi. Call (248) 348-9362. Noon Wednesday, Livonia Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Call (734) 953-1188.

IMPOTENCE

The Impotent Anonymous Support Group meets 8 p.m. the last Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Marian Professional Building, 14555 Levan, Livonia (Pavilion Conference Room A). For information, call (734) 462-5858.

CAREGIVERS

The Caregivers Support Group meets 7-8 p.m. the last Wednesday of the month at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Auditorium 14555 Levan, Livonia. Call (734) 655-8940.

FREE PROSTATE SCREENINGS

Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital will offer free prostate screenings on the fourth Thursday of each month in the radiology oncology department at the McAuley Cancer Care Center in Ypsilanti. Call the Saint Joseph Mercy HealthLine at (800) 231-2211.

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.

RECOVERY, INC.

Learn how Recovery, Inc. has been helping thousands discover

and maintain good mental health for over 65 years. A support group meets at 7:30 p.m. every Monday at St. Matthews Methodist Church, Room 105, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, contact Nancy at (734) 462-1067.

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.

TOPS

Take off pounds sensibly! TOPS #29 of Michigan meets 6-7 p.m. every Tuesday at Newburg Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail (between Wayne and Newburg), Livonia. Call Marie Bailey at (734) 782-0386.

SUN, MARCH 25

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Join the Alcoholics Anonymous support group at Garden City Hospital beginning 8 p.m. in celebrating their 24th anniversary. Coffee and cake will be served. The hospital is located at 5245 Inkster Road, Garden City. Call Woody at 1 (734) 729-0520.

TUE, MARCH 27

HUMAN PERFORMANCE

Are you always tired? Exercising but not achieving your goals? Not fully healing after injury? Please join Dr. Davis Brockenshire for a groundbreaking workshop on Human Performance. No charge. 7-8:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 27. Cancer Center for Chiropractic Clinic. Call (734) 455-6767.

ORIENTAL MEDITATION

Come join Falun Gong (aka Galun Dafa) meditation workshop from 7-9 p.m. At the Westland Parks and Recreation Department (36651 Ford Road, Westland). Call 722-7620 or (248) 743-2586. The workshop is free and open to the public. Give yourself an opportunity to be in touch with your inner peace, gain good health, and become better able to cope with stress and deal with conflict.

MARCH-APRIL 9

DIABETES CLASS

To help diabetics 18 years of age and over, St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia is offering a program entitled "Taking Charge of Living with Diabetes." This three-week series provides information on self-care and successful management of diabetes 7 to 9 p.m., on Mondays and Wednesdays in Pavilion A. Pre-registration is required by March 19. Fee: \$100. Senior citizens 55 years of age and over receive a 10 percent discount. To register, please call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650.

THUR, MARCH 29

CHIROPRACTIC CLASS

Dr. Patrick Jary will offer "Health Through Chiropractic," a free lecture/discussion on the benefits of chiropractic care 7:30-9 p.m. at Jary Chiropractic, 27527 Joy Road (1/2 block west of Inkster), Westland. He will discuss basic human anatomy, differences between traditional medicine and chiropractic medicine, and how to improve and preserve your health. Seating is limited. Reservations required. Call (734) 522-5501.

SAT, MARCH 31

FEMALE PROBLEMS

Suffering from depression, mood swings, hormonal imbalances, hot flashes, irritability and restless nights? This program includes natural prescriptions for relief of female related problems. Diet and energy work will also be included. Presented by Dr. Mark Roby, N.D. 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at BodyWorks Healing Center, 819 N. Mill Street, Plymouth. Cost: \$35. Reservations required. Call 734-416-5200.

PRO-LIFE CONFERENCE

Michigan Nurses for Life and Educational Center for Life will sponsor "Life's Beginnings... to be or not to be" 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Franco Conference Center, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital - Oakland, 44405 Woodward Avenue, Pontiac. Topics will include partial birth abortion, stem cell research, RU-486

(abortifacient), and legislative updates. MNFL members \$30; MNFL non-members \$35. Registration deadline is March 21. Call (248) 816-8489.

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 by Dr. Mark Roby, N.D., founder of the Metro Center for Attitudinal Healing.

TUES, APRIL 3

HEALTH THROUGH NUTRITION

Soy, flax, calcium, fruits, grains, nuts, beans - miracle foods or hype? Join registered dietitian Lee McDonagh and parish health nurses at St. Collette Church, 17602 Newburgh, Livonia (between Six and Seven Mile) 7p.m. in the social area. Learn what foods help prevent heart disease, osteoporosis and cancer. Call (734) 464-4436.

PROJECT HEALTHY LIVING

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will host Project Healthy Living from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on April 3-5 at Wonderland Mall, Livonia. Basic site tests include blood pressure, vision, glaucoma, health/weight, counseling and referral and health education. The following test are offered for a nominal fee: Comprehensive Blood Panel (22 Profile), \$30; PSA (Prostate Cancer), \$25; CA-125 (Ovarian Cancer), \$25; H. Pylori (stomach ailments), \$15; and Colorectal Cancer Kits, \$8. Call (734) 655-8947.

THUR, APRIL 5

ALCOHOL SCREENING

Wayne State University's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurosciences will host a screening day to provide educational materials and an opportunity to talk with a clinician about alcohol use and abuse. The screening will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 5 in

WSU's Student Center in Detroit as well as from 2-5 p.m. in University Psychiatric Centers (16836 Newburgh Road, Livonia).

CAREGIVING 101:

St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers Caregiving 101 to help ease the burdens of caregivers responsible for the care of adults with chronic illness or dementia. April 5 from 7-8:30 p.m. "Community Resources" will be the topic in the West Addition B. \$10 per session. Call 655-8940.

SAT, APRIL 7

CANCER SURVIVORS

The Harris/Kehrer Ladies Auxiliary, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland, will hold a Cancer Seminar for cancer survivors 1-3 p.m. Please come and share your story. Punch and dessert will be served.

EFFORTLESS LIVING

A talk by Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev will be held from 2-4 p.m. at the Sokol Cultural Center (23600 W. Warren Road, Dearborn Heights). He is the founder and teacher of a unique form of yoga. A question and answer session will follow. Free and open to the public. Call 975-8910 or visit www.ishafoundation.org

CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY

MCS Friends, a support group for those who have been physically harmed or who have lost someone through death due to chemical exposure, will meet 2-5 p.m. at the Carl Sandburg Public Library, 30100 Seven Mile Rd, Livonia, just west of Middlebelt 2-5 p.m.. For more information or a newsletter, call 248-349-4972.

APRIL 10-12

PROJECT HEALTHY LIVING

All day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Livonia Mall (29514 Seven Mile, Livonia) Project Healthy Living services will be offered by Botsford General Hospital. Registration begins near Fanny Farmer. Free services include height/weight, vision, hearing, blood pressure, glaucoma, counseling/referral, nutrition counseling, medication counseling, podiatry, lung function testing, health displays and Ask the Doctor. Optional test for a nominal fee include: Comprehensive Blood Panel (22 Profile), \$30; PSA (Prostate Cancer), \$25; CA-125 (Ovarian Cancer), \$25; H. Pylori (stomach ailments), \$15; and Colorectal Cancer Kits, \$8. Healthy Kids & Family Day is April 12. Health screening for school-aged children, prizes, giveaways and raffles. Bonus days are May 9 and 10 at Livonia Mall. Hotline information from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. is (248) 424-8600.

WED, APRIL 11

DIABETES MANAGEMENT

The Diabetes Support Group at St. Mary Mercy Hospital will host a discussion. "Take

Charge: Lead the Way to Better Diabetes Control," led by Marti Funnel, MS, RN, CDE, from 7:30 p.m. in the hospital's Auditorium. The group regularly meets on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabetes and their family members. A new topic is presented monthly. Free. No pre-registration required. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile Road, at Levan Road, in Livonia. Call (734) 655-8940.

THUR, APRIL 12

CAREGIVING 101:

St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers Caregiving 101 to help ease the burdens of caregivers responsible for the care of adults with chronic illness or dementia. April 12 from 7-8:30 p.m. "Special Skills: Caring for the Person with Dementia" will be the topic in the West Addition B. \$10 per session. Call 655-8940.

SAT, APRIL 14

HEALTH AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

An intermediate class on accupressure and vital reflex points will be held from 1-7 p.m. Saturday, April 14 (dinner included) at The Tree House for Earth's Children (22906 Mooney St., Farmington). Learn Stan Burroughs and Bill Kenner Methods. 7.2 CEU's available for nurses and six for massage therapists. Cost is \$50. Call (248) 473-0624.

MON, APRIL 16

ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG DEPENDENCY

To help families struggling with addictive patterns of behavior, St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer a class, "Drug & Alcohol Addiction Within the Family," 6:30-7:30 p.m. in West Addition B. Leading the presentation is James Tumidanski, SWT, MA, who will focus on the basic definitions of chemical dependency, co-dependency and enabling. Treatment options for families affected by the disease of addiction also will be discussed. There is no registration fee. Pre-register by calling (734) 655-2944. Use the Levan Road entrance.

TUE, APRIL 17

PROJECT HEALTHY LIVING

Oakwood Healthcare System and Oakwood Annapolis Hospital will present Project Healthy Living screenings from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 17 at Wayne Community Center (7635 Howe Road, Wayne). Most screenings are free. Nominal fee screenings include: Comprehensive Blood Panel (22 Profile), \$30; PSA (Prostate Cancer), \$25; CA-125 (Ovarian Cancer), \$25; H. Pylori (stomach ailments), \$15; pneumonia vaccine, \$25; aortic aneurysm screening, \$35; heart screening, \$60; and Colorectal Cancer Kits, \$8. Call (800) 543-WELL.

County addresses pregnancy issue with classes

The Wayne County Health Department is holding a Teen Rally in the Wayne-Westland area on Friday, March 30 to announce a Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program (TP3) — an effort aimed at helping youngsters from becoming parents too soon.

"While teen pregnancy in the United States has declined in recent years, there are communities within Wayne County where teens are becoming pregnant at an alarming rate," said Patricia Soares, Wayne County Public Health director. "We are directing our teen pregnancy reduction efforts towards Wayne-Westland because teens giving birth in this district exceed state and county levels."

According to reports tabulated by county officials, live birth per-

centages range from 2.8 to 9.0 percent of teen mothers living in Wayne-Westland School District. State and Out-Wayne County teen-mother percentages are 3.1 to 2.5 respectively.

TP3 health education/youth development program will focus on male and female teens ages 13-19 years old who are at risk of experiencing a first or repeat birth. TP3 has established a teen hotline for youngsters to pre-register for classes listed below or call (866) 266-TEEN.

The teen rally will run from noon to 6 p.m. at the Wayne Recreation Center (4635 Howe Road) in Wayne. WDTJ 105.9 FM's two radio personalities "Spudd" and "Sunny" will be on hand to greet participants.

There will be two sessions from 3 p.m. and from 4-6 p.m.

and teens can attend either session. There will be games, prizes, giveaways, refreshments and an assortment of fun-filled activities. Identification is required for entry.

Classes for the "Reducing the Risk" TP3 program will be held at the Dorsey Center (32715 Dorsey) in Wayne from 3:30-6 p.m. Wednesdays from April 11-June 6 (except April 18) and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 12 - June 7 (except April 19).

Wayne County Administration Building (33030 Van Born) in Wayne. Wednesdays, April 11 - May 9 from 3:30-6 p.m. and Thursdays, April 12 - May 10

from 3:30-6 p.m.

Simmons Center (29150 Carlisle) in Inkster. Thursdays April 12 - June 7 from 3:30-6 p.m.

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New medical definition may make number of heart attack cases soar

One of the most compelling questions regarding the November 2000 hospitalization of Vice President Dick Cheney was whether or not he'd really had a heart attack.

At first, the answer was "no." Then, a check of Cheney's enzyme levels showed he had, in fact, suffered his fourth heart attack.

Why the confusion? It may have been due to the fact that, for the past several years, physicians have been working to pin down the best set of criteria for determining whether a patient has had a heart attack, also known as a myocardial infarction.

In September 2000, a new, widely accepted definition of myocardial infarction was introduced — a definition developed by a joint committee of the European Heart Society and the American College of Cardiology. The most significant change: The definition adds cardiac troponin, an enzyme found only in heart muscle tissue, to the measures already used to determine whether or not a myocardial infarction has occurred.

Researchers at the University of Michigan Health System, including Rajendra Mehta, M.D., clinical assistant professor of cardiology in the UMHS Cardiovascular Center, recently completed a study investigating the significance of this change in definition at UMHS. They found that the new definition will mean a significant increase in the number of myocardial infarction cases at U-M, and implies such an increase nationwide. The information was presented today at the 50th annual Scientific Session of the American College of Cardiology.

"In the United States, nearly a million heart attacks are diagnosed annually," Mehta says. "These data suggest that

under the new criteria, 250,000 more will be diagnosed each year. These myocardial infarctions would have been missed by the old criteria." In addition to the far-reaching clinical implications, it's likely that the financial implications also will be great, although those remain unknown.

Criteria

There have been many proposed criteria for the diagnosis of myocardial infarction. Prior to 2000, the most commonly used were those published by the World Health Organization in 1979, which state that a myocardial infarction has occurred when two of the following three criteria are met: symptoms consistent with ischemia or decreased blood flow to the heart; changes in an electrocardiogram; and/or elevated enzymes, most commonly, one called CKMB.

But the new guidelines, published in 2000, require that elevated enzymes, which can include CKMB or troponin, be one of the criteria in addition to either ischemic symptoms or ECG changes.

"Thus, this is the first definition published that officially includes the use of troponin as a diagnostic marker," Mehta says.

Study

In the U-M study, all patients admitted to U-M hospitals from May 1, 1999, to Jan. 1, 2000, with suspected acute coronary syndrome were entered in a database. There were 493 patients included, all of whom had both CKMB and troponin tests performed.

CKMB is the creatine phosphokinase that is found in the heart muscle. Troponin is an enzyme found in muscle tissue. Specifically, cardiac troponin is found in myocardial cells in the heart. Both enzymes are vitally

important in muscle contraction and many physicians routinely measure CKMB and troponin to evaluate ischemic heart disease.

"When a myocardial infarction occurs, heart muscle dies and in the process, the muscle leaks intracellular components such as CKMB and troponin into the surrounding tissues," says Mark Meier, M.D., UMHS resident physician and a study researcher.

Cardiac troponin is a more sensitive marker of myocardial damage because the troponins are more abundant in the myocardial cells than CKMB, says Meier. Cardiac troponin is also more specific because, unlike CKMB, it is not found in other tissues and is not present in the blood in normal individuals.

After identifying the 493 patients, the researchers looked more closely at the 305 patients whose enzyme levels were elevated. They were then divided into two groups. Group A contained patients with a positive CKMB test. Because all of these patients were admitted with symptoms, everyone in Group A would be diagnosed with myocardial infarction according to the World Health Organization criteria from 1979.

Group B patients had a normal CKMB level, but elevated troponin. Those patients would not have been diagnosed with myocardial infarction based on the World Health Organization criteria of 1979, but would be considered heart attack patients under the European Heart Society/American College of Cardiology standards of 2000. Because the troponin test is more sensitive and picks up even slight muscle damage, using troponin levels detects patients who have had a less severe heart attack.

Diagnostic increase

The results showed that, at UMHS, including troponin in the diagnostic criteria will result in a 26 percent increase in the number of myocardial infarctions diagnosed each year.

"It may also mean that the criteria may select for a clinically less complicated patient population," Meier says. "Patients in Group B had fewer in-hospital complications such as arrhythmias and heart failure. In addition, they needed fewer angioplasties and bypass surgeries." However, during six months of follow-up, their complication rate reached or exceeded that of patients diagnosed with the old criteria.

The results suggest that the clinical and financial implications are far-reaching, but as yet, unclear.

Aggressive treatment

By identifying patients with an increased cardiac troponin level as having had a heart attack, clinicians will be able to target aggressive, life-saving strategies that are known to improve both short- and long-term survival. So, although the cost of the blood test for troponin is added to patient care costs, this cost may be greatly offset by the number of lives saved due to preventive care.

"We already know that inadvertent missed diagnoses of heart attack may have grave consequences, including death," Mehta says. "Using troponin levels allows us to identify more high-risk patients and give them the care they need."

Physicians worldwide are becoming aware of the new definition and are incorporating it into their clinical practice, Mehta says. More studies are needed to determine the financial and specific clinical implications.

New technology offers early diagnosis of lesions

St. Mary Mercy Hospital now offers women increased accuracy in diagnosing breast lesions using state-of-the-art stereotactic technology.

In November, St. Mary Mercy purchased the latest breast stereotactic technology from community driven funding received at Hollywood Nights, the hospital's largest annual benefit.

"The technology takes excellent images and is very accurate," said Dr. Stephanie Falbo, a radiologist at the Marian Women's Center. "The procedure is a less invasive way to determine a diagnosis of whether the lesion is cancerous or not."

Stereotactic breast biopsy does not replace surgical biopsy, but offers early diagnosis of certain types of lesions. If the lesion is determined to be cancerous, then the patient can go on to have a formal surgical procedure (lumpectomy and axillary node dissection).

"The stereotactic method allows us to take small pictures in two planes to pinpoint exactly where the lesion is in the breast," said Dr. Falbo. "We use computer assistance to calculate exactly how deep the lesion is, and a vacuum device pulls a small amount of the breast tissue in to sample the area." Patients experience a small incision and no stitches.

Other benefits include: Minimal impact on healthy tissue; minimal scarring; minimal treatment following the procedure using only antibiotic ointment and a bandage; and minimal commitment of time.

"The response at St. Mary Mercy so far has been very positive," said Dr. Falbo. Nearly 500,000 stereotactic biopsies have been performed worldwide.

For more information on the stereotactic biopsy procedure or other breast care services, contact your physician or the Marian Women's Center, ext. 1100.

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THUR, APRIL 19

CANCER & SEXUALITY

A special Cancer AnswerNight with Sallie Foley, a certified sex therapist and sex educator from the U-M Health System, will provide straight answers and practical information on how to put sex and intimacy back into your life. Sex doesn't have to end with a cancer diagnosis. You can have a healthy, satisfying sexual relationship again. To learn more attend "Life After Cancer Treatment: Answers to the Most Frequently Asked Questions About Sex and Intimacy," a free community program sponsored by the U-M Comprehensive Cancer Center from 7-8:30 p.m. at the U-M Kellogg Eye Center Auditorium (1000 Wall Street, Ann Arbor). Call (800) 742-2300 enter 7870.

SAT, APRIL 28

WOMEN'S HEALTH DAY

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will sponsor "2001 Women's Health Day" 8 a.m. to noon at the Holiday Inn-Livonia West. Events include keynote speaker Sandra Beckwith, breakfast buffet, exhibits, workshops and raffle drawings. Program cost is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. For information, call the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1100 or (800) 494-1617 for out-of-area callers. Registration is requested by April 16. Sandra Beckwith, keynote speaker will talk from 9-9:45 a.m. about "Finding the Courage to Change."

APRIL - JUNE

CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer "Childbirth Education" a series of six classes or a one-day workshop designed to teach expectant mothers and their partners the Lamaze method for labor and delivery, including relaxation and breathing techniques. 7-9 p.m. Mondays, April 30 through June 11. Cost is \$55. Call 655-1100.

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THUR, MAY 10

ARTHRITIS

St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the Arthritis Foundation of Michigan will co-sponsor an interactive forum, "Taking Control of Pain," 7-9 p.m. in the hospital's Auditorium. Dr. Timothy Wright, anesthesiologist and medical director of the hospital's Pain Management Center, will speak on "Dynamics of Arthritis Pain." Dr. Joseph Weiss, rheumatologist, will present "Managing Arthritis Pain." Free. Seating is limited; pre-register by May 4. Call Community Outreach at (734) 655-8940 or 1 (800) 494-1650 (out-of-area callers only). St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 34675 Five Mile Road, at Levan Road, in Livonia. Please use the Five Mile Road entrance.

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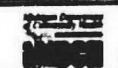
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Two studies ease concerns about using aspirin for some heart attack patients

BY LINDSEY TANNER
AP MEDICAL WRITER

CHICAGO (AP) - To improve survival chances, heart attack patients can safely take aspirin with a blood pressure-lowering drug, although combining the treatments is only slightly more effective than using just one, Yale University researchers report.

Their findings address con-

cerns that combining aspirin with ACE inhibitors might be ill-advised for some patients with heart trouble.

"We could find no evidence of an adverse interaction," Dr. Harlan M. Krumholz and colleagues, the new study's authors, said in Monday's Archives of Internal Medicine.

A related Krumholz study published in the same journal sug-

gests that aspirin can safely be used to lower mortality in heart failure patients.

Both studies involved patients aged 65 and older. Aspirin, which improves blood flow through the arteries by making it less sticky and less likely to clot, often is recommended to help prevent and treat many heart problems. But its use has been somewhat controversial in

patients with heart failure - a heart that can't pump efficiently - who don't have clot-related coronary artery disease.

ACE inhibitors, which lower blood pressure and help the heart pump more efficiently, often are recommended for such patients, said Dr. David A. Meyerson. Some doctors may be reluctant to prescribe aspirin for heart failure patients without

clot-related disease partly due to concerns that it might hamper the effectiveness of ACE inhibitors, he said.

While it's unclear how aspirin improved survival chances in the heart failure patients, the results "suggest that one of our simplest medications continues to be one of the most valuable," Meyerson said. "The survival benefits appear significant."

Meyerson said the AHA will evaluate whether to add aspirin to treatment guidelines for older heart failure patients without clot-related cardiovascular disease.

Its existing guidelines for heart attack patients recommend combining aspirin and ACE inhibitors.

Visit the American Heart Assoc. www.americanheart.org

Screening critical to increase cure rate of colorectal cancer

SAN JOSE, Calif., March 5 (PRNewswire) - March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, and colorectal cancer expert Mark Segall, M.D., a colorectal surgeon at Good Samaritan Hospital, is speaking out with advice for consumers on this potentially life-threatening disease.

"Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States, with more than 56,000 people expected to die from this disease each year," Dr. Segall explains. "However, it is a preventable and very curable disease if caught early."

Because there are often no symptoms when it is first developing, colorectal cancer can only be caught early through regular screening. "The benefits of early detection and treatment are dramatic," Dr. Segall says. "The possibility of curing patients after symptoms develop is only 50 percent, but if colorectal cancer is found and treated at an early

stage before symptoms develop, the opportunity to cure it is 80 percent or better."

"Most colon cancers start as non-cancerous growths called polyps. If we are able to find these polyps while they are still non-cancerous, we remove them and the cancer may be prevented. Major surgery can usually be avoided, as well," Dr. Segall adds.

Guidelines

The American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ASCRS), which is dedicated to advancing the treatment of patients with diseases affecting the colon, rectum and anus, offers the following colorectal cancer screening guidelines:

For people at average risk of getting colorectal cancer:

- A digital rectal examination and fecal occult blood test (to screen for hidden blood in the stool) are recommended annually beginning at age 40.
- Flexible sigmoidoscopy (to

examine the lining of the lower colon and rectum) is recommended every five years at age 50 or older.

(Alternatively, a colonoscopy, which examines the lining of the entire colon and rectum, performed every 10 years or a barium enema, an X-ray of the colon, performed every five to 10 years is acceptable.)

■ For people at increased risk (those with a personal or family history of colorectal polyps or cancer, those with a personal history of breast, uterine or ovarian cancer, and those with chronic ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease): Above screenings at an earlier and more frequent rate are recommended.

Prevention Tips

In addition to getting screened regularly for colorectal cancer, people can lower their risk of getting the disease by:

- Avoiding foods that are high in fat; eating plenty of vegetables, fruits and other high-fiber foods; exercising regularly and maintaining a normal body weight; and not smoking and drinking alcohol only in moderation.

Contact Dr. Segall at Good Samaritan Hospital or visit www.ascrs.org

— Source: Good Samaritan Hospital (www.goodsamaj.org)

NOTICE
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JOE BRIDGMAN, Secretary, Planning Commission

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **Dodson Elementary School Classroom Furniture**. Specifications and bid forms are available at the front desk of the E. J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI or by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Sealed bids are due on or before 3:00 p.m., Monday, April 23, 2001. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
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SAT, APRIL 21

RETIREMENT
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Good value for price, low-traffic volume and easy access to two freeways and points beyond recommend the Meadows of Van Buren Condominiums.

Just over 100 units, 40 ranches and 64 carriage-style residence with some units up, some down, are slated for the first phase of the attached condominium community on Tyler just west of Belleville Road in Van Buren Township.

Prices start at \$92,900 for a 1,050-square-foot home with two bedrooms and one bath in the carriage (stacked like apartments) section, \$138,900 for a ranch of 1,210 square feet with two bedrooms, two baths and an attached garage.

"I don't think they (buyers) will ever get the square footage for what we're selling for," said Dale Lentz, president of Antler Construction. "They can't get 1,100 square feet new for what we're selling for."

"We've brought the cost down to get a variety of buyers: empty-nesters, ... first time homeowners ... retirees. We have a low-maintenance dollar amount (association fee) too."

A 4-1/2 acre pond is the community's centerpiece. The entrance is well-landscaped and bermed.

Then there's the location. "There's not a lot of traffic like Canton, but we're close to the expressway - easy on, easy off," Lentz said. "You can get to the airport in 15 minutes from here. Belleville Lake is right there. Everything is right here."

Shopping is very close, as well as the Van Buren municipal complex including senior center, recreation building and police department, said Sally Phillips, sales representative.

Visitors are impressed with the community generally, construction features specifically, she added. "They like the cathedral ceilings, like the deck, like the laundry room being on the main floor," Phillips said. "It's a good price and location."

Carriage buildings generally contain four units up, four down. All residence feature at base price 14-by-8 wood deck, air conditioning, dishwasher and microwave, individual laundry, textured ceilings plus carpeting and vinyl flooring.

All units contain their own furnace and water heater, and one reserved space in a carport.

All contain a dining area, living room, and laundry. The single bath



Different arrangements: Both carriage-style condominiums, like these, and ranch-style units are available at the Meadows of Van Buren.

contains a combination tub/shower. The master in two-bath units has a shower.

The second-floor units contain cathedral ceilings and planter shelves.

Cost is \$92,900 for two beds/ one bath, \$101,900 for two beds/ two baths. Only two bedroom/ two bath units will be built in carriage offerings during subsequent phases.

The ranch units, 1,210 square feet, all have private entrances, a 1/12-car attached garage, two bedrooms, two full baths and volume ceilings.

They also feature living rooms and dining areas.

The ranches are grouped three, four or five together. Base price is \$138,900 for middle units, \$142,900 for ends.

Decks (\$3,100) and fireplaces (\$3,200) are optional.

Brick and wood siding are primary exterior materials.

The Meadows of Van Buren Condominiums is serviced by city water and sewers. It has sidewalks and is within

the Van Buren school boundaries.

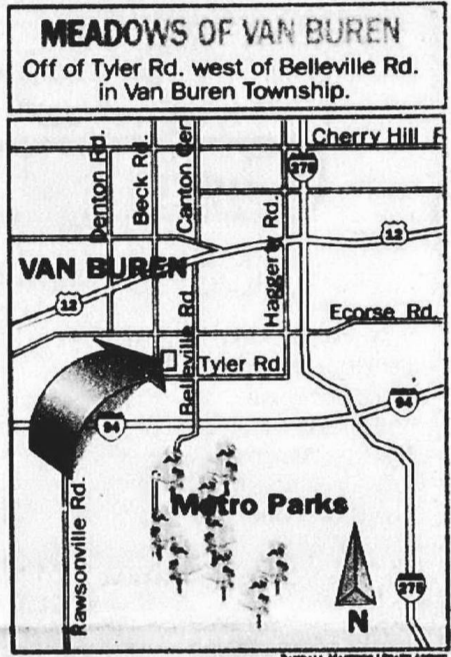
The property tax rate is \$28.26 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price for new construction. That means the owners of a \$102,000 unit there would pay about \$1,450 the first year.

The monthly association fee is \$80 for carriage units, \$87 for ranches. It includes water, lawn cutting, snow removal and exterior maintenance of the units.

Georgetta Houston moved into the Meadows of Van Buren after living in the area for many years.

"This was all on one floor, no steps," she said. "I overlook the pond. It's nice and bright. The sun shines in. I have two daughters and they decided mother should enjoy some new things. I highly recommend it."

The sales office / models at the Meadows of Van Buren Condominiums, (734) 699-8980, is open 1-6 p.m. daily, closed Thursdays.



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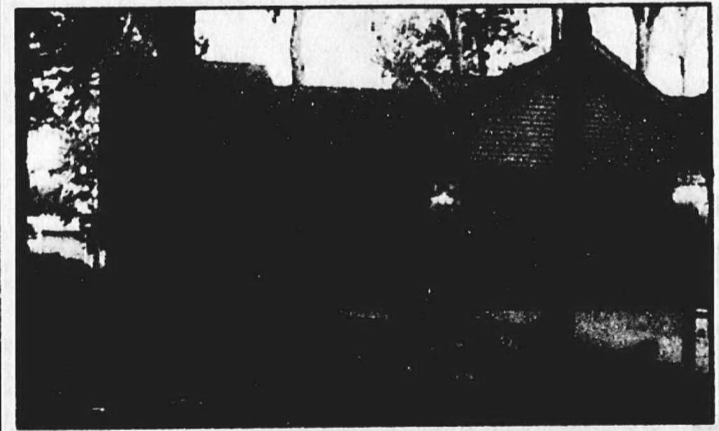
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Plan serves both starter, retirement needs

The Wilson (408-05) contains 1,673 square feet of open living.

The exterior has a ranch-style motif with a covered front porch. Brick used as an accent enhances the looks.

This is a two-story home, with the second story over the garage. The three different room lines add a unique look to the home, also.

When entering the Wilson, a huge great room opens before the viewer.

There are bay windows in the front, looking out to the street, while a gas fireplace is on the side toward the front of the home. Farther down the same wall is a large window that looks out on the side deck. In the rear, opening onto the deck, are a set of patio doors.

The kitchen is centrally located with an eating bar on an island separating the kitchen from the rest of the great room. A large window over the sink allows a view of

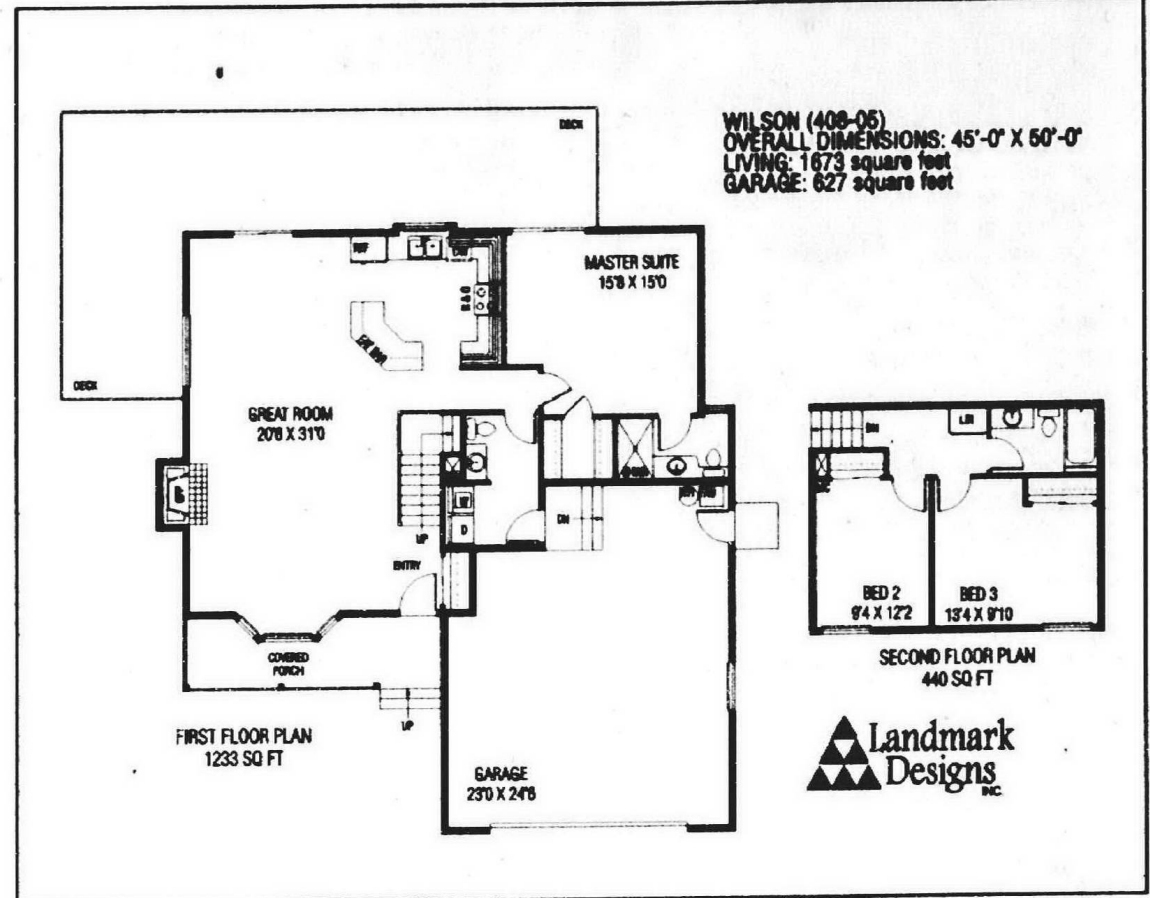
the landscaped backyard and to enjoy the antics of children playing on the rear deck.

In the right rear corner is the large master suite. It has a full bath with an oversized shower and a walk-in closet adjacent.

Between the staircase to the second floor and the garage is the utility room, which also contains a half bath. A door to the two-car garage is in one end.

Upstairs are two more bedrooms. Bedroom 2 has a wall closet and a large window. It is narrow and long, ideal for a smaller child. Bedroom 3 also has a wall closet with a large window, but it is more square shaped and larger. Outside the two rooms is a full bath with a tub and a linen closet.

The Wilson would be an ideal retirement home or a



great starter home. Even with the bedrooms upstairs, they are close enough to be convenient to new parents. The Wilson is so simplistic in its design that an air of openness abounds.

For a study plan, including scaled floor plan(s), elevations, section(s), and an artist rendering, send \$24.95 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Road E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424. Please specify plan name (Wilson) and the number (408-05).

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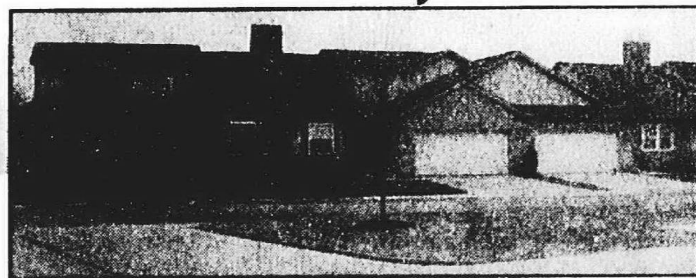
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With volatile weather conditions likely in the spring and summer, state residents need to take steps now to be prepared, says Ric Phillips, AAA Michigan manager for Homeowner claims. To help homeowners and car owners protect their property, AAA Michigan offers the following severe weather safety tips:

- Check condition of roof.
- Repair or replace loose shutters, eaves troughs and downspouts.
- Make sure downspouts direct rainwater at least three feet from house.
- Trim dead branches off trees.
- Test the operation of the sump pump.
- Seal any cracks in basement walls.
- Clean out basement window wells of debris that prevents proper drainage.
- Fill above-ground pools with

water so high winds won't blow the sides in.

- Replace glass storm doors with screens.
- Unplug all electrical appliances during storms.
- Use surge protectors on computers and unplug during storms or before vacation.
- Secure patio furniture, or put in garage when storms are predicted.
- Tie down mobile homes and arrange for emergency underground shelter.
- Keep items off basement

floor and keep floor drains clear. AAA Michigan recommends you keep these items in your basement in the event of severe weather:

- Two flashlights (with batteries)
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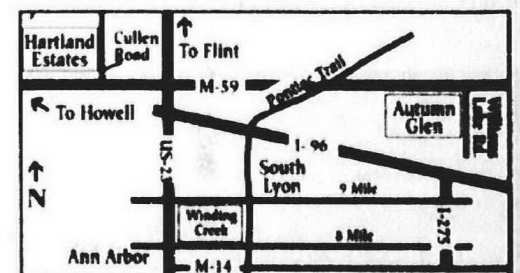
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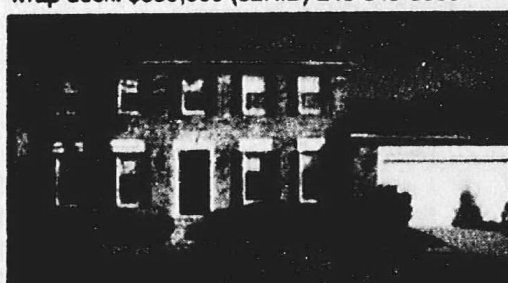
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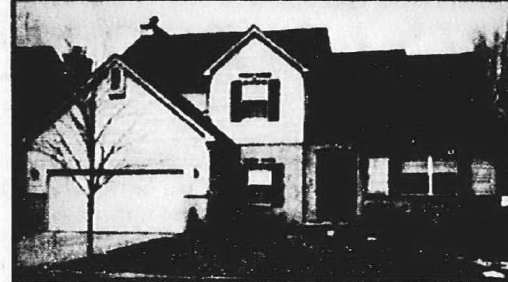
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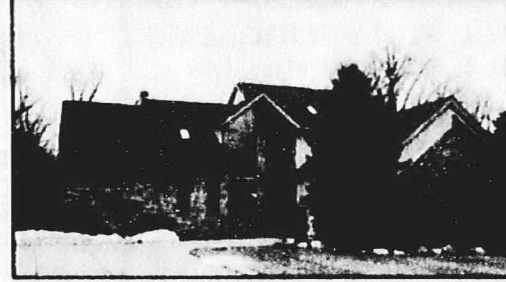
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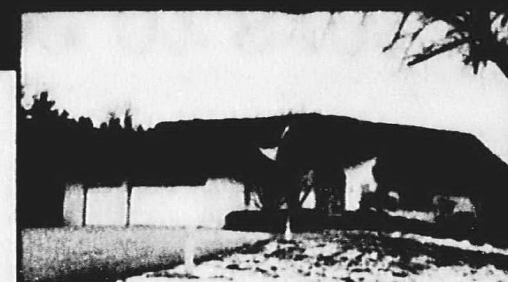
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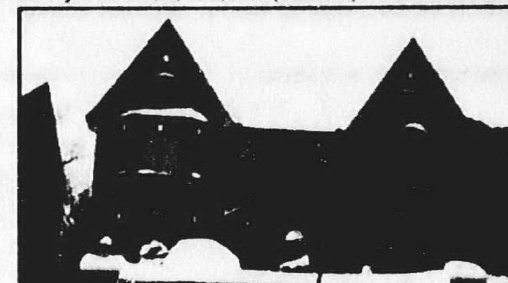
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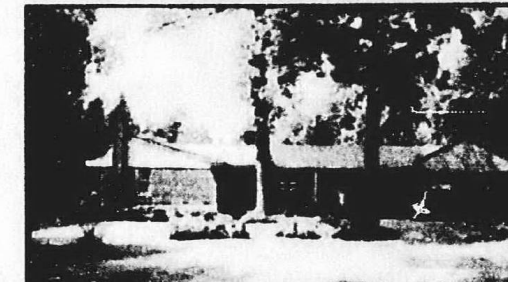
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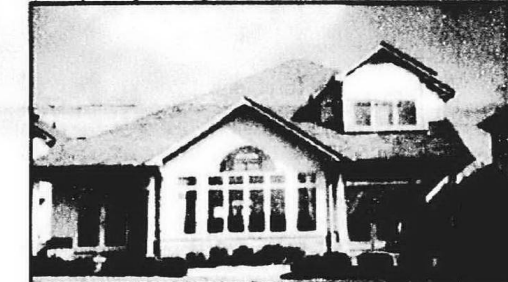
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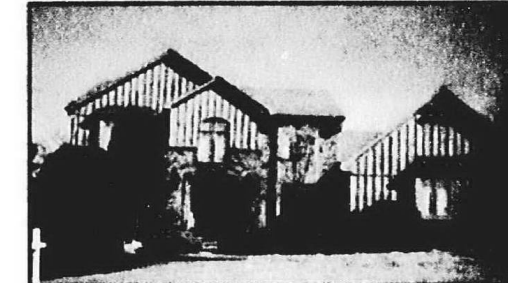
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The vacation home market has been booming and prices are generally high. So don't count on finding a bargain.

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Just remember that it's not strictly a financial decision. You

can spend a lot of money on vacations and not expect a financial return, right?

Look at the intangible benefits that don't show up on the balance sheet. If you're always missing vacations, you're going to run out of excuses with your own beach home, or your friends or family will drive you crazy.

Sooner or later you have to go, if only to inspect the property, or

make repairs and improvements. And do you yearn to be a "local"? Your vacation place will be a home away from home. Ownership gives you a stake in the neighborhood and a permanent part of the mystique of a coastal community.

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How to reduce energy use

Life in California is tougher than usual with its energy problems.

The civil authorities say energy conservation is urgently needed to manage the available reserves of electricity, especially during peak use periods 4-8 p.m.

But the same tips can help you save money here in Michigan, whether your home is newer or older. Here's how consumers can help reduce the pressure on the electricity and gas system:

- General advice**
- Turn the thermostat down to 68 degrees or below. Reduce setting to 55 degrees or less before retiring or when away for the day.
 - Avoid running large appliances such as clothes washers, dish washers and clothes dryers and electric ovens.
 - Close off vents to rooms that aren't being used.
 - Turn off all non-essential electrical lights.
 - Close shades and blinds at night to reduce the amount of heat lost through your windows.

- What to do at the office**
- Minimize heating by keeping the thermostat at 68 degrees or below.
 - Wear comfortable business attire. Dress appropriately for cooler temperatures.
 - Turn off any lights that are not needed, especially in unused offices and conference rooms.
 - Turn down the remaining light-levels if you can.

- Turn off your computer if you are out of the office for more than a few minutes.
- Some computers have a "low power stand by" mode. Check to see if your computer is set for it.
- If a blackout is imminent, back up your computer and frequently save what you are working on - to be ready if the power goes off.

Keeping your home comfortable

Check your heating ducts to make sure that they are properly connected and not leaking air. Studies show that one of every four homes loses as much as one-third of its heating (or cooling) from bad ducts. Repair them as needed, using approved materials and methods.

- Insulation, properly installed, offers the single most effective means of conserving energy in the home - it provides a thermal blanket around the house. Install it yourself or hire an insulation contractor.
- Draw draperies and window shades to limit heat loss. Open them during the day to let sunshine in.
- As much as 18 percent of your home's heating loss can be through building openings. Stop this loss by weather-stripping all doors and windows and caulking openings.
- Consider installing a clock thermostat to automatically set back your thermostat at night. Never cover the thermostat with draperies or decorations. Also, don't put lamps, television sets or appliances that produce heat close to the thermostat.

- Use bathroom heaters sparingly, if at all.
- Regularly replace or clean filters.

In the kitchen ... a dash of conservation can make a big difference

- Plan meals that can be cooked together in the oven all at once to make full use of the energy it takes to heat your oven.
- Don't preheat your broiler or range.
- Avoid opening the oven door when baking. Taking a "peek" wastes energy.
- Microwave cooking is faster, more efficient than conventional cooking. It can save a lot of your time and energy, too.
- Learn more about pressure cookers. They prepare foods in two-thirds less time, and many people say the final product is more flavorful than conventional cooking.
- Wash only full loads of dishes in your dish washer. Let the dishes air dry by turning the washer off after the last rinse cycle and opening the door slightly.

- If the power goes off**
- Drive carefully. Traffic signals may be out in a rolling blackout. Consider each intersection to be a four-way stop and drive defensively. If you are a pedestrian, be extra alert, since normal traffic patterns are disrupted.
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Financing your home improvement project

When planning a home improvement project, it is important to choose the financing option that best suits you.

Four of the most popular are a home equity line of credit, a second mortgage, a cash out refinance of your current mortgage and, of course, a home improvement loan.

An equity line of credit is similar to a credit card except that your house is used as the collateral which usually makes the interest tax deductible. A credit line is usually between 75 to 80 percent of the home's appraised value minus the balance of other mortgages.

There is usually no limit on how the money is used, but you may need to keep a minimum balance to keep the line of credit open. You use the account by writing special checks or using a credit card. The interest rate is not fixed but variable, based on the Prime Rate plus a margin of up to three percent.

There may also be closing costs such as appraisal and application fees, points and other costs which can vary from one lender to another.

A second mortgage loan can be useful when you know exactly what your remodeling project will cost. Like other installment

loans, it has predetermined payments for a specific period of time, usually 15 years. With a fixed rate, a second mortgage can benefit from the low interest rates in today's market.

A third option is cash out refinancing which refinances your first mortgage plus the amount of your home improvement project. Most lenders will limit a refinance to 75 or 80 percent of the property value and may include in your payments any fees charged.

You should compare the rate, terms, and financing costs of a mortgage available today to your current mortgage payments

(and your years left to pay) plus the monthly payment for an equity line or second mortgage.

A less common option is a home improvement loan through HUD's 203(k) program that allows homeowners to borrow up to 110 percent of a home's value. The house must be at least three years old and require at least \$5,000 in repairs.

To determine the amount of the loan, a construction consultant gives an on-site estimate of the improvement. The lender releases the funds in as many as five payments through the renovation process. Upon completion of the improvements, the lender

sends an inspector to approve the work for the final payment.

The financing option you choose will depend on your situation. If you don't know exactly how much the home improvement project will cost, the flexibility of a home equity credit line may be best for you.

Or you may prefer the predictable monthly payments of either a second mortgage or cash out refinancing.

For some, it is important to know that, depending on the lender, the property may not be used as a rental when a financing option has been added to the first mortgage.

Whichever method you select, it is good to comparison shop among, say, three lenders. Ask all your questions, and make sure you understand the answers. Get the terms in writing and feel free to negotiate the details whenever possible.

Joseph Krul is chief operating officer and executive vice president of Standard Federal Bank in Troy and a member of the board of directors of the Building Industry Association.

Builders win energy demonstration grant for house

A fledgling Farmington Hills residential building company is one of only five to win an award from Michigan's Five Star Home Grant program to help build energy-efficient houses.

Sterling Manchester will use a grant of \$7,500 to install an innovative hot water system, compact fluorescent lamps and bulbs, backdraft dampers on exhaust fans and an insulated garage door in an 1,800-square-foot home in Detroit.

The builder also intends to develop a video on the innova-

tions, advertise its availability and arrange tours for Realtors, appraisers and students.

"We've made the business decision we would build high-quality, energy-efficient and low-maintenance homes," said E. Noel King, vice president with Sterling Manchester.

The company intends to concentrate on modular (factory-built) homes in the \$125,000-\$185,000 range. Dorne A. Adams also is a vice president.

"All houses we build are Energy Star," King said. "The Building Industry Asso-

ciation has an energy committee. The energy committee does seminars every month. Information is there for builders - how we can build a more energy efficient house."

"I think it's a process you'll find being done by more builders as energy costs become more critical," King said.

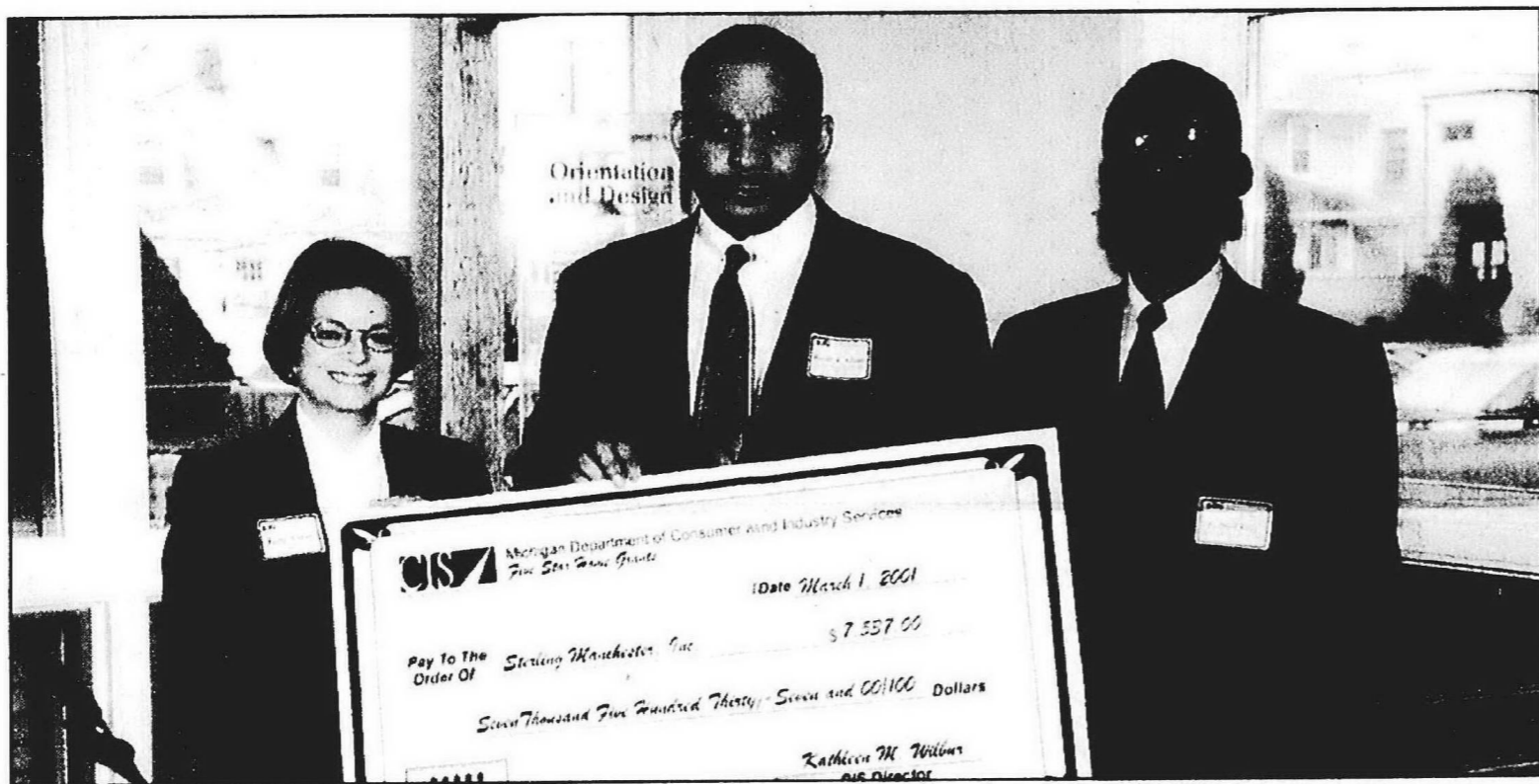
Builders competed for the grants based on energy efficiency, marketing plans and innovations. The money was awarded through the Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services.

"The Five Star Home Grant program is an incentive for Michigan builders to utilize the latest technology to reduce energy costs and pollution," said Gov. John Engler.

"As a condition of receiving the grants, the builders will be promoting these homes and showcasing the advantages of an energy-efficient home," Engler said. "This will make other builders and future home buyers more knowledgeable about energy-efficient products currently available to reduce utility bills."

"Builders and consumers are becoming increasingly interested in energy-efficient products with each year we present these grants," said Kathleen

Wilbur, CIS director. "Energy-efficient products often pay for themselves and then some with the money they save in future utility bills."



Grant recipients: E. Noel King (center) and Dorne A. Adams, vice presidents of Sterling Manchester, accept a mock Five Star Home Grant check from Kathleen Wilbur, director of the Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services.

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A good environment attracts good employees

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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The revolution in communications technology has created a similar revolution in office design.

The new emphasis is on teamwork and the days of small individual offices for workers and plush executive suites for bosses are fading fast.

"There's a cultural shift for companies," said Joseph Lozowski, president of University Business Interiors. "We want to encourage communication. There's also an economic benefit in getting more people into a smaller space. Years ago we had high panels trying to create offices. Management is now going into cubes. What people are trying to promote is more communication."

University Business Interiors in Farmington Hills provides office design ideas and furniture to make the best use of space and modern technology. In

2000, the 4-1/2-year-old company did \$20 million in sales. The company's nearly 200 clients include Delphi, Compuware and Standard Federal.

Companies are redesigning to accommodate new technology, promote teamwork and communication and attract young workers who put an emphasis on a comfortable and efficient work environment. UBI helps companies find the right design for them and provides the furniture. On average the cost runs to about \$5,000 to \$6,000 per work station, a price that includes periphery design for common areas.

"We talk with managers and ask what are their goals and then we meet with the individuals and ask what are their goals," said Barbara Thomas, UBI's director of design. "We try to mesh those together."

Different work groups have different needs.

"Engineers don't like bright lights,"

Thomas said. "You'll notice that it's usually dark, so it looks like no one is working. You have to sit down and decide what is their intent and what is the best design for their intent."

Another consideration in designing an office is ergonomics. Desks, chairs and files have to be built to provide maximum comfort and flexibility for workers.

"We deal with the environment, social, ergonomic, all different things trying to coalesce it all together," said Lozowski.

With the advent of the computer and the necessity of working long hours at a desk, the chair has become a major concern. But not everyone can agree on what works and what doesn't.

"What's funny from a design end," Thomas said, "is that the management try to provide ergonomic solutions for their employees and a lot of workers

Long interview likely bodes well for job seeker

Q. How long does a typical interview last? One employer talked with me for almost two hours and it wasn't very productive.

A. Many interviews are unstructured and rambling. However, there does seem to be a rough correlation between the length of an interview and the odds of getting an offer. Long interviews often mean the employer is getting good vibrations. When you are winning the interpersonal battle, but the skill or experience match is less than perfect, the interviewer might be doing her best to see how you fit into the organization.

There are, of course, many exceptions. Some managers have too much time on their hands and are happy to conduct needlessly long interviews because it makes them look busy. Others just don't have any sense of time management or are thorough to the point of inefficiency.

Professional recruiters are likely to conduct relatively short, to-the-point meetings. An initial screener only needs to know where you've been, where you are going and what your parameters are. The decision to pass you up the food chain is usually based on how appropriate your skills and experiences are, your general likeability, and the presence or absence of any aberrations or weirdness. Once in a while, an outplacement candidate will talk about a "great" meeting with a recruiter that lasted three hours. I usually suggest finding another recruiter.

As a candidate, there is not much you can do to control the length of the interview. If an employer wants to drone on, leave it alone. Reflecting, rambling, philosophizing, exploring and speculating can often be considered buying signals. But count on most first interviews to last around 30



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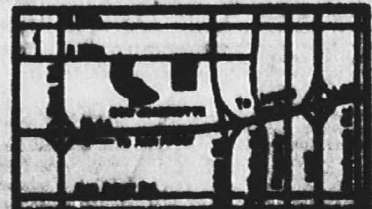
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Personnel Management Office needed for West Bloomfield Residential Builders. Computer experience needed. Mail resume to: 5257 Beechtree Trail, West Bloomfield, MI 48322 or fax (248) 788-2710.

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ADP payroll experience preferred. Excellent career opportunity for administrative assistant & computer literate employee who is detail oriented. Benefits Call Bob: 313-565-5744.

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Residential utility agency seeks mature, responsible, flexible, highly organized person with strong secretarial skills. Executive Director/office raising. Requires a candidate proficient in WordPerfect, Access Database and Microsoft Office. Experience in event coordination, college preferred, minimum high school diploma with 5 yrs. exp. in related position. Resume to: 29300 W. 9 Mile, Farmington Hills, MI 48336. Or fax: 248-473-6332. EOE.

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Rapidly growing full-service Real Estate Company has an opening for a secretary with 3+ years experience to join its Brokerage Department. Candidates should have the following qualifications: Works well with one or more brokers - excellent correspondence skills - experience with leases, contracts, and able to meet deadlines. Must know MS Word and Excel. Real estate experience is a plus. Position available in Southfield. Email resume to: jones@farmteam.com or Fax (248) 353-0501. The Farmington Group, P.O. Box 5188, Southfield, MI 48086-0501. EOE.

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22 FT Tri-hull deck boat 1998, 150 horsepower Johnson

LIVING ROOM: Sofa, Loveseat, Chair, 100% top grain Italian leather

TROY - antique dining room, 9 pc, 3 pc, upholstered living room

719 Pools/Spas/Hot Tubs
HOT SPRING Jet Setter portable spa, good condition

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734 Electronic/Audio/Video
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DINETTE TABLE w/4 chairs 30 gallon acrylic fish tank

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#780-798
Animals Pets/Livestock

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MAXIM 1997 Sport, 19' 6" Merc I/O under 100 hrs

PEARSON SLOOP 30 ft, 1984, very good cond.

4 PC. living room set, light color, good condition

Gas range, GE extra large self clean oven

AFFORDABLE USED - File cabinets, fire files, desks

746 Hospital Equipment
LIFT CHAIR by Pride, beige, used 1 1/2 weeks

748 Lawn Garden & Snow Equipment
54" FERRIS Hydrowalk w/12.5 ft. x 6.5 ft. trailer

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22 FT Tri-hull deck boat 1998, 150 horsepower

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755 S. Rochester Rd., Rochester

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CRESTWOOD DODGE 734-421-5700
32850 Ford Road, Garden City • Ford Road at Venoy

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RED HOLMAN PONTIAC-GMC TRUCK, INC. 734-721-1144
35300 Ford Road, Westland • At Wayne Road

Blackwell Ford, Inc. 734-453-1100
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DISCOVER ME... Nice looking, single white male, 38, non-smoker, non-drinker, loves animals, and has many interests... COMPATIBLE... Single white professional male, 48, 5'7", computer savvy, humorous, persevering, enjoys the outdoors, bicycling, concerts, movies and more... JUST ME AND YOU... Hispanic male, 5'7", likes dining out, movies, just having fun and cozy movie nights... SINGLE DAD... 30 yr old divorced male, medium build who loves to spend time with his kids, dining out, movies, and time with that special person...

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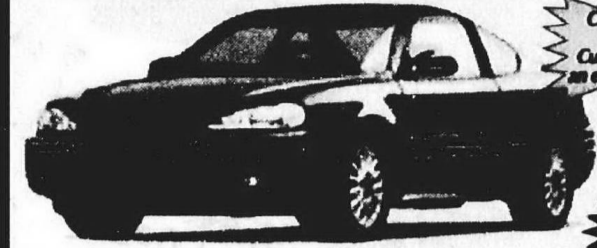
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- keyless entry
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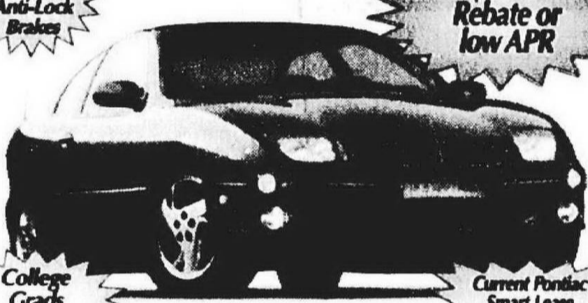
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- power steering
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SALE PRICE **GM'S PRICE**
\$15,712¹⁷* **\$15,109⁸⁵***
LEASE FOR **GM'S LEASE**
\$209⁸²** **\$188⁴⁵****
36 mos. 36 mos.
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SALE PRICE **GM'S PRICE**
\$30,122²⁸* **\$28,963⁷³***
LEASE FOR **GM'S LEASE**
\$484⁹³** **\$419⁰⁰****
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\$3384.73 due at signing \$3240.36 due at signing

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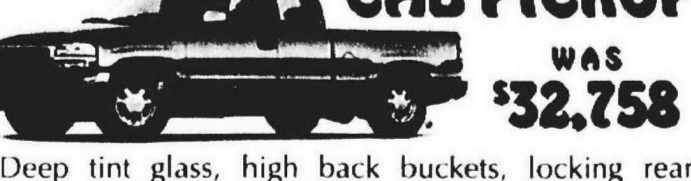


WAS \$27,228

All wheel drive, bucket seats, V-6, automatic rear heat, rear air conditioning, dutch doors, defogger, drivers power seat, stereo cassette/CD. Stock #1-5088

SALE PRICE **GM'S PRICE**
\$23,999* **\$23,336***
LEASE FOR **GM'S LEASE**
\$370³²** **\$335¹⁸****
36 mos. 36 mos.
\$2502.24 due at signing \$2440 due at signing

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WAS \$32,758

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SALE PRICE **GM'S PRICE**
\$27,515* **\$26,230***
LEASE FOR **GM'S LEASE**
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36 mos. 36 mos.
\$3152.95 due at signing \$3084.82 due at signing

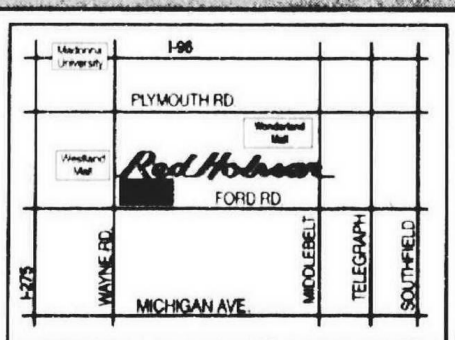
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WAS \$38,948

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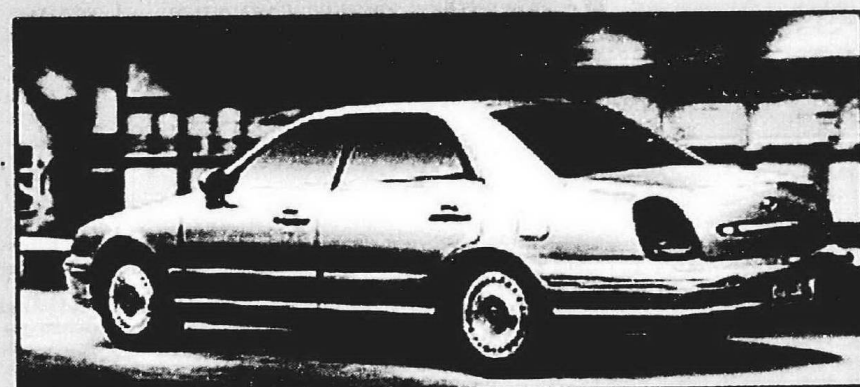
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<h3>2001 TAURUS SE</h3> <p>Stock #11728</p> <p>125 MONTHS AVAILABLE</p> <p>NORTHERN STATES PACKAGE TAURUS NOW AVAILABLE!</p> <p>FOUR DOOR</p> <p>Harvest Gold clearcoat metallic, medium parchment cloth bucket, 3.0L 2V 6-cyl engine, auto OD trans, P215/65R16 all season tire, anti-lock brakes, pkg credit, front & rear floor mats, 5-pass, seating w/storage console, 4-wheel anti-lock brakes.</p> <p>Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member</p> <p>WAS \$19,810 NOW \$15,934^{00*}</p> <p>A-PLAN 24 MO LEASE WITH RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$242^{94**} \$1500 DOWN \$197^{69**} per mo.</p>	<h3>2001 RANGER REG CAB</h3> <p>Stock #11205</p> <p>125 MONTHS AVAILABLE</p> <p>125 MONTHS AVAILABLE</p> <p>4X2 XLT</p> <p>Silver Frost clearcoat metallic, dark graphite cloth, XLT trim, CD/stereoclock, chrome wheels, XLT appearance group, 5 speed O/D trans, P225 steel OWL all season tires, 3.75 ratio reg axle, power equip group, speed control, tilt, leather wrap steering wheel, split bench seat, air.</p> <p>Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member</p> <p>WAS \$16,285 NOW \$10,916^{00*}</p> <p>A-PLAN 24 MO LEASE WITH RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$142^{41**} \$1500 DOWN \$112^{59**} per mo.</p>	<h3>2001 RANGER XLT</h3> <p>Stock #11187</p> <p>125 MONTHS AVAILABLE</p> <p>125 MONTHS AVAILABLE</p> <p>4X2 SUPERCAB</p> <p>Oxford White clearcoat, dk. graphite cloth, XLT trim, elec AM/FM stereo, XLT appear group, 3.0L EFI V6 engine, 5-speed auto O/D trans, P225 steel OWL, All-season tires, 3.73 ratio reg axle, power equip group, power window/locks, remote keyless entry, 4-door option, cloth 60/40 split bench seat, air.</p> <p>Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member</p> <p>WAS \$21,330 NOW \$15,555^{00*}</p> <p>A-PLAN 24 MO LEASE WITH RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$176^{75**} \$1500 DOWN \$112^{59**} per mo.</p>	<h3>2001 EXPLORER SPORT</h3> <p>Stock #11308</p> <p>125 MONTHS AVAILABLE</p> <p>125 MONTHS AVAILABLE</p> <p>2 DOOR 4x4</p> <p>Black clearcoat, dk. graphite cloth sport bucket, 4.0L SOHC V-6, 5-speed auto O/D trans, P225/70R16 AT OWL tires, 3.73 ratio reg axle, prem. sport group, step bar, front low hooks, fog lamps, conven. group, speed, tilt, puddle lamps, auto-lock/lock, remote keyless entry, AM/FM stereo w/sing. CD/less, cloth conven. group, front overhead console, floor console, power driver's seat, 5-way, cloth LB bucket seats.</p> <p>Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member</p> <p>WAS \$28,445 NOW \$23,121^{00*}</p> <p>A-PLAN 24 MO LEASE WITH RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$329^{25**} \$1500 DOWN \$266^{30**} per mo.</p>
<h3>2001 FOCUS SE</h3> <p>Stock #11708</p> <p>125 MONTHS AVAILABLE</p> <p>125 MONTHS AVAILABLE</p> <p>Let Ford Credit make your first 2 payments up to \$250/month! See Demmer for Details!</p> <p>4 door, Cloud White clearcoat, medium graphite cloth, 2.0L SPi engine, auto trans, P195/65R15 BSW tires, comfort group, tilt steering, speed control, front courtesy map lights.</p> <p>Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member</p> <p>WAS \$15,690 NOW \$13,177^{85**}</p> <p>A-PLAN 36 MO LEASE WITH RENEWAL ZERO DUE AT LEASE SIGNING! \$226^{50†} per mo.</p>	<h3>2001 WINDSTAR LX</h3> <p>Stock #12008</p> <p>125 MONTHS AVAILABLE</p> <p>125 MONTHS AVAILABLE</p> <p>WAGON</p> <p>Silver Frost clearcoat metallic, medium graphite cloth, 3.8L OHV EFI engine, 4 speed O/D trans, comfort group, aux climate control system, luggage rack, 2nd/3rd row privacy glass, CD/stereo/cass/clock, enhanced seating group.</p> <p>Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member</p> <p>WAS \$26,655 NOW \$20,157^{15*}</p> <p>A-PLAN 36 MO LEASE WITH RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$280^{36**} \$1500 DOWN \$238^{09**} per mo.</p>	<h3>2001 F150 XLT 4X4</h3> <p>Stock #11827</p> <p>125 MONTHS AVAILABLE</p> <p>125 MONTHS AVAILABLE</p> <p>STYLESIDE SUPERCAB</p> <p>Dark Highland Green Clearcoat, parchment 40/60 split bench, pref equip pkg 507A, XLT series, overhead console, AM/FM stereo, air, 5.4L EFI V8 engine, electronic shift, sliding rear window, trailer tow group, off road 4x4 equip group, P265/70R17 OWL, All-terrain, skid plates, 17" cast alum wheels (4).</p> <p>Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member</p> <p>WAS \$31,830 NOW \$23,099^{00*}</p> <p>A-PLAN 24 MO LEASE WITH RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$306^{12**} \$1500 DOWN \$240^{74**} per mo.</p>	<h3>2001 EXCURSION</h3> <p>Stock #11048</p> <p>125 MONTHS AVAILABLE</p> <p>125 MONTHS AVAILABLE</p> <p>4x4 LIMITED</p> <p>Deep Wedgwood Blue clearcoat, medium parchment leather, prem. alum wheels, aux heater/fan, reverse sensing system, third row seat, comfort/conven. group, power driver's seat, power rear quarter vent windows, 6.8L P1 V-10 gas engine, 4-speed auto trans, LT265/75FX160 OWL all-season, 3.73 ratio reg axle, alum. running boards, rear radio controls, telescopic power HTO T/T mirrors, storage CD heated front seats.</p> <p>Ford Employee or Eligible Family Member</p> <p>WAS \$42,600 NOW \$33,711^{00*}</p> <p>A-PLAN 24 MO LEASE WITH RENEWAL ZERO DOWN \$501^{02**} \$1500 DOWN \$435^{18**} per mo.</p>

MODEL	Down Payment	Total Due at Inception
2001 EXPLORER 4X4 SPORT	0 Down \$1800	\$488 \$3011
2001 RANGER XLT 4X2 SUPERCAB	0 Down \$1800	\$326 \$1848
2001 WINDSTAR LX WAGON	0 Down \$1800	\$486 \$3011
2001 EXCURSION LTD 4X4	0 Down \$1800	\$670 \$2190
2001 TAURUS SE 4 DOOR SEDAN	0 Down \$1800	\$288 \$1938
2001 RANGER REGULAR CAB	0 Down	\$384
2001 F150 4X4 SUPERCAB	0 Down \$1800	\$448 \$1988



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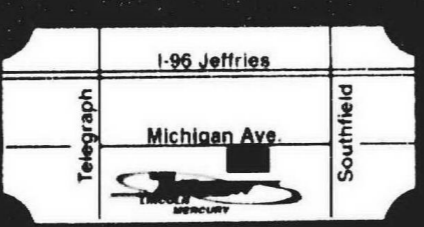
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