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Domestic violence:
The Observer continues the second part of a two-part series on this problem with stories on the survivor of an abusive relationship, how emergency room staff and police officers are trained to respond to cases of domestic violence, the impact of domestic violence on children, and how and where people can get help. /A6

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Theater: Talented area youngster overcomes shyness to board "Show Boat." /E1

Theatrical marathon: Heartland Theatre Company showcases David MacGregor of Livonia and other playwrights "Play By Play." /E1

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PLACES & FACES

Parents' Day
 The Wayne-Westland Community Schools Family Resource Center sponsors Parents' Day 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. this Saturday, March 15, at Adams Middle School, 33475 Palmer, Westland.

This year's theme is "True Colors: Issues Facing Families Today." For information or to register, call (313) 595-2279.

Director recognized

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce Executives recognized Westland Chamber Director Linda Shapona with a Michigan Chamber Professional Award.

The award is given to those who have achieved specific educational and training goals and was developed in 1990 to encourage and maintain high standards among chamber executives in the state.

Twenty-one directors in Michigan have earned this designation.

Food program

The city of Westland will sponsor its surplus food program at the Dorsey Community Center on the following dates and times. In March, tomatoes, corn, prunes, macaroni and canned beef will be distributed:

■ 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 20, for Palmer, Stieber, Merriman and Wildwood roads (known as Norwayne and Oak Village)

■ 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, March 21, for all other residents excluding Precinct No. 28

Seniors living in the Taylor Towers may call their building manager for day of distribution. For information, call (313) 595-0366.

Goodfellows say "thanks"

Westland Goodfellows president Jerry Smith said "thanks" Monday night to many students at Stevenson Middle School, John Glenn High School and the Tinkham Center.

Students from the schools assisted the local chapter group during the holiday season by purchasing and collecting food, packing baskets and delivering them to needy families in the area.

Smith made his comments at a Wayne-Westland school board meeting.

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SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS

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Crash claims teen, injures 2BY CASEY HANS
STAFF WRITER

A fiery crash in Westland Monday night killed a 14-year-old Westland girl — a freshman at Livonia's Franklin High School — and seriously injured two 17-year-old boys, one from Westland and the other from Livonia who were reportedly former Franklin students.

Alcohol and narcotics are suspected factors in the accident, which occurred at about 10:30 p.m. near the Westland-Livonia border.

according to information from the Westland police.

Police are not releasing the names of the deceased or injured teens pending further investigation, said Westland Officer Cathy Gilliam. Other community sources have identified the girl as Nicole Mugurian of Westland. Funeral arrangements are being handled by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Westland (See related story).

According to preliminary information, the three were traveling in a

1989 Buick Regal driven by a 17-year-old Westland man. The 14-year-old girl wore a seatbelt in the front seat and another 17-year-old from Livonia was a passenger in the rear seat. She was the only one in the car wearing her seatbelt, police said.

The car was eastbound on Ann Arbor Trail, west of Edward Hines Drive following a pickup truck, when the driver attempted to pass the truck on the right-hand side.

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STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JAGGFELD

Family fun: The Newton twins Justin (left) and Melissa enjoy time with mom Margaret Newton and Melissa. A member of Mothers of Multiples, she also has 5-month-old Andrew. "You get attention everywhere you go when you have twins," she said.

Having twins doubles the funBY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Shelly Weir has been seeing double for 11 years now.

Her eyesight isn't deteriorating. She still reads. She drives. She walks without stumbling into walls. She is going on with her life.

The 40-year-old Westland mother sees double because she has twins — Scott and Brian. She also has a 7-year-old daughter, Kelsey.

"There are a lot of twins out there," Weir, a resident of Treadwell Street in Westland, said. "Twins are everywhere."

She ought to know. She is a member of Northwest Suburban Mothers of Multiples (MOM), a group that meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia.

The group, in its 30th year, has

■ 'I want them to develop individually . . . Everybody always asks, 'How are the twins?' They never ask about 'Scott' or 'Brian.'

Shelly Weir

—Mom of twin boys and a member of Mothers of Multiples group

fun."

MOM gives mothers more than an opportunity to share experiences and exchange tips for effective parenting.

Members also have clothing sales, family picnics, charity fundraisers and many other activities. One night every February they leave their children with husbands or other relatives to attend an annual dinner.

"We don't have any spilled milk or anybody yelling, 'Mama, mama!' It's great," Weir said.

Having two or more babies at the same time changes a mother's life dramatically. There are two diapers to change, two mouths to feed and two young ones to put to bed, with hopes that they stay there quietly.

"You have to feed them at the

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Fate of Wilson School to be debated TuesdayBY DONNA MULCAHY
SPECIAL WRITER

The old Wilson School may soon have a new owner, and members of a watchdog group are eyeing developments carefully.

Newtowne Development Corp. of Farmington Hills has made an offer to purchase the former school building and the 13.6 acres of land it sits on from the Wayne-Westland Community Schools for \$825,000, said Patricia Brand, assistant superintendent for business services.

The proposed offer will be the subject of a Wayne-Westland Board of Education study session, to be held

at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, in the board's conference room in the Timothy J. Dyer Educational Social Service Center, 36745 Marquette in Westland.

The study session is open to the public.

The board was scheduled to vote on accepting the purchase offer at its regular meeting Monday. However, at that meeting, the board voted not to vote on the issue at that time. It did so at the request of state Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton Township, Vice President Debra Fowlkes was absent due to an illness.

Bennett asked that the vote be postponed to give residents time to

learn about the offer and have some input, Brown said.

40 years old

Built in 1957, the Wilson School is located at 1255 Wildwood in Westland and adjacent to Sassafras Trails, a wooded area northeast of Palmer and Wildwood. Past reports have listed Sassafras Trails as being 64 acres in size, but Brand said Tuesday that it's only about 50 acres.

Originally, the Wilson School housed elementary grades. The elementary school closed in 1977, due to declining enrollment. Afterward, until 1992, the building housed the

district's special education preschool program, Brand said.

Currently, Friendship Childcare, a co-op nursery school, is the building's only tenant, occupying two classrooms. The rest of the 40,000-square-foot building is vacant, Brand said.

It costs the district more than \$50,000 a year to maintain the Wilson building. That includes the cost of gas and electricity, plowing the parking lot in the winter and other basic necessities, Brand said.

"That's a significant amount of money, and not one penny of it is

See WILSON SCHOOL, A3

Elderly woman cheated, but relieved at convictionBY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

An 84-year-old Westland woman, cheated out of \$30,000 for furnace repairs she didn't need, said she is relieved at the conviction of two suspects.

"After living almost 85 years, I never had any trouble, and then I had to go to court," Phila Gust said. "This whole thing did kind of upset me. But I do feel relieved."

Gust said she only hopes that others will learn from her mistake.

On March 4 Wayne Circuit Judge Kathleen

Macdonald convicted two suspects of attempting to obtain more than \$100 under false pretenses.

Facing sentencing on April 4 are 27-year-old Larry Grissom of Redford and 33-year-old Timothy Barrett of Howell. They could face a maximum of five years in prison.

Grissom and Barrett worked for Allied Comfort Systems of Livonia.

Westland police Sgt. David Hooper said Gust was "conned" out of more than \$30,000 since 1990 for unnecessary furnace repairs at her Parkgrove residence.

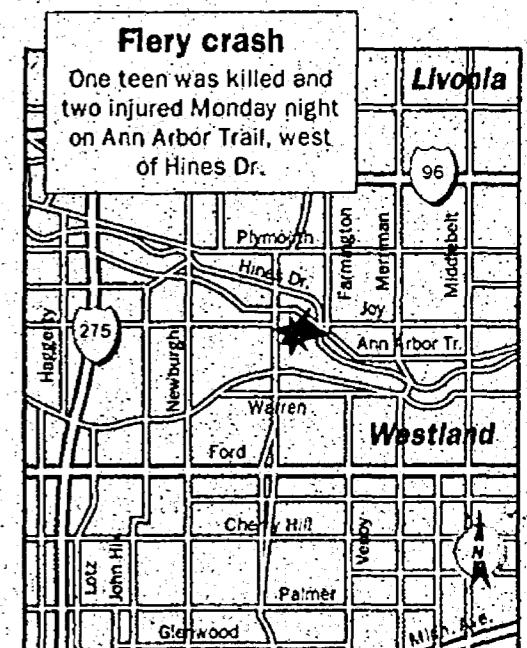
"They drained her bank account and then got

IN THE COURTS

her to take out a loan," Hooper said. "The poor lady was so embarrassed that she got conned out of the money that had it not been for a neighbor, it would have never come to light."

Neighbor Michael Cates became suspicious when he saw a stack of bills while visiting Gust, and he said he contacted a television station that

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Moms from page A1

same time and get them on the same schedule for just about everything," Weir said.

At school, however, Weir has always kept her boys in separate classrooms.

"I want them to develop individually," she said. "Everybody always asks, 'How are the twins?' They never ask about 'Scott' or 'Brian.'"

The boys are sixth-graders at Stevenson Middle School. They formerly attended Schweitzer Elementary.

Scott Weir said he and his brother have often been mistaken for one another.

"But most of the people who really know us can tell us apart," he said.

Scott Weir's interests have centered on snow skiing, bowling and soccer, while Brian has focused more on basketball, baseball and football, their mother said.

"Brian is more ... T-shirts and blue jeans. Scott pays more attention to detail and he likes girls. He'll be at the table while the women are talking, but Brian will be outside playing in the dirt," Shelly Weir said.

Weir's friend, Margaret Newton, also a MOM member, has 3 1/2-year-old twins Justin and Melissa. She also has 5-month-old Andrew.

"You get attention everywhere you go when you have twins," Newton said. "Your kids always have a friend when they're twins."

Weir recalls one time when Scott and Brian fell and scraped their foreheads during accidents that came two weeks apart.



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Double the fun: The Weirs pictured at home: Scott, mom Shelly and Brian. Although the two are twins, they have diverse interests, Shelly said.

"They had the same scratch in the same spot," she said. "One fell off a tricycle and one fell off of a swing. But they had the same scratch."

Many mothers enjoy dressing their twins alike. But that gets old for the kids. Scott Weir said that he and brother Brian have dressed alike "one time in the last six years."

Kelsey Weir said it's sometimes tough having older twin brothers.

"They're mean to me. They

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pick on me all the time," she said, although her smile gave the impression that she loved them just the same.

"They give her piggyback rides," the mother said.

Anyone seeking information about the various chapters of Mothers of Multiples may call Weir at (313) 326-1466. Dues are \$18 a year and cover the costs of a newsletter and various MOM functions.

Meeting tonight to focus on partnership

A meeting tonight at Wayne-Westland school offices will kick-off a partnership between the school district and the Education First Foundation of the Wayne County Community College, focused on meeting the needs of post-high school students.

The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at the school board's meeting room at the Dyer Center, 36745 Marquette, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, Westland.

Although community and elected leaders from the area have been specifically invited, Wayne-Westland school board President Patricia Brown stressed that anyone interested in the foundation's work or the partnership is welcome to attend.

"We do have a population whose needs

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notified Adult Protective Services offices.

State officials in turn notified the Westland Police Department, which launched an investigation that resulted in criminal charges last summer. At that time, the suspects had pressured Gust to have duct work performed, Hooper said.

"They were about to get her for another \$6,000 until I stopped it," Cates said.

Hooper made copies of bills and called in state experts who examined Gust's home and determined that the duct work wasn't needed.

For helping his neighbor, Cates has been recommended by Hooper for a citizen's award from the police department.

Cates said he still worries about Gust because she still has a problem caused by the workers. Her central air-conditioning comes on when it shouldn't, leaving her residence cold.

Following Tuesday's conviction, Grissom and Barrett remained in police custody under orders from Macdonald.

Grissom, in fact, had been jailed since his arrest last July because he had been on parole for drug and firearms charges, Hooper said.

Gust hasn't recovered her money, but Hooper said Thursday that a civil suit is expected

to be filed in the wake of the criminal trial.

Gust, meanwhile, said she is glad that the criminal trial has ended. She said the tone of questioning from defense attorneys was sometimes disturbing.

"They got pretty rugged with me," she said. "I know I'm not the only one this has happened to."

Since this happened, I've had so many people say that it goes on all the time. I always thought that these people (con artists) latched onto elderly people, but I've learned that they take money from younger people, too."

Man heads for trial in area murder case

BY WILLIAM COUTANT
STAFF WRITER

The trial of a Westland man charged with the murder of two Farmington Hills women will begin on April 21 — whether or not statements he made to police are admitted as evidence.

George Tyrone Davis, 24, of Westland was scheduled to go on trial Feb. 24 for first-degree murder in the arson fire that claimed the lives of Louise Boyair, 52, and her daughter Melissa, 21, on Dec. 18 and 19, 1995. Arthur Hollingsworth Cayce, 24, was convicted of the same charges in a separate trial and sentenced on Dec. 23 of last year to life in prison without parole.

Davis' attorney, Jose Fanego, filed a motion to quash his client's indictment to first-degree murder and instead allow him to be charged with being an accessory.

Oakland Circuit Judge Barry Howard, who also was the judge for Cayce's trial, denied the motion Jan. 15.

Howard will rule on March 26 whether to grant Fanego's motion to suppress statements given by Davis to Farmington Hills police.

Davis, who is held in the Oakland County Jail without bond, would face a mandatory life sentence if convicted of first-degree murder.

Assistant Oakland County

■ That's why I wouldn't dismiss the rape case. You never know. I don't think it would be reversed, but with a conviction for the rape and abduction, he would be in prison for a long time . . .

Lisa Madzia
—Assistant Prosecutor

Prosecutor Lisa Madzia said Cayce, who is also facing unrelated rape, abduction and attempted murder charges, is appealing his murder conviction.

"That's why I wouldn't dismiss the rape case," Madzia said. "You never know. I don't think it would be reversed, but with a conviction for the rape and abduction, he would be in prison for a long time. If it was reversed and we didn't try the rape, you don't know."

An expert witness on mental competency was scheduled to testify as to Cayce's mental condition at the time of the alleged rape and abduction of his former girl friend on Dec. 28, 1995. The witness was not available and that proceeding will be heard sometime in mid-May by Oakland Circuit Judge Rudy Nichols.

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Oliver on stage

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Life as an orphan: A performance of "Oliver," the story of a young orphan and his travels, will be presented 7:30 p.m. March 20-22 at Livonia Franklin High. Karen Ostafinski (seated) plays Oliver. Theodore Hoelter (left) plays Fagin. Two students play Dodger, Justin Byrd on Thursday and Saturday and Ryan Allen on Friday. Tickets are \$5 at the door, or call (313) 523-0506.

Garden City man faces charges in stabbing of Westland motorist

A Garden City man has been charged in the stabbing of a Westland motorist on March 2.

Eugene Henton, Jr., 30, of Garden City, faces charges of felonious assault and habitual offender-fourth degree in the incident, which occurred at about 8:50 p.m. near Merriman and Grandview in Westland, said Westland police Lt. Marc Stobbe.

Henton was arrested and arraigned in Westland's 18th District Court on March 6, and faces up to five years in prison if convicted of the felony assault charges. He remains jailed on a

\$15,000 cash bond, according to Stobbe.

Henton was arrested following a line-up and investigation where the truck allegedly used in the incident was found, police said.

In the incident, a 30-year-old Westland man told police he was headed south on Merriman near Cherry Hill when the drive of a pickup truck in front of him slammed on his brakes, forcing the victim to swerve into another lane to avoid a collision.

CRIMEWATCH

The harassment reportedly continued along Merriman Road until the altercation between the two men ended up on Grandview. During the incident, the pickup driver reportedly pulled a knife on the victim and slashed his tire first, then stabbed the victim when he got out of his car.

The man was injured in the left elbow and abdominal area.

He fled to a nearby house where a neighbor called police. At least one witness watched the struggle, according to police reports.

String of city break-ins is solved

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland police believe they have solved a string of stolen cars and residential break-ins that mostly occurred in the Newburgh-Glenwood area.

An investigation involving 24 crimes gradually unfolded after Westland police on New Year's Eve questioned suspects accused of spray-painting graffiti at Comerica bank on Wayne Road south of Warren, Westland Sgt. Jon Handzlik said.

The incidents occurred between Dec. 11, 1996, and Jan. 21, 1997, he said. The bulk of the crimes happened in Westland, although three incidents occurred in Wayne, he said.

Of five suspects, not all are implicated in every incident. The investigation is continuing to unfold.

Two adults have been charged,

and two youths have been petitioned to juvenile court, Handzlik said. Charges are pending against a third juvenile, he said.

Anthony Millefoglie, 17, of Westland has been charged with attempted car theft, receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100 and home invasion. He could face a maximum 15-year prison term if convicted.

Timothy Palloni, 17, residence unknown, has been charged with attempted car theft and receiving and concealing stolen property. Palloni could face a maximum five-year prison term if convicted as charged.

As they await trial, both adult defendants have been released from jail after posting bond, Handzlik said.

Identities of the three juvenile defendants haven't been disclosed, although Handzlik said it is possible that one of the juve-

niles will be charged as an adult. One juvenile is being held in a county youth home, while two others are free pending court proceedings.

Police gained leads in the string of crimes after questioning juveniles suspected of spray-painting the Comerica building with graffiti that matched other graffiti found in the city's south end, Handzlik said.

Police brought in a juvenile suspect for questioning, and he made statements that led authorities to other suspects, Handzlik said.

"Two of the five suspects would be together on one incident, and one of those suspects might be with other suspects the next time," the sergeant said. "It wasn't like they were all together in a gang."

The investigation is continuing.

Area families first to use new center

The Miracle of Life Maternity Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia was a busy place when it opened March 5.

Three couples shared the honor of bringing their babies into the world on this day at the Livonia hospital.

Leslie Marie King was the first baby born in the new center of proud parents Brent and Tanisha King of Detroit. Leslie was born at 6:26 p.m. March 5 and was delivered by Dr. Judy Dudum-Ayyash, and Wendy Valhoff, a certified midwife. She weighed nine pounds.

About an hour later, Westland residents Shawn

Bialkowski and Lissi Reamer became the parents of the second baby born in the new center. Saige Shayne Stone Bialkowski was delivered by Dr. Dudum-Ayyash at 7:48 p.m. He weighed 6 lbs., 2 ozs.

And at 8:51 p.m. Dudum-Ayyash delivered Coral Emily Muessig to Brian and Rebecca Muessig of Plymouth. Coral weighed in at 8 lbs., 8 ozs.

The 23,000 square-foot maternity center features 20 Labor, Delivery, Recovery and Postpartum rooms which allow mothers to remain in one room throughout the birthing process.

Wilson School *from page A1*

going to educate our children," Brand said. "Think of it: \$50,000, that's one teacher."

Last fall, the board of education decided to try to sell the building, to bring much-needed revenue into the financially strapped district, said Superintendent Duane Moore.

In December, the school administration began advertising for proposals to purchase the property. The deadline for submitting letters of intent to purchase the property was March 3, Brand said.

In 1993, the school district hired Livonia private contractor Charles Allen to appraise the Wilson School and its grounds; He appraised them at \$650,000, Brand said.

However, in its request for purchase offers, the school administration asked for a minimum of \$825,000 for the building and its grounds, Moore said.

"We did that based on Bill Bowman's experience and what he thought the market would bear," Brand said.

Bowman is president of Great Northern Land Co. of Royal Oak, which was hired by the administration to market the school building and grounds.

One offer received

The school district received about 30 inquiries on the property and two letters of intent, but Newtowne was the only entity that presented a signed purchase offer, Brand said.

The offer is contingent upon Newtowne having environmental inspections done on the property, and upon the company receiving all necessary approvals from the City of Westland including site plan and zoning approval, said Marty Stoneman, president of Newtowne.

He said that his company plans to tear down the school and put up condominiums, duplexes or single family homes on the property. Other than that, the company has no set plans, he said.

"We would sit down with the city, the school board and interested groups to discuss objectives - ours and theirs," he said.

Stoneman said that people

should not look to Superblock as an example of what his company could put on the Wilson School site.

"The condominiums there (in Dearborn) are three stories, and we couldn't do that on this property, because they wouldn't fit in with the surrounding area," he said. "We'll have to find something that would fit this unique piece of property."

The Sassafras Trails area became controversial after the school board considered selling it to a developer for \$1.1 million last year. The money would have helped offset a \$5 million deficit the district will have this June when a 3-mill, non-renewable "enhancement millage" expires.

Friends of the Sassafras Trails, along with state legislators, convinced the board of education to accept a \$525,000 offer for the property instead. The offer was made by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Under that agreement, which is still being ironed out by representatives for the state and the school district, the district will continue to own Sassafras Trails and be liable for it.

However, the state will hold the development rights to the property for 90 years. That means the school district can't sell or develop the property for that period of time, Brand said.

Friends member Jack Smiley told the board Monday that he was pleased with the tabling of the issue, and called for a summit of community leaders to further discuss the use of the Wilson building.

Moore said that he doesn't know what to expect at Tuesday's study session, but that he would like to have the board vote on the issue as soon as possible. Board president Patricia Brown said the board will not vote Tuesday; members will discuss the issue and listen to residents.

The board could, however, vote on the issue at its next regular meeting, March 24.

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Accident from page A1

where there is a paved "flare" lane near a new subdivision, police said.

Witnesses told police the driver cut back quickly in front of the truck and apparently lost control of his car, running off the road and striking a tree, causing flames that reportedly shot some seven feet into the air.

"Three or four officers pulled the kids from the car - it was in flames," Gilliam said. Investigating Westland. Officers Jack McIntosh and Dan Karrick were

on the scene throughout the night, collecting evidence, she said.

The 14-year-old Westland girl was taken to Garden City Hospital where she was pronounced dead.

The driver and rear-seat passenger were both taken to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia; the passenger sustained critical injuries and was later airlifted to U-M Hospital in Ann Arbor. The passenger's condition was upgraded from critical to serious,

according to information from the Westland traffic division on Wednesday; the driver is also in serious condition.

Blood testing has been requested on the vehicle's driver and an autopsy requested on Nicole Mugurian, which police said is common practice in such an accident.

Any charges will depend on test results, which are not expected until later this week, Gilliam said.

Student from page A1

had a lot of friends here. She also had friends at Churchill. This is a big loss for all of them. Kids are affected community-wide when something of this nature happens."

Not only must students deal with the loss of a fellow student, they must also deal with the Westland police report that indicates alcohol and narcotics appear to be contributing factors in this accident. No charges have been filed; police investigations are continuing.

"Kids always have questions

about alcohol and drugs," Douville said. "They're disappointed, worried, concerned. How can we explain this? We'll just continue to get the message across. We're doing a good job with that, but this is a community-wide, society-wide issue."

Nicole, daughter of the late Shirley McGough, was born in 1982 in Detroit. Survivors include her father, Charles Mugurian; sister Lisa Hopkins; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Visiting hours are from 1-9

p.m. today at L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, 7707 Middlebelt, south of Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. A prayer service will be held at 6 p.m.

A prayer service also will take place at 11:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Church services will be held at noon at St. John's Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Interment will be at Detroit's Evergreen Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be made to the church.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

The Conscious Contact group sponsored by Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Sunday evenings at Garden City Hospital, doctor's dining room. Enter via the hospital's north entrance. A member "open talk" will be featured on March 12 to commemorate the group's 20th year of helping others. For information, call Woody at (313) 729-0520.

AL-ANON

The Al-Anon group, designed to help family members of alcoholics, meets on Sunday evening at 8:30 p.m. at Garden City Hospital. Call (313) 729-0520 for information.

TOPS

The TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 1132 meets 10-11 a.m. Thursdays at the Garden City Hospital's community health and education center, 6701 Harrison, just north of Maplewood. The group helps members obtain and maintain a healthy weight. Dues are \$4 monthly. Call (313) 537-6267 or 255-1766.

RATIONAL RECOVERY

Rational Recovery is an interna-

tional, non-profit self-help organization that meets at 12:30 p.m. every Thursday and at 7 p.m. every Friday in Garden City Hospital's Harrison Center, on Harrison north of Maplewood. The group is for persons who are experiencing problems as a result of alcohol and/or substance abuse or any other self-defeating behaviors.

OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE

Obsessive Compulsive Disorder self-help group meets 7 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday monthly at 45000 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township. (313) 522-3022.

SUPPORT LINE

Have a problem? Want to talk? Call Life Care Ministries, (313) 427-LIFE, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Confidential. Free. Sponsored by Life Care Ministries of Livonia. This service is provided at no charge to the community.

MENTALLY ILL

Alliance for the Mentally Ill, a support group for family and friends of loved ones with mental illness, meets the first and third Thursday of the month at Oakwood Hospital-Merriman Center, on Merriman in West-

land. (313) 562-2274 or 562-8498.

TOUGHLOVE

A Toughlove support group meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Northwest Wayne Skill Center, Ann Arbor Trail between Merriman and Farmington Road. Newcomers welcome. (313) 261-7880 or (810) 380-7748.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 10 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at Maplewood Community Center, Room 16, Garden City. (313) 541-6565 or 422-4238.

FOR CO-DEPENDENTS

A new Co-Dependents Anonymous 12-step support group meets at 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the new Salvation Army Service Center, 2300 S. Venoy at Dorsey, south of Palmer.

EMOTIONS ANONYMOUS

A 12-step program for "A New Way of Life" meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and 10 a.m. Thursday in Garden City Hospital Educational Center, Garden City. (313) 427-8193.

OBITUARIES

ROSE BOGATINOFF

Funeral services for Rose Bogatinoff, 85, of Plymouth were in Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with burial at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. Officiating was the Rev. Panayot Pamukov.

Mrs. Bogatinoff, who died March 5 in Wayne, was born in Cleveland, Ohio. She formerly worked as a clerk at the Kmart store in Livonia. She came to the Plymouth community 25 years ago from Farmington and was a member of St. Clement's Eastern Orthodox Church in Dearborn. She was also past president of the Michigan P.T.A. in the late 1950s and early 1960s and co-founded the P.T.A. scholarship fund of Michigan. She loved to read.

Surviving are: sons Peter of Brentwood, Tenn., and Richard of Livonia; brother Peter Petroff of Plymouth; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by daughter Rosemarie; sisters Violet Roberts and Lena Gosheff.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Disease Association or the Hospice of Southeastern Michigan.

WILLIAM ALBUS

Funeral services for William Albus, 77, of Westland were in Newburg United Methodist Church with burial at Glen Eden Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Gilson M. Miller. Arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

Mr. Albus, who died March 5 at home in Westland, was born in Detroit. He was an accountant for General Motors Corp.

Surviving are: wife Lenora; daughters Ruthann Irvin, Diane Staknis, Maryann Choroba and Suzanne; and five grandchildren.

MARGARET L. MARTZOIFF

Funeral services for Margaret Martzoiff, 79, of Westland were recently in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial at Grand Lawn Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Lawrence Witto of Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Martzoiff, who died March 11 in Livonia, was born in Pontiac. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: son Sturrel; daughter Edith Gilbert; brother Gordon Mulholland; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sturrel.

ERIC L. BLESER

Funeral services for Eric Bleser,

35, of Wayne were recently in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. Officiating was the Rev. Marvin Hawbaker.

Mr. Bleser died March 9 at home in Wayne. He was an assembler.

Surviving are: daughter Sarah; parents George and Dorothy; brother Ronald Lucas; sisters Glenda Adamus and Cheryl Vecheta; grandmother Ethel Groves; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the family.

JOHN J. KOVACH

Funeral services for John Kovach, 87, of Westland were held in Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, Canton, and St. Theodore Church. Officiating was the Rev. Thomas Kuehnemund.

Mr. Kovach, who died March 7 in Westland, was born in Ironwood, Mich. He was a former resident of Plymouth and was a grinder in the automotive industry.

Surviving are: wife Ann; son Robert; daughter Judith Schott; brother Charles Kosuth; sisters Mary Cote, Regina Jacobi and Agnes Bodak; and two grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation.

FREDERICK K. RAWLINGS

Funeral services for Frederick Rawlings, 69, of Garden City, were held in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with entombment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Masonic Lodge of Sorrow also held services at the funeral home.

Officiating was the Rev. Edward Prus from St. Raphael Catholic Church. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Raphael Building Fund.

Mr. Rawlings, who died March 5 in Farmington Hills, was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. He was a supervisor with Ford Motor Company for 29 years, transportation services, Rouge Plant. He was a Garden City resident for 38 years.

His interests included deer, squirrel and rabbit hunting; he was very much an outdoorsman. He enjoyed building model boats and planes and also liked 3-D puzzles, euchre and poker.

Surviving are: wife Theresa of Garden City; son Fred Jr.; daughter Debra Turner and Sue Middleton; brothers Albert of Florida and Edward of New York; five grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Policy for youth explained

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is eager to ensure that young people in the community are provided equal access to information.

Many situations involving minors require parental signature, such as hospital admissions forms, driver's license applications and field trip permission slips.

In the same way, library patrons under the age of 18 years are still considered minors in the state of Michigan. For that reason, a minor's application for a library card must be

accompanied by a parental signature and proof of address before a library card can be issued, according to information from the library.

Once that library card is issued, however, the minor card holder is welcome to use that card to check out materials from the library on their own, library officials said. A parent's signature or presence is not required for use of the library card.

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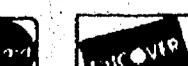
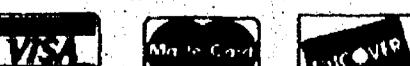
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High court mulls charter school issue

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Six of Michigan's Supreme Court justices have a year to decide whether charter academies are truly public schools or a "scheme" to divert tax money to private schools.

The seventh justice, newcomer Marilyn Kelly of Bloomfield Hills, was absent during March 5 oral arguments. Kelly, who was elected to the highest court Nov. 5, was the Court of Appeals judge who wrote the opinion a year ago saying the charter academy act violated the Michigan Constitution:

"(T)he act fails to preclude school control by a privately selected board. Accordingly, the academy schools act permits the operation of publicly-funded schools not under the immediate and ultimate control of public authorities. The act therefore violates the constitutional proscription against public funding of private schools."

Attorneys argued the case in Lansing March 5, a day before President Bill Clinton was scheduled to address the Legislature on the subject of public education.

Not private

Kelly's opinion was vigorously attacked by Richard McLellan, a close associate of Gov. John Engler representing Central Michigan University. CMU has issued the majority of the 77 charters that qualify schools for state aid.

"The issue is whether parts of the School Code are within the Legislature's power to define a public school," said McLellan, defending the PA 362. "We reject the argument that a private board runs these academies."

Charter schools are governmental entities, he said, because they have governmental immunity from suits, use governmental accounting systems, charge no tuition, aren't sectarian, have open enrollments, and are required to obey the Open Meetings and Freedom of Information acts.

The group challenging the charter academies, McLellan argued, "concentrates on governance" instead.

Justice James Brickley asked: "And the (board) appointments are made by whom?"

McLellan said university boards, like CMU, approve the charters; the CMU board is appointed by the governor, and the governor is accountable to the people.

Paul Zimmer, representing Engler, said there is no lack of control by the State Board of Education because that board supervises teacher certification, proficiency testing, the model curriculum and school aid distribution.

David Kallman, representing Noah Webster Academy, an Ionia school which has been denied state aid, said it would be "catastrophic" if the high court strikes down the constitutionality of a law under which 12,000 students attend school.

No election process

Arthur Przybylowicz, attorney for the Council of Organizations that challenged the charter act, said voters in 1970 amended the constitution to prohibit payment of public funds to non-public schools.

Case law says that a public school must be "under the ultimate and immediate control" of

public officials, he said. Justice Patricia Boyle asked him to reply to McLellan's argument that the State Board of Education supervises charter schools.

Przybylowicz noted Engler's December executive order shifted much of that power from the elected State Board to the appointive superintendent of public instruction — "but that's another case," he said.

The courtroom audience broke out in laughter. Earlier in the week, four Democratic members of the State Board filed suit challenging Engler's order.

Przybylowicz said charter boards are self-organized and self-appointed under the Non-profit Corporations Act. "There is no selection process. There is no process for recall or removal. There is no process for filling vacancies. The board that operates a charter school is not elected or appointed," he said.

"The Noah Webster Academy is a perfect case," said Przybylowicz, referring to the private school which was chartered by a tiny school district in Ionia County. "Its charter has a 99-

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Dem bill will expand firefighters' right to sue

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

The House gave it 72-35 approval in late February and sent it to the Senate, where a 22-16 GOP majority is likely to amend it to restrict lawsuits.

Here is how area lawmakers voted:

Yes — Republicans Lyn Banks of Redford and Gerald Law of Plymouth; Democrats Bob Brown of Redford, Eileen DeHart of Westland, and Tom Kelly of Wayne.

No — Deborah Whyman, R-Canton.

Republicans failed to amend it to restrict suits to owners who intentionally torched their buildings. "The bill goes too far in its current form," said Rep. Frank Fitzgerald, R-Grand Ledge. "It's not a likelihood but the certainty of frivolous suits that makes it bad."

"It's much too broad," agreed Rep. Barbara Dobb, R-Union Lake. "Not that they (firefighters) are not entitled

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Schoolcraft will host open house

Schoolcraft College will host an open house Sunday, April 13 for the general public to tour the campus and explore the range of programs available to persons of all ages.

As the community resource for lifelong learning, the college's various divisions will present information for graduating high school seniors, for adults who have not attended college or have some college but have not completed a degree, for those seeking personal enrichment courses and for parents seeking summer enrichment courses for their children.

Visitors may drop in anytime between noon and 3 p.m., take guided tours of the campus and talk with current Schoolcraft students. Prospective students can learn about admissions, financial aid, career planning, tutoring, student activities and athletics, weekend college and distance learning, and Continuing Education Services.

Several departments will provide informational materials, faculty members to answer questions, or hands-on demonstrations to acquaint visitors with their degree programs. Public Safety will display the EMT, fire and police vehicles; culinary arts will have an ice carving and table display; computer assisted drafting will demonstrate software; and continuing education services will have material on its talented and gifted program for children.

Schoolcraft offers small classes of fewer than 30 students, tuition that is approximately half that of four-year colleges and universities, and a wide range of class times during days, evenings and weekends so students can work while taking classes.

For information, call the Office of Admissions at (313) 462-4426.

Madonna plans new term signup

Madonna University in Livonia will be holding in-person registration for the spring/summer term from Monday, March 17 through Monday, March 31.

Office hours will be held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays with the exception of Friday, March 28, when the office will be closed; and until 7 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, with the exception of Thursday, March 27, when the office will close at 5 p.m.

Late registration begins Tuesday, April 1. Classes begin May 5. For more information call the admissions office at (313) 432-5339.

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Emergency rooms: First line of defense for abuse victims

By RENEE M. SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Hospital emergency rooms are often the first line of defense for domestic abuse survivors.

Emergency room staff treat the broken bones and bruises. They also attempt to mend battered egos through education and counseling.

Westland resident Cathy Barrett works as a nurse-practitioner in the emergency room at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne, which treats domestic abuse victims from several western Wayne County communities.

The protocol for dealing with domestic abuse victims at the

hospital has been standard for many years: assess the patient, examine and document injuries; contact police if victim admits to having been abused, bring in hospital social worker; call First Step (a domestic violence prevention agency) if necessary; and assure safety of patient upon discharge.

If the abuser accompanies the victim to the hospital, every attempt is made to separate them. Barrett said they will often take the vic-

tim — usually a woman — into the X-ray room where she can talk privately. They also disguise literature, folding it so it can be fitted in a shoe.

Along with family practice physician Dr. Mary Ellen Flaherty, Barrett has fine-tuned this protocol. With input from police, prosecutors, lawyers and hospital staff, Barrett and Flaherty developed a three-page domestic violence medical report or "kit," a document Barrett said "can stand up in court."

"I can't even tell you what the inciting event was," said Flaherty about the idea for the kit. "We see a lot of it (domestic abuse) and realized how poorly we had handled it. We handled the medical part well, but did we go beyond that to handle the psycho-social aspect?"

Flaherty and Barrett applied the principles of the kit while it was being developed. "After about six months, Cathy and I said, 'Isn't it incredible we have seen so much domestic violence?' We were just recognizing it."

The hospital plans to copyright the kit and offer it for use in the

Oakwood Hospital system.

Dr. Diane Paratore has worked in the emergency room at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills for three and a half years. Paratore sees at least two or three domestic abuse victims on weekend nights, usually women between the ages of 17 and 50.

Bruises or contusions to the face and arms or punches and kicks to the belly are most common, Paratore said, most often the abuser uses his fists and feet, sometimes a weapon, like a broom handle.

Botsford's social work department has instructed emergency room staff to recognize domestic abuse symptoms. "As ER physicians, we are aware that it's happening more than is reported," she said.

Frequently the victim will not disclose the cause of injuries to the triage nurse, so it's up to physicians like Paratore to establish a "receptive" atmosphere. "It's more a probing and digging," said Paratore.

At Botsford, a social worker always is called in. If there is concern about the victim's safety, the hospital will provide transportation to a shelter or another safe location.

"I've been surprised that they don't directly go to a safe environment," said Paratore, adding she always tells victims they can



Consulting: Nurse-practitioner Cathy Barrett, left, helps Dr. Mary Ellen Flaherty with a patient in the emergency room at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis.

come back to the emergency room if they have a problem.

Dr. Michael Yangouyan, an ER physician at Garden City Hospital, also uses the personal approach when treating domestic abuse victims, asking questions about their personal lives and becoming more direct as he proceeds.

Police are notified if the victim admits abuse. However, if they

deny abuse, Yangouyan said he does not contact the police. Often he will contact a support group, such as First Step, and have them send out a volunteer counselor.

The victim's safety is the hospital's main concern, Yangouyan said. If the threat to a victim's safety is acute, the victim may even be admitted to the hospital. However, he said, some victims choose to go home.

Examination:
Nurse-practitioner Cathy Barrett examines a patient in the emergency room at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne.



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When you need help

Do not hesitate to call the following numbers for information:

Child and Family Abuse Bureau
Wayne County Prosecutor 313-224-5857
Bureau Court Advocates 313-224-8500

Victim Services, Wayne County
Prosecutor's Office 313-224-5800
Wayne County Clerk 313-224-6262

Low-Cost or Free Legal Aid for Domestic Violence Victims
Women's Justice Center 313-961-7073
Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services 313-962-0466
Legal Aid & Defenders Association of Detroit 313-964-4700
Ext. 326

Domestic Violence Shelters

Note: Most agencies require the client to call personally. Community Mental Health has information about current shelter space available, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week — 313-224-7000.

First Step (Canton) 313-459-5900

My Sister's Place (Eastside) 313-921-3900

Interim House (Downtown) 313-861-5300

Genesis House II 313-993-6692

Safe House (Ann Arbor) 313-995-5444

Haven (Pontiac) 810-334-1274

Turning Point (Mt. Clemens) 810-463-6990

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First Step toll-free 1-888-453-5900*

Interim House 313-861-5300

My Sister's Place 313-921-3900

Michigan Family Violence Helpline 1-800-996-6228*

Neighborhood Services Organization (NSO) 313-224-7000

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When parents fight, children are victims, too

BY LAURIE HUMPHREY
STAFF WRITER

People who know say that domestic violence reaches out to more than the abuser and the person hit.

"Domestic violence is not just physical, it can be emotional," said Gary Periord, trauma recovery therapist at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. "Children become fearful, have feelings of powerlessness."

"Domestic violence can have an impact on the relationship with a person who they (children who witness an abusive relationship) will marry," added the Rev. Jean Love from Clarenceville United Methodist Church in Livonia.

"Violence begets violence," said the Rev. George Charnley from St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton Township. "If children see that, they're going to act out too, whether it's physical or verbal."

Counseling and time can heal the wounds, said Periord, "but before anything can be fixed, the battering has to be stopped," whether that means people have to stay in shelters or in other people's homes.

Emotional strife is only one effect of abuse between parents that Periord looks for in helping minors. He also looks to see if there is a trickle-down effect.

Abusers: Everyday people out of control

BY RENEE M. SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Judging by appearances, Susan's life was perfect: A handsome husband, three beautiful daughters, a large home in the suburbs. Behind closed doors, however, her life was a nightmare of abuse.

"No one knew how I almost got killed over a MasterCard charge bill," she said.

Susan, who asked that her real name not be used, divorced three years ago, after 22 years of mar-

riage. Today, she has a successful career and a new life. But while the experience of domestic abuse seems distant, it's not gone. "Some days it all clicks, but on days where our confidence is shaken, we retreat to those dark days."

Looking back, Susan said she was primed for an abusive relationship. Her father was a passive alcoholic and her mother was domineering and verbally abusive to her husband. No one spoke about family problems.

"What appeared as strength was just keeping emotions in check. What looked like quiet reserve was his energy going towards keeping his emotions in check and his temper. What I saw in him was the antithesis to my father, somebody who was strong and wouldn't be pushed around by a woman."

Susan ignored the signs during the four years she and her husband dated.

"There were outbursts of anger towards me, but I was never touched, never screamed at. There was just the anger on the face."

Her nightmare began when she married at age 21 and moved to California.

"The switch flipped as soon as the marriage took place and the sense of ownership came into play. I cried myself to sleep for five and a half months. Where was the man I had fallen in love with?"

Within six years the verbal abuse turned physical. When a bill came in from Kmart, Susan's husband picked her up by the front of her blouse and pushed her into the kitchen wall. At 6 feet, 4 inches and 205 pounds, he towered over her by a foot and outweighed her by 100 pounds.

The abuse soon escalated. Her husband would grab, push and choke her. He would block doors, rip the phone off the wall, take away the car keys and even unwire the car to prevent her escapes. "When he drank, it was worse," Susan said.

The medical profession did little to help. Susan first visited an emergency room 15 years ago with a bruised shoulder and arm and no feeling in her thumbs due to extensive ligament damage.

The attending physician did not ask questions or acknowledge that her injuries were caused by abuse, even though Susan had told him this was the case.

"The reaction was one of non-validation. I remember feeling like I was in a surrealistic situation. I remember saying this man hurt me, but there was no comment."

When others wouldn't validate her, Susan grew quiet. She resented other women telling her to "just leave." "Everybody says that, but you give me a schematic for my life. Where am I going to get money to put a roof over my children's head?"

For Susan, the verbal abuse was worse than the physical. It sapped her self-confidence.

"When you've bought into what they told you all these years — bad wife, lousy mother, selfish, stupid, unloving — who is going to turn around and walk into that world and say here I am?"

The abuse extended into their sex life. Her husband became insistent, even if she wasn't interested, and eventually he began critiquing her sexual abilities. "You feel like you're sleeping with the enemy," she said.

Inexplicably, Susan's husband gave her "permission" to return to college. It was in college that Susan began to change. Success in the classroom enhanced her self-image.

"There wasn't a fit anymore between this person at home and who I was in college," she said.

The divorce wasn't easy. Her husband remained in the house during the process, and the judge even allowed him to stay another month after the divorce was granted. Susan had a restraining order preventing him from touching her.

Susan is now in graduate school. She also expects to be trained as a speaker for First Step, a western Wayne County domestic violence prevention organization she credits with helping her put her life into perspective.

Conflict resolution stressed in police training

BY RENEE M. SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Ending dispute and keeping officers from being injured are among the primary objectives of training police officers receive about responding to domestic violence calls.

"We mainly stress officer safety, conflict resolution," said Laura Dayfield, a Wyandotte patrol officer for seven years and a state-certified domestic violence instructor.

Officers are trained to approach silently and keep in contact with their partner, according to Dayfield.

"Most of the time when we're

approaching the house they're still fighting," said Dayfield, the coordinator for domestic violence curriculum at the Wayne County Regional Police Academy at Schoolcraft College-Radcliff in Garden City.

The curriculum, a total of 14 hours, is divided into three areas: police response, laws of domestic violence, and the nature and prevalence of domestic violence.

An attorney handles the section on laws, while representatives from First Step provide instruction about the nature of domestic violence.

Dayfield instructs the 45 recruits about the proper police response to a domestic violence situation — how to approach, how to talk, how to determine if a crime exists.

The students are sensitive to domestic violence issues, she said. "Today's recruits are today's people. They're aware that this is a problem."

"As long as she or he has property in the house, we can't make him leave," said Dayfield.

"It was a family-kept secret. It wasn't mediated. They had to deal with it in the family," said Dayfield, whose father was a police officer.

Due to changes in state law, the current law enforcement policy for domestic violence is pro-arrest.

"There is less discretion when you shouldn't arrest. The state wants a pro-arrest policy," said Dayfield, noting arrests are up considerably since 1993.

Under the current pro-arrest policy, police must determine who is the aggressor. "It doesn't make any difference if it's a girl, if she's high on cocaine — you arrest," said Dayfield.

If the victim denies injury, an arrest still can be made. "If the officer has enough of a probable cause, he can make an arrest. It's not the victim pressing charges. It's me, the officer. That way they get the burden off the victim so she doesn't have to sign the complaint. Now it's the officer who signs the complaint," said Dayfield.

Sometimes there is no clear-cut "victim," no tangible evidence of abuse. Often the complainant doesn't want the police officer to arrest the offending party, just make that person leave.

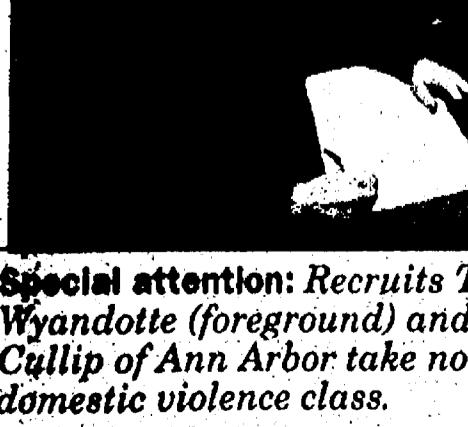
"As long as she or he has property in the house, we can't make him leave," said Dayfield.



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Learning to respond: Tim Hockett of Lincoln Park and other recruits attending classes at the Wayne County Regional Police Training Center in Schoolcraft College's Radcliff Center listen to a talk about domestic violence.

Special attention: Recruits Troy Cox of Wyandotte (foreground) and Jennifer Cullip of Ann Arbor take notes in their domestic violence class.



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year length and renewal for another 99 years."

He told Boyle a true public school act "must provide for a public board and also require recall provision...not boards of

nonprofit corporations.

"Michigan, through the taxpayers and electorate, has said we don't want public funds to go to nonpublic schools," he concluded.

Area residents earn promotions at Madonna

Several faculty members at Madonna University were promoted:

Advancing to adjunct assistant professor in the department of nursing was Frances Jurcak of Plymouth. She earned her master's from Wayne State University.

Plymouth resident Donna Kallie was promoted to adjunct associate professor in the department of music. Kallie received her

master's degree from Eastern Michigan University.

Marjorie Checkoway was promoted to professor in the department of education.

Checkoway, an Ann Arbor resident, earned a doctorate in philosophy from the University of Michigan.

Ruth Freeman, of Royal Oak, was promoted to professor in the department of education. Freeman earned her doctorate in phi-

losophy from Oakland University.

Farmington Hills resident Anita Herman was promoted to professor in the department of gerontology. She chairs the gerontology department. Herman earned her doctorate in education from the University of Michigan.

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Firefighters

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to protection, but it puts them in a different class from the general population."

But the sponsor, Rep. Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti, argued that

"this bill puts police officers and firefighters on the same plane as the rest of us." Profit called the GOP amendment to limit suits to intentional building damage

"extremely restrictive."

Rep. Ted Wallace, D-Detroit,

said the Supreme Court ruling could result in this scenario: A

police officer is transporting a

prisoner; the police vehicle is hit

by a careless driver, and both

officer and prisoner are killed.

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"That's not fair," said Wallace.

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Livonia man faces charge in death fall

Joel Couch of Livonia could spend the next 15 years of his life in prison if he's found guilty of causing the death of his friend Scott Brown in Northville Township eight weeks ago.

Brown, who was 19 years old and lived in Livonia, fell to his death from the top of the Fairweather Building at Five Mile and Sheldon in the early hours of Jan. 12. He, Couch and another friend were on the roof partying, according to police. Police say alcohol and marijuana were present.

Couch, 26, could go to trial next month on a charge of involuntary manslaughter in connection with the events of that night. If convicted, the Livonia man could spend up to 15 years in prison and be fined up to \$7,500.

According to the Wayne County Prosecutor's office attorneys on both sides of the Couch case are scheduled to meet April 11 with Wayne Circuit Court Judge Tim Kenney. If no resolution is reached, the matter will go to trial on April 28.

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■ Mandated smaller class sizes in kindergarten through third grade. The latter two also went down in party-line votes.

'Excellence' needed

"My Republican colleagues today have portrayed President Clinton's education policy as one-dimensional," said Senate minority leader John Cherry, whose district extends into northern Oakland County. "It's about more than charter schools. It's about curriculum and performance standards. It's about excellence."

Sen. Bill Schuette, R-Midland, praised Engler for working with Clinton to "give more choice and more freedom of decision-making for parents on chartering their own educational future."

Sen. Leon Stille, R-Spring Lake, said Democrats originally complained that charter schools would cream off the best students "and leave the dregs behind. Just the opposite has happened."

To Peters he said, "the jury's not in on MEAP scores."

Dems sue Engler

In other developments:

■ The four Democratic members of the State Board of Education filed suit in Ingham Circuit Court challenging the constitutionality of Engler's December executive orders shifting much of their power to the appointed state superintendent. Plaintiffs are board president Kathleen

Straus of Detroit, Marianne McGuire of Grosse Pointe, Barbara Roberts Mason of Lansing and Herb Moyer of Temperance.

■ Sen. Dianne Byrum, D-Onondaga, said legislative Democrats would file supportive briefs over the same issue, arguing Engler usurped the Legislature's authority as well as the State Board's.

■ Rep. James Agee, D-Muskegon, introduced a bill for tougher oversight of charter academies. Agee's bill declares that all real and personal property of public school academies is state property. It is bound to stir up a furor because most academies were born years ago as private schools.

"Right now, if a public school academy closes, the authorizing body that holds the charter contract can sell off the land, buildings and personal property, such as computers and classroom equipment," said Agee, an announced candidate for governor in 1998.

EDUCATION

■ April 7 — "State of the College" and employee recognition program will be held.

■ May — throughout the month, ethnic cultural events will be sponsored on all five WCCC campuses. Events will center around a native dress day, ethnic festivals and a program presented by and for disabled residents.

■ June 6 — commencement will bring students, faculty and staff together.

■ July — Cultural Arts month will give students and staff an opportunity to display their talents. Scheduled are a street fair, art exhibit and writing contest.

■ Aug. 10 — New Student Reception.

■ September — Service agency event, reception in landing and a third event where past and present trustees will be honored.

■ October — Power Business Lunch for businesses and the unveiling of WCCC's Corporate Computer Center.

■ November — Labor program, including a public forum and reception.

■ December — Scholarship program planned to raise money for scholarships. A cocktail reception and dinner followed by a program of musical entertainment is planned.

For information about any of the above programs, call (313) 496-2600.

WCCC celebrates 30th anniversary with activities

Wayne County Community College celebrates its 30th anniversary this year with an open invitation to residents from across the county to participate in celebration events.

A monthly series of special activities began this month and will culminate with a scholarship fundraiser in December. Organizers have adopted the slogan: "30 Years of Making Lives Better at WCCC Where Learning Leads to a Better Life."

Wayne County Community College President Curtis Ivery said the celebration is open to all citizens of Wayne County, especially to the 350,000 students — including those in parts of Westland and Redford — who have benefited from attending the college.

"We want to make this 30th anniversary a time to celebrate the more than 350,000 students... served by the... district," Ivery said. "Our plans are to highlight the areas in which the various segments of our college community and the entire county can celebrate."

A special method of participation will be accomplished through "reflection boxes" on each of the five campuses where special greetings and college memories can be placed. The reflections eventually will become part of a souvenir book.

The anniversary kicked off with an ecumenical religious program March 10. Other programs include:

WAYNE-WESTLAND SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by Wayne-Westland Community Schools in the Business Office of the Administration Building located at 38745 Marquette, Westland until 12:00 noon on Tuesday, March 25, 1997 for management of the Food Service Program. Bids must be in accordance with specifications now on file. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on March 18, 1997 at 1:00 p.m. in the Business Office of the Administration Building. Bids must be filed in a sealed envelope marked "Food Service Management bid". A bid bond, certified check or cashier's check made payable to the Wayne-Westland Community Schools in the amount of 5% of the bid must accompany each bid. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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Parks plan marshmallow drop, set schedule for '97

Thousands and thousands of marshmallows will be dropped from a helicopter to be returned by children for a prize-filled egg at the annual Great Marshmallow Drop on Good Friday, March 28.

The drop begins at 9 a.m. at Elizabeth Park in Trenton, and 11 a.m. at the Nankin Mills Area in Hines Park in Westland. The rain date is March 29. The event is sponsored in cooperation with Trenton Parks and Recreation and Westland Civilians.

Children will be separated into different age classes to collect the marshmallows. Parents will be reminded that children only need one marshmallow to receive a treat.

For more information, call Wayne County parks at (313) 261-1990.

The event kicks off the 1997 schedule of events for the Wayne County Parks System.

New and expanded events planned for this year are:

■ Saturday and Sunday in the Park starting May 3. Hines Drive will be closed to motorists from the Warrendale Picnic Area (west of Outer Drive) to the Nankin Mills Area (Ann Arbor Trail) and open for walkers, joggers, bicyclists and oth-

ers.

■ Concerts in the Park dates, locations and times to be announced. The sounds of jazz, country, top 40 and other types of music will be filling the air this summer. People can bring a picnic basket or purchase dinner from a concession trailer.

■ Children's "Evening Out" Series. This new series' dates, locations and entertainment will be announced. Bring the kids and enjoy an "evening out" of children's concerts, storytelling, magicians and puppet shows. Free admission.

■ Movies in the Park, June 25, Nankin Mills Area, Westland; July 30, Elizabeth Park, Trenton; and Aug. 27, Bell Creek Park, Redford. Bring chairs, blankets, picnic baskets (or purchase your dinner from our concession trailer) and enjoy a family movie in the park with a giant video projection system in full color with concert stereo surround sound. Free admission. Movie titles will be announced.

■ Polka Fest, July 12-13, Noon-9 p.m. Hines Park, Warrendale Area, Dearborn Heights. Dance enthusiasts will love dancing to the music of Big Daddy Lackowski and his La-Dee-Da's and other popular

polka bands from the area. Ethnic dancers in authentic Polish costumes will perform Polish dances. Sample Polish food and relax on the banks of the Rouge River.

■ Jazz on the River, Aug. 16-17, 2 p.m. to dark. Elizabeth Park, Trenton. This event was expanded to two days. The sounds of cool jazz will fill the air at Elizabeth Park as local artists take the stage. The event will be sponsored in cooperation with Trenton Parks and Recreation and corporate sponsors.

■ Somewhere in Time will feature an expanded children's area on Sunday, Sept. 14, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Elizabeth Park, Trenton. This fun-filled family event is designed to recreate Elizabeth Park in the late 1920s. Antique auto displays, trolley rides, riverboat rides, musical entertainment and refreshments highlight the day. The event will be sponsored in cooperation with Trenton Parks and Recreation.

Additional programs include: nature and historical interpretive programs, canoe rentals, paddle boat rentals, and picnic shelters and areas for reservations.

For information on all events, call 261-1990.

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Applications are available at Schoolcraft's Counseling Office in the McDowell Center and must be submitted to the Mar-

keting & Development office by April 8. Marketing & Development is located in the Administration Building. For more information, call (313) 462-4417.

Schoolcraft Building is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

Madonna to hold open house Saturday

Prospective students are invited to an open house Saturday at Madonna University 1-4 p.m. in the Take 5 Lounge.

The open house includes tours,

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For information, call (313) 432-5339.

Madonna University is located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.

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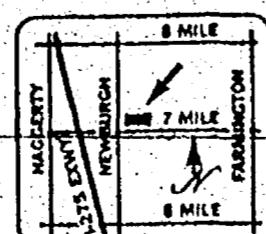


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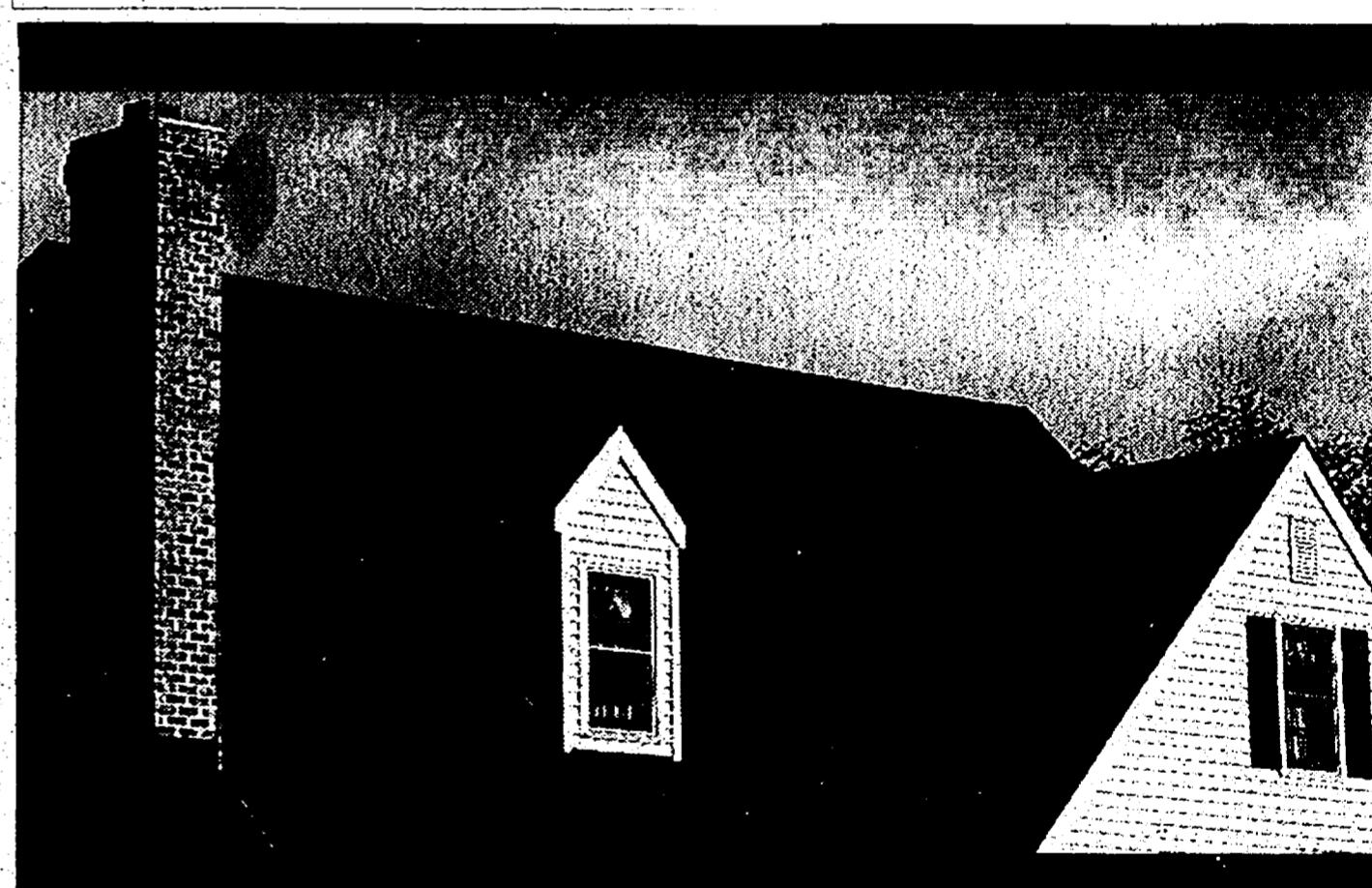
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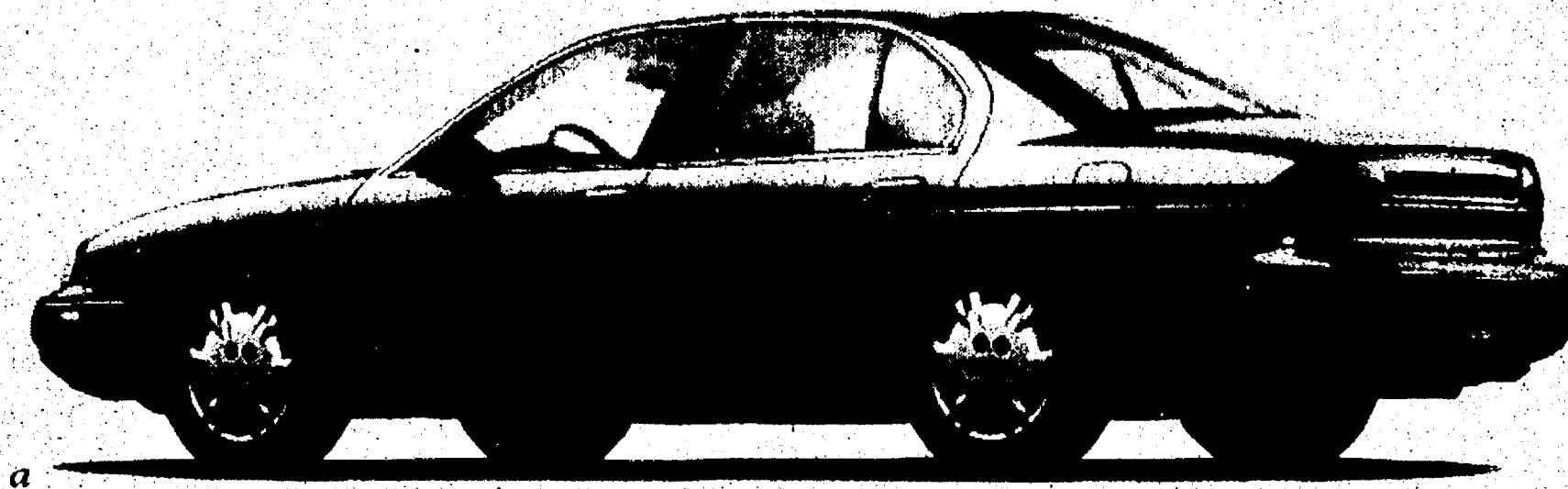
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Ford manager to address forum

Paula Winkler-Doman, plant manager of the Ford Motor Co. Sheldon Road Plant will be the featured speaker at the Wednesday, March 19 luncheon meeting of the Canton Economic Club.

Tickets are \$15 per person. Call 981-3002 to reserve a seat.

Winkler-Doman took over as plant manager of the Plymouth Township facility Aug. 1, 1996. She had worked at the plant as assistant manager since October 1994.

She began her career with Ford Motor Co. in June 1977. After graduating from the University of Minnesota Law School, Winkler-Doman spent the first 13 years of her career in the

legal department at Ford handling a variety of assignments including courtroom litigation and working with the U.S. Congress, the California Air Resource Board and federal agencies on fuel economy and emissions law.

In addition, Winkler-Doman played an integral part in the team handling of Ford's acquisition of the Hertz Rental Car Co. and the Associates Finance Company.

In 1990, Winkler-Doman left the legal staff to work for Bill Ford, Jr. in the Automotive Strategy Business Office where new markets such as Russia, India and China were evaluated.

In 1992, Winkler-Doman was appointed strategic planning, marketing, and sales manager at the Ford Electronic Division.

The Canton Economic Club is a forum at which business, political and academic leaders appear to discuss issues of concern to the western Wayne County community.

The program begins at noon and ends at 1:30 p.m. in the Summit, Canton Community Center on Summit Parkway just west of Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Michigan Avenue.

The Canton Economic Club is sponsored by the Canton Community Foundation.

Madonna to host parent fair

Activities With Your Preschool Child and Finding Good Information on the Internet.

The cost is \$5 per family and child care for children ages 4 to 11 will be provided free of charge. The Livonia Public Schools will be sending registration forms home with the children. Also, sponsors for the event, such as Madonna University, have registration forms available at their locations.

Sponsors include American Association of University

Women, Livonia Public Schools, Madonna University, Oakwood Healthcare System, Schoolcraft College, the Mayor's Task Force, Hegira Prevention Center, Livonia Youth Assistance, city of Livonia, Livonia Parent Teachers Association Council and St. Mary Hospital.

For more information, contact Edna Rankine at (313) 432-5425. Madonna University, celebrating its 50 anniversary, is located in Livonia at I-96 and Levan Road.

S'craft seminar to mark Secretary's Day

Business professionals and others can show appreciation for secretaries with the gift of professional and personal growth on national Secretary's Day.

Schoolcraft College presents a day-long seminar at the Novi Hilton on April 23 designed to address important aspects of the job and approaches to life.

The program begins at 9 a.m. with keynote speaker Vicki Niebrugge talking about professional style and strategies to improve communication meth-

ods and get specific results. Niebrugge is director of the NOVA Group and was named Business Woman of the Year by the American Business Woman's Association.

The post-lunch program includes Laura Bierema, residency network director for the Department of Family Practice at Michigan State University. She will talk about simplifying in this complex age with information overload and conflicting priorities.

On a lighter note, Hope Warner, a former fashion consultant and sales promotion manager, will discuss the professional wardrobe in the age of corporate casual.

Cost for the seminar and lunch is \$79. To register or for more information, contact Continuing Education Services, (313) 462-4448.

Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, in Livonia, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

Teleconference to discuss bereavement issues

Living with Grief, a teleconference presented live by satellite, will be held at Madonna University Wednesday, April 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. The free event is co-sponsored by Madonna University's hospice education program and Angela Hospice.

Presented by the Hospice

Foundation of America and moderated by ABC News Correspondent Cokie Roberts, Living with Grief will feature a panel of experts who will discuss bereavement issues involved with prolonged illness, such as cancer, heart disease and Alzheimer's disease.

During the teleconference, viewers can direct comments and questions to a panel of bereavement experts by telephone.

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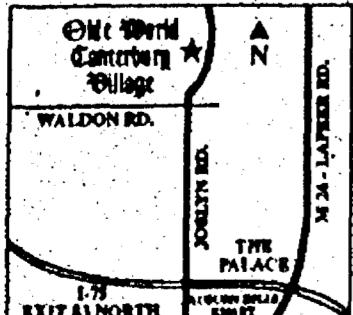
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Judith Guest to be featured speaker at area library

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Ask Judith Guest what it takes to get a novel published. She'll likely tell that you despite her success, she knows the exasperation and rejection that accompanies the effort.

"I think a lot of good books can fall through the cracks," she said during a recent visit to Ann Arbor.

Best known for her novel of family life, "Ordinary People" — made into an award-winning film in the early 1980s — Guest is busy promoting her latest novel, "Errands," which is set in Michigan.

You'll hear more about her latest work when she visits as a guest speaker for the annual Observer-HomeTown Newspapers and Friends of the Libraries Book and Author Luncheon Thursday, April 17. The noon event — tickets are \$18 — will be at Fox Hills Country Club, 8768 North Territorial Road, Plymouth Township. It is hosted by the Friends of Plymouth, Canton,

Northville and Novi libraries.

Guest is no stranger to Michigan. Her ties run deep. Her brother lives in Farmington Hills, she is a University of Michigan graduate and her parents live in Fenton. Guest lives in Minnesota and also lists Harrisville in Michigan as an address.

Of course one of the first questions Guest gets is if she is related to famed poet Edgar "Bud" Guest. Indeed she is through marriage. It's clear that she feels some connection to the poet, especially in his descriptions of people.

"He wrote about ordinary people, too," Guest said. After she had written "Ordinary People," she found a poem Edgar Guest had written titled "Real People." Within the poem he used the phrase, "ordinary people."

Her newest novel is again about ordinary people and the obstacles they overcome. "Errands" is about a family whose father and husband, Keith, is dying of cancer. The husband accepts his fate, but his wife, Annie, doesn't. The family

spends its last summer together in a cabin in Au Gres, near Huron Lake, north of Bay City.

The husband's death turns the family's lives upside down. But it takes a second threatening event to make Annie and her three children understand that even without Keith they are still a family.

Guest said titles are easy for her to write. When she decided on "Errands" for the new book, she was committed. But editors didn't really like it. They suggested instead, "The Secrets He Kept" and "The Secrets They Kept."

But Guest stuck to her guns. "I love this title. It means a lot to me."

The title is truly about the errands that people do in life. "I have a lot of feelings about the errands women do," she said, adding that errands are the "gifts you give to yourself and other people."

Guest makes it clear that even with

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such a popular novel as "Ordinary People" on her resume, publication of future novels has been no guarantee.

In fact, "Errands" was initially turned down. Finally, her son, Larry, read the book. His verdict: "Fix it." So she cut out 100 pages and rewrote some of it.

Guest sent the book to five publishers, two said yes and they entered a bidding war.

"This is a very precarious and uncertain business," she said. "This is a business contract you're negotiating."

Guest, of course, has an agent. But in the early days when she sent "Ordinary People" to publishers, she had no connections and it was a tough experience getting it published. "I didn't have any trouble getting an agent after I got the book published," she added.

Guest admitted she is not a prolific writer. "I'm just the pokey little puppy." She describes herself as a proud grandmother who "mainly writes and babysits."

Tickets for her talk are available at the Plymouth District Library, 705 South Main; Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center; Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady; and Novi Public Library, 45245 W. 10 Mile.

Tickets will not be sold at the door or after April 5.

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Global ed students design Web page for Livonia schools

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
STAFF WRITER

On-line surfers globally can now tap into the World Wide Web page Livonia Stevenson's global education students have put on the Internet.

It's the first Web page for Livonia Public Schools, and can be reached at <http://www.geocities.com/athens/1053>.

Two global ed students, Joe Mizzi and Brian Kurtyka, showed off the new page Monday to the Livonia Board of Education. Mizzi created the page for the program's mock U.N. assembly.

"Our home page is now up and accessible, but it's still being refined," said Jonathan Swift, global education director.

The only students in Livonia Public Schools who now have access to the Internet are in the global education's pilot program at Stevenson.

Students use the Internet to tap into the United Nations computer system to gain formation for a model U.N. program.

Next year, the Internet will be accessible to more staff and students, said Clare Howell, education media and technical coordinator.

The district is now setting rules on Internet usage to make sure it is not abused, but used for educational purposes.

"We've gone slowly into the Internet; we've not rushed into this," Howell said. "We're pioneers on the highway and learning how to avoid potholes. We're taking a gradual cautious approach to tap the Internet's educational potential. We want to focus on educational purposes, not aimless surfing."

With Mizzi clicking around the Web site, Kurtyka showed the trustees Monday the information global ed students have put on their page. The information is especially valuable for other students from other states attending the mock assembly.

"Certainly, a priority in con-

structing an Internet page for the school of global education is to express our pride in our students and their technological ability, as well as our interest in communicating with young people all over the world," Swift said. "By thinking globally and acting locally, we intend to build a better world."

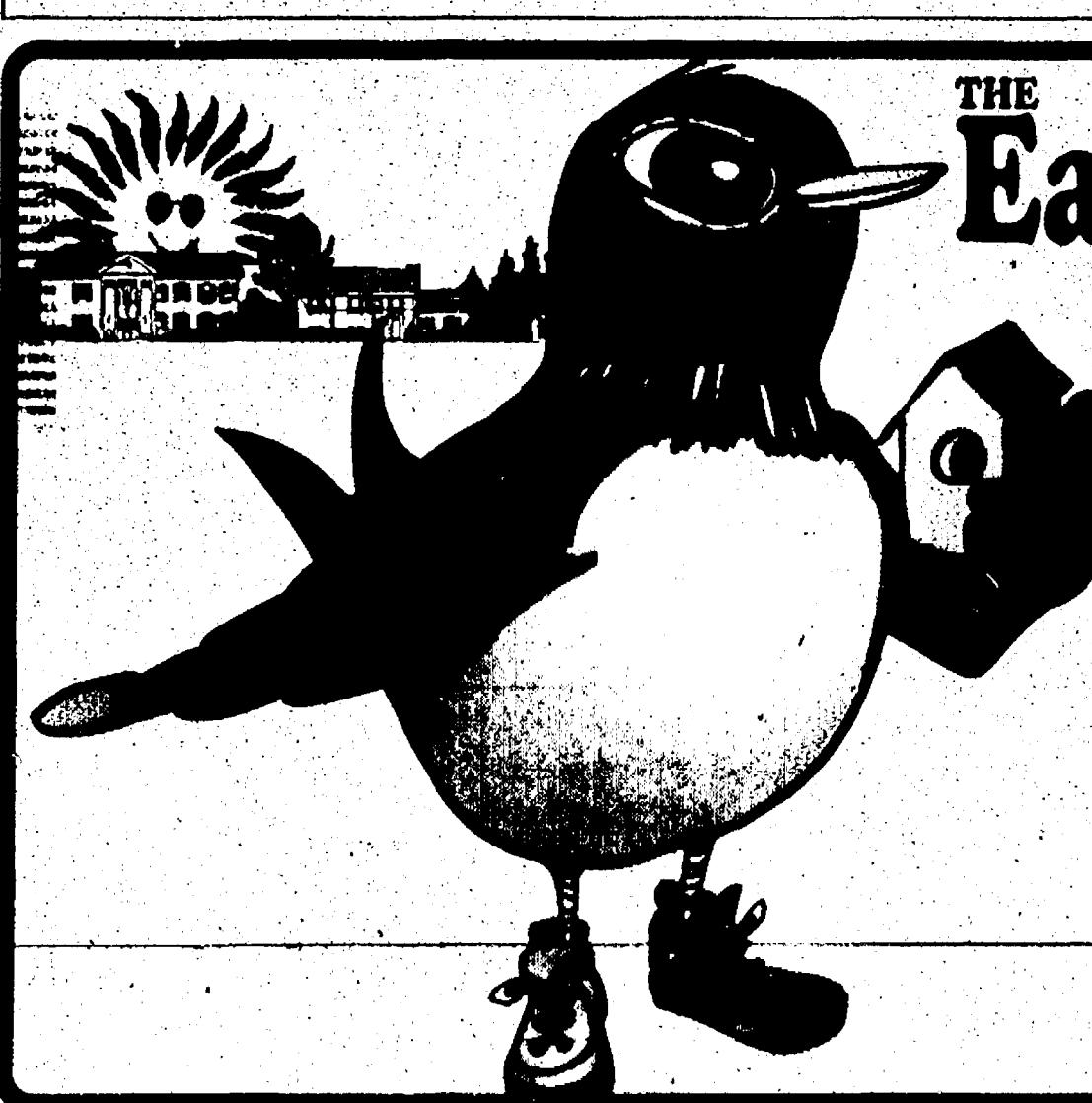
Global education students use the Internet to gather information for the department's big annual United Nations project. Students research countries for the upcoming Mid-American Model United Nations conference held in Lansing.

A survey of global education students show 83 percent have computers at home and 63 percent have access to the Internet at home, not just at school.

"Almost all of our students have access to the Internet; therefore, they can obtain homework, correspond and debate in writing with students across the globe, research the necessary information to compose and write both resolutions and position papers for possible debate at the Model United Nations," Swift said. "For our students, research use to be a long, laborious process."

Parents of each global ed student had to give signed permission for their child to access the Internet in the pilot project.

The district is now setting rules on the proper use of the Internet for both students and staff.



Earl E. Byrd gets the house!

How would you like to find your dream home? Earl E. did. He was getting tired of the messy nest he and his wife threw together in the spring, so early one Sunday morning he checked out our new Real Estate and New Homes sections and found just what he wanted at an affordable price. (Got it away from a sparrow who'd slept in)

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Sheriff cracks down on tobacco sales

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County Sheriffs have ended the first phase of an undercover program in the Detroit area cracking down on merchants who sell tobacco products to youths under the age of 18.

Sheriffs issued 181 appearance tickets in a 15-week period ending Feb. 28 to tobacco retailers who sold cigarettes to underaged youth. Under Operation Nic Net, sheriffs sent youths into stores on undisclosed days and at random times.

On 269 occasions the youths attempted purchasing cigarettes and were successful on 150 occasions, according to Nancy Mouradian, spokeswoman for the Wayne County Sheriffs.

State law prohibits tobacco sales to anyone under 18 years of age, with a \$50 fine for the first offense, and a \$100 fine and up to 90 days in jail for repeat offenses.

"Overall we had court actions ranging from dismissals to a \$500 fine in one case, but that infraction would be expunged if no other incidents within the next six months," Mouradian said.

The program was funded by a \$5,000 state grant administered through the public health departments of the city of Detroit and Wayne County,

and sheriffs.

The program's first phase ended on the same day President Bill Clinton, Vice-President Al Gore and the Food and Drug Administration announced a federal government crackdown under a new federal law.

Merchants now face a \$250 federal fine; under state law, that fine is \$50. The new federal law also requires mandatory identification checks on the sale of all tobacco products for anyone under the age of 27.

Sheriff Robert Ficano will participate in public service announcements to be broadcast on radio stations to inform retailers of the new laws.

A second enforcement phase of Operation Nic Net also has begun. The program has expanded to include Downriver communities, Mouradian said.

Recent studies claim that 3,000 children and youths a day begin smoking.

The volunteer teenage decoys were secured and recruited by the sheriff's director of substance abuse prevention. The youths also have received street operations and procedural training. Each teen submitted a liability waiver signed by a parent.

Ficano also is considering the use of a "Cops and Shops" program. Sheriffs would pose as store employees and would emphasize toward youths the law's ban on tobacco sales to youths.

Madonna honors outstanding faculty

Selected by their peers for their dedication to the community and to teaching, the following Madonna University faculty members received the 1996-97 Faculty Excellence Award.

Sister Kathleen Marie Włodarczak of Livonia is the chairperson of the math and computer science department. She earned a bachelor's degree in 1964 from Madonna University and a master's degree from Wayne State University in 1969.

Sister Kathleen is a member of the committee to develop a program to train teachers in computer science and is supervisor of the co-op students in computer science at Madonna University. An educator in mathematics since 1964, she has held numerous positions in education including teacher, trainer, principal and chairperson. Sister Kathleen has attended many conferences and workshops on computer use in education including the national confer-

ence in Detroit. She is working on her doctorate in higher education at the University of Michigan.

Monika Kimball, an Ann Arbor resident, is the director of the Madonna University's English as a Second Language Program. She received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University. Kimball joined Madonna University's faculty in 1991, where she developed and established the ESL program.

Kimball is a member of Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages International (TESOL) and of Kappa Delta Pi, Madonna University's chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, a national honor society in education. Kimball is also a member of the Michigan Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages and consulate general of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Marjorie Checkoway, also of Ann Arbor, is a professor of education/theory and techniques.

She received a bachelor's degree from Simmons College, a master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania and her doctorate from the University of Michigan. Checkoway joined Madonna University in 1988.

Currently, she is the advisor for Madonna University's Student Michigan Education Association (SMEA) and for the past seven years has taught in the educational leadership master's program in Taiwan. She is also a member of several national organizations including the American Educational Research Association and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

Father George Shalhoub is an adjunct assistant professor in the department of religious studies. He received a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University, a master's from St. John's Provincial Seminary and a doctorate from Notre Dame. He joined Madonna University in 1987 where he has developed

several courses including the first certification program for Orthodox Christian Catechists through the department of continuing education. Father Shalhoub is a founding member of the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services in Dearborn and the Arab American and Chaldean Council in Southfield.

"The Faculty Excellence Awards acknowledge the dedication of the recipients to students and their learning—a traditional hallmark of the education at Madonna University," said Ernest Nolan, vice president for academic affairs. "Receiving the award is a high compliment since it is based on a vote by the faculty member's peer colleagues."

"It says, in effect, 'You embody the best of what higher education and the profession of teaching is all about.' Recipients are faculty leaders who really live their commitment to their calling as professors."

Beekeepers to hold seminar at Schoolcraft

one interested in honey bees.

The 59th Annual Bee School, sponsored by the Southeastern Michigan Beekeepers Association, is scheduled for Saturday, April 19, at Schoolcraft College.

The school, held in cooperation with the Schoolcraft College Beekeepers Club and the Cranbrook Beekeepers Club, is designed for all beekeepers, novice and established, and any-

A series of beginner workshops, each dealing with a different aspect of beekeeping, will help the newcomer get started.

New beekeepers can enroll in a year-long, hands-on beekeeping course at the demonstration apiary near the Schoolcraft campus.

Other Bee School sessions include honeybee diseases, hive management, queen rearing, bee sting allergy, wax working and urban beekeeping.

The latest in beekeeping crafts and equipment will be on display and there will be a beeswax weight guessing contest, a silent auction and a package beehive raffle.

There will be a \$5 fee at the door for nonmembers and a potluck lunch at noon with coffee and tea furnished. Participants are asked to bring a passing dish and table service.

For further information, call Roger Sutherland at (313) 668-8568 or Joe Peczynski at (313) 464-4517.

Schoolcraft will host breakfast with bunny

The Easter Bunny just put Schoolcraft College on his busy schedule and has promised to stop by for a visit Saturday, March 29 from 10 a.m. until noon.

The annual Bunny Breakfast, sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, will feature a breakfast, a photo with Mr. Bunny, a coloring contest, games, a bunny hop dance and door prizes for adults.

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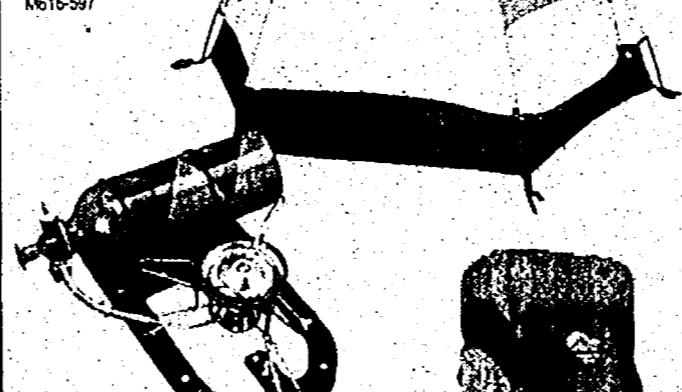
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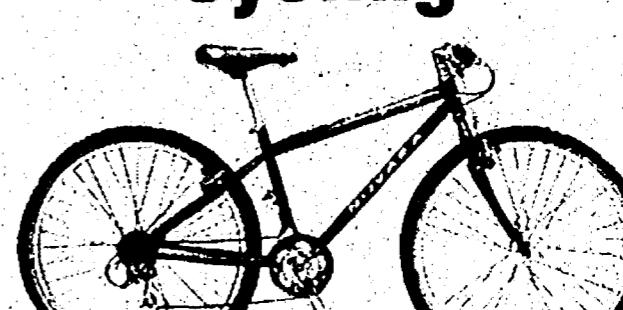
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Running for office

Citizens are encouraged to file

It's time to get busy pressing the flesh, touting political platforms and stumping for votes.

Petitions are circulating for the Wayne-Westland Board of Education election to be held in June and the Westland City Council and mayor's seats which will be decided upon in city elections in the fall.

Running for office is part of our democratic process and, unfortunately, one which has gotten a bad rap in recent years. Face it: Politicians are often believed to be the lowest item on the food chain. "Politics" is just considered a dirty word. It seems at times that public perception can't get any lower.

In many cases, these opinions are unfounded, despite some much-publicized political scandals.

And although some may use their office as a stepping stone to higher office, many of those who serve - especially in locally elected seats - do so with a sense of community pride and desire to serve.

The heart of a public servant is not made of ice, as some would believe.

On that note, we encourage those who want to serve - either those new to politics or those who are already seated in posts - to take out petitions, make the rounds to collect signatures and file to run.

For the Wayne-Westland school board, peti-

tion are due on April 7 for the June 9 school election. Two seats will open this year, and at least five candidates have publicly voiced their intention to run, including the two incumbents.

For the Westland City Council, four council members will be elected on Nov. 4, with the three top voter-getters receiving four-year terms and the fourth-place finisher a two-year term.

The mayor's term is also up this year, and several challengers are already waiting in the wings for all of these seats, with incumbents also planning to run. If there are three or more mayoral candidates or nine or more council candidates, a primary election will be held Sept. 9.

Petitions for the city races are due at 4 p.m. June 17 at the Westland City Clerk's office.

We encourage any civic-minded person who wants to get involved in the process to consider a run for elected office in 1997.

AIDS knows no boundaries

The virus that causes AIDS doesn't discriminate by ZIP code. There is no such thing as an HIV-free zone in metro Detroit — or any other community — no matter how urban or rural.

Go ahead and check the numbers. You'll find that while the majority of Wayne County residents infected with HIV live in Detroit, as many as one in 750 out-county residents are HIV-positive, according to estimates from the Michigan Department of Community Health. That means that at least some of the 1,800 county residents with AIDS live in the suburbs.

Only about one-third of Detroit area residents with HIV know that they are infected.

The disease touches other suburban residents too, often in profoundly personal ways. There are the family members and friends of John Vincent, who died last July of complications from AIDS. He grew up in Redford Township and will be remembered with a panel in the Names Project, AIDS Memorial Quilt to be displayed this spring at Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church and the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Among the countless number of health care professionals who devote their working life to this problem, Dr. Lawrence Crane of Livonia is the director of the Detroit Medical Center HIV/AIDS Program. A Canton resident, Dr. Rodger MacArthur, is the program's director of clinical research.

All these people deal with AIDS on a daily basis. They are your neighbors, colleagues and fellow congregation members.

We mention this for a couple of reasons. First, because such politically sensitive subjects don't get a lot of attention in suburban circles. It's "safe" to debate school test scores, the merits of a tax increase to fix roads or even neighborhood crime. Introduce AIDS into the conversation — with its inextricable link to the gay community — and you risk offending

more importantly, although tremendous medical advances have been made the last few years in slowing the progression of HIV, there is no AIDS 'cure' realistically in sight. Combinations of new drugs, including much-heralded protease inhibitors, are showing early, positive results. But not all patients respond . . .

someone, regardless of sexual orientation. This happens even though clinical evidence indicates risks for heterosexuals too.

More importantly, although tremendous medical advances have been made the last few years in slowing the progression of HIV, there is no AIDS "cure" realistically in sight. Combinations of new drugs, including much-heralded protease inhibitors, are showing early, positive results. But not all patients respond; many drugs are prohibitively expensive (and not covered by private insurance or the government); and a medication regimen that can require literally dozens of pills each day presents significant barriers to fighting the disease.

"It's still an epidemic and I think one of the biggest dangers is complacency," Crane says. "People think the epidemic is over or it's plateauing."

Both Crane and MacArthur are strong advocates of continuing public education, particularly for people 15-25 years old who are just becoming sexually active. The Observer also supports such efforts and urges continued budgeting for them by local school districts, community colleges and area service agencies.

The obligation is one borne by all communities — the numbers tell us so.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Why do you come to the Westland library?



"This is our first visit. We came to bring our son."



"For the books and the CDs for children. They're useful on my job at Even Start West (a family literacy program.)"



"I come here a lot to do research for the ministry at Christ Temple of Westland."



"I come here to bring members from Next Step, where I work. (Next Step serves psychically disabled people.)"

We asked this question of patrons at the William Faust Public Library of Westland

Kristy Robson

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Everybody's Irish on Saint Patrick's Day.

LETTERS

Fieger followed

Just like residents of Tokyo frantically prepared for the giant invading green lizard monster in "Godzilla," the city of Westland and the sewer contractors are preparing for Geoffrey Fieger. In the honest and true heritage of lawyering, Fieger followed the ambulances to flooded northern Westland, while visions of greenbacks danced in his head.

There is no way someone outside of the flood zone like myself can fairly pick a side in the flood liability issue.

On the surface, it appears as if both arguments have merit. It seems certain that some engineer made a crucial error in damming a drainage pipe somewhere.

At the same time, the flood cleanup and continuing support effort by city and contractor employees appears to have been very timely and efficient, drawing much praise and appreciation from flood victims.

In a legal system that encourages large monetary awards for minor or even nonexistent liabilities, it is the lawyers who profit the most. Mr. Fieger ... is positioned now to pick and choose any case he wants. Just like so many of his counterpart celebrity status lawyers, he will rarely, if ever, lose a case now. If a lawsuit is not a sure-win from the onset, you will not see Fieger anywhere near it.

From the facts about this flood case, it seems obvious that any first-year law student (maybe even first-year cosmetology student) could easily win a large damage award in this lawsuit. Either the city or the contractor made a change to a sewer system that caused a major flood. That is a no-brainer.

Well, enter Mr. Fieger. This sounds like it will be right up his alley.

Fieger will undoubtedly allege that this sleepy little village was safe and dry until the "Nazi stormtrooper sewer drain-mongers" came in the night to destroy the freedom and democracy forever, etc.

Well, in modern America it makes perfect sense that a rich and famous showboating lawyer should get a piece of the action when some innocent Westland folks fall victim to something like this.

Maybe he'll use some of his fee to get a haircut.

Frank J. Cote

Westland

Don't judge by school

I agree with Martha Trafford that school districts should not be judged on the scores of the MEAP tests.

The fourth-graders at Walker-Winter Elementary School in Canton scored a 76.4 percent reading and 72.2 percent in Math. These scores compare with those of an elementary school in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

Sharon Hall

Canton

Make all pay

Regarding your editorial on potholes: The longer the problem is ignored, the more we poor drivers will be pleading for more gas taxes. Unbelievable.

Not one more penny for taxes until these limits are brought into line with other state limits. Then, perhaps the next generation will not be faced with the same identical problem with roads as presently exists.

Our governor has it both ways now, no money spent on road restoration and the trucking industry enjoys unreasonable load limits.

If we must pay, let us all pay.

Patricia Towe

Redford

Too high a price

When I was quite young I asked for and received a permit for a lethal weapon. The requirements for this permit were fairly simple: A short course pertaining to the rules in regard to use and . . . every four years after I am required to take a renewal test to maintain this permit.

I take this weapon with me just about everywhere I go. I use it constantly several times a day. My lethal weapon is called an automobile.

What is going to take to make us realize the responsibility involved in driving a car? I really don't think it is such a difficult concept. Yet, almost daily I am confronted with an aggressive or hostile driver. They feel it is acceptable to pass on the left, pass on the right, use the left turn lane to pass, go any speed they choose, flash their lights and blow their horn if I have the audacity to do the speed limit.

Please don't let tragedy be your teacher. Slow down. Follow the rules. Remember, the life you save may be your own.

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POINTS OF VIEW

2 boys take lemons, make lemonade

Linda Houghtby's son, Daniel, died nearly seven years ago, at the age of 17 after suffering most of his life from Batten's disease.

Ryan Dinkgrave, a 13-year-old Frost Middle School student, has 22 pages on the Web, all dealing with diabetes.

Two Livonia boys – one dead, one alive: What do they have in common?

Daniel fought a lifelong infirmity, losing the battle on Oct. 30, 1990. When as a child his eyesight gave way to the degenerative cerebral disorder, he mastered Braille. The day came he needed a wheelchair to get around. But that didn't keep him from shining as a swimmer in the Special Olympics.

Daniel's spirit was infectious: he loved to laugh, and he had lots of friends at Churchill High.

At his funeral, friends and family remembered his impish grin, his trust and love of people, his determination to enjoy life in the face of a failing body.

In short, Daniel was a young man you couldn't help but like. He didn't spend much time feeling sorry for himself, even though he and his parents knew most youth with his disease didn't live much beyond 18.

Three years ago, Ryan was diagnosed with diabetes. He's a bright young boy who spent five years in the program for academically talented students at Livonia's Webster Elementary.

One day three summers ago, he drank a milk shake and lapsed into a coma. When he recovered, he and his parents, Kathi and Ed Dinkgrave, had much to learn about the disease, about hypoglycemia, insulin and the giving of life-sustaining shots three times a day.

Before his stay in Oakwood Hospital, Ryan had never heard of diabetes. In the three years since, he has become an expert on it, disseminating information via his Web site to people throughout the world. Through E-mail, he fields questions from medical professionals worldwide.

Last summer, Ryan set up the first page on his Web site. Now he has 22 pages, all pertaining to facets of the disease.

Like Daniel, you can't help but like Ryan. He's talkative, sure of himself, eager to learn, matter-of-fact about his disorder, proud that he's learned how to master his daily shots, and happy to be alive and able to help other diabetics through his Web



MARIE CHESTNEY

pages.

In talking to Ryan, you get the idea that he hasn't spent much time feeling sorry for himself, even though he knows his life could get precarious if he doesn't follow certain rules.

Besides both suffering from a disease, it's obvious what the two youths have in common: that unique human trait to turn adversity into triumph, to turn something negative into something positive, to turn something bad into something good.

In the words of Ann Landers, both Daniel and Ryan took the lemon life handed them and made lemonade.

I first met Daniel's parents, Linda and David Houghtby, when I went to their home seven years to talk about her son, who had just died. I remember walking away from the interview

thinking, "never could a son have been more loved."

Here were parents who had spent years taking their son to doctors and hospitals, never knowing what direction the degenerative disease would take. How would it affect his brain? How would it affect his life span? Yet they were determined Daniel would live as ordinary and normal life as possible.

I met Linda Houghtby again in February, when I went to Nankin Mills Elementary to do a story on the "Kids on the Block" puppet program. Through puppets, volunteers teach youngsters about youngsters who have disabilities or special needs.

Linda is one of the volunteers. She interprets what a deaf puppet says through sign language to the kids in the audience.

When her disabled son died, Linda never severed her link to the disabled. Daniel passed his "can-do" spirit on to his mother; she, in turn, is never far from her son when she speaks to kids about kids who are different.

In the last three years, Ryan has gone back to Oakwood Hospital to talk to other youngsters who are first diagnosed with diabetes. He knows firsthand the overwhelming fear that



Daniel Houghtby



Ryan Dinkgrave

can hit both parents and child when confronted with the unknown.

He remembers his own dread, the fear and pain he felt, when he first began giving himself shots. He "cuts to the chase" with the youngsters, telling them things will get better once they get over their initial fears and learn how to control the disease.

None of the three – Daniel, Linda and Ryan – ever saw or see themselves doing anything special. The truth is, we're surrounded by many extraordinary people who every day triumph over adversity, who take lemons and make lemonade.

May it never cease to be.

Marie Chestney is a reporter at the Observer Newspapers.

Drop everything, book some time to read

Oprah's holding monthly book discussion groups and dinners with celebrated authors on national television. In-the-know New Yorkers show up a half-hour early to secure a good seat for a well-known publisher's monthly literary breakfast at a chichi restaurant on the Upper East Side.

And book discussion groups, book signings and events for everyone including tiny read to me-ers are multiplying at book stores and libraries

across the country, including metro Detroit.

That's just a partial setting for this year's Reading Month in Michigan, endorsed each March by the Michigan Reading Association.

For the fourth year across Michigan, it's taking the form of a program called "Drop Everything And Read (DEAR)."

The Michigan Senate has proclaimed 1:15 p.m. Friday, March 14, as "Drop Everything And Read Day."



JUDITH DONER BERNE

Special programs are planned in our schools, including inviting local resi-

dents and business people to be "celebrity readers" to students.

Cammie Mannino, owner of Halfway Down the Stairs children's bookstore in Rochester, says "I think the Oprah thing is really wonderful. She's bringing literacy to a whole lot of people."

She's thinking of writing the TV star to suggest that one month she select a children's book that her audience can read and discuss and share meaningfully with their children.

Although she says schools are doing a wonderful job, she's concerned that parents are emphasizing their children's computer skills over literacy.

Let's show her she's wrong. "Drop Everything And Read" doesn't have to be a school thing. We can do it in our own homes, in March and beyond.

Judith Doner Berne, a West Bloomfield resident, is former managing editor of the Eccentric Newspapers.

Constitution upheld in school power grab

For those who care about education in Michigan, last week was an extraordinary one.

In the first presidential address to a joint session of the Legislature since 1907, President Bill Clinton urged national learning standards, national assessment tests and a tenfold increase in charter schools by 2000. His remarks were warmly endorsed by Gov. John Engler.

Oral arguments were heard before the Supreme Court challenging Michigan's original charter school law, which lower courts have ruled constitutional.

The state Senate, in a straight party-line vote, passed a bill to eliminate the current cap on the number of charter schools in districts where more than 2,000 students qualify for federal lunch program subsidies.

Ingham County Circuit Judge Carolyn Stell issued a preliminary injunction blocking Engler's executive order transferring to state Superintendent of Public Instruction Arthur Ellis many powers previously held by the State Board of Education.

It's clear. Education is the fulcrum around which our politics will swing for many years to come.

That's good. Our schools are not what they should be and how best to fix them is a fit subject for the political process.

Engler's Executive Orders transferring power from the (voter-elected) State Board of Education to the (Engler-appointed) superintendent of public instruction are particularly important. In 13 pages of single-spaced legalese, the orders gut the board's power to make new rules for charter schools, to revoke charters for failing charter schools and to determine school proficiency tests and certification standards for teachers and administrators.

On their face, the orders appear to violate Article III, Sec. 3 of the Michigan Constitution, which gives the state board, "Leadership and general supervision over all public education" and "general planning and coordinating power" for all public education.

For the past six years in office, the governor was perfectly content to operate entirely through the state board. His party owned a 6-2 majority. His buddy, Clark Durant, was elected president. Their friend, Art Ellis, got hired as state school superintendent. Together, they ran a full-blown right-wing school agenda: charter schools, vouchers, prayer, even stock shares in



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the schools.

Then something interesting happened in the elections last November. Two Republican state board members got bounced, making the new partisan balance 4-4. But one of the Republican members is moderate Republican, Dorothy Beardmore, who has never made a secret of her skepticism of all the ideological foaming at the mouth going on.

So last Dec. 19, just before the makeup of the state board shifted, the governor suddenly discovered that board members don't really have all the power they had when things were 6-2 and issued his executive orders transferring power to his buddy, Superintendent Ellis.

I've always been impressed when a serious politician gets right down to it and just grabs for power, regardless of history, consistency, logic of the Constitution. Engler really impressed me this time.

Looks like he didn't impress a lot of other people. The board voted 5-3 (including Republican Beardmore) to reject Engler's orders. A bipartisan majority in the House (54 Democrats, 16 Republicans) followed suit. And when it looked as though enough Republicans were going to vote against it in the Senate, the GOP leadership adjourned the Feb. 26 session before a vote.

Now Judge Stell has called a halt. They'll be arguing in court about this for a long time, but for the time being it looks as though Gov. Engler, Superintendent Ellis and the State Board of Education will have to do what the Constitution says.

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State high court to decide teacher privacy issue

By TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

How private are the evaluations of a public school teacher and principals?

The Michigan Supreme Court will decide that question based on arguments from one teacher, a group of administrators and two school districts – but not the parents who filed Freedom of Information Act requests to see the records.

The cases have been dubbed “reverse FOIA” suits because they’re aimed at having courts shut off records rather than open them.

Need guidance

“We need your guidance, whatever it is,” said Thomas Baird, attorney for Saranac teacher

Christine Bradley. Bradley sued her school board to prevent the revelation of complaints against her and her evaluation. “You’ve struggled with releasing names and addresses of students,” Baird said.

Bradley’s evaluation is “an internal document. It contains matters that are not purely factual. It’s not an easy case,” said Baird, telling Justice Michael Cavanagh that the court needs to perform a “balancing act” between public information and invasion of privacy.

“Suppose,” said Chief Justice Conrad Mallett Jr. during March 5 oral arguments, “a parent wants to find out in general how good a teacher is.”

Jayne Flanigan, attorney for the Lansing Association of School Administrators, had several answers:

■ The Michigan Supreme Court will decide that question based on arguments from one teacher, a group of administrators and two school districts – but not the parents who filed Freedom of Information Act requests to see the records.

1. “A 1996 act says parents can come into the classroom.”

2. The School Code provides that any applicant must authorize the district to obtain information from a previous employer.

3. The Open Meetings Act allows the public to bring problems directly to a meeting of the board of education.

“Disclosure,” Flanigan argued, “will chill the purpose of performance evaluations. Principals will evaluate teachers more favorably if they know it’s going to be out on the street the next day.”

Much blacked out

Kevin Harty, attorney for the Saranac board, said the school unilaterally “heavily redacted” (blacked out) information on Bradley’s record in preparing for its release. He said the record included two disciplinary actions and seven parental complaints.

Harty called the educators’ argument “speculative” in suggesting evaluations would be more objective if they weren’t to be made public. “This is the first case that has made it all the way up the pipeline. This (case law) is a mess. Tell us.”

The FOIA’s Sec. 13 allows materials to be exempted where there could be an “unwarranted invasion” of privacy.

Philip Erickson, attorney for the Lansing school district, said “truly private” material would include one’s medical condition but not a performance evaluation. “There is no constitutional right to non-disclosure. Personnel evaluations are not preliminary” documents.

In rebuttal, Baird said evaluations are indeed preliminary, and that “wholesale carte blanche invasion of personnel files is of great concern to employees.”

“There may be scurrilous allegations that have been proven untrue but may remain in the file and revisited 10 years later,” Baird said.

Filing an amicus brief on behalf of openness was the Michigan Freedom of Information Committee, headed by Bloomfield Hills attorney Michael Shpiece.

Tests for privacy

A Court of Appeals panel last year ruled against the teacher

and administrators.

It said the tests for invasion of privacy were 1) “intrusion upon the plaintiffs’ seclusion or solitude or into his private affairs;” 2) “public disclosure of embarrassing private facts about the plaintiff;” 3) “publicity which places the plaintiff in a false light in the public eye” and 4) appropriation for the defendant’s advantage of the plaintiff’s name or likeness.”

“We find that none of the four types of invasion of privacy is implicated in this case,” said the opinion signed by Judges Gary McDonald of Saginaw and Jane Markey of Grand Rapids. A third appeals judge did not participate in that case, leaving a 2-0 decision to be appealed to the Supreme Court.

Their opinion noted that the Legislature specifically exempted “personnel records of law enforcement agencies,” and concluded that the law intended other personnel records to be the target of FOIA requests.

They quoted Bradley’s lawyer as “admitting that the personnel records at issue would be discoverable in a civil case or teacher tenure proceeding.”

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Municipal League

Michigan city and village officials will be in Washington March 7-12 for the National League of Cities convention, where they hope to persuade the U.S. Congress to return more federal tax money to the state that paid it.

“In addition to gaining an adequate and equitable share of federal funds for local and state road projects, the state Legislature needs to seriously consider

a realistic increase in the state gas tax to fund road improvements,” said Michigan Municipal League president Michael Guido, mayor of Dearborn.

Truckers

“Michigan should be ashamed of the fact that people who drive all over the country to earn their living say our state’s roads are among the worst they’ve seen,” said John Niemala, director of

the County Road Association of Michigan.

Niemala quoted a survey in Overdrive, the trucking industry’s monthly magazine, in which 14,000 truckers listed Michigan’s roads as sixth worst. At the bottom: Pennsylvania.

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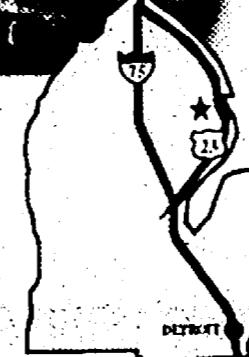
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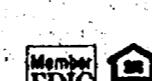
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FAMILY ROOM



KAREN MEIER

Customer is always right may be no more

Dateline: 1973. Hometown restaurant. Rule No. 1: The Customer is ALWAYS Right. Even when The Customer is Rude. Or Wrong. Or Loud. Or Drunken. Or Rich. Or Poor. Or Butcher. Or Baker. Or Candlestick Maker.

Long ago, waitresses lived by The Rule. Customers' complaints, legitimate or otherwise, were swallowed. Barking back? Not allowed. Impudence? Not allowed. Waitress' ruffled feathers could never show - that would jeopardize everything, take home pay and possibly even the job itself.

As a teenaged waitress, I, myself, encountered my share of tough customers, customers who'd ask for the world and then some, and were surly and condescending in the asking. But I'd smile pleasantly and bring the world and then some in an efficient and pleasant way, and hope their mood improved. Being very hungry can bring out grumpiness, we all know that.

So when I'd come to clear the table and sometimes find nothing but twisted napkins and stumped out cigarettes and no loose change, I admit, I felt bad. In a selfish way; 85 cents an hour was my pay and without a tip, even back then, that wasn't so good. It wasn't terrible, but it wasn't "so good." I mean, I was earning money, my check would always reflect the 85 cents for every hour I worked but ... Still ... You know ...

Yet, I couldn't let it ruffle me. And then, too, receiving no tip might mean I hadn't done my job as wonderfully as I thought I had and so I'd redouble my efforts the next time. Or maybe the customer had had a terrible, terrible day and simply forgotten this detail of tipping, or maybe the bill came to just what he had in his wallet. Any number of things.

Regardless, playing in my teenaged head like background music was, "The Customer is ALWAYS Right." The Rule.

Somewhat, it smoothed my feathers. And that's how it was, long, long ago. With an old-fashioned rule.

Dateline: 1997. Hometown restaurant. Carmen turned 10 Saturday. To celebrate, she invited three of her friends to eat supper with her here at home. Homemade tacos, it's a favorite of hers. Then afterwards the friends and the Meier 7 headed out for ice cream.

It was early evening, our group was large, so upon arrival at the busy establishment we had to split up. Half of us, headed up by my husband, sat at one end of the restaurant and the other half, headed up by me, sat on the other end.

We'd looked forward to this special outing - this part of the celebration outside the house.

See FAMILY ROOM, B2

Story features church services for Holy Week

Through music and ceremony churches throughout western Wayne County will celebrate the most solemn week of the Lenten season, Holy Week, March 23-30.

As part of its continuing service to the religious community, The Observer will publish information on Holy Week and Easter services on Sunday, March 23.

Churches can submit their information in writing by noon Wednesday,



March 19. The information can be mailed or to the attention of Sue Mason, 36261 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. It can also be sent by fax at (313) 591-7279.

For more information, call Mason at (313) 963-2131.

God's handy work



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Let me tell you: Merriman Road Baptist Church pastor the Rev. Wayne Parker (center) and Kerry Colip, minister of youth and education, listen as John Zerebny, using word and sign language, explains his early experiences as a deaf person attending a hearing church.

Interpreters keep deaf in touch

■ Keeping the faith can be a difficult task, if you can't hear the Lord's message. But at Merriman Road Baptist Church, a group of people are interpreting God's message in sign language for the deaf community.

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER



Tom Mitton

tell that she has Jesus in her heart.

"She's happy and excited; she has friends and loves to come to church," says Karen Mitton, translating the sign language.

In words and gestures, John Zerebny recalls going to a hearing church with a friend as a child. He could see what the minister was doing and see the words in the book, but that was all.

"When you're deaf, you just sit there and things go past you," he says.

Josephine Nichols can relate to what Zerebny says. She, too, remembers attending a church that had a signer, but because she didn't know the language, she couldn't decipher what was being said.

Profoundly deaf, the threesome sit in the pews of Merriman Road Baptist Church, testimony to the work of some 15 members who are part of the Garden City church's deaf ministry.

"Church should mean as much to deaf people as it does to hearing people, so we try to make it the same as much as possible," said Pastor Wayne Parker. "I'm a relatively new pastor here and one of the things I found exciting was when we have dramatic presentations, the interpreters dress in costume and practice with the characters."

The ministry got its start 22 years ago, when Al and Edith Newman joined the church and brought deaf friends whom they had interpreted for at another church.

Edith worked with deaf school students. Together they would visit

deaf people and trained other church members to sign. It is through such efforts that the ministry has 13 participants, including seven "regulars."

A member of the 300-church-strong Southern Baptist Convention in Michigan, Merriman Road Baptist is one 12-14 churches in the state to offer a deaf ministry and has tapped the experience of those churches to fine tune its program.

"I don't know of other churches in the area providing such a program without a substantial number of deaf people in the congregation," Parker said.

Programs for everyone

Almost anything offered to hearing members is signed for deaf members. Sunday morning and evening worship, Sunday School, Bible study, Wednesday evening fellowship, music and dramatic presentations are signed for the deaf.

"Anything we provide for the most part there is interpretation ... from Wednesday night Bible study to camping to funerals and weddings," said Terry Crouson, publicity chairman for the church.

For the most part, the interpreters will work from outlines provided by Parker for church services. Not only do they sign the



Signing: Interpreter Karen Mitton of Garden City keeps participants involved in the discussion.

spoken word, they also do the music. Songs, according to Pam Dauzy of Westland, are difficult to translate.

She flips over a piece of paper. On one side is the song, "(The) Brush" in English. One the other side is the translation that was used.

The first stanza reads: "Life

See MINISTRY, B2

Elegance abounds at CC moms' benefit

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

It will be an afternoon of elegance when the Catholic Central Mother's Club stages its annual fashion show fund-raiser, appropriately named "Afternoon of Elegance."

Slated for Sunday, April 13, at Laurel Manor in Livonia, the event will serve up plenty of good food and great fashions from the merchants of Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

"We'd like to see 700 people attend, that's about 160 more than last year," said Betsy Thompson. She, Kathie Sosnowski and Linda Boogren are co-chairs for this year's event.

The event will get under way at 12:30 p.m. with a social hour that will feature hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and entertainment by the 26-member Catholic Central Stage Band under the direction of Greg Normandine.

Lunch will follow at 1:30 p.m. and feature salad, northern woods chicken with raspberry sauce, julienne vegetables, Anna potatoes and assorted miniature pastries.

The fashion show will be presented by Barbara Mazer and Barbara Carey of Take Time Fashion Services. The show will feature a selection of spring, casual, career, sports and evening wear. Hairstyles and makeup will be handled by CC mother Carole LaButte's Mane Connection of Farmington Hills.

Eighteen CC mothers and their sons as well as school principal the Rev. Harold Gardner will handle the runway duties.

To be a model the mothers have to be on the board of the Mother's Club and have a son who's a

senior," said Thompson. "This year we have 18 mothers and sons walking the runway."

The number of models varies from year to year. In 1995, there were less than 11 mothers and sons and other years there have been up to 22.

"Sometimes mothers don't accept the invitation," added Thompson, who will miss her chance this year because of her son's involvement in the Quiz Bowl competition.

Tickets for the fashion luncheon cost \$38 each and are available by calling Becky Viola at (313) 464-0215. The deadline for ordering is March 21.

In addition to the fashion benefit, the club is selling raffle tickets - \$1 each or six for \$5. The prizes include the use of a condo for six for one week in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, a weekend in Petoskey, fine jewelry, dinner certificates and a portrait sitting with Focal Point Photography of Farmington and Canton.

Raffle tickets will be available at the fashion show as well as in advance by calling Carol Spinale at (810) 227-2363.

This is the second time Thompson has helped organize the event; her first time was in 1995. This is Sosnowski's first time as a co-chair, having worked as volunteer in previous years. They credit a "wonderful committee" for making their job an easy one. That and "a planning book of certain things that need to be done," they said.

This is the 22nd year that the club has staged the fashion show. The money the club raises is donated to the Redford school at the end of each school year for major projects. It has raised as



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On parade: Co-chairs Kathie Sosnowski (left) and Betsy Thompson show off one of the many spring fashions that will be featured at Catholic Central Mother's Club's fashion show and luncheon April 13.

See CC MOTHERS, B2



My kind of place: Josephine Nichols not only found Merriman Road Baptist Church a place where she could understand what was going on, but also a place to hone her bowling skills. A member of the church league, she has a 112 average.

Family Room from page B1

Later, there'd be popcorn and a video back home, followed by a giggle-fest sleepover, then homemade waffles and strawberries the next morning, concluding with Impromptu Hide and Seek Beanie Baby Tournaments Around the House.

So anyway. The restaurant, Saturday night. It was busy and understandably it took quite some time to have our tables cleared of the previous customers' dishes and things. I did, however, notice a group coming

in nearly 15 minutes after us getting waited on immediately while our tables still remained uncleared. Oh, well. Restaurant procedures can be complicated at times.

At any rate, our tables were eventually cleared and our orders were taken. And even though there were our five children plus the birthday guests, everyone was well-behaved. No tantrums, no messes, no loudness. Everyone enjoyed the ice cream treats.

■ The mistake, and it was a mistake, our mistake, was innocent. My husband assumed I'd taken care of the tip while he'd paid the bill at the register, and I'd assumed he'd taken care of the tip while I'd gathered up the little boys.

When we'd finished, my husband went to the register to pay the bill. It was substantial, for ice cream, but it was a special occasion and we'd anticipated the outlay. Coats were put on,

Ministry from page B1

started out like a canvas and God started painting on me. But I took the paintbrush from Jesus and painted what I wished to see."

The translations reads: "Life started for me without God. And God started working with me. But I don't care about Jesus and I do as I want. Life I live doing wrong sin. Me bad, not follow God. I made a mess with my life. My way now know, I not wise."

"When I heard it in English it made no sense to me," said Dauzy. "But we have to change it to where they can understand with their eyes. We have to try to explain long words in a short time while we try to make it real pretty and visually pleasing."

"It's really beautiful to watch," added Parker. "It's exciting when we have a dramatic production. They will dress in costume and practice with the characters."

The interpreters also help when deaf members like Campbell go to camp at the Bambi Lake Conference Center in northern Michigan. Mitton has also interpreted for work and school when needed and husband Tom, who describes himself as "just a worker," has helped with Zerebny's doctor's appointments.

For Campbell, a Westland resident, the deaf ministry and interpreters like Shirley Vega provided her with her first opportunity to attend church

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Pam Dauzy
-interpreter

more than 15 years ago. One of the regulars, she says she now "has someone who cares about her."

The ministry has let Nichols connect with the church in several ways. Also a regular, she belongs to the church bowling league and has a 112 average.

"And Josephine has great taste in ties," added Parker. "She buys ones you can wear."

Because of the deaf ministry, some in the congregation have taken the time to learn to sign to communicate with the deaf members. And signing classes are available on request, according to Crouson, adding that there are now 15 church members who can sign and communicate with the deaf.

The ministry has also sensitized the church members to people with other impairments. The doors are open to the physically disabled and classes are offered for child that is learning impaired, according to Parker.

"I believe that quite likely it was the deaf ministry that made the church open to other ministries," Parker said. "People are accepting of the deaf more than before and are interested in learning more, but we still have a long way to go."

For more information about the deaf ministry, call Merriman Road Baptist Church at (313) 421-0472. The church is at 2055 Merriman Road, two blocks south of Ford Road, Garden City.

CC mothers from page B1

much as \$17,000 in the past that has been used for such things as new computers, air conditioning for the library and new stackable chairs.

For Thompson, this will be her last year as a CC mother — for awhile. Her son is a member of the class of 1997 and her next CC scholar turns 8 on the day

for the fashion show. "I'm sure I will miss it," she said. "Every mother is a member of the Mother's Club at CC like every father is a member of the Dad's Club."

"We have 1,000 boys at the school so you're a member by virtue of having a son at the school."

And our waitress, we were then told, had had a very hard night waiting on big groups. My husband instantly reached for his wallet and gave the girl some money.

The mistake, and it was a mistake, our mistake, was innocent. My husband assumed I'd taken care of the tip while he'd paid the bill at the register, and I'd assumed he'd taken care of the tip while I'd gathered up the little boys.

Both of us were wrong. If we'd been given the chance to figure out our mistake on our own, we would've rectified it. I was a waitress too, you know. I know tips matter. A lot.

But, to have been approached like that, as we were, in front of birthday guests, and embarrassed publicly over an innocent mistake, I don't know. I just don't know.

The Customer is Always Right is maybe just an old dinosaur of a rule, big, cumbersome and dying out.

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

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

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Maynard and Alice Kidd of Manchester announce the engagement of their daughter, Katherine, to Kevin G. Block, the son of Gerald and Barbara Block of Westland.

The bride-to-be has a bachelor's degree in mental health from Madonna University and a master's degree in communications from Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as a dispatcher at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Her fiance holds a degree in culinary arts from Schoolcraft College. He is employed as a manager for Long John Silver's. A May wedding is planned for



St. Thomas Church of Ann Arbor.

Sudek-Brown

Robert and Beverly Sudek of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Maureen Lynn, to Michael Raymond Brown, the son of George and Suzanne Brown of South Lyon.

The bride-to-be is a 1987 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and 1991 graduate of Central Michigan University. She is employed as a controller by Aristed Construction Company in Livonia.

Her fiance is a 1985 graduate of South Lyon High School and a 1990 graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed as a project manager by W3 Construction Company in Livonia.

An April wedding is planned



at St. Colette Church in Livonia.

Looney-Tarry

Chris and Joan Looney of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Suzanne Marie, to Thomas Ronald Tarry, the son of the late Jack and Annabelle Tarry, formerly of Dearborn.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and the University of Michigan where she earned a bachelor's degree in industrial and manufacturing engineering. She is pursuing her master's degree in engineering management at U-M. She is employed as an industrial engineer at TRW.

Her fiance is a graduate of Dearborn Fordson High School and Lawrence Technological University with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He earned a master's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Michigan. He is a senior product engineer at



Lucas/Varsity-Kelsey Hayes. An April wedding is planned at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia.

Oxley-Wroblewski

Liam and Michelle Oxley of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Elizabeth, to Robert Harold Wroblewski, the son of Roger and Karen Wroblewski of Dearborn.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1997 graduate of Schoolcraft College. She is employed by Murray & Company.

Her fiance is a 1985 graduate of St. Alphonsus High School and is working on a master of business administration degree at Wayne State University. He is employed by Distribution Services, Inc.

A September wedding is



planned for St. Alphonsus Church.

Van Reesema-Hissong

Fred and Carole Van Reesema of Chelsea announce the engagement of their daughter, Minta Elizabeth, to David Cloyd Hissong, the son of Jimmie and Anne Hissong of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Chelsea High School, a 1992 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of arts degree in economics and a 1995 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a master of science degree in human resource management. She is employed as a human resource professional for the State of Ohio.

Her fiance is a 1987 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and a 1991 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of arts degree in



political science. He is currently a third-year student at the Ohio State University School of Law.

A spring wedding in Chelsea is being planned.

Gorecki-Cirulis

Casimir and Stasia Gorecki of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Margaret, to Peter John Cirulis, the son of Pete and Diane Cirulis of Rochester Hills.

The bride-to-be received her bachelor of arts degree from Michigan State University in 1991 and her master of business administration degree from the University of South Carolina in 1995. She is employed by the Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn.

Her fiance received his bachelor of arts degree from Kalamazoo College in 1990 and his master of business administration degree from the University of South Carolina in 1995. He is employed by the Robert Bosch Corp. in Farmington Hills.



A May wedding is planned for Our Lady of Czestochowa Church in Sterling Heights.

Winn-Gorman

Glenn and Tina Winn of Bloomfield Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy, to Brian Gorman, the son of Alyn and Rose Gorman of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Birmingham Groves High School and Albion College. She is an internal auditor and manager at Seligman & Associates in Southfield.

Her fiance is a graduate of Archbishop Ryan High School in Philadelphia, Pa., and the University of Michigan. He is a product engineer at Echlin Automotive in Auburn Hills.

A May wedding is planned for the First United Methodist



Church in Birmingham.

Sizemore-Muzzin

Larry A. Sizemore and Lisa A. Muzzin, both of White Lake, were married Feb. 14 in a private ceremony performed by Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey in the Presidential Suite at the Embassy Suites Hotel.

The bride's parents, Gino and Alberta Muzzin of Howell, served as witnesses.

Immediately following the cer-

emony a dinner was held in the Regency Room of the hotel for 100 friends and relatives.

The bride is a branch manager for Dynamic People in Livonia.

The groom, the son of Wilford and Florence Robbins of Mancelona, is employed by Kroger Company in Clarkston.

The couple honeymooned in Traverse City before making their home in the Union Lake area.

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baskets while Maye Metaj of Northville waited her turn. The auction raised more than \$16,000. When it was time for dinner, Mercy High Mercy Mimes - Christine Abbott (top right photo, from left) and Kristen Legg - herd people out of the auction room and into the dining room, where the evening's program included the lighting of candles to remember CHS's patients and their families. Starting off the candle lighting was CHS staffer Maureen Karby (top left photo). This the fifth year for the event, organized by members of St. Aidan's Church and chaired by Ken and Judy Hale and Ray and Michele Schmidt.

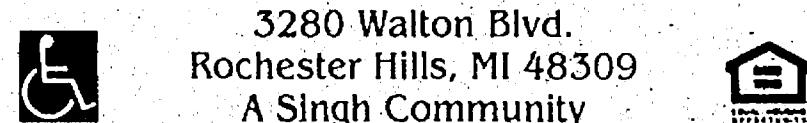


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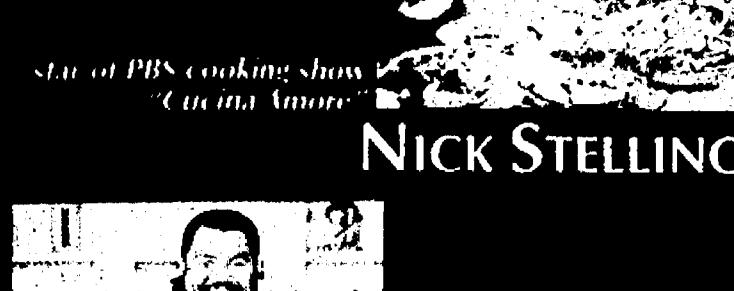


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ANNIVERSARIES

Ramse

Wilfred (Bill) and Anna (Marie) Ramse, 45-year residents of Livonia, celebrated their 50th anniversary with a reception at the American Legion Hall. They also will go on a cruise to the Bahamas in April.

The couple exchanged vows on Feb. 10, 1947, in Canton, S.D. She is the former Anna Reifers.

They have four children — Judy Blair and husband John of

Plymouth Township, Belinda Spurlock of Walled Lake, Gary Ramse of Commerce Township, and the late Clayton Ramse. They also have five grandchildren.

She retired in 1987 from Fisher Body in Livonia, while her husband retired in 1986 from Spartan Concrete.

Members of Peace Lutheran Church and the American Legion Auxiliary, they enjoy traveling and camping.

**Dickey**

Florence and Chuck Dickey, 38-year Livonia residents, celebrated their 50th anniversary with a dinner reception, given by their children and grandchildren, at Plymouth Manor.

The Dickeys were married on Dec. 21, 1946, at Visitation Church in Detroit. She is the former Florence Haggerty.

The couple has three children — Nancy Schager and husband

Karl, and Susan Calvin and husband Doug, all of Livonia, and the late Charles E. Dickey Jr., formerly of Farmington. They have three grandchildren — Elissa, Griffin and Ashley.

She is a homemaker, while he retired in 1987 from Eaton Corporation of Southfield where he was a sales engineer.

The couple are active members of St. Priscilla Church in Livonia.

**Roshirt**

Clayton and Marion Roshirt of Bayonet Point, Fla., formerly of Livonia, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Italy in May and at a barbecue party, given by their children, in northern Michigan this summer.

The Roshirts exchanged vows on May 24, 1947, in Detroit. She is the former Marian Whitney.

They have three married children — Kathy and Art Herring of Livonia, Jim and Danielle Roshirt of Lake Orion and Paul and Therese Roshirt of West Bloomfield — and three grandchildren.

He is retired from Excello Corp., and she was a Realtor in Livonia.

**Turner**

Donna Marie and James Turner of Livonia recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

They met at St. Gerald's Grade School in Detroit and married on Feb. 14, 1972, at Our Lady Queen of Hope Church in Detroit by the late Rev. John O'Connor, his uncle. She is the former Donna Marie Banda.

The Turners have two children, Lisa and Michael.

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Worship Together

Trinity hosts play about C.S. Lewis

Grosse Pointe actor, playwright and historical researcher Mark McPherson will appear in his role as Christian author C.S. Lewis Saturday, March 22, at Trinity Church of Livonia.

"From Narnia, With Love" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. at the church, 14800 Middlebelt Road, south of Five Mile Road, Livonia. Tickets are \$8 in advance because of limited seating at the church. To order call the church at (313) 425-2800.

McPherson's portrayal of Lewis made its debut in November at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Detroit. It will tour the Midwest before heading to Oxford University, where Lewis once taught, and to Belfast, Ireland, where he was born.

McPherson is an accomplished actor who has also tackled roles as diverse as "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" author Arthur Conan Doyle, Winston Churchill, George Bernard Shaw and gunslinger Wyatt Earp. However, his C.S. Lewis role is distinctly more spiritual.

Lewis was a Don (lecturer) of English literature at Oxford University and professor at Cambridge during the middle of

this century. While he lived the quiet life of a bachelor professor for many years, his impact on Christian thought in this century was staggering.

He is the most popular Christian writer being published today, and his late romance and marriage to American poet Joy Davidman is the theme of the movie "Shadowlands," starring Anthony Hopkins and Debra Winger.

The Rev. Michael A. Van Horn, pastor of Trinity Church in Livonia and long-time reader of C.S. Lewis, wrote an award-winning master's thesis on Lewis's philosophical thought. Van Horn is excited about McPherson's presentation because he owes his conversion to Christianity largely to Lewis's writings.

"C.S. Lewis offered a remarkably sane, lucid presentation of Christian truth which did not insult one's intelligence," Horn said. "He captured both my intellect and my imagination and led them both to Christian faith."

Horn has seen McPherson perform as C.S. Lewis and describes the presentation as "delightful."

"The audience comes away with the impression that they have actually met Lewis," he said. "At the very least, the audience is introduced to something of Lewis's extraordinary breadth and diversity as a writer and thinker."

Millions of children know Lewis only as the author of the fantastically popular "Chronicles of Narnia," an epic series of books about Aslan the Lion (a Christ figure) and the land of talking animals and mythic creatures, created by Aslan, called Narnia.

"Children are drawn into Narnia through a magic wardrobe and enter into the timeless clash between good and evil," Horn said. "In each story the love and grace of God is paramount."

Lewis is one of the most influential Christian writers of the century, having the remarkable ability to speak the essential truths of the historic Christian faith in a way that makes them relevant to the modern mind.

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Lewis is the thinking man's Christian, according to Horn.

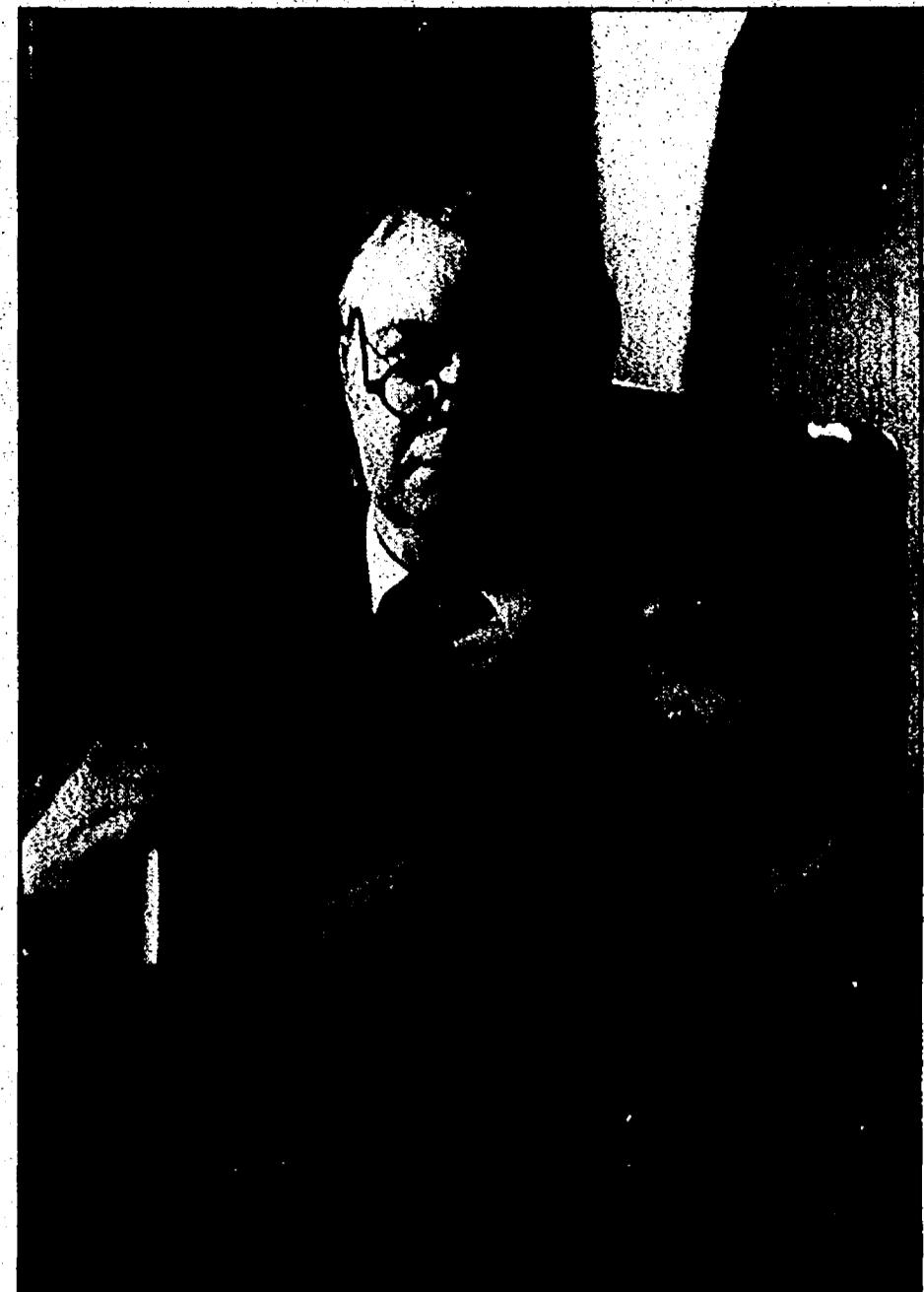
However, his appeal is not limited to stuffy, intellectual philosophy professors. His writings include enormously popular children's books, science fiction, poetry and mythology.

"Throughout his writings, Lewis demonstrated a profound capacity for communicating the essence of a Christian view of reality," Horn said. "There is a sense of wonder in all of Lewis's works. Because of his creativity and grasp of story, Lewis appeals to the imagination and not just the intellect."

As a follow-up to McPherson's one-man show, the church will host a six-week study of Lewis's best selling "Mere Christianity," 6:30-7:30 p.m. Sundays, April 6-May 11. Horn, a doctoral candidate at the University of Wales, will lead the discussion.

"Mere Christianity" is a compilation of a series of radio broadcasts for the BBC during World War II. It is said that Lewis's voice was second only to Winston Churchill in recognition during that era of British history.

The broadcast talks presented in clearest terms the foundational truths of the Christian faith. Thousands of people have found the radio talks and the subsequent book to be a profound and powerful introduction to Christian belief.



An evening with: As an actor and playwright, Mark McPherson has captured the breadth and diversity of C.S. Lewis as a writer and thinker in his "From Narnia, With Love."

RELIGION CALENDAR

Listings for the Religion Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (313) 591-7279. For more information, call (313) 953-2131.

NEW BEGINNINGS

"Dreams and Deeper Aspects of Grief" will be presented by the Rev. Chuck Sonquist at the 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13, meeting of New Beginnings, a grief support group held year-round at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia.

New Beginnings is for people suffering as a result of the death of a loved one. It recognizes that

people grieve differently, but have a similar need for the support of each other. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (810) 380-7903 and Rosemary Kline at (313) 462-3770.

BETHANY PLYMOUTH/CANTON

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MUSIC MINISTRY

The Music Ministry of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth will present "From Hosanna to Hallelujah" at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 16, at the church, 45201 N. Territorial Road. The Lent/Easter story will feature an orchestra, hand-bells, liturgical dance, children's and adult choirs. A free will offering will be taken to be used to further the music ministry at the church. For more information, (313) 453-5280.

GOSPEL SINGING

The Chapers, an outstanding local Southern gospel singing group, will be in concert at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 16, at the Full Gospel Church, 291 E. Spring St., north of Main Street, Plymouth. A freewill offering will be taken. For more information, call (313) 453-0323.

BEIT KODESH

The Sisterhood of Congregation Beit Kodesh will have a fund raiser "Pampered Chef" party at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 16, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Food will be prepared and tasted and recipes available. The implements used in the demonstration will be for sale. The bonus received from sales will replenish items in the synagogue kitchen. Guests are invited. For more information, call Rae Offerman at 810-474-8051.

SACRED MUSIC

Recording artist Calvin Taylor will perform a concert of sacred music at 9:15 and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 16, at Newbury United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The former Billy Graham Crusade organist, Taylor has toured throughout the world. Playing solely from memory and improvising each arrangement, he

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IN CONCERT

The Vanguard Voices will be in concert Renaissance Voices at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 16, at the First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church St., Plymouth. The concert will be entirely a Cappella music and will include works by Bach, Brahms, Samuel Barber, Aaron Copland and Detroit-area composer George R. Raptis. Tickets are available at the church and at the door for \$5 each. For more information, call the church at 453-1250.

PULPIT EXCHANGE

The Rev. Robert Seltz of Holy Trinity Church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia, will preach at St. Olaf Lutheran Church, 15701 James Couzens, Detroit, as part of a pulpit exchange with the Rev. Robert Hanson of St. Olaf on Sunday, March 16. The churches have been partnering and mutually supporting each other for many years. The services at Holy Trinity will be at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and at 10:45 a.m. at St. Olaf.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCES

Garden City Assembly of God will have ventriloquist/Christian magician Tricky Ricky perform for adults and children at its 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. services Sunday, March 16, at the church, 1075 Venoy, near Marquette, Garden City. A love offering will



Calvin Taylor

be taken. For more information, call the church at (313) 421-0476.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The radio series, "What is This Christian Science and Who Are These Christian Scientists?" is being broadcast at 1:30 p.m. Sundays of WQBH-AM 1400. Topics include "What about women in the Christian Science church?" on March 16.

The Christian Science Sentinel-Radio Edition" also can be heard at 9:30 a.m. Sundays on WAAM-AM 1600. The conversational program discusses current public topics as well as shares healing through prayer from people all over the world.

HISPANIC CHURCH

The Hispanic Pentecostal Church conducts worship services at 2 p.m. Sundays at 1075 Venoy Road, Garden City. The Rev. G. Diaz officiates. For more information, call (519) 973-8487.

BOOK OF REVELATION

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church is presenting a study of the Book of Revelation 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays. The series features a videotape presentation by Msgr. John Zehz of Sacred Heart Seminary followed by a discussion. Topics include "The Women, the Dragons and the Plagues" on March 18. For more information, call (313) 453-0326. Our Lady of Good Counsel Church is at 1160 Pennington, Plymouth.

LENTEN BREAKFAST

St. Matthew's United Church Women will have a Maundy Thursday breakfast 9:30 a.m. Thursdays, March 27, at the church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. The continental breakfast will be followed by a program, "In the Garden: A Spiritual View of the Rainforest," by Sarah Nooden and special music by St. Matthew's Joyful Ringers and soloist Elizabeth Ebersole.

Tickets are \$3.50 in advance only through Tuesday, March 18. Child care reservations can be made by calling Linda Dorton at (313) 525-7213. For more information, call (313) 422-6038.

'EVENING OF REFLECTION'

A multimedia dramatization of the Stations of the Cross will be presented at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, at St. Aidan Church, Farmington between Six and Seven roads, Livonia. An internationally famous religious leader also will make an appearance in the sanctuary during "An Evening of Reflection." For more information, call the church at (313) 425-5950.

HEALING SERVICE

Church of the Risen Lord, a parish in the Charismatic Episcopal Church, will hold a Eucharistic healing service at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, at the church, 821 N. Newburgh Road, Westland.

The service is for people dealing with anger and forgiveness. Sandy Baumann, a leader in the church's healing ministry, and the Rev. Kurt Stutz will discuss the effects of anger on the body and spirit and will provide tips on the constructive use of anger. The service is open to the public. For more information, call (313) 397-7132.

LENTEN SERVICES

St. Matthew Lutheran Church has Lenten services at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 11 a.m. Thursdays now through March 19 and 20 at the church, 4885 Venoy Road, Westland. For more information, call the church at (313) 425-0260.

"Thoughts Along the Way" is the theme of this year's Lenten worship series at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Services are at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Each week's 45-minute service will feature a short

drama highlighting the thoughts of those who witnessed the events of Christ's trial and crucifixion. For more information, call the church office at (313) 522-6830.

The Plymouth Ministerial Association

is sponsoring ecumenical Lenten gatherings, "Lift High the Cross of Christ," noon Wednesdays during Lent. All services are held by the First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church St., Plymouth. The worship leader and meal provider for the gathering is St. John's Episcopal and Salvation Army on March 19.

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne

is having its Lenten series at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays through March 19. The evening will begin with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. It will be an evening of gospel music with The Light of Fenton on March 19. The church is at 5 Towne Square, Wayne. For more information, call the church office at (313) 721-4801.

St. James Presbyterian Church

is having Lenten services at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays through March 19, at the church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. A men's breakfast and devotion also is being held at 8 a.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call (313) 534-7730.

'RELATIONSHIPS'

The Rev. Bill Lichy is leading a series on "Relationships" 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6900 Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. The series studies the

relationship between man and good and man and woman and helps participants understand how to get along better with others and learn human nature. For more information, call Jewell at (313) 326-7643 or Tim at (313) 728-8807.

WEDNESDAY SCHOOL

The Christian Education Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church is offering adult classes in their Wednesday School of Christian education which meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays through May 28. Programs also are being offered for early childhood through youth. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-1150. The church is at 17000 Farmington Road at Six Mile Road, Livonia.

PARENTING WORKSHOP

Learn helpful tips on communicating to your kids in a free workshop 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at the Canton Campus of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren Road, just west of Canton Center Road. Registration can be completed by calling (313) 522-6830.

LENTEN BREAKFAST

Garden City United Methodist Women will have their annual Lenten Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 22, at the church, 6443 Merriman Road, Garden City. The Rev. Faith Fowler of Cass United Methodist Church will present a spiritual program for women. Reservations can be made by calling the church at (313) 421-8628 by Monday, March 17.

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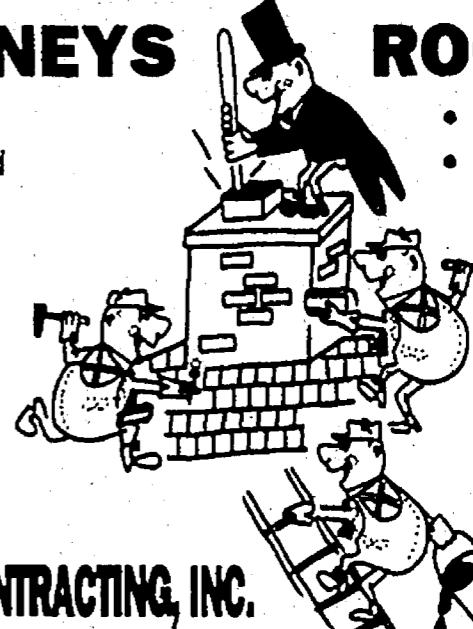
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They're two: Angelic looks aside, youngster can try their parents when they enter the "terrible 2s," that time when children turn into their own person with their own demands.

Seminar focuses on the 'terrible 2s'

Parents of two-year-olds, take heart. There is help available.

Schoolcraft College is offering a set of four seminars designed to guide parents through the period of the "terrible 2s" — just before a child turns 2 until about the age of 3.

"This time is a developmental turning point," said Melissa Rensi, who coordinated the program and is the mother of Lydia, a 2-year-old. "This is the time when your cherub turns into a person with her own strong opinions and demands."

Rensi said working parents can be especially torn when disciplining their children at this age because they want to have a well-behaved child but feel guilty for leaving them with a sitter or at daycare.

"Your child may have been

perfect all day, but when you pick her up at the sitter or day care, she falls apart, gets whiny and misbehaves," Rensi said. "You may not provide the structure she needs because you are trying to overcompensate for your absence and the subsequent guilt."

However, 2 is the age the fundamentals are laid down among family members.

"It is a turning point for both child and parent," said Rensi.

The series begins Tuesday, April 1, with Toddlers 101, which examines what makes toddlers tick and why they love to test their parents. There will be tips on how to accept and respect a 2-year-old's behavior while teaching responsibility and building self-esteem.

Time Out! on April 8 looks at

discipline — setting loving but firm limits and sticking to them. This is one of the most important and difficult parts of parenting because they are laying the foundations for future good parent-child relations and good child behavior. Participants will learn practical and effective techniques and share their experiences with other parents.

On April 15, No More Food Fights! details nutritional and appetite changes that may occur around age 2, and why some children develop strong dislikes, fill up immediately or will only eat one food. The seminar will offer helpful hints on how to feed a 2-year-old nutritious meals without a fight. Developing healthy attitudes about food is critical at this age to set the stage for a lifetime of good eat-

ing.

The last seminar, Adventures in Toilet Training on April 22, will help parents know when their child is ready for toilet training and how to make the process less stressful for everyone.

All sessions are taught by Tracy Floto, an early child development specialist, and will be held on Tuesdays from 8 to 10 p.m. The fee for the entire series is \$65, and individual sessions are \$26.

For more information or to register for all or part of the series, call (313) 462-4448. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

Listings for the Crafts Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (313) 591-7279. For more information, call (313) 953-2131.

WAYNE-WESTLAND YMCA

The Wayne-Westland Family YMCA will have a craft show 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 15, at the Y, 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call Pauline King at (313) 721-7044.

FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

The Franklin High School Patriots Club will have a craft show 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 15, at the high school, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia. Admis-

sion will be \$1 and free for those five years and under.

FRIENDSHIP CENTER

Crafters are still needed for an Easter Extravaganza Craft Show to be held 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 15, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 16, at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh Road, Westland. For more information, call (313) 722-7632.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Madonna University will have its 12th annual spring arts and crafts showcase 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 15, in the Activities Center. Admission will \$2 for adults with children under 12 admitted free. The Easter Bunny also will be on hand 1-3 p.m., and there will be a \$1 raffle at 4:45 p.m. For more

information, call (313) 432-5603. Madonna University is a Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Crafters are needed for Livonia Churchill High School PTSA's ninth annual arts and crafts show Saturday, March 22, at the high school, 8900 Newburgh Road, north of Joy Road, Livo-

nia. Show hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission will be \$1. For more information, call Diane at (313) 422-4507 or Garret at (313) 464-7425.

CLARENCEVILLE

The Athletic Boosters of Clarenceville High School will present its annual "Touch of Spring" craft boutique 10 a.m. to

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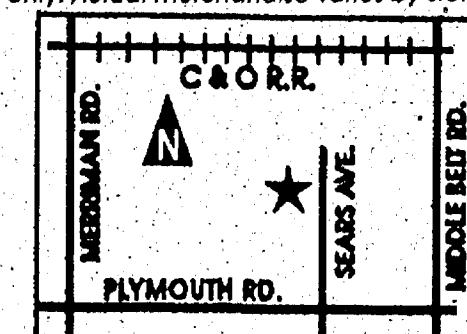
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MICHEL and FAITH DICK-MEYER of Commerce announce the birth of **MELINA THERE-SA** Jan. 3 at Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce Township. Grandparents are Victor and Irene Zammitt of Livonia and Robert and Mary Jane Dickmeyer of Fort Wayne, Ind. Great-grandfather is Frank Peace of Livonia.

MICHAEL FISK and **DONNA BOULET** of Dearborn Heights announce the birth of **SHELBY MARIE FISK** Dec. 3 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She has a half brother, Bradley Fisk, 10. Grandparents are Clinton and Arlene Fisk of Manchester and Rose Weeg of Westland.

WILLIAM and SHANNON MORGAN of Redford announce the birth of **SHANE PATRICK**. Grandparents are Mary Jo Collins of Redford and Jaqueline Morgan of Detroit. He joins a 2-year-old brother, Matthew William. Great-grandparents are William and Blanche Collins of Redford.

RHONDA JONES and **MICHAEL BARNES** of Westland announce the birth of **ASHLYN TAYLOR BARNES** Dec. 5 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandmothers are Carole Knotts and Vicki Barnes of Westland.

DAVE and AMY LESTER of Livonia announce the birth of **CHLOE ELIZABETH** July 10. Grandparents are Walt and Vicki Owens of Trenton, Rick Lester of Indianapolis, Ind., and Elizabeth Scott of Paducah, Ky. Great-grandparents are Walt and Audrey Owens of Allen Park and Harriet Garrison of Riverview.

RACHEL ANN OLLIS and **MICHAEL DECKER** of Westland announce the birth of **MICHAEL EDWARD** Dec. 6 at

the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Larry and Charlotte Decker of Westland.

DONALD and KELLY WILKINSON of Plymouth announce the birth of **TARA NOELLE** Dec. 30 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She has a brother, Max, 4, and a sister, Leah, 2.

BETH PETERS and **MICHAEL PUDDOCK** of Westland announce the birth of **MICHAEL SCOTT PUDDOCK JR.** Dec. 9 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Fathel and Joe Witkowski and Sherrie Helton and Alan Peters.

NELSON and MICHELLE COSGROVE of Livonia announce the birth of **ADAM NELSON** Sept. 16 at Oakwood Hospital. Grandparents are Robert and Joanne Richter and Nelson and Bonnie Cosgrove, all of West Seneca, N.Y. Great-grandmothers are Marie Cosgrove of Hamburg, N.Y., and Beryl McDonald of Buffalo, N.Y.

LAURA and ROBERT HOEFT JR. of Ecorse announce the birth of **NIKOLE RENAE** Dec. 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins two brothers, Kristopher, 23 months, and Robert III, 17. Grandparents are Georgia Hoover of Kingman, Ariz., and Florence Grace of Garden City.

SCOTT and SUSAN PAXSON of Plymouth announce the birth of **JAMES ALFRED** Jan. 25 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. Grandparents are Alfred and Judy Paxson of Canton and James and Linda Rutherford of Redford.

RICHARD BARTON JR. and **ROSEANNA DOBBINS** of Westland announce the birth of **KAYLA ANN BARTON** Dec. 8 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Anthony Robert Dobbins, 2. Grandparents are Richard Barton Sr. of Westland and the late Sally Barton, and Phillip Dobbins Sr. of Westland and the late Ruth Dobbins.

ROBERT and BARBARA CSIRCSU of Livonia announce

the birth of **HANNA MARIE** Feb. 11 at Providence Hospital, Southfield. She joins a brother, Christopher. Grandmothers are Virginia Osiecki and Helen Csircsu.

SHANE and CHRISTINE VAUGHAN of Redford announce the birth of **BRADLEY ALTON** Dec. 30 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Andrew A. and Kathleen Nersesian of Redford.

KELLY and KENNETH POLASKI of Garden City announce the birth of **PAIGE KATHLEEN** Jan. 10 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Kyle, 2, and a sister, Jackie, 3 1/2. Grandparents are Patricia Bien and Harry DeNoon, both of Detroit, and Susan Liepa of Mayfair, Ohio.

GARY and LINDA MAPLES of Livonia announce the birth of

DARREN RAYMOND and **RANDY OSGOOD** Dec. 9 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. They join siblings, Jason, 11, Shawn, 7 and Dawn, 4. Grandparents are Walter and Delores Criss of Inkster, and Hal and Shirley Maples of Florida.

TRACY WHATLEY and JOE GALLAGHER of Wayne announce the birth of **LINDSEY FAITH GALLAGHER** Dec. 13 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister, Karlie Gallagher, 15 months. Grandparents are Diane Gabard of Romulus and Marilyn Gallagher of Livonia.

KIM HAVENS of Dearborn Heights announces the birth of **KARL MATTHEW HAVENS** Dec. 13 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Michael, 12, and a sister, Emma, 3. Grandparents are Rudy and Alice Huetteman of Dearborn Heights and Mert

Wortman of Redford.

RICK and CHRISTINA BALOG of Westland announce the birth of **CODY TYLER** Jan. 15 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Janine and Robert Balog of Garden City, and Robert and Kathy Wilson of Westland.

STEPHEN and MELODY HOFFMAN of Garden City announce the birth of **BRADLEY FORDE** Jan. 25 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Gerald and Diana Forde of Westland and Adrian-Marie Hoffman of Canton.

MICHELLE WOOD and **MARK HERWIG** of Canton announce the births of **KAS-SANDRA KAY WOOD** and **JOSEPH SCOTT WOOD** Dec. 14 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. They have a brother, James Wood. Grandparents are Frederick and Donna

Wood of Westland and Chuck Herwig and Brenda Gamsjager of Taylor.

TONY and KATHY BURZAWA of Wayne announce the birth of **NOLAN RYAN** Jan. 24 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Richard and Jeanne Burzawa and Dee Smith, all of Westland.

ROBERT and BRENDA PELKEY of Westland announce the birth of **TABITHA MARIE** Dec. 18 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She has a brother, Cody. Grandparents are Margaret Temple and Jerry and Diane Pelkey, all of Westland.

MICHAEL and MARIA SULLIVAN of Westland announce the birth of **NATALIE MARIE** Jan. 29 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Patricia Sullivan and Norma and Edgar Buison, all of Livonia.

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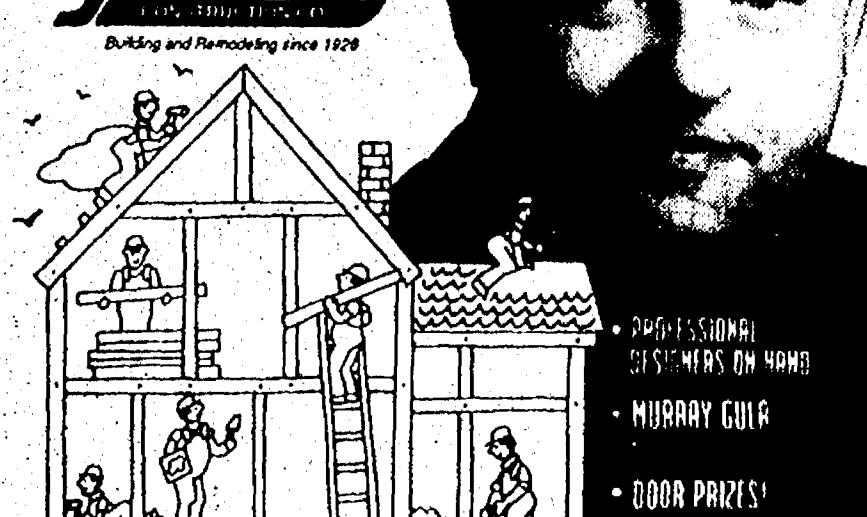
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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Besco Player of Week

University of Michigan junior right fielder Derek Besco (Westland John Glenn) was selected by the publication Collegiate Baseball/Louisville Slugger as one of three National Players of the Week after going 17 for 35 as Michigan finished 8-1 on its spring trip.

Michigan won the Rollins Baseball Week Tournament in Winter Park, Fla., capped by a come-from-behind 21-11 victory Sunday over the University of Maine. It was UM's eighth straight victory, the best spring trip mark since 1985 when the Wolverines went 9-0 in Texas.

Besco belted three homers in the game, including two during an 11-run eighth inning to erase an 11-9 deficit. One was a grand slam.

He was 4-for-7 including a double. He is hitting .465 on the year (20 for 43) with team-high 24 RBI and four homers (tied with brother Bryan).

Bryan Besco, a sophomore first baseman, also went 3-for-4 in the win over Maine with four runs scored and three RBI. He doubled and homered.

Bryan is now 18 of 49 (.367) with 21 RBI (second behind Derek) and 12 runs scored (to Derek's 14).

Both were named to the All-Tournament team. Michigan is now 8-4 on the year.

•Eastern Michigan University senior designated hitter/pitcher Mark Rutherford (Livonia Churchill) led the Eagles on its spring baseball trip with a .429 average (nine for 21 including four doubles).

Youth soccer champions

•The under-11 Michigan Wolves, coached by Derek Williford, captured the A Division second indoor session recently at Total Soccer in Farmington Hills.

Jason Gringell (Livonia) Christian Kisic (Garden City) and John Show (Plymouth) scored goals as the Wolves defeated the Farmington Fury, 7-4, in the championship game.

Other members of the Wolves include Steve Abernethy, Andrew Davis, Pat Kolodziejczak, Brent Baumgartner, Mike Budd and Jeff Kusch, all of Livonia; Joe Hess and John Show, Plymouth; Mike Kelleher and Scotty Schwarzelose, Northville; Kasey Lopata, Farmington; Ryan Belanger, Royal Oak; Randy Ward, Southfield; Kenzo Webster, Monroe.

•The Livonia Rebels, an under-14 girls C Division soccer team, recently finished first with an 8-0-2 record during the second indoor session at Total Soccer in Southfield.

Team members include Lauren Cullum, Mara Dendrinos, Heather Eads, Jennifer Gabon, Tara Lizbinski, Jmal Katie Prost and Julia Trayis, all of Livonia; Jennifer Drabik, Eileen Ecker, Michelle Karpuk, Courtney O'Neill, Dana Thomson, Redford; Anna Habash, Novi; Jamie Harb, Westland; Bridgette Stackpool, New Hudson.

The team is coached by Colleen Hunter. Assistant coaches are Greg Eads and Brenda Lizbinski.

Soccer personnel wanted

Players, coaches and trainers for a Livonia-based Little Caesars and recreation soccer program are wanted.

Coaches are needed for girls under-13, -14, -16, -17, -18 and open, along with boys and girls recreation teams, and under-10 and -11 select teams.

For more information, call (313) 464-9114.

YMCA Night at Palace

The game is sold out, but you can still see the Detroit Pistons take on the Seattle Supersonics, 7 p.m. Sunday at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

For a discount price of \$14, you can see an exciting pre-playoff and help the children and families at the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit.

A limited supply of specially priced tickets are available at the Livonia and Wayne-Westland YMCAs.

For ticket orders, call Mary Rogers at (810) 377-8768 or call your local participating YMCA.

Roller hockey tryouts

Travel roller hockey tryouts will be held at the Skatin Station in Canton beginning at 4:45 p.m. Saturday, March 15 (12-and-under); 6 p.m. Saturday, March 22 (14-and-under); 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 27 (16-and-under); and 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 18 (18-and-under).

The cost is \$5 per person.

For more information, call Dave at (313) 459-6401.

Motorsports speaker series

The inner-workings of major Indy car racing will be examined beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 19 at the Motorsports Hall of Fame, located at the Novi Expo.

Representatives from Championship Auto Racing Teams (CART), the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) and the Detroit Grand Prix will appear, along with speakers from the Indy Lights, Trans Am Series, North American Touring Cars and Neon Challenge.

Admission is \$6 (includes tour of the museum).

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call (810) 849-RACE.

Heartbreaker: Trojans ousted

Lake Fenton comeback nips C'ville spikers in 3

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

One measly match point. That's all that separated Livonia Clarenceville from a trip to the Final Four in the state Class C girls volleyball tournament.

The Lady Trojans fought valiantly and played superbly, but fell just short in a stirring match as Lake Fenton rallied from deficits of 13-9 and 14-10 in the third and deciding game to pull out a 15-7, 12-15, 16-14 quarterfinal victory on Tuesday.

It was almost in Almont — site of the quarterfinal — for Clarenceville, which bowed out with a 28-13-1 record.

Lake Fenton, meanwhile, will take a 31-8-4 mark into Friday's semifinal at Western Michigan University Arena in Kalamazoo.

Despite being out-manned on the front-line and out-fanned in the

stands, Clarenceville overcame a slow start to put itself in position for victory.

To say the Lady Trojans had Lake Fenton on the ropes would be a gross understatement.

Clarenceville missed a serve at 13-9 and had two side-outs at 14-11, but couldn't close the deal.

An ace, a pair of Clarenceville hitting errors, a dink shot and Sarah Taubitz's game-winning block capped a 5-0 Blue Devils' run to clinch the victory.

"It was a matter of executing a specific call," Clarenceville coach Alisha Love said. "It's up to our team leaders to take charge, and they did that for the most part. We came close a couple of times, but we just . . ."

Michelle Berry, a 6-foot junior middle blocker who led Clarenceville with 11 kills, had two thunderous hits at match point (14-11) which were blocked and returned.

Clarenceville was that close to advancing to Kalamazoo.

Ironically, it was the only block or kill in the third game for the 6-foot Taubitz, a junior who had four kills and ace as Lake Fenton breezed past Clarenceville in just 15 minutes in the opening game, 15-7.

"She's been performing well for us all year," Lake Fenton coach Will Stanton said. "She (Taubitz) played well early, and at the end when we needed her. But they (Clarenceville) did a good job blocking her and taking her out of the match."

"Those girls (Clarenceville) dug everything out and we couldn't put the ball away."

Clarenceville appeared to be down and out in the second game as well, but rallied from deficits of 8-0 and 8-1 as 5-6 senior Amy Jones, 5-8 junior Agnieszka Palarz, 5-5 sophomore Danielle Sledz and Berry combined for 17 kills.

"I called timeout and told them they had to focus on their destination and where they wanted to be — which was Kalamazoo," Love said. "Earlier we didn't adjust from the hard hits to the soft rolls."

The Lady Trojans' confidence began to surge after a Jones kill gave the Trojans a 9-8 advantage.

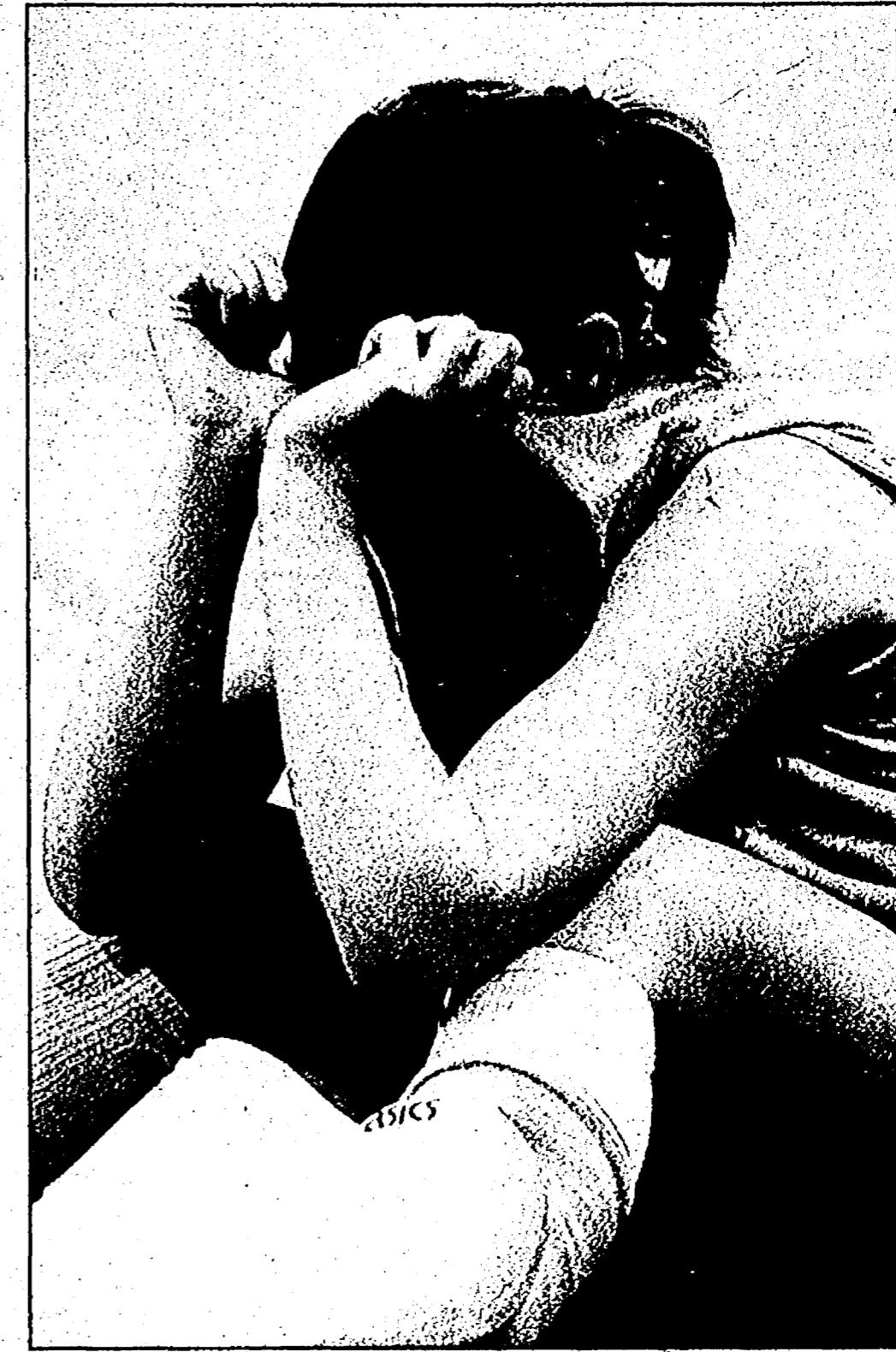


Standing tall: Michelle Berry of Clarenceville led all hitters with 11 kills, but it wasn't enough on Tuesday.

Ladywood season ends



Block party: Salem's Angie Sillmon (No. 23) attacks the block put on by Jenny Young (middle) and Cathy Hermann during Saturday's Class A regional final. Ladywood was ousted in the quarters Tuesday by Temperance Bedford. See volleyball roundup on pages C2-C3.



STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JAGDFELD

Tough loss: Livonia Clarenceville's Amy Jones can't hide her disappointment after a heartbreaking quarterfinal defeat.

"We kind of got lulled because we hit so easily against them in the first game," Stanton said. "But the second and third games they surprised us."

"They ran a different offense, one we haven't really seen all season long. They mixed their sets pretty well. They were going to different hitters all the time. And they proved you don't have to be big to hit the ball."

Michelle Hind, a 6-1 junior, led Lake Fenton with nine kills and four blocks. Nicole Allen, another 6-foot

junior, had seven kills and four blocks. Taubitz added seven kills.

Clarenceville's defense was led by 5-2 junior Jackie Kibliko (27 digs), 5-6 senior setter Nicole Riedl (32 digs), Sledz (31 digs) and Jones (28 digs).

Riedl, the setter, finished with 22 assists.

"I think tonight we met our plateau," Love said. "Everybody stepped up and played their best games of the year."

See Class A and Class C regional recaps on page C3.

State championship garnered by CC, 7-0

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

The final horn sounded, prompting the Redford Catholic Central hockey players to rush the ice and skate toward their cheering section across the way at the Flint IMA Sports Arena.

The Shamrocks wanted to share their 7-0 victory over Trenton in Saturday's Class A state championship game with the fans, who worked up their own sweat in a verbal volley with the Trojans' cheering section.

Some of the CC players started scaling the glass above the boards hoping to slap five with their buddies when coaches and security stepped in and put an end to that.

It was probably the only barrier the Shamrocks couldn't climb this season.

The Shamrocks completed an incredible playoff run and a 25-1-1 record with a lopsided victory over their long-time rivals in the Michigan Metro Hockey League.

The Shamrocks outscored their six

playoff opponents, 43-5.

CC junior goaltender Rick Marnon started and ended the playoffs with shutouts and in between gave up only five goals in four games.

The only thing he missed was high fiving the fans.

"One of the greatest reasons playing for CC is so fun is because the fans are always there for you," Marnon said. "It's a battle between cheering sections when we play Rice and Trenton and it feels real good when the buzzer sounds and you're on top."

The Shamrocks enjoyed a commanding 34 to 12 shots on goal

advantage, including 17-1 in the second period.

Power play goals by Nick Kalenicki and Mike Porter gave the Shamrocks a 2-0 lead before the game was seven minutes old. The Shamrocks added four goals in the second and one in the third.

Six different players scored goals for the Shamrocks, three on the power play. The other goal scorers included Scot Curtin, Dan McLellan, Greg Berger, Brad Karabelski and Eric Bratcher.

Keith Rowe had two assists and Curtin, Kalenicki, Bratcher, Karabelski, McLellan, Porter, Ian Devlin and Mike Sharpe had one each.

"It was the best singular game of any team I have coached," CC coach Gordie St. John, who won his second state crown in four years. "We played the guys who have been the reigning champs a long time. We hoped all along it would come down to these two teams. My team was like a big old ball full of dynamite. We have a lot of respect for Trenton, but we just exploded."

"The kids played hard all year and were interested in learning. Sometimes you look at a kid, you'll see a glaze in his eyes and he's thinking about his girlfriend or what's for dinner. They listened at practice and you could see it in games."

Trenton ended CC's season last year in the quarterfinals with a 9-3 victory.

"From Day 1, we set out to win the state and never once complained about conditioning," said Curtin.

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STATE CLASS A HOCKEY TOURNAMENT RECAP

His Curtin call

Shamrock defenseman named Mr. Hockey

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

The Redford Catholic Central hockey team had just won the Class A state championship Saturday night at the Flint IMA Sports Arena when its locker-room celebration was interrupted by more good news.

Someone informed the Shamrocks' senior defenseman Scot Curtin that he had been selected Mr. Hockey by the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Association.

How's that for a Curtin call?

It sure beats being named one of the game's first three stars.

"It hasn't set in yet, I'm sure later on tonight or tomorrow morning it'll hit me," said Curtin, sitting in the press room following the Shamrocks' 7-0 victory over Trenton.

After letting the thought sink in a few days, Curtin talked about winning the highest individual honor the state has and started crediting past coaches in the Redford area, Jim Omietanski, Frank Taylor and Bob Brown, for his development.

He also thanked his teammates and coaching staff at CC.

"All the coaches I played for I'd like to thank," said Curtin, who used the phone book to make sure he was spelling Omietanski's name right. "It might be an individual award, but it's more of a team thing. I'd especially like to thank my defensive partner, Mike Porter - he'd either help me make the play or I'd help him: We learned not to panic even under heavy pressure in our own zone."

"Coach (Gordie) St. John really promotes his players well. He and (assistant coach) Todd Johnson helped my game a lot, helped me be more comfortable handling the puck. Gordie gave me the green light to do that and stuck me on the power play."

Curtin, who played Midget AAA travel hockey his first two years at CC, said the Class A state championship ranks "right up there" with winning a Pee Wee national championship while playing for Detroit GPD in 1992-93.

Curtin's parents, Mark and Nancy, haven't counted all the money they've spent sending him through school and travel hockey leagues, but they can

estimate.

The year Curtin played on the national champion, a trip to Alaska for the final round had to be financed.

"The Alaska year and the Quebec year (another trip, during yet another hockey season), not including sticks and skates, the ice bill and travel alone was about \$4,500 a year," said Nancy Curtin, a medical technician at Providence Hospital.

Curtin was destined to attend CC, and not just because he lives two blocks from the school or attended St. Valentine Grade School in Redford.

His father, Mark, and uncles Randy, Chris and Brian played hockey at CC. His deceased grandfather, John Curtin, was an assistant coach at CC.

An aunt, Kim Curtin, was an accomplished figure skater.

"She would take him to the rink, too," Nancy Curtin said.

Mark Curtin, an investigator for the Wayne County Friends of the Court, was a goaltender on the CC hockey team that won the mythical state championship in 1968.

The elder Curtin helped Scot

early in his development as a player but wisely stays out of the way of his slap shots today.

"My dad stood out there in the driveway for me a few times, but not lately," Scot said, laughing.

A basketball net also stands in the Curtins' driveway, but it was usually used by Scot's sister, Erin, who was a three-sport athlete at Livonia Ladywood and currently a Michigan State University student.

Curtin started playing hockey at the age of 4 and by 8 he was playing on travel teams. His goalie career lasted only a game when he was selected by his mite (ages 7 and 8) coach to play the position that day.

"I didn't want to have the responsibility of giving up the game-winning goal," he laughed.

Curtin finished his senior season with 14 goals and 22 assists and made the Coaches Association Class A all-state team along with teammates Porter, Rick Marion and Eric Bratcher.

Porter and Curtin combined to form the best defensive duo in the state, according to St. John and probably any other coach who saw the two play.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HANLEY

Mr. Hockey: Defenseman Scot Curtin of Catholic Central has a harvest of awards over the years.

bury College in Vermont or Lake Forest College in Chicago, but isn't ruling out any other options.

He also may play another year of junior hockey, which could improve his chances for playing at an NCAA Division I college.

Curtin expects to be invited to the Showcase Day in Chicago, a time for high school players in the midwest to be evaluated by junior and college teams throughout the country.

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Wayne boots Mules, 75-36

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

After going scoreless the first 3 minutes and 20 seconds, Wayne Memorial certainly made up for lost time in Wednesday's Class A regional boys' basketball semifinal at Jackson High School.

The Zebras rolled to a convincing 75-36 win over out-manned Temperance-Bedford to advance to its third straight regional final.

Wayne, now 22-1 overall, will play the winner of tonight's Taylor-Kennedy-Ann Arbor Huron semifinal clash in the championship game, 7 p.m. Saturday at Jackson.

Despite trailing 4-0 at the outset, Wayne proved to be the superior team over the final 28 minutes and 40 seconds.

"We got off to a very slow start," said Wayne coach Chuck Henry, who will be gunning for this third straight regional title. "We knew we were the quicker team and I thought ultimately we could disrupt offensive plans — and we did."

Seventeen Bedford turnovers

BOYS HOOPS

later, Wayne was comfortably out in front 38-17 at halftime.

And it was over after three quarters as the Zebras went on a 25-7 run as 6-foot-3 senior point-guard Lorenzo Guess poured in 12 of his game-high 28 points.

He also finished with six steals.

Twin brother LaVelle, a 6-foot senior, added 12 points, while Richard Rashad and Rodney Hurst each chipped in with eight. Quentin Turner, a 6-7 junior center, came off the bench to contribute six points and three blocks.

"We've been working on extending our bench the last couple of weeks," Henry said. "With Shomari Dunn being ineligible, we've moved Karl Callaway into a starting spot."

"I thought Turner did a decent job, and we have (Brian) Williams and (Deon) Willis in as our first guards. We're trying to play an eight-man rotation."

Bedford, which pulled off three

wins in the district, including a 69-46 pasting of Woodhaven in the final, committed 25 turnovers (to Wayne's eight) and got off only 21 shots through three quarters.

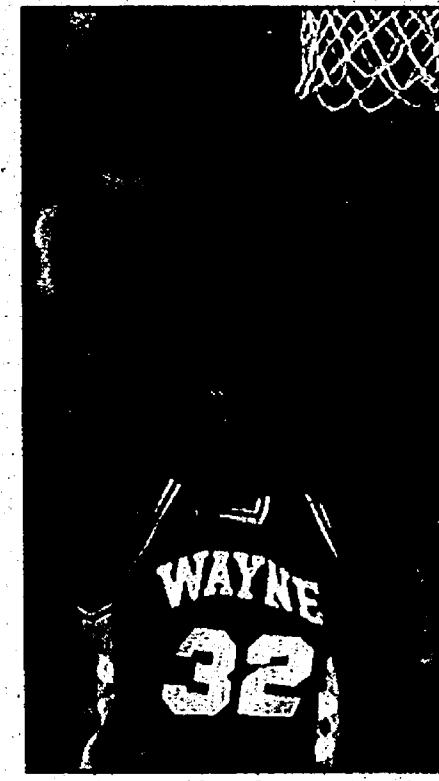
"They (Wayne) are the best team we've played," eighth-year Bedford coach Mark German said. "They're well-coached and disciplined. Their quickness presented so many problems for us that it was difficult to overcome."

The Kicking Mules, who finished 8-16 overall, simply succumbed to Wayne's full-court pressure defense midway through the first quarter.

"Our approach was to get them to take the outside shot, stop the drive and not give up second shots," German said. "For 3½ minutes we met our first goal, but we didn't meet our second goal, which was to keep them off the boards. They're a very athletic team."

Chad Clay was the only Bedford player to score in double figures with 10. The Mules were 12 of 38 from the field (31.5 percent).

Wayne, meanwhile, shot 34 of



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Layup shot: Rodney Hurst pumps in two for Wayne Memorial.

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Catholic Central gains 9th at Class A championships

Bedford Catholic Central's boys swim team can throw away the receipts and keep the shirts.

The seven Shamrocks who qualified for last week's Class A state meet purchased T-shirts beforehand that read *Break the silence*, a reference to last year when CC went home scoreless.

The Shamrocks showed tremendous improvement with 37 points, good for ninth place Saturday at the University of Michigan's Canham Natatorium in Ann Arbor.

Birmingham Brother Rice won the team title for the fourth straight year with 243 points.

"They went up there and just tried to believe in themselves, the coaches, the program," CC first-year coach Danny Knipper said. "I was hoping for a top 12 finish."

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three other seniors as well: Brad Vamos, Doug Carlin and Eric Hudzinski. Carlin was an alternate on the relays at the state meet.

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"If he would continue to swim in college, he would really see what's underneath the surface, the potential he's got inside him," Knipper said. "He really worked hard, took off for us."

Reinke failed to qualify in the 200 freestyle, taking 15th place (1:47.05), but that was understandable, according to Knipper.

"He was on the medley relay and had four minutes rest before he had to come right back," Knipper said. "He missed qualifying by just under a second."

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Ladywood spikers rally in dramatic style

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS WRITER

REGIONAL RECAP

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Although the scores from the first two games of the Ladywood-Salem match indicated one-sided affairs, they weren't. In the opening game, there were seven straight side-outs before a single point was scored.

Salem led 6-3 at one point and the game was tied at 8-all before Ladywood took control, scoring the final seven points.

In game No. 2, Salem never trailed. The Blazers did tie it at 3-apiece, but the Rocks were in control after that. Key moments in the win for the Rocks came during the serves of Kristie Giddings and Laine Sterling, with four points scored during each.

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But that was as close as the Rocks would come to victory. Three kills by Sarah Poglitis, two resulting in Ladywood points, were instrumental in the comeback win.

So, too, were some mid-match adjustments by Ladywood coach Tom Teeters. "We went for different matchups," he explained. "They were blocking Sarah (Poglitis) very well, but once we got some different matchups, that extended the game a little longer and they ran out of substitutions."

"That made the difference."

Leading Ladywood's attack were Jenny Young and Cathy Hermann with 13 kills apiece; Poglitis added 11 and Lachapelle had five.

But the defenses ruled this match. As a team, Ladywood's attack percentage was just .110; Hermann's .241 was best.

The Blazers defensive prowess was evident in the number of digs — 75, or 25 per game. Five players reached double figures in digs: Lachapelle (17), Nicole Vondracek (14), Katie Brogan (13), and Hermann and Dause (10 each). Poglitis added one solo block, two block assists and eight digs.

Vondracek also had 40 assists. Hermann also had three aces.

For Salem, net defense was a key factor. Amanda Abraham and Angie Sillmon both had strong matches, Abraham collecting 14 kills to go with five solo blocks and two block assists.

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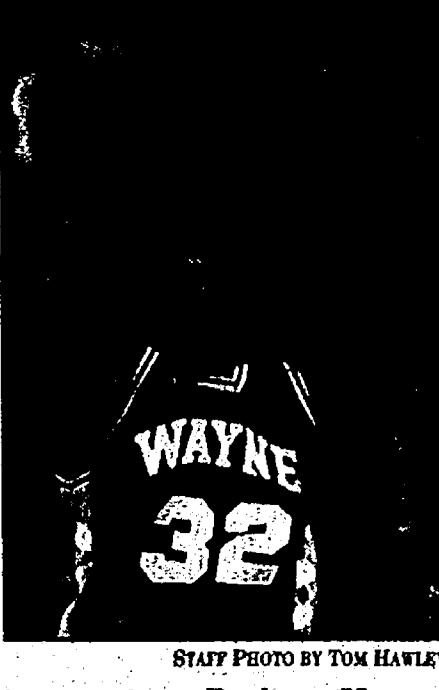
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out his career with an eighth-place finish in the 100 yard freestyle in a time of 48.21 seconds. He also anchored the 200 medley relay and 400 freestyle relay that took seventh and ninth place, respectively.

The other three swimmers on the 200 medley relay — Nick Sosnowski, Paul Connolly and Matt Baran — are juniors. The relay finished in 1:39.72.

The 400 freestyle, which included Sosnowski, sophomore Ryan Meekins, senior J.P. Merchant and Reinke, finished in 3:16.16.

Reinke will be sorely missed.

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INDIVIDUAL STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RECAP

Buckner, Sueda runners-up

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson junior Katsuhiko Sueda and Wayne Memorial senior George Buckner were the highest-placing Observerland wrestlers in the Division I tournament.

Both finished second (Sueda at 103 pounds and Buckner at 215) in the two-day competition that concluded Saturday with the state finals at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

They headed a list of seven Stevenson/Wayne wrestlers who earned medals by placing among the top eight at their weights.

Wayne senior Richard Watson (130) was third, Stevenson senior Richard Bramer (275) and Wayne senior John Nichols (119) fifth, Stevenson senior Nick Petryk (145) seventh and Wayne senior Pat Grzecki (189) eighth.

In addition to them, Livonia Churchill senior Bob Fowler (215) was fourth and Redford Catholic Central sophomore Broce Naysmith (215) eighth.

In a rematch of the regional championship bout won 4-3 by Monroe's Leroy Johnson, Buckner lost a 10-1 decision to his Mega Conference rival in the state final.

Johnson had a successful strategy for opposing him. Buckner said,

"Leroy keeps his body away, and he stays low to the ground," Buckner said. "He's more aggressive (than most); he's not intimidated like others are. He took it to me."

In the semifinals, Buckner avenged a loss to Owosso's Glenn Olger by winning 12-7 in overtime.

"He got me at the beginning of the season, and I never saw him again," Buckner said. "It was kinda sweet to see him here."

Buckner was losing 4-3 in the

third period, and two penalty points for illegal holds gave Olger a 6-5 lead with 35 seconds left.

Buckner went ahead with a two-point nearfall and appeared to have won the bout. But Olger was awarded another point as time expired due to a scorekeeping error.

"I can't fault anybody. They were just doing their job, and I was trying to do mine," said Buckner, who dominated the overtime. "Once I saw he was getting tired, I went after him a little harder."

Buckner (24-4) was quite satisfied with the way he finished after starting the season slowly due to a football injury.

"At the beginning of the season, I gased a lot," he said. "I got in shape and wrestled pretty well here."

Sueda (44-6) won three straight decisions before losing to Charlotte's Toby Dickson, a freshman with a lot of club experience, 17-5 in the final.

"I thought I was prepared really well, but I guess I wasn't," Sueda said. "I'm looking forward to next year. It's a disappointing ending, but I had a pretty good season."

Watson (48-2) reached the semifinals with two decision but lost only his second bout to Charlotte's Steve Belknap, 14-8.

He rebounded by pinning East Detroit's Curtis Fillar (2:42) and beating Temperance Bedford's Steve Dec 6-1 to finish third.

"(The loss) got my mind right," Watson said. "It's kinda disappointing not to win (it all), but I'm happy with the way I finished."

Bramer (29-7) was the biggest surprise of any area wrestler, proving any doubters wrong with a strong state-meet performance.

After losing his first bout, he won his next two by pin to guar-

antee a place in the top eight.

Bramer followed with another pin before losing again. In his final bout, he pinned Muskegon Reeths-Puffer's Nate Avdek in 1:38.

"There were a few people who had doubts about me, but I knew I could pull it off," Bramer said. "Winning my last match by pin was a good way to end my career."

"It's very fulfilling. I'm actually good at something. I'm better than most people in my weight class; I'm one of the best heavyweights in Michigan."

Petryk (46-6) also lost his first bout, won his next two, lost and won his final match in overtime, 6-4 over Romeo's Carl Darling, to earn his 100th career victory.

"I got a little lucky, I guess," Petryk said of his last bout. "He took a bad shot and I capitalized on it. (The 100th win) was another reason I had to win that one."

"It was nice going out on a win. I'm happy I placed; I just wish I did better. I wrestled as well as I could have, but things don't always happen the way you



Championship bout: Monroe's Leroy Johnson (middle) gets his hand raised by the referee after scoring a 10-1 decision vs. Wayne's George Buckner in 275-pound final.

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Nichols finished with a 44-13 record, Grzecki 40-14, Fowler 41-5 and Naysmith 29-10.

Fowler, who was fourth in the regional, defeated Naysmith (6-2) and Clarkston's Gordie Golec (10-9) to reach the semis where he lost (7-3) to Johnson. He defeated Temperance Bedford's Corey Andrews (14-7) but lost to Olger in the finals.

Warrior Meyer takes 4th

Lutheran High Westland heavyweight Matt Meyer finished fourth in the Division IV individual tournament held last weekend at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

Meyer opened with victories over Tom Cole of Bangor (fall in 4:29) and Eric II of Byron (13-8 decision).

Jeff McVay of Morenci, the

eventual champion, sent Meyer to the consolation bracket with a pin in 4:59.

Meyer then decided Aien Griffin of Decatur, 2-1, before losing to Brad Sinclair of Olivet (fall in 1:48).

The junior finished the year 29-16 overall.

Livonia Clarenceville 152-pounder Craig Rose did not compete due to knee injury. He finishes the year at 40-7.

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State runner-up: Livonia Stevenson's Katsuhiko Sueda finished second in the 103-pound class.

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CALENDAR

THIS WEEKEND

PARENTS' DAY

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools Family Resource Center is sponsoring Parents' Day 3 this Saturday, March 15 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Adams Middle School, 33475 Palmer Road, Westland. This year's theme is "True Colors: Issues Facing Families Today." For information or to register, call (313) 595-2279.

PATRIOTS CLUB

The Franklin High School Patriots Club will host a craft show 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. this Saturday, March 15, at the school, located at 31000 Joy Road, Livonia, between Middlebelt and Merriman roads. Those who require wheelchair access will be admitted at 9 a.m. Information, (313) 425-6072.

LOCAL SHOW

Easter Extravaganza Craft Show will be held Saturday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 16 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Westland Friendship Center. Crafters and shoppers sought. Call (313) 722-7632 for information. Sponsored by The Friendship Center, the Westland Senior Resources Department and Superior Arts.

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Matthew Lutheran Church/School, 5885 Venoy, Westland will host a blood drive on Sunday, March 16, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the school gym. Donors should be age 17-66 years and in good health. Information (313) 425-0260.

SPECIAL EVENTS

SPRING BALL SCHEDULED
The Westland Community Foundation will host its Spring Ball on Friday, March 21 starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Hellenic Cultural Center on Joy Road in Westland. Pianist David Syme will entertain guests with a classical performance and will accompany his hand for guest dancing. A raffle will give all guests an opportunity to win a 1997 sport utility vehicle. Dress is elegant/black tie optional. Tickets are \$200 per couple. Call (313) 595-7727 for information/reservations.

EASTER BUNNY TO VISIT
The Westland Jaycees will host the group's annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Westland Jaycee Park at Hunter and Wildwood. Games, sugar-free candy, pictures with the Easter Bunny and other family activities are scheduled for kids from birth to age 15.

JOB & CAREERS FAIR
The Westland Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Jobs & Careers Fair at the Westland Shopping Center Saturday, April 12 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. More than 80 tables of employers will be available to meet job seekers. To obtain information about the fair, call the chamber at (313) 326-7222.

WAKE UP WESTLAND
The Westland Chamber of Commerce is hosting a series of free morning breakfast meetings beginning March 18 at 8 a.m. at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road. Featured will be the topic: How to Avoid Getting Into Trouble Hiring and Firing. For information call (313) 326-7222.

EASTER EVENTS
The Civitan Club of West-

land will host two Easter events this month, including a Bunny Brunch on Saturday, March 22, and an egg hunt on Friday, March 28.

• The brunch will be held at the VFW No. 3323 Hall at Wayne and Avondale. The "all you can eat" meal will feature pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee, tea or milk. A special visit will be made by the Easter bunny. Purchase tickets at the Bailey Recreation Center daily between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. at \$2 per child ages 1-12 and \$4 for adults. Make checks payable to Westland Civitan. Sponsored by Westland Parks and Recreation Department and Westland Civitan.

• The March 28 egg hunt will be held outdoors, rain or shine, in Central City Park. Promptly at 4 p.m., a siren will sound to start the hunt. The event is sponsored by the Westland Civitan, Westland Fire Department, Westland Cultural Society and the Westland Parks & Recreation Department. For information on either event, call Westland Parks & Recreation Department at (313) 722-7620.

FOOD PROGRAM

The city of Westland will sponsor its surplus food program at the Dorsey Community Center on the following dates and times. In March, tomatoes, corn, prunes, macaroni and canned beef will be distributed:

- Thursday, March 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for Palmer, Stieber, Merriman and Wildwood roads (is known as Norwayne and Oak Village).
- Friday, March 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for all other residents excluding Precinct No. 28.

Seniors living in the Taylor Towers may call their building manager for day of distribution. Information (313) 595-0366.

CRAFT SHOWS

LOCAL SHOW

Westland Spring Craft Show will be held Friday, March 21, 4-9 p.m., Saturday, March 22, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 23, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bailey Recreation Center, behind city hall on Ford Road. Sponsored by Superior Arts and Westall Doris (313) 326-0146 or Donna (313) 453-5719 for information or to register as a crafter.

CRAFTERS NEEDED

The Wayne-Westland YMCA is having its craft show 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 15, and table or rental space is available. For more information call Pauline King (313) 721-7044.

BINGO

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The Notre Dame Knights of Columbus hold bingo games starting at 6:45 p.m. Thursdays in its hall on Van Born, east of Wayne Road. (313) 728-3020.

MONDAY BINGO

The Notre Dame Assembly Knights of Columbus holds bingos at 6:30 p.m. Mondays in its hall on Van Born east of Wayne Road. There are specials held on the last Monday of each month. (313) 728-3020.

WFCL BINGO

The Finesse Girls Travel Softball Boosters hold a bingo from 6:30-9:45 p.m. every Monday to raise money for the girls softball program. The bingo games are held at the Wayne Ford Civic League Hall, on Wayne Road, two blocks south of Ford.

DEM'S BINGO

The Metro Wayne Democratic Club sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Joy Manor Bingo Hall, on the south side of Joy, east of Middlebelt. Proceeds are used by the club to sponsor Little League baseball teams, the Salvation Army, School for the Blind. (313) 422-5025 or (313) 729-8681.

DEM'S BINGO

The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party will hold bingo games at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, in the Cherry Hill Hall, on the southwest corner of Cherry Hill and Venoy. (313) 421-1517.

BINGO AND SNACKS

The auxiliary of VFW Post 3323, Westland, serves snacks and provides charity games at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday in the post hall, on Wayne Road at Avondale. (313) 326-3323.

SHAMROCK BINGO

There will be bingo at 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born, east of Wayne Road, Wayne. Doors open 9 a.m. Food available. Proceeds go to charity. (313) 728-3020.

SMOKELESS BINGO

"Smokeless" bingo meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday, at Sts. Simon and Jude Parish Hall, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland. Offered are three jackpots of \$400, \$300 and \$200.

NO SMOKE

"No smoking" bingo will be 1 p.m. every Tuesday at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh Road, Westland. Residents from Westgate Towers, Taylor Towers, Greenwood Towers, Liberty Park, Presbyterian Village and Carolon Condos, etc., are eligible for transportation to bingo if they have a minimum of five players. (313) 722-7632.

K OF C BINGO

Pope John XXIII assembly of the Knights of Columbus Council 1536 hosts bingo games at 6:45 p.m. every Thursday. The games are located in the Livonia Elks Lodge, 31117 Plymouth Road, one block east of Merriman, Livonia. (313) 427-3069.

CIVITAN BINGO

Wayne Civitan bingo is at 6:30 p.m. every Monday on Elizabeth between Michigan Avenue East and Michigan Avenue West next to the Farmer Jack in Wayne. Money raised helps support many projects in the community, such as youth, park equipment, Special Olympics, First Night Wayne and reading projects. Information, (313) 531-2993.

HOLY SMOKE MASTERS

The Holy Smoke Masters Toastmasters Club meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Thursday at Denny's Restaurant, Wayne Road across from the Westland Center. Learn the art of speaking in public. Cost is \$24 for six months and includes monthly magazine and learning manuals. Call (313) 326-5419 for information.

JAYCEES

Westland Jaycees host bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, Westland. Three jackpots paying \$250, \$300 and \$300, progressive. (313) 525-2962.

HOST LIONS

The Westland Host Lions Club meets 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in Mary's

CLASSES

FREE CLASSES

The Showman's Dog Training Organization sponsors free junior showmanship classes for dog owners ages 7-17 at the AMVETS Hall on Merriman near Avondale at 8:30 p.m. the first and second Tuesdays of each month through September. Call (313) 729-7580.

MECHANIC CERTIFICATION

The William D. Ford Career/Technical Center will host spring testing for the State of Michigan Mechanic Certification tests on Wednesday, April 16 from 6-9 p.m. in Classrooms A & C at the Center.

Cost is \$6 per test with a maximum of two tests per person. They are the same tests administered by the state for automotive technicians. Applications may be picked up at the William D. Ford center, 36455 Marquette, Westland. Call (313) 595-2135 or (313) 595-2172 for information. Deadline to register is Wednesday, April 16.

CLUBS IN ACTION

RIGHT TO LIFE

Westland Right to Life will meet on March 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Warrenwoods Wesleyan Church, 6615 Venoy, Westland. The group meets on the third Monday of each month.

NAWBO WEST

NAWBO-West meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Fox Hills Country Club, 8768 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for guests, which includes continental breakfast.

CAMPING CLUB

Moonliters Camping Club meets 8:15 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month at Canfield Community Center, 1801 N. Beech Daly, south of Ford, Dearborn Heights. Family camping with all ages, scheduled camp outs during the camping season. Harvey and Marion Grigg, (313) 427-3069.

WEEKENDERS

The Weekenders family campers meet the second Wednesday of the month in Franklin High School, on Joy east of Merriman. (313) 531-2993.

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Family Restaurant. Information (313) 326-2607.

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES

For information on a Mothers of Multiples Club in your area, call Shelly Weir (313) 326-1466.

CHILD BIRTH ASSOCIATION

Classes for childbirth preparation are being offered at several Wayne County locations. Morning and evening classes available. Registering new classes every month. Newborn care classes and Cesarean preparation also offered. (313) 459-7477.

WESTLAND JAYCEES

Westland Jaycees meet 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in the Bova VFW Post, on Hix south of Warren. Hot line, (313) 525-0962.

CORVETTE CLUB

The Corvette Club of Michigan meets at 8 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month in Les Stanford Chevrolet, Dearborn. Glenn Simms, (313) 675-5633, or Paul Jenkins, (313) 981-4254.

CAMARO BUFFS

The new Eastern Michigan Camaro Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month at Krug Chevrolet in Taylor. (313) 326-5658.

AMBASSADORS

Ambassadors Junior Civitan is seeking people ages 13-18 for community service activities. The club meets 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month in the Westland Historical, Cultural and Community Meeting House, 36993 Marquette, east of Newburgh. (313) 729-5409.

PURPLE HEART

The Military Order of Purple Heart meets at 8 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the VFW Hall, on Ford west of Venoy. Meetings are open to combat-wounded veterans.

FUND-RAISERS

CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY

SS Simon & Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland sponsors a St. Patrick's Day Card Party this Saturday, March 15, from 6:30-10 p.m. at the church. Door and table prizes, a 50-50 drawing, cards and games of your choice, plus light meal and snacks. Tickets are \$6 with proceeds to the church building fund. Call (313) 728-2090 or (313) 729-2716 for information.

RECREATION

BASKETBALL

Registration being accepted for men's and women's basketball leagues with Westland Parks and Recreation Department, 36651 Ford, Westland. (313) 722-7620.

SQUARE DANCE

Beginner square dance classes held 7:30-9:30 Tuesdays in Bailey Recreation Center (behind City Hall), on Ford Road, Westland. Fee \$3 per person.

HOST LIONS

The Westland Host Lions Club meets 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in Mary's

weekly. Mike Brennan, (313) 274-3394.

FOR DISABLED PEOPLE

A recreational get-together for teens and adults who are disabled will be the second Friday of each month at the Westland Bailey Center. (313) 722-7620.

OPEN SWIM

The Wayne-Westland YMCA has daily open swim available 7-8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1-3 p.m. Saturday. Family swim is 8-8:45 p.m. Friday and 3-4 p.m. Saturday. The YMCA is at 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland. (313) 721-7044.

WOMEN
SEEKING MEN

PRETTY WOMAN

Attractive SF, 30s, dark-haired, dark eyes, 5'4", seeks N/S, who likes to go out and have fun, movies, dancing, takes care of herself. For LTR. **11542(exp4/17)**

ATTRACTIVE BIT

40, 5'8", 145lbs, employed, educated, N/S, non-smoker, non-drinker, no dependents. Seeking monogamous relationship with SM, 44-54, N/S, mandatory, employed and lives alone, with a wide variety of interests. **11541(exp4/17)**

SEEKING PARTNER

Seeking kind, considerate SM, 45-50, in good shape, extremely open-minded, secure, accepting, no dependents, depends on him, for LTR. pretty, smart, 40+, good green, intelligent, with a good job, no children. **11494(exp4/17)**

LOVES LIFE

Beautiful, 35 year-old, registered nurse, strawberry blonde/brown, N/S, loves to travel, enjoys life, seeks someone with similar interests, goals, and dreams, for LTR. Farmington Hills area. **11443(exp4/17)**

BRING JOY INTO YOUR LIFE

Attractive, 30, SF, 5'4", enjoys music, movies, quiet times, seeks hopelessly romantic, affectionate single/divorced WCM, 40+, North Oakland County area. **11446(exp4/17)**

SEEKING SPACERODA

Very attractive, blonde, seek, intelligent, intent on capturing suspect described as nice-looking, tall, HW proportionate, with hair, humor, honest, amiable, Ray Revere negotiable. **11533(exp4/17)**

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL

One sincere and honest white woman, young 50 (looks 40), is looking for someone with no dependents, N/S, loves traveling, movies, travel. **11534(exp4/17)**

GENTLEMAN PREFERRED

DWF, 5'8", 110lbs, N/S, wishes to meet a tall gentleman, 45-55, who knows how to treat a lady. You must enjoy traveling, music, sports, quality time. **11531(exp4/17)**

EASY ON THE EYES

DWF, down-to-earth, former model, 5'8", great personality, enjoys dancing, dancing, theater, long walks, etc. No dependents, N/S, social graces, honest, kind, HW, social interests, good health, Ray Revere negotiable. **11530(exp4/17)**

OUTGOING & UPBEAT

SWF, 30, 5'6", down-to-earth, with spirit of adventure, enjoys music, movies, quiet times, seeks hopelessly romantic, affectionate single/divorced WCM, 40-50, with compatible interests, for possible LTR. **11523(exp4/17)**

CUTE ITALIAN

Sincere, warm DWF, 61, 5'2", N/S, enjoys sports, concertgoer, seeks N/S, who loves dancing, music, comedy, and classics. **11373(exp4/17)**

HEY, MR. RIGHT!

Attractive, 30, SF, 5'4", N/S, fair complexion, enjoys movies, plays. Seeking honest, sincere SF, 40-50, to share life with. Smoke/kids ok. **11519(exp4/17)**

MOVIE WATCHER

SWF, 20, 5'6", down-to-earth, with spirit of adventure, enjoys music, movies, quiet times, seeks hopelessly romantic, affectionate single/divorced WCM, 40-50, to enjoy her, comedy, and classics with. **11373(exp4/17)**

SWEET AND EASY

DWF, 32, petite, easygoing, honest, and sincere, seeks N/S, romantic, laughs, fun, and new adventures with SF/DWM, 30-38, easygoing and independent, who enjoys kids. **11273(exp4/17)**

SOLITAIRE SEEKER

SF/DWM, 40-50, HW proportionate, believer in fairy tales and happy endings. Seeking Prince Charming, sense of humor, optimist, silly and funny. Could it be you? **11272(exp4/17)**

SINGLE MOTHER

SBF, 25, intelligent, hard-working, educated, seeks an intelligent, race conscious BM, who loves children, and is kind and caring. **11271(exp4/17)**

ARE YOU FREE?

Do you live for the future? Are you 45+? Do you enjoy concerts, movies, dancing, cooking, traveling? Financially secure, classy, HW, attractive, blonde, widow, late 40s, SF, seeks sincere, honest man. **11668(exp4/10)**

TOUCH OF CLASS

Educated DWF, 40+, active, 48, honestly petite, loves outdoors, travel, dancing, movies, romantic dinners, long walks, and having fun. How about a romantic dinner, man, who enjoys the finer things in life like me. **11370(exp4/10)**

INTERRACIAL RELATIONSHIP

Attractive SBF, 57+, employed, educated, honest, seeks SFM, 40+, intelligent, who loves children, and is kind and caring, generous for special relationship or friendship. N/S, drug-free. Serious replies only. **11365(exp4/10)**

LET'S CHAT

Young 39 SF, 5'4", SF, career-oriented, professional, spunky personality, SF, blonde/blue, enjoys theater, dining out, traveling and sports. Seeking same in exciting WM. **11362(exp4/10)**

THIN & LOOKING

Professional, attractive SF, 34, seeks established SBM. Must be caring, passionate, and willing to include my 8 year-old son. Age unimportant. **11359(exp4/10)**

SINCERE & HONEST

Attractive, intelligent, selective, college-educated, self-assured SF, 35, seeks SFM, 37-48, with similar traits and interests, for LTR. **11341(exp4/10)**

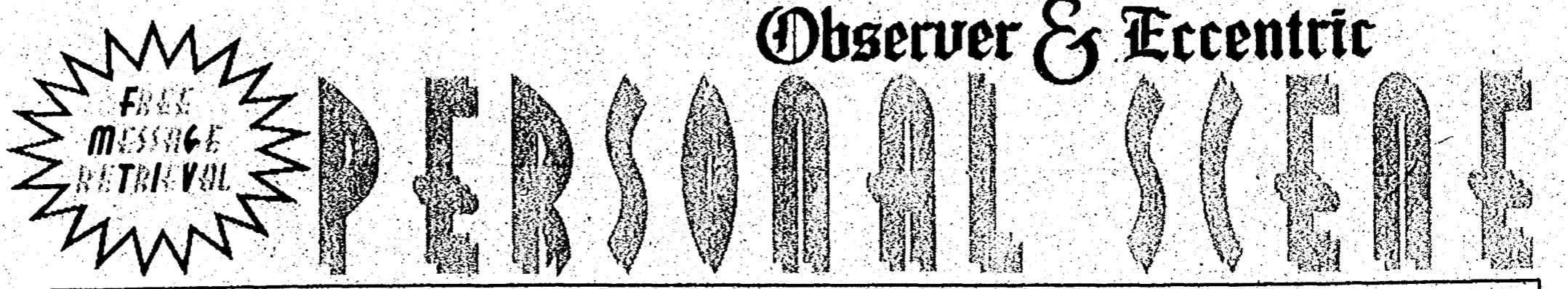
FRIENDS FIRST

SF, 26, 5'2", 120lbs, pretty, enjoys music, dancing, and sports. Seeking SF, 26-30, with similar interests, and is kind and caring. **11340(exp4/10)**

DOWN-TO-EARTH

Humorous, conservative SF/DWM, 40+, average height, slender, no dependents, enjoys conversation, travel, dancing, movies, and sports. Seeking SF, 30-42, with compatible interests, for possible LTR. **11337(exp4/10)**

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT

DWF, 29, attractive, 5'4", 123lbs, brown/brown, loves dancing, animals. Seeking a man with a sense of humor, who must be employed. **11177(exp4/10)**To listen and respond to any Personal Scene ad, call **1-900-773-6789**

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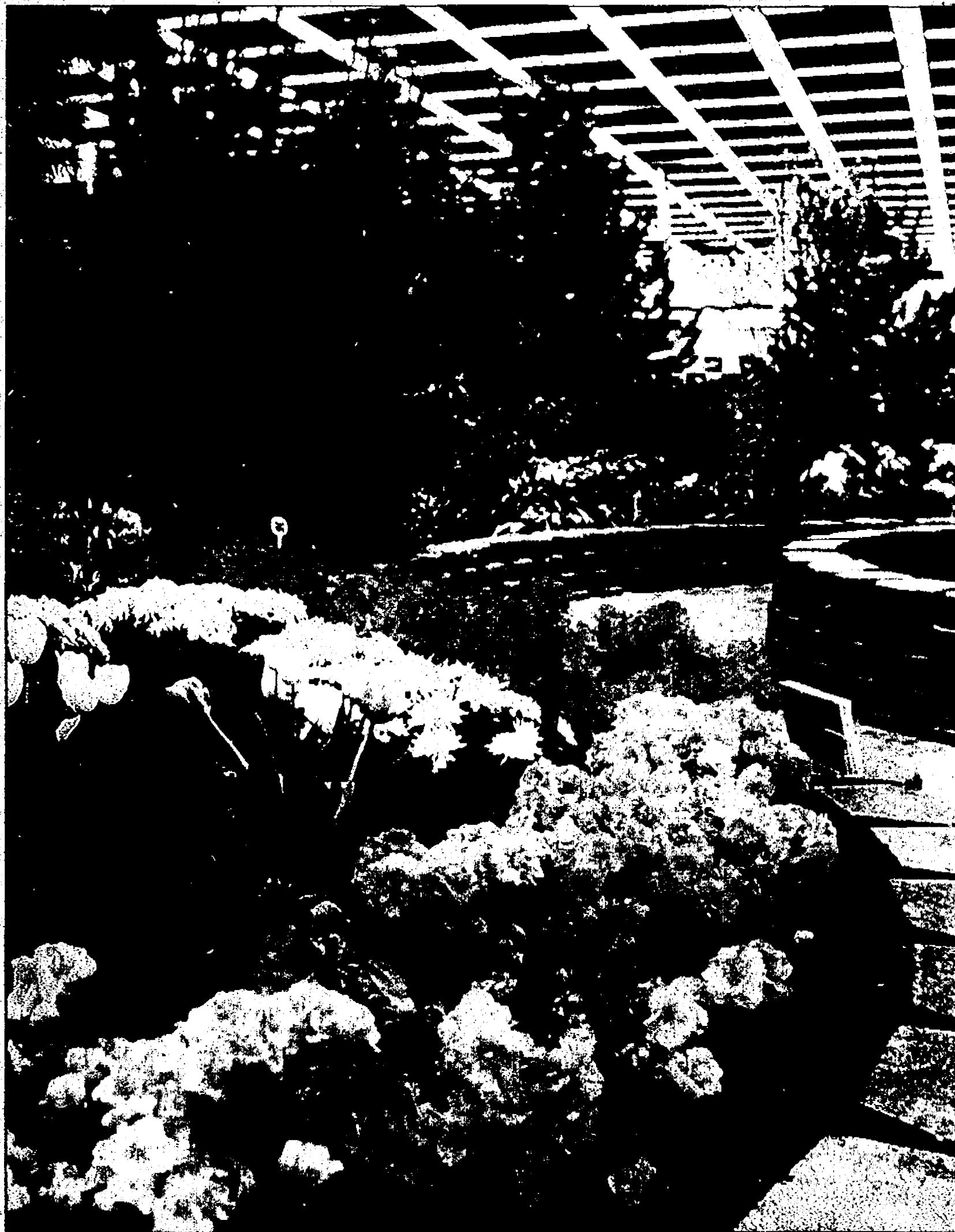
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Builders Show - make home a castle

The 79th annual International Builders Home, Flower and Furniture Show is poised to help homeowners turn their residences into centers of entertainment when it takes place March 15-23 at Detroit's Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center.

The Cobo Builders show will be part of the National Home and Garden Show Series sponsored by House Beautiful Magazine. Home Depot is the presenting sponsor of the series.

"The show will give homeowners ideas to make their homes more enjoyable to live in," said Scott Jacobson, president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and of the S.R. Jacobson Development Corporation in Bingham Farms.

"Increasingly, homes will be designed for casual entertaining with expanded kitchens and family rooms, outdoor decks and designated media rooms. Formal areas like dining and living rooms are becoming multi-purpose rooms. And 'all-season' rooms and finished basements are great places for exercising, hobbies or home offices."

The Cobo Builders Show is the

largest show of its kind in the Midwest. The non-profit BIA is the event sponsor.

Special highlights of the show include seminars by Jim Krenzel of the National Kitchen & Bath Association on trends and creativity on a budget for kitchens sponsored by Kurtis Kitchen and Bath Centers and Wilsonart International. Kitchen and bath products and design trends will be featured at the Michigan Kitchen & Bath Show sponsored by the BIA with The Detroit News and Free Press Classifieds.

Mr. Concrete, Larry Medd, will present "How to Avoid Cracks" and "The Hard Facts on Driveways, Sidewalks and Basements." The International Masonry Institute will feature an all-masonry home, demonstrate brick sculpting, tile finishing, bricklaying and chimney building.

Detroit Carpentry Joint Apprenticeship School will erect a steel-frame, metal-stud, 700-square-foot home and fabricate solid-surface vanity countertops.

More than 1-1/2 acres of blooming gardens, incorporating a garden railroad sponsored by Detroit Edison and a New

England cottage garden sponsored by Wallside Windows, will be created by members of the Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association.

The Pool, Spa & Recreation Show, a "show within a show," will feature products and services for patio, yard, garage, garden and recreation needs.

Other attractions include the Parade of Homes, which features a pictorial display of new homes and a free plan book sponsored by the BIA, Standard Federal Bank and The Detroit News and Free Press Classifieds.

Demonstrations and more than 100 cut flower arrangements will be featured compliments of Professional Allied Florists Association members.

A Home Buyer's Clinic sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers will have seminars on financing, electrical power safety tips and BIA's Remodelers Council ABCs of Remodeling.

Children's playhouses will be on display for the Women's Forum of BIA's charity benefit.

Broadcasting live from the show will be WXYZ's "Ask the Handyman" Glenn Haege and "Money Talk" Rick Bloom

Saturdays and Sundays and WWJ NewsRadio 950 daily. The House of Nails and Treasure Chest contests will award prizes.

More than 400 exhibitors will show products and services for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, yards/gardens, remodeling, furniture, arts and crafts, decorative accessories, electronics, heating, cooling and appliances.

The BIA also sponsors the Spring Home & Garden Show, the Home Improvement Show and the Fall Remodeling Show at the Novi Expo Center.

The Builders Show will be open 2-10 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays; and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays. Admission is \$6.50 for adults; \$4.50 for seniors; \$4 for children ages 6 to 12 and free for children under 6. Family tickets for two adults and accompanying children are available at Farmer Jack for \$9. Discount admission coupons were mailed to homeowners in their Detroit Edison bills. For more information, visit <http://www.oeonline.com/show> or call (810) 737-4478.

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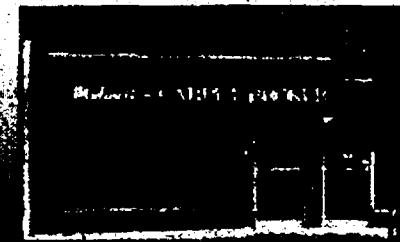
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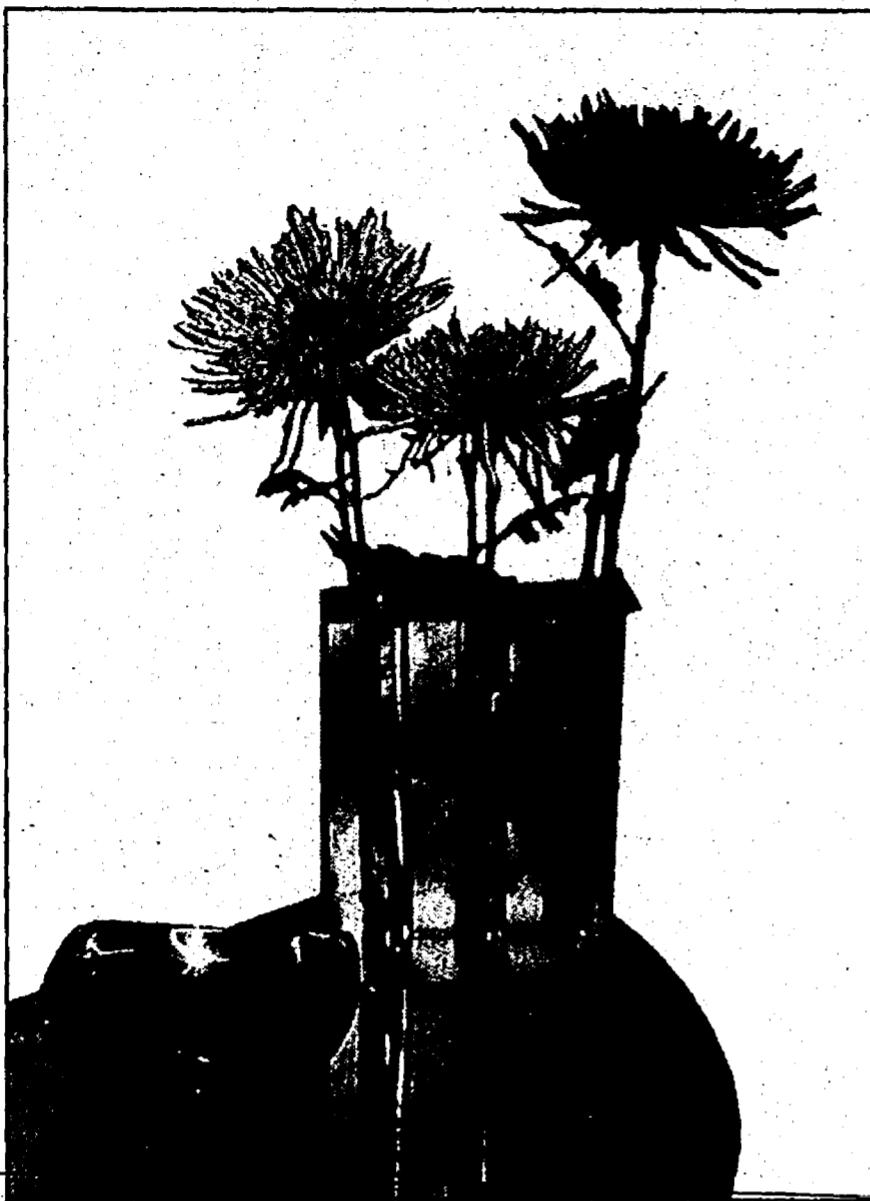
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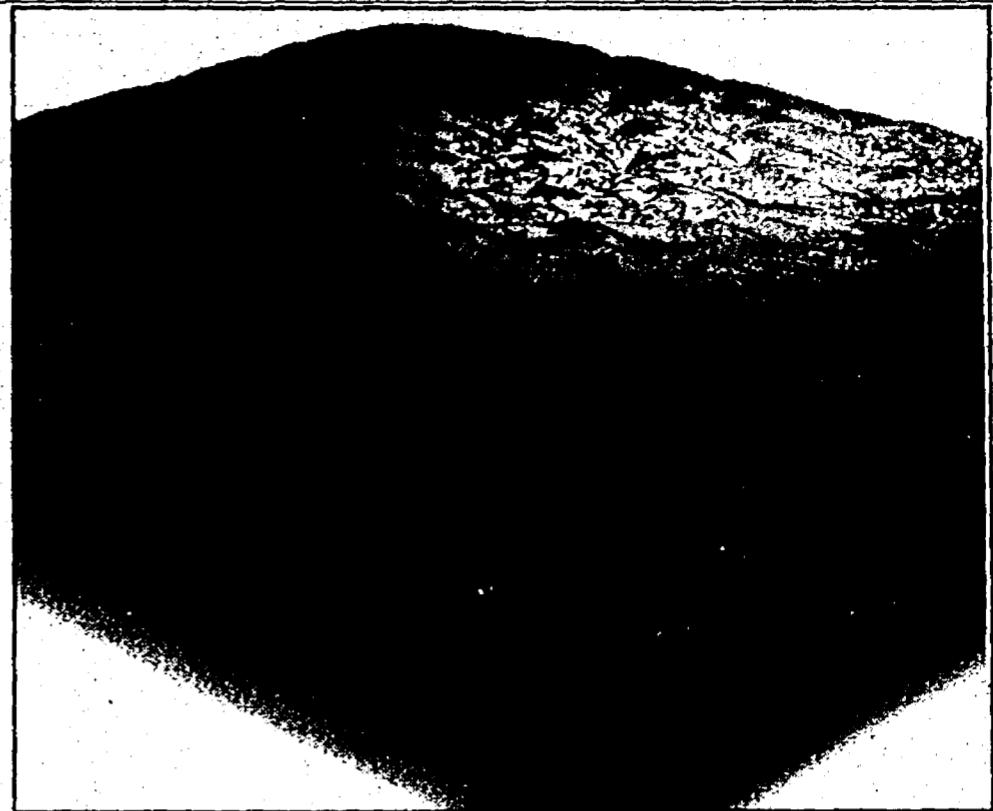
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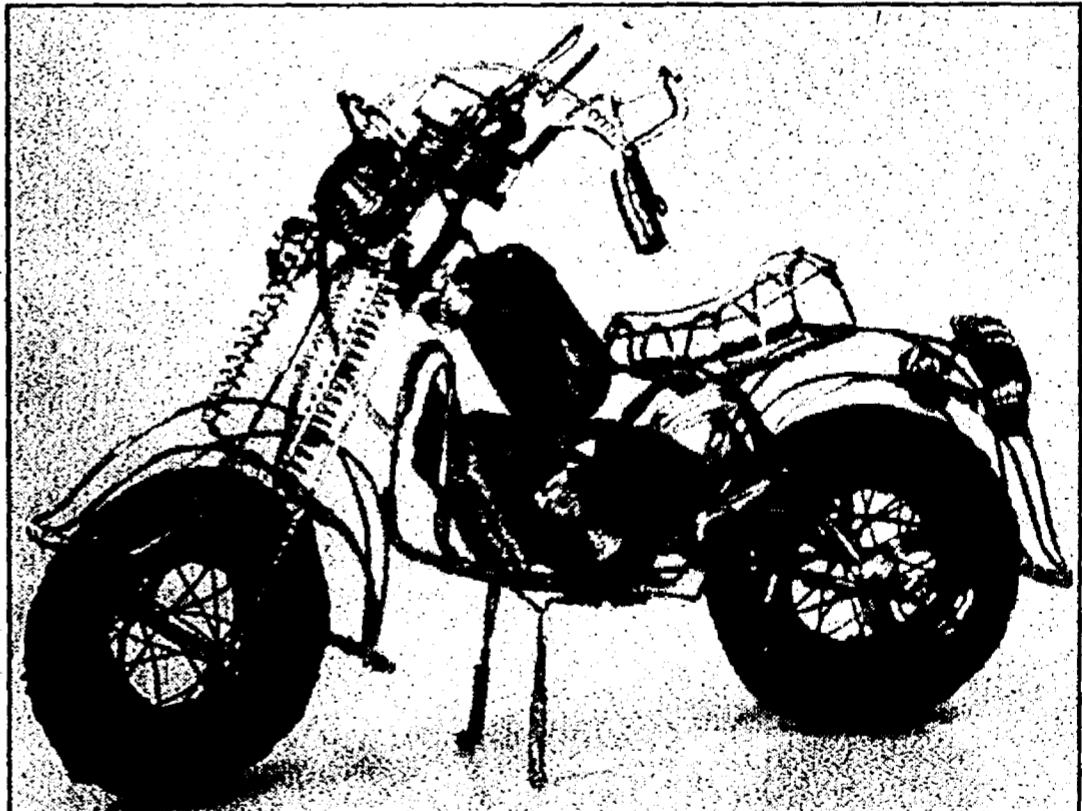
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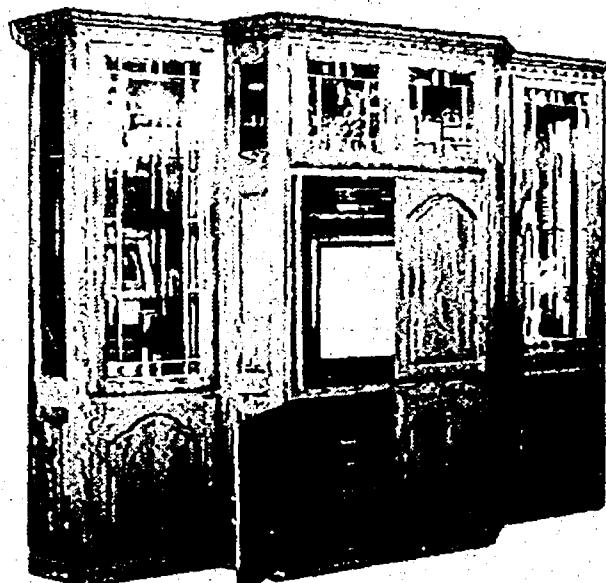
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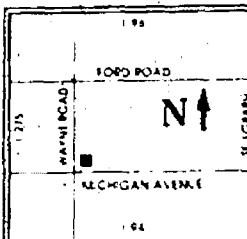
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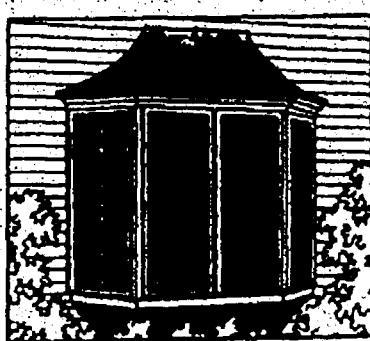


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JOE GAGNON

The spring time of year is always a wake-up call for the internal feelings of any human being. We have just spent the short days of winter finding it hard to wake up in the mornings and easy to come in early at night. Spring brings an involvement of time dedicated to the maintenance of our castles and the grounds and awakens our minds to being creative. It is the way of nature that it, too, brings a change that is not always conducive to a clear day.

A few weeks ago, the mayor of Westland, Robert J. Thomas, stopped by my store and asked if I would speak to several hundred homeowners gathering that evening, as a result of the many flooded basements in their subdivision. I was asked to explain to homeowners the risk factors of having an appliance submerged in water. As I stood in front of these many people, I couldn't help but feel what they were going through. The force of nature, coupled with the mistake of a human, can sometimes be very tragic.

The first fear to recognize when a given area has water and electricity mixed together is that of an electrical shock, which is very capable of killing you. The fact that you feel safe because you have entered and are now walking in several inches of water may suddenly change the minute you touch anything. At this time, the electrical charge will have completed a circuit through your body and you'll shine like a light bulb. The safest procedure to follow in case of

a flooded basement is to call somebody for help.

Appliances have motors that must be dried out completely before you turn them back on. It isn't enough to just let them dry out for a few days. You must direct a fan on the motor for a few days or take a hair dryer to blow them dry. Motors and compressors have areas where water will accumulate and you can't see those spots.

Clothes dryers have a gas valve that is very fragile. The internal workings will not stand any kind of corrosion. Introducing water inside a gas valve may not cause any alarm at the immediate moment, but what can happen months or years down the road can cause one heck of an explosion. Replacing the gas valve is the only sure way to go.

It is that time of year when the little critters are about to build new homes. One of the favorite home sites is the clothes dryer vent line, which has a ready-made entrance door where the hot air blows outside. Make sure the flapper is clean and closes completely.

Last year, an employee of this newspaper you're reading had a squirrel enter her dryer, chew on a wire and ended up dead. The odor a few weeks later send a message that electricity, water, humans and animals don't mix well together.

Joe Gagnon, the Appliance Doctor, will answer your questions about maintaining and repairing large appliances. Gagnon is president of Carmack Appliances in Garden City and does a weekly radio program on WJR-AM. He is author of "First Aid from the Appliance Doctor," available at area bookstores.

Medicinal plants highlighted at Matthaei Botanical gardens

The University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens offer visitors a sensory experience year-round.

The many exotic plants, bright flowers and fragrance make the gardens especially inviting. Visitors may explore the gardens throughout the year with a docent-led tour and discover more about the world of horticulture.

Docent-led tours of the conservatory

take place 2 p.m. every Sunday in March (except March 30) and highlight medicinal plants. Individuals can sign up at the front lobby reception desk prior to the tour. Conservatory admission is \$2 for adults.

The gardens are at 1800 N. Dixboro Road, 2-1/2 miles north of the Geddes Road intersection in Ann Arbor. Call (313) 998-7061.



Concrete evidence: Mr. Concrete (Larry Medd) says concrete doesn't have to be gray, plain, flat and cold.

Mr. Concrete gives firm advice

Do you have cracks in your basement, driveway or sidewalks?

Larry Medd, who has earned the name Mr. Concrete after 26 years in the industry, will be a featured speaker at the 79th annual International Builders Home, Flower and Furniture Show March 15-23 at Detroit's Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center. He has expert advice for how to best tackle these and other issues.

Mr. Concrete's presentations cover base preparation, forming, placing and finishing. Tips from Mr. Concrete include how to control cracking by reinforcing and how to place joints properly.

His concrete demonstration covers the entire concrete process, rounding out with pointers on curing and sealing concrete to help make it last. He'll end each session with time for questions and answers.

Medd, president of Mr. Concrete Inc., his consulting firm in Edmonton, Alberta, says concrete doesn't have to be gray, plain, flat and cold.

"You can color it and texture it. You

can also install heating elements in it or circulate hot water through it."

Mr. Concrete shows homeowners what they can do themselves with the tools and materials easily available to them, and how to find a good contractor.

Medd's interest in concrete began during his childhood, working with his grandfather on projects on his properties.

He has been a contractor and owned his own ready mixed concrete business in the Yukon. After that, he became manager of a large concrete supply company in northern Alberta.

Medd sat on the board of the Alberta Ready Mixed Concrete Association and later served as executive director of the association. He also sat on the board of the Canadian Ready Mixed Concrete Association.

Medd will offer his valuable tips and advice 1:30, 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. Saturdays; 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays; and 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Parade of Homes begins at Cobo Builders Show

The seventh annual Parade of Homes, which comprises a broad selection of new model homes throughout southeastern Michigan, marches out at the 79th annual International Builders Home, Flower and Furniture Show at Detroit's Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center.

"The show is a wonderful starting off

point for this scattered site showing of superb homes," said Scott Jacobson, president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and S.R. Jacobson Development Corporation in Bingham Farms.

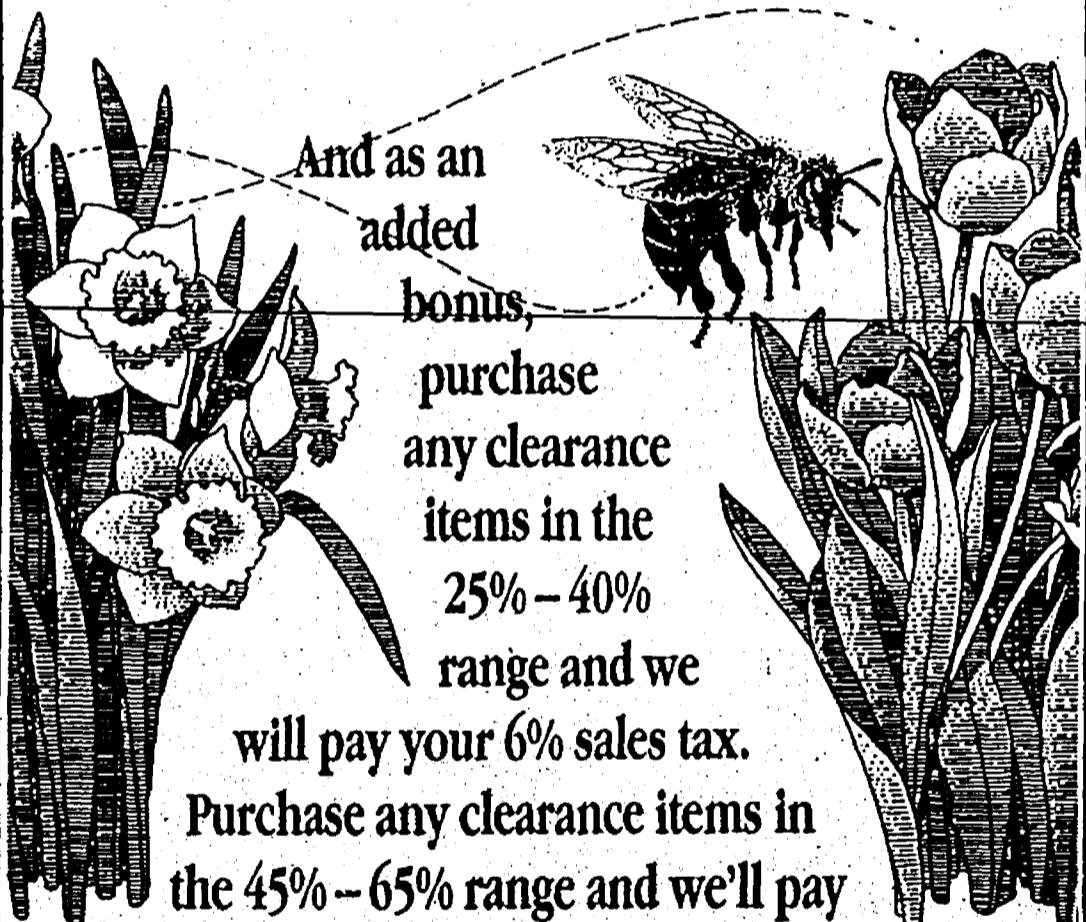
Detailed illustrations of the 82 participating homes will be displayed at the Cobo Builders Show.

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Five things to ask about windows

Q: We have just started looking at replacement windows and are overwhelmed by the number of choices in selecting windows. Do you have any suggestions for narrowing it down?

A: It is certainly easy to understand the confusion homeowners experience when faced with decisions concerning the design, quality, style and price of windows. I believe there are five main concerns when choosing windows for your home.

■ Wood versus vinyl. Although wood windows cost more you are dealing with a product that allows you to stain or paint the interior to match your decor. Vinyl windows are easier to custom size fittings and are more cost effective.

■ Casement, double hung or sliders? Casement windows are by far the best quality and the most expensive window. Double hung windows are a good quality that will hold up to years of use and at a lesser cost than a casement window. The slider is also a good window if it



has a roller system to reduce wear over time. Keep in mind that often times the style of the window will be determined by the size you need.

■ Product quality. You will need to begin familiarizing yourself with the different types of glass. Due to limited space here I suggest you ask a professional contractor. They can explain the differences. I also recommend you purchase windows with a thickness of at least 7/8 inch for the best thermal efficiency. Always look at the weather seals

on the product. It should have at least two, preferably three seals to reduce air infiltration. The warranty should be backed by the manufacturer and not the contractor. Be sure to find out if the warranty is transferable for an added sales point if you sell your home. Another characteristic to look for is a sloped exterior sill and exterior drain holes to provide proper water drainage.

■ Product installation. Before the carpenters arrive to install the windows you should ask your contractor about the installation procedures. The carpenters, after removing the old window (and frame depending on the window of choice and the shape of the old frame), will begin fitting the windows into place. They will put new insulation around the windows. In addition, they will need to trim and caulk the exterior. They will also caulk the interior but be sure to specify if you are purchasing new trim for the interior from your contractor. Any installation crew should clean up the area after completion of the

job and remove any construction debris from your property. Be sure to talk to your contractor about any preparations you need to make for the crew. If you are replacing several windows, you can expect the installation crew to be around more than one day. Discuss the use of the home (i.e. bathroom, telephones) and where the workers need to park before the day of installation. This will help avoid any surprises.

■ Choosing the contractor. The most important decision you will make concerning any remodeling project is which contractor to use. Always ask for proof that the contractor is licensed and insured. You can have the insurance company forward the information directly to you. Check all references and even ask to see the finished project. If your contractor says he can sell you any brand window on the market you may want to reconsider. Most contractors are very familiar with 2-3 different window

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Primrose, mesclun add to garden



MARTY FIGLEY

One of the very first plants to bloom in my spring garden is a lush, deep golden primrose. Each year when I check this little garden the blossoms greet me with a bright countenance that says "Yes, spring is here." They seem happy to be out in the sunshine again.

The name primrose is *primus*, or first, in Latin, therefore *primula* roughly means "the little firstling." In "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Shakespeare wrote, "And in the wood where often you and I Upon faint primrose-beds were wont to lie." He also considered banks of primroses as pleasant places for men or fairies to recline.

This little charmer is known in England as the cowslip, and is also related to the wild starflower, shooting star, loosestrife and pimpernel. The family is quite extensive and blooms in the Arctic,

Himalayas, Mediterranean region and, of course, here.

Flowers are single or double and bloom in many vivid colors from white, cream, pink, shades of violet and purple, red-orange and others. The center of the flowers, or the eye, ranges from deep gold to the palest silver.

Primroses are easy to grow and need a site with good drainage, ample moisture and protection from the wind and hot afternoon sun. Soil should be slightly acidic and rich in organic material. Most prefer partial shade; deep shade inhibits flowering. Most primroses also benefit from a summertime mulch and a winter mulch such as evergreen boughs.

To increase your stock of named cultivars or hybrids, divide them every two to four years in the spring after flowering, or in late summer. Seed can also be sown indoors in late winter, or in a cold frame in the spring — transplant the seedling in the garden in early fall. Sow seeds of the alpine species in the summer when the seeds are ripe, then set seedlings out the following spring.

Mesclun is a mix of young lettuces

such as Bibb, Romaine, oakleaf and crisphead. Other greens are often included; the gardener can decide the amount of each. Among them are arugula, endives, mustards, purslane, chicory, cresses, parsley, fennel, escarole and tender wild greens as well as mixuna and tat-soi from Asia and cultivated French purslane.

Edible flowers such as chive blossoms, violets and nasturtiums are sometimes included in a mesclun mix.

When buying seeds for a bright array of colors, flavors and textures for your garden and subsequently your table, you may not be able to find a seed packet labeled "mesclun." Look for names such as spring salad, stir-fry greens, Nicoise, piquant mix, Provencal and garnish mix.

The National Garden Bureau, who has declared 1997 the Year of the Mesclun, recommends planting piquant and milder mescluns in separate wide rows, then harvesting separately and mixing in proportions to suit the occa-

sion, the meal and personal taste.

These greens generally grow rapidly, so plan to sow successive plantings throughout the growing season, sowing the first time around May 1. Furrows should be 1/4-inch deep, or, if you prefer to scatter the seeds, cover them with about 1/4-inch of fine soil or compost. Keep the seeded areas moist but not soggy.

Mesclun seed mixes contain a variety of seeds, so shake the package to mix them before sowing.

Use scissors to harvest the greens when they are two inches tall and harvest them often by cutting the leaves just above the growing crowns. Don't let them get more than six inches tall. If they bolt (go to seed) remove them from the garden.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859.

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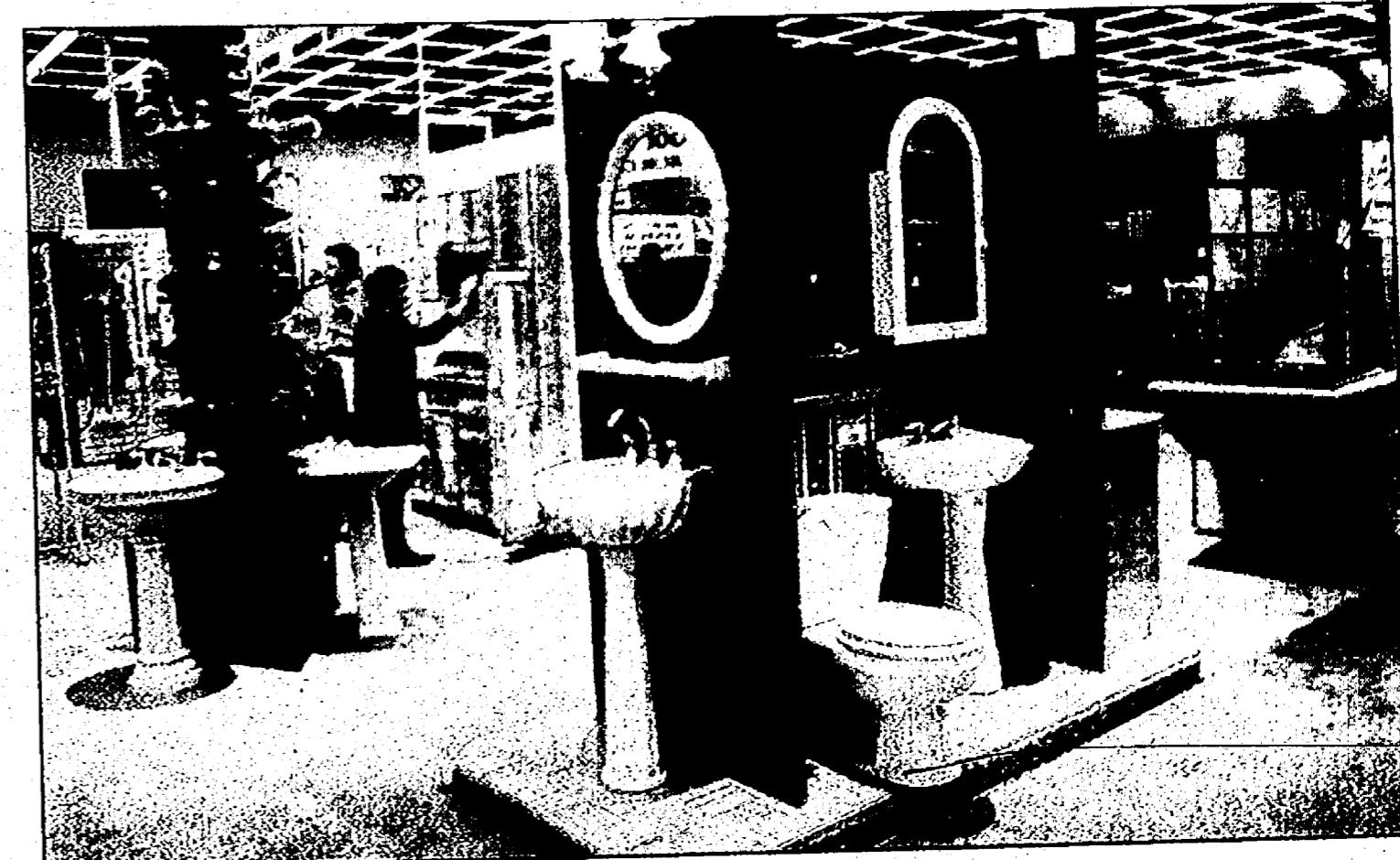
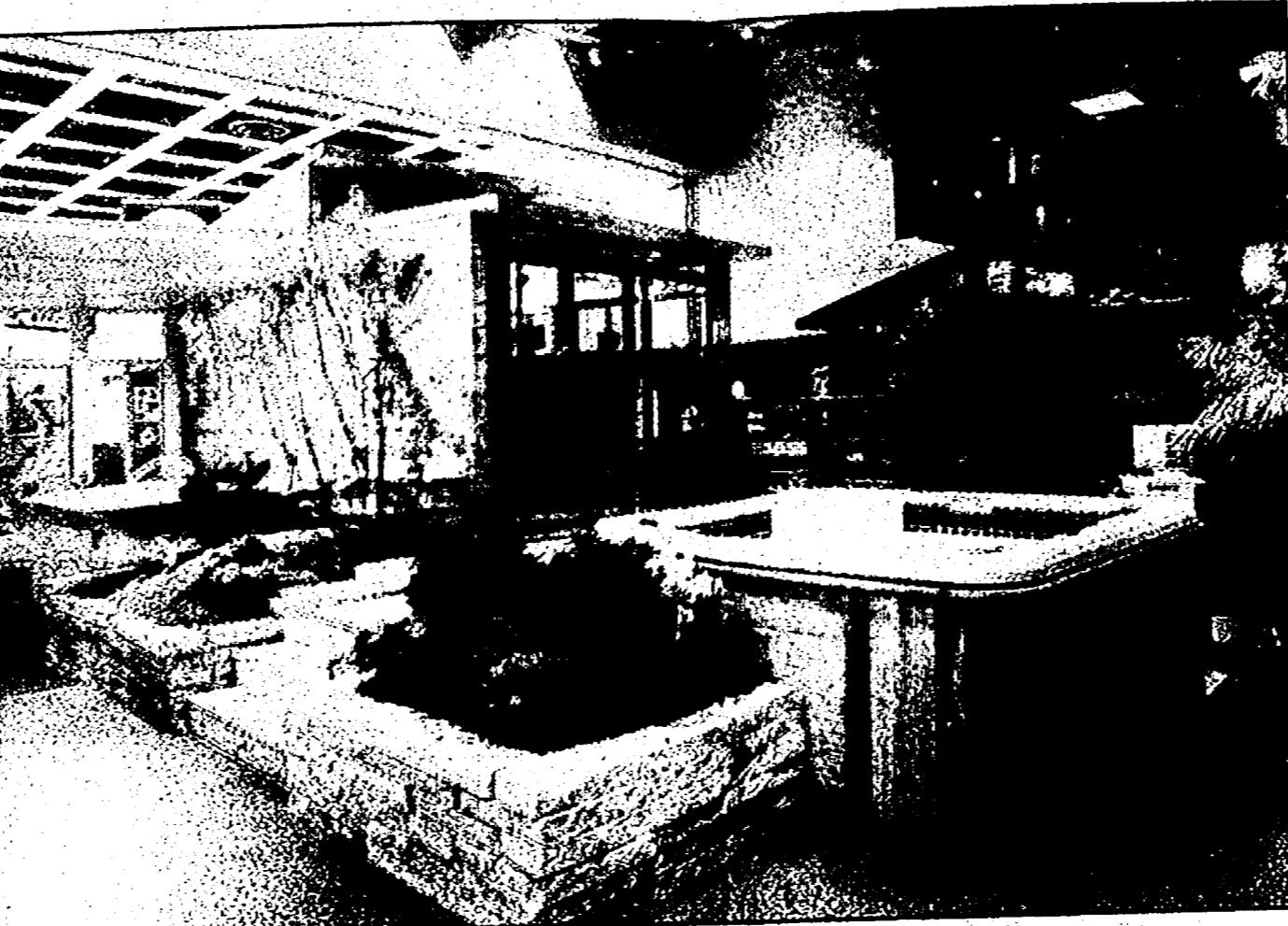


Showering attention: Mathison's Kitchen, Bath and Plumbing Supply of Canton, Garden City and Livonia will present the Jason Custom Shower, which can turn your bathroom into a spa.

ON THE COVER
The International Builders Home, Flower and Furniture Show offers ideas for everywhere around the home.



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Fantastic fixtures: The show features items for every room in the home.

Showers do more than 'go with the flow'

BY MARY KLEMIC
At Home Editor

When it comes to selecting a shower for your house, you can do more than just "go with the flow."

Modern showers offer such luxuries as whirlpools and steams, making your bathroom a personal spa.

Mathison's Kitchen, Bath and Plumbing Supply, with showrooms on Canton Center Road in Canton, Ford Road in Garden City and Plymouth Road in Livonia, will show an example of such a modern unit at the International Builders Home, Flower and Furniture Show at Detroit's Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center. (The show runs March 15-23. Call (810) 737-4478 for information.)

Features of the Jason Custom Shower, which Mathison's will display, include a handheld spray as well as a downpour shower, a touch pad for controls, a removable seat, scald guard, adjustable body sprays, a fragrance-releasing system, recessed shelves for soap and shampoo and a small, low shelf for leg shaving. The spacious unit comes in 25 colors.

With the shower you're being practical as you pamper. Its stain-resistant acrylic is easy to clean and eliminates tile grout problems. The handheld spray makes rinsing walls easier. The unit comes in modules that don't require a special frame, so installation is simplified.

"It can be put in new or old construction," said Frank Mathison, Mathison's owner.

"A lot of people are remodeling. This can fit into a standard area."

The unit has a 30-year guarantee and costs less than \$5,000.

Manuel Hourdakis of Beverly Hills and his family had one of the showers installed three years ago and are enjoying it as much as ever.

"I love it," Hourdakis said. "The size of it ... The steam unit."

Kitchens and baths are the top two remodeling projects, says the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan. A segment of the show will be dedicated to those rooms. Increases in value. Most scrutiny from potential buyers.

The BIA sites a survey in Remodeling magazine. In the survey, 240 real estate agents in 60 cities estimated the percentages of remodeling project costs that would be recouped if the project was done by a professional on a mid-priced home and the home was sold within one year of the project completion. With a bathroom addition, 98 percent of the cost would be recouped, and with a bathroom remodeling, 82 percent would be recouped, the survey said.

"The bathroom is one of the most important rooms. You spend ... 25 percent of your time (there)," Mathison said.

Among the features of the Builders Show are the "ABCs of Remodeling" by the BIA's

Remodelers Council; the "Pool, Spa and Recreation Show"; a display of children's playhouses built by the Ford Career Technical Center in Westland and the Oakland Technical Center in Pontiac for the Women's Forum of BIA's charity benefit; broadcasts by WWJ NewsRadio 950 and of the WXYZ programs "Ask the Handyman" and "Money Talk"; exhibits of arrangements by area Professional Allied Florists Association members; demonstrations of cut flower arrangement techniques; contests; the erection of a 700-square foot ranch home by the Detroit Carpentry Joint Apprenticeship School; demonstration of the fabrication of solid surface vanity countertops; entertainment and even a wedding.

The Home Buyers Clinic, sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, presents Dave Mully and other O&E columnists, The Home Depot on the Right at Home design program and lawn and garden care, and Detroit Edison utility safety experts warning about electrical safety and the need to play it safe around power lines.

Builders Show hours are 2-10 p.m. Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays. Admission is \$6.50 for adults, \$4.50 for seniors, \$4 for ages 6-12 and free for children under 6. Family tickets for two adults and accompanying children are available at Farmer Jack for \$9.



All over: Demonstrations and displays are among the features of the Builders Show at the Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center in Detroit, opening this weekend.

inviting ideas

Creative chef likes pleasing guests



RUTH MOSSOK
JOHNSTON

In the hustle and bustle of the Dearborn Ritz-Carlton kitchen, lies talent, precision, and interest in pleasing guests that dine at the Ritz. Executive Chef Christian Alunno runs a tight ship. On board is well known Master

Chef Ed Janos, Executive Sous Chef John Emerson, and Grill Room Sous Chef, Robert Hindley.

Starting out "on the line" (the food line, that is) at the Ritz-Carlton in Naples, Fla. Hindley has been with the Ritz-Carlton Corp. for just over 11 years. He began cooking at age 14 when he went to work at Deerfield Academy, in Massachusetts, and worked summers on Martha's Vineyard. After finding several fine chefs as mentors, and loads of on the job training, he is now responsible for the Grill Room breakfast, buffet and lunch, room service and plated meals

during his day shift.

"I feel stagnant, if I'm not creating something," said Hindley with a smile that could melt an ice sculpture. And create, he does - this energetic 31-year-old, not only puts in long days at the Ritz, but he also finds time to be an adviser for the Food Management Committee Brightopt Technical Center for Inter-City High School kids learning culinary arts, and teaches juggling for Ann Arbor Public Schools.

What does Sous Chef Hindley enjoy most about doing food for a living? "I like to do fruits and vegetables, I look at them like flowers," said Hindley as he puts the final touch on a gorgeous papaya flower garnish for the buffet table. "I also like to do soups and healthy things - making healthy foods taste better!"

Creativity is the key here. Hindley has a grandfather who is a chef, and a background in summer stock theater, ceramics and watercolors - this is a chef whose background interplays with his fine ability to cook.

The following recipe is served as a "special" on the Ritz-Carlton Menu - try it at home, or there, it's absolutely delicious.

This vegetarian dish is perfect for a luncheon or dinner entree, if doing as an appetizer, cut down the portion size.

VEGETABLE AND POLENTA LASAGNA

Yield: 4 servings

1 medium sized green zucchini, sliced

1/4 inch on bias and grilled

1 medium sized yellow squash, sliced

1/4 inch on bias and grilled

1 eggplant, peeled and sliced 1/4

inch, and grilled

1 large red pepper, roasted, peeled, and cut in julienne strips

1/4 pound fresh spinach

16 pieces, shiitaki mushrooms

2 tablespoons Balsamic vinegar

1/2 Spanish onion, sliced thin and dredged in seasoned flour (added salt and pepper) and deep fried

8 pieces - Polenta circles

Mustard sauce**

Sliced and grilled French bread

Salt and pepper to taste (go light on the salt)

2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

*POLENTA:

1 tablespoon shallots, chopped fine

1 tablespoon garlic cloves, chopped fine

3 tablespoons butter

1/2 pound cornmeal

5 cups chicken stock

2 egg yolks

2/3 cup Parmesan cheese, grated

Sauté the shallots and garlic in the butter until they are translucent. Add the stock and bring to a boil.

Add the cornmeal in a stream, stirring constantly until it has all been added. Simmer the mixture for 45 minutes, stirring often. When done, it should pull away from the sides of the pot.

Remove the pot from the heat and blend in the egg yolks, Parmesan cheese and seasoning.

Pour the polenta onto a greased sheet pan and refrigerate until very firm.

Cut into desired shapes (circles work well). Pan-fry the polenta in olive oil until golden brown on each side.

** COLD MUSTARD SAUCE:

1 1/2 cups mayonnaise

1/2 cup sour cream

1/3 cup Dijon mustard

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon black pepper

1/2 teaspoon fresh thyme, minced

1/4 cup water

Blend all ingredients in medium sized bowl, and refrigerate.

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER:

1. Put mustard sauce in a squirt bottle and make lines (drizzle) with sauce on the bottom of each serving plate.

2. Place two pan-fried polenta pieces in the center of each plate.

3. In a large skillet; sauté mushrooms, grilled green and yellow squash, eggplant, roasted red pepper, and spinach. When done, add balsamic vinegar, salt and pepper.

4. Stack the vegetables on top of the polenta and garnish with crispy onions. Serve with grilled French bread.

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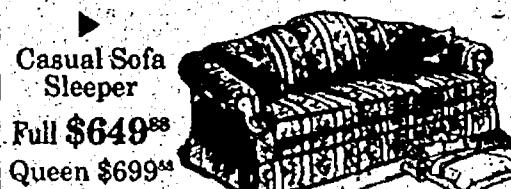


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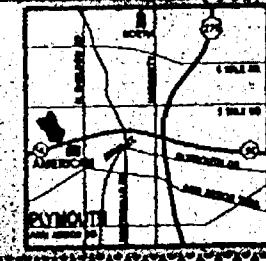
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Kitchen King cooks up suggestions

Sponsored by Kurtis Kitchen and Bath Centers and Wilsonart International, James Krengel, president and owner of Kitchens by Krengel Inc., a nationally known kitchen design and installation firm, will be a featured speaker at the Michigan Kitchen & Bath Show when it comes to the Cobo Center March 15-23.

The kitchen expert has been seen on television programs such as "CNN Television," ABC's "Good Morning America" and "Good Company." He has been heard on radio talk shows from coast to coast, and his comments and designs have been published in the New York Times, San Francisco Chronicle and Los Angeles Times.

Kitchens by Krengel showrooms are in St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn. Krengel joined his family business in 1966, tearing out old kitchens and learning each aspect of kitchen remodeling through hands-on experience. He is a graduate of University of Minnesota.

Ever since Krengel spoke at the National Kitchen & Bath Association's (NKBA) National Conference in 1979, he has been a sought-after speaker.

His presentations are backed by more than 25 years of experience in the design and sale of intriguing kitchens. His



James Krengel

thought-provoking comments and entertaining style make him one of the most popular speakers in the industry.

Krengel was president and national director of the NKBA and is design director for the Maytag Company's Kitchen Idea Center. In 1976, he founded and was the first president of the Min-

nesota State Chapter of NKBA and was its president again, 1984-89.

He is a frequent lecturer on kitchen design, a featured speaker at NKBA conferences and an instructor for seminars in advanced kitchen design.

Krengel will appear at the Michigan Kitchen & Bath Show, which is a "show within a show" of the International

Builders Home, Flower and Furniture Show.

Krengel's presentations will enlighten homeowners about the latest trends in kitchen design and creativity on a budget. Show times are 12:30, 2:30, 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays; 12:30, 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. Sundays; and 3:30, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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- *Landscape Design*, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, March 13, and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 15, \$45. Instructor is landscape architect Kenneth Rapp.

Become familiar with basic design principles, such as unity, variety, mass,

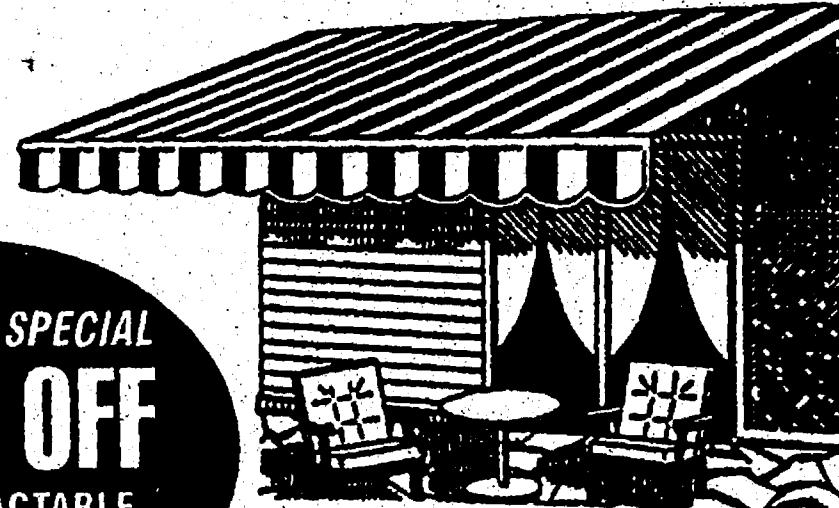
void and balance. Learn how to inventory existing features of a personal landscape, determine what the landscape should do, develop a workable program and base map, and decide what is needed to get started.

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focus on photography

Outdoor portrait: take it personally



MONTE NAGLER

Outdoor, informal portraits can be the most exciting and attention-getting of all your people pictures. Here is some advice on how to capture these most memorable shots on film.

First, remember that outdoor portraits should be natural. Your subjects should be dressed in what they enjoy and they way they wish to appear.

A teenager, for example, who is inseparable from that old pair of faded jeans should be photographed wearing them. Or that favorite sweater should be part of the shot. If your subjects are dressed in what they feel comfortable with, they'll appear far more relaxed in the finished pictures.

Build a rapport with your subjects. Whether it's a family member, a friend or even a stranger, taking a few moments to chat will relax both of you. Also, your subject will be more likely to follow your posing suggestions.

Look for a meaningful outdoor setting. A cluster of trees, a quiet pond, an old farmhouse, even an urban setting will all provide a natural scene. Just make sure your setting complements, rather than dominates, your subjects.

For outdoor portraits, I prefer a normal focal length lens. This way, the subject will be shown in a pleasing size relationship with the surroundings. A wide angle lens may distort or make the subject appear too small in the picture. A telephoto lens (unless it's a head shot

■ Build a rapport with your subjects. Whether it's a family member, a friend or even a stranger, taking a few moments to chat will relax both of you.

you're after) may cause you to lose too much of the background.

Very important: Pay close attention to lighting! Back or side lighting will enhance the picture and make your subject stand out from the background. Even consider using fill-in flash to add further "sparkle" to the subject's face. Remember, direct frontal lighting will cause unflattering shadows and squinty eyes that will most assuredly spoil your shot.

Shoot a number of pictures with facial expressions characteristic of the subject's personality. You're bound to capture that special mood, that fleeting expression that "says it all" about your special subject.

Short shot

Monte Nagler will be conducting a two-week traveling workshop in Spain June 27-July 11. Call Nagler at his office, (810) 426-0333, for more information.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then his mailbox number, 1873. His fax number is (810) 644-1314.

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lines and because they have worked with the same manufacturers over a long period of time, they are familiar with how to order correctly and installation procedures. Be sure to choose a contractor you are comfortable with and one that you can easily communicate your wishes to.

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Taking it personal: Borca, Italy, was the setting for this Monte Nagler portrait. Notice how the cane and the cigarette give character to the shot.

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Builders Show has spring touch

A garden railroad, water features and lots and lots of color are some of the highlights in the more than 1-1/2 acres of beautiful, blooming gardens at the 79th annual International Builders Home, Flower and Furniture Show at Detroit's Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center March 15-23.

"Overall, look for more color and more flowers this year," said Larry Wright, president of the Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association.

He estimates 1,250 flowering and evergreen trees and shrubs plus thousands of flowers will brighten up the Cobo Builders Show and the faces of winter-weary Michiganders looking for a taste of spring.

"We are going to be using the most current techniques and styles in our garden landscapes," Wright said. "One trend in landscaping is hardscapes, which replicate the Old World look using new materials."

Manufacturers tumble new paving stones to give them the distressed look with worn edges. A variety of paving stones will be incorporated into the gardens including the cobblestone look that is popular today.

According to Wright, other trends include water gardens, especially those with movement such as fountains and waterfalls. Retaining walls are popular. Custom deck building is also a hot item in landscaping.

The garden railroad, sponsored by Detroit Edison, incorporates a G-gauge miniature model train built into a landscape complete with bridges, tunnels and miniature people.

In the center of all the greenery, showgoers will find a three-quarter-sized New England cottage, sponsored by Wallside Windows, featuring a water garden, a vegetable garden, a tool shed with a composting area and some unusual, historical elements including stone and woodwork.

Visitors to the show can walk through the landscape area and learn about gardening, recycling, tree planting and the value of trees, how to build a natural habitat to attract wildlife including birds, and how to build and care for water gardens with fish and water plants.

A computer in the gardens will display the new MDLA site that is designed for homeowners seeking information on gardening and landscaping.

The Cobo Builders Show will be open 2-10 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays; and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays. Admission is \$6.50 for adults; \$4.50 for seniors; \$4 for children ages 6 to 12 and free for children under 6. Family tickets for two adults and accompanying children are available at Farmer Jack for \$9. For more information, visit <http://oeronline.com/show> or call (810) 737-4478.

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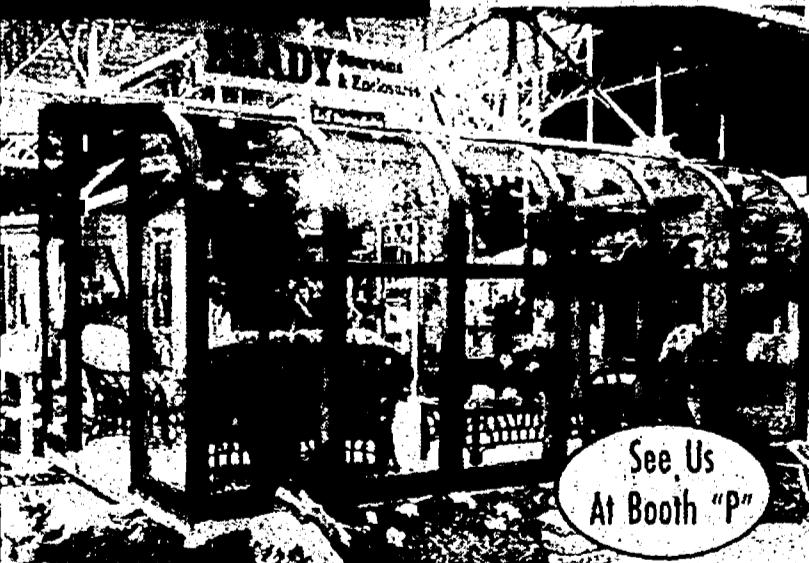
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Birthday parties invite creativity



LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

Tired of hosting the same old warm weather birthday barbecue or cold weather birthday chili fest? Try adding a creative twist to your birthday party planning. It's easier than some might think. All it takes is a few moments to concoct a favorite theme and some organization in pulling all the details together.

Children's birthday parties are often the popular favorites when it comes to an all-out theme party extravaganza. Sue Mackens of Rochester Hills looks forward to putting her creative juices to work in planning birthday parties for her daughter.

"For Amy's third birthday party, I

decided on a spring garden party theme," Mackens said. "It was called Amy's Garden Gala.

"Amy and I purchased children's garden gloves for each party guest. We used black fabric paint to draw fingernails and the words Amy's Garden Gala on the gloves. Then we put the gloves inside small clay pots we filled with party favors, including precut sponge shapes and plastic bags filled with gummy worms and flower bulbs.

"Once Amy's friends arrived, their parents assisted them in sponge painting their flower pots, filling the pot with soil and planting the bulbs. I suggested the kids give their handpainted flower pots to their mothers for the upcoming Mother's Day holiday."

In keeping with the Garden Gala theme, Mackens also prepared a Dirt Cake in a large plastic clay pot replica and planted artificial daffodils on top.

Darcy Deneau of Novi hosted a tea

party for her 7-year-old daughter, Rachel.

"I made lace doily invitations on which we requested Rachel's friends to wear their favorite party dresses," Deneau said.

"At the party, the girls made flower bonnets out of white paper plates, crepe paper flowers and colorful ribbon sashes. I placed loose colored beads in individual teacups and each guest made her own necklace. Using my white china, I served them tea sandwiches cut in the shape of a teapot and lemonade."

You may also want to consider birthday party theme ideas such as the Olympic games, magic, the Wild West or an ice cream social for grade school age children.

Your young Olympian's birthday party might include chocolate coins wrapped in gold, silver and bronze foil and attached to ribbons that serve as Olympic medals awarded after birthday

party relay races, bicycle races and balloon tosses.

For the magical birthday party, hire a local magician to perform a magic act that requires the birthday boy or girl to be the assistant.

Pony rides are a sure-fire hit with children. In planning a Wild West party, consult with local entertainers who promote this service.

Preteens and teenagers may prefer less theme indulgence and more friend-focused birthday activities. For example, the 7-year-old's tea party could easily be transitioned to a teenage daughter's birthday tea at local establishments such as the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham or the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Dearborn.

There are many popular favorites for both teens and adults, including Whirlyball, Laser Tag and indoor Rollerblading. Consult your local telephone direc-

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tory for area locations and reservations. If you are planning a weekend party, you may need to reserve these facilities several weeks to months in advance.

Whether you are planning a birthday for a young child, teenager or adult, the sky is the limit when it comes to creativity.

Lisa Luckow-Healy is a marketing and public relations consultant and the mother of two from West Bloomfield. Her articles frequently appear in Metro Parent magazine and several business trade publications. To leave her a message from a touch-tone phone, call (313) 953-2047, then her mailbox number, 1903.

HOME

- Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall presents a Bare Bones Tour of the 1997 Detroit Symphony Designers Showhouse noon to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 15-16. Preview the house at 892 Boston Boulevard, in the Boston-Edison Historic District of Detroit, before 30

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Tickets for the special benefit are \$30 each, which includes wine and hors d'oeuvres served by renowned chef Jimmy Schmidt of The Rattlesnake Club. A silent auction will also take place at the benefit. Call (810) 589-1100 for information.

The recipe for Amy's Dirt Cake

Here is the recipe Sue Mackens used to make Amy's Dirt Cake, as printed in "Meet the Cook."

DIRT CAKE

(Yield: 12 servings)

- 1 package (16 ounces) Oreo cookies
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese
- 1/2 cup margarine
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 packages (3-1/2 ounces each) instant vanilla pudding
- 3 cups milk
- 1 container (12 ounces) non-dairy whipped topping
- 2 new clay flower pots, about six inch-

es in diameter

heavy-duty aluminum foil

silk flowers

plastic garden utensils, optional

Line flower pots completely with foil; set aside. Crush cookies until they resemble potting soil. Place 1 cup crumbs (or more) in each flower pot; set aside. Cream the cheese, margarine, sugar and vanilla together until blended; set aside. Combine pudding mix and milk; fold in whipped topping. Gently fold cheese and pudding mixtures together. Pour half the mixture into each flower pot. Top with remaining cookie crumbs. Cover with foil; refrigerate. When ready to serve, remove foil; top with silk or plastic flowers whose stems have been wrapped in foil. Display with plastic gardening tools, if desired.

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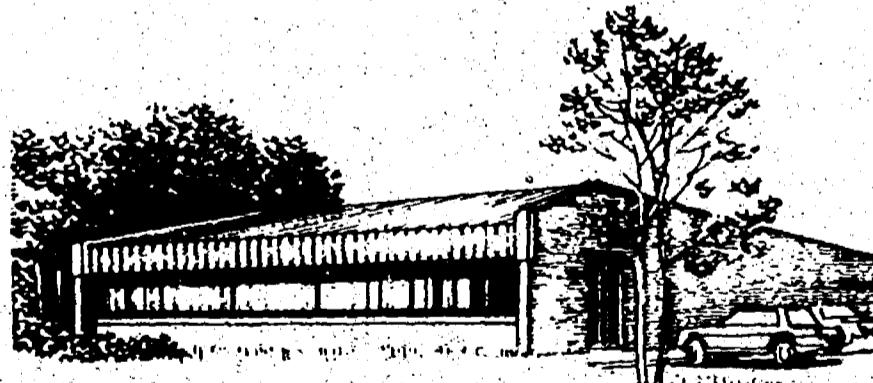
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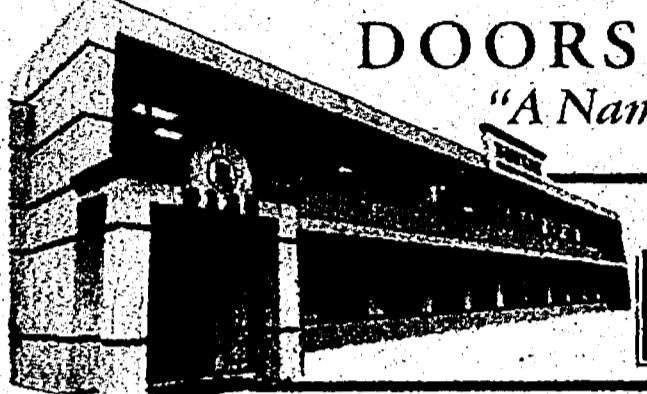
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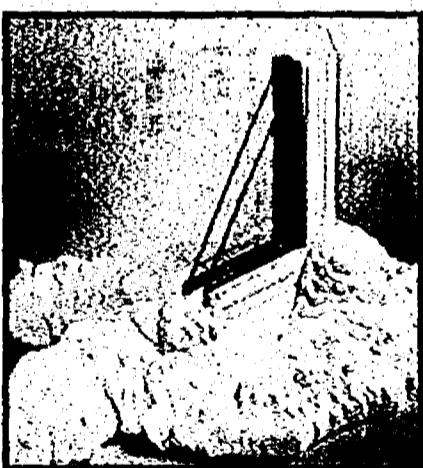
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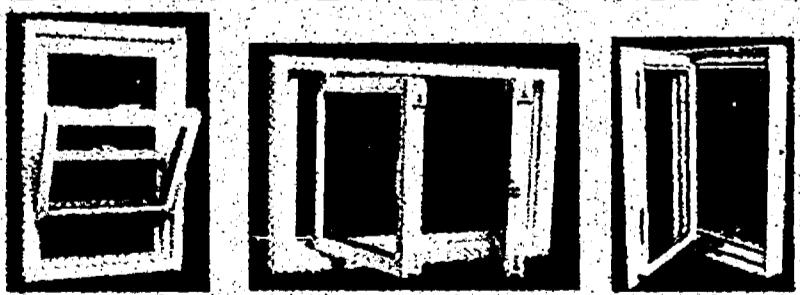
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Hot tix: Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill) and Darth Vader prepare for their final confrontation in "Return of the Jedi Special Edition" opening Friday at metro Detroit movie theaters.

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Local playwright: David MacGregor of Livonia, author of "The Adventure of the Elusive Ear," is one of the playwrights featured in Heartland Theatre Company's play marathon.

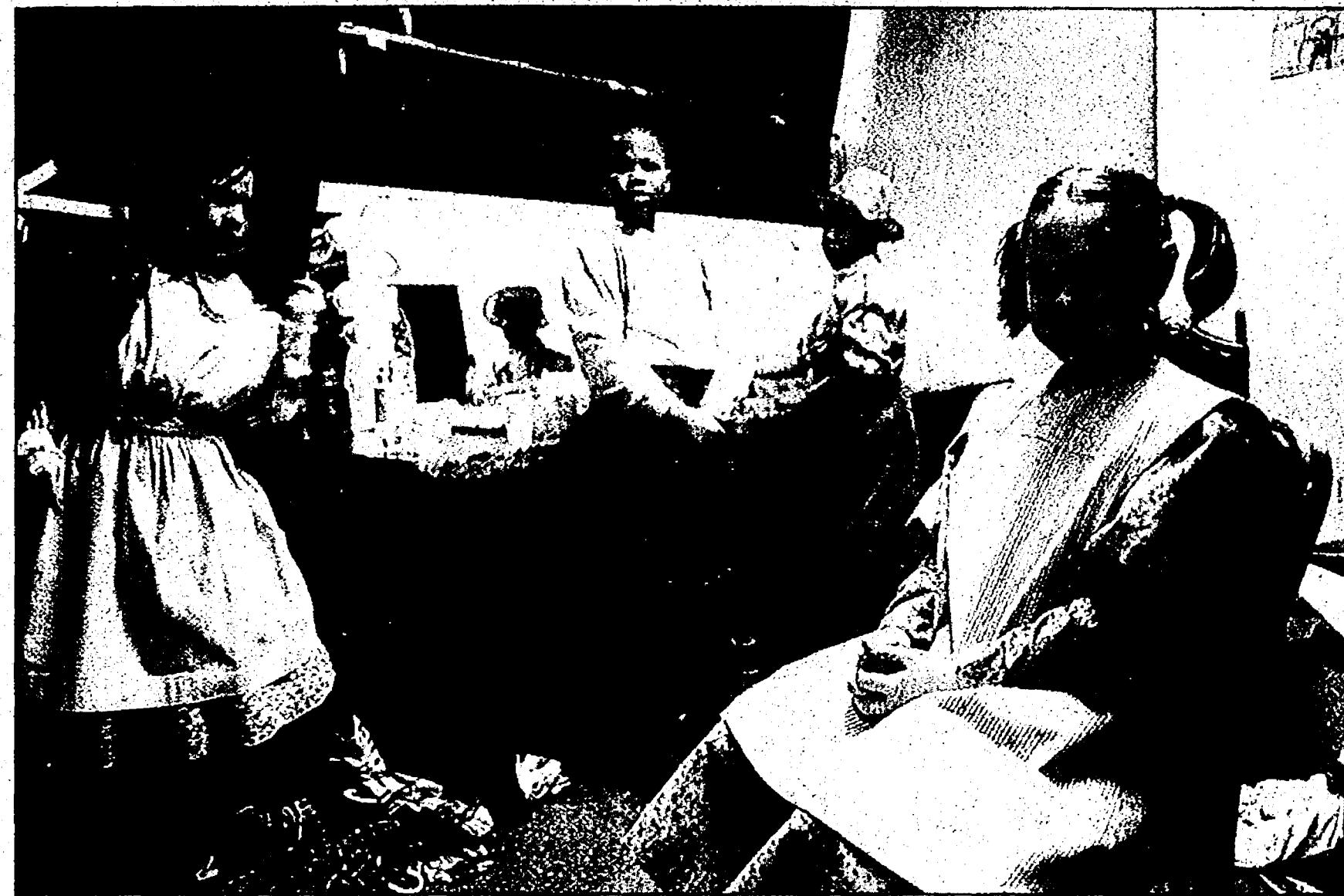
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Backstage: (Above) Sarah Wiercioch, seated, and her fellow actors, left to right, Jackie Olesko, Danny Dixson and Ibrahim Muhammad, take a break between scenes in a makeshift green room at the Masonic Temple. (Below) a sign posted in the children's dressing room.

Confident third grader boards SHOW BOAT

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Sarah Wiercioch confides that when she was a little kid she was "a little shy."

But now the Plymouth 8-year-old has enough confidence to perform in a Broadway touring production of a great American musical landmark, "Show Boat."

The Our Lady of Good Counsel third grader was selected with four other children to join the cast of 60 in the highly acclaimed Harold Prince production at Detroit's Masonic Temple Theatre. She plays young Kim, the daughter of Magnolia and the gambler Ravenal.

For Sarah this is a busy time. In addition to doing "Show Boat" and her schoolwork, she is also appearing as an elf and a clown in Marquis Theatre production of "Winnie-the-Pooh" in Northville.

"Before I did acting or knew



what a Broadway play was, I always wanted to be an actress and singer," Sarah said as she sat in the costume room at the Masonic, where two small dressing areas have been set up for the child actors.

"When I was little, I was shy. But I met Missy Willman and she taught me to sing and act."

The lessons helped Sarah overcome her shyness in a way that

was apparent to others.

"The first Marquis play I did, which I didn't like, I was a mouse in 'Red Riding Hood,' they said they wanted me for the part because I walked with confidence," she said.

On Saturday a very confident Sarah came into the dressing area with her new friends from the show Danny Dixson, 10, Ibrahim Muhammad, 8, and Natasha Fuller, 7, all of Detroit and Jackie Olesko, 9, of Milford. After the tech crew had put the finishing touches on the elaborate "Show Boat" set, the children joined other cast members for the opening scene in a dress rehearsal.

For Sarah, this is a big move up from the Marquis where she has attended acting camp and performed in many productions.

"I think the stage is bigger and it's more funner and it's fun to meet Tom Bosley," she said.

Bosley, the veteran character actor known to Sarah and other children through Nick-at-Nite as Howard Cunningham on "Happy Days," plays Capt. Andy, who with his ever complaining wife Parthy owns the Cotton Blossom, a Mississippi show boat. Bosley originally made his mark as a musical comedy star in "Fiorello," based on the life of New York mayor Fiorello LaGuardia.

"Show Boat" is the quintessential American musical. When the Oscar Hammerstein-Jerome Kern show first opened on Broadway in 1927, it changed the character of Broadway musicals forever.

Before "Show Boat" musicals were about pretty girls, lively unrelated songs and comic pratfalls. "Show Boat," based on a novel by Edna Ferber, deals with racial tensions, miscegenation, marital dis-

See SHOW BOAT 2E

Marathon showcases local playwrights 'Play By Play'

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

Like all memorable artistic undertakings, Heartland Theatre Company's "Play By Play" is rooted in honesty and integrity. So, of course, when asked about how the ambitious nonprofit group got its idea for a 12-hour play marathon to raise money, company member Jan Radcliff didn't hesitate. "We stole it," she said.

By next Saturday, the ambitious Birmingham-based collective will get around to begging and borrowing before the high-noon curtain goes up at the Millennium Theatre Center in Southfield. They'll beg people to watch more than 40 short plays of some of the area's finest playwrights. And they'll borrow plenty of resources from a talented range of actors, directors and set designers.

Local participants include: Kitty Dubin, Jan Radcliff, Jim Radcliff, David Stern, Joyce Uzelac, Laurie Logan, from Birmingham; Ashley Ann Back, Shirley Benyas, Kevin Lee Knaus, Cindy Yantis, Marshall Zweig, Beth Rexroat, from Bloomfield Hills area; Margaret Gilkes and Kirk Hanley, from

Farmington; Anthony Dixon, Michael Grogan, from Orchard Lake; Sarah Kamoo, Claudia Rodgers, Bernie Tague, from Southfield area; Tom Bettis and Fred McKenzie, from Westland; and David MacGregor, from Livonia.

Bringing together the theater community

"This is unprecedented for theatre in Michigan," said Jeffrey Nahan, executive director at the Millennium. "It has a strong short and long term effect on the theatre community because it brings so many people together."

Each play runs 8 to 10 minutes with short interludes for set and prop changes. Several intermissions are planned. Throughout the 12-hour production, patrons may come and go as they please while their seats remain reserved, said Nahan, who also directs Actors Alliance, a teaching theatre company in Southfield.

Getting people to buy tickets to a playathon might seem risky, but Radcliff, a Birmingham resident, and

"Play By Play"

What: A 12-hour marathon of 8 to 10-minute plays by local, regional and national writers performed by over 100 Michigan and Midwest theater artists. Produced by Heartland Theatre Company.

When: Noon to midnight, Saturday, March 22.

Where: Millennium Theatre Center, 15600 J.L. Hudson Drive, Southfield (just north of Northland Center), Southfield

Admission: \$20. Tickets available at Millennium or any Ticket Master outlet at (810) 645-6666. For information, call (810) 433-1233, or the Millennium, (810) 552-7000, (810) 552-1225.

Proceeds go to Heartland, a non-profit Birmingham-based theater company.

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cord and aging. The songs are tightly related to the story and move it along. The Hammerstein-Kern score is arguably the best ever produced including such famous songs as "Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man," "You Are Love," "Why Do I Love You," "Only Make Believe" and "Bill."

But above all these is perhaps the single most moving song in American theatrical history, "Ol' Man River." In this song Hammerstein's lyrics brilliantly distilled the agony and the dignity of Southern blacks under the yoke of post Civil War oppression. Kern's music echoes black gospel music, while giving it a rich operatic range.

Harold Prince, the renowned director of numerous original musical hits, was attracted to doing a revival of "Show Boat" because he felt the best hadn't been achieved. Prince researched

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Sarah Wiercioch

every stage and film version of the show. He reinserted songs that had been dropped because they seemed too serious ("Mis'ry's Comin' Aroun") and he also included songs added to later film and stage versions.

Prince also brought state-of-the-art stagecraft to the service of a show that moves through 40 years and from Natchez to Chicago.

"In the old days, musical theater was restricted to the need for 'in-one' shallow scenes in front of drops or curtains, while

major scenery was changed upstage," Prince writes in his production notes. "Today, we can move more fluidly from full-stage set to full-stage set. We can employ motion picture techniques such as cross fades, dissolves and even close-ups."

During the dress rehearsal Saturday, the dock workers moved bales of cotton as the Cotton Blossom, a huge showboat on a barge is pushed along the river by a paddleboat. It is an awesome display of stagecraft.

"Everybody says to stay back," said Sarah. "The sets move and

are very complicated. We're told to go to Ms. Bobbie (who supervises the children), but sometimes it's hard. At the Marquis they use painted drops not the real thing."

The children are carefully supervised in the "Show Boat" production. Posted on the board in the costume room are the "Cool Rules": 1. No hitting; 2. Talk nice; 3. Play nice; 4. Listen; 5. Stay close to Ms. Bobbie; 6. Be ready; 7. Be on time; 8. No running; 9. Home work is first; 10. Now means Now."

Sarah has two favorite scenes. One is a serious scene with Ravenal in which she has lines. But it's the other scene that she really likes.

"One of my favorite scenes, where I don't have lines is a montage 2 (linking scenes to show passage of time). I have a



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACOBELD

each other to lunch. The big plans for after the rehearsal were either Wendy's or Big Boy.

lollipop in my hand and I stick it on a guy's hand and it sticks."

Sarah and Jackie Olesko have been car pooling and treating

Budding star: Sarah Wiercioch loves to perform.

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Nahan point to the success of a recent all-day, sold-out short play presentation in New York. That event featured many of the country's most recognized playwrights, including August Wilson, Christopher Durang and Terry McNally. The New York fund-raiser was held after the playwrights' group found itself without a home after the financial demise of the Circle Rep Theatre.

While remaining financially viable, Heartland shares a mission with the Circle Rep, once thought of as the premier laboratory for innovative playwrights and actors. Heartland has its sights set on becoming a more visible producing theatre company that fosters Michigan playwrights. Currently, said Radcliff, the group offers a three-year program intended to encourage local talent. "Writers here are responding to important issues

facing our communities," she said. "We want to nurture their development."

While many theatre companies struggle financially, or lack a strong artistic vision, Heartland has sustained a determined path since it was founded in 1990. "We're a company without a regular (theatre) space, so we know that our success depends on managing logistics," said Radcliff. "We think of it as an art to planning."

Initially organized by a group of actors who studied with legendary thespian Uta Hagen, Heartland has grown into an award-winning producing theatre company. Three years ago, Heartland's production of "A Piece of My Heart" won critical and popular acclaim. Over the years, Heartland has also sponsored acting workshops with Hagen as the guest artist.

In 1994, Heartland estab-

lished "Playscape," an annual summer theatre festival of new plays and workshops. Last year's festival was held at the spacious Meadow Brook Theatre, an in-kind contribution from Oakland University that Radcliff estimates at \$25,000. Unfortunately, renovations at the theatre has forced Heartland to look for another venue. To date, they've yet to settle on a location for this summer's festival.

Proceeds from "Play By Play" will go toward producing plays, workshops and the annual festival. "Important theatre is happening in regional theaters throughout the country," she said. "We're hoping the people realize that and we get a big turn out."

Then, in a gesture of sheer honesty, Radcliff crossed her fingers and looked to the heavens for assurance.

Festive event celebrates Irish music

Mick Gavin of Redford started the St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest 12 years ago to give families a place to hear Irish music and celebrate. The Festival 4-11 p.m. Monday, March 17 at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, (east of Newburgh) in Westland, will feature over 60 dancers and musicians. Admission is \$7 at the door, chil-

dren free. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Call (313) 537-3489 for more information.

Gavin, who plays fiddle, will be performing at the festival with Lee McNamara an outstanding flutist known throughout Ireland; Mike Belovich of Canton, North American champion step dancer and fifth place winner in

the All-Ireland competition; award-winning harpist and step dancer Colleen Burke of Novi; Ed McGlinchey, Terence McKinney, City of Detroit Pipe Band, the O'Hare School of Dance, and The Kitty Heinzman Ceili Dancers.

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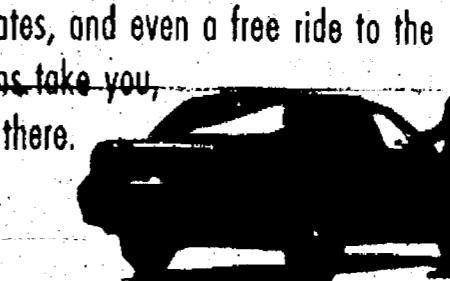
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'Streetcar Named Desire' proves a pleasurable ride

"A Streetcar Named Desire," a production by the Players Guild of Dearborn, continues at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday March 14-15 and 21-22, and 2:30 p.m. March 23 at 21730 Madison near the southeast corner of Monroe and Outer Drive in Dearborn. Tickets \$10 adults, \$8 students attending Sunday performance. Call (313) 561-TKTS.

BY TAMI TABACCHI
SPECIAL WRITER

Hitching a ride on "A Streetcar Named Desire" proves to be a highly desirable evening. This Tennessee William's classic once again demonstrates the incredible talent and professionalism at

the Guild. Gathering another cast of seasoned individuals, it's no wonder they continue to have one successful season after another.

Set in New Orleans French quarter, it's the story of Blanche du Bois, her sister, Stella and Stella's husband, Stanley. Blanche comes to visit Stella, hoping to find some stability after a series of precarious tragedies in her life. Coming from a somewhat charmed upbringing, Blanche is distraught by the impoverished conditions that her sister has married into, as well as her less refined husband, Stanley, whom she describes as an "ape." The

suspicious Stanley reveals a number of improprieties in Blanche's past and badgers her on the questionable way the family home "slipped through her fingers." It soon becomes obvious that Blanche is suffering from more than just bad nerves, living in a dream world only she could fabricate.

To those who have seen her on stage before, it will come as no surprise that Kim Donovan, who plays Stella is wonderful. Perfect in each scene, Donovan never misses a beat, keeping thoroughly in character throughout this lengthy play. Lisa Andres is befitting as Blanche. Her disheveled appearance and tor-

tured facial expressions give the audience an uneasiness few actresses can spawn.

Past president and chairman of the Guild, Bradley Pfiefer is impressive as Stanley. He does an incredible job with the show's most famous scene where Stanley screams "Stella!" Stella has retreated to the home of upstairs neighbor, Eunice, after a drunken Stanley has hit her. It's too bad Eunice, played admirably by Loretta Wilson, didn't have more scenes.

Stanley's poker buddy Mitch, who takes a shine to Blanche, is probably Streetcar's unlikely show-stealer. Mitch is an awkward, somewhat pathetic, lonely

soul, searching for someone to make him complete. Played by Richard Blair, Mitch is the show's luminosity.

With such a talented cast, it would be a shame not to mention everyone. Scott Joel Giziak is adorable as the nervous newspaper collector. Nice make-up job on the Mexican woman, played by Trisha Ali. Poker buddies, Steve and Pablo, played by Mark Schwenkel and Paul Bruce, also deserve mention.

Except to see some powerfully moving scenes. Director Patricia LaFramboise is back in the director's chair at the Guild. LaFramboise has put together a poignant performance along with

assistant director Camilla Lunsford and producer Jeff Bartos, who also have bit roles in the show. Nice job on the set, costumes, and taking care of many sound cues as well.

Oddly enough, the audience made some unexpected laughs, taking delight in some of Blanche's ranting. While "A Streetcar Named Desire" is certainly not a comedy, the laughter made for a strange new perspective on the show.

For a worthwhile evening out, make an unsettling stop on "A Streetcar Named Desire." It's a ride you won't want to miss.

Livonia singer stars in romantic operetta

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

Musica Viva International Concerts presents the North American stage premier of Heitor Villa-Lobos' "Magdalena" on Friday at the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

Soprano Kelli Basher of Livonia appears as Maria, and tenor Eric Gardner is Petro, the romantic leads.

Called the "musical voice of Brazil," the prolific Villa-Lobos composed an uneven collection of more than 2,000 works.

Considered among his most rhythmically irresistible works are "Rudepoema," "Parole do Bebe," "Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5" and "Magdalena."

Villa-Lobos' inventive guitar prelude in "Magdalena" sets the erotic tone for a story of passionate lovers, and relentless enemies caught up in a struggle of despair and redemption. The story revolves around the mysterious disappearance of the Madonna's statue from the town square of a South American village.

Wayne State's Opera Workshop brings the Brazilian

On Stage
"Magdalena" — a light romantic opera by Heitor Villa-Lobos. Where: Oakland Community College, Smith Theatre, Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696 in Farmington Hills. When 8 p.m., Friday, March 14. Tickets: \$15 general admission; \$5 for students. Ticket information, call (810) 645-6666, or (810) 471-7667.

composer's work to the area.

Frances Brockington, head of WSU's vocal division, directs the production. Padre Jose, the bass role, will be sung by Perry Brown, just back in Detroit from his starring role in "Paul

Robeson" at the Bristol Riverside Theatre in Pennsylvania.

Both WSU voice students, Basher and Gardner were previously featured in Opera Workshop productions including "The Marriage of Figaro," and

Local orchestras to present spring concerts

At spring concerts on March 15, the Livonia and Plymouth orchestras will spotlight young artists. The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra program, under conductor Russell Reed, ranges from the Classicism of Mozart to the Post Romantic style of Richard Strauss.

In addition to showcasing the Young Artist Competition's first place winner in the piano category, Livonia Symphony Orchestra conductor Volodymyr Schesuk is presenting several works never performed before by the LSO. Of course, the much anticipated performance of the evening will feature Karl Shumanovitz, one of the first place winners in the LSO's 19th annual Young Artists Competition.

Since everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day, the Redford Civic

Livonia Symphony Orchestra
7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 15, Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh, Livonia. Tickets \$10, at the door, (810) 645-6666, or (313) 421-1111. Afterglow at Di Palma's Ristorante, Tickets \$10 at the door.

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra — 8 p.m. Saturday, March 15, Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. Tickets \$12, adults; \$10, senior citizens/college students; children kindergarten-12th grade, free, (313) 451-2112. Afterglow at Water Club Grill.

Redford Civic Symphony — 3 p.m. Sunday, March 16, Thurston High School, 26141 Schoolcraft Road, Redford. Admission free.

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"Magdalena" plays again at Wayne State University's Community Arts Auditorium 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 11-12, accompanied by the WSU Orchestra. For information, call (313) 577-1795.



Opera: Kelli Basher of Livonia is "Maria" in "Magdalena."

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9 p.m. Thursday, March 13, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 19 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 996-2748

JEREMY ENIGK

Of Sunny Day Real Estate, with Red Red Meat, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 13, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 833-POOL

ERASURE

8 p.m. Friday, March 21, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Sold out. All ages. (pop) (810) 333-2362

FAMBOOEY

9 p.m. Friday, March 21, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 18 and older. (313) 485-5050

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9 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 19 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 996-2748

FRANKLIN STREET BLUES BAND

10 p.m. Thursday, March 13, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free, 21 and older. (blues) (810) 349-9110

GRIN

9 p.m. Saturday, March 15, Paycheck's Lounge, Hamtramck. Cover charge, 21 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 278-5340

GUITAR SHORTY

With Southside Denny, 9 p.m. Saturday, March 15, Sisko's on the Boulevard, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. \$10 in advance. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 278-5340

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8 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$20. All ages. (acoustic) (313) 761-1451

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March 15, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

\$6. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 833-POOL

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(R&B/funk) (313) 833-POOL

IMPACT 7

9 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free, 21 and older. (R&B) (810) 543-0917

MOONPIE FONTANA

9 p.m. Sunday, March 16, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free, 21 and older. (blues) (810) 543-0917

NICKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS

9 p.m. Friday, March 14, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (810) 543-0917

MICHAEL JERLING

7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 14, The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe, 145 N. Center St., Northville. \$10. All ages. (blues) (810) 349-9421

JERRY AND THE REMAINDERS

9 p.m. Friday, March 14, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 19 and older. (variety) (313) 996-2748

JEWEL

With The Rubgurbs, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 16, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance. All ages. (singer-songwriter/rock) (313) 961-5451

THE JOHNSONS

10 p.m. Saturday, March 15, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge, 21 and older. (singer-songwriter) (810) 332-HOWL

MIKE NOLAN BAND

10 p.m. Friday, March 21, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge, 21 and older. (pop rock) (810) 332-HOWL

MOTOR DOLLS

With Trash Brats, 9 p.m. Friday, March 14, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5. 18 and older. (rock) (810) 544-3030

MUDPUPPY

9 p.m. Friday, March 14, The Soup Kitchen, 1585 Franklin, Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older; 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, Oxbow Lake Roadhouse, 9451 Elizabeth Lake Road, White Lake. Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-1374/(810) 698-1514

MARYANN MURPHY

10 p.m. Friday, March 14, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge, 21 and older. (singer-songwriter) (810) 332-HOWL

THE SHAKERS

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9 p.m.-midnight Friday, March 21-Saturday, March 22, Peabody's, 154 S. Hunter, Birmingham. Free, 21 and older. (pop rock) (810) 644-5222

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OPERA

"AN EVENING WITH JOSE CARRERAS"
a benefit recital with piano accompaniment by Lorenzo Boavida, in support of the Detroit Opera House Capital Campaign, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, at the Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. A "Gala Reception with Jose Carreras On Stage" will follow with proceeds to benefit the Jose Carreras International Leukemia Foundation. \$210 for box seats, \$160 trustee and diamond circles, \$135 inner circle, \$110 for orchestra, for the recital. Tickets include one valet parking pass. 50 percent of each ticket is tax deductible; \$100 for the gala reception. (313) 874-7850/(313) 874-SING

DINNER OPERA

With singers Jan Rae, Gregg Galli, Dorothy Duensing, and pianist David Wilson, 3:50 p.m. Sunday, March 16, Di Palma's restaurant, 31735 Plymouth Road, Livonia. \$35. (313) 261-2430

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

"Così Fan Tutte," 8 p.m. Friday, March 14,

and Saturday, March 15, at Pease Auditorium, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. \$10 adults; \$5 students. (313) 487-1221

MUSICA VIVA INTERNATIONAL

"Magdalena," a romantic operetta by Brazilian composer Heitor Villa-Lobos, with the Wayne State University Opera Workshop, 8 p.m. Friday, March 14, Smith Theatre, Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$15; \$5 students. (810) 471-7677/(810) 645-6666

SPECIAL EVENTS

SHEILA MURNAGHAN
Humanist scholar and professor of classical studies at the University of Pennsylvania, gives a presentation on "The Oedipus Plays" by Sophocles, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 21, Kresge Hall, Madonna University, 36500 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. Conducts an "Approaches to Teaching the Oedipus Plays" workshop, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 22, in the executive classroom. Participants may receive one semester hour of credit by attending the public presentation and the workshop. Class credit will not be received, but a notation showing the student attended the series will be indicated on his/her transcript. (313) 432-5653/(313) 432-5558

MUSIC ENGINEERING SEMINAR SERIES

"Aesthetics and Computer Music," by Mark Sullivan, Michigan State University, 4:15 p.m. Thursday, March 20, 2039 F.V. Moore Building, School of Music, 1100 Baits Dr., University of Michigan north campus, Ann Arbor. (313) 764-0594

RECORD AND CD SUPER SHOW

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, March 15, Livonia Elks Hall, 31117 Plymouth Road (one mile south of I-96, one block east of Merriman Road), Livonia. \$3. (810) 546-4527

SHRINE CIRCUS

Friday, March 7-Sunday, March 23, Michigan State Fair Exposition Center, 1120 W. State Fair, Detroit. Noon-7 p.m. Mondays-Fridays: 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturdays; and 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sundays. \$6-\$14 admission, \$5 parking. (313) 366-6200

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS SUPERSTARS

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 15, Pontiac Silverdome. Free. (810) 456-1600

FAMILY EVENTS

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERT

With Eric Nagler and conductor Leslie B. Dunner, 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, March 15, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$7-\$27. (313) 833-3700

"IF YOU GIVE A MOUSE A COOKIE"

Saturday, March 15, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Macomb Community College, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. (810) 286-2222

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7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 16, The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe, 145 N. Center St., Northville. Cover charge. All ages. (810) 349-9421

MARC WEINER'S "WEINERVILLE LIVE"

Featuring Weiner and his Weinerville Gang - Dottie, Socko, Captain Bob and Boney - 2 p.m. Sunday, March 16, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Macomb Community College, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$7. (810) 286-2222

CLASSICAL

BIRMINGHAM/BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"Dance Fever" concert featuring Gilere's "Russian Sailors' Dance," Luigini's "Ballet Egyptien," Richard Rodgers's "Slaughter on 10th Avenue," Cabiré's "Danse Slave," Faure's "Pavane," and Mills's "Music Box Dancer," 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 16, Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph Road (at 14 Mile Road), Bloomfield Hills. \$16; \$12 for students or groups of 10 or more. (810) 645-2276

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE

With the Muscale's string ensemble, 1 p.m. Thursday, March 13, Birmingham Community House, 360 S. Bates St., Birmingham. (810) 647-8329

"BRAHMS UNPLUGGED"

Brown bag concert featuring the life and works of J. Brahms performed by Washtenaw Community College students, faculty and friends, noon Friday, March 21, WCC, Morris Lawrence Building, room 150, 4800 E. Huron Dr., Ann Arbor. Free. (313) 973-3623

CHAMBERWORKS

"A Bach Family Concert," 8 p.m. Friday, March 21, First United Methodist Church, 320 W. Seventh St. (between Washington and Lafayette streets), Royal Oak. (810) 952-5207

KAM-LUNG CHENG AND VIRGINIA WEEK STRÖM

"A Bach Family Concert," 8 p.m. Friday, March 21, First United Methodist Church, 320 W. Seventh St. (between Washington and Lafayette streets), Royal Oak. (810) 952-5207

POPS

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"Puttin' on the Ritz: A Salute to the Great Hollywood Musicals," with the Madrigal Chorale of Southfield, A Capella Chorus

of Michigan Christian College, Livingston County Chorale, conductor Erich Kunzel, soprano Katherine Terrell, and baritone Lewis Dahl Voit Schlanbusch, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 13, 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 14, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 15, and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 16, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$16-\$58. (313) 833-3700

CHRYSALIS CHAMBER PLAYERS

"Brahms Festival," with conductor Gunther Herbig and pianist Andreas Haefliger, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 20-Friday, March 21, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15-\$60 with group rates available. Concerts postponed due to Minelli's illness. Tickets will be honored

8 p.m. Wednesday, March 5-Saturday, March 8, and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 9, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15-\$60 with group rates available. Concerts postponed due to

Minelli's illness. Tickets will be honored

8 p.m. Wednesday, March 19 for the March 5 show, 8 p.m. March 18 for the March 6 show, 8 p.m. March 21 for the March 7 show, 8 p.m. March 22 for the March 8 show, and 5:30 p.m. March 23 for the March 9 show. (810) 433-1515/(313) 965-3099

MARK FISHER

Euphoniumist with the Santa Fe Opera Orchestra and the Chicago Lyric Opera Orchestra, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, Britton Recital Hall, E.V. Moore Building, 1100 Baits Dr., University of Michigan north campus, Ann Arbor. Free. (313) 764-0594

RICHARD GOODE

Pianist, 8 p.m. Friday, March 14, Hill Auditorium, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor. \$16-\$42. (800) 921-1229

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"Spring concert" with the LSO and its Young Artists Competition winner Karl Shymonovitz, pianist, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 15, James P. Carli Auditorium, Churchill High School, Newburgh and Joy roads, Livonia. \$10 by mail at the LSO office 30499 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150, through Ticketmaster, or the night of the show. (313) 421-1111/(313) 464-2741

LYRIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

8 p.m. Friday, March 21, Smith Theatre, Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$10; \$5 students. (810) 471-7677/(810) 645-6666

PIANIST ILLIAN MAZEL

Performs Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin and Rachmaninoff, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 16, Kerrington Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$5 students; \$10 general admission; \$12 assigned seats, rows 1-5. (313) 764-2999

DETROIT THEATER ORGAN SOCIETY

David Peckham, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 15, Senate Theater, 6424 Michigan Ave. (at Livernois), Detroit. \$10. (313) 894-4100

AUDITIONS/WORKSHOPS

GEIGER CLASSIC BALLET ACADEMY

Hosts master classes with Lubia Gulyeva, formerly of the Kirov Ballet, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 22, for intermediate

to advanced students; 1-2 p.m. Sunday, March 23, for students ages 8-10, and 2-3 p.m. for advance level, at the academy, 5526 Drake Road (at Walnut Lake Road), West Bloomfield. \$20 for advance classes; \$15 for 1 p.m. Sunday class. Reservations required. (810) 661-2430

MUSIC THEATRE OF MICHIGAN

Formerly Jumpstart The Arts, sponsors an "Audition Workshop" for actors ages 15 and older with Broadway actor Daniel C. Cooney presenting all aspects of professional auditioning including "Acting Techniques," "How to Connect Emotionally With Your Work," and "Basic Vocal Technique." 6:10 p.m. Monday, March 17-Tuesday, March 18. Classes are limited to 12 students. \$45; Auditions

actors/singers from all area high schools

Wednesday, March 19-Friday, March 21, for a summer acting workshop taught by Cooney and New York acting instructor Jim Bonney July 16-July 30. Workshop costs \$125-\$175; Auditions for summer production of "Carousel," 4-8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 19-Thursday, March 20. Theater seeks singers, actors and dancers of various ages. Rehearsals run July 16-Aug. 14. Performances are Aug.

15-17, and 22-23. (313) 425-5782

CHORAL

CHOROVAYA AKADEMIA

Men's a capella choir from Moscow, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 15, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Ann Arbor. \$20. (800) 221-1229

DETROIT CONCERT CHOIR

With the Detroit Performing Artists Orchestra, perform "Mozart and Bernstein," 8 p.m. Saturday, March 15, St. Hugo of the Hills, 2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$12, with group rates available. (313) 882-0118

ROCHESTER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Featuring Eric Lewis of the Manhattan String Quartet, 8 p.m. Friday, March 14, Warner Hall, Oakland University campus, Walton and Squirrel boulevards, Rochester. (610) 651-4181

ROYAL OAK COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Performs Haydn and Mendelssohn, 8 p.m. Friday, March 21, Dondero High School, 709 N. Washington, Royal Oak. \$15 family price; \$7 adult; \$5 students and seniors, available at the door or Royal Music Center, 512 N. Main St., Royal Oak. (810) 548-4894/(810) 988-6991

SCHUBERTIADA III

With baritone Hermann Prey, pianist Michael Endres, the Aurora String Quartet, and cellist Martin Lovett, 8 p.m. Thursday, March 20, Rockham Auditorium, University of Michigan campus, Ann Arbor. \$20-\$32. (800) 221-1229

SCHUBERTIADA IV

With baritone Hermann Prey, pianist Michael Endres, the Aurora String Quartet, pianist Martin Katz and Anton Nel, 8 p.m. Friday, March 21, Rockham Auditorium, University of Michigan campus, Ann Arbor. \$20-\$32. (800) 221-1229

SOUTHFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"St. Pat's at St. Hugo's" concert featuring music by Bizet, Brahms, and Saint Saens, with cellist Robert Bergman, mezzo-soprano Barbara Burnham Fox, tenor Edward Kingins, and the Fort Street Presbyterian Church Men's Chorus, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 16, St. Hugo of the Hills Church, 2215 Opdyke (north of Woodward Avenue), Bloomfield Hills. \$10; \$7 students and seniors. (810) 424-9022/(810) 851-7408

ROCKHAM SYMPHONY CHOIR

Arthur Honegger's "King David," with four soloists and a narrator, 3 p.m. Sunday, March 16, Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 27375 Bell Road, Southfield. \$15 at the door; \$12 in advance, and for seniors and students. (313) 341-3466

JAZZ

BLUE DOG

8 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members, students and seniors. All ages. (Avant-garde jazz) (313) 761-1451

JACK BROKENSHA QUARTET

8:15 p.m. Thursday, March 13, and Thursday, March 20, Botsford Inn, 2800 Grand River (north of Eight Mile Road), Farmington Hills. (810) 474-4800

RON BROOKS TRIO

9:30 p.m. Friday, March 21-Saturday, March 22, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (313) 662-8310

LINDA HASSELL

With Jeff Martzowka, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 16, Coffee Beanery, 307 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (810) 650-3344

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MOVIES

Kids deserve better movies than 'Jungle 2 Jungle'



TICKETS PLEASE

No longer satisfied with simply remaking their own pictures, the people at Walt Disney have begun importing movie ideas from overseas. Worse yet they're being coy about it.

Production information for "Jungle 2 Jungle" barely makes mention of "Un Indien Dans La Ville," a 1994 French comedy about a boy named Mimi-Siku, raised in the Amazon jungle, who visits the big city with his recently-discovered father.

Disney released a dubbed version of that movie as "Little Indian, Big City" just a couple of years ago to middling success.

Audiences hopefully won't realize that they've already seen this story until they're in the theater.

The American version stars Tim Allen as a commodities trader who must travel to the Amazon jungle to dissolve his marriage to a woman (Jo Beth Williams) who has been living there since they split. When she

reveals that they have a son, Allen inadvertently offers to take the wild child to visit him in New York.

Among the boy's possessions are a loin cloth, a blow gun, and a pet tarantula. The gags should surprise no one, especially after Disney's extensive TV advertising campaign.

While he's charming enough on the small screen hit "Home Improvement," local guy-made-good Tim Allen looks ill-at-ease on the big screen. Neither he nor co-star Martin Short (as his nervous business partner) are able to develop any comic rapport

during their scuffle with the Russian mafia.

Mimi-Siku is played by Sam Huntington, the result of the usual Disney nationwide search to find the perfect little kid. He's bright eyed and lovable and even gets a kiss from a 12-year-old love interest that looks suspiciously like a miniature Helen Hunt. Even New York City, which the movie films extensively, comes off surprisingly sterile.

When Mimi-Siku, still dressed in his jungle garb, strolls through a happily integrated Central Park, even the bums look somehow savory. "You have many tribes in your village," the boy says poignantly. What he really means is that Disney has enough money to completely restock the park with ethnic stereotypes, including Hassidic Jew who break dances in perhaps the movie's dapiest scene.

Were the Disney movies I was raised on any better? Certainly not. "Son of Flubber" and "The Computer Wore Tennis Shoes" employed the same hammy television actors in contrived stories that always seemed to end on



DENNIE TODD/BUENA VISTA PICTURES

Family feature: Raised in the Amazon, Mimi-Siku (Sam Huntington, center) shakes up the routine life of his father (Tim Allen, left) and business partner Richard (Martin Short, right) in "Jungle 2 Jungle."

the lamest of all possible notes.

I know the movie is for kids. I know I should lighten up. But with so few appropriate choices for them to see, maybe kids deserve better than another tired old Disney retread.

John Monaghan welcomes your

calls and comments. You can listen to him on Dave Dixon's Radio Show AM 1270, 8 p.m. to midnight Saturdays. To leave John a voice mail message, dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1866.

SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

Birmingham Theatre 211 S. Woodward, Birmingham. Call (810) 644-FILM for information.

(\$6.50; \$4.25 matinees and seniors)

Oscar-winning films — The theater has gotten hold of all five contenders for the Best Picture Oscar for a limited engagement March 14-24. "Shine," "Fargo," "Secrets and Lies," "The English Patient" and "Jerry Maguire" can be seen individually or in special packages that include a black tie gala and simulcast viewing of the Academy Awards on March 24.

Detroit Film Theatre Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information. (\$5; \$4 students)

"La Cermone" (France - 1995). March 14-16 (call for

showtimes). From Claude Chabrol, a director often called "the French Hitchcock," comes this portrait of a young housekeeper and a mysterious friend whose dark, repressed secrets reveal themselves explosively.

"Crows" (Poland - 1996). 7 p.m. Monday, March 17. In a sea-side city of narrow streets, a nine-year-old child, neglected by his overworked mother, sets off on a journey to "the end of the world."

Magic Bag Theatre 22920 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (810) 544-3030 for information.

Super heroes — "Rat Pfin

and Boo Boo" (USA - 1966) and "The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai" (USA - 1984). Starting at 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 18. The first is a low-budget parody of the popular "Batman" TV series about a rock star who turns into a super hero to rescue his girlfriend from gangsters.

"Buckaroo Banzai" has developed a small cult following with Peter Weller as an expert who races across the eighth dimension to save the world. Shown on big-screen video. (Free)

"The Usual Suspects" (USA - 1995). 9:30 p.m. Wednesday March 19. Gabriel Byrne leads troupe of misfit crooks in this well-executed thriller. The talented ensemble includes Oscar-winner Kevin Spacey. (\$2)

Main Art Theatre 118 N. Main Street at 11 Mile, Royal Oak. Films play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (810) 542-0180 for information and showtimes. (\$6.50; \$4 students, seniors and matinee; \$3 twilight)

"Kolya" (Czechoslovakia - 1996). This Oscar-nominated foreign film finds a marriage of convenience turn into a personal revolution for a middle-aged, down-on-his-luck cellist.

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The Birmingham Theatre Festival Package

By purchasing an "Academy B" festival package for \$45 you will receive a ticket to all five films, two guest passes to a future film, a filmfest t-shirt, filmfest poster and a chance to enter a special drawing for a Birmingham Theatre Premiere Pass good for one year of unlimited movies.

The Academy Award® Black tie Benefit: March 24

The Birmingham Theatre is holding its Academy Award® black tie benefit gala on Oscar Night, March 24! By purchasing an "Academy A" package for \$125 you will receive: a ticket to the Academy Award® Simulcast Party in the Birmingham Theatre, admittance to the preglow reception, afterglow reception and live auction, filmfest gifts, entry in a special drawing and a ticket to all five films during the filmfest.

For additional information or to purchase tickets by phone call 810-644-3419. Tickets can also be purchased directly from the theatre box office.

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Canadian band Odds finds warm welcome in Detroit



The Canadian pop band Odds is one of those groups that is critically acclaimed but never gets the audience it deserves — except in Detroit. This area has always been good to the

Odds.

"Every time we're in Detroit it's great. The last time we played Pontiac (at a CIXX-FM's "X-Fest"), we had fun playing with Beck and Sponge, who went on to loftier extremes than us," said singer/guitarist Craig Northey.

"We played St. Andrew's once upstairs and once downstairs in the Shelter. We play a lot of the Freedom Festivals. Last year there were three times as many people on stage as there were bandmates. Then there's the time before when the stage was more populated by fish flies trying to mate on our guitars."

The band — which includes drummer Pat Steward, singer/guitarist Steven Drake, and bassist Doug Elliot — returns to the area on Friday, March 14, to the 7th House in Pontiac to promote its fourth album "Nest" (Elektra). "Nest" is a marked departure for Odds taking its distorted guitar riffs, and tasty harmonies and turning it up a notch — as heard in the first single "Someone Who's Cool."

"I think for someone who's fol-



Promoting new album: Canadian pop band Odds — from left, bassist Doug Elliot, singer/guitarist Craig Northey, singer/guitarist Steven Drake, and drummer Pat Steward — plays the 7th House in Pontiac on Friday, March 14, in support of its latest album "Nest."

lived us since the beginning, it's ('Nest') a lot more different. But people who don't listen to us a lot or don't really analyze us, they tend to pigeonhole us and say it hasn't changed much. We still play two guitars, bass and drums, and sing," Northey said.

The self-produced "Nest" was recorded in the same environment as its previous album "Good Weird Feeling."

"We didn't rehearse or learn any of the songs before we went

in the studio to record 'Nest.' We played them for the first time in studio so we would have the chance to reel in the freshness."

"We didn't go out on the road for awhile, though, so we completely forgot how to play all the songs. Last night we just learned to play 'Out Come Stars' and 'Night's Embrace.'

Odds with special guest Gufs perform Friday, March 14, at the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, in Pontiac. Doors open at 8 p.m. for

the 18 and older show. Tickets are \$8 in advance. For more information, call (810) 335-8100.

The band Handsome was in a peculiar situation last month. Made up of members of New York veteran hardcore bands Helmet, Quicksand, and Murphy's Law, Handsome supported upstart teen rockers Silverchair.

"I can look at it and kind of laugh, as long as they don't make me buy cigarettes and buy beer for them," joked guitarist Peter Mengede, formerly of Helmet.

Mengede said he is much happier with Handsome than he was with Helmet. He added that he has to be "really discreet" about why he left Helmet. (According to Musician magazine, Mengede sued Helmet for withholding royalties.)

"People had different agendas pretty much, and I found myself in the position where it would be a very good idea to go off and start a band where everyone has an interest in their own lives," Mengede said.

"I found some people. We started playing together and made it as balanced as possible. If everyone's putting the work in then everyone should have a say. On paper it looks good, but sometimes it doesn't necessarily work out that way. (In Helmet) instead of basically having one guy in the band who's a jerk, you have five."

With Mengede, vocalist Jeremy Chatelain, guitarist Tom Capone, drummer Pete Hines, and bassist

Eddie Nappi having equal say in Handsome, it's a much more comfortable situation but it's also tougher.

"It's definitely more difficult in that you have more people with more input, instead of a tunnel vision and having one person dictate the direction of the sound. It's good but it's the longer way of going with things."

Handsome recorded its self-titled debut (Epic Records) with producer Terry Date (Prong, Pantera) at Bad Animals studio in Seattle. Mengede said the band wrote 27 songs for the album and recorded 16. In the end, 12 ended up on "Handsome."

Besides Mengede's searing guitar work, there are no specific similarities to Helmet on "Handsome." Grooving rhythm section, firm vocals, and a winding road of unexpected shifts in tempo, fill "Handsome."

One thing Mengede said not to expect is the stop and start guitars that put Helmet on the map.

"It may sound corny to say but why bother stopping if you're going to start again?"

Handsome and Unsane open

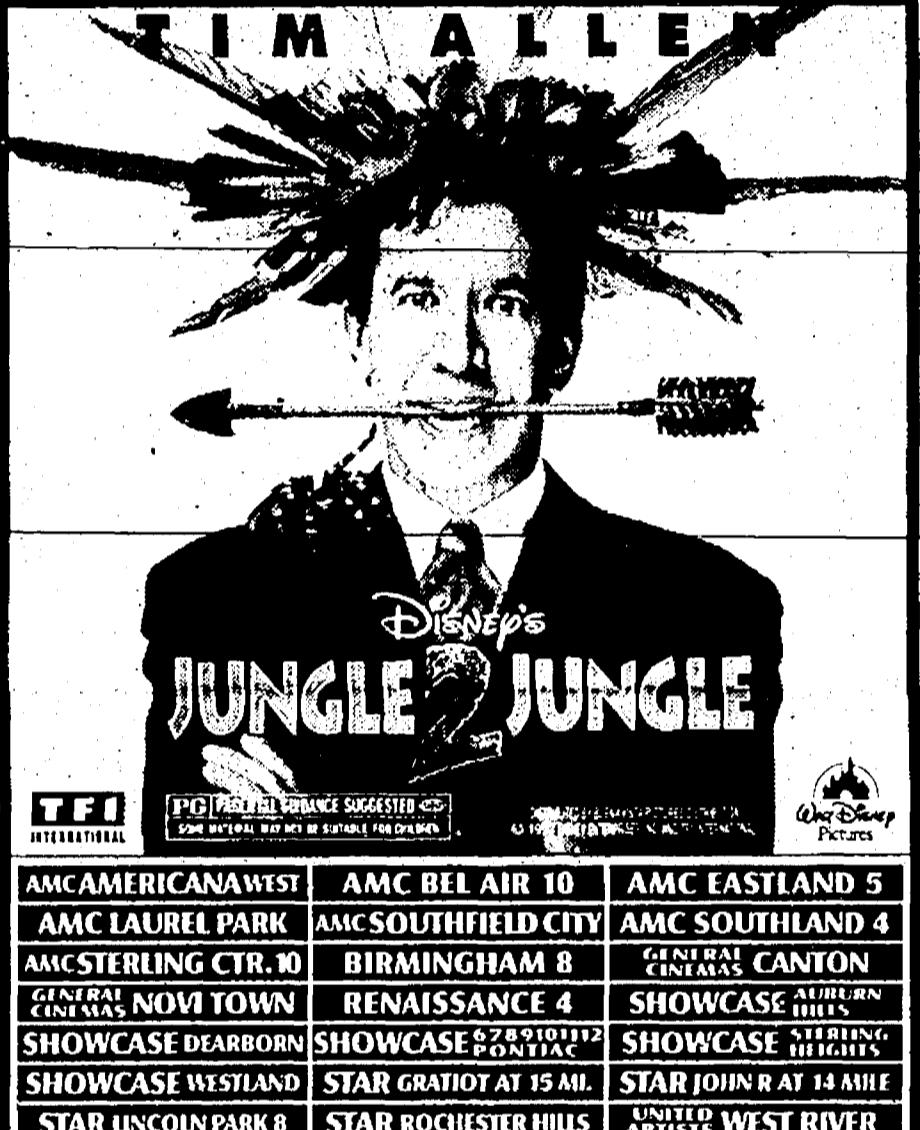
for Orange 9mm, Wednesday, March 19, at The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Doors open at 6 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are \$10 in advance. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT.

Misc: King Coffey of the Butthole Surfers has launched a 24-hour Internet radio program called Brainwash on his band's website. The show can be reached at www.monsterbit.com/brainwash. Each week Coffey delivers a new installment of the show. It has featured music from a variety of musical genres, including the Chemical Brothers, DJ Spooky, and Folk Implosion.

If you have a question or comment for Christina Fuoco, you can write to her in care of The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, or you can leave her a message at (313) 953-2047, mailbox No. 2130, or via e-mail at CFuoco@aol.com.

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Failure's album is poised for success

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Nothing combats failure better than success.

The Los Angeles band Failure is poised to take that step with its critically acclaimed third album "Fantastic Planet."

The lyrics to "Stuck On You," the first single from "Fantastic Planet" sum up the entire album.

"Your verse got trapped inside my head/Over and over again/You played yourself to death in me," guitarist/bassist Ken Andrews sings.

With the partnership of acerbic and fuzzy guitars in "Stuck On You" should have made the song a bigger hit. Bassist/guitarist/pianist Greg Edwards, calling from Columbia, S.C., is confused that more people haven't picked up on the album.

"The Alternative Press review, that was good. But I wouldn't have minded if some of the bigger magazines would have reviewed it. I'm surprised Spin didn't do it."

Obsessive love, whether it be with drugs, a patient's psychiatric nurse, or a song, seems to be the common thread of "Fantastic Planet."

Edwards — who wrote the lyrics to "Solaris," "Blank," "The Nurse Who Loved Me," and "Another Space Song" — agrees.

"I wouldn't say there's a story with a chronological plot, at least for the songs or the portions of the songs that I wrote lyrics for. There was certainly a continuing thread thematically," he said.

"In general Ken would write the vocal melodies and I would write the words, except for the song "Daylight" which Ken wrote completely. 'Blank' and 'The Nurse Who Loved Me,' which I wrote, were written before we came into the recording situation. Everything else was thought up on the spot."

"It's the oldest idea that we've used on the album. Ken and I did a demo of it a long time ago. It was kind of like the first attempt at starting to write new material. The basic progression and the lyrics 'stuck on you,' and the guitar melody existed then. I actually was the genius who came up with 'Stuck on you/til the end of time' lyric. Except for like a few lines, Ken wrote the lyrics to that song."

With its Beatlesque pop sensi-

bilities, and Pink Floyd-like lush vocals, "The Nurse Who Loved Me" is an eerie tale of a psychiatric patient who thinks that his nurse is his lover. Musically, the chorus "She's got everything I need/Pharmacy keys/She's fallin' hard for me/I can see it in her eyes/She acts just like a nurse/With all the other guys"

builds from a twinkling to crashing guitars.

Failure and the local band Beer Nuts open for Local H Friday, March 14, at Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Doors open at 7 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are \$8 in advance. For more information, call (810) 333-2362.

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DINING

Gridiron and beef share spotlight at Shula's

By ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

Open since mid-January in the former location of Stacy's restaurant, off the Lobby of the Troy Marriott, Shula's is throwing its pass into the area's steak house arena with a new twist.

Stars of the football Dolphin's no-name defense, other players from the 17 and 0 grandeur year of 1972, Super Bowl champions and their coach Don Shula create the atmosphere. The team's colors, although in deeper tones, set the stage for a host of Dolphin memorabilia on the walls and everywhere you look. The menu is printed on a football, always given to the lady in mixed company. The man gets the wine list. Look carefully, there's a plaque with a Dolphin player's name on the back of your chair.

Why would this Miami-based operation open its third location near the Lions' den? Several reasons were given by assistant general manager Michael Tchovnik. Shula started his coaching career with the Detroit Lions. There's a connection between Carnival Hotels and Resorts managing the Troy Marriott and Tampa's Sheraton Grand with another Shula's Steak House. Lastly, and also the reason why the first Shula's was opened in 1989, is the friendship between Shula and the Graham family (Bob Graham, U.S. Senator/former Florida governor and William A. Graham), owners of the Graham Angus Farm in Albany, Georgia.

All Shula Steak House locations feature Certified Angus



Steak house fare: Chef Jason Clayton (left), and assistant general manager Michael Tchovnik, at Shula's Steak House.

Beef under the Lazy G Brand of the Graham Angus Farm. Each

diner is reminded by a football-shaped serving of polenta embla-

zoned with the letter "G" garnishing the plate.

Steak is the play of the day. While listed on the football menu, each cut and portion size is explained in full detail by a waiter who comes tableside with a display cart. If you order the 48-oz porterhouse (\$60) and succeed in eating it without help, you automatically become a member of the "48-oz Club" and get your name inscribed on a plaque. In the short time since opening, 65 people earned membership. However, you should know, that if you get this size steak, or any other for that matter, and wish to split it with a table mate, there will be an extra \$10 charge. Maine Lobster, averaging four pounds and going at market price, is popular along with Florida snapper, dolphin (not the mammal, but the fish) and Norwegian salmon. Thick lamb chops, 22-oz portion, round out the principal plates.

Where: 200 West Big Beaver Road, Troy, (810) 680-9616 in the Troy Marriott.

Hours: Lunch daily 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Dinner Monday through Thursday 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 'til 11:00 p.m. and Sunday 'til 10:00 p.m.

Menu: Steak house fare with à la carte menu.

Cost: Appetizers and salads \$5-13; Entrees \$16-32; Side dishes \$4-7; and Desserts \$5-6.

Reservations: Recommended.

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lenged in his current position because "in a corporate menu consistency is the key ingredient." However, he gets to express culinary creativity with appetizer specials.

A well-stocked bar services both the hotel lobby and the restaurant. There's a large wine list with high-profile wines, both domestic and imported. A smoking area is cigar and cigarette friendly. A regular Marriott kid's menu is available, but while a casual, sport's ambiance is portrayed, this is a fine, white-table-cloth establishment where children who haven't developed gridiron interests might get bored.

Five desserts, not made on-premise, cap the fourth quarter.

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Inside the Kingsley Inn on Woodward in Bloomfield Hills. The Deli Unique offers salads, sandwiches, 12 different omelettes, lox and cream cheese on a bagel, and corned beef hash. Opens for breakfast 6:30 a.m. weekdays and 7 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Deli Unique is the twelfth restaurant in Matt Prentiss's Unique Restaurant Corporation.

THEME DINNERS

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER
Celebrate at the Botsford Inn, Grand River at Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills, 5 p.m. Monday, March 16. Buffet dinner, cost \$19.95 adults, call (810) 474-4800. First seating at 5 p.m. continues all evening. Menu, planned with the assistance of the Detroit Chapter of the Irish American Culture Institute, will feature such authentic Irish dishes as Brown Soda Bread and Raisin Bread, Dublin Bay Prawns, Pot Roast with Guinness, Ham and Chicken Pie, Colcannon and traditional Irish sweets.

VEGETARIAN FEAST

Offered by Unique Restaurant Corporation, March 26 at Morel's, March 27 at Relish, and March 29 at Sebastian's Grill. Each night will begin at 7 p.m. with wine package offered by Medeling Trifonoff at an additional cost. Menu features Black bean and roasted tortilla soup, roasted eggplant and artichoke salad, artichoke and asparagus risotto, wild mushroom and root vegetable cassoulet with savory sweet potato custard, chocolate raspberry torte with caramel anglaise for dessert. Prix fixe \$29.95 per person. (Not including tax and gratuity). For reservations, call Morels (810) 642-1094; Relish (810) 489-8852; Sebastian's (810) 649-6625.

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Stoyanovich will be on hand March 15-17 to sign autographs.



Comedian: Joey Bielaska

In February 1987 by Joey and Ed Bielaska, upstairs at Kickers. The brothers sold the business to Stoyanovich in 1983, but Joey Bielaska still hosts shows each week, which feature top national acts.

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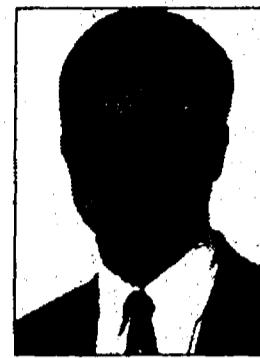
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MOVERS & SHAKERS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other key personnel moves within the suburban real estate community. Send a brief biographical summary—including the towns of residence and employment and a black and white photo if desired—to: Movers and Shakers, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

Capo named Veep.



James C. Capo, AIA, has been promoted to vice president at DeMatta Associates, an architectural, design and engineering firm in Plymouth.

Capo, who joined DeMatta in 1989 as senior design architect, will be responsible for overall project development from schematic design through construction, project team coordination and new business development.

Capo lives in Bloomfield Hills.

Severs earns CBR



Marion C. Severs, an associate broker with Century 21 Hartford in Farmington, has acquired the professional designation of Certified Buyer Representative.

Severs, a 10-year real estate veteran, resides in Farmington Hills.

Martin joins C21



William C. Martin, an associate broker, has joined Century 21 Hartford South in Livonia.

Martin, a Livonia resident, founded two real estate firms. He's also a former director of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, the Metro Multi-List and the Michigan Association of Realtors.

4 agents earn CRS

Judy Addis, Julie Doelle, Bill Hampton and Sharyn Hill of Coldwell Banker Professionals in Clarkston all have acquired the professional designation of Certified Residential Specialist.

Addis also is a Certified Buyer Representative.

REAL ESTATE

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Market tightens: Occupancy levels and rents are increasing at offices in Observer & Eccentric communities.

Office market rock solid here

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Strong, Vibrant: Best shape ever. Those are just some of the terms Joel Feldman uses to describe the commercial office situation here in a report he prepared for Friedman Real Estate Group in Farmington Hills.

The glut of vacancies plaguing suburbia and downtown Detroit four years ago due to overbuilding and a sluggish, uncertain economy has almost completely reversed, reported Feldman, a Friedman vice president.

These are now great times to own office property.

"With rare exception, demand for general, speculative, multi-tenanted office space equals or exceeds the supply of same," Feldman reported.

"Occupancy levels are at an all-time high; leasing activity is brisk; quoted rental rates as well as obtained rental rates are unprecedented, and the absorption of office product is at near record-setting levels," he added.

Office occupancy rates and asking rental rates increased in every Observer & Eccentric community surveyed last year by Feldman.

■ Bloomfield Hills — 98 percent occupancy from 96 percent; quoted weighted average rental rate of \$21.45 per square foot from \$20.95.

■ Livonia — 97 percent occupancy from 93 percent; quoted rental rate of \$19.10 per square foot from \$18.77.

■ Auburn Hills — 97 percent occupancy from 96 percent; rental rate of \$18.75 from \$18.

■ Birmingham — 96 percent occu-

pancy from 93 percent; rental rate of \$22.25 from \$21.75.

■ Bingham Farms — 96 percent occupancy from 90 percent; rental rate of \$18.94 from \$17.76.

■ Troy — 96 percent occupancy from 89 percent; rental rate of \$18.43 from \$17.82.

■ Farmington Hills — 95 percent occupancy from 92 percent; rental rate of \$18.61 from \$18.03.

■ West Bloomfield — 95 percent occupancy from 90 percent; rental rate of \$17.75 from \$17.48.

■ Southfield — 85 percent occupancy from 84 percent; rental rate of \$16.20 from \$15.67.

"Never in the entire history of the office market of greater metropolitan Detroit have occupancy levels been so high and never on such an impressive and pervasive basis," Feldman reported.

Continued absorption of vacant office space last year, some 1.3 million square feet or 200,000 more square feet than during 1995, indicates a strengthening pulse of our office market, Feldman reported.

So, too, does the large number of sales of office buildings including Prudential Town Center and First Center Office Plaza in Southfield, Wilshire Plaza North in Troy and North Valley Office Complex in Farmington Hills to investors.

Landlords, who took a beating for years, now have the upper hand, Feldman reported. It's a new ballgame for tenants entering the marketplace now or relocating.

"In general, they will be paying

more for rent, obtaining little or no concessions, have a minimal number of options to select from and often will find themselves in direct competition with another company or companies for the very same office space," he wrote.

"In most instances, there's only a minimal difference between quoted rental rates and obtained rental rates in Class A buildings, especially in suburban office markets," Feldman reported.

A general lack of office construction here for the better part of a decade, plus corporate expansion with an improving economy have tightened the office market considerably.

In fact, things have become so tight that Feldman suggests more offices could be built "on a limited, carefully-monitored basis in isolated and specifically identifiable corridors."

Those areas would include the I-275 corridor, Northwestern Highway and downtown Birmingham.

Feldman doesn't stand alone when it comes to painting a rosy picture for owners of office buildings here.

An annual report prepared by the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors indicates that absorption and rental rates are up, vacancies and landlord concessions down in southeastern Michigan.

Office rents are very much a product of supply and demand, said Gary F. Sallen, an associate broker with Signature Associates in Southfield and SIOR-Michigan vice president.

"For the most part, there's been limited new construction. We have now

backfilled vacancies," he added. "There are very few large floor plates (rentable areas) available for larger users. Lease rates are reflective of that tightening."

Other commercial Realtors are upbeat, too.

"The pendulum swings in our business, and it's definitely swung to landlords," said Scott Elliott, senior vice president and managing officer of CB Commercial's Southfield office.

"No new construction coming out of the ground has caused a very tight market condition," he said.

"At the same time, the economy has been strong. Business has definitely expanded the last few years. Look at the unemployment rate. It's below 5 percent now," he said.

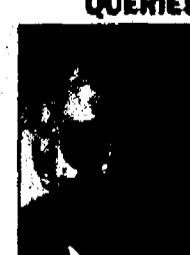
"For tenants, it's a higher expense issue and, with tight market conditions, they have to allow ample time for moves," Elliott said. "Choices aren't available that were there six to eight months ago as for space selection."

"Five years ago, for every tenant out there, there were 10 available spaces," said Jeff Shell, senior managing director for Cushman & Wakefield in Southfield. "Now, for every space, there's 10 possible occupants. Landlords have recaptured some leverage as a result."

"The economy has been strong or stable," Shell said. "With no appreciable office space coming on line since '92, that's held supply in check. With good demand, vacancies have declined, and real estate values have increased."

Court may well back your interpretation of easement

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M.
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HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer-area residential real-estate closings recorded February 10-14 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office and compiled by Advertising That Works, a Bloomfield Township company that tracks deed and mortgage recordings in Southeastern Michigan. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton

2255 Brookhaven Rd

\$165,000

41922 Connerwood Ct	\$144,000
1622 Crestview Dr	\$204,000
1340 Crowndale Ln	\$239,000
1480 Crowndale Ln	\$333,000
1648 Crowndale Ln	\$281,000
1732 Crowndale Ln	\$245,000
41730 Hanford Rd	\$157,000
334 Highlands Dr	\$283,000
45065 Horseshoe Cir	\$137,000
1975 Lone Wolf Ln	\$304,000

47331 Lyndon Ave	\$144,000
17392 Brookview Dr	\$266,000
29544 Barton St	\$202,000
27411 Cambridge St	\$77,000
1550 Ranier St	\$86,000
29801 Cambridge St	\$148,000
3152 River Meadow Cir	\$43,000
27660 Chester St	\$171,000
3369 Riverside	\$93,000
47029 Southwick Dr	\$182,000
311 Radcliff St	\$65,000
1739 Stonebridge Way	\$280,000
30808 Sheridan St	\$87,000
1903 Stonebridge Way	\$293,000
Livonia	\$82,000

1789 Stonebridge Way Ct	\$282,000
9914 Marie St	\$52,000
15033 Marsha St	\$120,000
33756 Cindy St	\$136,000
35638 Elmira St	\$123,000
34055 Wadsworth St	\$148,000
1809 Nola St	\$127,000
18511 Westchester Dr	\$85,000
19033 Gill Rd	\$158,000
19470 Hardy St	\$124,000
18430 Heatherlea Dr	\$32,000
37396 Kingsburn Ct	\$301,000
19208 Westmore St	\$98,000
Plymouth	\$49,000
11737 Amherst Ct	\$49,000
37617 Kingsburn Dr	\$38,000

20400 Antago St	\$282,000
17392 Brookview Dr	\$52,000
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9235 Baywood Dr	\$95,000
25782 Jennifer	\$162,000
44816 Gregory Ln	\$85,000
24936 Midland	\$160,000
48120 Hilltop Dr. E	\$82,000
17340 Olympia	\$87,000
12474 Pincrest Dr	\$154,000
8913 Riverview	\$207,000
171 Pinewood Clr	\$82,000
9127 Salem	\$75,000
172 Pinewood Clr	\$92,000
13590 Wormer	\$75,000
251 Pinewood Clr	\$55,000
9567 Hemingway	\$125,000
Westland	\$7250 Cardwell St
Redford	\$126,000
36481 Black Oak	\$74,000
16644 Garfield	\$119,000
1450 Ann Arbor Rd W	\$68,000
Livonia	\$50,000

8655 Cardwell St	\$115,000
38231 Carolon Blvd	\$60,000
8203 Huntington St # 14	\$44,000
7905 Millwood Dr	\$154,000
1538 Shoemaker Dr	\$180,000
7333 Perrinville Ct.	\$125,000
1358 Shoemaker Dr	\$74,000
32837 Winona St	\$126,000

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TERM	RATE	PTC/FEES	DN. PMT.	LOCK	APR.	COMMENTS
AMERICAN FINANCE & INVESTMENT	800-562-5674					
30 yr FIX	7.375	2.75/355	5%	45 days	7.74	24 hr Rateline 1-800-689-2562
15 yr FIX	6.75	2.875/355	5%	45 days	7.33	Http://www.loanshop.com
7/23 Balloon	6.625	3/355	10%	45 days	7.24	
30 yr Jumbo	7.5	2.5/355	10%	45 days	7.84	
(A) 10XXI Eaton Pl., Ste 220, Fairfax, VA 22303						

TERM	RATE	PTC/FEES	DN. PMT.	LOCK	APR.	COMMENTS
AMERICAN HOME FINANCE	800-440-1940					
30 yr FIX	7.875	0.290	5%	45 days	8	Large Apartment buildings.
15 yr FIX	7.375	0.290	5%	45 days	7.75	No Cost Loans.
7/23 Balloon	7.5	0.290	5%	45 days	7.63	No Origination Fee. Sun 10-2
3/1 yr Jumbo	6.875	0.290	5%	45 days	7	
(B) 3111 W. 6 Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48151						

TERM	RATE	PTC/FEES	DN. PMT.	LOCK	APR.	COMMENTS
APPROVED MORTGAGES, INC.	313-455-2219					
30 yr FIX	7.625	2/250	5%	45 days	7.8	Experts in mortgage loans.
15 yr FIX	7.125	2/250	5%	45 days	7.36	Competitive Jumbo pricing, low fees.
7/23 Balloon	7.625	3/250	10%	45 days	8.37	Equity Loans to 100%, & we offer Brusel
3/1 yr Jumbo	6.625	2/250	10%	60 days	8.32	Credit Loans Eve & weekend appts. avai
(C) 32110 Telegraph Rd., Ste 205, Bingham Farms, MI 48025						

TERM	RATE	PTC/FEES	DN. PMT.	LOCK	APR.	COMMENTS
FIRST ALLIANCE MORTGAGE CO.	810-433-9620					
30 yr FIX	7.75	2/250	5%	45 days	8.02	Open 7 days a week. Debt
15 yr FIX	7.125	2/250	5%	45 days	7.36	consolidation & Refi for credit
1 yr ARM	5.5	2/250	10%	45 days	5.78	problems, bank turndowns we
1 yr ARM/Jumbo	6.625	2/250	5%	45 days	5.79	make it possible.
(B) 32985 Hamilton Ct., Ste 103, Farmington Hills, MI 48334						

TERM	RATE	PTC/FEES	DN. PMT.	LOCK	APR.	COMMENTS
JMC MORTGAGE CORP.	810-489-4020					

Borrower beware! PMI overpayment is common



MORTGAGE SHOPPING
DAVID C.
MULLY

You may be one of the many who are currently paying premium mortgage insurance (PMI) each month in your mortgage payment, and it may be an unnecessary payment. If you put less than 20 percent down when you initially bought

your home, you are most likely still paying the monthly premium mortgage insurance.

PMI does serve a useful purpose for some. It is a good thing because it greatly assists first-time homebuyers who may not have enough for a 20-percent downpayment but still want to buy their own home. Lenders will loan money to these people with as little as 3 percent down if the borrower has PMI. Without PMI, qualified people with credentials that meet all other bor-

rowing guidelines except the 20-percent threshold would be left out in the cold.

The other side of the story is that once these same individuals have lived in their homes for a few years and have built up 20-percent equity in their homes, they still pay monthly PMI even though it is no longer necessary. There are currently estimated to be 250,000 homeowners in our country who pay PMI premiums even though they have more than 20-percent equity in their homes.

It may be that these homeowners are not aware that they are paying PMI. In other cases, the lender currently servicing the loan may not be willing to cancel the PMI fees even after the homeowner disputes and proves that there is more than 20-percent equity.

How can you determine if you are carrying PMI insurance? In some cases, the PMI requirement is written into a lifetime contract between the lender and the borrower that is disclosed in

the initial closing papers when the home was first purchased. So check in your closing papers. If you have 20-percent equity or more and are caught with this "lifetime contract," help is on the way.

There is presently active legislation in congress sponsored by Sen. Alfonse D'Amato that will force lenders to automatically drop PMI when the 20-percent level is reached. They would use the home's initial value estimate at the time of purchase and the national amortization schedule of the loan being paid off to calculate when the balance reaches a point that is 80-percent of the initial value estimate. This proposed bill will also build in the ability for the consumer to request an early out for PMI if they happen to pay down the loan ahead of schedule, do home improvements or live in a neighborhood where the homes are appreciating (like most homes in metro Detroit). The decision on the proposed bill is expected in the next 60 days and has a good

chance of passing if some of the bugs can be worked out.

Another important point is that the lender currently servicing your loan is bound by the investor that made the loan. Hence, the investor is the actual note holder. Before you get too upset with your lender, consider that the servicer earns no income by collecting these PMI premiums. They simply pass the fees on to the PMI companies.

If you signed a lifetime contract, your lender may not be allowed to cancel the PMI without the authorization of the investor. To get past this, you can always refinance your loan with another lender who will look at your loan-to-value from a present day perspective and use a new appraisal to determine if PMI is required. Refinancing is a good option as long as you won't be giving up a great fixed rate you had locked in for the long term.

PMI costs can range from \$65 per month on a \$100,000 mortgage and at 95-percent loan-to-

value ratio to \$130 per month for a \$200,000 mortgage. So you can see that if 250,000 people are paying PMI who do not really need to, that can add up to millions of dollars in excess expenditures by consumers that PMI companies are profiting from. For advice on your particular situation, feel free to call me at 1-800-405-3051.

Correction: in the Mortgage Shopping column dated 2-20-97, the telephone numbers for the credit reporting agencies were incorrect. The correct telephone numbers are as follows: TRW: 1-800-831-5614. Transunion: 1-321-408-1400. Equifax: 770-612-2585. If you have been denied credit, you may receive a free copy of your credit report.

Editor's Note: Dave Mully will be a guest speaker at the upcoming 79th annual International Builders Home Flower and Furniture Show, which begins March 15 and runs through March 23. He will be talking about "Mortgage Shopping" and how to save money on your mortgage. Mully

will be appearing every day at 3 p.m., starting with Monday, March 17, through Friday, March 21, with additional appearances on Friday, March 21, at 5 p.m., Saturday, March 22, at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. and Sunday, March 23, at 21 p.m.

David Mully has been writing his weekly "Mortgage Shopping" column for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers since June 1995. He has been involved with residential mortgage lending in the Detroit area since 1988 and is a mortgage consultant. For information about a new mortgage, call Mully toll-free at 1-800-405-3051, fax him at 810-380-0603 or send email to maxwell11@juno.com You can access Mully's previous Mortgage Shopping articles on-line at <http://www.observer-eccentric.com/realestate/mully/archives.html>

Picture garden as a work of art

BY JOAN BRUNSKILL
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — Painting with peonies and larkspur, composing scenes with fountains and teahouses, Ellen Biddle Shipman saw her fame bloom in the early years of the century.

In 1933, House and Garden magazine called her the dean of American women landscape architects.

Garden plans and photographs of her work are on show in a traveling exhibition, "The Gardens of Ellen Biddle Shipman 1869-1950," in which flowers all but tumble out of the images and quiet terrace paths seem to beckon you on forever.

And her own enterprising life is a spirited part of the story behind the lush garden pictures.

The exhibition, at the PaineWebber Art Gallery through April 4, is headed for a lengthy tour whose further venues will include New Orleans, Chapel Hill, N.C., and Akron, Ohio.

A companion book, "The Gardens of Ellen Biddle Shipman 1869-1950" (Sagapress/Abrams, \$39.95) has text by Judith B. Tankard. It quotes Shipman talking of using plants to paint pictures, "as a painter uses the colors from his palette."

Exhibition curator Robin Kar-

son elaborates on Shipman's painterly approach in an interview. "She conceptualized the architecture as the frame and filled it in with plants as wonderful, colorful elements."

Karson is executive director of the Library of American Landscape History, Amherst, Mass., which organized the show.

Shipman's gardens were innovative and varied, since she saw each as a portrait of the person who commissioned it and tried to make it express that person.

But they often shared her characteristic balancing of casual simplicity with formality, combining a robust early American style with European features and ornaments.

In the book, Tankard writes, "Her debt to the British designer Gertrude Jekyll is unmistakable, but Shipman's gardens were American in spirit and impact."

Shipman wanted her gardens to be private oases, preferably dappled with water.

That she featured pools of all descriptions in her designs was not unusual, Tankard says, but her romantic treatment of water plantings was distinctive. "The

complexity of the plantings and the sensuousness of their

arrangements made these designs highly recognizable as hers."

As a divorced parent, Shipman founded her own company in the 1920s with an all-woman office in New York City. Her projects took her across the country, and her wealthy clients included the Astor, duPont and Ford families in the heyday of the great estates.

But she had a down-to-earth, hands-on style: "Her own experiences as a dirt gardener were the foundation of her art," Karson said.

And although she did so many gardens for the wealthy, Shipman was firmly democratic. Gardening's door was wide open to everyone, she said, rich or poor. "It has no distinctions, all are welcome."

In the exhibition, the gardens come to life in around 70 photographs and original plans.

Most of the plans are drawn in ink on linen, enlivened with appealing vignettes of fountains and pergolas and detailed notes about plantings.

The photographs are of two main vintages. Outstanding

among the early ones are landscape photographer Mattie Edwards Hewitt's black-and-white pictures of 1920s gardens.

Another series is of newly commissioned photos by Carol Betsch of restored Shipman gardens, some black-and-white prints, others large-format color "iris" prints made by using vegetable dyes on watercolor paper to quite lovely effect.

Sadly, of at least 650 gardens Shipman created, only two remain, the others having proved vulnerable to the passage of time and upkeep costs.

The surviving gardens, both in Ohio, are the estate of the Windsor Whites at Chagrin Falls, and the English Garden at Stan Hywet in Akron. The latter was recently restored and is open to the public.

Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens are open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. After April 1, open seven days a week 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$7 adults, \$6.50 seniors, \$3.50 children.

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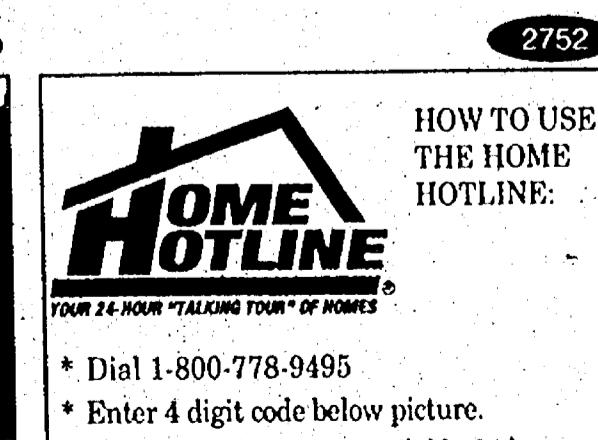
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Builders see no end to current boom

The construction industry is booming, and there doesn't appear to be an end in sight.

That's the conclusion of the Construction Association of Michigan and the accounting firm of Plant & Moran LLP after they tabulated their annual business activity survey.

The survey indicates that nearly every segment of construction remained high last year, and contractors seem optimistic that the pattern will continue.

Overall, 70 percent of respondents reported an increase in construction volume by at least 5 percent, and almost a quarter of

those said business volume had increased by more than 20 percent.

For the third year in a row, industrial construction provided Michigan contractors with the most opportunities for work, nearly 30 percent of all commercial construction.

Office buildings ranked second, 27 percent, and educational facilities third, 22 percent.

The most significant shift occurred in the category of retail construction, which jumped 7 percentage points from 1995 levels to about 21 percent.

New construction far outpaced renovation and retrofit projects,

accounting for 65 percent of all construction opportunities compared to 47 percent five years ago.

In addition, respondents reported a significant change in the number of projects on backlog compared to just one year ago.

When asked how much new work they have waiting to get started, more than a third of all general contractors indicated they had projects on hold from six months to one year.

"Our Construction Project News division published a record 9,694 construction projects between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31,

1996," said Russell Agosta, CAM chairman and partner with Grant Thornton in Southfield.

"That's the highest number of projects we've reported in a single year since the first issue of Project News was published in 1916," he said.

Despite the increased number of projects, survey respondents reported only minor changes in material prices. The great majority of contractors reported that their material prices increased less than 10 percent.

The obvious glut of available projects has raised the possibility of a new problem for the con-

struction industry — labor shortages.

Nearly 40 percent of all respondents report they plan to add workers to their payrolls full time, with subcontractors and architectural firms showing the largest growth compared to previous surveys.

Plans for expansion among architectural firms is a strong indicator of continued growth for the rest of 1997 and the early part of next year, Agosta said.

"Architectural and engineering firms lead other segments of the construction industry by more

than six months," he said. "Their design work has to be prepared well before any bidding or building activity can take place."

"The reports by architectural firms that they plan to hire new people is a good sign that there is an abundance of new work in the planning stages, Agosta said.

"The construction industry is well aware that we may face labor shortages if this level of activity continues," he said. "In the long term, it's critical that we find ways to attract high-caliber young people into the industry."

January new home sales surge to nearly 11-year high

BY DAVE SKIDMORE
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — A government report showed new home sales unexpectedly surging to a nearly 11-year high in January. But economists weren't sure what to make of it because of a data-collection change.

"It's so outlandish on the strong side," David F. Seiders, chief economist of the National Association of Home Builders, said of the 8.6 percent sales

jump. "In our signals from the field, nothing says this was going to happen."

In advance, analysts were looking for a modest sales decline. So Tuesday's report from the Commerce Department briefly roiled the inflation-sensitive bond market until the government's disclosure of a change in its data collection methods sank in.

The department said its field agents started collecting sales data with laptop computers,

rather than with paper and pencil. It said that more accurate method likely resulted in "some upward bias" to the number but it used statistical methods to dampen erratic fluctuations.

Economists and bond traders said the Commerce Department should have announced the methodology change in advance but said, in the end, the report had only a passing impact.

"I'm sure some traders lost money. But then some traders made money too," said economist Sung Won Sohn of Norwest Corp. "I don't think the average person lost money because the market moved

too fast."

Bond prices, which were rising, sank briefly after the report.

They quickly recovered but sank again during the afternoon. The Dow Jones industrial average, off modestly most of the day, dropped in the last hour of trading to close down 66.20 points at 6,858.72.

Everett Ehrlich, under secretary of commerce for economic affairs, said the department did not announce the data-collection change in advance because "it wasn't obvious to us that it would have the effect that it did." In the long run, the change will produce more precise estimates, he said, and stood by the general accuracy of the January report.

"The bureau is confident new home sales rose in January and rose sizably," he said. "If we didn't have that confidence about the direction and magnitude of the change, we would not have released the report."

It showed that Americans purchased new, single-family homes at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 870,000, the highest level since March 1986.

Among the factors supporting sales were unseasonably warm weather in some regions, relatively low mortgage rates and moderate economic growth.

Housing was a key source of economic strength last year, when 758,000 new homes were sold, the largest number since 1978. Analysts are expecting another good year, but not as strong as last year.

"It looks like housing is plateauing at a high level or maybe easing just a bit," said economist Lyle Gramley of the Mortgage Bankers Association of America.

In another report, the Index of Leading Economic Indicators rose 0.3 percent in January. The gain, reported in New York by the private Conference Board, follows a 0.1 percent rise in

December and a revised 0.1 percent increase in November.

The January home sales increase was largest in the Northeast, where sales shot up 63.4 percent to the highest level since November 1987. Sales jumped 11.9 percent in the South to the highest level since December 1983. However, they fell 10.3 percent in the Midwest and 5.9 percent in the West.

The strong sales overall whittled the inventory of completed but unsold homes to a 4.5-month supply, down from 5 months in December and 6.3 months a year earlier.

The national median selling price for a new home, meaning half sold for more and half for less, was \$145,000 in January, up 9.9 percent from \$133,900 a year ago. But, affordability has been helped by rates below 8 percent on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages.

An inspection can be useful, even if you aren't selling your home

An inspection has always been a valuable tool to help determine a home's condition for a buyer prior to purchase.

But some homeowners, with no intention of selling in the immediate future, reportedly are using inspections to ensure that their houses are properly maintained.

According to Michael Goewey, president of Property Facts in Livonia, (313) 425-4970, many of the home inspections his company does are for homeowners who want to make sure they stay up-to-date on their home maintenance and to help avoid any potential problems.

"Usually, a home inspection is vital for home buyers because they want an independent, unbiased opinion and report of a home's condition prior to purchasing," Goewey said.

"But many people today get home

inspections even when they aren't selling a home so they can determine their home's condition and find out if there are any defects that need repair before they become a problem," he said.

Goewey said a typical home inspection should include a complete written analysis of the home's features, tips on energy efficiency and home maintenance.

The inspection also will provide a detailed report on the condition of a variety of interior and exterior elements including electrical, plumbing, heating/cooling, fireplace, structure and foundation, roof, gutters, draining and grading.

Cost typically ranges from \$150 to \$250.

"When you are buying a house, you

don't want to move in and then find out you have a leaky roof or faulty plumbing," Goewey said. "But the same is true for people who have owned the home for years."

"Problems can develop in a home's interior or exterior condition over time, and a home inspection can help pinpoint any specific problems that need repair before they become major concerns."

Goewey suggests that homeowners who want an inspection should always look for companies that follow the standards and code of ethics set forth by the National Association of Home Inspectors or the American Society of Home Inspectors.

He also suggests that homeowners make sure the inspectors are licensed, fully insured and bonded.

30-year mortgage rates rise this week

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thirty-year, fixed-rate mortgages averaged 7.84 percent this week, the second consecutive weekly increase and the highest in five weeks, Freddie Mac said Thursday.

The increase, from 7.65 percent last week, put the rate at the highest since late January, when rates averaged 7.88 percent. Just two weeks ago, the rate hit an 11-week low of 7.56 percent.

On one-year adjustable rate mortgages, lenders were asking an average initial rate of 5.54 percent, up from 5.49 percent last week.

Fifteen-year mortgages, a popular option for those refinancing mortgages, averaged 7.35 percent this week, up from 7.15 percent a week earlier.

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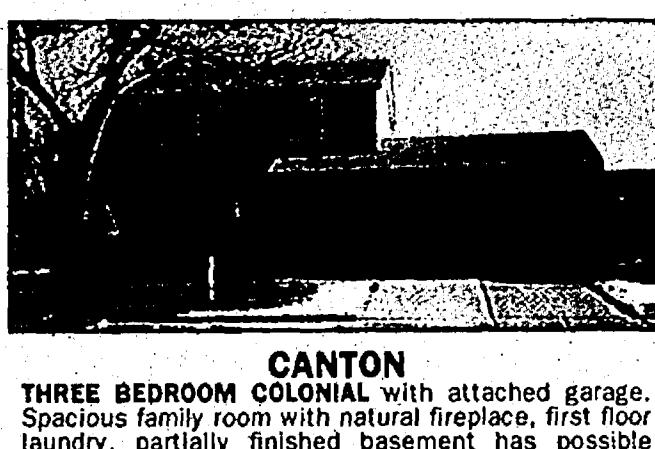
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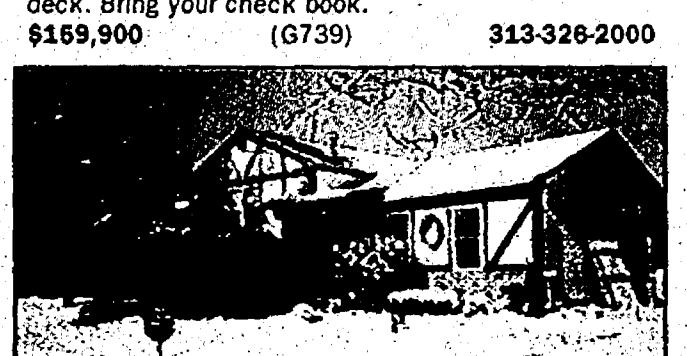
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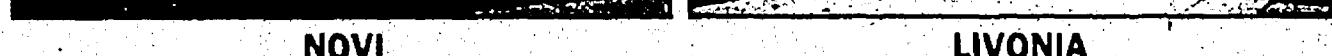


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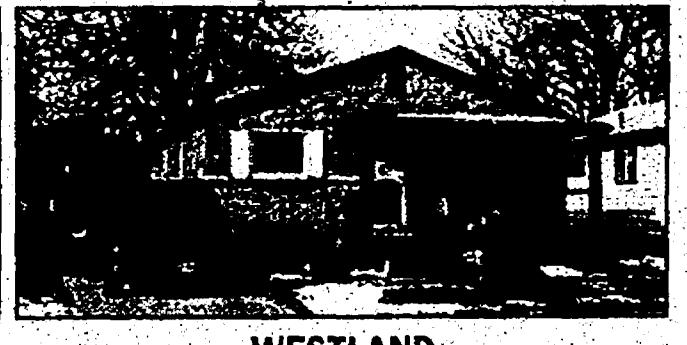
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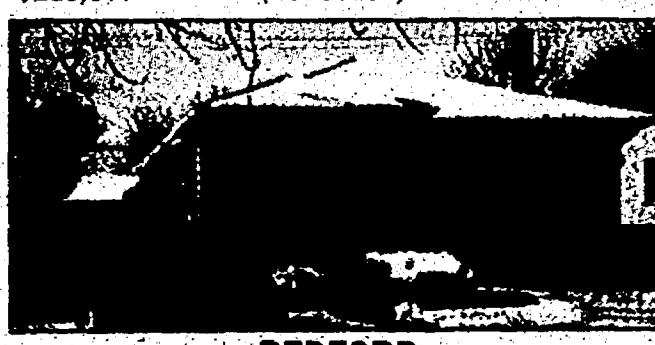
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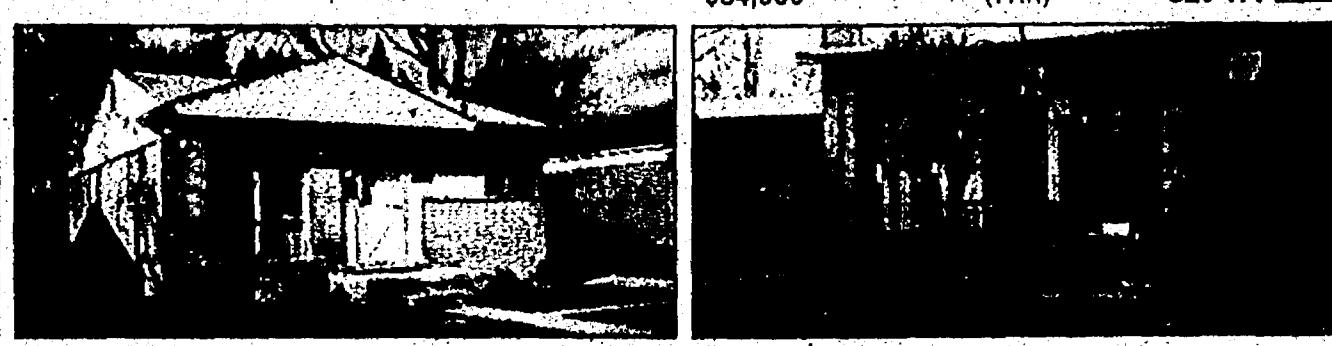
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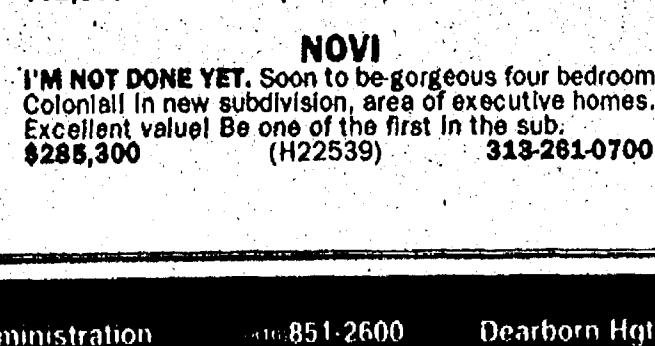
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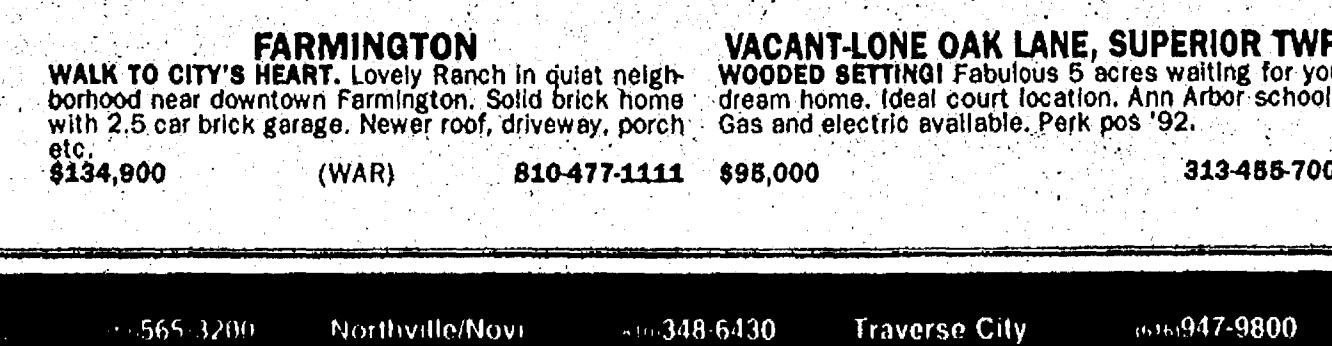
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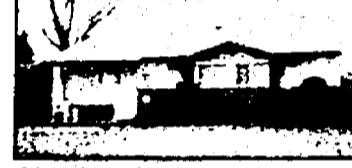
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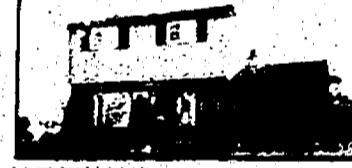
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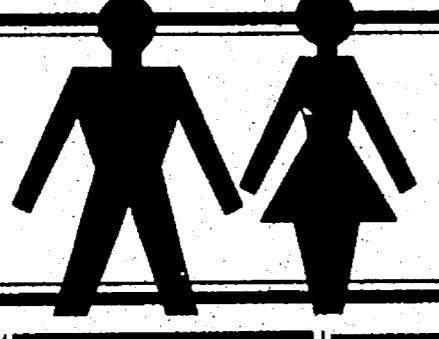
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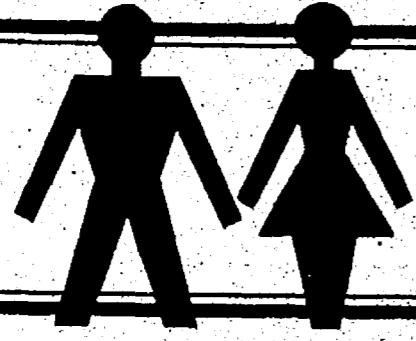
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WELDERS/ASSEMBLERS/GENERAL LABOR

Qualified candidates must possess:

- Certificate
- (1) one year experience
- Strong organizational skills
- Ability to work independently and initiative. We offer Employees:
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P.O. Box 3346 Detroit, MI 48232-5446

EOE

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical
ACCOUNTING CLERK

Detroit based supermarket chain has an immediate opening for a full time cash and banking clerk. Candidate must possess knowledge of bank statements, bank reconciliation accounts and be proficient using calculator, Excel spreadsheet and system software. Competitive pay & benefits package. Send resume to: 3000 Oxford Hs Place, Ste. 205, Novi, MI 48373

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE POSITION AVAILABLE

Typing, collections, filing, Wayne State Area. Send resume to: Jane Smith, 467 Selden, Detroit, MI 48201

ACCOUNTING CLERK - Wixom Distributor

seeks part time accounting

orders, check entry and miscellaneous tasks. Experience with Excel a plus. Flexible hours. Call Donna

810-624-7000

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Accounts receivable experience is required. Duties include recording of accounts in ledger and daily deposits of cash receipts. Windows 3.1 and Lotus 123 experience is a plus. Send resume and salary requirements to: 3000 Oxford Hs Place, 40 W. Main, Southfield, MI 48075. Attn: Shirley

ACCOUNTANT

Plymouth, Michigan supplier is seeking an entry level accountant. Candidate must have a BSBA in accounting. General cost accounting experience and/or NAFTA experience a definite plus. Salary is commensurate with education and experience. Send resume and salary history to:

Industrial Surplus Company 695 Alatra Street Plymouth, Michigan 48170

TELEPHONE CALLS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
ACCOUNTING

Accounts payable financial statement. Full-time. Experience preferred. Benefits. \$23,000 commensurate w/experience. Plymouth area. Fax resume 313-459-2310, Attn: John

ACCOUNTING/ADMINISTRATIVE

Edward Rose & Sons, a large property management firm located in Farmington Hills seeks to fill the following position:

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Position requires aggressive, involved and detail oriented accounts payable system. Degree and knowledge of property management helpful but not necessary. Direct resume to AP Supervisor.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Position requires an experienced individual with a desire to learn and familiarity with accounting procedures. Duties include accounts payable, accounts receivable, general ledger, and payroll. Must be detail oriented. Direct resume to: 3000 Oxford Hs Place, 10 W. Main, Southfield, MI 48075. Attn: Shirley

ACCOUNTING CLERK

Cash receipts entry and bookkeeping responsibilities. Associates degree in accounting or prior computerized accounting experience helpful. Applicant must have excellent communication skills, computer experience a must. Please call Human Resources, 313-441-2000 EO/EAA

ACCOUNTING STAFF

Position available. Experience in accounts receivable & payable. Full time with benefits. Please send resume to: TVES, 36887 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Attn: Karen.

ACCOUNTS COORDINATOR

ITS Inc. seeks responsible, motivated people for customer service. Assignments include distribution & data entry. Data entry with company software & MS Office, good phone skills, for consideration

fax resume to: 810-269-8821

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/ORDER ENTRY

Phone experience a plus. Full time position with benefits. Call: (313) 728-2222

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/COMPUTER FULL-TIME

Must have good math skills. Various duties. Excellent benefit program. Call for appointment: Mrs. Austin, Riemer, Floors, Bloomfield Hills, 810-335-2060

ACCOUNTING/CLERICAL

DPCS INTERNATIONAL INC. has an immediate full time day shift opening in our Clerical-Accounting Department. Qualified candidate must possess a minimum of 2 years accounting experience. Duties include: accounts payable, accounts receivable, general ledger, payroll, bank reconciliation, and tax preparation. Send resume to: 3000 Oxford Hs Place, 1913 Southfield, MI 48075. Attn: DS or fax to: 810-473-9161

Or Mail to: J.P.R.A. Architects 31000 Northwestern Hwy #100 Farmington Hills, MI 48334

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

Brownfield Hills Advertising Agency is looking for an accounting assistant with at least 1 year experience to assist in accounting department. Responsibilities would include computerized accounting thru month end close. Duties include: accounts payable, general ledger, and payroll. Must be detail oriented and have good communication skills. Good math skills helpful but not necessary. Direct resume to:

Administration Manager 4410 Plymouth, Oakwood Blvd. Plymouth, MI 48136 An Equal Opportunity Employer

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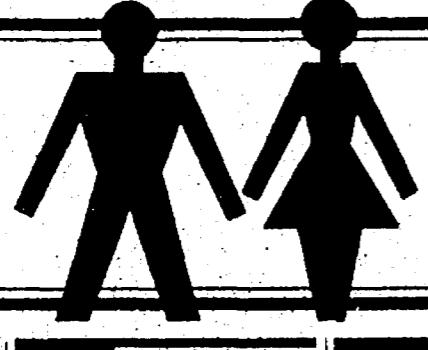
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DUE TO
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RENOVATION

Art Van Furniture has immediate openings for part & full time positions ranging from:
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Flexible hours, excellent benefits available. Please call to schedule an interview.



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GENERAL OFFICE
ENTRY LEVEL

Must like working in a busy office. Some computer experience helpful. Typing, file & general office experience required. Call for appointment. Mss Austin Reiner Floors, Bloomfield Hills. 810-335-2060

GENERAL OFFICE HELP

3 yrs. experience. Good phone manners, must have computer knowledge, excellent wages 313-535-7660

GENERAL OFFICE

Livonia firm needs personable individual with recent phone, typing, computer and office experience. Pleasant voice. Diversified duties. Call (313) 522-2910, ext 138 E.O.E.

GENERAL OFFICE

Person needed for busy Ann Arbor contractors office. Must have excellent phone skills. Duties include paychecks, accounts payable, accounts receivable, expense reports, etc. Must be detail oriented & accurate. Computer experience required. Fax resume with salary requirements to 810-220-4960.

GENERAL OFFICE POSITION

Experienced, motivated, self-starter for general office. Computer knowledge & data entry experience a must. Accounts payable, accounts receivable, expense reports, etc. Call for interview only (313) 537-5400.

GENERAL OFFICE/RECEPTIONIST

A nice phone voice & knowledge of WordPerfect 6.0 & Microsoft could land you some great benefits. Call 313-664-4900.

SELLING PERSONNEL SERVICES

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Exciting Career Opportunity

Farmington Hills' computerized business needs a part-time, full-time or weekend order processor. Must be self-started with excellent people skills and able to handle multiple tasks. Salary rates & experience. Benefits & 401K plan. Call 810-553-3250 or fax resume 810-553-3338.

EXECUTIVE HUMAN RESOURCES

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EXPERIENCED Receptionist Needed

Professional receptionist with a great personally organizational skills responsibilities include answering phones, scheduling appointments and showings etc. 20 years experience. Call 602-446-6000.

FILE CLERK

Full-time entry level position with benefits available. No experience necessary but typing skills is required. Livonia area. Call (810) 342-1311.

FILE CLERK

Mary Heath Parke, a division of Mercy Health Services, seeks a File Clerk to work at its Farmington Hills Corporate office.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Include: filing claim forms and performing other office tasks as requested. Requires basic sorting, alphabetizing and filing skills, plus ability to maintain logs, prepare documents for mailing, and work independently with minimum supervision according to production standards. Some light lifting required.

WE OFFER A COMPETITIVE SALARY

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30-40 hours per week for Farmington Hills office. Friendly atmosphere. \$7.00 per hour. Please call Michele at 810-626-6264.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

Southfield based Credit Union seeking self motivated, customer service oriented people to 18 several positions. Part time, full time, phone clerk, loan processor. Some experience required. Call 810-255-7007, Lathrop Village, MI 48076.

Holiday Inn

FLORENTINES RESTAURANT is looking for SALES SECRETARY. Typing & Microsoft Word experience required. Permanent part time. Apply to: Mrs. Linda, 17123 N. Laurel Park, Livonia.

GENERAL CLERICAL

Do you possess the following qualities? Good communication skills, computer literate, good typing skills, dependable, desire to learn? If your response is yes, consider becoming a team member as part of our client support staff in our Birmingham office. Call Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm. Office: Call 810-491-9400. Fax: 810-477-2820.

GENERAL CLERK

Hourly pay, 8-5pm; no benefits. Contact Cindy Adams, 9-5pm. (313) 425-2300.

GENERAL OFFICE ASSISTANT

Real estate office in Southfield. Organized, detailed w/accounting & computer skills a plus. (810) 559-4800.

GENERAL OFFICE CLERK

With some sales ability with organizational & communication skills & a smiling face. Apply in person, or fax resume to: 313-981-2221. Attn: Kathy or Doug.

GENERAL OFFICE/ DATA ENTRY

Recruiting after closing for West Michigan medical company. Full-time. Lotus experience required. Send resume to: Margaret, PO Box 85530, Westland, MI 48185. Fax # (810) 632-4021.

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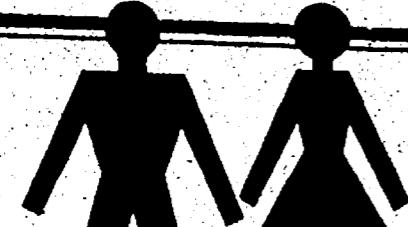
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Livonia dental lab looking for set up technician. Will pay for experience. Also model person interested in learning waxing. Willing to train right person. Full time with benefits. Call Dave. (313) 427-8301

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HYGIENIST - part time. Highly motivated professional for Farmington Hills instant prosthodontic office. Call Lori. 810-553-0645

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Two doctor practice in Livonia seeking motivated & dependable individual to work in ortho-dental practice. Experience preferred but willing to train. Benefits package with incentives. (810) 471-1555

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A-1 MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST needed

Fast paced medical office looking for person to organize, self-motivated \$10 & up depending on experience. Full time preferred but will consider part time. Call 810-478-1166

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BILLER - MEDICAL entry level, full time, organizational skills a must. Medicare - Medicaid 313-429-8848

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Human Resources
Livonia Sales Call
11585 Farmington Rd
Livonia, MI 48150
Fax: 313-261-9640

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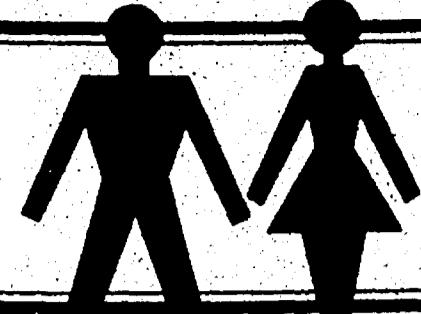
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Part-TIME: Real Estate

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524 Help Wanted-Domestic

CAREGIVER/CAMPION for 63 yr. old woman (Parkinson's). Older woman w/experience preferred. Mon-Fri. 3:00pm-10:00pm. Must be able to drive own transportation. Wayne County. Call 313-742-4255

CAREGIVER FOR Elderly Women Live-in position only. 2-7 days/wk.

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SALESPERSON - Full time in the

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TELEMARKETER - Part-time, evenings. Call 810-591-4261

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appliances, furniture, etc. Trash &
treasures Mar. 13-16, 9137 Hannan
Romulus. (313) 545-1823

KEEGO HARBOR, Mar. 15 & 16
10-4, 1617 B Cass Lake Rd. W
of Orchard Lake/across from Cass Lake
in Sylvan Lake Condos. Furniture,
dishes, VCR's & more.

MOVING - Craft Items, Perseus
Moments. March 14-16, 9-6, 230
Fr. At P.A. Rochester. (810) 851-7223

OAK PARK - Basement Sale Sat.
9-5 & Sun. 9-5, 10-4, 3635
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REDFORD - 18542 Olympia, March
15 & 16, 10am to 4pm. S of 7 Mile
Antiques.

THREE PIECE white leather set
sofa & chair, 3 black end tables,
black sofa, dining room set, 9
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714 Clothing

GARDEN CITY - 3 family, many
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9am to 5pm 3273 John Hawk.

LIVONIA MOVING Fri-Sat. Mar.
14-15, 10-4. Sun Mar. 16, 12-4pm
918 Harrison, between Joy & W Ch-
icago. Household, tools, furniture.

715 Household Goods

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