

THE WEEK  
**AHEAD**

**TUESDAY**

**School board:** The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. for a budget workshop. The meeting takes place at the E.J. McClendon Center on Harvey. In addition to talking about re-roofing Farrand Elementary, the board will discuss the 2001-2002 budget.

**Township board:** The Plymouth Township board meets at 7 p.m. in the board room at township hall, located at Ann Arbor and Lilley Roads.

**Hall of Fame:** The Plymouth Hall of Fame banquet starts at 6:15 p.m. at Plymouth Manor (see related story, this page).

**SATURDAY**

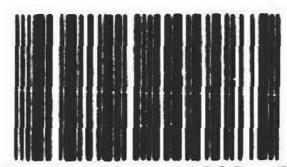
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**Tour guide:** Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm addresses Central Middle School students during their tour of the state capitol Tuesday. State Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, looks on.

## Capitol gang

### Central students get guided tour

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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**Granholm confident, AS**

Thousands of Michigan school students visit the state capitol building in Lansing each year. However, it's safe to assume that not too many get the royal treatment Central Middle School sixth-graders received during their visit Tuesday.

Teachers Jacqueline Young and Julie Matevia received a personal invitation from Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm. Granholm's daughter, Kate Mulhern, is a student at Central, and

Granholm invited the class to Lansing to learn about state government. Granholm and Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth) both began the day quizzing the 50 students on Michigan history, with Granholm handing out disposable cameras for correct answers.

Then it was on to see the House chambers, a place you can't get into unless accompanied by a state representative.

"I represent Plymouth-Canton Schools, which is the seventh-largest

district in the state," Stewart told his constituents. "The state spent more than \$88 billion, and over a third of it is dedicated to provide for public education."

Then it was off to see the Senate chambers (from the gallery), the Gallery of the Governors (portraits of former governors) and the former chambers of the Michigan Supreme Court. Along the way was a history lesson on the chandeliers, paintings, glass ceiling and the capitol dome.

"I thought the dome was awesome," said Haramol Gill of Canton.

Please see CAPITOL, AS

## Court rules in favor of condo residents

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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Bernadette Geers has lived in her Plymouth Pointe condominium since 1994, shortly after the first of three phases were constructed at North Territorial and Ridge roads.

"I love it here, these are beautiful condos," said Geers. However, not long after moving in, the roof began to leak. Then, a water pipe burst, causing damage to family photos and other cherished items.

"There have been roof leaks every single month, except one, since the condos were built," added Geers. "The driveways are cracking and the porches are crumbling. It's just awful."

The Plymouth Pointe Condominium Association went to the developer, Delcor Homes, to fix the ongoing problems. When Delcor refused, the association took their case to Wayne County Circuit Court. A jury saw it their way, and awarded the association a \$2.1 million judgment for breach of warranty. Delcor Homes was also ordered to pay an additional \$280,000 in damages for violations of the Michigan

Consumer Protection Act, which prohibits deceptive trade practices.

Northville attorney Michael McNamara, who represented condominium owners, said with interest and attorney fees the total cost to Delcor will total nearly \$3 million.

"The association spent almost \$200,000 for urgent repairs and additional maintenance prior to filing the lawsuit in 1999," he said. "Defects included leaking roofs on all six buildings, crumbling masonry and loose bricks, inadequate footings for porches and sagging driveway pavement."

"Delcor was saying that any problems that developed after a year weren't covered by the warranty," he said. "We argued that the fact the defects were hidden was Delcor's problem, not the residents' problem."

Delcor Homes attorney Lawrence Gaddi did not return telephone calls.

McNamara said the good news is the money will be used to pay for \$700,000 in repairs needed at the condominium complex. The bad news ... Delcor is expected to appeal, tying up the money in court for another year or two.

That could mean a special assessment for each of the 144 owners, which comes to approximately \$4,861 each.

## Plymouth Hall of Fame inducts pair

BY SUE BUCK  
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Retired Judge James Garber and the late Plymouth Mayor Robert Sincok are this year's inductees into the 2001 Plymouth Hall of Fame.

The 6:15 p.m. Tuesday dinner event, sponsored by both the Evening Kiwanis Club and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, will be held at Plymouth Manor on Main Street.

"Both have added a great deal to our community," Fran Toney, Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, said of the inductees.

Sincok moved from the Upper Peninsula to Plymouth in 1943, where he remained until his death at age 69 in 1986. He and wife, Dorothy, raised three children in their Penniman Avenue home.

"A feeling of warmth came over me when I received a letter from William S. Miller, chairman of the Hall of Fame," said Dorothy Sincok. "Tears followed a call from Pat Thomas and Fran Toney, com-

mittee members. Bob loved his family and knew the true meaning of togetherness. He loved the city and its need of togetherness."

Paul Sincok, Robert's son, who was recently named Plymouth City Manager, learned first-hand that community service was important to the success of the town. As Paul grew, so did the town and its achievements which were molded by his father.

"I rode my bike down to Sheldon when they were expanding it to four lanes," Sincok reminisced.

He watched with interest as the Cultural Center developed.

A retired Realtor and self-employed businessman, Robert Sincok served as Plymouth Mayor, Plymouth City Commissioner, was a member of the Parking Commission, the Cemetery Board of Trustees and Municipal Building Authority.

He was on the Council of Aging, the Plymouth Symphony of Directors and the Plymouth Community Fund which is now known as the Plymouth Community Unit-

ed Way. Instrumental in the development of Plymouth City Hall, Sincok laid the cornerstone and time capsule to that building in 1963.

During the early 1970s Sincok led the way for the creation of the Plymouth Cultural Center and Ice Arena. He served as dedication chairman in 1973.

Sincok also served the community through his 40-year involvement in the Rotary Club, serving as president in 1978-77.

Though Toney didn't personally know Robert Sincok, she was impressed that so many things could be accomplished in the city by someone who wasn't an employee for the city.

"We didn't realize that Robert Sincok did not work for the city," Toney said. "He initiated so many programs."

Just as his father's life was steeped in history, Paul, who was recently appointed Plymouth City Manager, has a name.



Robert A. Sincok



Judge James Garber

## Visteon lays off local workers

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About 950 white collar jobs at Visteon Corp. offices in the United States, about 12 percent of the national salaried workforce, were eliminated Wednesday.

Though officials of the auto parts supplier wouldn't provide a number of those laid off at the climate control system office on Helm Street in Plymouth Township, one report placed the number at about 100 people.

There were no layoffs at the Sheldon Road plant, according to Carly Lamprecht, media relations person for Visteon. No union positions were eliminated.

"We're not breaking it out by location or job titles because it is tight knit," Lamprecht said. "We centralized staff functions such as human resources materials management, legal, financial and communications."

Though no union jobs were affected, union officials are watching the situation.

"They are only laying off salaried workers," said Kirk Sivic, vice president of UAW Local 845. "We don't like to see any people lose their jobs. They don't consult us when they lay off their own people."

Sivic didn't know how many Plymouth Township-based workers were affected. "The rumor mill has it about 70-100," Sivic said.

Plant staffing in the United States and operations outside of the country will be reviewed in the next review phase, Lamprecht said.

Visteon has 82,000 employees in more than 130 technical, manufacturing, sales and service facilities located in 23 countries.

The recent layoffs were due to the company's own restructuring initiative and not to the downturn in the auto industry, Lamprecht said.

Organizational layers will be removed. The actions are meant to streamline the company and strengthen the company for growth.

"We will offer financial assistance, counseling and job search assistance," Peter J. Pestillo, Visteon's chairman and chief executive officer, said in a press release. "We believe this is the right path to support the future success of Visteon and its people."

Visteon's action builds on initiatives taken in December to cut overtime, travel and discretionary spending, and freeze hiring.

**'We don't like to see any people lose their jobs.'**

Kirk Sivic  
—Local vice president

### Scouts honor Plymouth woman for career example

The Huron Valley Girl Scout Council has recognized Amelia Chan, Ph.D., of Plymouth as a Woman of Distinction.



Amelia Chan

Chan has "exhibited through her career and volunteerism a philosophy that is parallel with the Girl Scout movement," Council officials said. "She has demonstrated the leadership, responsibility and decision-making skills that inspire girls to become

confident business and community leaders."

Chan is assistant dean of the College of Business at Eastern Michigan University. The college enrollment is currently 50 percent female. Chan is currently vice chair of the EMU Women's Commission and serves on the scholarship committee. She has planned the EMU "Take Your Daughter to Work Day" program the last six years, and volunteers for the Detroit Institute of Arts and Chinese American Educational and Cultural Center of Michigan.

## Local residents miffed by runway shift

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
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More than 100 Canton and Plymouth Township residents packed the Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting room Tuesday to protest a 240-foot runway shift at the state-owned Mettetal Airport.

The Bureau of Aeronautics approached the board about the shift, stating pilots and the Airport Advisory Board had grown concerned over pilot and motorist safety, and the runway's proximity to Joy Road.

The runway is located 50 feet south of Joy Road, east of Lilley Road.

Supervising Engineer Mark Noel said the shift to the south would decrease the likelihood of an aircraft sliding off the end of the runway and onto Joy, potentially crashing into motorist.

Noel said the proposal is a shift, not an expansion, and the pavement at the north of the runway could either be torn up or left in place to provide an additional paved buffer between the runway and the road.

By contract, the 2,556-foot runway cannot be modified without a resolution from Canton and the state.

"If you put down one square inch of pavement, that's an

expansion," said Plymouth Township resident Bob Zaetta, former spokesperson for the Concerned Citizens grass-roots group who opposed the 1993 state purchase of the airport.

Noel said the runway does not currently meet FAA safety zone standards, and shifting the runway is one way to bring the runway into compliance. While the proposal was brought up because of pilot concerns, he added compliance is linked to future FAA funding for capital improvements.

When Trustee Robert Shefferly asked when the FAA standards went into effect, Noel stated they were implemented in 1989, five years before the state purchased the formerly private airport. The airport has since 1989 been operating under a waiver from the FAA, but the waiver could be revoked at any time because the FAA has been examining the waivers after a fatal 1999 aircraft crash in Little Rock, Ark., Noel said.

That was news to Zaetta. "We were told that this airport was safe and that this airport

**'We were told that this airport was safe and that this airport was in total compliance with all state and federal standards.'**

**Bob Zaetta**  
—Plymouth Township resident

was in total compliance with all state and federal standards," he said. "I think we were misled."

The majority of the meeting's attendees were Coves of Canton condominium residents, who said the shift would affect their safety and quality of life.

Dan Herriman, whose firm manages three communities, including the Coves, said 102 homeowners had signed a petition in opposition to the shift, and 146 had sent letters expressing concerns.

"The state and Canton Township ought to find another location altogether," Herriman said, prompting applause from the audience.

Mike Stankov, Plymouth Township resident who also opposed the state purchase and who later served four years on the advisory board, still opposes changes to the airports.

He said he opposes the changes because it's a waste of tax money. He questioned how much the shift would cost, and Noel stated he didn't know, but estimated \$50,000.

"There was approximately \$7

million paid for this airport with yours and my tax dollars," Stankov said, also noting the state paid the property owner to the south of the runway \$972,000 for an air easement. "There's been a lot of money pumped into what is essentially a hobby airport."

Further, Stankov said the state has designated Canton as a "non-densely populated area," which enables the particularly noisy Ultra Light aircraft to use the airport.

Vasilios Damavletes, the owner of the property and buildings abutting the runway's south said he knew nothing about such a payment.

Damavletes' son, Charles, said he was not notified of the meeting by the township like the homeowners south of the runway were. He said the runway's encroachment on his business could put at risk the lives of the 300 employees who work in his buildings at the west end of Koppernick. The shift would put the runways 400 feet from Damavletes' two-story buildings.

Township Supervisor Tom Yack said the board is not required to take any action on the issue, but could place it on an agenda and put it to a vote.

The resolution to approve or deny the extension will be placed on the April 24 agenda.

### EMOTIONAL EATING: THE FOOD AND MOOD CONNECTION

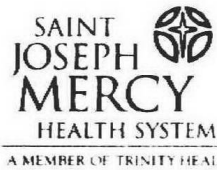


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#### Volunteers honored

Plymouth residents Clare Mueller and Maryi Jane Phillips are among those to be honored when St. Joseph Mercy Hospital recognizes its volunteers at a Volunteer Recognition Banquet April 25.

Mueller and Phillips will receive the Bettie Wilson Award for 10 years of service, Mueller for her work in pastoral ministry and Phillips for volunteering in pharmacy.

#### Scavenger hunt

It's time for the annual Spring Scavenger Hunt.

The centerpiece of the hunt, being sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority and the Plymouth Observer, will once again be the colorful posters adorning the windows of participating downtown businesses. Participants will have to match the pictures on the posters to corresponding entries on the contest entry form. Entries with the most correct answers will be put into a drawing for a Grand Prize Easter Basket and one of three runner-up baskets.

The hunt began March 31, with entry forms being available in downtown stores and at the Plymouth Observer office, 794 S. Main. Contest forms must be returned by April 9, and can be returned to marked boxes at the DDA (831 Penniman Ave.), Plymouth Chamber of Commerce (386 S. Main), Plymouth City Hall (201 S. Main)

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and the Plymouth District Library (223 S. Main).

"The Observer is pleased to partner with the DDA and local businesses to co-sponsor the scavenger hunt," said Susan Rosiek, publisher of seven Observer newspapers, including the Plymouth Observer. "As your local community newspaper, we are proud to be involved in such a unique community event."

For more information on the contest, call Purcell at the DDA, 455-1453.

#### Tag line contest

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a "tag line" contest to find the best brief, catchy slogan to help people understand and remember the services the chamber provides.

The winning entry will receive fabulous prizes including a \$150 gift certificate for dining and shopping in Plymouth; an evening at the Penn Theater; and a cozy night's stay at 932 Penniman - a Bed N' Breakfast.

Enter as many ideas as you like; deadline

for entry is April 20 at 4:20 p.m. Enter by email, fax or mail. Send entries to the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, Tag Line Contest." Email to chamber@plymouthmi.org, or fax to (734) 453-1724. Entries can be mailed to the chamber, 386 S. Main, Plymouth MI 48170.

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

#### Egg hunt

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#### Republicans meet

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## Recreation grants pouring in as city prepares to upgrade programs

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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The City of Plymouth, with the support of state and local grants and donations, is poised to spend more than a million dollars on recreation programs and facilities this year.

Since January, the city has received \$669,000 in outside money for recreation, with the city to add \$342,000 from its coffers.

Auto dealer Don Massey announced he's donating more than \$17,000 for improvements at Don Massey Field, located at Plymouth and Haggerty roads. The money will be used to purchase a new scoreboard and repainting of the light towers.

"Mr. Massey has been extremely generous to the Plymouth community with this facility," said Steve Anderson, the city's athletic supervisor. "He is responsible for the original field lighting system that was a part of the first phase of development of the complex. The most recent grant will help set the standards for athletic fields in our area."

In addition to the improve-

ments made possible by the Massey grant, other upgrades scheduled for the complex include the installation of a new elevated scorers box, electrical outlet installation for vending machines and the extension of safety fencing down the third base line.

During the past year, several major upgrades have been made to Massey field through a number of public and private partnerships. Improvements have included an enclosed dugout, a newly paved parking lot and outfield fence windscreens.

Last week, the State of Michigan Office of Services to the Aging announced the city will be receiving a mini-grant in the amount of \$7,000. The money was awarded as a result of the number of senior citizen programs at the Cultural Center. It will be earmarked toward parking lot improvements at the Cultural Center.

In January, City Manager Paul Sincok announced the recreation department received a \$635,000 State Department of Natural Resources grant for upgrades at the Cultural Center. The money will be used to add

two hockey locker rooms to the east side of the building, add a Zamboni equipment storage room, dasher boards, installation of a new energy reduction system for lighting and refrigeration in the ice arena, plus installation of new emergency lighting and exit signage.

The state grant requires matching funds of \$342,000 from the city.

Also recently, the city received \$8,000 from the state to make an arts and crafts sink and counter at the Cultural Center handicap compliant. And the Plymouth Rotary Club previously donated \$2,000 for a new basketball scoreboard at Central Middle School.

"It clearly indicates how good our recreation department is at going after grant funding," said Sincok. "It shows we're putting a priority on recreation, and that we're focusing a lot of attention on partnerships between community groups like the Rotary club, private groups like Don Massey and the state. All of it combined is what makes it happen."



Samantha Panek, 12, sits next to the seal of the state of Michigan during an introductory spiel from tour guide Kerry Chartkoff, capitol archivist, state Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, and state Attorney General Jennifer Granholm.

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"The paintings and chandeliers were neat and interesting," added Brynne Good of Plymouth.

As they were leaving, Granholm boarded the bus and played "Who Wants to Be a Pencilaire," handing out pencils for correct answers to government history questions.

"It's really marvelous for the students to see the Capitol," said Granholm. "I hope they go away feeling inspired by democracy and how great it is."

There will be at least one other class that will receive Granholm's special treatment. The fourth-grade class of her daughter, Cecelia Mulhern, at Our Lady of Good Counsel will visit Lansing April 8.



Jesse Pletsch and Allen Williams, both 12, look up at the glass ceiling tiles in the House of Representatives chamber at the state capitol Tuesday.

## Granholm confident she'll win governor's race

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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While waving good-bye to Central Middle School sixth graders after a visit to the state capital, Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm said there's no doubt in her mind that she is going to win the Democratic nomination for governor.

"I wouldn't have entered the race if I wasn't the most likely one to win," said a confident Granholm.

Granholm acknowledged that with so much time before the 2002 election, it's too early to begin campaigning for governor. However, once former governor Jim Blanchard and Congressman David Bonior announced their intentions, it was time to make a move.

"It's way too early to start the campaign for governor," said Granholm. "However, if I didn't jump

in now, I would be seen as being unwilling to serve."

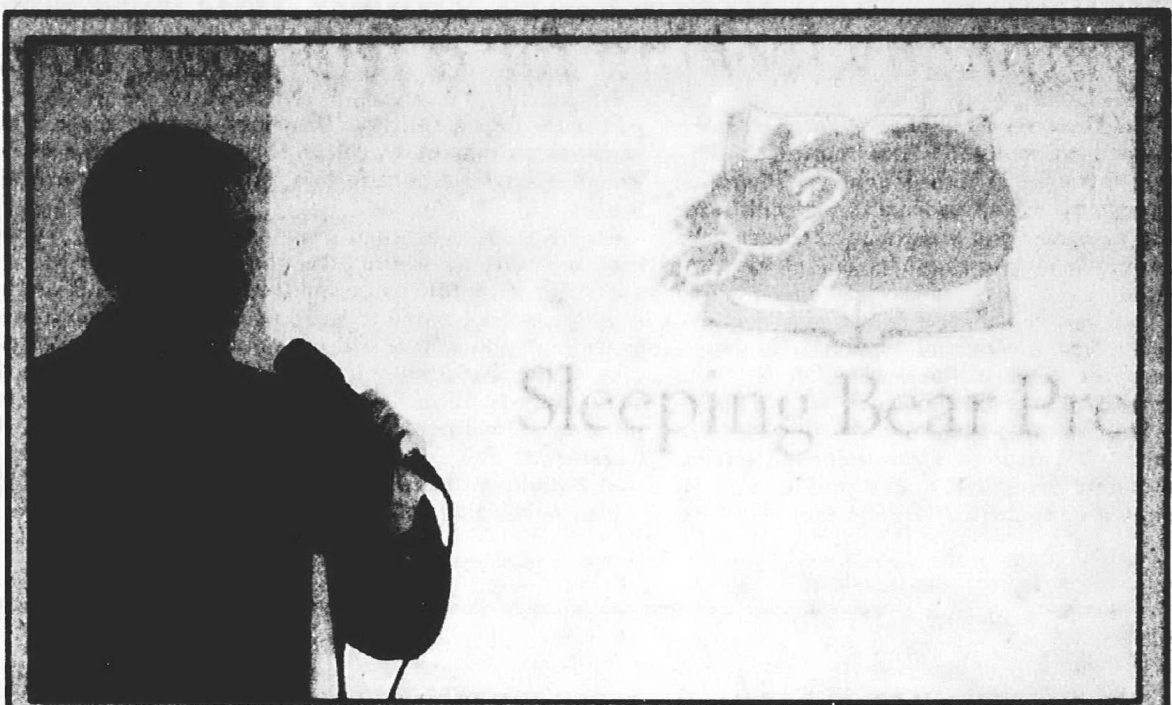
In other words, Granholm had to get into the race now to secure political and financial backing, or face losing it to her competition.

Granholm said her top three priorities are the economy, education and the environment.

"As the economy goes, so does everything else," she said. "However, I still have a lot left on my plate as attorney general, so the campaigning and other work will have to be done around the edges."

Granholm has heard the criticism that with only a couple of years as attorney general, she lacks the political experience needed to capture the state's highest office.

"Look at the paintings in the capitol," Granholm suggests. "A vast majority of our governors were not career politicians. That's what best leads are all about."



Sleeping grant: Sleeping Bear Press Publisher Brian Lewis addresses the Friends of the Libraries 15th Annual Author Luncheon Thursday at Fox Hills Country Club in Salem Township.

## Chelsea publisher talks up titles

BY CAROL MANNING  
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Friends and patrons of four local libraries gathered Thursday to raise money for library programs and to get the inside story from Sleeping Bear Press Publisher Brian Lewis.

"All in all, I think the luncheon was a great success," said Canton Public Library Volunteer Coordinator Marsha Barker.

Barker said the luncheon, which was sponsored by the Observer and Hamlet newspapers, raised money for the Canton, Northville, Novi and Plymouth Libraries.

Chelsea-based Sleeping Bear Press offered books for sale at a 50-percent discount, so the libraries could earn a third of the book sale's proceeds.

Barker said she does not know how much was raised Thursday, but the annual event usually raises about \$600 or \$700 for each library.

The money helps to fund adult and youth programming, scholarships, and special projects such as the Arts/Sculpture fund at the Canton Public Library.

Barker said 190 people attended the event. Lewis stayed to sign books, some of them literally hot off the press and not yet available in bookstores.

"Every body seemed very happy with the luncheon," Lewis said. "I had a great time and hope to be back soon."



Novi Public Library Assistant Director Pauline Druschel listens intently to Sleeping Bear Press Publisher Brian Lewis.

its time with the patrons."

Lewis also gave his audience a sneak peek at upcoming Sleeping Bear features.

One book, which will be available in stores in two weeks, *A is for America*, is similar to best-selling Sleeping Bear book *M is for Milton*, but features all the states.

"It makes tingles go down your spine," Lewis said of the book. "It makes you proud to be an American. We try to put that extra piece of emotion in our books."

Coming to bookstores this week is *Hannah and the Hammanulus*, a children's story about a little girl who loses her "no," and illustrates the power of words.

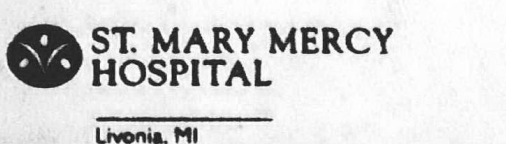
Sleeping Bear Press has other titles that will be released this spring and summer, but book lovers can't wait some of them can be visiting the publisher's Web site at [www.sleepingbearpress.com](http://www.sleepingbearpress.com).

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the school they noticed the boys were alone.  
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The boys were taken to the township office for questioning.

# Symphony looking for a few good contest artists

The Observer Newspapers, along with the Plymouth Community Arts Council, the Plymouth Historical Museum and the Plymouth Symphony, are sponsoring an art contest for the design of the mascot to represent the new Passport to the Arts & Culture program.

Passport to the Arts is an incentive program that provides all youth (K-12) with a passport to travel the world of culture and art available in the Plymouth community.

The contest is open to youth in grades K-8 in the Plymouth-Canton School District. Students are asked to design a mascot, an animal or character, to represent the Pass-

port to the Arts & Culture. Drawings should represent a mascot traveling through the world of arts and culture (art, music, and history).

Only 8 x 11 inch pencil drawings will be accepted. Artists should label the backs of drawings with full name, address, phone number, school name, classroom teacher, grade and age. There will be a public display of the works submitted at Art in the Park (July 13-15). All entries become the property of Passport to the Arts and will not be returned.

The winning drawing will be adapted for use in publicizing the program and for the

cover of the passport. The winner will be acknowledged at the inaugural Passport to the Arts & Culture Family Concert Aug. 3 in Kellogg Park, an event of the Downtown Development Authority's Music in the Air Series. Judges will include music director and conductor Nan Washburn of the Plymouth Symphony and State Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township.

Please deliver or mail entries to The Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Call 734-416-4ART or e-mail plymouthsymphony@aol.com for more information. Deadline for entries is May 4.

# 3rd company wants in under brownfield plan

BY SUE BUCK  
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A third company has joined the list of those seeking to develop using the Plymouth Township Brownfield Authority.

Phoenix Land Development wants to redevelop 29 acres at the former Wycoff Steel site north of Ann Arbor Road, south of Ann Arbor Trail, east of Mill Street and near the C&O Railroad and west of Gold Arbor Road. The facility has been closed for several years. The manufacturing building was demolished. AMPCO Pittsburgh, the former owner, addressed the majority of environmental contamination issues.

The request follows earlier approvals given to officials from Plymouth Commerce Park at Plymouth and Eckles Roads and LOC Performance Products Inc., which is moving from Industrial Drive in Plymouth to the northwest corner of Haggerty and Plymouth Road.

The plan, which was approved at a recent Plymouth Township board meeting, was forwarded to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. The company will either develop 250 townhouses with an open space area or an industrial site.

"Everything in the work plan looks as though that is the direction they will work toward," said Jim Anulewicz, department of public services director. "That is what they are trying to do. They are trying to cover their tracks."

Having two choices provides an alternative if the state says the property isn't suitable for residential purposes, officials said.

"Approval of the brownfield plan allows us to do the environmental work to bring the property to a condition that is suitable for residential purposes," said Grant Trigger, an attorney with Honigman, Miller, Swartz and Cohn in Detroit.

Plymouth Township Trustee Abe Munfakh said the intent is to do the clean-up so it can be developed as residential.

The residential plan features a pocket park and park commons area with a private drive.

Richard Reaume, a Waverly resident, urged the board to look at traffic and circulation issues. "You have to look at the impact on ingress and egress," Reaume said at the March 27 board meeting.

The Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act gives municipalities tax advantages at brownfield sites. Brownfields are abandoned, idle, or under-used industrial or commercial property where development is complicated by real or perceived contamination.

How well property must be cleaned up depends on its proposed use and how likely people are to be exposed to contaminants.

The township likes brownfield redevelopment because it puts land back into use, which means more tax money. In addition, the property is cleaned up.

Developers benefit because brownfield redevelopment places liability on those who caused the contamination and gives assistance to recoup clean-up costs, officials said.

The end result is tax advantages for business owners so they can invest in contaminated areas of Plymouth Township. That means more jobs, reuse of abandoned land and a cleaner environment.

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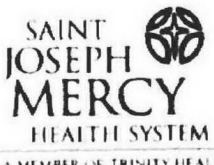
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# Senators debate Internet privacy

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"Cookies" - small data files inserted onto a computer's hard drive by a Web site - can be designed to track a person's use of the Internet. They are not uncommon among commercial Web pages, leaving privacy rights advocates concerned about how and why their movements in cyberspace are being monitored.

But should the State of Michigan use cookies on its Web pages?

Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith, D-Salem, says it shouldn't. If it does, state Web pages should include a warning to users that cookies may be placed on their computers, along with instructions about how to delete or disable them.

Cookies, according to Sen. John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, are most often used by state Web pages, not to track users, but to make accessing those sites easier. Cookies can be designed to remember preferences or passwords for users that return to a given Web page frequently, he said.

Debate over the issue erupted in the Senate last week as its members grappled with an \$18.5 million appropriations bill for general government, Senate Bill 234. The spending plan includes allocations for the executive branch, the Legislature, the Attorney General and the departments of Management

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and Budget, State and Treasury.

But the bill also includes language which enables the e-Michigan office to sell ads on its Internet sites and use that money for operations and salary expenses. Any revenue over \$250,000 would be allocated to the state's General Fund.

The e-Michigan office was created by Gov. John Engler in an executive order last year. The office was intended to coordinate the state's Internet pages and make more state services available on-line.

As the spending item came up for approval, Smith attempted to tack on an amendment intended to protect the privacy of computer users.

"This is supposed to be a system that we establish for the convenience of our citizens to give them greater access to our agencies and departments, and not one that constitutes a potential invasion of privacy on them and selling of information to

other agencies, other entities that are outside of government," Smith said.

Smith proposed an amendment requiring that a warning notice pop up on users' screens should users enter a state site where cookies are used.

Schwarz argued that such a warning screen would require more work on the part of the user to navigate through state Web pages.

"The mandatory privacy policy you are proposing runs counter to best practices of Web design," Schwarz said. "The more clicks you have to use to get where you want to go drives users away. It is distracting and unnecessary."

Schwarz offered wording that would require a privacy policy be posted somewhere on the Web site, explaining how to view and remove cookies.

Smith argued the policy should pop up on users' screens because, "Simply notifying individuals that there is a privacy policy does not guarantee that they will then look in that policy, be notified that a cookie is being

sent, and what their remedies might be if they choose not to participate in that process where they are trapped and categorized by the state of Michigan."

"This administration wants to use computer cookies to track user behavior so they bury their policy where the average Internet user won't find it," Smith said.

Senators initially voted to support Smith's amendment 19-16, but later reconsidered and instead settled on Schwarz's version to simply post the policy on the Web site. Sen. William Van-Regenmorter, R-Hudsonville, changed his vote during reconsideration, swinging the vote in favor of Schwarz's amendment.

On the final vote for Smith's affirmative warning: Sens. John D. Cherry Jr., D-Clio, George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn, and Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield, voted yes.

Sens. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, Bill Bullard, R-Highland, Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, and Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, voted no.

# Senators put brakes on an odometer tax

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State senators put the brakes on a research program that could have eventually led to creation of an "odometer tax."

When considering the state's \$3.1 billion transportation budget for 2001-02 last week, senators tacked on an amendment offered by Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, ordering the Michigan Department of Transportation to spend no more money on the program.

Senators accepted the amendment without opposition before passing the budget proposal in a 35-0 vote.

"The people I have heard from have said that they absolutely do not like the idea, which smacks of 'big brother,' of the state being able to track where they drive," Peters said.

"Collecting a tax from people based on the number of miles they drive is also ludicrous given that we already collect a gas tax from people every time they fill up their cars."

The MDOT launched into the study when lawmakers asked it to research other ways to raise road revenues, according to a department spokesman. Better gas mileage in cars has resulted in the gas tax falling behind needed road repairs.

Michigan, along with nine other states, joined a research program being done at the universities of Minnesota and Iowa to track drivers by satellite to determine the number of miles they drive. Because the tax would be based on miles driven, it was referred to as the odometer tax.

The overall cost of the research has been put at \$700,000.

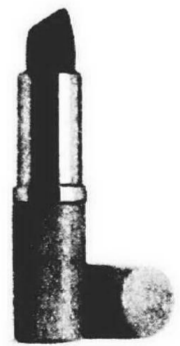
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**Aerial honors:** Dr. Donald C. Ross of Redford was honored recently in Lansing by the Michigan Bureau of Aeronautics Board of Commissioners for his contribution to aviation in Michigan. The award, honoring his long career as an aviation medical examiner for the FAA, was presented by Bob Bender, chair of the Aeronautics Commission. Ross was also presented with the Aviation Safety Counselor of the Year Award for the Detroit District of the FAA by Carol Callan, the Safety Program Manager for Operations at the Detroit Flight Standards District Office. Since 1996, Ross has given more than 13,000 flight physicals to pilots from all over the country. He retired in October, and was also recently recognized by the regional and National Flight Surgeons for his years as a medical examiner. Representatives of the FAA from both Chicago and Oklahoma City, Okla., were in Plymouth to make that presentation.

## Hall from page A1

Robert Sincok was a charter member of the Plymouth Knights of Columbus. And when Paul assumes the presidency of the Rotary Club of Plymouth in July, it will mark the first time both the father and son have held the position.

### James Garber

Garber was a judge in the Plymouth community for 16 years. He is a past president of the Plymouth Jaycees, Co-founder and First Chair of the Plymouth Community YMCA and Co-founder of the Plymouth Community Band.

He is a Plymouth Chamber of Commerce past president, Plymouth United Way past chair and is active at the parish, district and synodical level of Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

He served as Chief of the Criminal Division and Chief Trial Attorney of the Wayne County Prosecutors office.

Garber lectured nationally for agencies like the American Bar Association, National College of District Attorneys and the University of Michigan's Institute of Continuing Legal Education.

Garber is a recognized leader in the legal community who served as a consultant to the Presidential Commission on Criminal Justice, the Institute for Judicial Administration, and the Michigan Supreme Court. He is listed in Who's Who in American Law.

Garber couldn't be reached. "I don't know of another community with a judge who served on the chamber, was a board member and was chamber presi-

dent," Toney said. "He continued to play a role in the community's growth."

Garber was a major influence in what would later become Leadership Plymouth and Leadership Plymouth for Youth, Toney said. He encouraged the jumpstart of the Hall of Fame awards after a hiatus, she said.

Garber and Sincok follow other Plymouth Hall of Fame recipients.

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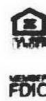
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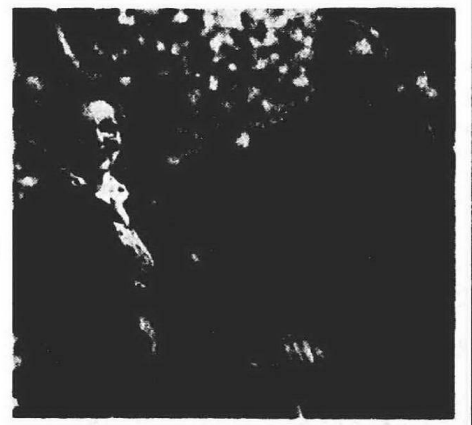
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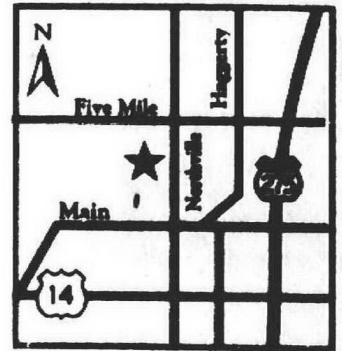
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# Rep. Anderson opposes House plan to reform pay procedures

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State lawmakers voted last week to revise Michigan's pay-setting procedure for lawmakers and state officers. They are responding to the controversy surrounding this year's 36-percent pay increase for senators and representatives.

While the reforms to the State Officers Compensation Commission were popular, winning a 100-3 vote in the House of Representatives, they did not pass muster with all local lawmakers.

"I voted no on (the revised pay plan), because SJR D would set in the constitution an automatic pay raise for the legislature if the SOCC makes a recommendation at or below a set level," Rep. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, said. "This would take away the ability of the legislature to express itself on this issue. I believe the legislature should be held accountable and be made to vote on all recommendations made by the State Officers Compensation Commission."

But the amendment won approval of most representatives, and they sent it back to the Senate. If senators approve, a question amending the compensation commission portion of the constitution will be placed on the August 2002 ballot for

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State Rep. Glenn Anderson: D-Westland

approval by voters.

Under the amendment, raises higher than those of civil service workers must be approved by both House and Senate.

Anderson's argument was that language would only allow for a vote when the compensation commission recommended raises higher than those of civil service workers.

Legislators raises were tied to civil service amounts so that legislator pay would keep pace with inflation in the future, said House speaker Rick Johnson, R-LeRoy. Requiring a vote would avoid a repeat of large raises for legislators without a vote, he said.

The House also added the state Attorney General and the Secretary of State to the list of offices for which pay rates are to

be set by the compensation commission. The amendment also would require the compensation commission to issue its recommendations in three reports, one for legislators, one for state officers, and another for supreme court justices. Currently the compensation commission includes all pay increases in a single recommendation. If lawmakers are to turn them down, all raises must be tossed out together.

## County puts defibrillators at Metro

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# Ford honors Johnson Controls

Johnson Controls of Plymouth was recognized by the Ford Motor Co. with its 2000 World Excellence Award, honoring the company as one of the automaker's top suppliers in the world for its performance last year.

The awards ceremony took place March 20 at the Detroit Opera House.

At the event, Johnson Controls officials accepted the award in the Recognition of Achievement category for outstanding performance in warranty-reduc-

tion activities for automotive seating and interiors during 2000. The World Excellence Awards program provides annual recognition based on quality, cost and delivery metrics jointly developed by Ford and its suppliers. A total of 38 suppliers from 14 countries won awards from Ford in various categories.

The Ford World Excellence Award-Recognition of Achievement is given to suppliers that have an effect on customer satisfaction by leading the following

key initiatives for Ford: high-mileage improvement, warranty reduction, environmental leadership and consumer-focused technology. Recognition of Achievement awards were presented to 13 suppliers at the event.

"This prestigious award reflects very favorably on our employees for the outstanding quality, craftsmanship and focus on customer satisfaction they have delivered to Ford throughout the world," said Rande Somma, president of North America for the Automotive Systems Group of Johnson Controls. "We are honored to receive this award, and we will sustain a strong commitment to maintaining our successful partnership with Ford in the coming years."

Carlos Mazzorin, Ford group vice president of Global Purchasing and South America, congratulated Johnson Controls and called the company one of Ford's most valuable assets. Without the supplier's extraordinary contributions, Ford could not have achieved many of its goals in 2000, he said.

**VALERIE ANN GREULICH**  
Services for Valerie Ann Greulich, 66, of Kansas City, Mo., were held March 29 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville with the Rev. Ernest Porcari officiating. Burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mrs. Greulich was born Sept. 25, 1934, in Detroit and died March 24 in Kansas City. She was a homemaker. She moved to the Kansas City community four years ago from Plymouth.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred; brother, Gerald Prieur; and parents, Michael and Marguerite Prieur.

Survivors include children, Michelle Ternig of Fowlerville, Edward M. Bolsendahl of Milford, Lori (Douglas) Taepke of Northville, John Bolsendahl of Plymouth, and Paul (Teresa) Bolsendahl of Howell; grandchildren, Suzanne, Steven, Megan and Robert Taepke; brothers Michael (Gerry) Prieur of Allen Park and Patrick (Elaine) Prieur of Lima, Ohio; and sisters Denise (Henry) Sage of Kansas City, Mo., and Margo (Tom) Baker of Detroit.

Memorial contributions may

be made to the Orphaned Children's Charity, c/o Lori Taepke.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

**JOANNE E. BAKER**  
Services for Joanne E. Baker, 40, of Livonia, were held April 4 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. John J. Kenny officiating.

Mrs. Baker was born Sept. 18, 1960, in Ft. Wayne, Ind., and died March 30 in Cancun, Mexico. She was the accountant for the Side Street Pub in Plymouth for the last 15 years. She came to the Livonia community in 1982 from Detroit. She loved NASCAR racing and hockey. She was a loving wife, daughter, mother and sister.

Survivors include her husband, Jeffrey Baker of Livonia; children, Nicole, Joshua, and Cody; parents, David Boersig of Livonia and Judy Boersig of Denver, Colo.; brother, David Boersig Jr. of Canton; sisters, Susan Gerber of Tucson, Ariz., Karen Boersig of Plymouth and Lisa Boersig of Kansas City, Mo.; and aunts, Joy (Tom) Hollen of Canton, and Barb Rifle of Livonia.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Joanne E. Baker Memorial Fund.

Arrangements made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

She enjoyed sewing and knitting and was loved by all who knew her.

Survivors include husband James (Cheryl) Dwyer of Saginaw, Daniel (Jeanne) Dwyer of Farmington, Susan (Ron) Thompson of Canton, Terrance (Sandy) Dwyer of Livonia, Jeffrey (Kim) Dwyer of Northville, Kelly (Rob) McCoy of Ft. Thomas, Ky., and Kerie Dwyer and her fiancée, Andy Zale of Plymouth; 17 grandchildren; brothers, James (Jan) Morse of Redford, Richard (Joanne) Morse of Northville, and Ronald (Nancy) Morse of Northville; and sisters, Adele McVeigh of Northville and Carol Stearns of Howell.

Memorial contributions may be made to The University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Care Unit, 3003 South State St., Room 8070, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

**MARGARET C. LEONARD**  
Services for Margaret C. Leonard, 86, of Plymouth were held March 27 at Our Lady of Good Counsel with the Rev. John J. Sullivan and the Rev. Richard Perfetto officiating.

Mrs. Leonard was born Nov. 28, 1914, in Homestead, Pa., and died March 24 in Plymouth. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

Survivors include her husband, William A. Leonard of Plymouth; son, William A. "Biff" (Amy) Leonard Jr. of San Diego, Calif.; daughter, M. Susan (Steve) Danen of Oconomowoc, Wis.; grandchildren, Kathryn and Will Leonard and Kristy, Aubrey and Tyler Danen.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of America Michigan Chapter, 1421 E. 12 Mile Road, Madison Heights, MI 48071.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

**MARILYN B. DWYER**  
Services for Marilyn B. Dwyer, 66, of Plymouth Township will be held April 10 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Richard Kelly officiating.

Mrs. Dwyer was born June 21, 1934, in Detroit and died April 5 in Plymouth. She worked for Ford Motor Co. She married Jim Dwyer, a widower with four children, in 1960. Three more children were added to the brood and she spent her life raising her children and being involved in all of their activities. She enjoyed traveling with her husband to Europe and through the United States. She had 17 grandchildren and spent most of her time defending and taking their side and offering a safe

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CDBG PROGRAM AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING**  
On Tuesday, April 24, 2001, at 7 p.m. in the Board meeting room, first floor, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, the Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing to take citizen comment on the following: Reprogramming of funds for Human Services Center construction. Canton is requested to reprogram funds from the following active, completed or canceled projects for the construction of the Human Services Center: FY 2000 Administration, \$30,000; FY 1997 Ballfield (canceled), \$10,000; FY 1997 Covered Walkway (completed), \$2,230; FY 1996, Human Service Building Renovation (completed), \$12,843; FY 1994 First Step Building Purchase (canceled), \$30,000.

Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Development Specialist, Resource Development Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734-394-5194).

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

**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 the purchase of one 2001 Ford E-350 SD Commercial Cutaway Van with Lift Gate for use as the District's Food Service Truck. 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 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 1, 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  
JUDY L. MARDIGIAN, Secretary

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA AMENDED April 12, 2001**  
Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, April 12, 2001 at 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room in the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag  
Roll Call: Blaylock, Cisek, Demopoulos, Johnson, Redfern  
Acceptance of Agenda

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(Approval of March 8, 2001 minutes)

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON FY 2001 CDBG ACTION PLAN 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**  
Beginning April 9, 2001 and for 30 days thereafter, public comment will be accepted on the FY 2001 Canton Charter Township Action Plan. The Action Plan is part of the Consolidated Plan (mandated in 24 CFR Parts 91, 92, 570, 574, 578 and 968 (August 5, 1994/Proposed Rules), which replaces the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS). The Action Plan will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the Resource Development Division office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188. Comments received during the review period will be answered in writing and appended to the Consolidated Plan. The Action Plan must be submitted to the Department of HUD no later than May 15, 2001. The FY 2001 Action Plan and the Consolidated Plan stipulate that the expansion of the Human Services Center is the primary Plan priority. The Plan is otherwise consistent with previous community consolidated plans which state that the housing rehabilitation program is the only direct intervention housing program for Canton Township. Canton Township, when appropriate and after diligent review, will support applications by outside agencies to the Department of HUD for non public housing funds to alleviate the housing/support needs of low and moderate income residents and others who meet relevant federal criteria for housing need. There are no homeless in Canton Township supported by census data and the problem will not develop during the Plan period. Canton Township certifies that it will affirmatively further fair housing and that it is in compliance with a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan as required and provided under Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

On April 10, 2001, the Board of Trustees, at its regularly scheduled public session, will be asked to approve the FY 2001 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programming recommendations of the Canton CDBG Advisory Council, adopted at the Council public hearing of March 28, 2001 to wit: First Step, \$36,200; Growth Works, \$10,500; Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services, \$10,200; Mediation Services, \$2,500; Volunteer Coordinator, \$6,500; Summit Scholarship Program, \$2,500; Michigan Avenue Playground, \$3,300 (multi-year); Human Services Center Construction, \$275,000; Housing Rehabilitation, \$20,000; Program Administration, \$81,300; Construction Contingency, \$10,000. Total: \$458,000.

Questions or comments may be directed to the Resource Development Division at the above address or (734) 394-5194.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**  
On or about April 24, 2001, the above named Municipality will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release federal funds under Title I of the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) for the following projects located in the Charter Township of Canton:

- PROJECT: Human Services Center Construction, FY 2000, \$274,900; FY 1999, \$261,500; FY 1998, \$15,138; FY 1997, \$12,230; FY 1996, \$12,843; FY 1995, \$2,400; FY 1994, \$34,981. "Continuing Relevance."
- DETERMINATION: It has been determined that such request for release funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and, accordingly, the Charter Township of Canton has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190). The reasons for this decision not to prepare such a statement are as follows: No significant impact was found as a result of the environmental assessment of the project. An Environmental Review Record respecting the above project has been made by the Charter Township of Canton which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file with the Charter Township of Canton and is available for public examination, and copying (for a fee), upon request, at the office of the Resource Development Division, 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton Michigan 48188-1699, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. No further environmental review of the project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of federal funds. All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Resource Development Division at the above described address. Such written comments must be received on or before April 23, 2001. All such comments so received will be considered and the Municipality will not request the release of federal funds or take administrative action on the within projects before the date specified in the preceding sentence.
- CERTIFICATION: The Charter Township of Canton will undertake the project with Community Development Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under Title I of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974. The Charter Township of Canton is certifying to HUD that the Charter Township of Canton and Thomas J. Yack, in his capacity of Township Supervisor, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the Charter Township of Canton may use the Block Grant Funds and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. HUD will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Applicant; or (b) that the Applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding or step applicable to the project in an environmental review process.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to HUD at: McNamara Federal Building, 17th Floor, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226. Objections to the release of funds on the basis other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. No objection received after May 9, 2001 will be considered by HUD.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**  
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David Medley, ADA Coordinator  
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road  
Canton, MI 48188  
(734) 397-5435

Publish: April 8, 2001

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Board of Education  
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools  
JUDY L. MARDIGIAN, Secretary

Publish: April 8 and 15, 2001

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

DATE OF HEARING: April 18, 2001  
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 p.m.  
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission has received a request for a Use Subject to Special Conditions for light assembly, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance 83. The property is located at 41980 Ann Arbor Rd., which is on the north side of Ann Arbor Rd., west of CSX Railroad and east of Lilley Rd. Tax ID No. 060-00-0016-000, Application No. 1668/0201. Questions about the request may be directed to the Community Development Dept. during regular business hours, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm or call (734) 453-8131 Ext. 37. Written comments will be accepted prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port St, Plymouth, MI 48170

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JOE BRIDGMAN, Secretary, Planning Commission

Publish: April 8, 2001

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(Approval of March 8, 2001 minutes)

Publish: April 8, 2001

**PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.**

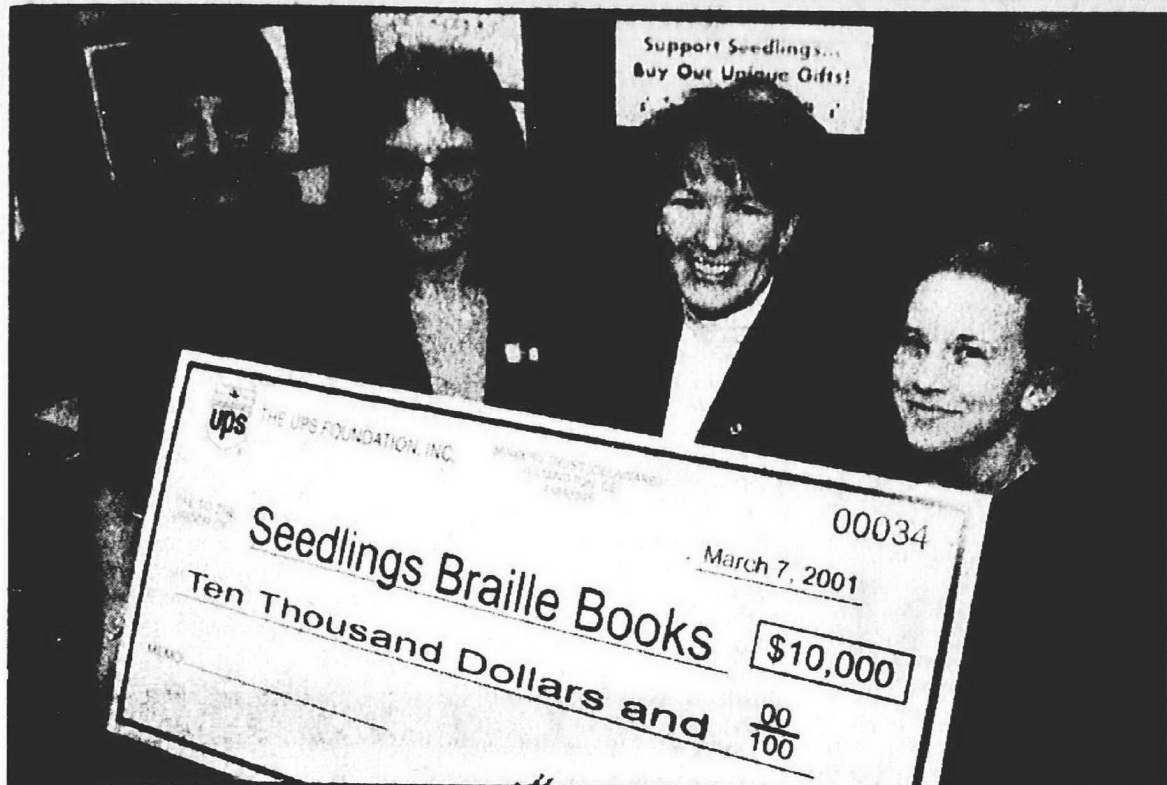
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 16, 2001, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

**THE HAMLET PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - PRELIMINARY PLAN - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO. 075 99 0011 000, 075 99 0012 000, 075 99 0013 000, 075 99 0014 000, 075 99 0001 000, 075 99 0006 000, 075 99 0007 001, 117 99 0002 000, 117 99 0003 000, 118 99 0001 000, 118 99 0002 000, 118 99 0003 000, 118 99 0004 000, 118 99 0005 000, AND 120 99 0001 000.** Property is located north and south of Proctor Road between Denton Road and the western Township boundary. (First Public Hearing.)

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, April 12, 2001 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Publish: March 22 and April 8, 2001



Helping hand: Penny Junk of Plymouth, Seedlings Board of Directors (left to right); Debra Bonde, founder & director of Seedlings; Kathy Hacko of Canton, UPS employee and Seedlings volunteer; and Vicki Hacko of Canton, a Plymouth Salem student and a Seedlings volunteer, celebrate the donation from the UPS Foundation to Seedlings.

## Grant helps provide articles for blind children in U.S., Canada

"Thanks to a generous grant from the UPS Foundation, Seedlings Braille Books for Children of Livonia will continue to send encyclopedia articles in braille, free of charge, to blind children all over the United States and Canada.

UPS employees from the metro Detroit district office in Livonia recently presented Seedlings Braille Books for Children with a \$10,000 check to fund the Rose Project, which was named after the project's first benefactor.

The Rose Project had been without a funder for several years until UPS employees from the metro Detroit area district became involved as volunteers for Seedlings and contributed over 120 volunteer hours to make Seedlings eligible for Community Investment Grant Program funding from the UPS Foundation.

The Hacko family of Canton contributed many of those hours. Kathy Hacko, UPS Gateway manager at Metro Airport,

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*John Shanks*  
—UPS Employee Relations

enlisted the help of her husband Rick and daughter Vicki on several projects beginning last summer.

The Rose Project is an entirely free service for blind children that provides encyclopedia articles in braille for students who are working on school projects and reports, allowing them equal opportunity and access to independent research and learning. With UPS as the project sponsor, the children enjoy a double benefit because the articles are shipped UPS and they receive them much more quickly than with the mail service for the blind.

"UPS is proud to partner with an organization that provides such an invaluable service to not

only our own community, but to children in need around the world," said John Shanks, UPS Employee Relations Manager for the metro Detroit district. "We were so impressed with the passion and drive everyone at Seedlings puts forth each and every day, it was simply the right thing to do to fund an endeavor such as The Rose Project."

## MADD embezzler gets probation

BY DANIEL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER  
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After admitting she embezzled money, a former treasurer for the Wayne County chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving will not face jail, her attorney said Monday.

Rather, 52-year-old Darlene Hodges of Westland will be placed on probation for two years, ordered to repay \$18,574 to MADD and forced to receive counseling for a gambling problem, defense attorney Daryl Wood confirmed.

"I think everybody comes out a winner in this case," Wood said. "I wouldn't want to see MADD get tarnished by any of the allegations here. Everybody is walking away, for the most part, whole."

Hodges will be officially sentenced May 8 by Wayne County Circuit Judge James Chylini. Prosecutors agreed to drop five felony embezzling counts after Hodges pleaded guilty to a single misdemeanor charge.

"We were all very disappointed and hurt by the actions of one person," said Jenny Lozano, top administrator of the county's Westland-based chapter. "Now

that we realize that restitution is going to happen, we want to put this behind us. We want to concentrate on efforts of saving lives and helping victims."

Hodges was accused of embezzling money from MADD's bank account between Dec. 6, 1999, and Nov. 8, 2000.

"It pretty much wiped us out," Lozano said, adding that the money Hodges had been ordered to repay "will give us a place to start."

MADD has tightened its money-handling procedures.

Hodges is expected to repay \$18,574 on the same day she is sentenced by Chylini.

"She'll have a check at sentencing," Wood said.

On Feb. 13, the day she was charged, Hodges had predicted she would be cleared of wrongdoing.

"This isn't what it seems," she then said, standing outside of Wayne District Judge Carolyn Archbold's courtroom.

Westland district judges, who have ties to MADD, disqualified themselves from the case. They routinely order drunken drivers to attend MADD programs to learn how families are affected by accidents involving alcohol. Hodges became involved in

MADD 11 years ago after her teenage son was killed by a drunken driver while on spring break in Florida. She had been serving as an unpaid, volunteer treasurer until she was suspended in November.

The embezzling hurt a MADD chapter that has struggled to stay afloat. The Westland office has had previous financial difficulties but has managed to survive.

MADD officials and Hodges' attorney said they hope the embezzling case won't hurt MADD's effort to raise money for good causes.

MADD's mission is to stop drunken driving, support victims of alcohol-related accidents and prevent underage drinking.

"I would like to say thanks to Wayne County. The community has been good to us," Lozano said Monday.

Lozano said she plans to read a statement at Hodges' sentencing that reflects how some MADD members felt violated by her actions.

Lozano said the embezzling case has made some people feel that they have been victimized again, after already suffering due to actions of drunken drivers.

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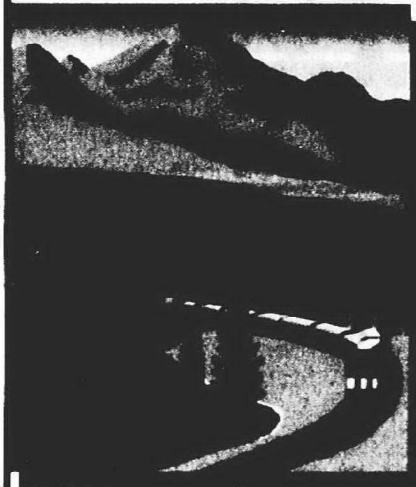
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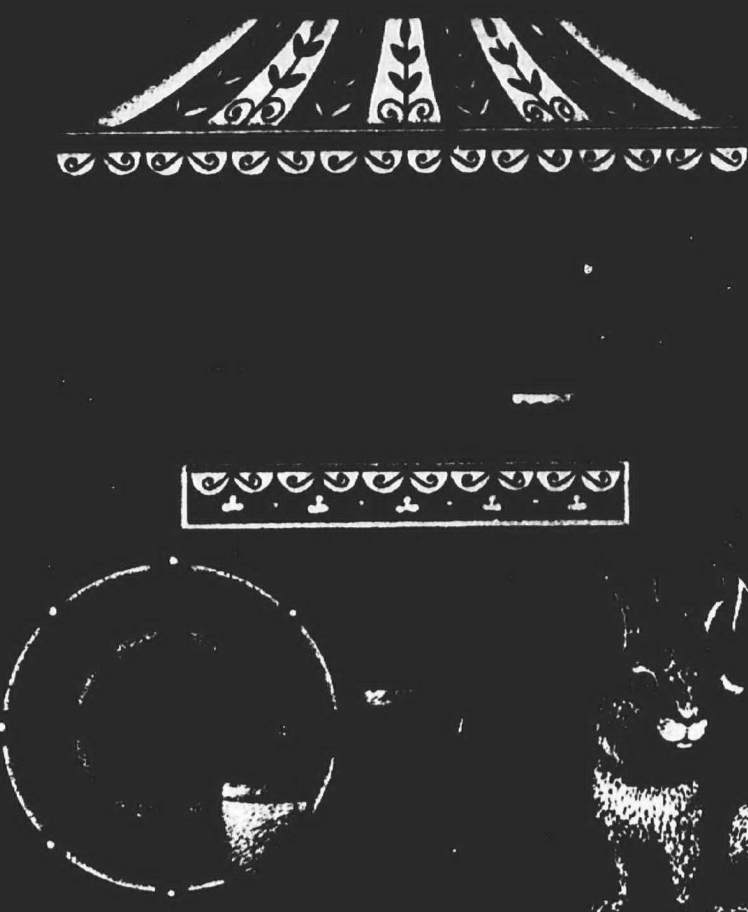
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Among those with 40 years of service are Richard Brewis of Canton and Thomas Workman of Plymouth. All told, 73 officials were honored in this group.

Among those with 30 years of service was Plymouth's Don Vogt. The 20-years-of-service group had some local names as well: Canton's John Wright Jr. and Plymouth's Jeanne Martin and William Baumgart.

The banquet will also feature the announcement of the 2001 Vern L. Norris Award winner, presented to an official with 20 or more years of experience who has been active in their local officials' association, has mentored other officials and has been involved in officials' education. The award is named after the former director of the MHSAA.

Guest speaker at the banquet will be Marcy Weston of Central Michigan University, an official at the high school and collegiate level who has been assigned to three NCAA Women's Final Four basketball tournaments.

Tickets for the banquet are available for \$15. No tickets will be sold at the door. Call Angie Butterwick at (517) 332-5046 for details.

### Golf outing

The 11th annual Jack Demmer Ford/Canton Community Foundation Golf Outing is set for Thursday, June 7 at Pheasant Run Golf Club, with dinner and awards presentation following at the Summit on the Park.

The fun begins with a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at the club. Golfing begins with a shotgun scramble start at 9:30 a.m.; lunch and beverages will be served on the course.

Dinner will be at 3 p.m. at the Summit, with the awards presentation at 4 p.m.

Individual tickets are \$250; packages are available (a foursome is \$900). Hole sponsorships are \$250 and contest sponsorships are \$300; a corporate sponsorship costs \$1,500 and includes golf and dinner for four, prizes, a souvenir photo of the team for each player, hole sponsorship and a listing in the program. Dinner-only tickets are \$75.

Also available: an opportunity to golf with Jim Brandstatter, the voice of the Lions and University of Michigan football, will be auctioned off.

Proceeds will go to the Canton Community Foundation; its mission, to enhance the quality of life in Canton by identifying and directing resources that address community needs.

For more information, call (734) 398-5000, or e-mail them at canton-foundation@aol.com.

### Chiefs football

The Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club will have its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Room 165 of Canton HS. Parents of all present and future Canton football players (including eighth graders) are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call president Angela Koerner at (734) 416-9120.

### Softball Center stuff

The Canton Softball Center, located at 46555 W. Michigan in Cantonis offering a Youth All-Skills Baseball and Softball Clinic from noon-5 p.m. May 5, for ages 7-14. The clinic offers 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. Call (734) 483-5600 for further information.

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## No mistake

### Chiefs cruise to win over Rocks

BY C.J. RISAK  
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For seven years, Plymouth Salem reigned over Plymouth Canton in their annual boys track meet. Of those seven meetings, none was more painful to endure for the Chiefs than last year's debacle, in which they had the meet won — all they had to do was finish the final event, the 4x400-meter relay.

But the Canton boys were wearing the wrong color Spandex shorts, something brought to the attention of the officials. Improper equipment — disqualification. Salem won the event and the meet, by a single point.

The Chiefs had the better team, something they proved later in the season at the Western Lakes Activities Association Championships and at the state regionals. On



Record set: Canton's Jordan Chapman set a record in the pole vault.

Thursday, they got to show what they have this season — and they made no mistakes in outrunning Salem, 87-50

in what's known as the Bolger-Mangan meet.

"I'm extremely happy," said Canton coach Bob Richardson, "especially for our seniors. This is one they'll have for the rest of the life."

"I knew where we could score some big points. I knew where we could double-up on them."

Most of the double-ups came in the sprints. The Chiefs finished one-two-three in the 200-meter dash and one-two in the 100 and 400. They were also one-two-three in the pole vault and one-two in the long jump.

But their biggest advantage came in the relays, which they swept. "Winning all four relays always helps," Richardson said.

"We thought they had some weaknesses," Salem coach Geoff Baker said. "And we

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Best race: Canton's Marty Kane (left) and Salem's Donnie Warner dueled to the wire in the 800 meters.

## Salem runs past Canton

BY C.J. RISAK  
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Perhaps Plymouth Salem's girls track team won't be quite as dominant this season as it has been in the past. But in the annual Bolger-Mangan Meet against cross-creek rival Plymouth Canton, the Rocks displayed no intention of giving in.

The Rocks won 11 of 17 events in coasting to a 95-42 triumph Thursday, the season-opening dual meet for both squads.

"We had a decent meet," said Salem coach Mark Gregor. "We did some good things, then had some other things that we didn't do so well in. I thought our distance events weren't real good, but we'll do better in them."



Way ahead: Salem's Jordan Falcusan won the 800 easily.

### GIRLS TRACK

Salem won four of the five field events and three of the four relays. Double-winners in individual events for the Rocks were Jessica Shamberger in the 200-meters (27.4) and the long jump (15-foot, 8-inches) and Stacey Schmedding in the 100 (17.2) and 300 (51.8) hurdles.

The Rocks other individual wins came from Autumn Hicks in the high jump (5-1); Michielle Bonior in the shot put (32-3); Lori Cairo in the discus (81-7); and Jordan Falcusan in the 800 (2:31.6).

Bonior, Susan Woodard, Malissa Drake and Shamberger combined to capture the 4x100 relay (52.1); Hicks,

Drake, Vicky Rozalski and Shamberger teamed for a first in the 4x200 relay (1:50.3); and Hicks, Woodard, Drake and Falcusan were winners in the 4x400 relay (4:22.2).

Canton had some solid performances from its young distance runners in particular — and from senior Meredith Fox, who was a double-winner in the 100 (13.1) and 400 (1:01.7).

Sarah McCormack finished first for the Chiefs in the 1,600 (5:55.8) and Pam Reasor took top honors in the 3,200 (13:04.3). Both are sophomores.

Canton's other individual winner came from Amy Driscoll in the pole vault (9-0). McCormack, Shiri Leventhal, Jessica Levely and Reasor

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### SOFTBALL OUTLOOK

## To contend, Rocks must solidify pitching, outfield

BY C.J. RISAK  
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It's not so much how many starters Plymouth Salem's softball team has lost from last season's 25-11 squad. It's who they are.

Some key players have graduated, including pitcher Liz Dekarske, left-fielder Shae Potocki, second baseman Marnie Jones and third baseman Jessica Chapman. Of those four, the biggest loss is without doubt Dekarske.

She was, after all, the same pitcher who dueled Plymouth Canton's Laura Stewart in a 19-inning marathon

before the Chiefs scratched out a 1-0 victory.

How important was Dekarske? When she went down with a stress fracture in her foot just before the state district tournament, Salem's hopes went with her. The Rocks did get a win over a pitcher-less Canton team (Stewart and back-up Kate Conlon were both out of action), but they were beaten in their first district game.

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## Chiefs' strong returnees could keep them on top

BY C.J. RISAK  
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As Plymouth Canton softball coach Jim Arnold so eloquently described it, "When you've got one, you ride 'em."

He was talking about a first-rate pitcher, something his Chiefs had last year but will be searching for this season. In 2000, Laura Stewart carried Canton to the Western Lakes Activities Association championship game, a district title and to the state regional final — on a team with spotty hitting and a decent defense.

"I don't really have a proven pitcher yet," Arnold said. "I mean, all three

have proven themselves, but not against good competition."

Also gone from last season's 23-12 team are shortstop Paula McKernan, third baseman Lisa Baker, outfielder Anna Kell and first baseman Brianna McNicholas. Stewart and McKernan were both all-conference players.

So there are holes to fill. But there's also a lot returning for the Chiefs.

Like three all-division players from a year ago, now all seniors. Two of

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## Whalers draw 1st blood, tip Spits 4-3

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Whaler center Bryan Thompson killed two birds with one puck in his team's Ontario Hockey League Western Conference semi-final opener against Windsor Friday night at Compuware Arena.

With just over two minutes remaining in the second period and the game knotted at 3-3, Thompson bolted out of the penalty box, controlled a pass from winger Karl Stewart at mid-ice, and outskated two Spitfire defensemen before wristing the puck past Windsor goalie Michael Leighton.

The spectacular goal was not only the difference-maker in the Whalers' 4-3 victory — it also lifted a heavy burden off the collective shoulders of his teammates going into tonight's Game Two at Windsor Ice Arena.

"The last thing you want to do in a series like this is go into a place like the Windsor Arena and face a must-win situation," Whaler coach Pete DeBoer emphasized. "And that's the situation we would have been in if we wouldn't have won tonight. Now that we're up 1-0, the players can go into Sunday's game with a little less pressure."

Plymouth, which swept Sarnia 4-0 in its first-round series, has yet to trail in any of its five 2001 playoff

games.

Thompson's goal was surprising for two reasons. First, the six-foot, 170-pound center is not known for his scoring touch (he failed to record a point in the first-round series against Sarnia). Second, the dazzling game-winner came on his first shift of the night.

"I sent Bryan to the box to serve Preston Misi's penalty," DeBoer said. Misi had been ejected from the game after getting whistled for a 10-minute game-misconduct penalty. "He did a great job of popping out of the box and skating hard to the puck. It was definitely a huge play for us."

Thompson's goal was a climax to an explosive second period, which featured the game's first goal by the Whalers in the first round.

"For the fans, it was a



Whalers' Bryan Thompson killed two birds with one puck in his team's Ontario Hockey League Western Conference semi-final opener against Windsor Friday night at Compuware Arena.

# Salem softball from page B1

Pitching and defense are the key elements in softball, and Salem is without both Dekarake and Jacqui Slobodnick, the No. 2 pitcher a year ago as a sophomore who has opted not to return.

But this isn't a team that must rebuild. There's plenty of offensive weapons, good defense at key spots and a lot of senior leadership.

"If we can get our pitching down and we can hit the ball," said coach Bonnie Southerland. "But that's the same old story."

"Our pitching is kind of a toss-up right now, but both are throwing well."

That would be senior Kristen Miller and junior Jill Posler. Miller played varsity last season and, according to Southerland, "has been working hard all winter to prepare for this." Posler was the top pitcher on the junior varsity last season.

"They'll probably split duties," said Southerland.

The seniors expected to contribute

heavily are co-captains Dawn Allen, Katie Kelly and Jen Allen. Dawn Allen, a first baseman, and Kelly, a shortstop, are four-year starters; Dawn Allen was an all-Western Lakes Activities Association selection, while Kelly was all-division.

Jen Allen was a valuable utility player last season, filling several roles. This year she'll settle in at second base.

Together with junior catcher Amy Szawara, they will solidify the infield defensively. Third base and the outfield aren't nearly as established.

Some newcomers to the varsity squad will get a shot at third base, starting with Janesse Chapman, a junior. Amanda Bradley, a sophomore, has a strong arm and could fill that spot, too, as could sophomore Leanne Seageren, who will back up Kelly at short.

Rounding out the infield is junior Rachel Heid, slated to back-up Jen Allen at second base.

"I'm looking for outfielders, really,"



FILE PHOTO BY PAUL BURCHMANN  
**A tough out: Salem's Kelly Jaskot earned all-conference honors as an outfielder.**

said Southerland. She does have a good start, with junior Kelly Jaskot returning in center field. In her first varsity season, Jaskot was an all-WLAA selection.

Another senior who will help the situation is Jennifer Warnick, who's slated for action in right field. Amanda Bilkie, a junior with varsity experience, will see plenty of time in the outfield, too.

Others who could crack the outfield lineup are junior Katie Stropes, who also plays first base, and sophomore catcher Maggie Tudor. Szawara may spend time in the outfield as well.

There's another problem facing the Rocks. Like the Salem baseball team, it will play on a new field this season, its former one a victim of the new high school's construction. The Rocks will play on a temporary field that will ultimately become the new school's diamond. Both Salem teams will then get their own fields, located closer to their school.

But for the present, what Southerland would like is some assurance her pitchers are good enough; that the hole at third base will be adequately plugged; and that the rest of her outfield will congeal around Jaskot.

"As long as they're throwing strikes and not walking anybody, I'll be happy," she said of her pitchers.

As for the WLAA, among last year's top teams the defending champion — North Farmington — seems the best simply because the Raiders return sophomore pitcher Beth Danielewicz. Of course, it doesn't hurt that North had just four seniors on last season's squad.

"Our goals are very reachable," said Southerland. "We'd like to win a district, of course. And we'd like to match last year's win total."

"We have eight returning players with a lot of experience."

Fill some key holes, and Salem could indeed be prominent in both the league and the post-season.

# Canton softball from page B1

them are outfielders: Jenna Perino and Christina Kiessel. Perino plays center, Kiessel is in left. Mary Kiessel and Michelle DeVoe, seniors as well, will also get plenty of playing time in the outfield, especially with Kiessel expected to be out until after spring break with a sore elbow.

"Our outfield is one of the best I've had, all-around," said Arnold.

Backing them up will be a pair of juniors who played junior varsity a year ago: Laura Ulmer and Leslie Galarneau.

Now for the infield. Arnold has shifted a few players around, and it should make it a solid unit.

It starts with catcher Jonelle Brown, a sophomore who started as a freshman. Allison Schoo, a junior and JV player last year,

will back her up.

Replacing McNicholas at first base will be junior Maggie O'Connell, another from last year's JV squad. At present, O'Connell is out with a sprained ankle, but she should return this week.

Megan Coultas, a junior, returns at second base. Replacing McKernan at short will be senior Angie Neu, who was an

all-division third baseman as a junior.

Of course, that creates a hole at third. Two players are vying for playing time there: Danielle Weber, a catcher on the varsity a year ago who is making the move to third, and junior Pam Hudson, a utility player last season. Hudson can play at second base when needed, too.

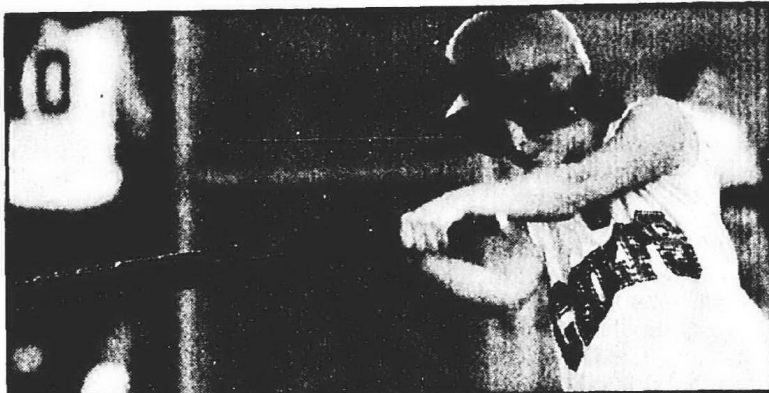
Which brings us to the key position in softball: pitching. Katie Conlon, a senior, returns after backing up Stewart last season. She'll get the early nod as Canton's top starter.

But she won't be tossing any 19-inning marathons, like Stewart did last year against Plymouth Salem. Not with sophomores Renee Ross and Michelle Roeloff waiting in the wings.

In Monday's season-opener at Grosse Pointe North, all three pitched in Canton's 3-1 victory. Conlon started and gave up the one run in four innings; Ross followed with two scoreless frames, and Roeloff finished the game.

"All three pitchers are throwing real well," said Arnold. "And they're throwing strikes."

That is a necessity in a league as competitive as the WLAA. True, many of the standout pitchers from a year ago have graduated. Besides Stewart, Melissa Mytty of Farmington (all-conference last season), Lind-



FILE PHOTO BY PAUL BURCHMANN  
**Solid stroke: Canton's Jenna Perino will solidify the outfield. She was an all-division selection as a junior.**

sey Emmett of Farmington Harrison (all-Western Division) and Liz Dekarake of Plymouth Salem are gone.

But others return and bring with them impressive credentials. Like Beth Danielewicz, who pitched North Farmington to the WLAA championship last season, earning all-Lakes Division honors as a freshman. And Meghan Misiak, now a junior at Livonia Churchill, who kept the Chargers in the WLAA hunt and was named all-conference in the process.

North, which beat Canton 9-0 in the WLAA final and then lost 2-1 to the Chiefs in a state district game, figures to be the favorite for the title. The Raiders return all but four who graduated from that squad.

With Misiak and all-division catcher Sheila Gilles back,

Churchill should once again be in the championship hunt.

There is more than a little uncertainty in the WLAA, however. The league welcomes four new coaches, at Farmington Harrison, Livonia Stevenson, Westland John Glenn and Farmington. How they handle their teams and new situations could have an impact in the conference race.

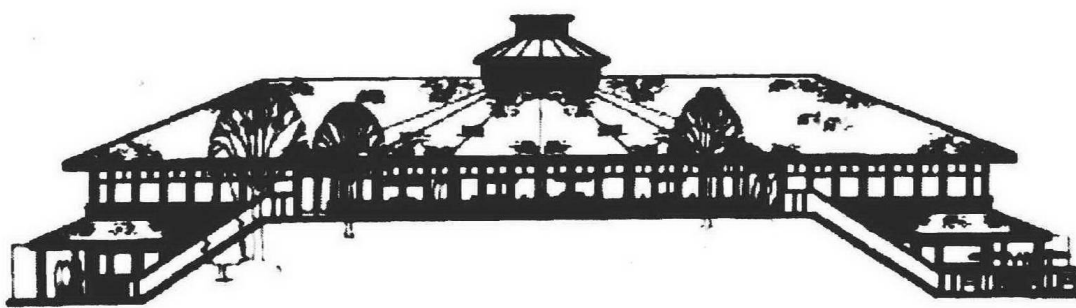
"The key to this year's success will be if the pitching can keep us in the game," said Arnold. "We have the defense, but the bats need to come alive. I'm just never satisfied with our hitting."

"North Farmington is going to be a team to contend with, but we'll be where we want to be at the end of the season."

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# Fast start good omen for Agape

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## SOFTBALL

Canton Agape Christian's softball team was off to a 3-1 start

after clubbing Sterling Heights

Bethesda Christian 20-5 Thursday. Which is important because last season the Wolverines finished just 1-9.

Things are better this year. Clark Sexton returns as coach after a one-year leave of absence.

The schedule is better, too, even though Agape remains a team without a conference. The Wolverines have 23 games lined up this season.

Leading the team's returnees are the Henry sisters, Margie, a senior, and Amy, a sophomore. Margie figures to be the top pitcher; when she isn't on the mound, she'll be in center field.

Amy will pitch, too — and play shortstop when she isn't. Sexton is blessed with a third thrower in hard-hitting sophomore Andrea Hough. "She is by far my best, most consistent hitter," said Sexton.

Hough also throws the hardest, but doesn't have the control of the other two. She'll play second base and shortstop (when Amy's pitching), as well.

The catcher is a newcomer: sophomore Lisa Ther. At first base, there's senior returnee Amber Cross.

The outfield features junior Silvia Moore, a left-handed hitter who can also play first base, and senior Alice Muench, a solid contributor at the plate.

What the Wolverines have is solid pitching and some good athletes, in particular the Henry sisters and Hough. Depth, however, could be a problem.

"The team's strength is definitely defense," said Sexton. "When we play smart, we're solid."

"I think we're at our best (defensively) when Margie pitches. She's not as fast as (the others), but she's more consistent."

When a team doesn't have a league title to contend for, finding something as motivation can be difficult. Sexton has the girls aiming at the state tournament.

"That's our goal this year," he said. "To win our district."

There's a lot of softball to be played between now and then. How well Sexton can maneuver his players should figure in how far Agape advances.

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## Hard-hitting bunch

All-Observer spikers can serve it up, spike it down with the best

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Consistency has been Mike Hughes' trademark during his 26 years as Livonia Churchill girls volleyball coach.

Hughes has endured only one losing season and has one state Class A championship (1990) and one runner-up finish (1979) to his credit.

This season, Hughes did one of his best coaching jobs as the Chargers, with only one senior on its roster, finished 32-11-6 overall.

Churchill captured the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association, took the Wayne Memorial Invitational and was district and WLAA runner-up.

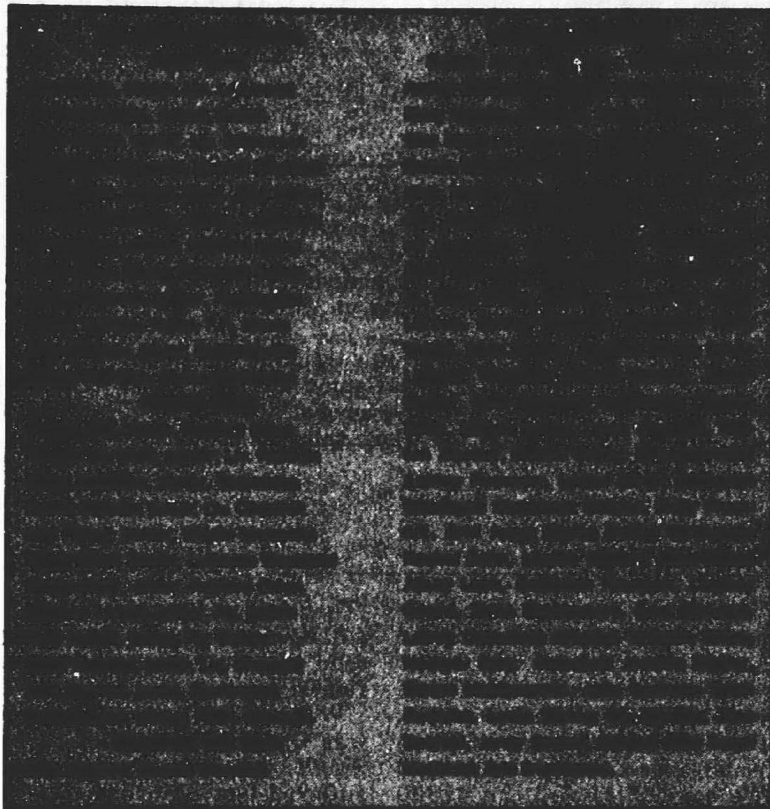
"This group had a lot of potential, but not a lot of experience," said Hughes, who was named Observer Coach of the Year. "We did very well considering two of our big kids were hurt. We didn't get to where we wanted, but we did a lot of growing and improving."

Hughes played in a men's volleyball league, but had little coaching experience when he took over the Chargers' program in 1975 from Roberta Kempaki, who was laid off from her teaching job and later joined the Peace Corps.

That summer he attended a clinic put on by the U.S. Olympic coach and went around the area and tapped into the ideas of other high school coaches.

"They were very gracious and I got a lot of advice about girls in competitive sports," Hughes recalls. "I learned you had to treat them the same, but with more complete explanations than the boys. And it worked."

Hughes, a Detroit Cooley High graduate, attended the University of Detroit for 2 1/2 years with aspirations of becoming an chemical engineering, but transferred to Wayne State where he earned teaching certificate and later a Masters in Education.



Mike Hughes  
coach of the year

He is currently teaching social studies at Churchill. Hughes plans to return next year for his 27th year as girls coach.

"With 11 seniors, one junior and a pretty good JV team coming up, I'm not looking forward to making cuts next year," he said. "That's the one thing I don't like about the job."

As for this year's All-Area squad, there are two repeat selections on the 12-member squad — Livonia Ladywood's Erin Bartee and Plymouth Salem's Jill Dombrowski.

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### FIRST TEAM

Erin Bartee, Ladywood: The 5-foot-9 senior outside hitter had a total of 5.4 kills per game with a .342 attack percentage. She also recorded a total of 82 aces and 98 blocks (38 solo) and averaged 1.53 assists per game.

Bartee, headed to Hillsdale College, was an All-Catholic League selection

and is a two-time All-Observer first-team performer.

She is a three-year varsity player who also made All-Region and honorable mention All-State this year.

"Erin has the ability to do just everything, she can hit anywhere on the floor," Ladywood coach Larry Wyatt said. "She was our top serve receiver and our offense ran through her."

Jill Dombrowski, Salem: One of only two repeat members from the 2000 all-Observer team, Dombrowski, a 5-10 senior, earned her place as the top setter in a WLAA conference stacked with good ones. She led Salem, the conference champion, in a half-dozen categories, including kill percentage (.268), service aces (61 in 63 games), blocks (32) and set assists (10.6 per game). She was the Rocks' MVP.

"She was by far the best setter in the league," said Salem coach Tom Teeters. "What she does best is she deals with passes that aren't on target and she can still make a play out of it."

"What was unique about Jill was she set from the middle-blocker position, and that's not an easy thing to do. She's a very capable hitter, a good serv-

er — she does many things well."

Dombrowski has committed to attend the University of Albany and play volleyball this fall.

Katie Drews, Stevenson: The 6-1 senior middle blocker made All-Western Lakes and All-Region honors. She also was the Spartans' MVP and was their best offensive player with total of 252 kills.

Drews, a scholar-athlete who will be attending Schoolcraft College, also came up with 79 aces and 66 solo blocks. She also had a 70 percent attack reception.

"Katie played a crucial part in how we played this season," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said of the UM-Dearborn All-Tournament pick. "Her ability to read the opposing team both offensively as well as defensively contributed to her success."

"She knew and knows the game very well. Katie pulled us back into games, pulled us ahead in games and showed great confidence in tight situations and made the point, side-out or game-winning kill or serve. She will be greatly missed next year."

Sheila Gillies, Churchill: The 6-foot middle hitter was a first-team All-WLAA pick this year while playing on an injured leg most of the year.

Gillies led the Chargers in total kills (240) and blocks (102). She also served at 90.2 percent efficiency and led the team in ace serves (52). Gillies also averaged 2.1 digs per game while passing at an 87.5 clip.

"Sheila loves to run the slide and has the ability to put the ball on the floor and change the momentum of the game at any time," Churchill coach Mike Hughes said. "Churchill is looking forward to her presence in a veteran lineup next season."

Sarah Peck, John Glenn: The 5-7 senior setter orchestrated the Rockets' attack with a total of 298 assists and 48 aces.

Peck, who made All-Western Lakes, is a top scholar-athlete with a 4.3 grade-point average.

"Sarah was a huge part of our team," first-year Glenn coach Jennifer Smith said. "She had incredible hands and quick feet, what every setter needs."

"She could set any ball that was given to her."

Peck will play soccer this fall for Madonna University.

Melissa Buckshaw, Ladywood: The 5-

6 setter led the Blazers with 1,231 total assists (8.7 per game) to go along with 253 total kills (.363 hitting percentage), 119 aces and 218 digs (1.7 per

game). Buckshaw, headed to DePaul (Ill.) Please see VOLUME 11, 14

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## Volleyball from page B3

University, is a three-year varsity player who made All-Catholic and All-Region honors.

"Melissa was our leader on the court, she ran the show," Wyatt said. "The benefits of being a three-year starter were apparent. She could lead the team in hitting percentage, but by fair she was best in a setting role."

**Amy Walker, Redford Union:** Walker — 5-10 senior middle hitter — was a big part of RU's runner-up finish in the Mega White and a 32-10-8 overall record.

Walker, a three-year starter and the Panthers' captain, was first-team, All-Mega White had 468 kills on the season (4.5 kills per game), 143 blocks, 64 service aces and a .315 kill percentage.

"Amy was our best player and the glue that held our team together," said RU coach Rob Reese. "She was our go-to hitter, a great middle blocker and our best server returner and passer."

**Katie Good, Salem:** A solid athlete, Good's greatest attribute may have been her ability to contribute in so many different ways. A junior, Good led the Rocks in kills (4.55 per game), was a decent blocker (second on the team in block assists, third in solos) and was one of their best defenders.

What was perhaps most surprising was that Good stands just 5-6.

"She was very flexible," said Salem coach Tom Teeters. "She could hit from the middle, left or right and from the back row. In many rotations, her ability to hit from the back row saved us."

"She's one of our primary serve receivers and one of our best diggers (second on the team with 205 digs in 63 games). But I think her hitting and blocking are her best skills — her consistency as a hitter filled a niche for us. Those skills and her jumping ability allowed us to match up with other teams."

**Lyndsy Howard, Farmington:** Howard is a 6-foot-2 middle hitter, but her contributions were not limited to her play at the net.

She did much more for the Falcons than spike and block the ball. She was Farmington's best serve receiver and one of its leading servers.

In 96 games, Howard had 218 kills, 111 digs, 35 block assists, 40 solo blocks, 18 assists, 166 service points, 374 serve receive attempts with 24 errors, 44 aces and 364 serves with 12 errors.

Her combined hitting percentage in the district and regional was .400, and she made both all-tournament teams. She is a WLAA scholar-athlete, also.

"When other teams play Farmington, they prepare for Lyndsy Howard," coach

Alex Perrin said. "She was our team from a volleyball point of view."

"We had other capable performers, obviously. But, when someone is your primary serve receiver and middle hitter, that's an unusual combination for a player who's 6-foot-2."

**Kristin Lorida, Mercy:** Lorida was Mercy's best all-around player. Besides being a devastating hitter, she excelled in other aspects of the game, too.

The junior outside hitter had 403 total kills for an average of just over 5.1 per game. Lorida also had 22 solo blocks and 62 assists, and she served 57 aces. She averaged nearly one block and one ace per game for the Marlins, who had a 20-15 record.

"She has one of the best attitudes and is one of the hardest workers," coach Ed Ruhl said. "She's really, really competitive. She brings her athleticism to the game, and she hits the ball the hardest of anybody we have at Mercy."

**Faye Croteau, Clarenceville:** The 5-7 junior was Clarenceville's most versatile performer.

In 69 games, Croteau had 620 total kills in 1,901 attempts to go along with 427 digs. She also played back-up setter with 79 assist-to-kills in 210 attempts.

Croteau was named all-tourney at Macomb, team MVP and was Metro Conference MVP.

"Faye is a very gifted, talented and hard-working athlete," Clarenceville coach Alisha Love said. "I'm very proud to coach a young lady like Faye. Her best attribute is her personality. She's very coachable and I'm expecting even better things from her next year."

**Ashley Williams, Canton:** A year ago, Plymouth Canton languished near the basement of the WLAA with just six wins. Steve Anderson returned to coach the Chiefs and the team won 22 matches, finishing in the league's top six, and Anderson gives Williams much of the credit.

"Ashley has been a joy to coach," said Anderson. "She combines her athletic abilities with her knowledge of the game to become a truly gifted volleyball player."

An all-WLAA Western Division selection, Williams — a 5-9 senior outside hitter — set a new Canton team record for kill percentage (.264). She had 215 kills (2.69 per game), 46 service aces and 228 digs (2.85 per game) to lead a resurgent Canton squad. She also earned MHSAA all-state academic honors, posting a 3.97 grade-point average.

## Whalers from page B1

a lot of film work. There were a lot of mistakes made by both teams.

"Overall, I thought we got better as the game went on. We started out a little rusty (Plymouth had been idle for 10 days), but we were playing really well by the third period when we outshot them 10-3."

Plymouth opened the scoring at the 8:45 mark of the first when Cole Jarrett beat Leighton high to make it 1-0. Jarrett was assisted by Stacey Britstone and Stephen Weiss.

Windsor tied it two minutes later when winger Steve Ott scored an unassisted power-play goal.

The second period could rival any Freedom Festival fireworks show in terms of excitement. The teams combined for 22 shots on goal, five of which found the back of the net.

Britstone regained the lead for Plymouth when he stuffed a rebound

shot past Leighton at the 4:20 mark to make it 2-1. He was assisted by Weiss and Chad Wiseman.

Just over a minute later, Mizzi scored on a rebound shot to put the hosts up 3-1. Stewart and George Nistas picked up assists.

The Spitfires stormed back to tie the game at 3-3 on goals from Shawn Mather (11:13) and Jason Spezza (13:59).

But Thompson snatched the momentum back for good for the Whalers when he brought the large crowd to its feet with 1:59 left to play in the second period.

Plymouth outshot Windsor 32-20.

The Whalers were whistled for five penalties totalling 10 minutes in the box, while the Spitfires committed just six minutes worth of infractions.

## Girls track from page B1

(10:37.0).

"It was an improvement from last year," said Canton coach John Venning. "Our sophomores are maturing quickly. For McCormack and Reazor, this was a learning experience."

"These sophomores are really going to be good. The kids did real well tonight."

It wasn't just the Chiefs who were learning. Salem found some things out, too — in

particular, the ability of freshman Jordan Falcusan. A solid all-around athlete, Falcusan already displayed varsity-level talent in volleyball last winter, and she is expected to be a major contributor on the soccer team this spring.

She now plans to run track at the same time. Her win against Canton was yet another indication of what level of athlete she is.

"I looked at the whole thing as establish-

ing some ground work," Gregor said of the meet. "Something for us to work on. It was a good way to start the season."

"We made some headway as far as the 400 and 800 goes. And we weren't really that disappointed with our distance group."

It's too early to be disappointed. As good as either team looked Thursday, one thing is certain: They're both bound to look even better.

## Boys track from page B1

knew where they were, but we couldn't exploit them well enough."

Salem's best hopes were in the distance events, with Donnie Warner. The senior came through, too, running as great a distance as a competitor can run in a high school track meet — and, for the most part, succeeding. Warner won the 800 (2:04.7), the 1,600 (4:35.1) and the 3,200 (10:21.0); he also ran in the 4x800 relay, which placed second.

The Rocks had a double-winner, too: Mark Snyder, who captured the shot put (50-feet, 8-inches) and the discus (130-11).

But Canton had some top guns of its own in Jerry Gaines and Jordan Chapman. Gaines was in four winning races, finishing first in the 200 (23.1) and 400 (50.8) and combining with Corey Walser, Shardale Hearn and Ken Page in the 4x200 relay (1:35.0) and with Brian Page, Doug Kurth and Marty Kane in the 4x400 relay (3:39.4).

Chapman was a triple-winner, one of those a school-record 14-3 in the pole vault, breaking his own mark. Chapman also long-jumped 19-10 and high-jumped 6-5 to win those events.

As impressive as Gaines and Chapman were, however, Baker knew they weren't the only obstacles Canton presented.

"Take those guys out of the mix and it's still Canton's meet," he noted.

Other winners for the Chiefs were Walser in the 100 (11.4), the 4x100 relay team of Dane Kobus, Ken Page, Hearn and Walser (46.4) and the 4x800 relay team of Brian Page, Tony Mize, Kane and Aaron Schmidt (8:34.9).

Salem's other winners were Bob Miller in the 110 hurdles (16.8) and Rob Showalter in the 300 hurdles (43.6).

"Our sprinters had a huge day," said Richardson. "And our field events came along nice. That's our goal — to come out of the field events with a lead."

Still, it wasn't all good for Canton. "We weren't real perfect in our relays," their coach said.

"They ran good times, but they still need some work. They're not solid. And we have some injuries right now."

What hurt Canton the most was the loss of hurdler Ricky Singh with a hamstring injury suffered last Saturday (March 31) at the Huron Relays. Singh may be out several weeks.

Although Singh's loss left the Chiefs somewhat short in the hurdle events, it shouldn't be something they can't deal with in the short run. "Our depth is going to cause some people some trouble all year," predicted Richardson.

So will their frontrunners.

### Huron Relays

Despite the loss of Singh during the shuttle hurdle relay, which Richardson thought his team could score points in,

Canton still finished 10th with 20 points at the 61-team Huron Relays, held last Saturday (March 31) at Eastern Michigan. Salem was 17th with 14 points.

Chapman scored in two events. He was fourth in the high jump (6-2) and sixth in the pole vault (13-6).

The sprint medley relay team of Gaines (400), Walser (200), Hearn (200) and Kane (800) was sixth (3:47.9) and the 4x800 relay foursome of Schmidt, Kane, Mize and Gaines placed sixth (8:30.0).

The Rocks had four top-eight finishes, and Warner owned two of them. He was third in the 3,200 (9:47.0) and eighth in the 1,600 (4:34.0). Snyder placed second in the shot put (50-3 1/2) and Justin Hajduk took an eighth in the 3,200 (10:10.0).

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Human News



TIM NOWICKI

These teeth have plenty to chew on

On my way home from the dentist and upon returning from my son's orthodontist, I began thinking about the teeth of various animals. Teeth are found in a variety of animals and in various shapes.

Fortunate for paleontologists, the hard enamel that covers the outside of teeth is very durable. In some cases teeth are the only thing that paleontologists find when they are excavating a site. Once discovered they can provide a great deal of information to a scientist.

Teeth are designed to help an animal capture food and to digest the food by chewing it into smaller pieces. A tooth's design has a lot to do with the kind of food an animal eats. These designs have remained basically the same for thousands of years.

This principle has allowed paleontologists to determine what animals were eating millions of years ago.

Most mammals have various shaped teeth in their mouth. This is especially true of animals that eat both plants and animals. A typical plant eater, like a white-tailed deer, has ridged, flat teeth designed for grinding grass, twigs and other fibrous cellulose.

Carnivores like the weasel, that eat mostly meat, have teeth with pointed peaks, and some have several peaks. These teeth are designed for cutting the muscle tissue and tough tendons.

Omnivorous animals that eat both plants and animals have pointed teeth and flattened, rounded, cusped teeth to grind plant material.

Rodents have enlarged front teeth, on both upper and lower jaw. They are used for gnawing on hard shells or other plant material. These teeth continue to grow in order to compensate for the wear encountered while eating.

A rodent prevented from gnawing will have teeth grow so long that they will not be able to close their mouth. In some instances the teeth continue to grow so long that the natural curvature of the teeth causes them to grow into the skull of the animal.

Birds today do not have teeth. Archaeopteryx, the first fossil bird, had teeth, but over time teeth in birds were replaced by a horny beak. The presence of teeth indicates their strong relationship with reptiles.

Though we often hear about the fangs of venomous snakes, remember that all snakes have teeth. Non-venomous snakes do not have the hollow fangs that channel venom from a gland in the snakes head, through the fang and into the victim.

Teeth of non-venomous snakes are all the same. They are not specialized like those of most mammals, because they only function to prevent food from escaping. All the teeth are curved and point backward so that struggling prey are less likely to escape.

If a frog has teeth they will typically be on the upper jaw. They are not large visible teeth, but they function to help keep prey from escaping. Frogs may also have a small number of large rounded vomerine teeth located in the upper palate.

Salamanders may have these vomerine teeth in a length wise series. People that fish know some species have many very sharp teeth. Predatory fish use their teeth to capture and hold their prey. They are not used for chewing, which is why they are all the same shape. Pike and walleye cannot be played up by the lower jaw because of their sharp teeth, and even perch bluegill have vomerine teeth to help to nibble on their prey.

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Attending Masters tourney enables this reporter to savor every moment

Today's final round coverage of the Masters Tournament on CBS is annually the most-watched golf telecast of the year.

The Masters telecast comes at a time when Michigan golfers are simply chomping at the bit to begin their golf season. For many, like Opening Day at Comerica Park, watching the Masters is a rite of spring, and even casual golf fans who might not watch another tournament all year, tune in to see the azaleas, dogwoods and pines that decorate Amen Corner of the Augusta National Golf Club.

I am often approached or e-mailed by people who wonder what it is like to actually attend the Masters Tournament or visit the Augusta National Golf Club.

"Played it yet?" they'll ask me. I typically give an "aw shucks" grin and explain that the opportunity to play golf at the National is not something I ever expect to have and something that really is folly to wish for.

The Old Course at St. Andrews? Yes, I've played it. Ballybunion? Played it twice. Tournament Players Club at Sawgrass?

Many, many times, and many, many golf balls left in the water at the island green 17th hole. Oakland Hills Country Club? Yes, thanks to the occasional and delightful largesse of a couple of its members.

The Augusta National Golf Club, though, is mighty exclusive, and its members like it that way. The only access to the golf course is that which is provided by one of the members of the club, which is open from October to early May. Unless you know a member, and know him well, your SoftSpikes will never touch those forested fairways.

For those who watch the Masters, the Augusta National Golf Club seems like a flowered, antique dreamscape. Why then, would one risk destroying

that fantastic vision of loveliness by fooling bladed and toed iron shots all over its green, green landscape? Surely, the nerves and awe provoked by the splendor and history of the place would suffocate the game of any visiting amateur.

So, enjoy the view from your recliner, and the dreams provoked while you occasionally nod off.

I do, however, visit the Augusta National each year and attend the early rounds of the Masters Tournament, and I am often asked about that experience.

My brief visits to the club have been memorable as was my attendance earlier this week.

There are a few interesting observations that would likely surprise you at the club, which was founded by Bobby Jones and designed by Jones with Alister MacKenzie.

Television, for instance, does not reveal just how hilly the terrain is. The manner in which the 10th hole descends down into Amen Corner is significant.

The 11th hole also sits well below the fairway, and the climb up the 18th fairway takes one's breath as much as the drama that typically unfolds there.

The golf course, though pristine and seemingly remote on television, is an enclave located on Washington Road, Augusta's busiest and most commercialized street.

Within walking distance of the National's front gate are businesses like Walgreen's, Hooters, Holiday Inn, and countless other convenience, fast food, and trinket and grocery shops. A tiny sign and guarded entrance between tall hedges marks the passage into the club, which is reached by driving under a 300-yard tunnel of trees called Magnolia Lane.

If you can drive past the club slowly without getting rear-ended by the heavy traffic, you might be able to sneak a peak down the lane, but that's as close as you'll get to the course without an invitation or a ticket.

The white antebellum-style square clubhouse shown on the telecasts is not the imposing structure you might imagine.

In fact, it is a tiny, antique planta-



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tion house with screen doors that creaks when one walks through it or up its steps. It is lovely and quaint, and probably very quiet when it is not teeming with activity as it is during the Masters Tournament.

Concessions at the Masters are perhaps the most reasonable in all of sports.

Unlike the gouging that occurs at most sporting events, where a hot dog, popcorn and soda is a laughably large expense, the Augusta National offers the perfectly Southern combination of a pimento cheese sandwich and lemonade for less than \$3.

The same goes for hot dogs, chicken sandwiches, and ice cream. Everything is served in plain green wrappers. Parking is free.

A final, little-known secret of Augusta National is that, even if you cannot attend and buy Masters-logo souvenirs in the tournament's memorabilia shop, you may phone the club two weeks after the Masters and order merchandise.

Finally, when you watch the Masters, remember that there is a Michigan connection to the tournament. The first Masters Tournament, held in 1934 and referred to as the Augusta National Invitational Tournament, was won by 26-year-old Horton Smith. Smith, who won again in 1936, went on to become head golf professional at Detroit Golf Club.

Among the Michigan attendees I spotted at the Masters Tournament were USGA committee member Tom Chisholm, of Bloomfield Hills; Treetops director of instruction Rick Smith, who was teaching Raymond Floyd, Jack Nicklaus and Phil Mickelson; former Golf Association of Michigan executive director Brett Marshall; Brian Lewis, who is publisher of Sleeping Bear Press; and Birmingham resident Warren Orlick, who is a past-president of the PGA of America and Michigan PGA.

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Bowl-a-thon at Novi helped out Special Olympics, canine cause

Just think, if you had someone with you who would make the bed, open and close the refrigerator, turn the lights on or off, open doors and cabinets, answer the phone, be able to dial 911 if necessary and pull a person who is in a wheelchair.

Wouldn't that be nice, considering that it is a highly trained dog doing all this. Last weekend, Novi Bowl hosted the Bowling Benefit for Canine Companions for Independence and Area 27 Special Olympics with UAW Local 36 of Ford Wixom.

Although these are two separate worthy causes, it is a combined effort of the many volunteers who support both non-profit organizations and raise over \$100,000 in the event to help the financial needs of each.

Most folks know what the Special Olympics is all about, where the special kids and adolescents are able to compete for prizes in various athletic events. This Bowl-A-Thon had been running for 18 years by the people of Local 36 at the Ford Wixom plant. It is an occasion where the hourly and salaried workers and managers all team up and raise the money to fund these programs.

For the past eight years it has been hosted by Jerry Harris, the proprietor of Novi Bowl.

The Special Olympics funds go entirely to the needs of the special athletes, who have been able to buy a two new vans, an 18 passenger mini bus with a wheelchair lift, and to support the cost of uniforms and other activities. It started 18 years ago by a few guys at the plant, and a few that are still there helping out Robert Schultz, Rick Wilherson and Ralph Schultz.

The Special Olympics walk was led by one of the girl athletes, and she said, "If I cannot win, let me be loved by the crowd."

As for the CCI canine program, it costs over \$10,000 to raise and train each of these incredible dogs. They learn to do many of the things humans do. Sometimes only have to provide a few simple commands that the dog needs. Fry Johnson, owner of Novi Bowl, is one such recipient. Her Golden Retriever, Duke, is with her constantly, pulling her wheelchair. Duke is so smart, if you call him, he can get her out of the wheelchair. He can even get her out of the wheelchair if she is stuck. He can even get her out of the wheelchair if she is stuck. He can even get her out of the wheelchair if she is stuck.

"I'm a dog lover," says Fry, who is now W.C.R.E.S.A. : Jim Peiry, 300. Merchants: Steve Duckett, 300. Athletes: Gary Brudne, 300. Thursday Men's Title: Bret McHenry, 300. 6/8 Sunday Rollers: Danny Wilson, 795. Westland Lane (Livonia) Skatelite: Ed Kubczok, 300. Ford Parts: Mark Wenzel, 300; Bob Thomas, 298. Westland Lane: Doug Gery, 298.

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It all took place on Saturday, March 31, as the bowling center literally "went to the dogs." Many of the CCI canines were on hand showing their many talents while the full house of bowlers carried on with their games right after Hall-of-Fame bowler Cheryl Daniels sang the National Anthem to open the event. Channel 4 WDIV All-stars Steve and Megan Garagiola, Karen Drew, Shon Gables lost the bowling and pledge challenge to WDRQ's Jay Towers, Rachel Hunter, Jason "The 300 pound intern" and Eric Wilson. Pins and pledges added together were 1,686 to 1,367. Steve will avenge the loss next year.

The majority of the funds go to support the 341 Special Olympians in the program. Top pledge go-getters were Mike Ferolis \$2,961 and Samantha Humphreys \$2,549.

The total for year 2001 is expected to top \$100,000 again and donations are still being accepted after the event, those interested may contact Jerry Harris or Tari Rutkowski at (248) 238-9120 or Fry Johnson at (734) 671-9827.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

- Mayflower Lane (Redford) Wednesday Senior Men's Classic: Jack Kassabian, 299; Al Thompson, 300. Thursday Detroit Diesel: Doug Ellison, 300. Ford Parts: Ron Lezotte, 300. Thursday Men's Classic: Jim Bennett, 807; Kevin Turnquist, 299; James Sewruk, 300; Don Parks, 300. Westland Center Men: Robert Kosowski, 299. Good Neighbors: Myrtle Ringe (age 95), 7-10 split converted. Westland Bowl Twin Parrish: Mark Anderson, 299; Ron Wolfis, 300; Jason Adamowicz, 300. Sunday Sleepers: Jeff Herzig, 825. Men's 600: Don Goddy, 300. Friday Men's Invitational: Tony Cuevas, 299; Maurice Davis, 299. Tuesday Men: Terry Hanley, 300. Men at Play: Michael Tyo, 300. Town 'n Country Lane (Westland) Blood, Sweat & Tears: Larry Stier, 299; Jim Campbell, 299. Saturday Men: Corey Pearce, 200. Inter-City: Bill Wade, 298. Junior Classic: Keith Tramel, 300; Rob Cook, 300/789; Tony Gross, 816. Thursday Morning Men: Tom Disney, 300/794. W.C.R.E.S.A. : Jim Peiry, 300. Merchants: Steve Duckett, 300. Athletes: Gary Brudne, 300. Thursday Men's Title: Bret McHenry, 300. 6/8 Sunday Rollers: Danny Wilson, 795. Westland Lane (Livonia) Skatelite: Ed Kubczok, 300. Ford Parts: Mark Wenzel, 300; Bob Thomas, 298. Westland Lane: Doug Gery, 298.

ACTIVITIES

2001 SPRING FISHING CLASSIC

There will be more to see and do than ever at the Bass Pro Shops upcoming 2001 Spring Fishing Classic at Outdoor World (4600 Baldwin Road) in Auburn Hills, April 6-8. This free event will feature huge displays from the country's top manufacturers, live demonstrations and more. Catch a special sneak preview of the Spring Classic on Thursday, April 5 from 5 p.m.-10 p.m. where you can win a variety of new 2001 products and get free line winding by Remington (limit to two reels, maximum 20-pound test, and no spincast please). Visit www.basspro.com on the internet for additional 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 river-rat122@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 Benbury at (810) 698-0310.

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.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (248) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (248) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (248) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (248) 229-7067.

WAYNE COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS Wayne County Parks offers nature interpretive programs throughout the year. Advanced registration is requested. Call (734) 261-1990 to register and for more information.

To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48008; fax information to 248-644-1314.

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## House CALLS

### The challenge of feeding baby

So finally you have a newcomer in the family. She's so beautiful, so lovable... and so hungry! What is the best plan to provide her with healthy nutrition? Breast milk, the way to go!



Dr. Basol Khatib

Physicians, scientists, nutritionists — and babies, we might add — unanimously agree that breast milk is the ideal nutrition for infants. For most infants, breast milk will provide all of the nutritional needs during the first year of life. It changes gradually with time, and it has more than 200 ingredients.

In some cases, babies on breast milk need fluoride and vitamin D supplements; you need to discuss this with your pediatrician.

Breast milk contains antibodies, the immunologic factors that help the baby fight infections, so it can be considered baby's first immunization. Breastfed babies are less prone to gastrointestinal, respiratory and ear infections. They also have less chances of having diarrhea, allergies and insulin-dependent diabetes. Fats in breast milk are believed to be useful for the development of the brain and vision.

In addition to nutritional and immunologic value, breast milk supports the emotional relationship between the mother and the infant. It's also inexpensive.

Mothers who breastfeed are less apt to develop anemia, breast cancer before menopause and osteomalacia (softening of the bones). Breastfeeding also helps the uterus get back to normal size; therefore preventing postpartum bleeding.

#### Formula

Mothers who tried to breastfeed and were unsuccessful, for any reason, shouldn't feel guilty. At least they've given it a try!

The family may decide, for various reasons, to use formula. All formulas are attempts to imitate breast milk. Many different types of formula are available. Most of them provide 20 calories per ounce, like breast milk. Most formulas are made from cow's milk.

In some cases, the physician may recommend a special formula like soy formula, lactose-free formula or protein-hydrolyzed formula. Some of these formulas are expensive. They are usually used for certain medical reasons, and the decision to choose one of them should always be discussed with the physician.

Unmodified cow's milk should not be given to babies under 1 year of age. It is difficult to digest, doesn't have the vitamins and minerals necessary for the baby's growth, and has high concentrations of proteins and minerals that can stress a newborn's premature kidneys, leading to dehydration.

#### Solid foods

When solid foods are started, give one ingredient at a time at weekly intervals. This way you can identify any food intolerance the baby may have. Rice cereal is a good food to

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# M A K I N G HEALTHY BABIES

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Every mother hopes her baby will be healthy. But instead of just hoping for the best, pregnant women can now do more than ever to give their future children a head start on a healthy life.

Scientists and physicians are uncovering more links between a woman's diet and lifestyle during pregnancy, and the long-term health of her child. From diabetes to heart disease, birth defects to breast cancer, many serious and chronic diseases seem to arise in part because of conditions in the womb.



Dr. Barbara Luke

This knowledge makes it possible for today's women to make better choices for their children's futures — and themselves.

In her new book, *Program Your Baby's Health: The Pregnancy Diet for Your Child's Lifelong Well-Being*, University of Michigan Health System obstetrics and gynecology professor Barbara Luke, ScD., M.P.H., RD, provides guidance for expectant mothers,

women planning to get pregnant, and mothers of toddlers.

The book pulls together time-honored tips from experts on prenatal care together with the latest medical knowledge. Even if they don't buy the book, the main point is for women to understand that every day counts during pregnancy, said Luke.

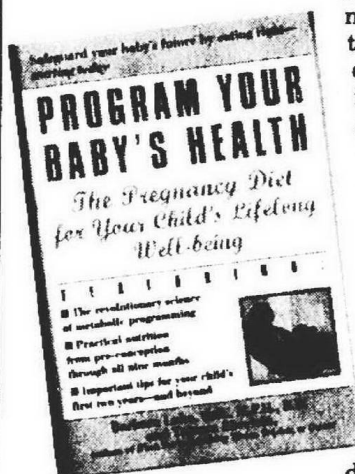
"The nine short months before birth shapes an individual's health for an entire lifetime. We now know from many studies around the world that how a baby grows before birth will influence that child's susceptibility to many chronic diseases."

#### Metabolic programming

Since mothers-to-be cannot control genetic risks or choices the child makes as she or he grows older, they must concentrate on taking care of their child in the womb. This approach is called metabolic programming, a concept rooted in the knowledge that for a developing fetus, different organs — from the brain to the kidneys — form and grow at different rates.

Research has found there are critical periods during which the environment surrounding the fetus — such as the supply of nutrients and blood through the umbilical cord — can have a great impact on the final size and function of organs.

If one organ is at a critical point in development when the environment changes, other organs might take a back seat, resulting in less cell growth, smaller size or decreased function. That, in turn, can hamper growth or help bring on disease when a child



grows up.

grows up.

"We cannot go back in time and recreate those optimal windows. That time is gone, and technology cannot make up for it," said Luke.

"Babies born malnourished, with a low birth weight, or small for the number of months they spend in the womb need to be monitored for chronic diseases and given preventive care to keep them from developing long-term problems."

#### Preventing problems

"In general, it is very helpful as an obstetrician to talk with a woman before she gets pregnant," said Dr. Dan McMurtrie, department head of obstetrics and gynecology at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

"That's the time to identify potential risks. It also allows time to order testing for certain conditions in the woman's history."

It's also the time to discuss what medications a woman is taking, so safer alternatives can be prescribed if necessary, said McMurtrie. For instance, certain anti-seizure medications pose higher risks than others for pregnant women.

Most mothers are "highly motivated" to do everything they can to deliver a healthy baby, said McMurtrie. "It's amazing how many women stop smoking while pregnant."

Smoking is one of the worst things pregnant women can do, said Luke. "There are thousands of chemicals in cigarette smoke, including cyanide and carbon monoxide. Children whose mothers smoke during pregnancy don't get enough oxygen, and they're exposed to many toxins before they're born."

Smoking can result in low-birth weight, pre-term birth or the abruption or separation of the placenta, an emergency situation, said McMurtrie.

Alcohol is another major culprit. "Alcohol crosses all the barriers in the human body. It interferes with protein synthesis, and building protein is really

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Obstetrics and Gynecology Professor  
University of Michigan Health System

what babies are doing most. So women should abstain from alcohol during pregnancy," said Luke.

#### Nutrition

Good nutrition before and during pregnancy is paramount, since babies get all of their nutrition from the mother's stores, as well as what she eats on a daily basis.

"Babies who grow well before delivery are the healthiest at birth and continue to be healthy infants and children," said Luke. "Babies who are poorly grown at birth, although we have the technology to help them survive, often pay the price for being born too small or too early when they get further on in childhood."

"Birth weight is the most important indicator of how well babies will do," said McMurtrie.

He added that it's important to remember that a growing fetus will take from its mother what it needs nutritionally, sometimes leaching calcium and iron supplies, which may result in bone loss or anemia. A good diet and vitamin supplement is essential.

A healthy weight gain is also essential. Even highly weight-conscious women need to follow their doctors' guidelines for weight gain during pregnancy, including the early weeks when the placenta is forming. And the weight gain should come from healthy food, not empty calories.

There are no set determinants of how much weight a woman should gain during pregnancy. "We know women who are overweight can have a healthy pregnancy with a weight gain of 15 to 25 pounds. An underweight woman could gain at least 40 pounds,"

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## Preemie Stars do WalkAmerica for the March of Dimes

Every year since the mid-1990s, young March of Dimes ambassadors Katie and Danny Blacker of Livonia have made the pilgrimage — with their parents — to WalkAmerica.

Both born prematurely but now the picture of health, they participate in the Preemie Stars walk team — captained by their mom, Laurie Blacker — to raise money to help promote healthy babies and prenatal care.

This spring is no different. The Blackers will walk on Saturday, April 28, from the Plymouth WalkAmerica site. Nearly 20 families in the Preemie Stars are expected to make the eight-mile trek through downtown Plymouth, originating from Hines Park at 9 a.m. (Registration begins at 8 a.m.)

"It's a good way to give something back," Laurie said. "It sounds cliched, but in this case it happens to be true."

Of course, Laurie and her husband, David Blacker, would like to see many more families with preemies raising money and doing the walk. They are welcome to step forward, literally.

"It's hard to get the word out there that we exist," Laurie said. "We picked up a couple interested people along the walk route last year, but it's hard to get recruits."

According to Blacker, the Preemie Stars is "the only team that's made up of beneficiaries of the March of Dimes. It's the only preemie walk team."

Many walk teams come together as corporate entities, such as Kmart or Kroger. But, Blacker said,

with the Preemie Stars it is "much more personal."

March of Dimes-financed research has helped promote breakthroughs in medicine that in the last decade or so have benefited premature babies such as Katie and Danny, now ages 10 and 7, respectively.

In the "Club Preemie" chapter of a 1999 book on



Walking for babies: The Preemie Stars again will be walking in Plymouth at the April 28 WalkAmerica. Pictured from left are Katie Blacker, her mom Laurie Blacker, Tim and Elizabeth Smith, all of Livonia.

extreme prematurity by Detroit-area author Tim Smith (a reporter with the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*), Laurie Blacker reflected on how important it was for the March of Dimes to help pay for the research that led to a surfactant used to aid lung development.

"Who knows if Katie, especially, would be alive today if it wasn't for stuff like surfactant," she said.

#### Featured in preemie book

The Blackers and Preemie Stars team are featured in Smith's 1999 book *Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies — Little Thumbs Up!*

The author's daughter, Elizabeth, is another member of the Preemie Stars team. She was born at just 1 lb., 14 oz. in November 1994 and spent nearly four months in the Beaumont Hospital neonatal intensive care unit. Today, like Katie and Danny, she is a happy, healthy child.



# Breastfeeding can increase baby's brain development

It's long been said that breast milk is best for newborns. About 84 percent of new mothers who give birth at the University of Michigan Health System follow that advice by initiating breastfeeding before leaving the Hospital and then continuing to breastfeed, on average, for the first six months.

Now doctors at the UMHS are encouraging mothers to breastfeed their newborns through their first year of life not only based on its initial health benefits to the child, but also due to the long-term impact it can have, including an increase in a child's cognitive development and a reduced risk for certain cancer in a mother, says Dr. Gary Freed, director of the Division of General Pediatrics in the Department of Pediatric and Communicable Disease at the UMHS.

## Benefits

The American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Family Physicians recommends that children receive breast milk for the first year of life. Breastfed newborns tend to have a lower incidence of ear infections, respiratory infections, gastroenteritis, diarrheal illness, and a lower rate of hospitalization than children who are formula fed.

"We know in the first year of

life, there's a tremendous protection against many infectious diseases," said Freed. "However, there's likely to be benefits that last 20, 30, or even 40 years because we know that organ development in infants has a big impact on how those organs function later in life."

Although it can be difficult to separate environmental and social influences from a child's cognitive development, there have been several recent and controlled studies done to prove that breast milk's long-term benefits are really food for thought. The studies, Freed says, have shown that breastfed children on average have a slightly higher I.Q. than formula fed children.

But beyond its benefits to a child, breastfeeding can have a significant impact on a mother's health. Nursing moms burn 500 more calories a day than women who are not pregnant or nursing, which works to speed up their weight loss after childbirth. Also, a baby's nursing causes a woman's uterus to contract and reduces blood-flow after delivery and creates a lesser chance she will later develop breast cancer or even uterine cancer.

## Social factors

The environment and a family's finances also reap the benefits of breastfeeding. When a

family chooses to breastfeed a child instead of using formula, there is not only a decrease in air, water and land pollution from the production of formula and its packaging, but a family also can save about \$2,000 a year that would otherwise have been spent on formula.

Even in light of all of its health, environment and financial advantages, possibly one of the greatest benefits of breastfeeding is the connection that it creates between an infant and a mother, says Freed.

"People have been able to demonstrate the phenomenal bond that takes place between a mother and an infant throughout the process of nursing," says Freed. "There have been studies to show that the rates of child abuse are lower in women who breastfeed their babies - both rates of abuse from the mom as well as rates of abuse from the dad."

Still, many moms worry breastfeeding excludes dad from helping with the baby. But according to Freed, that doesn't have to happen. Dads can play an important role in breastfeeding by providing support for mom and baby, and by participating in the feeding process by, for example, going to get the baby for nighttime feedings.

Cooperation from all members

within a family can make all the difference when breastfeeding. Without proper support, some women can easily become discouraged and believe that they are just unable to breastfeed. But Freed warns that women shouldn't give in so soon to that common misconception.

"If a large proportion of women in our population couldn't breastfeed, then it's likely our species would have died out several thousand years ago when there were no human milk substitutes," says Freed. In fact, only about 3 percent of the entire female population is unable to produce enough milk to support their children.

Other women may just have difficulty breastfeeding as the result of a lack of proper instruction or support from health care professionals.

Of the estimated 50 percent of women in the United States who initiate breastfeeding, only 20 percent continue to breastfeed their babies after six months. This, Freed says, may be the result of some women having difficulty judging whether or not their baby is getting enough milk because they haven't received correct instructions on how to increase their milk supply, or learned how to make their bodies produce enough milk to nourish their infants.

"For something that's supposed to be so natural and so easy, it can be really tough to get it started and, a lot of times, people need some practical guidance and problem solving advice from the medical profession," says Freed. "We all need to work together to help moms and dads make this as smooth and successful a process as possible."

## Risk factors

The benefits of breastfeeding however, can be greatly altered if the mother ingests substances that can be potentially harmful to a baby, like alcohol or nicotine products, when transferred through breast milk.

When it comes to smoking, there can be a great risk to the baby's health. Using nicotine-containing products while nursing has many negative consequences and Freed strongly recommends that women not smoke if they are breastfeeding.

The use of herbal supplements also raises some concerns with breastfeeding. Since the concentrations of herbal products are not regulated, it has been difficult to determine the effects they may have on breast milk.

"Herbal medications, for the most part, are a black box," says Freed. "Because no studies have been done to determine the impact on babies for many of the herbal medications, we strongly

feel that women should exercise significant caution in ingesting any medication, whether it be prescription, over-the-counter, or herbal, while they're breastfeeding." He advises that women discuss these matters with their physician.

One thing that's not in doubt is the effect of a healthy diet. Nursing moms need to maintain a well-balanced diet that includes a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, calcium, prenatal vitamins, and minimal amount of caffeine, to produce enough milk for their babies.

Overall, Freed says, if a nursing mom is properly instructed, and knows all of the precautions she should take, breastfeeding can be a rewarding and even relaxing experience.

Colleen Smyth, a nursing mom who got advice from U-M experts, recommends breastfeeding to all expectant moms because it will give them an opportunity every day to sit down and spend quality time with their babies.

"It's a very special time to bond with your baby and to look and see how much your baby has grown - and you know that it's come from nature and your body," says Smyth. "It's just a rewarding, wonderful feeling."

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### MON, APRIL 9

#### CELIAC SPRUCE

The Tri-County Celiac Spruce Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. in the Southfield Presbyterian Church, 21575 W. Ten Mile Road, east of Lahser, Southfield. Guest speaker is Betty Hagman, well-known author of four gluten-free cookbooks. For more information, call Claire Cayer at (248) 647-0076.

### APRIL 10-12

#### PROJECT HEALTHY LIVING

Project Health Living services will be offered by Botsford Gen-

eral Hospital 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Livonia Mall (29514 Seven Mile, Livonia). 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. Call (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 7-8:30 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. 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.

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St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will present "The Funny Bone is Connected to the ..." 1-3 p.m. in the hospital's Auditorium as part of its Senior Health Connection "Let's Talk" lecture series. Amy Rhode, RNC, will discuss the positive physiological effects of laughter on the immune system. There is a fee for this class. To pre-register, call (734) 655-8940.

### WED, APRIL 11

#### CHIROPRACTIC CLASS

Dr. Patrick Jary will offer "Health Through Chiropractic," a free lecture/discussion, 7:30-8:45 p.m. at the Carl Sandburg Library, 30100 W. Seven Mile Road (1/4 mile west of Livonia Mall), Livonia. He will discuss human anatomy and the differences between traditional medicine and chiropractic medicine. Call (734) 522-5501 or (248) 893-4010.

### 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.

### FRI, APRIL 13

#### BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive 8 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. at St. Thomas a Becket Church, 555 Lilley Road (just south of Cherry Hill), Canton. Call Peggy at (734) 397-8496 or Marion at (734) 981-3433.

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start with. One teaspoon of cereal can be mixed with one ounce of breast milk or formula. It should not be given in the bottle. Get your baby used to the spoon.

Pureed vegetables, fruits and

meats can also be given. It may be a good idea to introduce vegetables before fruits; starting with fruits can make the baby less likely to accept vegetables later on.

You may use foods prepared at home or those obtained commercially. When you prepare food at home, you do not need to add salt or sugar. Honey should not be added to the food, water or

formula fed to infants under 12 months of age because of its association with infant botulism.

Feeding your baby is one of the most important challenges that you'll face as a parent. If you

have any questions, ask your pediatrician to help you find answers and solutions that apply specifically to you and your infant.

Dr. Basel Khatib is a Dearborn

pediatrician affiliated with Oakwood Healthcare System. He can be reached at (313) 624-3005.

## Babies from page B6

### Folic acid

In her career as a pediatric neurosurgeon, Dr. Karin Muraszko has helped hundreds of children born with debilitating spine birth defects - even while coping with the effects of her own, a mild form of spina bifida.

"The key to preventing such problems, she and other experts say, is getting enough of a common B vitamin called folic acid both before and during pregnancy. If all women of childbearing age took vitamin supplements and changed their diets to include more foods that contain folic acid - including green leafy vegetables, beans and oranges - the result could be a major cut in the number of babies born with spine and brain, or neural tube, defects," explained Muraszko.

"Folic acid is key for women in their childbearing years because it affects the fetus at a crucial time in development when the brain and spinal cord are forming," said Muraszko. "When it occurs within the first few to six weeks, generally before a woman

even knows she's pregnant, it's extremely important that women take folic acid before they become pregnant."

How can such a simple nutrient stop such a complex problem? It has to do with the intricate process of fetal development, in which different kinds of tissues and organs form during pregnancy.

"Folic acid allows the fetus to have the best possible opportunity to avoid development anomalies of the brain and spinal cord," Muraszko. "There's a group of birth defects called neural tube defects, which together represent the result of serious defects in the development of the brain and spinal cord."

The neural tube is the structure within a young fetus, or embryo, that develops into the brain and spinal cord. In most women, the process goes smoothly. But in some pregnancies, something goes wrong during neural tube development - for example, the tube may fail to close properly.

If the brain develops abnormally, a child can be born with a condition called an encephalocele, in which the brain is not entirely within the skull. Or they can fail to develop a full brain, a fatal condition called anencephaly that usually results in miscarriage or death soon after birth. A birth defect caused by a problem in spinal cord and spine development is called spina bifida, which can range from a small defect in the spine to a serious condition called a myelomeningocele.

"In such children, the spinal cord doesn't, in fact, form a cord, and in fact is an open flat area in which there isn't any covering on the spinal cord," Muraszko. "This happens within the first

month of pregnancy, and these children are then affected for the rest of their lives. They'll often have other anomalies because of this open defect of their spine, giving them difficulties with their ability to walk and with control of their bladder and bowel. They'll often have difficulties with brain development, as well."

About 2,500 children are born in the United States each year with neural tube defects, and an untold number of miscarriages and stillbirths result from such problems. The fact that there's an easy way to prevent such dramatic and life-altering conditions should be enough to convince women to get more folic acid, said Muraszko.

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# Making the most of your IRA in retirement

The popularity of the individual retirement account (IRA) as a retirement savings tool has reached unparalleled heights in recent years. In fact, according to a recent estimate by the Washington, D.C.-based Employee Benefit Research Institute (EBRI), Americans had invested \$2.4 trillion in IRAs as of year-end 1999.

Based on their total dollar volume, as well as the numerous articles written about funding them, it's clear that investors know how to invest in IRAs. Yet investors might not know as much about an equally important topic: what to do with your IRA once you've reached your retirement years.

## The Basics of IRAs

How you handle your IRA in your retirement will likely depend on the type of IRA that you have:

**Traditional IRA.** The traditional IRA, created by the U.S. government in 1974, allows you to invest up to \$2,000 annually with two major tax benefits: you may be able to deduct each year's contribution

from your federal income taxes, and the money grows tax-deferred. However, you'll owe income taxes on your distributions from your traditional IRA. By law, you're required to begin receiving minimum distributions from a traditional IRA at age 70-1/2.

**Rollover IRA.** A rollover IRA is a type of traditional IRA used to hold a distribution from a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. To avoid the tax penalties associated with receiving a large sum of tax-deferred money, you may want to "roll over" your retirement plan funds directly into a qualified account such as a rollover IRA.

A rollover IRA allows you to retain the option of transferring your rollover funds into a new company's retirement plan, as long as you don't make any individual contributions to the rollover account. Because the rollover IRA is a traditional IRA, you're required to begin receiving minimum distributions from a rollover IRA at age 70-1/2.

The Roth IRA, allows you to invest up to \$2,000 every year.

While contributions to a Roth IRA are not tax-deductible, your contributions can grow tax-free, and you won't have to pay taxes on your withdrawals after retirement (provided you hold the account for at least five years and begin withdrawals after age 59-1/2). And, unlike the traditional IRA, you're not required to begin making withdrawals from a Roth IRA at any age, making the Roth IRA a potential estate-planning tool.

## Convert or not?

If you own a traditional IRA and are at or near retirement, you may be tempted to convert it to a Roth IRA for the Roth's tax-free withdrawal benefits. Yet doing so may not necessarily be in your best financial interest.

Before deciding to convert, ask yourself the following:

**Do you want to contribute to your IRA beyond age 70-1/2?** Even though a traditional IRA requires distributions to begin after age 70-1/2, you can continue contributing up to \$2,000 annually to a Roth IRA at any age, as long as your earned

income is at least equal to the amount contributed.

This option may be beneficial if you plan on continuing in a part-time job after retirement. If you've already entered the year in which you turn 70-1/2, you can't escape your first, mandatory withdrawal from a traditional IRA, but you may be able to convert the remainder of your traditional IRA into a Roth IRA.

**Do you want to pass your IRA on to your heirs?** If you intend to leave the money in your IRA to your heirs, you may want to consider converting to a Roth IRA, since the distributions to your heirs will not be income taxable. And, the account will continue to grow tax-deferred for your beneficiaries without requiring you to take mandatory withdrawals at age 70-1/2.

When considering an IRA conversion of any kind, be sure to remember that money converted from a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA will be taxed as current income. If you're close to the top of your tax bracket range, the added income from the IRA could push you into a higher

bracket, possibly causing problems beyond just having a higher tax bill. For example, if you have a child in college, the rise in your income caused by an IRA rollover might push you out of allowable limits for student aid.

If the prospect of paying taxes on a large traditional IRA balance all at once keeps you from converting to a Roth IRA, keep in mind you can convert to a Roth gradually, over a number of years. Because you'll want to ensure that the income taxes you'll pay now don't potentially outweigh potential future earnings, consult with your tax advisor for guidance on your specific situation.

## Plan withdrawals

Deciding when to begin withdrawing from your IRA and who to name as the beneficiary can be important in your overall estate plan. For example, if your traditional IRA is sizable, and you make a large withdrawal, you might save on estate taxes but may also incur a large income tax bite now. It's impor-

tant to determine if your particular situation calls for making steady withdrawals over time, or allowing the funds to grow tax-deferred.

No matter what type of IRA you own, be sure your beneficiary designations are in accord with your will or other estate-planning documents. IRA beneficiary designations supersede estate planning documents, so be sure your beneficiaries match.

## Turn to a Professional

Because the rules governing IRAs are complex, you may want to seek the advice of a professional investment advisor, tax advisor and estate-planning attorney when considering all of your IRA options. With proper advice, the plan you've worked a lifetime to build will be in prime shape when you need it most.

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## BUSINESS CALENDAR

### TUES, APRIL 10

**QUALITY PLANNING SEMINAR**  
The Angileri Quality Institute presents "Symposium 2001: Project Management as it Relates to Advanced Quality Planning," an all-day seminar beginning 8 a.m. at Madonna University, University Center, Livonia. Murray Sittsamer of The Luminous Group will be the presenter, and John McElroy will be the luncheon speaker. Cost is \$95 for the entire day, including Continental breakfast and lunch, or \$25 for lunch with John McElroy. Call (734) 432-5354 or fax (248) 432-5364.

**CAREER WOMEN**  
The West Suburban Chapter of the National Association of Career Women will host their monthly luncheon meeting 11:45 a.m. at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. "Smart Women Finish Rich" is the name

of this fun and educational seminar. Cost is \$18 per member and \$22 for non-members. Call Brenda Durling at (734) 462-4670.

### WED, APRIL 11

**LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**  
The Michigan Business and Professional Association will host its fifth annual Women's Leadership Conference and Awards Program 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (registration 7:30 a.m.) at the Burton Manor, located on I-96 service drive, west of Inkster Road, in Livonia. Lisa Lindsay Wicker, former casino executive and current president and CEO of Linwick & Associates, will be the keynote speaker. Prior to lunch, two seminars will be offered: "Power of Money When Women Invest" with panelists Sandra Kirtley Campbell, first vice president, Comerica Bank; Sandra E. Lutkenhoff, financial adviser, Paine Webber; and Gail Perry

Mason, vice president, Investments, First of Michigan. "Shared Secrets of Powerful Women" will feature panelists Patricia Allen Cole, president, Cole Financial Services; Marcie Brogan, managing partner, Brogan and Partners; and Christina Lovio-George, president, Lovio-George, Inc. Luncheon and awards ceremony begins at noon. Workshops and awards luncheon, \$50; awards luncheon, \$25. For more information, contact the MBPA at (810) 979-6322.

### WED, APRIL 11

**NOTED PHOTOGRAPHER**  
The public is invited to attend the meeting of the Ann Arbor Ad Club at Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, to meet Nick Kelsh, one of the country's most talented photographers. Kelsh is currently principal and head of photography at Think-frame. His recent projects have

included the books *Naked Babies* and the sequel to *Siblings*, on which he collaborated with Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Anna Quindlen. Cocktail hour begins at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and presentation by Kelsh at 7:30 p.m. Attendance is free to members of the Ann Arbor Ad Club, \$30 for non-members and guests and \$20 for students. For reservations, call (734) 332-9033. On-line registrations: <http://www.a2ac.org>.

**BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L**  
Laurel Park Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at Archie's Family

Restaurant, Plymouth Road (east of Merriman), Livonia. Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

### THUR, APRIL 12

**NACW**  
The National Association of Career Women - Metro Detroit Chapter will meet 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Steak & Ale Restaurant (southeast corner of Twelve Mile and Orchard Lake), Farmington Hills. Guest speaker Barbara Bocci, recently featured in People Magazine, will discuss

her perspective on how you can influence others. Cost is \$19 for members and \$10 for nonmembers and guests. For reservations, call Carolyn or Martha at (248) 851-8130.

### FRI, APRIL 13

**BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L**  
Livonia Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m. at the Senate Coney Island, Plymouth Road (at Stark), Livonia. Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.



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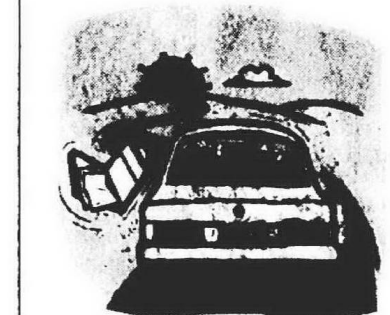


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# ARTS & LEISURE

Noteworthy inside

Sunday, April 8, 2001

## ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

### DSO musician sets example for students

What time is it? Marshall Hutchinson suddenly seems to return to a world where arriving at rehearsal on time is as important as playing the right notes. If left to his own rhythm, the Farmington Hills bassist would talk for hours about music education and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

It's no wonder the Michigan chapter of the American String Teachers Association awarded him their highest honor. Hutchinson, known to family and friends as Larry, is more than a teacher. He sets an example by showing students it's possible to make a living as a professional musician and give back to the community too.

The Michigan String Teacher of the Year award, first given in 1964, goes to university, public school and private teachers who support education initiatives and promote high artistic standards in stringed instrument teaching. Hutchinson will receive the award on May 11 at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

"What I'm particularly pleased about is that I'm the first bass player to get the award and the first DSO player," said Hutchinson. "It recognizes the DSO's role in education of kids."

#### Working with youth

As chairman of the orchestra's education committee, Hutchinson plays a big role in helping the DSO nurture musical skills in children. Working with a quintet composed of orchestra members, the DSO bass player takes music into partner schools in Detroit and Bloomfield Hills as part of the "In a Chord" program. During summer, they put all their efforts into teaching and coaching students at an intensive music institute at Oakland University in Rochester.

But his commitment to encouraging children to develop musical skills doesn't stop there. Hutchinson is involved with music programs in his community as well. Several years ago



Marshall (Larry) Hutchinson  
Michigan String Teacher of the Year

he and Kay DeLuca, an elementary string teacher, came up with the idea for a Day for Strings in Farmington Public Schools. The two put their heads together with district music coordinator Paul Barber, and before long, students were sitting alongside professional musicians in clinics and rehearsals.

"We wanted to enrich the string program in Farmington schools," said Hutchinson, who in 1997 received the Friend of Education award from teachers in Farmington Public Schools. "It's all string students with DSO and other musicians coaching, and guest assistant conductors."

"I love it. The orchestra director will say can you play this and they play it like they've never heard it before. It goes beyond playing notes to play as a good ensemble."

#### A life with music

Hutchinson can't imagine a life without music, so when student response to a piece by Beethoven or Saint-Saens is as enthusiastic as his, the time invested seems well worth it. After all, if his mother hadn't encouraged him to play piano when he sat down at age four and began picking out tunes by ear, Hutchinson might

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# DAZZLING

## Glass tempts viewers with chameleon-like color

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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It's half past 11 on Tuesday morning and Don Schneider is rushing from the gallery into the bright light outside his York Street Glassworks. A Plymouth artist, Schneider is excited about sharing the shimmering colors in a glass platter blown the day before and still warm from the annealing oven. Like a chameleon, the interior of the work changes from deep blue to a glistening pale hue kissed with highlights from the copper-ruby exterior.

Here at Schneider's hot glass studio and gallery, a rainbow of color fills the showcases. Several of Schneider's newest pieces sit on top of a display case waiting for the internationally-known glass artist to finish rough spots left behind when works were broken away from the blow pipe.

Schneider's dazzling array of vessels, paperweights, gazing globes, beads, earrings, cuff links, marbles and buttons celebrates Michigan Glass Month.

Besides York Street Glassworks, Native West and Penniman Gallery, all in Plymouth, are mesmerizing viewers with everything from vessels to miniatures during the month of April. Founded 21 years ago to educate and promote public awareness of glass art, the Michigan Glass Month project features exhibits and demonstrations at studios and galleries across the state.

**Michigan Glass Month**  
**Native West** — 883 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and Saturday, until 9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, (734) 459-8838  
**Penniman Gallery** — 827 Penniman, Plymouth. Open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 9 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, (734) 459-5531  
**York Street Glassworks** — 575 York, Plymouth. Open 1-5 p.m. Sunday-Friday, or by appointment, (734) 459-4419

#### York Street Glassworks

Schneider is only too happy to share his art with visitors to York Street Glassworks where copper-ruby swirls alongside black in paperweights and vessels. Prices start at \$15 for a mushroom pendant and go up to hundreds of dollars for a vessel or gazing globe.

"I'm excited about the new colors in my latest batch of glass and the work for which I'm known — the millefiori beads," said Schneider, who began blowing glass 27 years ago at Greenfield Village and maintains a vigorous schedule of creating, demonstrating and lecturing on glass.

In May, he'll speak at the Society of Glass Beadmakers in Boulder, Colo. In June, his beads will be on display at the Glass Art Society conference held in conjunction with Corning Glass Museum's 150th anniversary celebration in New York. Schneider's work has been on exhibit in museums in Israel, Finland, Denmark and Japan.



Hot glass: Don Schneider blows a vessel in the studio of York Street Glassworks.

#### Native West

Glass in all its glory dazzles and captivates viewers the minute they step inside Native West, a gallery featuring Southwestern paintings, jewelry, pottery and home accessories by Native American artists. This is the last place glass lovers would expect to find paperweights and vessels made from molten materials.

"It's something I wanted to do for years to be a part of Michigan Glass Month in April," said co-owner Annette Horn. "It's different from traditional Native American art. We're always looking for something new and different. Glass is not a traditional Native art; that's why I stayed away from it. But artists are experimenting with glass. They're not Native, but depict the traditions on crystal and in paperweights."

Michael Storey incorporates bronze in a work where dolphins swim through a glass wave. Petroglyphs from Native American cave drawings float inside a blue paperweight by Sara Creekmore of New Mexico. Creekmore uses dichroic glass, developed by NASA, in the paperweights priced between \$45-\$100. Another work, she refers to as a cosmic egg, tucks stars and a celestial body floating overhead inside the glass.

In a separate display case, Creekmore's turtle and dragonfly necklaces (\$32-\$35) draw viewers and buyers as well. On a smaller scale, meditation stones promise creativity, health, guidance and focus for those who use them.

Maryann Wagner of Arizona etches symbols of Native American culture on crystal vases and platters. Horn began carrying the work two years ago because of the themes. One stunning platter includes several sheep scattered around the horizon, another vase an etching of a hachina doll. Wagner's husband, Carl Barnhart,

learned to make hachina dolls. His black, blown glass vessel resembles a piece of Santa Clara pottery.

#### Penniman Gallery

Glass comes in all sizes and shapes at Scott Smith's contemporary Penniman Gallery. Even children can afford the \$5 miniature animals by Yuri and Sash Pushkn of St. Petersburg, Russia. The husband and wife duo uses lampworking skills to create more than 120 species of plant, animal and sea life.

On opening day, April 1, Smith sold 50 of the miniatures priced between \$5-\$105. Birds and fish were best sellers amongst this glass menagerie.

"The thing that's so remarkable is children were wanting these and they're affordable," said Smith who also carries glass orna-

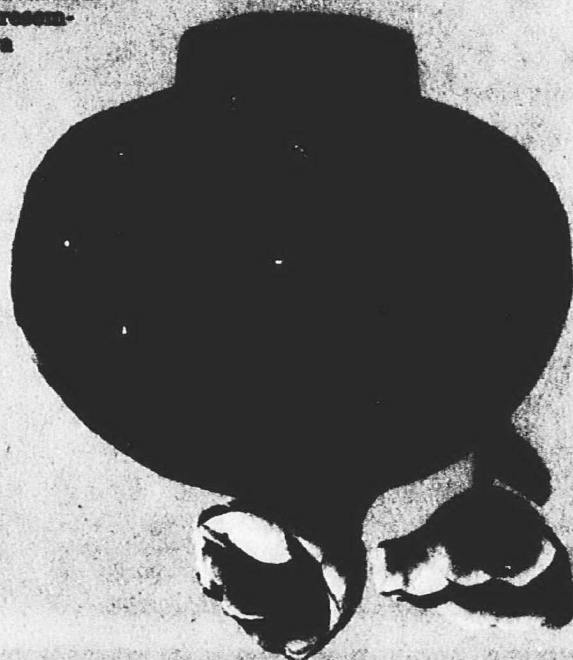


In miniature: Yuri and Sash Pushkn created this lampworked hummingbird for Penniman Gallery

ments, perfume bottles and vases. "I'll never forget when I saw their work in New York for the first time. They come from the same area of Russia as Fabergé. A lot of miniatures done in glass are clear but these are in color."

Horses, giraffes, pelicans, hummingbirds, dragonfly, deer — the list goes on and on. It's no wonder the miniatures are so popular. A gray Great Dane would make a special gift for a dog lover. But the special of glass goes deeper than that according to Smith.

"Glass is emotional. People see it and respond, then the nature de-



Clay-like: This blown glass vessel by Carl Barnhart is similar in style to Santa Clara pottery.

## THEATER

### 'Tony n' Tina's Wedding' an affair to remember

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Debbie Tedrick used to play "lots" of wedding receptions but now she plays just one — over and over again. The amazing part is the Farmington Hills actress/musician never gets bored. Guests and actors never know what's going to happen at the Italian-American wedding of Tony n' Tina.

The interactive comedy keeps guests on their toes while enjoying pasta from Intermezzo.

"It's very much like a wedding gig except these are all the things that went wrong in all of the wedding gigs I've ever played, all the craziness amalgamated into one show," said Tedrick, who plays piano with the wedding band that's part of the show.

"It's just like a wedding. If you want a drink you get up and go get a drink. People come time and time again because there's so much going on and it's so much fun. There's a lot of blessings from the priest, a lot of Italian high drama. They use their hands a lot. The characters are like caricatures



Night out: Debbie Tedrick, Henry Nelson (left), Alan Canning and Pete Peltier play the band in "Tony n' Tina's Wedding."

of stereotypes. Tina's mother wears four inches of makeup. It's kind of like the comedy at Second City except the wedding party's table is in the midst of the crowd so things are going on all around you."

#### Staying fresh

So how do Tedrick and the rest of the cast keep the production fresh for five performances a week? Add to that the fact they've been doing the show for going on three years. Previously held at Baci's in Pontiac, the show moved to Harmonie Park in November. The switch allowed them to expand the show to two rooms where the bride and groom exchange nuptials then share the occasion with family and friends at a reception.

"It's not difficult to keep it fresh because it's about 95 percent improv," said director Lucy Mayo of Southfield. "The ceremony is most scripted. The show is situation scripted. Actors are told they're going to have a fight and what it's about. They take it from there so it changes every night. Then there's the audience factor. Sometimes the audience gets involved and becomes as big a part of the show as the actors."

Mayo thinks part of the charm is that no one knows what will happen. She certainly didn't when she took the job as stage manager in December of 1998. Up until then, Mayo worked behind the scenes producing drama for The Attic, Jewish Ensemble Theatre and other professional venues. After director Kevin Alexander, who originated the role of Vinnie the caterer in the New York production of "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," left, Mayo took over. Some nights she

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envies the audience which can choose to be part of the craziness or just sit back and enjoy dinner, a champagne toast and wedding cake.

"It's a high energy show," said Meyo. "It takes a lot out of you, but I can see how much people are enjoying it. That adds to my energy."

The cast also needs plenty of energy to put on the show. Tedrick is constantly bantering with twice-divorced husband and band lead singer Donny Dulce, played by Henry Nelson. In real life, Nelson sings with the Fabulous Imperials at Woodruff's Bar and Grill in Royal Oak. He is currently understudying three parts for Meadow Brook Theatre's upcoming production of "Little Shop of Horrors." Chip Duford, who plays Vinnie the caterer, is also part of the "Little Shop" cast.

Alan Canning plays drummer Rocco Caruso. By day, Canning works as a computer graphics designer and video editor for VSI in Bloomfield Hills. Pete Peltier (Carlo Cannoli) plays the bassist. Peltier is a member of the Dung Beetles, who were nominated for a Detroit Music Award. The group frequently plays at the Magic Bag in Ferndale.

In addition to giving private lessons in voice, piano and musical theater, Tedrick directed a cabaret for the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford last season. During the summer she's busy five days a week directing theater camps at the Marquis Theater in Northville.

Tedrick is also creator/artistic

director of "Cabaret Club," an adult - and child-based performance company, which presents musical theater and comedy for special events and corporate functions.

## The band

"Three of four band members of Fusion are from the original production," said Tedrick. "We act, sort of act, like a dysfunctional family because we've almost closed several times. Donny's a Casanova and good with the ladies. I'm all about what makes money for the band. The groom's father hits on me and I get into a fight with his girlfriend and get to do stage combat so I get to use all my skills."

"The music is fast-paced. As music director it's one of the hardest things I've ever done. We play 42 selections in the course of two hours - everything from a Madonna medley, Madonna is Tina's favorite singer, to 'That's Amore' and pass the mike around. The crowd has to sing for its supper. There are also line dances where people jump in and sing along."

The antics don't end with the show most nights. After Tina tosses the bouquet, the cast goes downstairs to Centre Street Pub where it interacts with guests and has a good time.

"It's like a built-in party atmosphere," said Tedrick. "Guests are invited to come downstairs and meet the cast."

For details about the menu, show or parking, visit the Web site at [www.tonyandtinadetroit.com](http://www.tonyandtinadetroit.com)

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never have gone on to study classical music. Before long he was playing with a youth orchestra in Minneapolis.

"I can't imagine doing one without the other," said Hutchinson who taught music at Western Michigan University for nine years before joining the DSO. "Teaching and performing are two sides of the same coin. When I see a student start to play, and can tell they really understand, that makes me a better performing musician."

"By teaching I have to examine what I do technically, artistically. Almost always I learn something new about the music or hear something different. I achieve a new understanding. It's my way of studying. When I get to stand on stage and work with wonderful musicians, it's still a thrill after 18 years. It reminds me why it's so important to reach these kids. Music has the power to change lives. It happened to me."

## Children and music

Music is also changing the lives of his children. Hutchinson and his wife Connie, a horn player currently performing with "Ragtime" at the Fisher Theater,

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**Marshall Hutchinson**  
*musician/teacher*

exposed Ashley, 9 and Christopher, 12 to recordings and stories about composers before either could read. By age 3, Christopher was studying piano, and by age 5 strings. Both are members of the Detroit Symphony Sinfonia Orchestra, one of the DSO's youth training ensembles.

"It's that young exposure. Too many kids are left at the mercy of pop culture," said Hutchinson. "Christopher loves rock music (just as his dad did in junior high) and Nintendo but he had a wider view of what's out there - theater and all styles of music. That young exposure is what I would wish for all kids. It's important to expose them to the fine arts before they develop a prejudice about it."

"When Chris was 3, I was flipping through channels and Pavarotti came on singing. Chris

came running up to the TV and loved it. It's important to expose kids to classical music when they're young. Both listened to tapes when they were going to sleep and we read stories to them from the Classical Kids series. Take them to concerts even when they're little - our Young People's Concerts on Saturday mornings so that they learn. It's called pre-attitude development, so they have a sense of what all this is. When they start to study music, it's important for them to listen. When the sounds are in their ears, it's so much easier. When I realized I could be good in music, I could be good at other things."

Connie agrees nothing is more important than beginning early - the earlier the better.

"The kids grew up with music and asked to play," said Connie

who will join the Masonic Temple orchestra when "Phantom of the Opera" comes to town on April 25. "Chris's reaction when he was a child and asked what his parents did said 'they're musicians. That's what grown-ups do. It came natural to them.'"

Of course, all children don't have the same opportunities as the Hutchinsons. When Ashley was still very young she was able to attend a DSO rehearsal with cellist Yo-Yo Ma. Hutchinson hopes one day a DSO education program will allow all students to sit in on rehearsals at Orchestra Hall.

## Accessibility

"One of the things we struggle to do is to make the symphony and musicians more accessible," said Hutchinson. "I'd like to have more kids have that experience like Ashley with Yo-Yo Ma."

And maybe one day they will because of musicians like Hutchinson.

*Have an interesting idea for a story? Call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to [lchomin@oei.com](mailto:lchomin@oei.com).*

# Art Center benefits from wine connoisseurs

Though many college campus icons come and go, the Ann Arbor Art Center has been a staple since 1909.

The Center, known for showcasing emerging artists, engages the community in education, exhibition and exploration of the visual arts and offers hands-on art education, art appreciation programs and exhibitions in its location at 117 West Liberty Street, just west of Main.

For the past 19 years, the Art Center has also been known for sponsoring one of the nation's premier wine auctions.

On April 21, area wine lovers can benefit artists while pleasing their own palate at the Ann Arbor Art Center's WineFest 2001: A Wine Odyssey.

The auction attracts food and wine enthusiasts from across the nation, offering a full day of tasting seminars, a strolling gourmet supper and live and silent auctions of fine and rare wines.

Honorary chair of this year's event - to be held at the Ypsilanti Marriott at Eagle Crest - is Gina Gallo, a third-generation winemaker who heads up her

family's Gallo of Sonoma wine-making operations.

WineFest is the art center's largest fund-raising event, providing about 20 percent of its annual budget. Organizers hope to attract nearly 1,000 people to this year's celebration, setting a fund-raising goal of \$275,000.

Kate Williams, special events coordinator for the Ann Arbor Art Center, said surprises are in store for WineFest veterans and newcomers alike.

"Returning guests will notice a completely different floor plan, which groups the food and wine stations with the silent auction tables under one big-top tent," she said. "We think it will make for a more natural setting and allow people to freely move from one venue to another without having to go from tent to tent."

"First-timers will have so

much to see and do that it is hard to pinpoint one attraction," Williams added. "Gina Gallo will be on hand to greet our guests at the door, and the live auction is a spectacle not to be missed, even if you don't plan on bidding."

In addition to the regular tasting, a rare and fine wine bars will offer guests a chance to sample rare and limited-edition bottlings not often found in the metro area. A special port, cigar and cognac tent will top-off the evening following dessert and entertainment.

Tickets for WineFest are \$135 per person. For more information on the event, call (734) 994-8004, ext. 101, or visit [www.winefest.org](http://www.winefest.org) on the Internet. For more information on the center visit [www.annarborartcenter.org](http://www.annarborartcenter.org)

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### ART FAIRS & SHOWS

#### SNAPONE FINE ART FESTIVAL

The exhibit of fine arts is 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday, April 8 at the Costick Activity Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. (734) 623-7040.

### CALL FOR ARTISTS & AUDITIONS

#### ART SCHOLARSHIPS

Paint Creek Center for the Arts is offering a \$2,000 scholarship for high school seniors who intend to further their art studies. Applicants must be residents of Macomb, Oakland or Wayne Counties. Student applicants must submit slides of their work, a brief description and two letters of recommendation from teachers or counselors. Material must be received by 5 p.m. Monday, April 16. For more information, contact Mary Fortuna at (248) 651-4110.

#### COMMUNITY HOUSE

Seeking artists for Plum Pudding Winter Holiday gift show on Nov. 29. For application, call the Birmingham Community House at (248) 452-9000.

#### FARMINGTON FOUNDERS FESTIVAL

Now accepting applications for a juried arts and crafts fair to be held July 19-21. For an application call Deb at (248) 477-5837.

#### FRANKLIN ART ON THE GREEN

Seeking artists for annual Labor Day fine art show in Franklin Village on Sept. 3. For application call (248) 594-3093.

#### JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

The JCC and the Michigan/Israel Connection seeks art vendors for the annual festival on May 20. All types of media are accepted. Interested vendors should call the JCC at (248) 661-7649.

#### LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY

Accepting entries for *Printmaking 2001* through April 28. Cost \$20 for three entries. Drop off times noon-6 p.m. April 25-28. 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 360-2381.

#### LIBERTY FEST 2001

Canton Township 10th annual fine art and fine craft show is seeking artists for the event on June 23-24. Deadline for submission is April 16. For more information, call Sharon Dillenbeck of D&M studio at (734) 453-3710.

#### LIVONIA YOUTH CHOIR

Girls and boys (with unchanged voices) who will be in grades 4-8 (ages 9-13) in the 2001-2002 school year and reside in Livonia or surrounding communities are invited to audition for the Livonia Youth Choir. Auditions are 4:30-6 p.m. Sunday, June 3 and 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, June 4 at Faith Lutheran Church, 3000 Five Mile, Livonia. (734) 425-1749.

#### PICTURE.COM

Deadline for the International Open Amateur Photography Contest is May 31. To enter send one photo in one category: people, travel, pets, children, sports, nature, action, humor, portraiture or other. Photographs should be sent to: The International Library of Photography, Suite 101-2611, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117 or visit [www.picture.com](http://www.picture.com).

#### ST. HUGO OF THE HILLS

Accepting applications for its juried Holiday Art and Craft Show to be held Nov. 2-3. Deadline for applications is April 15. To obtain an application, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to K. Plomer, 1865 Dell Rose Dr., Bloomfield Hills, 48302, or request by e-mail at [sthucoart-fair@aol.com](mailto:sthucoart-fair@aol.com). For information call (248) 745-9121.

#### VOCAL ARTS ENSEMBLE

Auditions for the a capella vocal group that performs at Renaissance feasts, concerts, weddings, workshops and fundraisers are now taking place. For details, contact Cindy Keleman, business manager, at (313) 299-0451 or (734) 941-5955.

### CLASSES

#### ART GALLERY STUDIO

Art classes are at 29048 Ford Road, Garden City, in the Sheridan Square Shopping. (734) 261-0378.

#### ART OF LIVING STUDIO

Offers classes in drawing, scarf-dyeing and enhancing your artistic vision. Book conversation and poetry nights are also offered. 11 S. Broadway, Lake Orion. (248) 693-3632.

#### BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

Winter classes available in draw-

ing, watercolor, ceramics and others. 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

#### DETROIT BALLET

Classes in child and adult classical ballet, tap and jazz. Adult beginners welcomed. Classes offered at the Betty Johnston Dance Studio in Farmington Hills at Folsom and Nine Mile. (248) 474-3174.

#### EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE

All levels of classes for recreational and professional students, including modern, ballet, pointe, tap and jazz for children ages 3 and older. 1541 W. Hamlin, between Crooks and Livernois, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-5850.

#### JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Offering classes for preschool and children including Creative Dance with Harriet Berg, Girls Empowered, beginning preschool girls tap, Moving with Maureen and Coco, and Little Jumpers. Classes at the Oak Park campus, 15110 W. Ten Mile, Oak Park. (248) 987-4030.

#### KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES

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#### METRO DANCE

Basic adult ballet and tap classes for adults, and classes for experienced dancers. 541 S. Mill, Plymouth. (734) 207-8970.

#### PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

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

#### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Winter classes and workshops for all ages are available at the Joanne Winklemann Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. For a brochure and list of events call (734) 416-4ART.

#### VISUAL ART ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA

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

### CONCERTS

#### BIRMINGHAM MUSICALES

Features the winners of scholarships in concert at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 12 at the Birmingham Community House, 380 S. Bates. (248) 641-1705.

#### BOB CARLISLE

The recording artist will perform his hit *Butterfly Kisses* in a concert at 9 and 11 a.m. on Sunday, April 15 at the Orchard Grove Community Church on Orchard Lake Road north of 12 Mile in Farmington Hills. (248) 324-1700.

#### CENTURY CLUB

Features live music, dancing and a late-night menu on Friday and Saturday evenings. A rotating roster of musicians, including vocalists Misty Love, Jennifer George-Consiglio and Johnnie Bassett. 333 Madison, Detroit. (313) 963-9800.

#### DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The DSO highlights Nordic contributions to music with works by Sibelius and Leif Segerstam, April 8, Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111.

#### ORCHARD LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH

The musical drama *The Choice* is April 8 at 7 p.m. at the church, 5171 Commerce. (248) 682-0730.

#### UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY

Ute Lempert is at 8 p.m. Friday, April 13 at Michigan Theatre, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. John Relyea, bass-baritone and Warren Jones, piano, is at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 14 at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, 811 N. University, Ann Arbor. (800) 221-1229.

#### WARREN STATE UNIVERSITY

Jazz guitar ensemble concert is at 7 p.m. Monday, April 9 in the Schaver Music Hall, 480 Hancock, adjacent to the Old Main Building, Detroit. (313) 577-1798.

### FOR KIDS

#### BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY HOUSE

Music classes for parents and children ages 2 months to 4 years. To register call (248) 644-5832.

#### EASTER EGG HUNT

The indoor hunt is at Cookies & Milk Drop-in Play Center 9:30-9:45 a.m. Wednesday, April 11. Cost is \$7 for a parent with one or two children up to 4 years old. 8515 Lilley, Canton. (734) 207-1655.

#### KINDERMUSIK

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

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#### TINY TOT SERIES

An encore performance of *Fun Dances from Faraway Lands* is at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 19 at Parcels Middle School in Grosse Pointe Woods, 20600 Mack Ave. For ticket info call (313) 576-5111.

### GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENING)

#### ART IN THE CORRIDOR

Opens Monday, April 9 — Marjorie Chelistorp is the featured artist through June 29 at the city halls of both Farmington Hills and Farmington. Opening reception is 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 9 at Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 Eleven Mile. (248) 473-1856.

#### BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

Opens Thursday, April 12 — *Clay Ten: Twenty Years Later* through May 11. Opening reception is 6-8 p.m. April 12. Panel discussion is 7 p.m. Thursday, April 26.

#### GALLERY NIKKO

Featuring new glass pieces for Michigan Glass Month. 470 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 847-0880.

#### ELANE JAGGS GALLERY

Opens Saturday, April 13 — 2001 Undergraduate Exhibition through May 11. 3400 Gullen Mall, Wayne State University, Detroit. (313) 577-2423.

#### SEANOW BROWN ART GALLERY

Opens Thursday, April 12 — *Interpretations: The 2001 Student Faculty Exhibition* through May 15. Opening reception is 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 12. 398 Wilson Hall, Oakland University. (248) 370-1000.

#### DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET

Through May 11 — *Body as Metaphor*. Featured artist of the month is JaAnn Aquino through April 30. 4719 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 832-8540.

#### DETROIT CONTEMPORARY

Through May 20 — *Psyche: Works by Tome Humes, Jo Powers and Denise Whitebread Fanning*. 5141 Rosa Parks, Detroit. (313) 898-4ART.

#### JANICE CHARADON EPSTEIN GALLERY

Through May 10 — Steven Weinberg and Irene Frolic: *Diverging Directions in Glass*. 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 661-7841.

### GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

#### A.C.T GALLERY

Through April 27 — *Terra: A Language of Landscape*. 35 E. Grand River, Detroit. (313) 961-4336.

#### ANN ARBOR ART CENTER

Through April 15 — *The Print*, 2001. 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-8004.

#### ART APARTMENT

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

#### ART OF LIVING

Opens Saturday, April 28 — Spring multi-artist show featuring many Michigan artists. 11 S. Broadway, Lake Orion. (248) 693-3632.

#### BENTLEY LIBRARY

Through April 30 — *Shakespeare on Campus*, a photographic review of the performances of the Bard's works on the U-M campus. 1150 Beal, north campus, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-3482.

#### ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY

Through April 29 — Michael Glancy: *Glass Artist*. 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn. (313) 593-5058.

#### BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

Through April 27 — BBAC High School Competition. 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

#### BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH

Through April 27 — Michigan Weavers Guild Fiber Show. 38651 Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 647-2380.

#### CARY GALLERY

Through April 21 — *Variations on Recent Themes: Castagnacci*. 226 Walnut, Rochester. (248) 651-3656.

#### CASA DE UNIDAD

Through May 18 — *Around You: Printmaking and Photography by Dulce Ma. Tiznado*. 1920 Scotten, Detroit.

#### CASS CAFE

Through April 28 — An exhibition of linocuts and woodcuts by Carlos Cortez. 4620 Cass, Detroit. (313) 831-1400.

#### CENTER GALLERIES

Through April 28 — *Artists on Language*. 301 Frederick Douglass, Detroit. (313) 664-7800.

#### CENTER FOR CREATIVE STUDIES

Through April 20 — *A Glass passport. 2001 Space Odyssey*. Hot Glass Bonanza is noon-5 p.m. Sunday, April 22 in the CCS Yamasaki Building. 201 E. Kirby, Detroit. (313) 644-7460.

#### CITY GALLERY

Through May 10 — Features glass works by Chris Nordin, Michelle Plucinsky and Kaiser Suidan. First National Building on Woodward, Detroit. (313) 963-0101.

#### CPOP GALLERY

Through April 29 — Tim Hussey: *Shed and Gary Tazali: Sweet Shop Toys, Candies and Books*. 4160 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-9901.

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#### EDDIE B GALLERY

Through April 30 — *Reality Check: A group exhibit*. 288 Maple, Birmingham. (248) 258-9382.

#### FOCUS: NOPE

Through May 4 — *Through Latine Eyes* with works of Lisa Luevano and Alecia Zettlemoyer. 1400 Gorman, Detroit. Opening reception is 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 10. (313) 494-4915.

#### GALLERY 332

Through April 15 — *Evolution Part II*. 297 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 698-8224.

#### ELANE JAGGS GALLERY

Through May 25 — *Horses to Horses*. 5141 Rosa Parks of

Advertising Art. 480 W. Hancock, Detroit. (313) 993-7813.

#### ELLEN KAYROD GALLERY

Through June 8 — *Mixed Reviews*. 4750 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-1300.

#### ROBERT KIDD GALLERY

Through April 30 — New paintings by Joel Sheesley and recent drawings by Rick Vian. 107 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-3909.

#### ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY

Through May 10 — Recent works of Robert Edwards. 32782 Woodward, Royal Oak. (248) 647-7709.

#### DAVID KLEIN GALLERY

Through April 21 — *Modernism in America: Paintings and Works on Paper from 1914 to 1950*. 163 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 433-3700.

#### LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY

Through April 30 — Works by Richard Skelton, Kris Azelis Lamb and Ruth Coulson. 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6716.

#### LEMBERS GALLERY

Through April 21 — *Jane Dickson's Road Trip*. Through May 26 — *Time for a Change: Billboard project by Dennis Summers*. 23241 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 591-6623.

#### LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION

Through April 26 — Student art from the Livonia Public Schools. Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. (734) 466-2490. Through April 26 — The Palette Guild Art Club in the Livonia City Hall Lobby. 33000 Civic Center Drive. (734) 466-2540.

#### MANISALCO GALLERY

Through April 27 — *Herstory*, in conjunction with *girlee detroit*. 17329 Mack, Detroit. (313) 886-2993.

#### NATIVE WEST

Through April 30 — *Etchings in Glass*. 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. (734) 455-8838.

#### OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA

Through April 20 — Oakland University's student art show. 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. (248) 858-0415.

#### ORCHARD LAKES SCHOOL GALLERIA

Through April 30 — Paintings of fabrics by Joanna Tlok. 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake. (248) 683-1750.

#### OUTSIDE THE LINES

Through April 30 — Joyce Gottlieb: *Fugitive forms in glass*. 8410 Macomb, Grosse Ile. (734) 692-0523.

#### PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

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

#### PARK WEST GALLERY

Through April 19 — Artwork of Wendy Schaefer Miles and Kevin Miles. 29469 Northwestern, Southfield. (800) 521-9654.

#### PEWABIC POTTERY

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

#### REVOLUTION

Through April 21 — Self portraits by John Coplans and Phoenix by Jim Melchert. 23257 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 541-3444.

#### SCARAB CLUB

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NP SPT KIDS (PG) SUN. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:05, 9:05 MON-TUES 5:10, 7:05, 9:05

NP THE MEXICAN (R) 9:15 HEARTBREAKERS (PG-13) SUN. 1:20, 4:00, 6:35, 9:20 MON-TUES 4:00, 6:35, 9:20

THE BROTHERS (R) SUN. 12:45, 2:50, 5:00, 7:20, 9:35 MON-TUES 5:00, 7:20, 9:35

ENEMY AT THE GATES (R) SUN. 12:40, 3:50, 6:40, 9:25 MON-TUES 4:00, 6:40, 9:25

EXIT WOUNDS (R) SUN. 12:50, 3:00, 5:15, 7:25, 9:55 MON-TUES 5:10, 7:25, 9:55

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NECESS: SCHOOL'S OUT (G) SUN. 12:55, 2:45 MON-TUES 5:20

MANHATTAN (R) SUN. 4:30, 7:15, 10:00 MON-TUES 7:15, 10:00

CHOUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON (PG-13) SUN. 1:35, 4:05, 6:30, 9:00 MON-TUES 4:05, 6:30, 9:00

TRAFIC (R) SUN. 1:05, 4:00, 6:30, 9:45 MON-TUES 4:00, 6:30, 9:45

Showcase Downtown 1-4 Michigan & Telegraph 313-561-3400 Bargain Matinee Daily All Shows until 6 pm

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EXIT WOUNDS (R) SUN-TUES 1:30, 4:40, 7:55, 9:55, 10:25

SEE SPOT RUN (PG) SUN. TUES 1:20

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HEARTBREAKERS (R) SUN. 1:20, 4:10, 6:45, 9:20

EXIT WOUNDS (R) SUN. 2:50, 5:00, 7:20, 9:35

SEE SPOT RUN (PG) 12:40

Showcase Pontiac 6-12 2405 Telegraph Rd. East side of Telegraph 810-334-6777 Bargain Matinee Daily All Shows until 6 pm

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NP O BROTHER WHERE ART THOU? (R) SUN. 12:45, 3:00, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00

ENEMY AT THE GATES (R) SUN. 1:20, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45

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THE BROTHERS (R) 9:10

NP THE MEXICAN (R) SUN. 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45

NP ALONG CAME A SPIDER (R) SUN. 1:30, 4:45

MON-TUES 4:45

EXIT WOUNDS (R) 4:30, 9:30

15 MINUTES (R) SUN. 1:15, 7:15

MANHATTAN (R) MON-TUES 7:15

CHOUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON (PG-13) SUN. 1:40, 4:40, 7:10, 9:45

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HEARTBREAKERS (PG-13) SUN. 1:30, 4:15, 6:35, 9:30

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SEE SPOT RUN (PG) SUN. 12:45

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MANHATTAN (R) 6:45, 9:25

TRAFIC (R) SUN. 3:00, 6:30, 9:25

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ENEMY AT THE GATES (R) 12:20, 3:00, 6:10, 9:00

EXIT WOUNDS (R) 8:40

THE MEXICAN (R) 1:10, 7:20, 10:00

SEE SPOT RUN (PG) 12:50, 3:20, 5:40

CHOUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON (PG-13) 1:50, 5:00, 8:30

TRAFIC (R) 12:10, 3:10, 6:30, 9:30

CHOCOLAT (PG-13) 1:20, 3:50, 6:20, 8:50

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ENEMY AT THE GATES (R) 1:00, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10

TRAFIC (R) 3:40, 6:40, 9:40

SEE SPOT RUN (PG) 11:50, 2:20, 4:40

THE BROTHERS (R) 11:00, 1:20

CHOCOLAT (PG-13) 11:15, 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:25

THE MEXICAN (R) 9:30

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

**OPENING RECEPTION**

Marjorie Chellstorp displays her watercolors in the "Art in the Corridor" series April 9 to June 29 at the city halls of Farmington Hills and Farmington. An opening reception to meet the artist takes place 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, April 9 at Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 11 Mile. For information, call (248) 473-1856.

Chellstorp was named the Farmington Area Artist in Residence for the year 2000 by the Farmington Area Arts Commission. The "Art in the Corridor" exhibits are presented by the arts commission with the assistance of the Cultural Arts Division of Farmington Hills' special services department.

Chellstorp, who teaches painting and art history at Madonna University in Livonia, has been drawing and painting for more than 40 years. A recipient of numerous awards and commissions, Chellstorp's work is in private and corporate collections in the U.S. and Europe. She's also exhibited with the Michigan Water Color Society at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

**FINAL CALL**

Canton Township is looking for artists for its 10th annual Fine Art and Fine Craft Show Saturday-Sunday, June 23-24 at the Liberty Fest in Heritage Park. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Deadline for application is April 16. For more information, call (734) 453-3710.

**PAINT WORKSHOPS**

D & M Studios will offer all day student paint workshops 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 17 and Thursday, April 19 at 8691 N. Lilley, Canton.

The cost is \$24. Students will explore different styles and techniques. Call (734) 453-3710.

D & M Studios is also taking registration for its summer art camp: "Australian Outback -



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Down Under." A 10 percent discount is available if tuition is paid by May 31.

**STEP INTO THE SPOTLIGHT**

Rebekah Walker, a senior at Ladywood High School in Livonia, and an award-winning singer, will perform on Tuesday, April 17 at the Holiday Inn at Laurel Park Mall in Livonia. Sponsored by the Livonia Michigan Women's After 5 Club, the event, which takes place 6:30-8 p.m., will feature Walker, guest speaker Helen Stewart, and a spring buffet dinner. The cost is \$14 per person, call (248) 349-8333 or (248) 553-2412 by April 13 for reservations/information.

**SPRING MUD FLING**

The Village Potters Guild and the Plymouth Community Arts Council are joining hands to bring the love of clay to the community. Artists from the Guild will be teaching classes April 17-19 at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth.

Students of all ages will use terra cotta clay and colored clay slips to create works limited only by their imagination. Masks, coil and pinch vessels, sculpture in the shape of animals, insects and birds, Guatemalan dolls, and bowls are among the subjects being offered.

The cost is \$23 a class or 3 classes for \$64. The fee includes all materials. Arts council mem-

bers receive a discount. To register, call (734) 416-4278.

Artworks will be fired at the Village Potters Guild and will be ready for pick-up at the arts council 2 to 3 weeks after classes end.

**ARTS SCHOLARSHIP**

If you are an artistically talented high school senior in Wayne, Oakland or Macomb counties, Paint Creek Center for the Arts is looking for you. The PCCA is offering a \$2,000 scholarship for students to further their art studies. The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of merit to 2001 graduating seniors who plan to enroll in college art courses and major in the visual arts.

Deadline for application materials to be received is 5 p.m. Monday, April 16. Postmarks will not be considered. For an application, call Mary Fortuna at (248) 651-4110.

Student applicants must submit 6 slides of their work, a brief description and 2 letters of recommendation from teachers or counselors.

**ART EXHIBIT**

The Palette Guild Art Club is exhibiting its spring show through Friday, April 27 at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, east of Farmington Road.

Mediums include watercolors, oils, acrylics, and mixed media paintings.

Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. For more information, call club president Anna Mary Vollick at (313) 532-4308.

**IMPROVED SCULPTOR TO SPEAK**

Sculptor Sergio DeGiusti will give a lecture presentation during a private reception 6:30-9 p.m. Sunday, April 22 at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham.

DeGiusti will be speaking on the importance of ethnicity in the creation of art and how our own culture influences the creative process. The lecture is presented by the International Women's Association of Southeast Michigan.

For more information, call Jackie Sharp at (248) 723-3247.



Spring Mud Fling: Rachail Laine is one of the Village Potters Guild members teaching classes at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

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**Bunnyville at the Detroit Zoo**

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2001  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Enjoy a day at the Detroit Zoo filled with fun and excitement for the whole family. Children can follow their map along the bunny trail and visit with our special cast of characters, featuring Tommy and Angelica from Nickelodeon's "Rugrats". Collect stamps at each tent, and explore all the exciting exhibits and animals at the zoo.

At the end of the trail each child 12 and under will receive a bag of goodies (while supplies last) and visit with the Easter Bunny.

Admission to Bunnyville is free with the donation of one nonperishable food item per person.  
All donations will benefit Gleaners Community Food Bank of Greater Detroit.

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# MALLS & MAINSTREETS

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**Bold color and prints are nothing to fear**

**READY-TO-WEAR**



**KAREN DASKAS**

Spring fashion is jumping with exciting graphics and clothing styles that celebrate the modern feminine form.

This season boasts electrifying prints, graphic leathers, sexy heels and brilliant combinations of black

and white.

While some shoppers may approach the new styles with caution, Spring 2001 offers promising designs that appeal to truly everyone's fashion tastes.

**Break into color**

Every day, women are faced with the age-old question: What should I wear?

While you might feel the need to slip into head-to-toe black, now is the time to celebrate spring's bright floral and pop graphics. And, hey, you can mix them up with the season's best black-and-white combinations.

Don't fear color, embrace it!

**Bold prints**

The new season pays homage to the godfather of prints - Pucci. With bold designs in bright hues of cherry, coral and emerald, spring's electrifying colors and sharp graphics burst into fashion and make for an exciting opportunity to update the wardrobe. But the question remains how to capture the look without going overboard? Simply follow a few basic steps, and you'll feel confident wearing color prints and void of hesitation.

Step one is to flatter your figure. You certainly don't want to look like one big floral garden, so start by identifying the smallest part of your body, whether it be your waist, hips, shoulders or bust.

The key is to use a colorful and fun print to balance out your body, while at the same time incorporating a fresh new look into your wardrobe for the season.

If you're pear-shaped, wear a graphic black-and-white print top with slim pants and heels.

For women with slim waists and narrow hips, a coral-colored pencil skirt with floral print can be paired with a solid top in complementing hues of mandarin or melon.

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

## Rabbit in the rain forest

### Troy mall combines Easter with adventure, learning

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER  
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Apparently the Easter Bunny has acquired a few more survival skills. Otherwise, dwelling in a cave beside a Red Blood Python doesn't seem possible.

Then again, anything's possible in the mind of a child. That's why the Easter Bunny is happily going about his business, sitting for spring time photo portraits with visiting children and passing out Easter eggs, yes, in a cave within an Amazon rain forest at Oakland Mall in Troy.

While the setup may seem surreal to adults - won't those snakes eat the poor Easter Bunny? - children seem to find the environs more engaging than a traditional spring gazebo or garden background.

Indeed, most of the mall's young visitors like the big bad snake more than the Easter Bunny. And older children, not to mention adults, get a kick out of learning about the rain forest.

"It's more for the kids," says Tara Cardella, Oakland Mall's marketing director. "There's more for the kids to see. It's more magical for the kids."

And, magical it is. Giant boulders atop a bright purple carpet make up the Easter Bunny's cave where inside vibrant colored butterflies hover above baskets overflowing with gigantic Easter eggs and orange carrot sticks.

Throw in a few tropical plants and a park bench for the Easter Bunny to hold court, and it's kind of a *Mad* magazine version of Bugs Bunny role-playing in New York City's Central Park. Just outside the cave is the Amazon rain forest complete with tropical flowers, grass huts, a waterfall and that Red Blood Python, in a cage, of course.

Located in the mall's center court, the exhibit runs through April 14 and is being co-sponsored by Nationwide Insurance and the Detroit Science Center.

Rounding out the imaginary jungle are activity posts where visitors, both children and adults, can learn about the rain forest. Several are interactive computer stations housed inside straw huts. Others are tables where children can smell exotic spices and make rain sticks. The exhibit's guides don khaki and tropical print uniforms.

Oakland Mall annually hosts two major children's exhibits, and Amazon Adventure is one. Last year's spring exhibit, Space Adventure, came in May following Easter.

"We try to do something different every year," says Cardella. "They've come to expect it from us," she says of mall shoppers.

While combining their spring exhibit with the Easter Bunny's visit certainly is different, Cardella can't say it was planned all along. Putting the world's most famous rabbit in a rain forest emerged during discussions about the Amazon Adventure exhibit, and "we thought it was a neat idea and a way to have a brand new Easter," recalls Cardella.

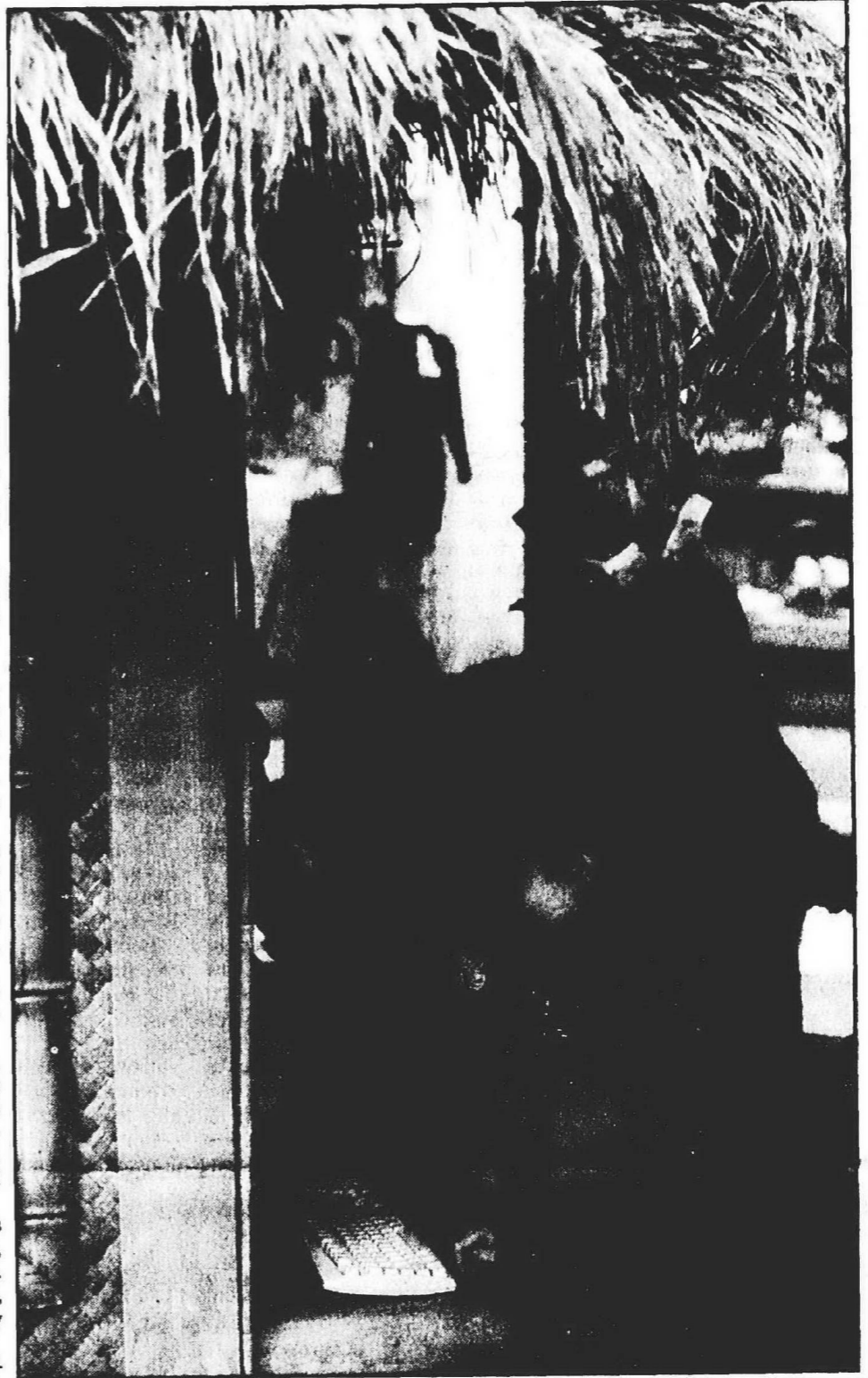
That the reality television show *Survivor* would launch an interest in all things tropical, outback and exotic is also "absolutely coincidence."



**Bunny hug:** Allie Kazewych, 3, of Clarkston, chats with the Easter Bunny in his rain forest cave at Oakland Mall in Troy.



**Adventure for all:** Oakland Mall's combination exhibit appeals to kids of all ages. Ryan Novak, who's in the sixth grade, is too old to believe in the Easter Bunny, but seems to be enjoying himself as he tests the rain stick he just made.



**Hut gathering:** A group of students from St. Clement school in Center Line explore the Amazon through an interactive software program entitled *Swinging Through the Canopy Layer*. Oakland Mall's Amazon Adventure exhibit features hut-enclosed computer stations where kids can learn about the habitat.

Nonetheless, the mall strives to present programs that appeal to a wide age range, though catering to children is a strong focus, says Cardella. "We're interested in cross-generational programs. Everybody's always looking for something to do at the mall." Oakland Mall's Easter Bunny will be available for photos 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday through Easter. Photo packages begin at \$9.99. For more information about the Easter Bunny's visit or the Amazon Adventure exhibit and to schedule a school group visit, call (248) 585-6000. Information is also available at [www.oaklandmall.com](http://www.oaklandmall.com) on the Internet.

See list of other retail Easter events on next page

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](mailto:nstafford@oe.homecomm.net). Deadline for publication is two weeks in advance.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 8**

**AMAZON ADVENTURE**

Oakland Mall in Troy hosts Amazon Adventure, an interactive, technology-based exhibit that allows visitors to become explorers in a rain forest and includes live animal programs through April 14. For complete schedule and other information, call (248) 597-2200.

**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. For exhibit hours and other information, call (734) 455-8838.

**MONDAY, APRIL 9**

**TRUNK SHOW**

Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, presents their exclusive Turnbull and Asser spring collection for men in a trunk show accompanied by Robert Salter of the Turnbull and Asser shop in London, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Men's Furnishings, first floor. For details, call (248) 643-3300.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 10**

**HEALTH SCREENINGS**

Botsford Hospital offers dozens of free and low-cost health screenings for the entire family at Livonia Mall, 29514 7 Mile Road, through April 12. For details, call (248) 476-1160.

## ADDED ATTRACTIONS

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11**

**INDOOR EGG HUNT**

Cookies & Milk Drop-in Play Center at the Golden Gate Shopping Center in Canton hosts an indoor Easter egg hunt for children through age 4, 9:30-9:45 a.m. Admission is \$7 for a parent accompanying up to two children. Call (734) 207-1655.

**INCIRCLE EVENT**

Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, presents several trunk shows, including such collections as St. John, David Yurman and Kiesselstein-Cord. Peter Rabbit also makes an appearance at the store. Event runs 10 a.m.-10 p.m., storewide. For additional information, call (248) 643-3300.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 12**

**BURBERRY IN FOCUS**

Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, holds a Burberry coat focus day, Coat Department, third floor. For more information, call (248) 614-3330.

**SPRING CARNIVAL**

Get into the swing of spring with a Spring Carnival presented by Pugh Shows at the Livonia Mall. Hours vary. Call ahead for a schedule at (248) 476-1160.

**MONDAY, APRIL 16**

**MOTHER'S DAY ESSAY CONTEST**

Art Van Furniture stores sponsors a Mother's Day essay contest. Children, age 7-14, are invited to write a brief essay (100 words or less) on "Why I Love My Mother," including a special story, memory or occasion. Essays will be judged in two categories, age 7-10 and age 11-14. Entry deadline is May 5. All stores, including Livonia, Novi, Royal Oak, Southfield, Waterford and Westland, are participating.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 17**

**PROJECT HEALTHY LIVING**

United Health Organization sponsors free and low-cost health screening tests and services at Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield through April 18, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For test fees and additional information, call the mall's customer service line at (248) 353-4111.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 19**

**INSTYLE MAGAZINE VISITS**

Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts a "Getting Gorgeous" event with a guest appearance by Hal Rubenstein, InStyle magazine features editor, 6:30-8:30 p.m., third floor. For information, call (248) 643-3300.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 20**

**BEAUTY EVENT**

Ruby's Balm in The Boardwalk on Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield presents former model Sunny Griffin and her Astara Conscious Skin Care line and Daniel John Pry, skin care consultant and clinical intuitive. They will discuss the importance of good nutrition and exercise and the developments in skin care technology through April 21, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday and 1-5 p.m. Saturday. For details, call (248) 626-7829.



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

Appearances are slated to take place at:  
 ■ **Oakland Mall:** in Troy, Easter Bunny in the

rain forest as part of the shopping center's Amazon Adventure exhibit where children can be explorers through April 14, photo sittings available 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, call (248) 597-2200.

■ **Tel-Twelve Mall:** in Southfield, spend the evening and dine with the Easter Bunny, 5-6 p.m. at Mall Food Court followed by a magic show at the Spring Garden Gazebo at 6 p.m.; Easter Bunny visits run April 2-12 for families bringing their own cameras and photo packages to purchase are available April 12-14, noon-6 p.m., Center Court, call (248) 353-1838.

■ **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.

# 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 videocassette of the movie *I Remember Momma* can be purchased for \$19.99 through Movies Unlimited, call (800) 4-MOVIES.

- For dog grooming in the home, contact the following businesses: Great Grooms in Troy at (248) 540-4125; Dunkin' Doggies at (248) 548-7886; and Pooch Caboose in Troy at (248) 689-8888.

- For extra large Emory nail files, try area Sally's Beauty Supply stores.

- For stretch pants from the 1980s, try Cinderella's Attic in Royal Oak, call (248) 546-7209.

- Wooden paint-by-number sets can be purchased at Joanne ETC. in the Baldwin Shopping Center on Brown Road in Auburn Hills, call (248) 393-8167.

- For men's short sleeve sweatshirts, try Cabela's in Dundee, call (734) 529-4700.

- A vinyl blow-up birthday cake can be bought for \$3.99 at Gags & Gifts on 5 Mile and Merriman roads.

- A business that sells scrap marble, granite and slate and other building materials and supplies to the general public.

**FIND & SEARCH:**

- Need locations where old Michigan Bell telephones can be dropped off.

**WHERE CAN I FIND?:**

- A used auto parts store that has a 1987 Honda Civic complete steel beam headlight for John.

- A store that sells Alka Seltzer cold medicine tablets that dissolve in water.

- A store that sells Bonnie Bell 1006 deep pore cleanser

## Retail sponsor has race entry forms at stores

It's time to race. Detroit's Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Race For The Cure is slated for Saturday, April 21 at Comerica Park.

To make participating in the race as easy as possible, local sponsor Art Van Furniture is providing entry forms at all their metropolitan Detroit retail stores.

Race For The Cure is presented by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute and benefits the race to eradicate breast cancer. The National Cancer Institute estimates that one in eight women will develop breast cancer in their lifetime.

Entry forms, which will be available through April 20 and while supplies last, can be obtained at the Furniture store.

for Eva, who resides in Farmington.

- A store that sells one-inch jumbo dice for Eleanor.

- A store that sells hand-cranking coffee grinders for Sharon, who lives in Redford.

- A store or catalog that sells Minnetonka shoes (similar to the ones sold in Northern Michigan) for Mrs. C., who resides in Rochester Hills.

- A store where a computer screen saver featuring work by artist Thomas Kincade can be purchased.

- A store that sells wind scarves that tie under the chin for Elaine, who lives in Farmington.

- A store that sells the print *Trillium Morning* by Cyndy Callog for Edith, a resident of Farmington Hills.

- A jeweler in the Ply-

mouth area that performs watch repair services for Virginia.

- A store that sells PDQ chocolate milk mix for Pat, who resides in Redford.

- A store where the Tournament Hockey game by Park-Sun (on legs, size 40-by-30) can be purchased for Ray, who lives in Clarkston.

- A store that sells Steele jeans in junior sizes for Anna.

- A dry cleaner's or business that dyes dresses for Marilyn, resident of Redford.

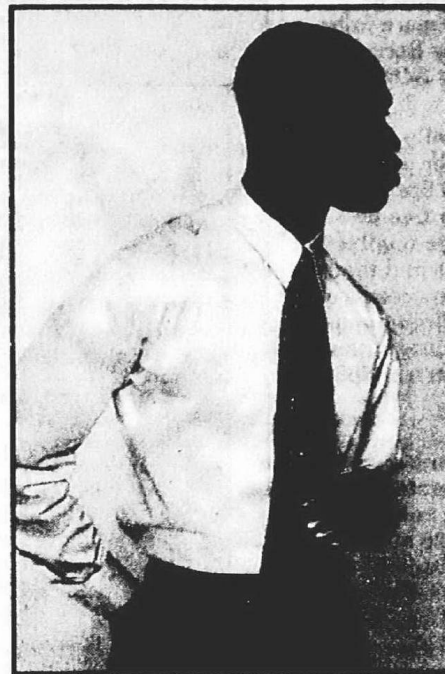
- A store that sells Faberge Rise Super Foam shaving cream with menthol (#7073003512) for Jerry.

- A store that sells Faberge organic shampoo for Beverly, a resident of West Bloomfield.

- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

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## STUFF WE CRAVE



**Tempered good looks:** Dress shirts in soft pastel shades tone down men's tailored looks for spring and summer. Perry Ellis' SuPima dress shirt comes in pink, sky blue, halo, pistachio and violet, \$39.50, at Hudson's stores.

**Real easy:** Relaxed styling meets soft hues in Pendleton's linen-cotton blend, block plaid, Big Easy Shirt, \$78. Coordinating Easy Fit Jean, \$64, and cotton tee, \$24, Pendleton Shop in Rochester.



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# CALENDAR

## AROUND TOWN

### EASTER BUNNY

A pancake and sausage breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be served April 14 at the Howell Conference and Nature Center. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$5 for children, under 3 is free. Call (517) 548-0677 for seating times; advanced registration is required.

### BOATING CLASS

Ann Arbor Power Squadron is providing a basic boating education course. A seven-week course runs April 25 through June 6. This will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Clague Middle School in Ann Arbor.

### EASTER EGG HUNT

Cookies & Milk Drop-In Play Center is hosting an indoor Easter egg hunt from 9:30-9:45 a.m. April 11 in the Golden Gate Shopping Center in Canton. Cost is \$7 for a parent with one or two children up to four years old.

### MS. MICHIGAN CLASSIC TEA

Celebrate achievements, dedication, beauty, and spirit of the classic senior women at the Ms. Michigan Classic Tea at Independence Village of Plymouth on 11 a.m. to noon April 9. Meet the reigning Queen Bea Bailey. Call (734) 453-2600 for further information.

### GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST

The 26th annual St. Michael Men's Good Friday breakfast will feature guest speaker and Hall of Fame Detroit Lion defensive back Lem Barney. The event will take place April 13 at the church beginning at 8 a.m. Tickets are \$5 for men and \$2 for boys, 10 and under. Call church office (734) 459-3333 for ticket information.

### GARAGE SALE

Paws With A Cause, which trains dogs for people with disabilities, will hold a garage sale to sponsor a service dog from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 13-14 on North Territorial, just west of Sheldon. Call Nancy Martin at 454-4084 for further information.

### EASTER SUNDAY BRUNCH

Brunch is being served from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at the Grand Ballroom at Summit on the Park. The cost per adult is \$20.95, a child 4-12 is \$12.95 and a child 3 and younger may eat free. Reservations are required, and payment is due at the time of reservations. There are no refunds. Call (734) 394-5480 for more information.

### MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

League play begins with 5-6 p.m. tee times beginning April 25 at Fellow's Creek Golf Course. The league runs 20 weeks. Canton residents only. Two-man teams for league play. Registration fee is \$420, which covers all league green fees and awards. Registration must be done in person from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday at Canton Leisure Services, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. For more information, call the Rec. Division at (734) 394-5460.

### WORSHIP SERVICE

At 4:30 p.m. each Sunday, the Connections worship service at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth presents music and messages to bring Christian faith into the perspective. April 8 topic is: Fickle Feelings for Firm Foundation?

### EASTER EGG HUNT

Heritage Park in Canton will host an Easter egg hunt for children ages 10 and younger. The hunt will be 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.

### 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 Shalom presents a one-mile run/walk and 5K run/walk on April 28 at Heritage Park in Canton. Entry fee is \$18. For additional information, call Stu at (734) 432-0644.

### TINY TOTS

Tiny Tots Preschool The Salvation Army is accepting registration for Monday, Wednesday, Friday 4 year olds; Tuesday, Thursday, 3 year olds; for the fall 2001-2002 session. Call Peggy Blaisdell at (734) 453-5464 for further information.

### PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Dixboro Co-op Preschool is accepting applications for children 3-5 years old for its fall semester. For more information, please call (734) 665-5632.

### CANTON HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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.

### BELLEVILLE CONCERT

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

### FISH AND PASTA BUFFET

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

### VILLAGE MUSIC

Group classes in piano and hammer dulcimer for people ages 5 through adult. The complete kinder-musik curriculum is offered for newborns to 7 year olds. For information, call Norma Atwood at (734) 354-9825.

### FOX HILLS FISH FRY

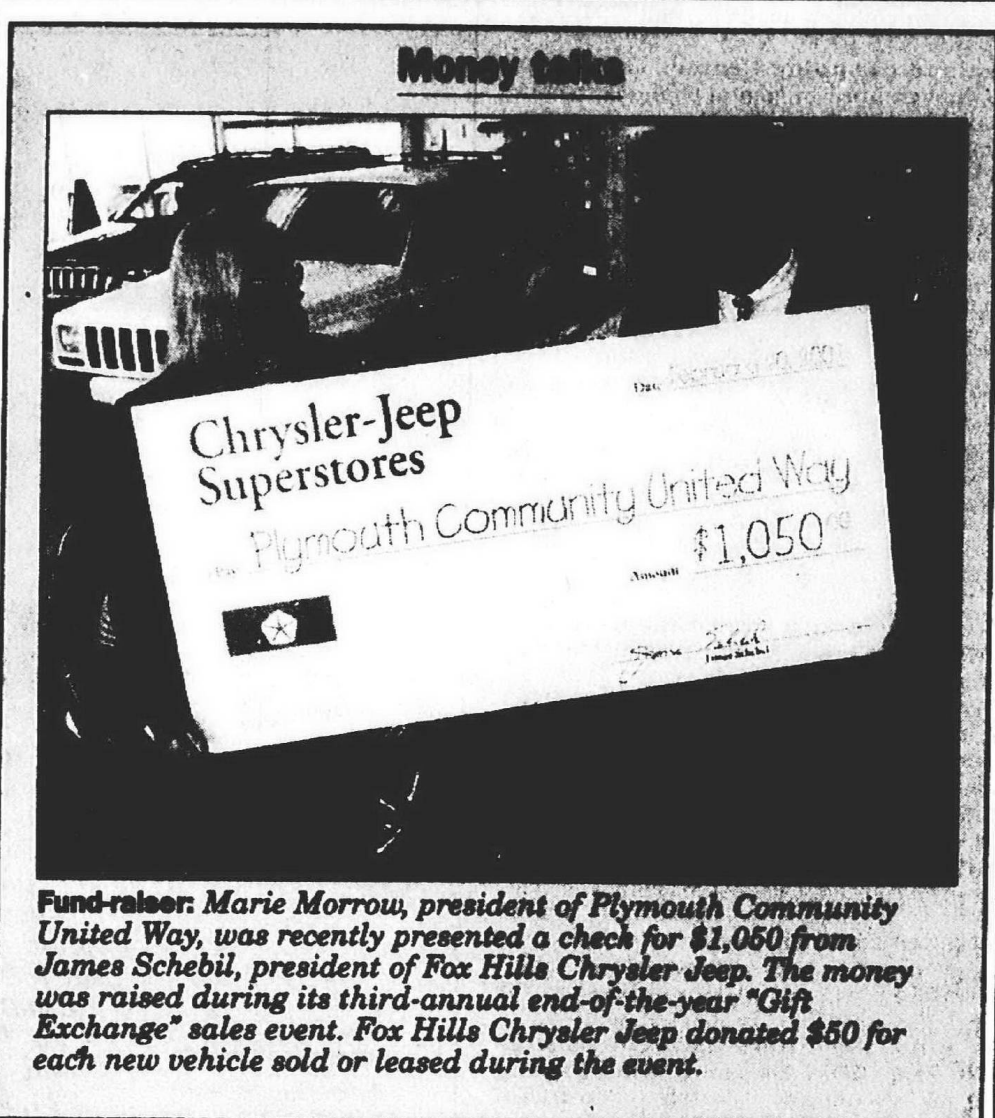
Fox Hills Golden Fox Fish Fry is 5-9 p.m. Fridays. The cost is \$8.50 for all you can eat.

### WOMEN PAINTERS

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

### LIBERTY FEST

Canton Township is looking for artists to be involved in the 10th annual fine art and fine craft show at Liberty Fest 2001. The displays will run 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 23, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 24. Artists can choose to display their work under the "big tents" or can bring their own tent. The show is juried, and each participant will be required to submit slides or pictures of his work from the approved categories: painting, prints, sculpture,



**Fund-raiser: Marie Morrow, president of Plymouth Community United Way, was recently presented a check for \$1,050 from James Schebil, president of Fox Hills Chrysler Jeep. The money was raised during its third-annual end-of-the-year "Gift Exchange" sales event. Fox Hills Chrysler Jeep donated \$50 for each new vehicle sold or leased during the event.**

ceramics, jewelry, drawing, pastel and selected fine crafts. No commercially produced merchandise will be allowed. Deadline for submissions is April 16. For more information, call Sharon Dillenbeck at D & M Studios, (734) 453-3710.

### AARP

AARP is sponsoring free federal and Michigan income tax preparation for older people at the locations listed. Work is performed by trained counselors qualified by the IRS. An appointment is required. Assistance available 9 a.m. to noon, 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays at Canton Recreation Center. Call (734) 394-5485 for appointment. Assistance available 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Plymouth District Library. Call (734) 453-1234 Ext. 236 for an appointment.

### D&M STUDIO

All-day student paint workshops will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, and Thursday, April 19, for students kindergarten and older. The cost is \$24 for each four-hour session. Call 453-3710 for further information.

### ANN ARBOR RANGERS

The Ann Arbor Rangers U17 boys soccer club is looking for new team members for the spring "travel" outdoor season. Interested people can attend one of the practices 8-9:30 p.m. Mondays at Mack School in Ann Arbor. For further information, please call Iris at (734) 995-0111.

### HATHA YOGA

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

### RECREATION

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

### SKATING CLASSES

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

### ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

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

### CREATIVE MUSIC

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

## CLUBS

### MARSP

Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel luncheon being held 11:30 a.m. April 11 at the K-C Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia. Cost is \$8. Irwin Cohan, historian and author, will discuss "Echoes of Detroit-Three Hundred Year History."

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Monthly meeting is 7:30

p.m. April 12 at Plymouth's Box Bar. Peter Blum, former technical researcher and historian for the Stroh Brewery, will speak on "Brewed in Detroit," a history of the Motor City's beer industry.

### VETERANS OF AMERICA

The Vietnam Veterans of America general meeting is taking place at 7:30 p.m. April 9 at 9318 Newburgh. All veterans on active duty Feb. 28, 1961 through May 7, 1975, regardless of duty station, are eligible. For additional information, call Don Dignan (313) 845-3752 or home: (734) 625-0157.

### GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Northville Genealogical Society is presenting Linda Skolarus from Greenfield Village at 2:30 p.m. April 8 at the Northville Public Library to talk about the kinds of resources and materials that can be found at the Henry Ford Museum Research Center. For more information, call (248) 348-3006.

### CAREER WOMEN

The April 10 meeting of the National Association of Career Women will feature Penny Pennington, Edward Jones, "Smart Women Finish Rich" seminar. At 11:45 a.m. at Ernesto's. Cost is \$18 per member and \$22 for non-members. If you're coming, call Brenda Durling (734) 462-4670.

### FARM AND GARDEN

The branch meets the second Monday of each month from September to June. Members can express their creativity in some of the many club projects that benefit the community. For more information, call the club president, Maureen Armstrong, at 463-7467.

### PLYMOUTH POETS

Readings from 7-9 p.m. every Thursday night. Featured readers on April 12

for Christian Poetry Night, hosted by Rod Reinhart & Liberty R.O. Daniels are: D'Angela Marie, Deborah Jensen, Regina Reid, and Robert George Taylor.

### DEMOCRATIC CLUB

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

### TOASTMASTERS

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

### WESTSIDE SINGLES

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

### K OF C BREAKFAST

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

### ARTS COUNCIL

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

### KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

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

### BNI

The Canton II Chapter of Business Network International (BNI) holds its regular meetings 7-8:30 a.m. Wednesday at Millennium Security Services, 42010 Koppernick, Suite 117, Canton. The Plymouth Chapter meets every Thursday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. The Livonia Chapter meets every Friday at Senate Coney Island on Plymouth Road at Stark, Livonia. Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

### MOPS

The Plymouth Baptist Church holds the Mothers Of Preschoolers meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month 9-11:30 a.m. These meetings provide a time for moms to develop new friendships with other moms. Child care is provided. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, between Lilley and Haggerty. Call (734) 453-5834. Space is limited.

### CIVITAN CLUB

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club will host Isaiah McKinnon, former Detroit police chief, at its

dinner meeting on Thursday, April 19 at Damons, 6:30 cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner. Reservations \$16 per person, are limited. For information, call J. Henshaw (734) 453-7589.

### GOURMET DINNER GROUP

The Plymouth/Northville/Canton gourmet dining group meets the second Saturday of the month through June. Planned menu and recipes for each meal. If interested in joining, call Dottie Brower at (734) 455-1206 or Pat Stokes at (734) 455-7446.

### MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES

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

### M.O.M.

Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) presents guest speakers and discussions from 9:30-11:30 a.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month. Baby-sitting is provided. Call Cheree at (734) 416-8214 or Laura at (813) 538-7622.

### M.L.T.A.

Moms In Touch International is for mothers to meet weekly, for one hour, to pray for their children and schools. The goal is to form a group for each school in the Plymouth-Canton area. Call Karen at (734) 397-2771 or Elaine at (734) 459-3996.

### MOMS CLUB

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

### HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP

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

### PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS

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

## VOLUNTEERS

### SENIOR PARTY

Work is under way for the all-night senior party to be held June 10. The committee is looking for volunteers to help in the party. The group is also in need of donations, either monetary or merchandise, to be given out as prizes on the night of the party. For more information or to volunteer, please call Joanne LaMar, 459-4539, or Dave and Marcia Garcia, 844-3855.

### DISCOVERY SHOPS

The American Cancer Society's Discovery Shops are looking for volunteers interested in retail to make a difference in the fight against cancer. Various positions, flexible hours and training are available. For more information, call the American Cancer Society at (248) 567-5353 or toll-free at (800) 955-2271.

### LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES

The agency needs foster parents and help publicizing its work. Call (877) 464-5364 for further information.

**CALENDAR**

The Plymouth Observer welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Plymouth Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or by fax to 734-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Thursday for the following Sunday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

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Use additional sheet if necessary

**Book Happenings** features events at suburban bookstores, libraries and literary gatherings. Send news leads to Kately Wygonik, Observer Newspapers, 36351 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oc.homecomm.net.

**THE STUDIO SPEAK-EASY**

Enjoy an evening of readings of poetry, prose, storytelling and the spoken word every Tuesday beginning April 17 at the Studio Speak-Easy at The Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

Open Mike 7:30 p.m., featured reader 8:30 p.m., Suburban Slam with free specialty coffee drink at 9 p.m. Rod Reinhart is the featured speaker on April 10, Amy Furmanek on April 17, Denise Dooley and Tricia Anderson on April 24. Call (734) 416-9288 for details.

**WALDENBOOKS LIVONIA**

Local romance author, Sandra Orr, will be signing her new book "Illusions" at 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 14 at WaldenBooks on Saturday. The book signing is

in conjunction with WaldenBooks romance book sale where you can buy four romance books and get another book for free.

Marcy Curtis will be signing her children's book "Big Sister, Little Sister" 3-5 p.m. Saturday, April 14.

Local author, Robert Evangelista, will be signing his book "Business of Winning" noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 25. Evangelista is an employee at General Motors PowerTrain on Plymouth Road in Livonia. WaldenBooks is at 30200 Plymouth Road in Livonia. Call (734) 261-7811 for details.

**TRUTH BOOKSTORE**

Sharon Ewell Foster signs copies of "Ain't No River," 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 11; 6-8 p.m. Friday, April 13, author Deborah Owens talks about "Confident Investing," Claude Anderson discusses "Power-nomics," 4-7 p.m. Saturday, April 21 at the bookstore inside Northland Mall, Southfield. Call (248) 557-4824 for details.

**SPRING BOOK SALE**

Hosted by the Ann Arbor District Library 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 28 (all paperbacks 25 cents each, hardcover 50 cents each). From 1-4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 29, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, April 30 anyone can fill a brown paper grocery bag with books for \$4. In the Book Shop, lower level of the Main Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave., (734) 327-4211.

**SCREENWRITER'S SEMINAR**

Bonnie Garvin, a native Detroit and successful screenwriter, will host a seminar 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 2 at The Community House, 390 Bates St., downtown Birmingham for local movie buffs who wish to make their mark in show business. The cost is \$125 per person and includes a continental breakfast and box lunch. Call (248) 644-5832 to register.

**GEORGE WASHINGTON EXHIBIT**

National traveling exhibit continues through Thursday, April 18 in the Main Library Multi-Purpose Room of the Ann Arbor

District Library, 343 Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor. Library hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

**COFFEE CENTER**

Join friends and neighbors for an informal book discussion on the first Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Cestick Activities Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Paperback copies will be available for advance check-out. Fee is 50 cents for residents; \$1 for non-residents per session.

**PENNIMAN PUBLISHING**

Mark Allen will be signing copies of "There are 506 Stars in the Sky," 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesday, April 11 at Field Elementary School, 1000 S. Haggerty Road, Canton.

"There are 506 Stars in the Sky" written by Allen and illustrated by Karen Fulton is Penniman Publishing Company's first children's book.

It is a story about two young girls who set out to answer one of nature's great questions: How many stars are in the sky.

The book is available through Amazon.com and Little Book

Shops on the Park in downtown Plymouth.

Penniman Publishing is a Westland based publishing company.

Penniman Publishing Company also does presentations at local elementary schools to explain how a book is made from concept to completion.

Call (734) 727-0669 for more information.

**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 Canton High School Pool Equipment Renovation. Specifications and bid forms will be available at the MANDATORY "walk-through", scheduled for 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 17th, 2001 at the Canton High School Pool, located at 8416 Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan. For further information, please phone either Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746 or Laura Hagan, Facilities Construction Manager at (734) 416-2963. Sealed bids are due on or before 1:30 p.m., Monday, April 30th, 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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**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 Four (4) Special Education Buses for the District. Specifications and bid forms are available at the E.J. McClendon Building, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48167. For further information, please phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. Sealed bids are due on or before 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 1st, 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.

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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 the District-Wide New & Replacement Asphalt. 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. For technical information, please contact Brian Goby in the Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2963. Sealed bids are due on or before 4:00 p.m., Monday, May 7, 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.

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# Get away to Aruba, it's one happy island

BY SANDIE PARROTT  
SPECIAL WRITER

Aruba turns its slogan, "One Happy Island," into fact. You will see many smiling faces if you visit the island. It isn't rocket science to figure out why everyone is so happy.

Aruba has an average temperature of 82°F, constant tradewinds, wonderful beaches, a modern infrastructure and a prosperous economy — who wouldn't be happy?

The Aruban people are an autonomous part of the Dutch Kingdom. Their history, since the year of their discovery by Spanish explorer Alonso de Ojeda in 1499, is made up of a rich mix of Arawak Indians, pirates, African slaves, Spanish and Dutch.

The name Aruba is said to be related to the Spanish phrase "oro huba" meaning "there was gold"; however, gold wasn't discovered until the middle of the 1800s.

## Cha-ching!

Is it another discovery of gold? Is it Las Vegas in the Caribbean? Well, not quite. There are nine casinos on the island of Aruba. They offer all the traditional games and some very nice floor shows. The casinos may be a lot of fun, but they are not the extravagantly huge casinos of Las Vegas.

Most of the casinos are located within or are attached to major hotel chains. The legal gambling age in Aruba is 18.

Caribbean Stud Poker is an Aruban invention. The game was created in 1988 and has spread all over the world. In this game, as in blackjack, each player competes only with the dealer instead of the whole table.

## The Tunnel of Love

One activity sure to please is a drive around the island. This can be accomplished in one day since the island is only about 19 miles long by five miles wide. A popular rental vehicle for exploring is an open Jeep.

The island offers much to see. The views range from desert terrain, abandoned gold mines and ruins of a pirate castle to Hooiberg (haystack) mountain, a natural bridge and caves. If you have lost your direction, take a look at the divi-divi trees. The trees always point west because of the constant trade winds.

What would be more romantic than a trip into the Tunnel of Love cave? Unless you count jumping into your lover's arms for comfort from the many bats as romantic — this wasn't it. For all you spelunkers (cave explorers) out there, it was kind of fun.

When we went, there was no guide and no map, just arrows on the walls. We were given a hard hat and a decent flashlight. It was kind of like the Hardy Boys meet Nancy Drew. We waited for a group of men and women to arrive, then went down the stairs into the dark cave and followed the painted orange arrows on the wall. There was an occasional scream from one of the women as one of the many bats flew too close to our heads. Then we came to the finale — an arrow pointed almost straight up and said "Exit."

No stairs and no ladder — just rock and a hole in the cave ceiling above! Well, I'm writing this, so it was a happy ending.

## Ah, Civilization

If you are not quite as adventurous, there are many other activities on the island. Oranjestad is the capital city and is a picturesque combination of Dutch colonial architecture and pastel colors. The pretty colored buildings are the favorite vacation photograph of Aruba.

This is also the best shopping area on the island. The town's marina is an interesting place to stop by when the fishing boats come in. We saw a sharp toothed barracuda that a fisherman scooped out of the hold on his boat.

There are three nice museums to explore.

- The Archeological Museum Exhibits artifacts from the island's prehistoric period.

- The Historical Museum displays artifacts from the early Spanish and Dutch periods.

- Finally, the Numismatic Museum has 30,000 historic coins from Aruba and around the world.



Popular spot: The Dutch colonial architecture of the capital city of Oranjestad is one of the most photographed sites in Aruba.

## A bite to eat

Aruba has a wonderful mix of restaurants. For a little fun, try The Pirates Nest Restaurant. It looks like a beached pirate ship stranded in the sand. It is located on the grounds of the Bucuti Beach Resort.

Go when they have a special show. We saw a limbo dancer that was amazing. He placed two regular glasses on the floor and put the pole on top of them and danced his way under the pole. I wish I was that thin!

If you want a real Aruban experience, two restaurants are a must.

The Old Cunucu House is a

located in a restored homestead. The restaurant has original paintings, beamed ceilings and intimate rooms. The cuisine is both traditional and international. Friday nights there are strolling guitarists to entertain with local music.

The other restaurant is called Boonoonoonos. The name means "veryspecialextraordinaryfantastic." Spell check went into a coma on that one! The Restaurant serves Caribbean cuisine from Aruba and neighboring islands.

Try their Caribbean combo which consists of Jamaican jerk ribs, St. Martin stuffed eggplant, Trinidad curried chicken,

Dominique Carne con Papas, Bajan pepperpot, flying fish and San Juan garlic shrimp. Is your mouth watering yet?

Aruba is a great place to visit. They claim the number of repeat visitors are tops in the Caribbean. They also claim to be one of the top five warm climate destinations in the Western Hemisphere. I don't know — that is a pretty big area.

It is definitely a pleasant place to get rid of the stress of everyday life. This island is growing fast, just like many others in the Caribbean. Get there soon, while the charm and natural scenery is still there.

## If you are going...

### Jeep, Jeep

If you plan on renting a Jeep, make sure you bring sunscreen and lots of it. You don't feel the burn while you are driving around. Many of the roads on the eastside of the island are not paved and you will eat some sand. Jeeps and other rental cars are usually plentiful, but it never hurts to book ahead.

### Casino talks

I know, the talks are annoying, and you don't want to buy property on Aruba. If you plan on attending some casino shows or going on a Jeep safari, you may want to consider the talks. Every major property with timeshares has them — you won't have to look very far. The talk lasts about an hour and a half, if you are firm in your refusal. We came away with two tickets to a show, casino credit, beach towels and four T-shirts for our trouble. We would have paid for the shows and casino anyway, so everyone wins. It wasn't high pressure at all.

### Currency

Aruba's currency is the florin. Currently, \$1 in American equals 1.84 florins. Most major hotels and attractions take credit cards and Traveler's checks.

### Taxes and Charges

Be prepared for additional taxes when you book your vacation to Aruba. There is a 6 percent government tax and 11 percent hotel tax that can be added to your hotel bill. If you are purchasing a package vacation, check if these are included. Many restaurants automatically add a 10-15% service charge to your bill. Make sure you don't double tip.

### Papiamentu

The official language in Aruba is Papiamentu. This language has evolved from the combination of Spanish, Dutch, South American, Indian and English words. Most of the islanders speak English and many speak several languages. Here are some fun phrases to know: Good Morning: Bon Dia; Good-bye: Ayo; Thank you very much: Masha danki; Have a nice day: Pasa un bon dia; How are you?: Con ta bai? Fine, thank you: Bon, danki

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## Winners announced in Parade of Homes

Design, architecture, special features and value for price make a difference. That's what local builders found out when they submitted floor plans, pictures and renderings for judging in the 11th annual Parade of Homes.

Six homes were selected as top-of-the-line in various price categories by a panel that included a couple of architects, a builder and mortgage originator. Eighty homes were nominated.

Parade of Homes, co-sponsored by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, was part of the recently completed GMC Builders Home & Garden Show at Cobo Center.

"BIA Professional Master Builders have built homes for everyone from the young family looking for a first home to upscale, luxurious homes," said Stephen J. Taglione, president of the BIA and Westminster & Abbey Homes in Bingham Farms.

The model homes submitted for Parade of Homes ranged in price from \$139,900 to \$1.8 million. They're completed or under construction at scattered residential communities throughout southeastern Michigan.

I think there was quite a diversity in the appeal of the homes, especially under \$300,000," said John Behr, a vice president in the construction division for Standard Federal Bank and a judge.

"Some of the homes offered nine-foot ceilings, some of the houses offered side-entry garages, and I think the use of first-floor masters is especially attractive in today's market," Behr added.

A plan book containing illustrations, descriptions and maps of all submissions is available at Standard Federal offices and the model homes. The information also is available online at [www.builders.org](http://www.builders.org).

The winners:

■ Homes priced under \$230,000.

The Heron, Steuer & Canvasser. This two story of 2,250 square feet features four bedrooms and 2-1/2 bathrooms. The home contains a two-story foyer, family room with volume ceiling, a formal dining room and country kitchen with island.

Price is \$229,900. The Heron, (734) 899-8400, is in Country Pond Estates, off Savage Road between Haggerty and Martindale roads in Van Buren Township.

■ Homes priced \$230,000 to \$330,000. The Chesapeake, Fritz



**Greenwich model:** This colonial, 4,170 square feet, contains four bedrooms, three full baths, two half baths, a twin staircase and three-car garage.



**Heron model:** This two story of 2,250 square feet with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths also features a country kitchen with island.

### Builders

This two story includes three bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths within 2,300 square feet of living space. The house showcases a wrap-around front porch, three-car garage, jet tub in the master suite and a fireplace.

Price is \$285,900. The Chesapeake, (810) 326-1624 is in

River Ridge off Scott E. Drive west of North River Road (M-29) in St. Clair.

■ Homes priced \$330,000 to \$450,000. The Cambridge, Cohen-homes.com.

The two-story, 3,300 square feet with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths, is under construction. It will provide a great room with stepped ceiling, two-way

fireplace, parlor, gourmet kitchen, butler's pantry and elegant master bath. Price is \$400,000.

The Cambridge, (734) 975-1150, is in Estates at Woodcreek off Chalmers north of Washtenaw in Ann Arbor.

■ Homes and condos priced \$450,000 to \$700,000. The Greenwich, Curtis Building, Wineman & Komet Building, and Millcreek Building.

This colonial, 4,170 square feet, contains four bedrooms with three full baths and two half-baths. It features a two-story foyer and family room, twin staircases, a huge master suite and three-car garage.

Price is \$622,400.

The Greenwich, (734) 667-3400, is in Northville Hills Golf Course community, off Sheldon north of Five Mile in Northville Township.

■ Homes and condos priced over \$700,000. Country French Estate, Classic Collections by Riviera.

This story-and-a-half, to be constructed, will showcase 5,700 square feet of living space with four bedrooms and 4-1/2 baths.

The home also will feature two family rooms, three-car garage, three fireplaces and a sitting room in the master suite. It's planned for a one-acre, walk-out lot.

Price is \$795,000.

Country French Estate, (248) 969-0315, is in Mount Christie Estates, off Davison Lake Road west of M-24 in Metamora Township.

■ Condos priced up to \$248,000. Brentwood G, Park Center Development.

This attached condominium ranch of 1,165 square feet includes two bedrooms, two baths, air conditioning and a single-car attached garage.

Price is \$144,900.

The Brentwood G, (248) 213-4700, is in Park Place, off Boardwalk Boulevard (north of 10 Mile) between Central Park Boulevard and Evergreen.

■ Special Blue Ribbon Award for New Urban Design. The Woodland, Ivanhoe-Huntley.

This home of 2,229 square feet with three bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths can be placed on an extremely narrow lot. It's under construction and will feature a great room open to the kitchen and a private courtyard.

Price is \$342,900.

The Woodland, (734) 667-8500, is in Cherry Hill Village off Cherry Hill between Napier and Ridge in Canton.

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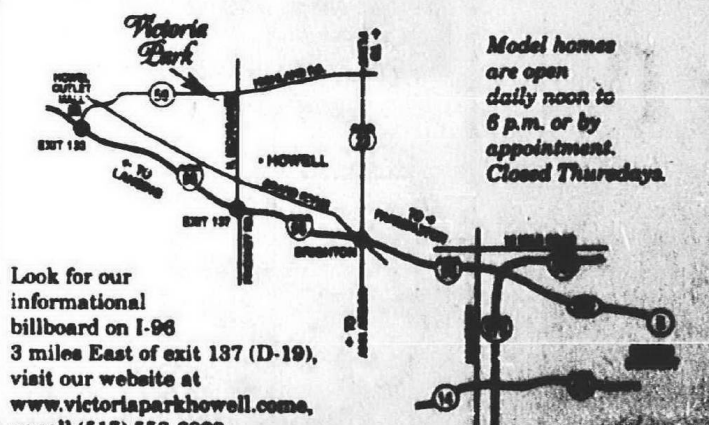
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### Victoria Park Condominiums

We're celebrating our first New Year at Victoria Park Condominiums in Howell, and our new homeowners are celebrating too with the pride of home ownership in Livingston County's most outstanding condominium community. Located at M-59 and Michigan Avenue just one mile from downtown Howell, these 1700 square foot homes have gorgeous master suites with standard features that include streetlights, central air, nine-foot basements and beautiful walkouts. One and two story units are avail-

able, with options that include up to three bedrooms and two and a half baths, Victoria Park Condominiums are a beautiful place to come home to. The developer has preserved 13 acres of natural wetlands complete with walking paths and mature wooded areas surrounding the property. We also offer no look alike buildings. Victoria Park Condominiums features custom colors and stonework. We are down to our last 10 units so hurry in while the selection is still good.



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### Introducing Novi's Premier Gated Community of Custom Homes

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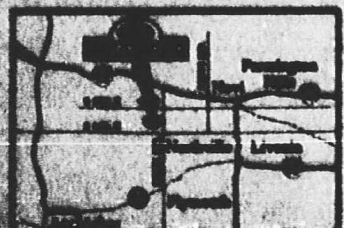
Cambridge Homes, one of southeast Michigan's leading builders of custom homes is proud to announce Bellagio, Oakland County's premier gated community, featuring unparalleled style and architectural splendor. After years of appreciating old-world craftsmanship, Mark and Eric Guidobono of Cambridge Homes are bringing the grandeur and classic luxury found in European architecture to their newest development. "Bellagio is the realization of our dream to build a community of luxury custom homes as a legacy to the craftsmanship," says Mark.

Bellagio - Italian for "a beautiful place of leisure" - is an exciting new neighborhood in Novi, Michigan. It is a gated community with a variety of home styles and features. The community is located on the west side of Back Road, between Eight and Nine Mile Roads, in Novi, and is part of the acclaimed Northville school district.

back in time: Old-fashioned lamp posts illuminate the entrance. Sidewalks line both sides of the winding street.

The expansive homesites - most about one acre, have an estate feel. All have been thoughtfully arranged around the park and in secluded cul-de-sacs to provide maximum privacy. Bellagio is located on the west side of Back Road, between Eight and Nine Mile Roads, in Novi, and is part of the acclaimed Northville school district.

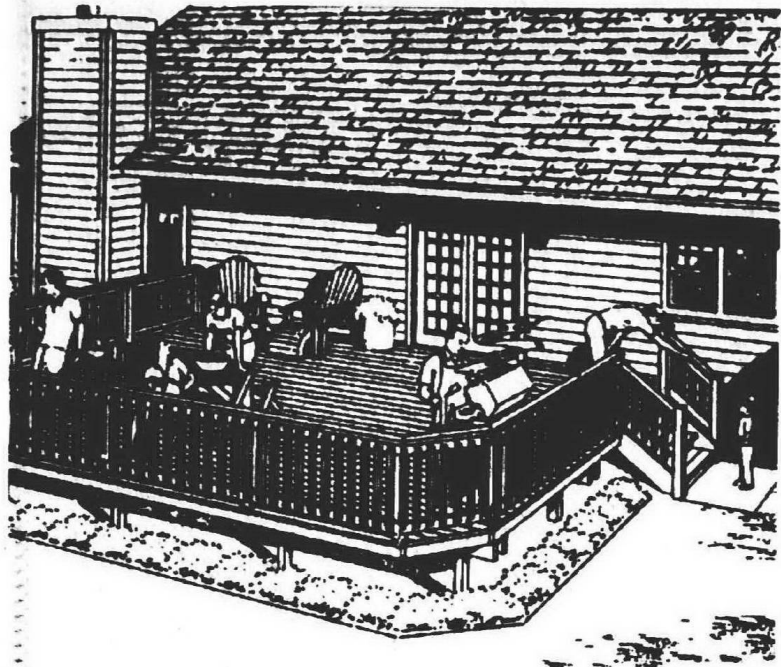
Bellagio will capture your interest and is sure to captivate your soul.



Model homes are now being completed. Call today for more information. Call (248) 833-8800.

**The Weekly Do-It-Yourselfer**

# Association responds to criticism surrounding manufactured homes



## Fancy, easy deck

This is a bleak time of year. So plan this year's garden and a new backyard deck. Take a simple raised deck and add decorative front corners, extra-wide stairs and unusual railing plans. You now have a fancy raised deck that will extend your summer living space to the outdoors and increase the value of your home. This deck comes in eight sizes, ranging from 8' x 16' to 20' x 24' and can be built to any height. Two complete sets of the plans are included: one for you or

your builder and one for the building department. Plans include clearly labeled, detailed drawings along with full framing instructions. Illustrations are drawn three dimensionally with full elevations and cross sectional diagrams. Step-by-step comprehensive instructions are included to aid you in construction. A full materials list will make your trip to a local lumberyard for building materials another easy step toward the completion of your new project.

Manufactured homes have come a long way since their "trailer" days. These affordable, factory-built homes can offer quality and style.

New homeowners can virtually custom design their home with the seemingly endless list of options available.

Over 19 million people across the country have decided to make a manufactured home their way of life, and by the time you finish reading this article, you may make the same decision.

You may have heard some negative things about manufactured homes. The Michigan Manufactured Housing Association responds.

**MYTH:** Site-built homes appreciate, manufactured homes depreciate. Studies have shown that it is the land on which the home stands, not the home itself nor the method by which it was built, that determines whether its value rises or falls.

The housing market affects both site-built and manufactured homes, and when the market is good, both types of housing appreciate. If you are looking for a solid investment, manufactured homes may be a good option for you.

**MYTH:** Manufactured homes are poor quality versions of site-built homes. Manufactured homes, unlike site-built homes, are regulated by the U.S. government under the HUD code.

This means design, construction, durability, strength, fire resistance, energy efficiency and

more are all federal matters.

Plus, the building process is designed to be efficient. Instead of subjecting top quality materials and equipment to the elements, manufactured homes are built in factories, saving time and money. The factory-building process also allows craftsmen to build walls and floors on fixtures to ensure that each home comes together perfectly.

**MYTH:** All manufactured homes look the same.

No way. With all of the options available to the consumer, manufactured homes allow for great diversity in home design.

You can choose the size of your home, decide on the layout of your floor plan and pick from a huge list of options. Looking for a 3-bedroom, 2-bath home with a Jacuzzi tub and skylights? What about cathedral ceilings or bay windows?

The choices are yours from the pitch of the roof to the optional site-built garage. The home is custom made for you.

**MYTH:** Manufactured homes are cold in the winter and hot in the summer. The insulation in today's manufactured home is similar to that in a site-built home, sometimes even better.

With R-values of 21 in the roof and 11 in the side walls and floor, a manufactured home is cozy the whole year through.

**MYTH:** Manufactured homes' walls are too thin. You can practically listen to your neighbor's radio, right? Wrong.

Today's manufactured homes have interior walls three- to

four-inches thick, covered with 5/16-inch or 1/2-inch gypsum.

You won't hear any more through those walls than you will in site-built homes, considering they both use the same materials. Exterior walls are often built using 2-inch by 6-inch construction.

**MYTH:** Manufactured homes' roofs are unsafe. The roofing structure of a modern manufactured home is precisely engineered.

Trusses are certified and regularly tested. Manufactured homes offer a high grade vinyl siding on their homes, and they have the same shingles as their site-built counterparts. Your manufactured home is just as sturdy, inside and out.

**MYTH:** Manufactured homes have weak floors. Worried your waterbed is going to fall through the floor in a manufactured home? Well, worry no more.

The flooring materials used in manufactured homes are the same as those used in site-built homes. Your floors are just as comfortable, too; manufactured homes have the same 18- to 30-ounce carpeting as new site-built homes. You can rest easy in a manufactured home.

**MYTH:** Manufactured homes have safety issues. People tend to assume that manufactured homes are more prone to fires and other problems than site-built homes.

However, insurance companies have found that manufactured homes, in many ways, are safer than their site-built cousins.

The University of Michigan, in fact, found that manufactured homes in this region have a lower rate of fires than site-built homes.

Both manufactured and site-built homes have the same copper wiring, but as for the rest, the HUD codes are actually tougher than the national electrical code that governs most site-built homes. Manufactured homes are safe for you and your family.

**MYTH:** Manufactured homes aren't quality homes. Manufactured home makers are so confident in their materials and workmanship, most homes are covered by warranties up to five years, with three years on interior features. What other type of home can offer you a commitment like that?

**MYTH:** The manufactured housing industry is only interested in the short term.

Industry members are continually working to improve their businesses. Many companies even sponsor homeowner surveys to assess the overall satisfaction with manufactured homes, including workmanship, customer service and quality. How many local contractors have that kind of commitment to their customers?

For more information about manufactured housing, call (800) 477-5333 or contact the Michigan Manufactured Housing Association, 2222 Association Drive, Okemos, MI 48864-5978; (517) 349-3300.

## Get power mower ready for action

(NAPSA) - With the grass cutting season soon upon us, it's time to make sure your mower is as ready as you are to tackle those lawn care chores.

Briggs & Stratton recommends a regular, simple maintenance program to keep your power mower performing at its best and to extend its useful life. Just follow this easy checklist:

- Change the oil. Oil is the engine's lifeblood that removes contaminants, lubricates parts and dissipates heat. That's why it's

important to make sure the crankcase contains an adequate supply of fresh oil.

Before changing the oil, run the engine for several minutes until it warms up. Then, stop the engine, disconnect the spark plug and drain the oil into a pan or similar container. Refill the crankcase with high quality detergent oil that has a SG/ CD classification on the label.

Take the used oil to a local recycling center. It's environmentally unfriendly - and illegal - to dump used motor oil on the ground or into a storm drain.

- Check the air filter. Your air-cooled engine needs

a constant supply of clean air. If your mower engine takes a disposable paper filter, replace it with a new paper filter.

If the engine requires a foam-type filter, remove the sponge from the filter assembly, soak it in a pan of warm water and squeeze it dry. Then apply a few drops of clean oil into the sponge and place it back in the filter assembly.

- Use fresh fuel.

Gasoline turns stale after about 60 days and can form gum in your engine's carburetor, resulting in expensive repairs. Eliminate the problem by routinely filling your engine's tank with fresh fuel. If gasoline must remain in

the tank for a prolonged period of time, add a fuel stabilizer to keep it fresh and to ensure a clean fuel system that leads to easier starting.

■ Sharpen the blade. Think about what a dull razor does to your face or legs when shaving. Similarly, a dull mower blade can bruise, bend and damage your lawn, making it susceptible to disease.

After disconnecting the spark plug, examine the blade for wear or damage. Have it professionally sharpened at least once each year.

■ Keep things clean. While you're checking the blade, remove any dirt and caked-on grass from under the mower deck. Squirt some vegetable oil cooking spray under the deck to reduce clipping build-up and to prevent rust. This will also save you a lot of work when cleaning the mower after each use.

You may want to have your mower tuned up annually to keep it running smoothly and efficiently.

A typical professional tune-up includes a new spark plug, an oil change, a blade sharpening, a new air filter, and cleaning of various parts like belts, cables and safety switches.

Reviewing your lawn mower owner's manual can provide additional maintenance advice for your specific model.

For more information on mower maintenance, visit [www.briggsandstratton.com](http://www.briggsandstratton.com) and click on "Engine Support & Maintenance."

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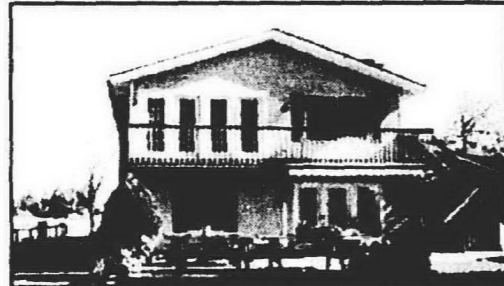
**APPROX. 4 ACRE LAKEFRONT.** Gorgeous English country home on Upper Straits, 5 BD, 5 BA, 2 1/2 bath, 2 sauna, finished walk out, four car garage, custom kitchen. \$1,843,500 (60PON) 363-1200



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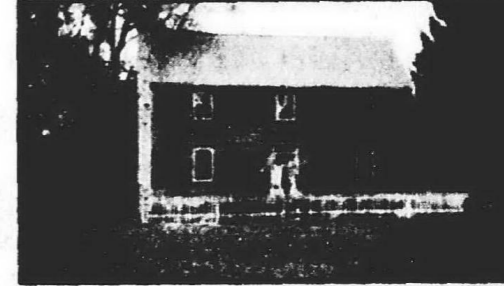
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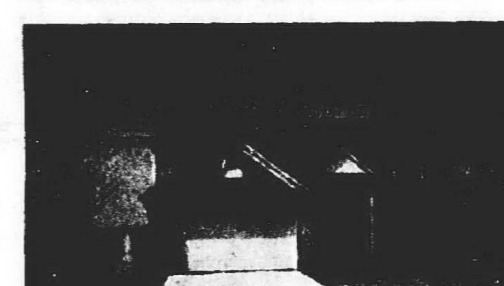
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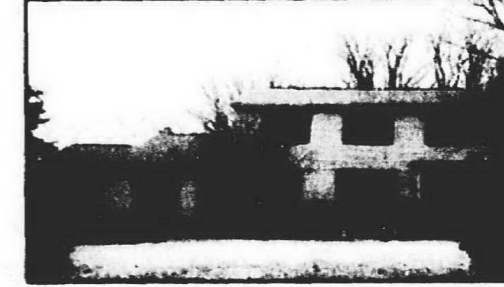
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5 - Sitting to the left  
9 - cup  
12 - Dilapidated  
13 - Unlabeled  
14 - Elevator  
17 - TV's Corner  
19 - Pys  
21 - Minerals  
22 - "Mask" star  
24 - Roman two  
25 - Twooome  
26 - Chapeau  
27 - Newsreader  
29 - Military abbr.  
31 - Table scrap  
32 - Koppel ID  
33 - That thing  
34 - Just's aunt  
35 - Elevator sign  
36 - Live  
38 - Large bird  
39 - Mr. Vereen

DOWN  
1 - Vehicle  
2 - One (Italian)  
3 - Entertainer  
4 - Torry  
5 - Article  
6 - Of a lemon or orange  
7 - Egyptian goddess  
8 - Short swim

Answers to Previous Puzzle  
GOOD VIBS FOOT  
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Symbol  
18 - on (be excessively fond)  
27 - Solar disk  
28 - Concoals  
29 - Type of bean  
30 - Tight  
34 - "Was a -" "Worwell"  
36 - Take a break  
37 - Precocious  
39 - Uninteresting people  
41 - Word with guard or system  
42 - Unchecked  
43 - Part of face  
44 - An Anderson  
45 - Spielberg ID  
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# Rooms radiate like petals from huge entry area

The Daisy (409-06) with its brick and wood face and covered pillar porch reflects the feel of the flower, itself.

Entry into this 978-square-foot home is across the covered porch and

into a huge open room. All other rooms radiate from here.

The kitchen has a large window over the sink for light and so the cook can enjoy the view while preparing the meals. There is a built-in dish-

washer, range and oven, along with an ice making refrigerator.

Beyond the kitchen is a full bath with a tub.

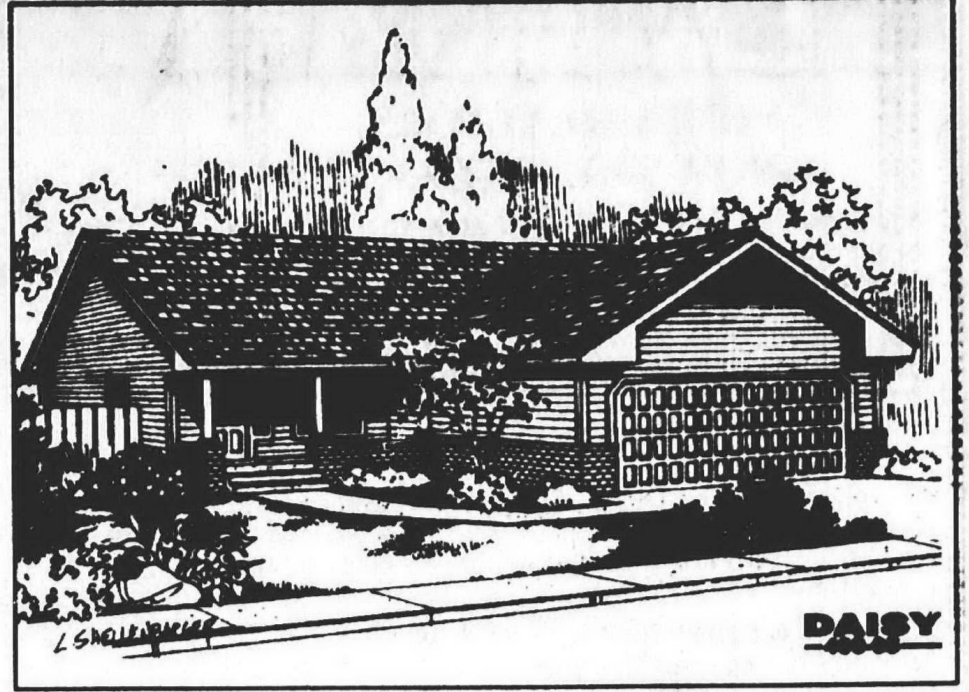
Opening off the living/dining room like two more petals are the two extra bedrooms. They each have large windows, bathing the rooms with light, along with wall closets. The second bedroom would be ideal for a nursery as it is next to the master suite, within easy hearing distance.

The master suite has its own bath with a tub and single sink. There is a large corner linen closet, perfect for storing towels, washcloths, sheets and blankets. The closet for the master suite is along one full wall, with large sliding doors. The window in this room faces the rear of the home.

The last part of the home that comes off the living/dining room area is the garage.

A door near the kitchen provides entry to the garage, ideal for unloading groceries. In the rear corner of the garage is the washer and dryer. These are between the door to the home and the door to the side yard. On the other side of the spacious garage are the water heater and the forced air unit.

The Daisy provides easy access



DAISY

DAISY (409-06)  
OVERALL DIMENSIONS: 36'-0" X 50'-0"  
LIVING: 978 square feet  
GARAGE: 502 square feet



for every room as they all radiate off the living/dining room.

Convenience and versatility was designed into this floor plan so it would take advantage of all the space and make all of it usable.

As with so many of the designs, this home is a great starter home, narrow in width, making it ideal for the odd-shaped lots that are being formed.

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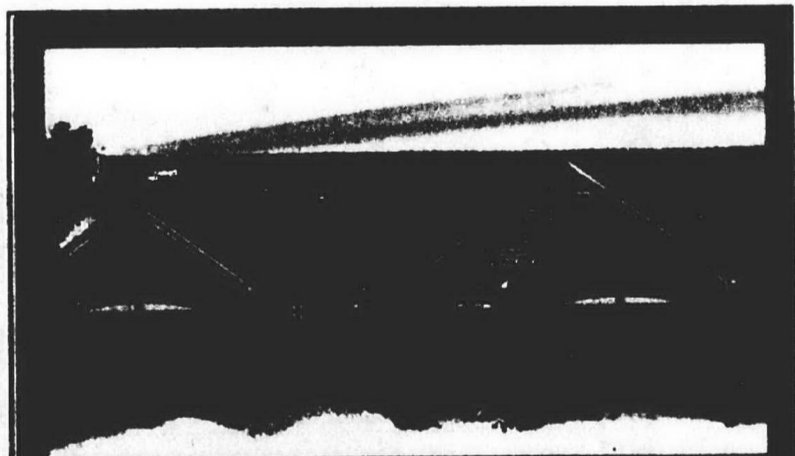
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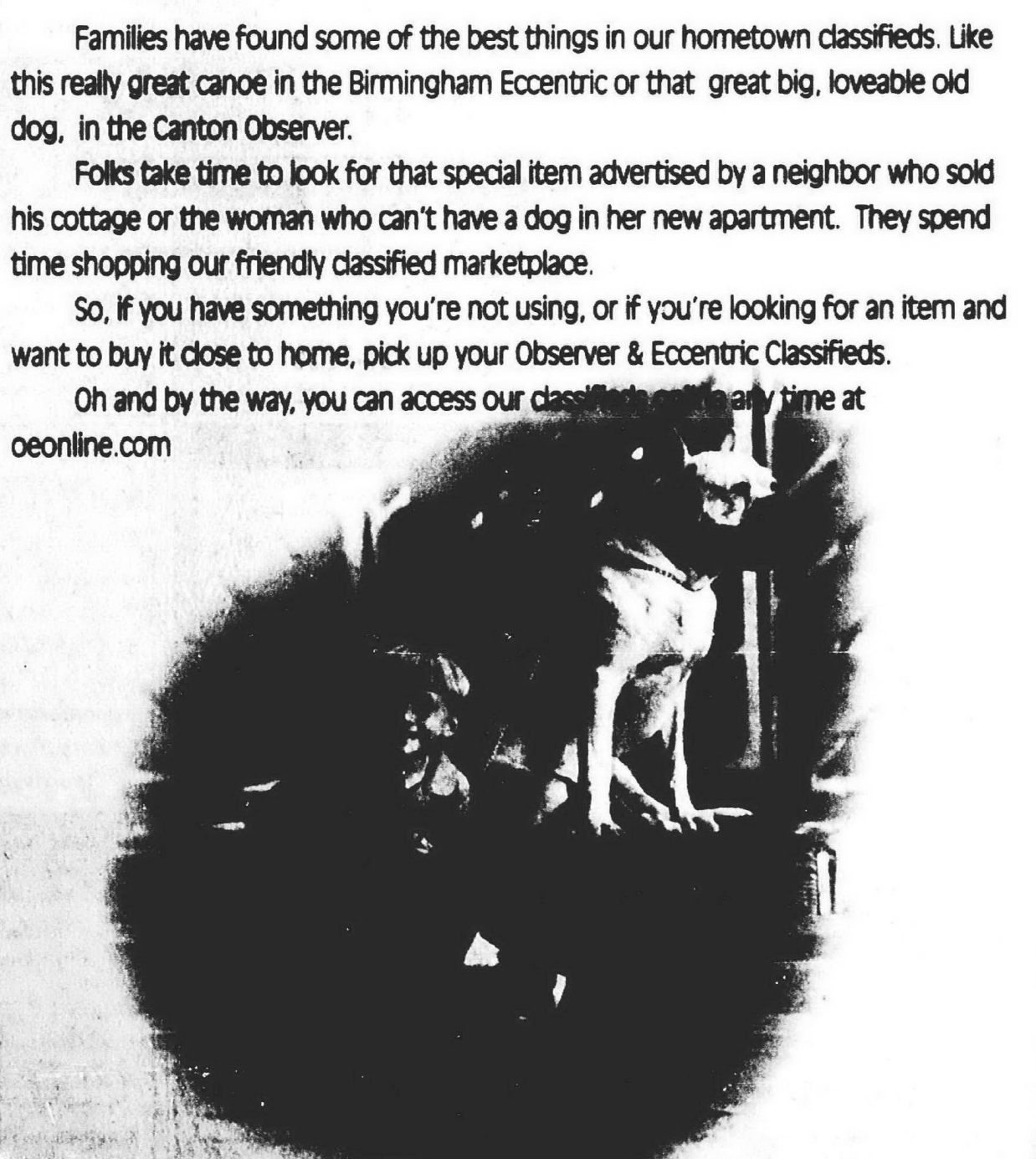
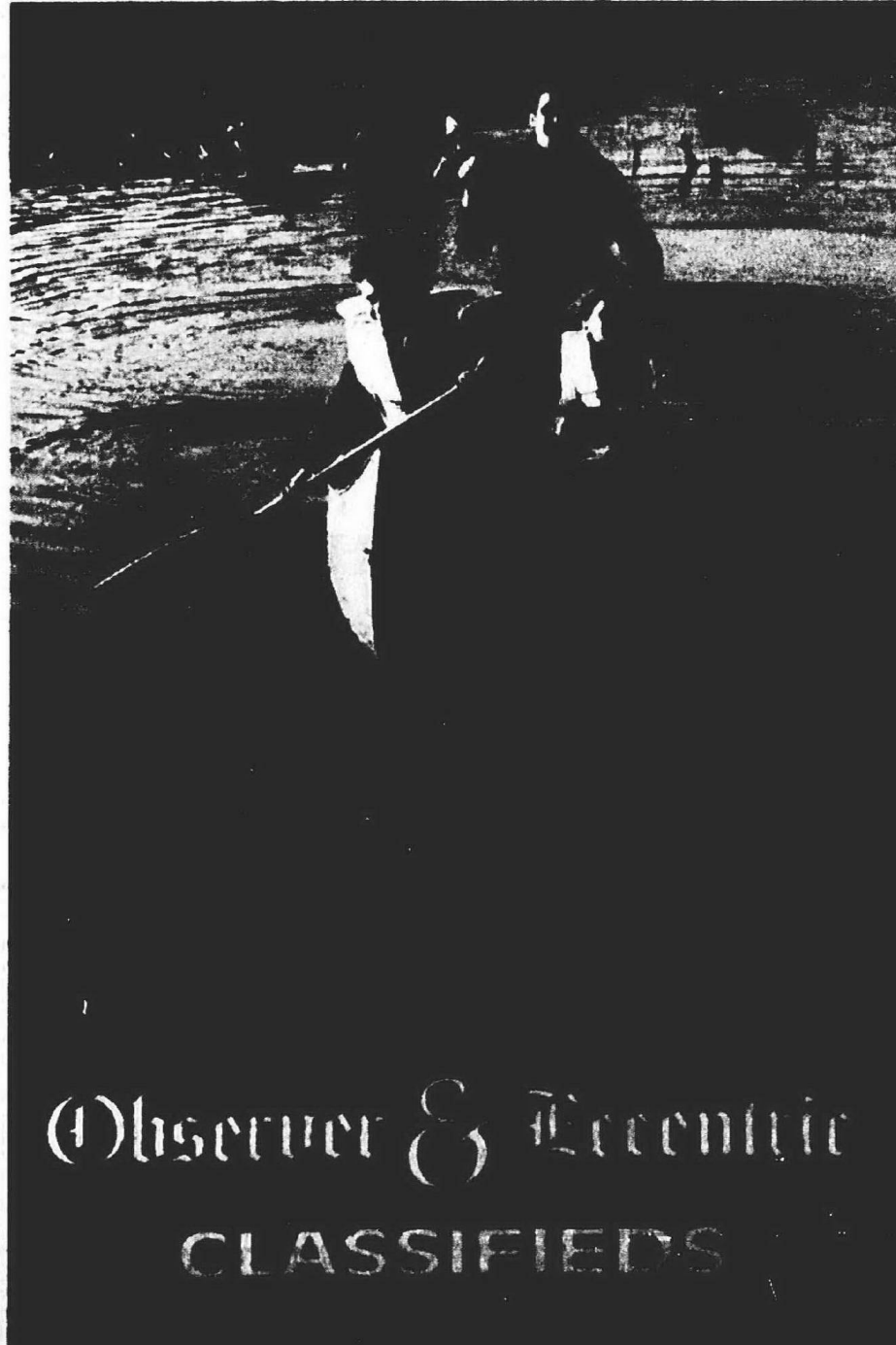
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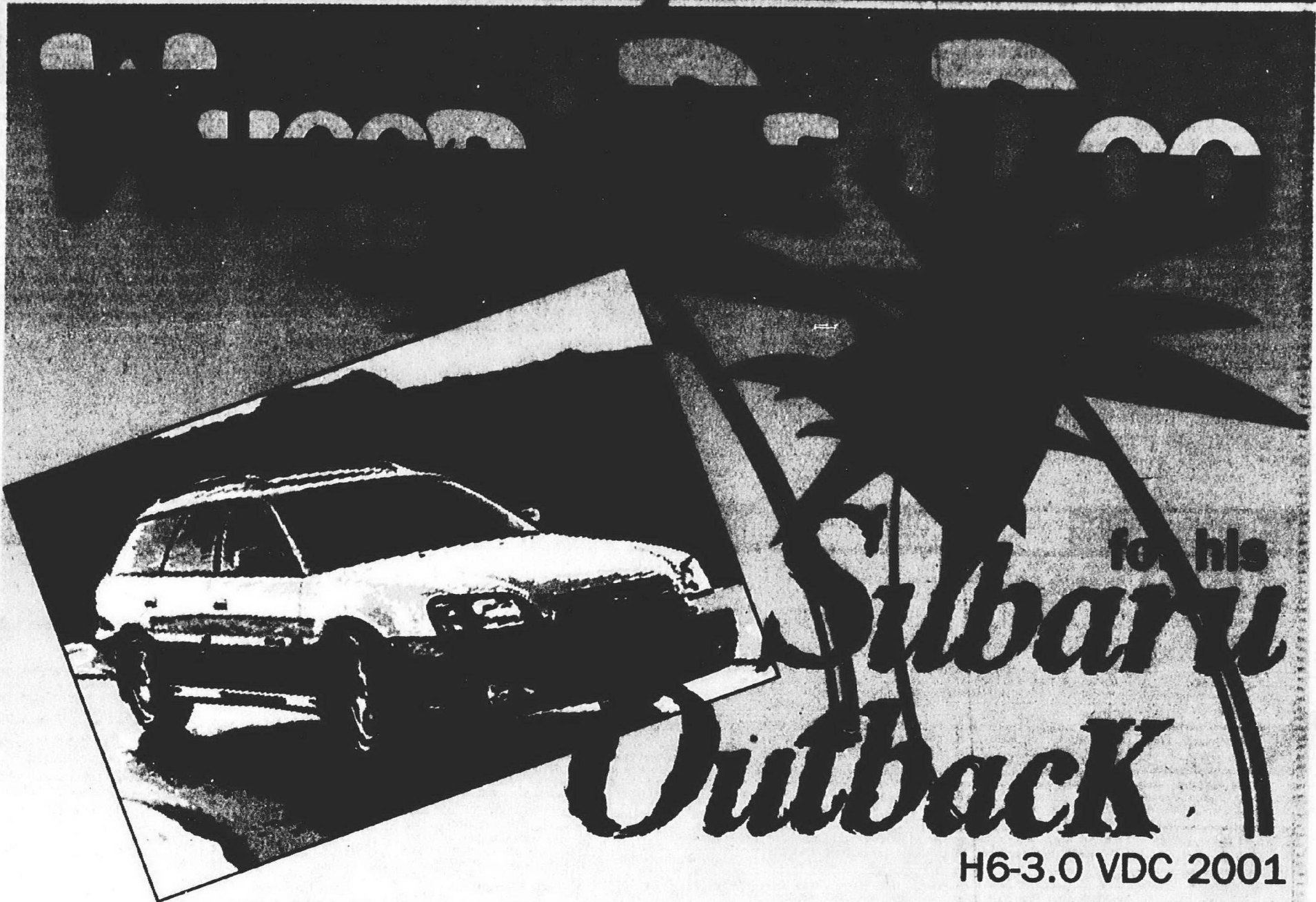
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Subaru calls its new 6-cylinder engine an

H6. This is really a misnomer — the cylinder arrangement does not really resemble an H. As far as I know there has been only one H-layout engine, the BRM H-16 racing engine, and even that was more of an X-16 (being two V8s tied together at the crankshafts).

But Subaru has called all their flat, opposed cylinder engines Hs so I'll give it to them. Then there's the 3.0, which is the engine displacement — 3.0-liter. And VDC

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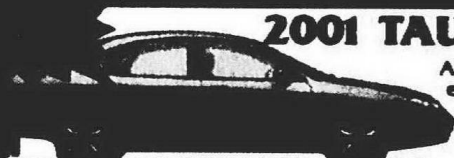
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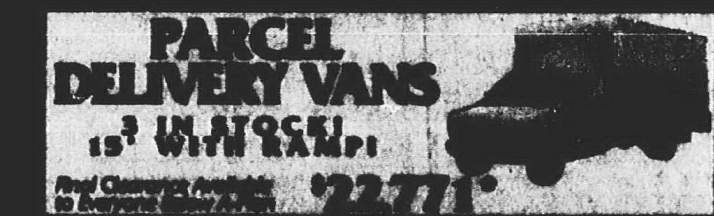
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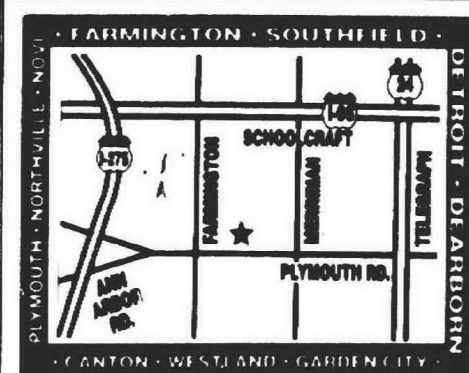
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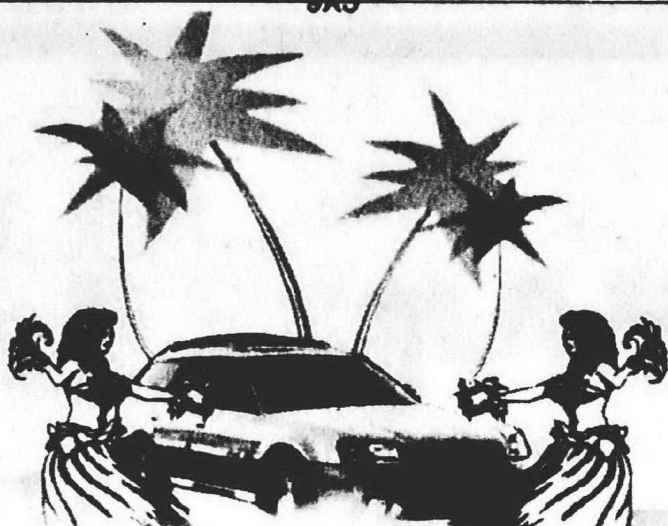
**unobtrusive.**  
Dare I say it? It is almost turbine-like in its smoothness. The new 6-cylinder engine comes only with a fine, 4-speed automatic transmission. Although you and I might like a manual transmission, I'd guess that the vast majority of Outback buyers opt for the automatic. Maybe if or when the 6-cylinder engine is offered in more Subaru models there might be a manual transmission option.

The new Outback may be the safest Subaru, or even one of the safest vehicles, available in this price range thanks to VDC. VDC monitors such things as yaw rate, steering angle, and individual wheel speed to help prevent the vehicle from sliding or spinning out. It does this automatically by applying brake pressure to the required wheel to counter a slide or spin. If the computer feels the slide or spin is severe enough it may also reduce engine power.

Subaru's AWD system is its first line of defense in slippery conditions. If you drive past AWD's capabilities (most likely your over your head then too) and somehow get those four wheels a-spinning, VDC kicks in via a Traction Control System (TCS) to apply the brakes to the spinning wheels and, if needed, reduce engine power.

Let me say this: If you get into trouble in the slippery stuff driving this car, you really should think about moving to Hawaii or Florida. Or just quit driving.

## AUTO EDITORIAL JUMP 9X5



Amazingly, the Outback H6-3.0 VDC is rated at 30 mpg city and 37 highway, compared to the 4-cylinders' rating of 23 city and 37 highway. How'd they do that?  
Two of the criticisms I've read about the Outback H6-3.0 VDC are its styling is outdated and the price is too high.

The styling looks like, well it looks like a Subaru Outback. I think maybe Subaru's onto something because the Outback happens to be the most popular Subaru (in its wagon and sedan versions) going. As for the pricing, the argument is that Subaru's aren't supposed to be expensive.

Who the heck knows what expensive is in this day and age? When people routinely drive around in \$35,000 pickup trucks, what's \$32,000 for a great, economical car?  
The Outback H6-3.0 VDC lists for \$31,895. A similar L.L. Bean Edition goes for \$29,495. There is virtually nothing extra that you would need to add to it either.

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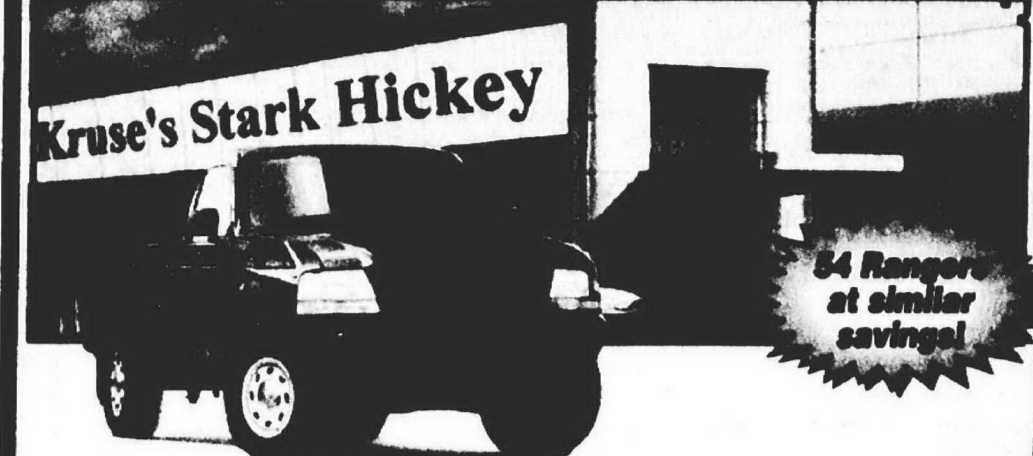
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