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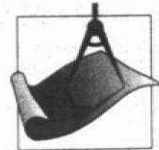
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Trustees move ahead on bond



BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

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

Superintendent Charles Little traveled to Lansing last week for a meeting with the Department of

Some residents are concerned that the Plymouth-Canton school board won't make a decision about a bond election until February — just one month before going to voters for \$79.7 million.

Treasury to explore "preliminary qualification."

At the Dec. 17 school board meeting, Executive Director for Business John Birchler presented a five-year financial plan that forecasts a brighter future than the one he outlined the week before.

Trustees and residents raised concerns at the board's Dec. 10 session about deficit spending and the dis-

trict's surplus — projected to drop to under \$1 million from \$4.5 million at the end of five years.

"We looked at all the assumptions and tried to see what we could get a little tighter to what we would really expect," said Birchler. "We've typically been conservative on some revenue issues."

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

The readjustments project "a fund

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

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

A tentative date for the special election — subject to approval by the board, Wayne County and state — most likely will be set at the board's Jan. 7 meeting. Birchler said barring any problems the board would officially set the election date at a Feb. 4 meeting.

Trustee Carrie Blamer said she's

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STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER

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

DeHart takes leadership role in state House

BY ZACHARY GORCHOW
STAFF WRITER

State Rep. Eileen DeHart will join the House leadership when the 1997-98 session begins Jan. 8.

DeHart, a Westland Democrat, represents a district that includes Westland and a portion of eastern Canton Township.

Her fellow Democrats elected her to one of two associate speaker pro tem positions. Rep. Michael Hanley, D-Saginaw, will fill the other spot.

The position entails setting the House's legislative calendar and presiding over session.

Ordinarily, second-term representatives rarely have a leadership post. But with term limits taking effect in two years, newer lawmakers are moving into leadership positions to gain experience.

DeHart, who first won office in 1994, would be among the most senior representatives after 1998, assuming she runs and wins a third term that fall. All representatives who were first elected in 1992 or earlier cannot run for re-election in 1998.

"I'm very honored that my caucus members think I'm deserving of this," DeHart said.

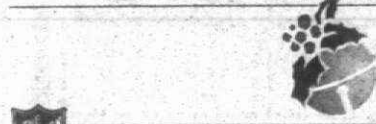
Usually, the speaker pro tem, who will be Rep. Raymond Murphy, D-Detroit, presides over nearly all sessions. But DeHart said she will get more opportunities to perform this function than past associate speakers pro tem.

"The leadership feels I need to have experience so we're not fumbling around in session (two years from now) and there are no breakdowns in protocol," she said.

Speaker-elect Curtis Hertel said it's vital that senior

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Brrrrrrrrrrrr: Canton freezes pay

BY VALERIE OLANDER
STAFF WRITER

One employee in Canton's Department of Finance and Budget has felt the final sting from a township reorganization done earlier this year.

Township officials unanimously agreed Dec. 10 to redline the salary of accountant John Spencer, formerly the township's chief financial officer under the previous department structure. The \$64,000 salary he earns right now will remain the same for approximately eight years, based on average annual increases to the township's salary schedule.

"The red circling doesn't change any fringe benefit increases," said Supervisor Tom Yack.

A three-member Merit Commission reviewed the accountant position in November and recommended the position be graded at the non-union pay scale of 15A, under which the annual salary ranges from \$42,600 to \$52,600.

Spencer's salary will be frozen until the midpoint of Salary Grade 15A reaches \$64,000. Assuming the midpoint increases 3 percent annually, it will take about eight years for the salary grade to catch up with Spencer's \$64,000.

Officials also increased the salary of accountant

Karen Fox by 5 percent, from \$44,100 to \$46,000.

During the reorganization of the township's chain of command the duties of two existing financial services jobs, including Spencer's and the former Finance Division manager position which was vacant, were combined into one new position — that of finance and budget services director.

When the township advertised for the director's job, it was speculated that Spencer would be out of work. After interviewing Spencer and several other candidates, the township board hired cur-

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OBITUARIES

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

He was born July 20, 1910, in Windsor Ontario, Canada, and died Friday, Dec. 20, in Detroit. Mr. Dixon was a courier driver for automatic data processing for 12 years. He was a helmsman on Great Lakes ships for 10 years, then worked as a Manufacturer's Rep. for S.P. Eccle-

stone & Sons. He served in the Merchant Marines and the coast guard. He was a former member of Bushnell Congregational Church in Detroit. He was married for 50 years. He is survived by his wife, Jane of Detroit; daughters, Elizabeth deCaussin of Plymouth, and Ethel Dixon of Ypsilanti; and grandchildren, Matthew and Amanda.

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

HARRY J. SHOEMAKER
A memorial service for Harry J. Shoemaker, 80, of Plymouth will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 Main Street, in Plymouth. Following cremation, Mr. Shoemaker's remains will be scattered in four places: Mackinaw, the city of his birth; Trout Lake the town in which his beloved uncle lived; Caseville, a city filled with happy youthful memories; and Plymouth the city he made his home. Born in Mackinaw he died Thursday, Dec. 19 in Ann Arbor.

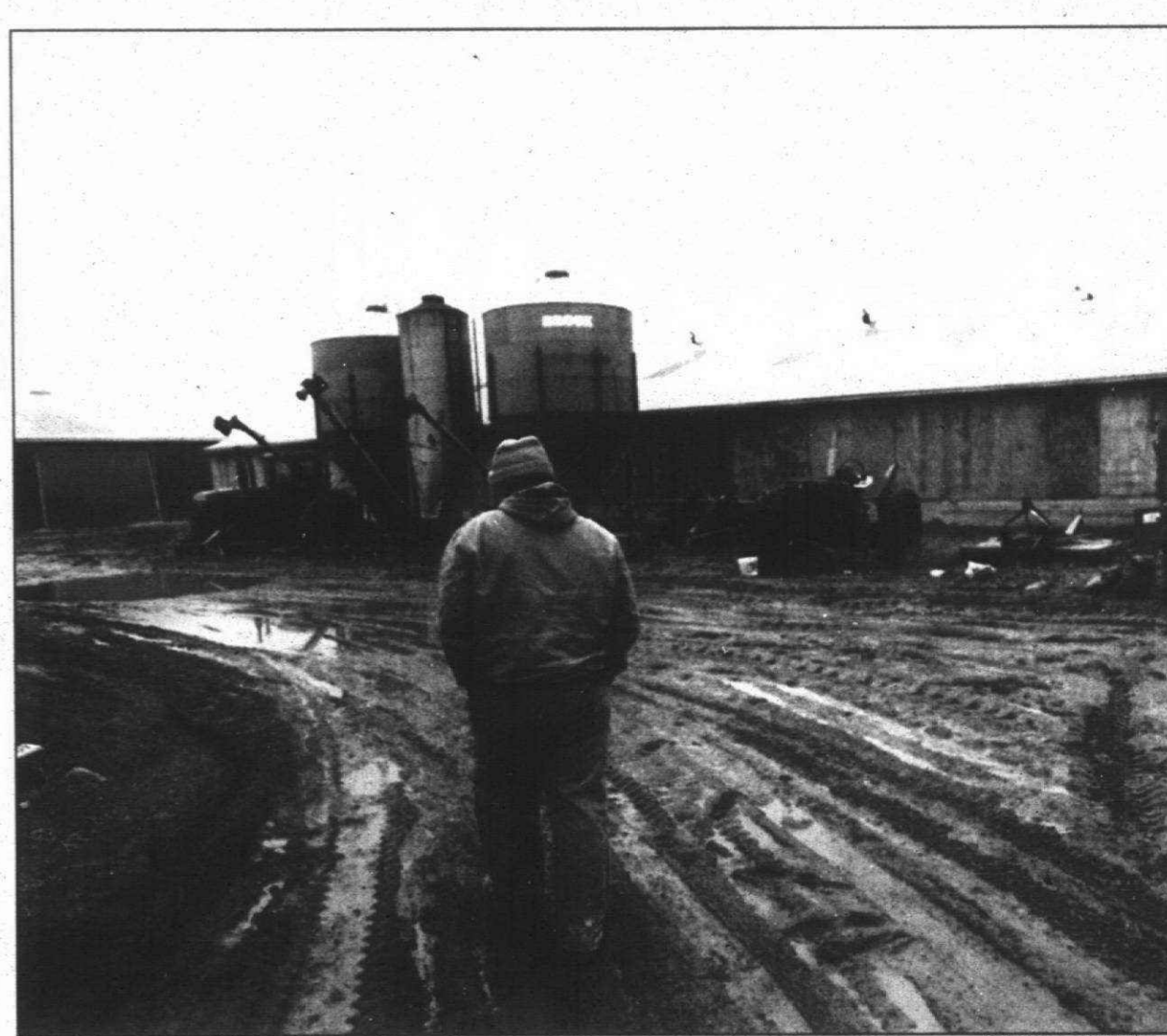
He moved to Plymouth at age 11, graduating from Plymouth High School in 1935. There, he lettered in all sports and received a gold medal in the Decathlon. He retired after 37 years as an Air Express Agent. He loved all sports and was an avid University of Michigan fan. He was an active member in the Plymouth Elks Club and was named Elk of the Year in 1971. He is survived by his wife, Althea; daughter, Susan; granddaughters, Joyce, Althea, Elnor, and Barbara; brother, Jerry; and many nieces and nephews.

Principal's job opens following resignation

Applicants are being considered for the position of Gallimore Elementary School principal Larry Cole, who has resigned. Cole's job was posted Nov. 15 for one month. Gallimore's selection committee, comprised of staff, parents, and administrators, will recommend a replacement after conducting interviews. Cole was suspended with pay at the beginning of the school year after a grievance was filed by staff. George Dodson was named interim principal, and will continue to act as principal until a successor is named. March 27, 1997. Community relations director Judy Evola said Cole will be paid through March 27, 1997. As to when a new principal will be named, Evola said, "We are using the process that is in place with selection committee. I can't speculate on that." As for the grievances, Evola said, "The district is not going to comment any further on the situation with Mr. Cole. He resigned for personal reasons." Plymouth-Education Association official Mike Chimento said that despite the resignation was named interim principal, and will continue to act as principal until a successor is named. March 27, 1997. The association grievance, filed by more than three employees, deals with harassment complaints.



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



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

CANTON CONNECTION

Holiday hours
Just a reminder: Canton Township offices will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 31, and Wednesday, Jan. 1, for the New Year's holiday.

Builders, residents take note
Canton's Building & Inspection Services Division will have special hours 1-5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, so that employees can attend a customer service seminar in the morning. Any business that needs to be conducted that day should be planned accordingly, said township officials. The seminar is part of an effort to offer better service. Other divisions located on the second floor of township hall — planning and engineering — will be open for business for the entire day. For more information, contact Building & Inspection Services at (313) 397-5400.

Listen up
Legislation sponsored by Rep. Deborah Whyman, R-Canton Township, eliminating the sales tax on hearing aid batteries has become law. Whyman, a member of the Tax Policy Committee, said an apparatus or device used to replace any part of the human body and anything used to assist a disabled person lead a better life should be exempt from the tax. "Many seniors live on fixed incomes and are more negatively affected by the sales tax," Whyman said.

Student volunteers



Packing it in: Pioneer Middle School students Karen Holmes and Karen Cieslak pack gifts for the Salvation Army Adopt a Family program. Sena Sherman's class adopted four families; beginning in September they raised money through fundraisers and dances. They did all of the shopping and packing.

Whalers make amends after 'stick'y situation

It wasn't exactly the Christmas gift that Gallimore Elementary students were expecting. But Detroit Whalers officials said they plan to make amends. What started out as a gift-giving from one of the Detroit Whaler's hockey players turned ugly last week, when an employee of the new Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township reportedly took the gifts back, said Canton parent Jim Sams. According to Sams, one of the players had given three Gallimore Elementary School students — including his son Jeremy — souvenir hockey sticks while they were visiting on a school field trip. But an employee took the sticks back, saying that if all the students couldn't have one that no one could. Whalers officials said they are usually careful not to give some-

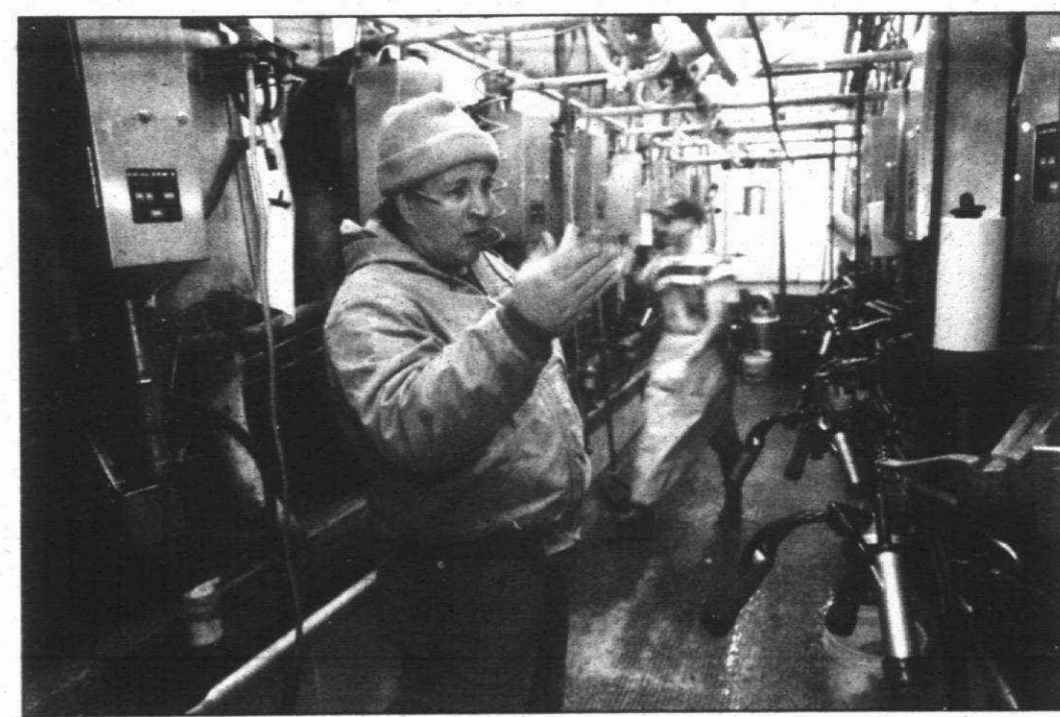


Farmers' work doesn't end during winter

While snow and cold weather is not conducive to dairy farming, it is nothing more than an irritant to dairy farming. "We're still milking 600 cows," said Tom Gill, sixth generation farmer and owner of 1400 acres on Ridge Road, off Cherry Hill. Owning and operating what is said to be the last dairy farm in Wayne County is a big job for the 39-year-old Canton Township resident, even in the winter. "I don't get vacations," he said, "because you can never close the doors." A typical 12-hour day for Gill during the winter begins at 8 or 8:30 a.m. with preparing the feed, cleaning out the stalls, organizing the cows to be milked, keeping the cows warm, checking on the pregnant cows and preparing to have more impregnated. Add in the actual feeding and milking responsibilities. "We're not in a business a lot of people go into," admitted Gill. Even some of his family members have left the business. Yet, he is determined to stick with it. "It's the most challenging thing I can think of," he reasoned. "The work is the same from year to year, but the decision-making is different."

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House members pass the leadership torch earlier than usual to newer representatives. "It is critical that we maintain the integrity of the institution by providing the background and assistance necessary for members to carry out the responsibilities they have to the state," he said. Hertel has not yet handed out committee assignments, DeHart said. She said Hertel will likely announce his decisions shortly after members are sworn in Jan. 8. DeHart said she would like to chair the House Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs Committee, while continuing her membership on two other committees: Insurance and Conservation, Environment and Great Lakes. Chairing the Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs Committee appeals to DeHart because she was once an aide to former Rep. Justine Barnes of Westland who headed the panel, she said. If chosen to chair the committee, DeHart said her experience with the group would provide needed expertise and leadership.



Comfortable surroundings: Tom Gill in the milking parlor.



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



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

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Piper's pipin'

Scotsman's tradition shared

Marching to a different drummer: When not working in his daily role as a Canton Police captain, Alex Wilson dons the traditional Scottish kilt and garb and plays the bagpipes. Here, he plays and answers questions from students at a recent visit to Field Elementary School in Canton.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRISLER



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COP CALLS

Door kicked in

A 29-year-old Wayne man allegedly kicked in the glass door at McDonald's, 44900 Ford Road, Friday morning after the clerk forgot to put butter and syrup in his bag at the drive-through window. A manager told police a man came in swearing and retrieved the condiments. Then he kicked the glass door on his way out, causing \$150 in damage. The manager confronted the man who apologized and agreed to pay for the damage.

Construction theft

Approximately \$2,000 worth of electrical pipes and a condenser unit were stolen from a home under construction on the 1400 block of Crowndale sometime between 5 p.m. last Thursday and 8:30 a.m. Friday.

Stolen car

A 1996 Geo Prizm was stolen from a home in the Foxthorn Condominiums Friday morning. The owner of the car said he went to the car at 6:45 a.m. to get something and when he returned to it 30 minutes later the vehicle was gone, police said.

Assault and battery

A 29-year-old Canton man was jumped by three other men while riding his bike northbound on Sheldon near Griffin Park about 5 p.m. Saturday. He called police from a nearby party store. The victim declined medical attention for a swollen lip and bruised ribs, police said.

Holiday damage

Vandals caused about \$60 in damage when they ripped a wooden Rudolph decoration from a stand near the front porch of a home on 1500 block of Kensington sometime between 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 8:45 a.m. Sunday.

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

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

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

Paul Seelbach

—researcher, discussing the fish potential of Rouge River

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

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

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

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

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

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

RAP received the report as an information item and an outline

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

Species studied

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

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

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

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

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

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

Strong potential

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rent Director Tony Minghine. In turn, Spencer, an 11-year employee, became an accountant under Minghine's direction. In the past, Spencer as CFO

reported to the township supervisor. Now, the new director reports directly to the supervisor. Spencer said as an accountant

he continues to work on budgets and supervises the township's water billing. He no longer attends meetings that were required of the former CFO.

"It's a supervisory position under the director," he said. "I'm just looking to get my 15 years and vest my health care."

Yack said the reorganization of the department gives clear-cut accounting to one person on all budget and finance issues. The township is also set up the same way it had been in late 1980s.

Pennsylvania-based consultants Bartell & Bartell proposed the restructuring after the township hired the company to do a study on its current organiza-

tional chain of command. Bartell & Bartell is the same company that conducted a study in the late 1980s that split the finance and budget operations.

"It's not political at all. It's about how the township does business," Yack said. "When things happen like this people take it personally. In some organizations an individual might be looking for a job."

The reorganization also moved the Parks and Recreation Division from the Municipal Services Department to the newly named Administrative and Community Services Department.

Yack added, "In the public sector, a reorganization isn't looked

Habitat for Humanity sponsors workshop

The Western Wayne County affiliate of Habitat for Humanity continues its effort to eliminate poverty housing by sponsoring a workshop for individuals interested in applying for Habitat housing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Del Templeton of Plymouth is concerned that plans won't be finalized until February. "The administration and board have

hard work to get it done. There are a lot of hard feelings in this community."

At the forums, "We heard from

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

Salem High School senior Ryan Rumberger said students aren't going to want to be yanked out of their school to attend the new one. He asked about shuttles to Salem and Canton high schools for swim and acting classes that won't be offered at the new school. "Why can't you put all the ninth-graders together with their fellow classmates?"

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

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

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

ble now that we have soccer teams."

Parking needs to be examined also, he said. "You will not have enough. This is a logistical nightmare. Someone better think about this, or it won't work," said Swartzwelter, a 30-year resident of the community and nine-year board member.

"The community parents and citizens are all counting on you folks to sort out strategically some of these major issues. You have to be involved and decide how some of these issues are going to be resolved, or there are enough angry people out there who will vote no. I wish you all the best in March. If this doesn't pass, it gets worse."

Former board president makes suggestions to district

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Former school board president Dean Swartzwelter came out of retirement at a recent meeting to speak to his successors about the bond issue proposed for the March ballot.

Much has to be done to entice voters to support the 25-year, \$79.7 million bond proposal, he said.

The 1.75-mill tax increase, added to the existing debt retirement millage of 2.18 mills, would bring the total levy to 3.93 mills. The increase would be \$87.50 per year for the owner of a \$100,000 home; \$175 a year for

the owner of a \$200,000 home; and an extra \$262.50 for the owner of a \$300,000 home.

Swartzwelter reminded trustees that he suggested earlier that ninth-graders be moved to a special academy, or into the middle schools. If the latter option could return to the elementary schools, he said.

As for raising operating funds for the proposed new high school and elementary school, Swartzwelter said a limited year-round school program would be an option.

"Huron Valley schools has experienced unbelievable growth, and they selected a couple of elementary and made the extended school year optional," he said. "They've done it with two schools, and provide busing." The concept of a separate high school "has to be thought

through very carefully," he added, "or people will vote no."

A crucial decision will be how students are selected to attend the new "stand-alone" school. "Whether they are told, or opt in, there will have to be some feeling that they have exactly the same thing they have at Plymouth Salem and Canton (high schools). If there's not going to be an auditorium, pool or tennis courts, those are all going to be reasons. Let me tell you, there are going to be all kinds of people voting no. You have to make it desirable enough to get 1,200 or 1,300 kids to go there."

How that is to be accomplished without facilities such as a football stadium and auditorium, has to be studied, he said.

Scheduling will be difficult, he added. "You can't get things booked now in the auditorium and at the stadium. It's impossi-

County officially transfers land to EDC

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The plan calls for the following uses:

- Residential single family houses: 650 units at an estimated cost of \$130 million or \$200,000 per unit. These areas are proposed north of Five Mile, east of Sheldon and west of Hines Drive, and along the golf course.
- Residential multi-family units: 642 units valued at \$28.9 million, which includes apartments and senior housing.
- Research and development: 490,000 square feet of buildings at \$139.2 million on 63.8 acres of property.
- Neighborhood shopping center: 120,000 square feet at \$7.8 million. Fourteen acres would be zoned commercial on the northwest corner of Sheldon and Five Mile.
- An expansion of Optical Imaging Systems Inc.: 80 acres at \$200 million.
- Open space: includes 206.5 acres for a golf course, 100.5

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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David Medley
ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton
1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(313) 397-5435

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

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

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MARKHAMANN REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 085 99 0004 001 FROM C-1 VILLAGE SHOPPING TO C-2 COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL. Property is located on the northeast corner of Palmer and Haggerty Roads.

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SEE ATTACHED MAP

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CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR RETAIL AND SERVICE AS SECONDARY USES IN THE L1-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 21.02B.7 AND SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR EVOLA MUSIC. Parcel nos. 003 01 0001 001 and 046 99 0002 007. Property is located on the east side of Haggerty Road between Koppernick and Warren Roads.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

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MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 1997, AT 3:30 P.M.

YEAR/MAKE/STYLE/VEHICLE ID NUMBER	CASE NUMBER
1984 PLY 43 1F3B46C1E221268	96-10653
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INQUIRIES REGARDING THESE VEHICLES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO OFFICER RON BIANCHI, CITY OF PLYMOUTH POLICE DEPARTMENT, AT 453-8600.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC
City Clerk

Publish: December 26, 1996

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

A special meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, January 2, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider:

Non-Use Variance Requested:
Sign Height
Zoned: B-3, Central Business
Applicant: Accent Sign/O.D. Bush Jewellers

Non-Use Variance Requested:
Side Yard Setback
Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential
Applicant: Jeff & Rae Ann Stella

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Carol Stone, ADA Coordinator
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170, (313) 453-1234, Ext. 206
All interested persons are invited to attend.

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BEYDOUNSAAB REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL 141 99 0019 701 FROM LI-2 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO C-3, REGIONAL COMMERCIAL. Property is located on the south side of Michigan Avenue west of Hannan Road. (Rescheduled from December 2, 1996)

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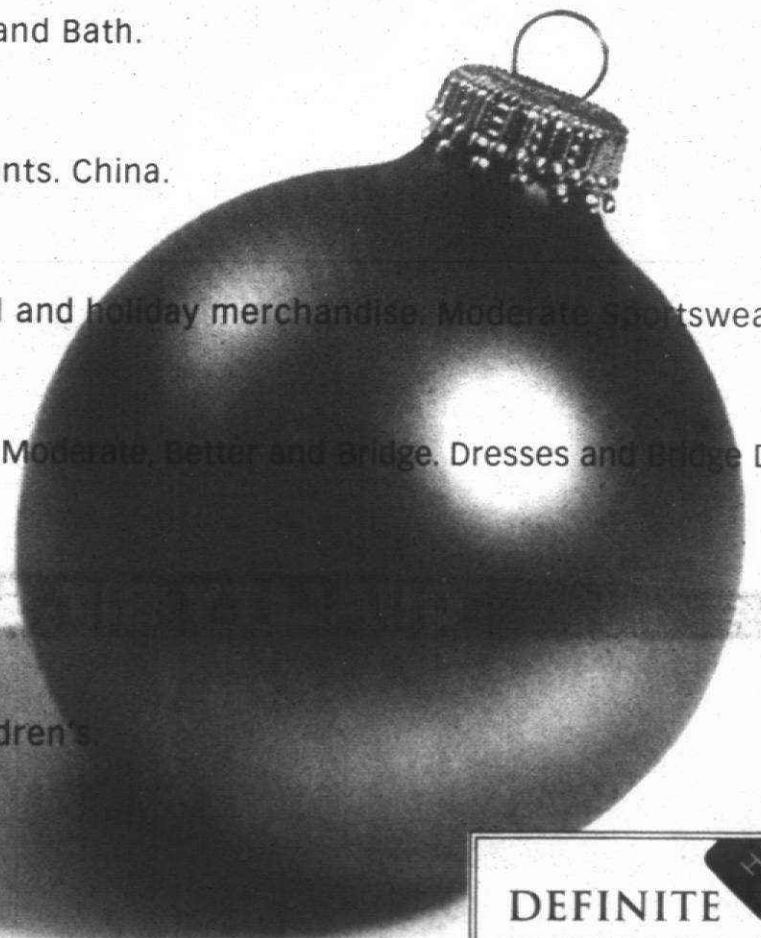
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Report gives optimistic outlook on fish habitat

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

discharges."

The report also stated:

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

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

• Present fish communities in the

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

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

"Continued rehabilitation of this

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

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

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

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Seelbach summarized some of his findings:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Poor water quality

Seelbach's research also must

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Jim Graham

—director of Friends of the Rouge

deal with some harsh realities:

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

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

• Temperatures also are important, Seelbach said.

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

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

Seelbach said.

Shared enthusiasm

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

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

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

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

If the channel could be reno-

valued to create pools and holes for fish on the river's bed and a dam revised on the Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn, more fish from the Great Lakes could move up river, Graham said. "The possibility of creating a fish ladder would open up the area to more fishing," Graham said.

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

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

Graham believes a migratory fishery is attainable for the Rouge.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Seelbach will continue his research.

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

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

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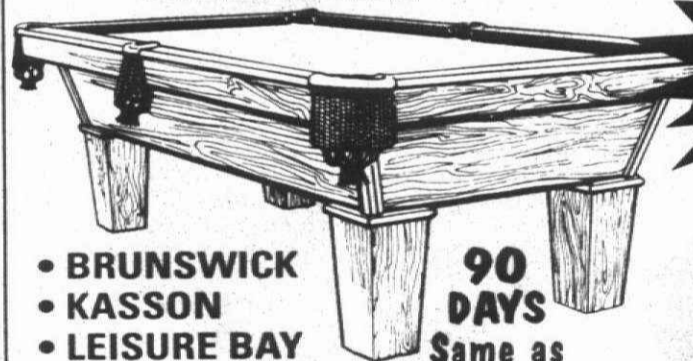
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Stay safe Drunken driving can be deadly

A funny thing has happened in the 15-year battle to rid our highways of drunken drivers. It's working. In fact, it may be working almost too well, say some of its proponents.

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

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

So far, so good.

But statisticians also note that the national figure jumped by nearly 600 fatalities last year compared with 1994 — the first annual increase in more than a decade.

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

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

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

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

MADD offers the following tips to partygoers and hosts:

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

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

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

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

Curb money's campaign influence

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

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

By way of example, consider the telecommunications industry consisting of cable companies, local and long distance phone companies, and broadcasters. In 1995, the telecommunications industry spent almost \$2.4 million in PAC money to members of Congress.

That same year, the Telecommunication Act of 1995 is resulting in increased local cable bills and allows for multi-media monopolies.

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

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

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

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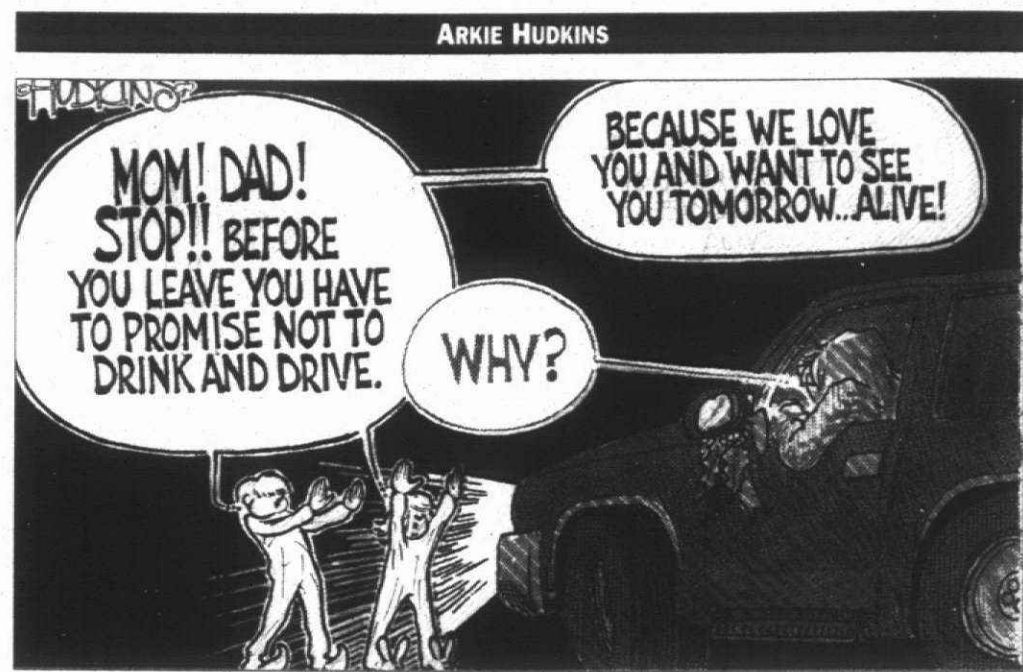
both parties. That \$500 billion amounts to \$3,000 for every household in the nation.

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

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

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

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



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Thanks for support

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

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

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

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

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

The next few months brought much suffering and pain for Ken. Things never were easy for him and each procedure or test brought more unexpected problems. He was also being treated with five different chemotherapy drugs to try and get the leukemia in remission. It was not an easy time for him, but your support, prayers and encouragement helped him keep going and he did attain remission! His second transplant took place May 7 at

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

George, Diane and Larry Otto
Redford Township

Let's work together to stop pollution

POINTS OF VIEW

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

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

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

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

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

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

In the months ahead, this column

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

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

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

Special ed parents, beware of charter schools

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



TIM RICHARD

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

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

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

ed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wayne State has come long way with Adamany

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



PHILIP POWER

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

I will never forget watching him testify in Lansing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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QUESTION:
What is the best thing about winter?

Carol Gemain "That it's over come March or April."	Christopher Bowman "I grew up in Los Angeles... I like Michigan with the cold weather and the fresh air."	Rick Naughton "Probably skiing, sledding and outdoor activities. I sled with the kids and I like to ski."	Miranda Gemain "Making snowmen."
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We asked this question at Civic Arena in Garden City.

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"The layered protection plan works for your car the same as layering your clothes works when it's cold -- the more layers, the more difficult your car is to

steal," said Jon Hoch, of NICB. "Motorists who drive high-theft vehicles in high-risk areas should have multiple layers of protection on their vehicle."

The "common sense" layer means motorists should always secure their car, which means they should take keys from the ignition, lock doors, close windows and park in a well-lit area.

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FAMILY ROOM



KAREN MEIER

Something to be said about haste

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I was in aisle five that night of desperation

See FAMILY ROOM, B2

Shelter room gets women's touch

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

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER



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

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

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

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

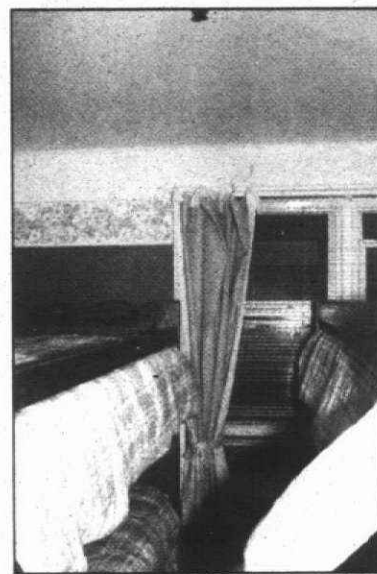
It was the singles room that Suburban West "adopted."

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

Done in 10

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

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



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



because of her experience as an interior designer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"But, but..."

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

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

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

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

"So, I quietly put the groceries away."

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

If you have a question or comment for Karen Metzer, 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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ninent feature because of non-working exhaust fan.

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

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

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

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*Karen Wilmering
—Suburban West BPW*

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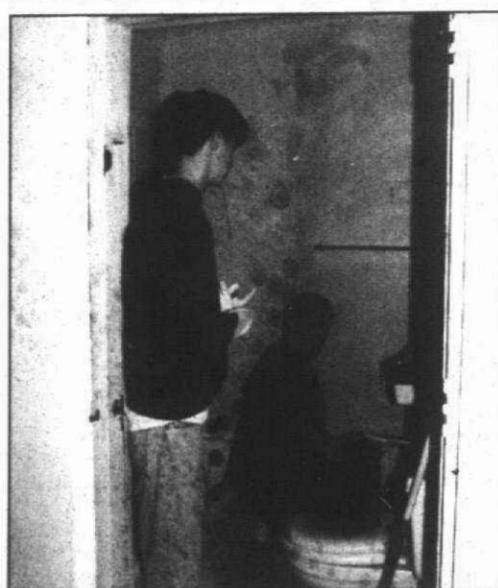
Many of the members' husbands helped as did Wilmering's son, Ryan, a junior at Detroit Catholic Central High School

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

Plenty of planning

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

"It really warmed my heart to



Making repairs:

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



REAL ESTATE UPDATE
by Chris Knight

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Duley-Morin

Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Duley of Brighton announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Marie, to Paul Ronald Morin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Morin of Livonia.

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

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

A January wedding is planned.



Goodrich-Flaskamp

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

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

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

Her husband is graduate of Florida Southeastern University Medical School and is employed as an anesthesia resident at the University of Michigan. She asked Holly Hinzmann to be maid of honor. Laura Flaskamp, Lisa Flaskamp and Lauren Goodrich were brides-



Porter-Iles

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

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

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



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

Miller-Barkoff

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

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

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



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

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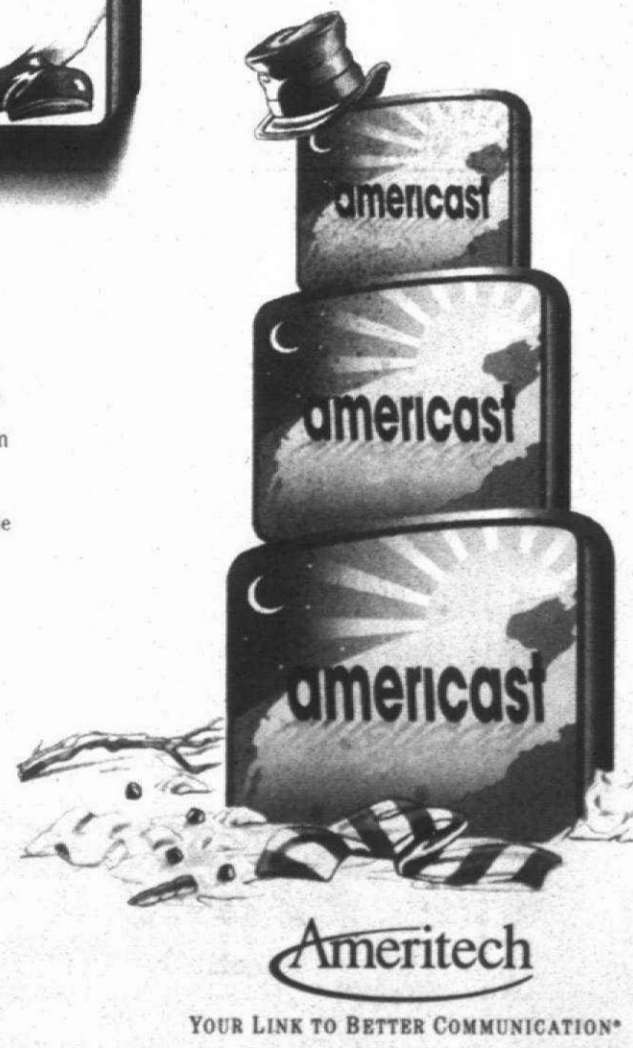
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HOLY INNOCENTS
Faith Lutheran Church will have one service at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, on Holy Innocents Day and one service at 7 p.m. New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, at the church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

POLONAISE CHORALE
The Polonaise Chorale, under the direction of Daniel Myster-avich, will present its annual Christmas concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Road, north of Six Mile Road, Livonia.

BETHANY PLYMOUTH/CANTON
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NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP
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NEW BEGINNINGS
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STAFF WRITER

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

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The City of Plymouth Recreation Departments Open Skating Schedule is: 12-1:20 p.m., 1:30-2:50 p.m. Sunday: 8:40-9:40 a.m., noon-1:40 p.m., 7-8 p.m. Monday: 10:30-11:50 a.m., noon-1:35 p.m. Tuesday: 8:40-10 a.m., 11:50 a.m.-1:40 p.m. Wednesday: 8:40-11:40 a.m., 1-2:40 p.m., 4-5:20 p.m., Thursday: 9:50-11:50 a.m., 12:50

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

SENIOR TRIPS
The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will offer senior trips to:
• Naples, Florida - Wednesday, Jan. 10, 12 days/11 nights \$989/double occupancy. A wonderful winter vacation on Florida's Gulf Coast.
• Gambler's Paradise in Biloxi - Jan. 26, 7 days/6 nights. \$516/double occupancy. Gambling on Mississippi's Gulf coast & New Orleans. Call the City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department for information at (313) 455-6620.

TREE OF REMBRANCE
Arbor Hospice Tree of Remembrance will be on display through Dec. 27. The

4 ways to cope with the stress of the season

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

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

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

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

Suzanne Hamilton works with

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

live without what doesn't get done.

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

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

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

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

ANNIVERSARIES

McNulty

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

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

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

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

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



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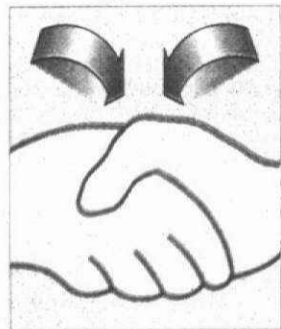
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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Bunion breakthrough

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

Joining forces



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

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

Cancer study

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

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

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

Program held

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

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

The event was held sponsored by a Prostate Cancer Symposium.

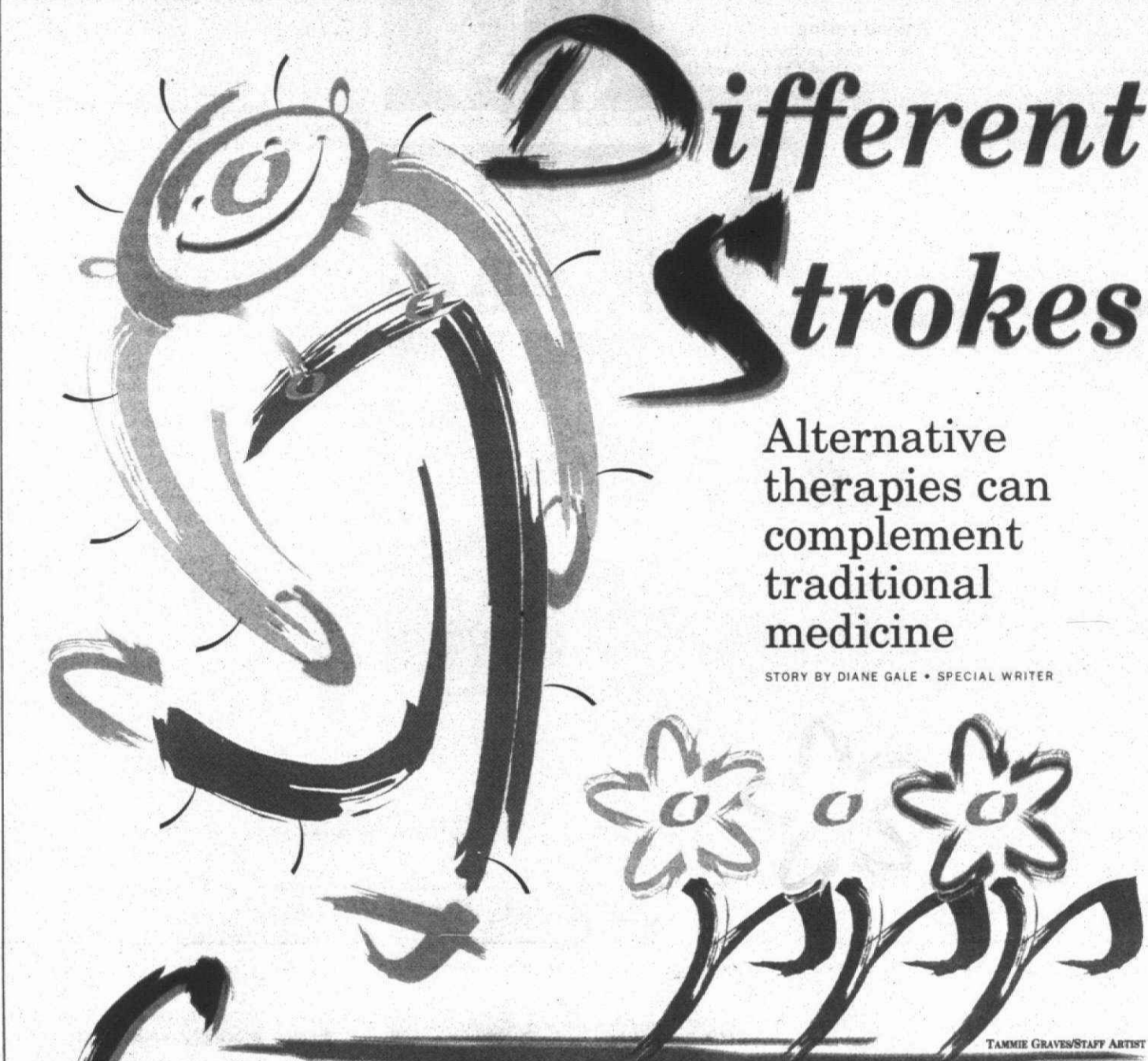
Parasite alert

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

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

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

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



Alternative therapies can complement traditional medicine

STORY BY DIANE GALE • SPECIAL WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

Alternative methods might

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

Kafaji recently lectured to medical professionals at the hospital about cancer and alternative treatments. In 1990 cancer was responsible for 4 percent of the deaths in the United States, he said. In 1995, the disease was the cause of 24 percent of the deaths.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The journalist walked away saying he felt great.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kafaji added that people in the United States should adopt

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Flu vaccine's effectiveness may require a second dose

BY ZACHARY GORCHOW
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

Anyone who had the Parke-Davis vaccine will need to receive an additional shot, Lawrenchuk said. "Those who received (the Parke-Davis shot) will be notified by their physician or provider," he said.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WAYNE BUSINESS Finance

BUSINESS PEOPLE

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

Moving up

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

Appointment

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

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

business and hospitality organizations and serves on various boards.

A good rating

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

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

Elected

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

Lange earned his bachelor's degree in hotel/restaurant management from Michigan State University. He serves on the Owners Advisory Committee for the Metropolitan Detroit Convention & Visitors Bureau.



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

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



Caponigro

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

Top ranking

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

New leadership

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

New board

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

Lawyers join firm

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

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

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

Jeanne Ballew will discuss "Unforgettable Introductions: How To Make a Memorable First Impression." Price is \$10 for non-members, free for members. For reservations, call Monica Milla at (313) 944-2133.

TUES, JAN. 7 BUSINESS OWNERS

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

WED, JAN. 8 TAX TIPS

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

BUSINESS DATEBOOK

THURS, JAN. 9 WILLS AND TRUSTS

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

JAN. 9, FEB. 13 GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

A seminar on government contracting will be offered by the Business Development Center at Schoolcraft College 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9 and Feb. 13. Schoolcraft is at 18600 Hagerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads in Livonia. Topics will include the philosophy of government purchasing, requirements of commercial contractors, and services and resources available to small businesses entering the government market. Price is \$25. To register, call (313) 462-4438.

TUES, JAN. 14 VENTURE GROUP

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

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Emory Daniels

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WED, JAN. 22 BUYING POWER

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

MONDAYS BUSINESS WOMEN

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

WEDNESDAYS GROUP MEETS

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

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

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more skilled the user is the more successful he/she will be, in the shortest possible time. To be successful, you will want to have some knowledge of Boolean search techniques. There are a couple of new (to me) options available, so let's take a quick review.

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HEALTH News

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register, call (810) 471-8020.

MON, JAN. 13

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

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

TUES, JAN. 14

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

JAN. 14-FEB. 6

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

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

WED, JAN. 1

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

JAN. 2-13

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

THURS, JAN. 2

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

TUES, JAN. 7

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

THURS, JAN. 9

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

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

JAN. 9 AND 16

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

FRI, JAN. 10

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



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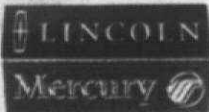
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SPORTS

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1996

OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Top soccer teams

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

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

Baseball Coach Clinic

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

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

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

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

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

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

Allen Park alumni swim

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

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

Sunday Health Club

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

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

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

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

Parks and Rec offerings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Soccer referees

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

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

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

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

Whalers drop a pair by just 1



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In the loss at Windsor, Detroit

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

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

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

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

Big-time bonus

Here's a trainer who really does help train

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

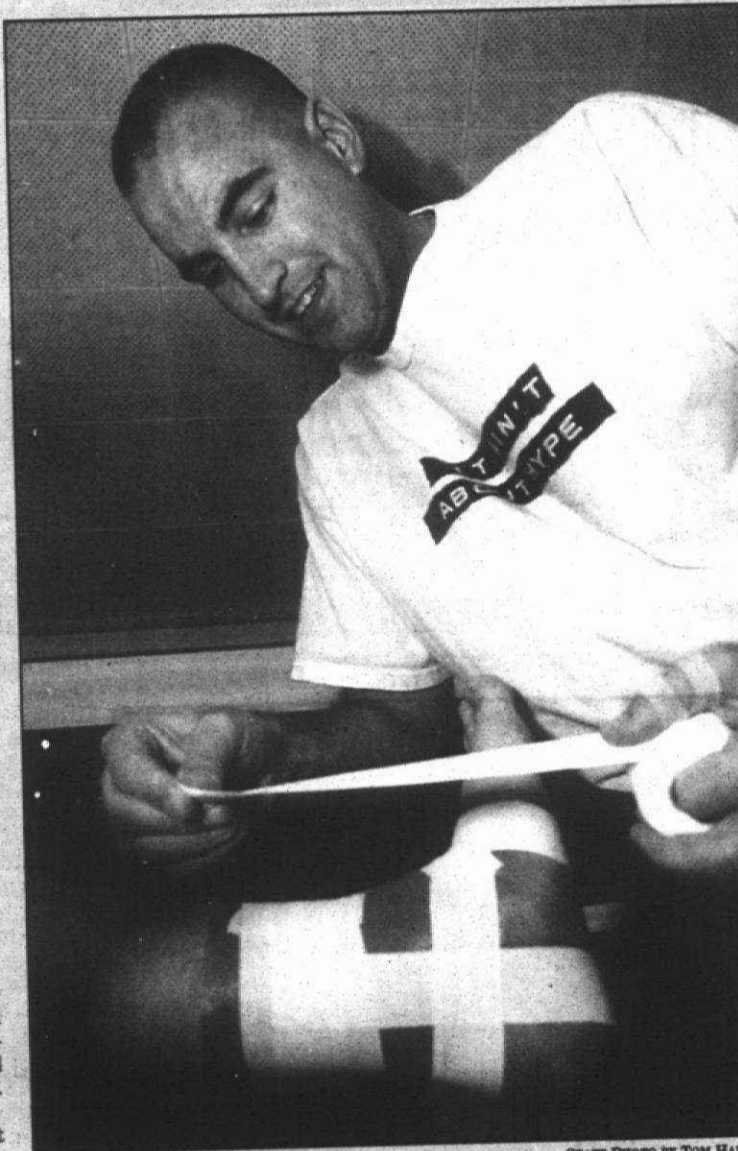
Funny, but Young probably appreciates him as much as anyone.

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

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

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

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



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

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

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

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

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

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

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

He's been turning heads ever since.

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

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

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

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

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

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Madonna claims Classic

COLLEGE HOOP

Talk about dominating.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Crusaders had five players

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ocelots roll by Alpena

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Getting on TRACC

World's best flock to Botsford

BY WILLIAM COUTANT
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PROFILE

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

Briggs studied sports medicine and engineering at the University of Oregon and Indiana University after winning the silver medal in the 1,500 meters at the 1984 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

And he has plenty of prestigious company in his bid to improve starting technology. Gail Devers, the 100-meter Olympic sprint champion in 1996 and 1992, and Canada's Donovan Bailey, will join Johnson and some other world-class track athletes early next year in South Carolina where Briggs will experiment with the new blocks.

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

OUTDOORS CALENDAR

ARCHERY

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

SEASONS/DATES

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

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

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Children ages 6-8 will learn to make simple gifts during this workshop, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Independence Oaks.

St. Mary's bottles up Shamrocks

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

BASKETBALL

Orchard Lake St. Mary's boys basketball team had little defense last week against the flu, but plenty for Detroit Catholic Central senior guard Marc McDonald.

The flu-riddled Eagles limited McDonald to 18 points Friday night in a 60-54 Catholic League crossover victory over the host Shamrocks.

The Eagles played without sophomore center Larry Clark, sidelined by a cold. Several others had a touch of the flu, including senior center Juan Pegues, one of three Eagles in double figures with 11 points.

The flu bug started with coach Denny Butcher, but apparently didn't get to guards Andre Harris and Matt McDaniel, who had the responsibility of guarding McDonald.

"I had to wear a mask all week in practice," joked Butcher.

McDonald, who has signed with Loyola (Illinois), had accounted for 51 percent of CC's scoring the first two games. He scored 44 in a season-opening loss to Ypsilanti followed by 39 in a victory over Flint Powers.

"I've watched film of that young man and the quickness of his release is scary," Butcher said. "The focus of our team was stopping McDonald. Our goal as a team was to allow him no more than 16 points."

McDonald had 11 points by halftime and seven more in the second half, which is a good night for most high school players, but

bright future, but Juan is a little more advanced because he's a year older."

The Shamrocks trailed 52-49 and had a chance to tie, but McDonald's three-point shot rimmed out with about 2:30 remaining. Young's two free throws cut the deficit to 52-51 with 1:33 left before Robinson's basket on the fast break put the Eagles up by three. The Eagles made six of seven free throws in the last minute to seal the win.

The loss dropped CC to 1-2 overall. The Shamrocks are idle until Jan. 3 when they open Central Division play with a game against Redford Bishop Borgess.

"It's been a long week, they wanted it more than we did and played better down the end," CC coach Rick Coratti said, referring to the Shamrocks' being idle on Tuesday night. "We have to get better (before facing Borgess). We're going to get inside more to Chris and Marc to get some shots he usually makes. But that's going to happen sometimes."

In his post-game speech to the team, Butcher asked if anyone was going home on the bus. All the players were going home with their parents, leaving only Butcher and his coaching staff on the bus ride home.

With another game scheduled Monday against Detroit DePorres and Butcher still fighting his cold, that was probably just as well.

CC smothers Rice

HOCKEY

Detroit Catholic Central hockey coach Gordie St. John loved the surroundings and the results weren't bad either.

The Shamrocks beat rival Birmingham Brother Rice, 5-1, on Friday night at the Warriors' new home - a six-month old Compuware Ice Arena in Plymouth Township.

CC led 1-0 after one period and 4-1 after two. The Shamrocks outshot the Warriors, 19-9.

All that was missing was a big CC following. With the CC hockey team playing at the same time at home, the crowd wasn't as large as hoped.

"Compuware is beautiful, a fabulous facility," St. John said. "We play them again and I'm sure they'll give us a run the next time. I hope we pack them in when we play at out place."

The win improved the Shamrocks to 7-0 overall, 4-0 in the Metro Hockey League. They are 3-0 against West Division opponents.

As such as the Shamrocks dominated statistically, it's surprising the Warriors scored their only goal when short-handed.

Four players scored goals for CC, led by Nick Kalenick with a pair.

Senior forward Eric Bratcher opened the scoring with a goal assisted by Brett Murphy and Ian Devlin at 3:00 of the first period.

The Warriors tied the score with a short-handed goal by Mike Swistak assisted by Joe Kustra at 4:02 of the second period.

The Shamrocks pulled away, however, scoring three goals in the final four minutes of the second period.

Devlin's goal, assisted by Scott Curtin and Bratcher, came at 11:23. The Shamrocks took a 3-1 lead with a goal by Curtin assisted by Curtin at 12:57. Kalenick's goal, assisted by Murphy and Devlin, came 16 seconds

Team	W	L
Pistons	8	2
Celtics	7	3
Lakers	7	3
Magic	5	5
Bulls	3	8
Kings	0	10

Team	W	L
Pacers	11	1
Pistons	9	3
Celtics	8	4
Sonics	7	5
Hawks	7	5
Spurs	5	7
Kings	3	9
Bulls	1	11

Team	W	L
Pacers	2	0
Pistons	2	0
Bulls	1	1
Celtics	1	1
Lakers	1	1
Sonics	1	1
Bucks	0	2
Knicks	0	2

Team	W	L
Hawks	2	0
Jazz	2	0
Kings	1	1
Nets	1	1
Spurs	1	1
Rockets	0	2
76ers	0	2

Team	W	L
Buddy's	3	19
Maaland Industries	3	14
Abravines Afterhours	3	12
Neighbors	3	12
Stud Puppies	3	11
Single Spirit II	3	7
Single Spirit III	3	7
Mr. B's Stingers	3	2

Team	W	L
T-Rex	3	0
Happles Hoopsters	2	1
All For One	2	1
Cutting Edge	2	1
Laurel Manor/Mr. Ba	0	3

Team	W	L
Ludwig & Keras	3	0
Dick Scott Dodge	3	0
Uptempo	3	0
Midnight Marauders	2	0
American Pie	1	2
Makley Pharmacy	1	1
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Team	Matches	Points
Team 6	3	21
Over The Hill Gang	3	19
We Dig	3	14
Back Again	3	12
Spike Force	3	9
Toe Jams	3	7
Single Spirit I	3	2
Canton Road Running Club	3	0

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Churchill finds new coach

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

John Filiatraut stands 6 feet, 8 inches and he hopes a struggling Livonia Churchill football will grow under his leadership and stand tall in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The former Dearborn Divine Child standout and letter winner at the University of Wisconsin was named the fourth varsity football coach in school history late last week. He replaces Steve Naumcheff, who agreed to step down last month after going 1-44 in five years.

Filiatraut takes over a program that is 1-62 during the 1990s and losers of 28 straight (dating back to 1993).

"John is a presence, he's extremely organized and I've been very impressed from what I've seen him do with kids in school," Churchill athletic director Marc Hage said. "He has a lot of good ideas and a good grasp of the game of football."

"He's very professional and has had an excellent rapport with the students, staff and administration. He demonstrates a lot of maturity for not teaching in our building that long."

The 28-year-old Filiatraut was one of five candidates for the job.

He was interviewed Dec. 11 by Hage, along with the school's three assistant principals — Steve Archibald, Joe Anderson and Dan Willenborg.

"I'm real excited because John brings enthusiasm, a lot of neat concepts, and can tap into some excellent resources from Divine

Child and playing football in the Big Ten," Hage said.

Filiatraut has been coaching since he graduated with a degree in history from Wisconsin in 1991. He spent the last two seasons as DC's defensive coordinator. Last fall, the Falcons finished 8-1, just narrowly missing a playoff berth in Class BB-Region IV.

"My immediate challenge is to put together a staff," said Filiatraut, who was hired to teach social studies and freshman orientation at Churchill in August. "My offensive style is conservative with a stingy defense. We ran the stunt 4-3 (defense) at Divine Child and that's what I'll bring over. We'll have good special teams and we'll run the football. It won't be a Churchill air show."

"If you look at the successful teams, they run the ball. As much as (Westland) John Glenn likes to throw the ball, they can always run it when they want."

"We'll show discipline and we'll be a tough, hard-nosed team. The hitting will improve."

Filiatraut will also rely on his experience at Wisconsin where he played under Don Morton and Barry Alvarez (his senior year).

"I've played all the positions," Filiatraut said. "I came in as an outside linebacker, played tight end, moved to the defensive line, played on special teams, and spent time on the offensive line," he said. "I enjoyed practice and I wouldn't trade that experience for the world."

The task of moving out of the cellar in the Western Division of the WLAA will be Filiatraut's toughest challenge. This year, the WLAA boasted the state Class AA champion (Walled Lake Western), the state Class A runner-up (Farmington Hills Harrison) and the state Class AA semifinalist, WLAA champ John Glenn.

"You have to walk before you run," the new coach said. "You have to think short term. To talk league title in 1997 would be premature, but we want to put a better product on the field and have people start talking positive about Churchill football and that's achievable."

"One of the things that makes it exciting is going against the Chuck Gordons (Glenn), the Chuck Apaps (Western) and the John Herringtons (Harrison). That's motivation for me to prepare and work hard."

Filiatraut believes the potential is there for a winning program.

"It doesn't appear numbers is a problem," he said. "We had 40 freshmen and 40 JV players. We have about 100 kids total and that's plenty of people playing football."

"You just have to get the right kids and teach winning football." Ironically, Filiatraut returns to coach at the same place where he had the opportunity to attend in high school.

"I played grade-school football at St. Michaels," he said. "My two older sisters went to Divine Child and I followed suit. It wasn't a recruiting thing."

The Livonia native resides in Dearborn Heights with his wife Janice and 7-month-old son John George.

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Owens Tech game. The winners meet at 7 p.m. Saturday; the consolation game is at 3 p.m. Saturday.

their overall record to 6-3; they are 1-0 in the Eastern Conference. Alpena slipped to 1-5 overall, 0-1 in the conference.

The Ocelots meet George Brown College in the opening round of the Schoolcraft Holiday Classic at 4 p.m. Friday, following the Lakeland-Windsor 2 p.m. game. The winners play for the title at 5 p.m. Saturday, with the consolation game set for 1 p.m. Saturday.

SC 59, Alpena 37 (women): Defense spelled the difference for Schoolcraft College's women's team Friday against visiting Alpena.

SC led 33-15 at halftime and coasted, according to coach Ed Kavanaugh. Only one player reached double figures in scoring for SC: Crissy Harmon with 16 points, including five three-

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players Michael Finley, Sherrell Ford and Donnie Boyce in its lineup during Broz's playing days.

Broz said he started out at BSU majoring in communications, a path that ended his sophomore year when he changed majors.

"Even if he had never seen a basketball, he was going in there to bang Chris Young," Mulroy said. "He's a coach's son who really is steep in his knowledge of basketball. He can see things that really are pretty specific, not like 'Oops, that's real bad' or 'Hey, that's real good.'"

"To be a success in broadcasting you have to be an ex-pro jock and I knew I never would be an ex-pro jock," joked Broz.

Injuries actually led to Broz selecting sports medicine as his field. Broz suffered two dislocated shoulders and underwent one

knee surgery at BSU, helping him get to know the trainers pretty well.

Before long he was taking classes with them. He took his current job after finishing a two-year commitment at BSU in the training field.

"I'm in it for the kids," Broz said. "I love it here. This is a great group of guys and coaches here at CC and I'm really enjoying my time."

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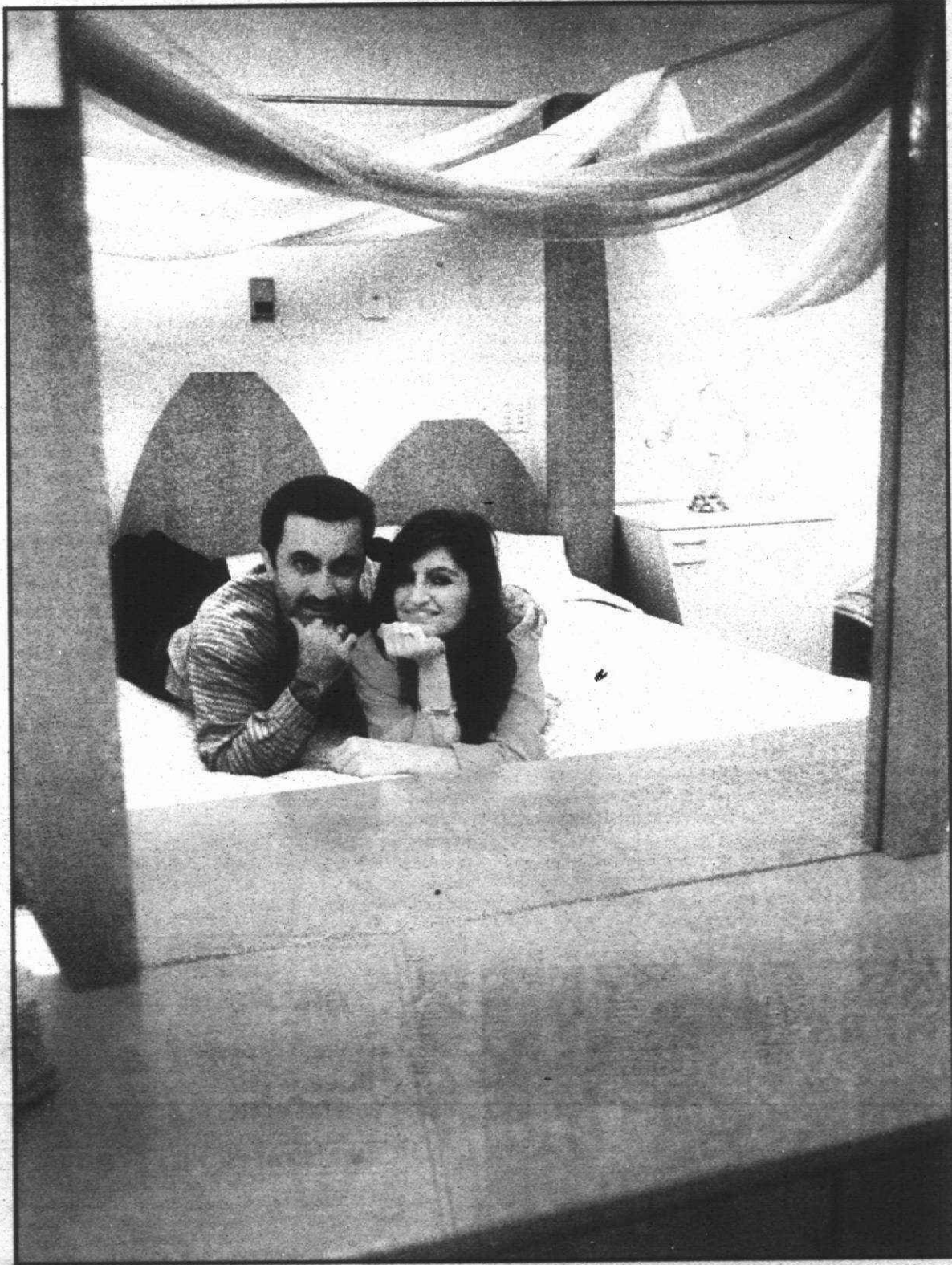
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RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

I love to celebrate New Year's Eve in the confines of my own home - not that we always do. Some years we are invited to elegant and wonderful parties and just can't say no, other years, it's been a wedding or an anniversary party, we just couldn't miss.

When we have the opportunity to do a quiet New Years celebration at home... I get out our lobster bibs, crackers, and pics, and order those delectable 2-3 pounders!

Needless to say, lobster juice dripping down my arms may not be the most endearing sight - when I eat lobster, I really eat lobster (and I don't get dressed up - my grubbies are the perfect attire for this feast!)

My insatiable taste for lobster goes way back - even as a child, I loved the Peanut-stuffed Lobster at the old Clam Shop in Detroit.

Eating a whole lobster shouldn't be neat and tidy - this is an eating adventure that goes way beyond what proper etiquette dictates - perhaps that's why my mom would always order the Lobster Tail, and politely use her knife and fork, as if it were just another meat entree.

If doing lobsters for the Big Eve - indulge - enjoy - live it up - order whole lobsters!

Other tips in the Lobster arena:
Local fish and specialty shops will be happy to take your order for lobsters - make sure you place your orders far enough in advance. These specialty shops will have them flown in and waiting for you - the size of your choosing.

Most grocery stores have a tank

with live lobsters - usually 1-1 1/4 pounds each.

You can find lots of mail order direct lobsters on the Internet.

Some mail order sources include:
Bramhall's Lobster Wharf & Shipping Co. (Maine Lobsters) 1-800-793-0343 or e-mail: wharf@midcoast.com

Lobster Direct (Nova Scotia Lobsters) 1-800-NS-Claws

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When picking up, or picking out, live lobsters, make sure they are active. A listless lobster, is not a good sign - never accept a lobster that is not moving at all, it could be dead, or likely contaminated.

A cooked lobster should have a tail that is curled, indicating that it was alive when cooked.

Never keep live lobster (or any shellfish) in fresh water - it will kill them.

Don't store live lobsters in a plastic bag.

Live lobsters will keep alive in the refrigerator, or under refrigerated conditions for 12 hours (most will survive a 24 hour period). It is best to keep them covered with a damp cloth or a layer of seaweed to provide moisture.

Lobster is low in calories, saturated fat and cholesterol. Lobster meat contains omega-3 unsaturated fatty acids, the substances that seem to reduce hardening of the arteries.

There is no taste difference between lobsters that have been cooked with rubber bands on their claws or those cooked with no bands - according to tests conducted at the University of Maine.

A one - two pound lobster is considered an adequate portion for one person (unless you are inviting me to dinner!)

Approximately two cups of lobster meat equal one pound.

You know your lobster is cooked when the antennae pulls out easily.

The green-stuff in the cooked lobster is the "tomalley" - the tomalley functions as a combination of intestine, liver and pancreas - it is not only edible, but quite delicious (to some).

The red-stuff you sometimes see in the cooked lobster is the roe, or unfertilized eggs - this is called the "coral" - this part is also edible, and many find it quite delicious.

Larger lobsters don't seem to be tougher than smaller lobsters.

How to cook Lobsters:
Lobsters can be boiled, steamed, broiled, grilled or baked. The most common ways seem to be steaming and boiling. An old Cape-Codder once told me "it is best to hypnotize your lobster before placing them in the boiling water" this may be an old wives tale...but I personally do it.

I place the live lobster on my counter - and rub it from the head down to the tail in consistent motions (like they say to hypnotize an alligator, not that I would) - until the legs drop and it appears to be asleep - I know this sounds a bit wacky, but I think my tail would tense up if someone threw me in a pot of hot water!

To steam lobsters: place approximately 2 inches of seawater or salted freshwater in the bottom of a large pot or kettle. Bring the water to a rolling boil. Place the live lobsters in the pot, one at a time (grasping them just behind the claws). Let the water return to a boil and begin timing - approximately 18 minutes for a 1 to 1 1/4 pounder or 20 minutes for a 1 1/2 pounder - if the shells are soft - reduce the time by approximately three minutes.

To boil lobsters: fill a large pot or kettle three-quarters full - If seawater is not available, add 2 tablespoons of water to each quart. Allow 2 1/2 quarts of water for each lobster. Bring the water to a rolling boil, place in the live lobsters, one at a time, and allow the water to come back to a boil. Lower the heat source, and lid the pot - simmer for 15 minutes for a 1-1 1/4 pounder and 20 minutes for a 1 1/2 - 2 pounder.

If soft shelled, reduce the time by three minutes.

Remember: you know the lobster is cooked when the antennae pulls out easily.

More Tips:
Buy a roll(s) of festive wrapping paper, and use as your table covering - when you are through, you can roll it all up and discard it - no ruining good linens with melted butter.

Use fresh, or new dish towels for napkins - they are great for absorbing all that extra liquid.

Have extra towels for bibs or paper bibs available.

Have nut crackers or lobster crackers available for cracking the shells.

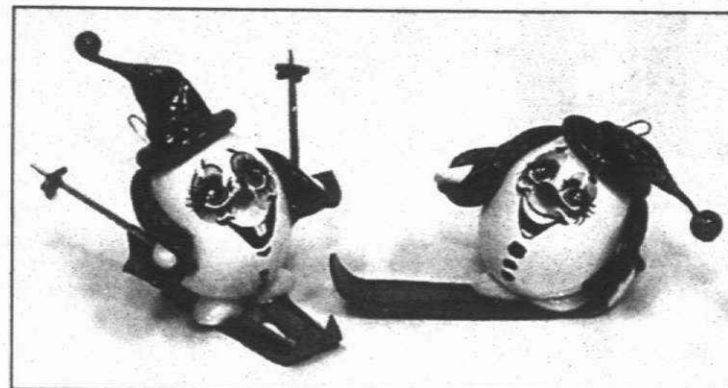
Everyone should have their own warm melted butter/or margarine for dipping their lobster meat.

Any leftover cooked lobster meat will keep in the refrigerator for 3-4 days.

If going to New York on holiday and Looking for Lobster - try Smith and Wollensky Steak & Chop House (one of my favorite haunts) located on 201 East 49th Street in Manhattan - the corner of 3rd and 49th - (212) 753-1530. They commonly serve 3-6 pound lobsters nightly - you will see everyone (except me) splitting a five pounder with their spouse, I always have my own!



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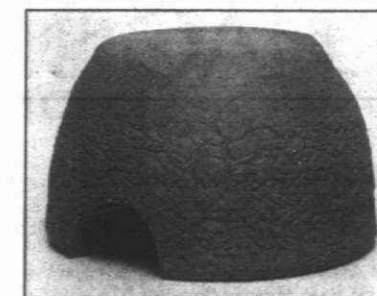
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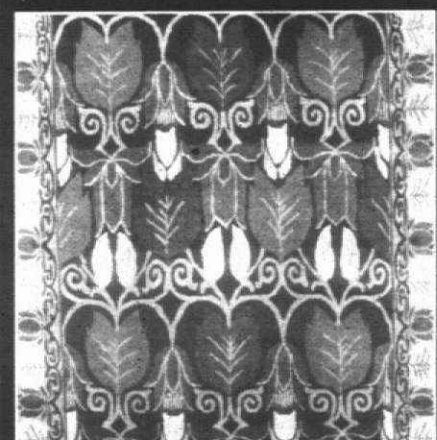
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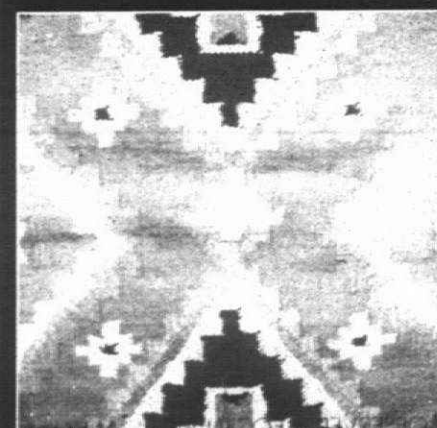
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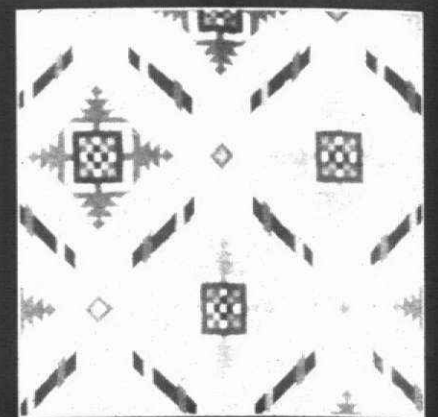
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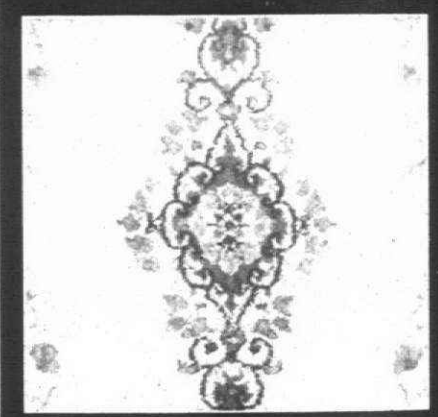
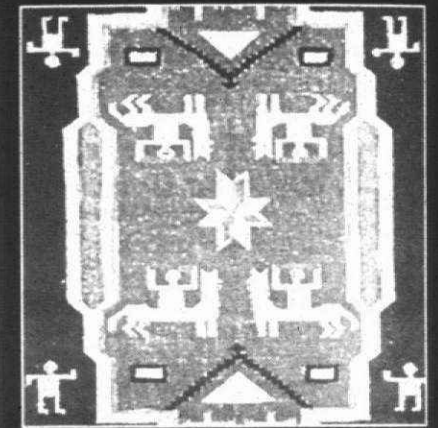
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Here are top furnace problems

BY RICK BOWLING
Special Writer

In an earlier column, we discussed the importance of furnace start-up procedures and the value of an annual cleaning and inspection. Today we will examine some of the most common problems discovered during inspections of heating equipment.

Some of these items are created unknowingly by homeowners, some are the result of lack of maintenance and still others come through the normal wear and tear process. Today we will discuss our top 10 list of the most frequent heating problems.

1. **Missing or dirty filters** - A high number of homeowners rarely change or clean their furnace filter. Furnace filters not only keep the dust level down, but they serve a function in the maintenance of furnaces and central air conditioning. A dirty filter will increase your utility bill and put added stress on the heating system. On some inspections, we will see dirt so thick that barely any air can pass through the furnace.

2. **Humidifiers off or inoperable** - Many homeowners turn off their humidifier in the summer and never activate it again. Most homes can use the extra humidity in the wintertime and oftentimes the thermostat can be dialed back a couple of degrees if proper humidity levels are maintained.

The older drum-style humidifiers seem to be most prone to breakdown, especially in areas that don't benefit from Detroit's municipal soft water. Humidifiers need to be cleaned at the start of the heating system and pads changed as soon as they begin to deteriorate or become overlaid with minerals. The newer power humidifiers provide better humidification with less hassle. If yours needs repair or replacement, consider upgrading your unit.

3. **Poor combustion color** is a sign of improper functioning. On most furnaces, you can see the flame without removing any covers. If your furnace flame is orange or yellow, have the unit serviced. Often, the fix is as simple as a routine cleaning and adjustment, but more serious problems may exist.

The cleaner any combustion appliance burns, the less likely that carbon monoxide can be a problem. You want the flame on your furnace, water heater and other combustion appliances to be a bright blue.

4. **Flame rollout** is a serious defect that requires immediate professional response.

Flame rollout describes a combustion problem where the flame of the furnace actually leaves the confines of the com-

bustion chamber and shoots out toward the room. This can burn other components of the furnace, including wiring and - when at its most serious - can start a fire in the house.

The condition is a result of a small to large explosion of natural gas, and can be accompanied by a booming sound or a "whoompf" kind of a noise. Sometimes a cleaning and adjustment can correct flame rollout but it can also indicate a more serious defect with the heat exchanger requiring furnace replacement.

5. **Missing covers** are a concern, not only because they protect us from potential hazards in the furnace, but because they can cause misoperation. Furnaces manufactured in the last several years have switches that shut the furnace down when the blower cover has been removed. This has two purposes - one, to keep our hands out; and two, to prevent the furnace from drawing fumes into the blower compartment where they can be distributed throughout the home.

6. **Disabled safety switches** are all too common. The most frequent problems we see are furnace disconnect switches and blower door safety switches taped in the "on" position. Tampering with any part of the furnace can void the warranty and subject the occupants to unnecessary risks.

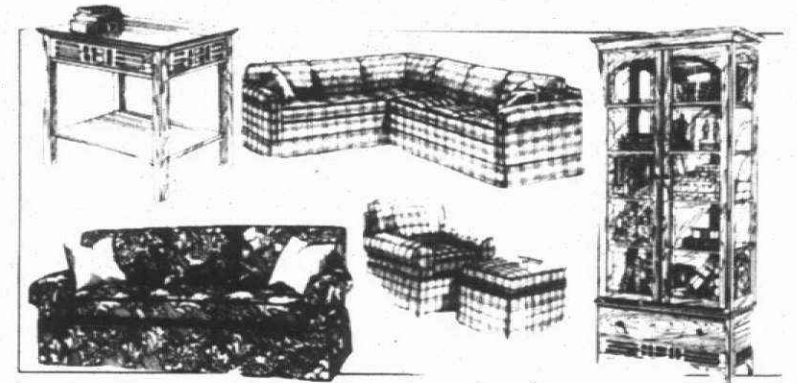
7. **Improper flues** (vent systems) were discussed at length in an earlier column. (If you missed it, contact the author at AmeriSpec in Plymouth for a complimentary copy.) The most important rules here are: a) don't change or alter the furnace flue system yourself, b) have your flue checked annually by your furnace contractor or a qualified chimney sweep, and c) store belongings well away from combustion equipment, including the flues.

8. **No chimney liner** - If you have a masonry furnace chimney and have upgraded to a mid- or high-efficiency furnace, chances are a liner is needed for your chimney.

The liner protects the chimney from damage and improves draft of the furnace and water heater, particularly during the cold winter months. It is needed because the masonry chimney is oversized for modern furnaces that waste much less heat than their predecessors. The chimney cannot properly exhaust flue gases and back drafting can occur. The chimney also becomes more susceptible to freeze thaw damage because flue gases that once were expelled quickly hang around and find their way into the chimney structure.

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JOE GAGNON

A few days ago I went out to dinner with Valorie and Hollie, her daughter who is home from Michigan State for the Christmas break.

We dined at the Ginnoplis restaurant which is so well known in the

area for its ribs and special sauce. I understand that when Elizabeth Taylor comes to Detroit, she eats there as well and has a box of ribs put on the plane to take home with her. I figure, well if the ribs are that good, I'll take some home with me, too, and cook them up again the next day.

Next day - We just enjoyed a light dinner each sharing the leftover ribs, and it was my turn to clean up the table, the counter area and load the dishwasher. Both Val and Hollie were still sitting at the kitchen table when I put into the

garbage disposal the bones from the ribs and turned it on. If only you could have seen the look on Valorie's face when I turned on the Garbaretor. The noise of this thing made her eyes look like 50 cent pieces. Hollie was laughing her head off, as pieces of bone were flying all over the kitchen sink, even as high as hitting the ceiling.

Well, anything for a laugh, and I went about finishing my cleaning job. I turned on the hot water faucet because I was about to turn on the dishwasher, and we all know from previous columns that this is the proper method for getting clean dishes from a dishwasher. Lo, and behold, the sink was plugged, or worse yet, both sinks were plugged and what that meant to me was that the complete drain line which leaves the kitchen was plugged.

"Not so funny now is it Joey," I heard Valorie say as she retired to the sofa with the newspaper. Hollie was still laughing her head off when suddenly Val joined her. They were both laughing

and I was about to cry because I've had to unclog that blinking drain line before, and it's no fun.

I went to the garage and got the garden hose which was as stiff as a board because it was cold out there. I took it down stairs and hooked it up to the hot water faucet on the laundry sink. I disconnected the plumbing under the sink and stuck the hose down inside the drain line and turned on the water. Job well done after an hour spent playing plumber.

I sat down beside Val and took a piece of the paper and after a few minutes I gently asked her why she didn't help me. With a little smile on her face, she said, "Joe, how many times have I plugged up the drain line by putting in potato peelings etc. which you tell me not to do. Each time I've done so I have felt so terrible for my stupidity that I have had no choice but to help you. This time I couldn't help you because I've been sitting here reading the paper for an hour and I haven't gone past page

one. I've been laughing so hard that it's been impossible for me to stand beside you. I love you."

Whatever happened to the old days? I used to have a Maytag disposer in which you could put a handful of nails and they would come out as dust. I once took a whole turkey carcass and broke it up and ground it up in my old Maytag. That disposer would chew up anything and everything and a senior vice president of Maytag once told me, "It's the best product we've ever made." I could sure use one today to play my little jokes in the kitchen but the moral of this story is - Maytag quit making the disposer just three years ago and I'm stuck with this piece of uselessness which doesn't work worth prunes. Can't even play a joke today because they don't make them like they used to.

Joe Gagnon, the Appliance Doctor, will answer your questions about maintaining and repairing large appliances.

focus on photography

Perspective adds a new dimension



MONTE NAGLER

When we look at pictures, we are always seeing a flat, two-dimensional image because we are holding a piece of photographic paper in our hands. Yet, with a knowledge and understanding of perspective, an appearance of great depth can be given to a shot.

You see, it's easy to fall into the habit of shooting subjects straight on, the camera most likely at eye level. But take that second look through the viewfinder before you press the shutter to see how you can improve your shot. Move the camera left to right, tilt it up and down. You might be pleasantly surprised at the perspective you'll achieve.

Perspective can be easily understood by imagining yourself looking at someone standing, say, 50 feet away. Behind them, at the same distance again, is a

tree. From your position, the person will appear quite tiny in relation to the tree. But as your walk closer to the person, he or she appears to become progressively larger until, when you're just a few feet away, the person seems to be much taller than the tree. In other words, you can make foreground subjects appear large at the expense of background objects.

This is why the sides of a building tend to converge when you look up at one through your camera. The base of the building is much closer to the camera than the top and consequently looks larger.

This same concept explains why, for example, railroad tracks appear to come together as they extend into the distance. This convergence, called linear perspective, gives the illusion of great depth.

The photograph shown here of a field in England's Cotswold district illus-



In perspective: The principle of diminishing scale is illustrated in this photo taken by Monte Nagler in Stow-On-The-Wold, England.

trates the principle of diminishing scale perspective.

As objects get farther away, they appear smaller as depicted by the fenceposts in the distance and the receding pathway. Moving in close to the foreground further exaggerates this effect.

Pictures such as this can be photographically very effective in that they can stir the viewer's imagination into

wondering what may lie at the end of the fence, road or railroad tracks.

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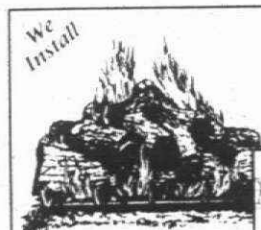
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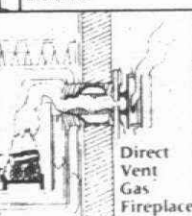
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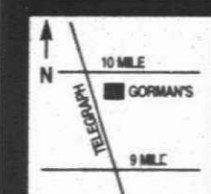
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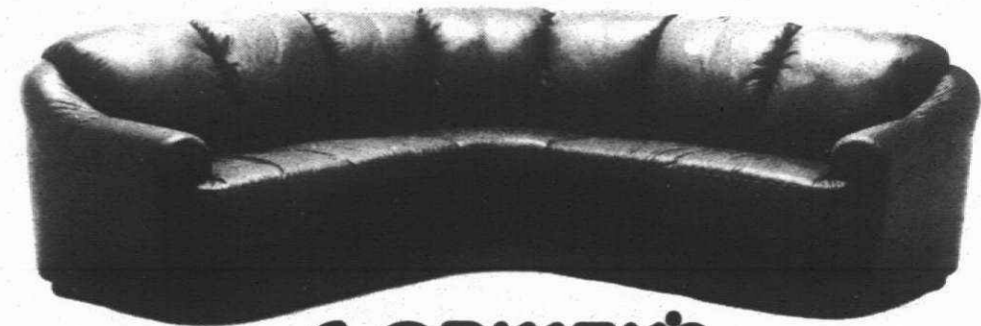


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By DR. J. ROBERT NUSS
For the Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Now is the season to brighten your home with flowering bulbs. "Forcing," or the flowering of a plant out of its natural season, is the way to achieve beautiful flowers in the winter.

Bulbs that can be forced are the spring flowering types, such as tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, and crocus. Meeting the proper chilling requirements of the individual bulbs is a key factor in the success of this procedure.

The forcing process can be started now while hardy bulbs are still available for outdoor planting. Start by filling a standard flower pot or bulb pan with within 1 1/2 inches of the top with a potting soil made from two parts packaged soil, one part peat moss, and one part vermiculite (not garden soil).

Set the bulbs on the soil surface and cover them with potting soil. Bulbs like hyacinth, narcissus, and tulip should have the tip of the bulb exposed about 1/2-inch, so you might have to adjust the planting depth slightly. Fill the pot, firm the soil over the bulbs, and water the pots well. Allow excess water to drain away.

After planting, the proper temperature is needed to establish a root system

on the bulbs. Experience has shown that an old refrigerator in a garage or basement is a satisfactory way of keeping the temperature of the bulbs and pots between 45 and 50 degrees. Chilling periods can be as long as 12 weeks, depending on the type of bulb.

During the chilling period, the bulbs must be kept moist. Roots penetrating through the drain holes in the bottom of the pot indicate that a strong root system has developed.

At the end of the rooting time period, and when you see a strong root system developing, you can begin the actual forcing process. This will result in the development of the flower stalk and foliage on the bulb. This is done by moving the bulbs to a temperature of 60 degrees in a dark location. Water the bulbs well at this time. Keep the bulbs under these conditions for one to two weeks until growth appears.

As soon as growth starts, move the bulbs to 65 degrees in a location with as much light as possible. Turn the pots regularly to keep the stems growing straight. Once the plants begin to grow, you will have to water them daily.

Bulbs that have been forced into early flower should be planted out in the garden as soon as the soil warms in spring. Keep the foliage growing as long as possible with regular watering. If the bulbs cannot be planted, discard them.

Adopt-a-pet



Speedy: This 5-month-old black male cat is litterbox trained, declawed in front and is extremely playful. Speedy would like to find a home where he can play with older children and/or other cats. He has lots of energy and is very affectionate. Speedy (No. WO10187) and other pets are available at the Michigan Humane Society Westland shelter, 37255 Marquette, (313)721-7300.

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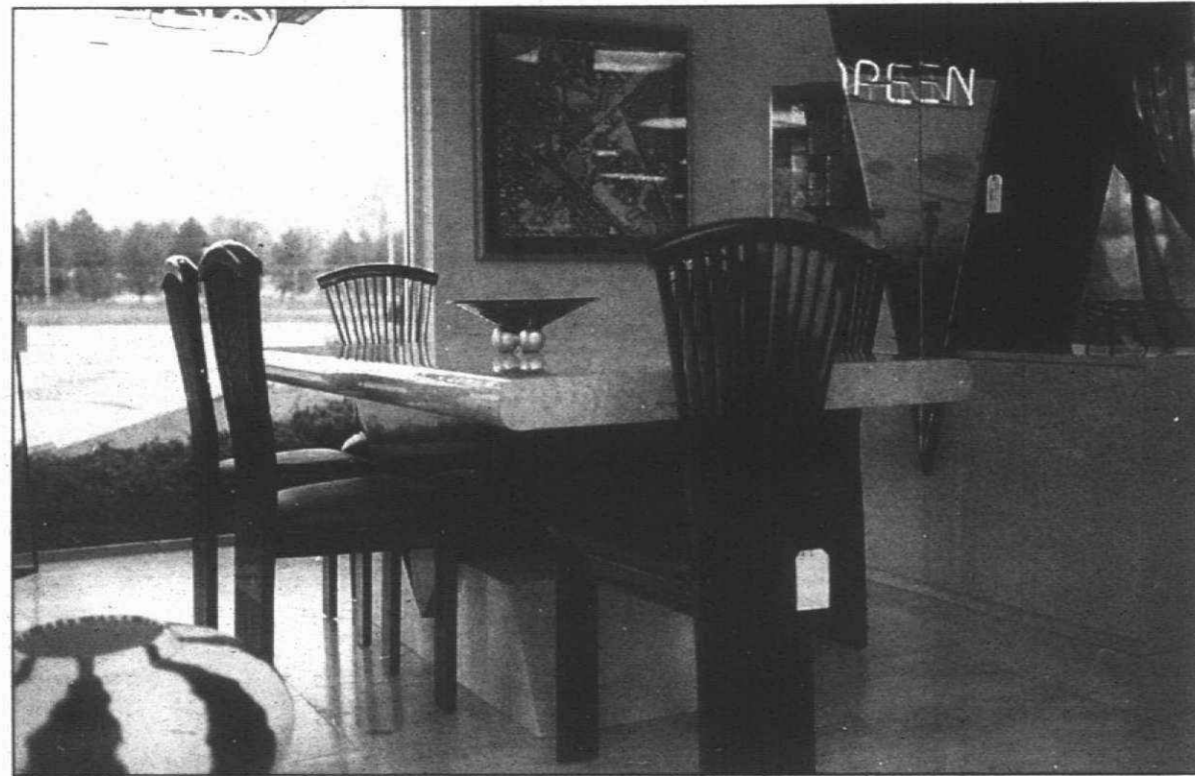
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On the cover: Lenny and Faye Denha lounge on one of their custom designed beds in one of the showrooms at Ziaz Furniture. Staff photos by Sharon LeMieux.



Special effects: (Left) Unusual painting techniques and acrylic materials give furniture buyers a chance for self expression. (Lower left) This dresser is one of many design options that customers can choose at Ziaz Furniture. The modern pottery is an accessory that can be purchased. (Below) This totally contemporary dining table and chairs with a simple but attractive sideboard shows the design options available at Ziaz Furniture.



Furniture designed especially for you

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
Staff Writer

Remember the old Burger King pitch - "Have it your way."

That's the idea behind Ziaz Furniture in Farmington Hills.

The store at 32839 Northwestern Highway opened Aug. 16 to offer custom-made furniture that customers are encouraged to alter to their special needs and tastes.

Lenny and Faye Denha are offering a line of sleek, contemporary beds, dressers and tables manufactured at their shop in Farmington Hills. But the floor models are only a jumping off point for customers who want to create their own furniture fantasies.

"People come in and don't know what we do," said Faye Denha. "We introduce them to our showroom and tell them what we do. They don't have to buy what they see. If they have a design in mind, we'll do it for them."

Lenny (Ziad) Denha is the primary designer for the company's line of furniture. He studied design, including 2 1/2

years at Lawrence Technological University and is drawn to unusual modern styles.

"I just like to create," Denha said. "I'll be driving down the road and pull over to draw out an idea."

The show room gives customers an idea of what can be done with laminates, acrylics, high gloss and matte finishes. There are bedrooms, dining rooms, living rooms and children's rooms showing a variety of styles, colors, textures and finishes. The items manufactured by Denha are complemented by modern upholstered sofas and marble tables that customers can purchase through a catalog at the store for a one-stop shopping experience.

But offering Denha's designs is only the beginning.

"They (customers) come in and say, 'I like your designs, but...'" Denha said.

Jody and Tom Byrne of Commerce Township found Ziaz Furniture the perfect place to furnish their new house.

"They find out what your style is," Jody Byrne said. "They give you their

input. They've been great."

Byrne said they've bought many pieces from Ziaz including occasional tables, a dining table and a bedroom set.

"When we went into the showroom, you could see the quality," Byrne said.

She said she was impressed that Ziaz could create one-of-a-kind furniture pieces.

"Whatever works, they make it work for you," Byrne said.

Duraid Antoon and his wife of Farmington Hills had Ziaz create several pieces of furniture to suit their taste.

"It was great. I'm a mechanical engineer and I wanted abstract furniture. I was able to go in and get ideas from what they had," Antoon said.

Denha created a matching set that tied a dining table to an entertainment set and even to a bedroom set in another room. He also created insets for Antoon's leather sectional.

"What I really like is the sharp angled corners, I'm really impressed with that work," Antoon said.

Denha even created a special neon

strip around the bottom on the Antoon bed.

"It's mostly for entertainment. It glows the bed; we don't sleep with the light on, but when friends come over we show it," Antoon said.

At the back of the Ziaz showroom is a wall of sample pieces in laminates, wood veneers and acrylics. There is also a computer with a CAD program so customers can sit down with the Denhas and create their own furniture.

"It's different and they get excited about it," Denha said.

Five employees work at the factory turning out bedroom furniture in 4-6 weeks from the time of ordering or a table in three weeks. Denha said he uses only the highest quality hardware, but will use a variety of lower cost materials - such as particle board instead of plywood - to help bring down the cost of some items at a customer's request. He also advises customers on subtle ways to change a design that will bring down cost but still retain the original design concept.

Furnace from page D5

Most recent installations will have a liner installed, but many mid-efficiency furnaces installed five to 15 years ago still need them.

9. **Inadequate combustion air** - Furnaces and water heaters need lots of air to heat our homes and water. Make sure they are in a room that provides adequate air supply. If contained in a small room, a louvered door is a minimum requirement, unless some other form of ventilation is provided. Have your furnace contractor calculate your air supply needs based on American Gas Association guidelines.

10. **Altered or add-on wiring** - Nearly every home we inspect has some sort of electrical defect, usually created by do-it-yourself electricians. Sometimes, this includes the furnace.

Humidifier wiring is the usual suspect, but sometimes homeowners tap off the furnace circuit for other use in the basement. The furnace should remain on its own circuit, to lessen the likelihood of a thrown breaker or blown fuse.

Furnaces have changed substantially in recent years. In a future column, we will discuss how they differ from older units and provide advice on selecting a replacement unit.

Around the House, by Rick Bowling of the AmeriSpec home inspection service, 1378 S. Main in Plymouth, instructs homeowners about the basics of home maintenance and repair. If you have a question, write to: Around the House/At Home, The Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

Adopt-a-pet



Buddy: This adorable 6 1/2 month old Terrier/Chow mix needs lots of love and attention. This guy has a lot to offer and is eager to learn but needs positive reinforcement. Buddy is teething now and sometimes gets a little frustrated. He wants to find a family who will spend time with him and help him through his "ruff" spot. Buddy (No. RO70604) and other pets are available at the Michigan Humane Society Rochester Hills shelter, 3600 Auburn Road, (810)852-7420, noon to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.

Here's phone for duct cleaner

The phone number for Sanit-Air, a duct-cleaning and indoor air sanitizing company in Troy featured in At Home Dec. 12, is (810) 616-0477.

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It's easy to write your Web page



BARRY JENSEN

first of two parts

(Macintosh fans: This column is written from the point of view of someone who uses a Windows computer. But most of the information is the same.)

As you wander around the World Wide Web, you will see lots of pages - pages is how the World Wide Web is presented. Writing your own simple Web page is not difficult. Actually, writing a simple Web page is ... well ... simple. Or at least as simple as things connected with computers are likely to get.

Before you start writing your Web page, you must know what you want your page to look like. To get an idea of what a Web page can look like, just wander around the World Wide Web a bit. You'll see lots of approaches to pages, ranging from overwrought to nifty to stupid.

A simple home page might consist of the following:

n a headline
n some text
n some links to other pages
n a mail-to link

Once you have decided what you want your page to look like, you're ready to write your Web page. Using a computer and your favorite word-processing program, create a document. Begin this document with the instruction that you are writing a Web page. To do this, type <HTML>

This instruction is invisible. Then put in the instruction that tells other computers what this page is about. For example, this might be playing games, game conventions, gaming. This, too, is invisible. To insert this information, type <TITLE>

Then type in your title. Follow the title with </TITLE>

Then comes the first thing another human being will see. Typically, this will be a headline. The instruction is <H1>

If you don't tell the computer otherwise, the headline will start at the left edge of the page. If you want the headline centered, type in this instruction before you type in the headline: <CENTER>

Then type in your heading. Follow the headline with </CENTER> Follow this with </H1>

To begin regular-size text, type the code <BODY>

Follow this with the instruction for a new paragraph: <P>

Here's an example so far:
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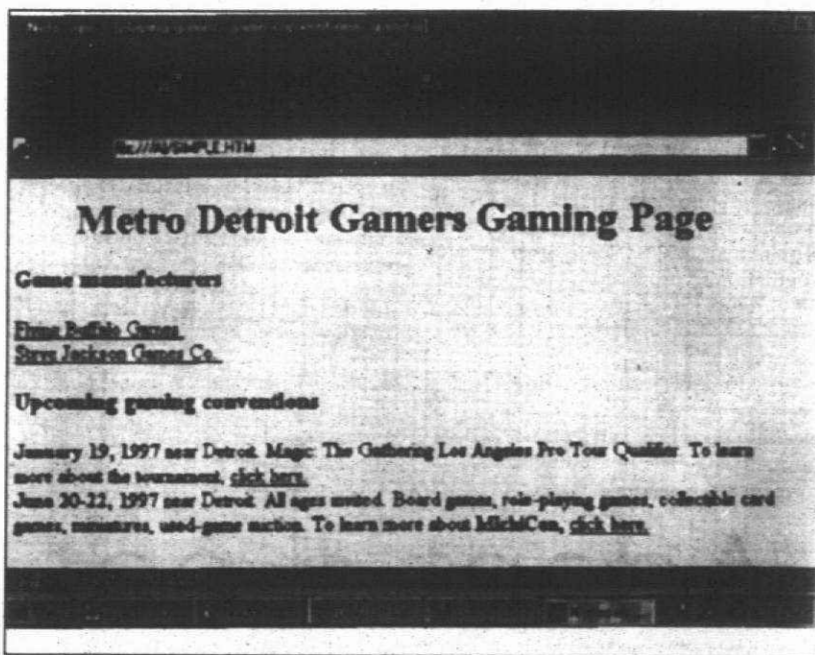
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<H1> <CENTER> Metro Detroit Gamers Gaming Page </CENTER>

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<BODY> <P>

Note: When putting two or more instructions on the same line, such as <CENTER> and <TITLE>, they must be in a particular order: The first instruction given on a line must be the last instruction canceled; the second instruction given on a line must be the second-from-the-last canceled, etc. See the example's headline line.

As you write your Web page, you can see it as others might if you write it on a computer that also is equipped with a program that will view Web pages. The best-known are Netscape Navigator and Microsoft Internet Explorer.



What others will see: This is the sample Web page as seen by Netscape Navigator. The file information near the top shows the origin of the page. For this example, the page is from a local computer, not the World Wide Web.

When you've written part or all of your Web page, save it in your computer. Use the "save as" capability of your word-processing program. You must save your Web page as "Text" or "ASCCI" or whatever your word-processing program calls saving without formatting.

Write down where the page is stored. For example, my Web page is stored in my computer as C:\html\mdg.htm.

If you want to see how your page is coming and spot errors you've made so far, load the program that allows you to view Web pages (mine is called Netscape.) Most such programs will let you look at the underlying coding, usually by going to that program's file menu and selecting "source" or some such word. Then tell it to look at the your Web page file (mine is C:\html\mdg.htm).

Netscape (or whatever you use) will bring up that file as it will look to anyone using the same version of Netscape. If something looks wrong, I make a note of it and close Netscape. Then I go to a word processing program and open the file, find the area that is incorrect and fix it. Then I can call up Netscape and repeat the whole process until I am sat-

isfied with the way the Web page looks.

Having completed the introductory part of your page, you can begin typing your text, using normal punctuation, capitalization, etc.

To get a new paragraph, use the code <P>

Example:
of their party. <P>
Now is the time ...

On my computer, at least, a new paragraph is indicated by a blank line.

If you want to set things like for a line (such as in poetry), use the line break command

Example:
The time you won your town the race,

we chaired you through the market place.

If you want to emphasize a particular word (or words) you have a couple of choices.

<I> sets things italic until you type </I>

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Learn techniques for ceramic tile installation

Ceramic tile installation will be the topic 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, at the Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham.

Cost is \$16 (\$26 per couple). Call The Community House at (810) 644-5832.

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room, with ceramic tile. The session will feature a step-by-step explanation and demonstration.

Presenters are Glenn Barna and Jeff Donovan, owners of Design Kitchen and Bath.



garden spot

Book topics: wreaths to gardens



MARTY FIGLEY

The highly anticipated book "Plants That Merit Attention, Volume II: Shrubs" (Timber Press, \$59.95), sponsored by the Garden Club of America, is now available.

Edited by Janet Meakin Poor and Nancy Peterson Brewster, the book is suitable for all regions of the country. The criteria for plants included in this excellent reference book are: unusual species and cultivars, beautiful, pest- and disease-resistant, tolerant of a variety of environments, and not readily available in at least one major region of the United States.

Why the unusual and availability criteria? "To lead gardeners ... to a greater knowledge of the use and cultivation of shrubs in relation to local conditions."

Each plant is accompanied by

description and all pertinent information regarding its cultivation and landscape value. I am pleased to see *Kolkwitzia amabilis*, Beauty Bush, which is hardy to zone 5, included. Color photos are excellent. Appendices include sources and gardens where plants can be seen. Expert advice by leading American horticulturists make this a most sought-after volume.

"The Living Wreath," Teddy Colbert (Gibbs, Smith \$19.95), not only teaches how to make a living wreath from succulents, but from many other plants as well.

The technique of growing lettuces, herbs, etc. directly in the wreath from seed will keep any gardener busy

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Pages to plant by: These books are filled with a variety of subjects.

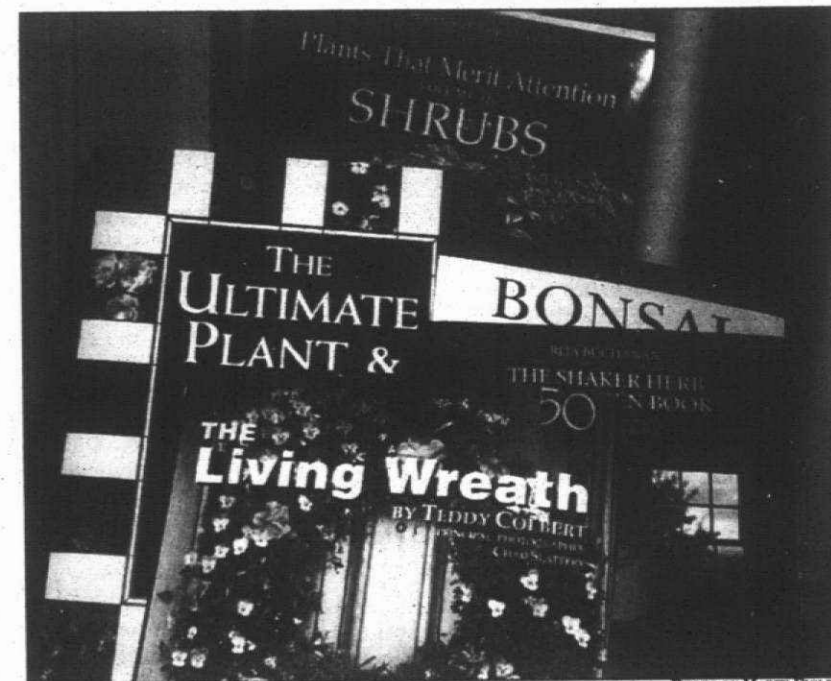


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throughout the year. Colbert's instructions are clear and methodical; plant lists are extensive. Lots of color photographs illustrate various designs. A source list for supplies and plants is helpful.

"Bonsai Survival Manual: Tree-by-tree Guide to Buying, Maintaining and Problem Solving," Colin Lewis (Storey, \$21.95), gives the low-down on this ancient craft.

Lewis, an expert bonsaiist, makes it look easy, with detailed illustrations and script. The species profiles of 50 popular commercial varieties, each with a photograph, take up much of the book. Especially like the succinct information on the specific requirements of each one. If bonsai interests you, buy this book before you invest in your first plant.

Written by a "team of experts," "The Ultimate Plant & Garden Book," edited by R.G. Turner Jr. (Crown, \$50), contains more than 2,000 plant descriptions and 2,200 color photographs.

Information about planning and maintaining a garden to visiting plants growing in the wild is here; the majority of the book is encyclopedic in style. All kinds of plants imaginable are described - annuals, perennials, shrubs, trees, bulbs, grass, ground covers, vegetables and herbs, fruit and nut trees, indoor plants, vines, orchids and more. The sea-

sonal calendar of chores and ideas is quite extensive and useful as are the cultivation guidelines.

In "Creating a Garden" (Macmillan, \$35), Mary Keen, a prominent garden designer, shares her experiences of transforming a neglected garden at her new home in the Cotswolds.

"With the (garden) that is part of your life, commitment can be total," she writes.

"It could take years, but in the doing of it, you should be ... in paradise."

The book details how she married the landscape with the house and incorporated fruit trees, vegetables and herbs, hedges, shrubs, perennials and annuals into the scheme of things. There is a whole bed of hellebores in the kitchen garden border! Changing paths and steps and other hardscapes such as a terrace was accomplished to add dimension and focus to the garden.

Keen's explanations of why and how gardens were designed and plants chosen are sensible advice. The pictures will inspire those with enough land to copy ideas. The section, Tricks of the Trade, explains the nitty-gritty.

"The Shaker Herb and Garden Book," Rita Buchanan (Houghton Mifflin, \$27.95), is an account of their successful business of growing and selling veg-

etable seeds and medicinal herbs in the 19th century.

These dried herbs, oils, medicines and extracts were sold throughout the country. By studying the plants and reading the works of "botanists" and "root and herb" doctors, they knew which plants to grow and how to process them.

The gardens were very neat and contained all manner of crops. Their manuals, written for the public, included garden practices in order to have repeat business. Descriptions of herbs and other plants, especially those gathered in the wild and how they were used, is an interesting story. A list of Shaker communities and their living history museums is included.

Before you travel to England, the book, "Kew" by Ray Desmond (Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, in association with The Harvil Press, London, \$40), gives a detailed historical account of this famous garden. It is distributed here by Harper Collins.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859.

Growing plants topic of talk at Jan. 8 club meeting

Marlene Uhlianuk will draw from wide experience to talk about growing plants and which plants to grow when she speaks to Troy Garden Club at its meeting Wednesday, Jan. 8.

Uhlianuk and her husband offer an extensive and unusual selection of herbs and other perennials at their Coon Creek Farm in Armada. They are regulars at Royal Oak and Pontiac Farmers Markets.

The club meeting will take place noon to 3 p.m. at the Troy Community Center, in the Civic Center complex directly behind City Hall at 500 W. Big Beaver. Refreshments will be served at noon. Guest donation is \$3.

For information, call Barb at (810) 879-1393.

Blanket of local landmarks lets you wrap yourself in history

Some of the Rochester and Rochester Hills historic landmarks are being promoted with the introduction of a 50-by-65-inch blanket.

Available in cranberry, navy or hunter green, the 100 percent cotton coverlet is the inspiration of local businessman Walt Peregón of Something Special Hallmark on Livernois in Rochester Hills.

Eager to offer the community a way to display proudly the area's main attractions and to make a contribution to support local history, Peregón worked with Patrick McKay, supervisor of interpretive services for the city of Rochester Hills. Together they chose the subjects to be portrayed on the coverlet, had photographs taken and worked with a North Carolina firm to come up with the custom design.

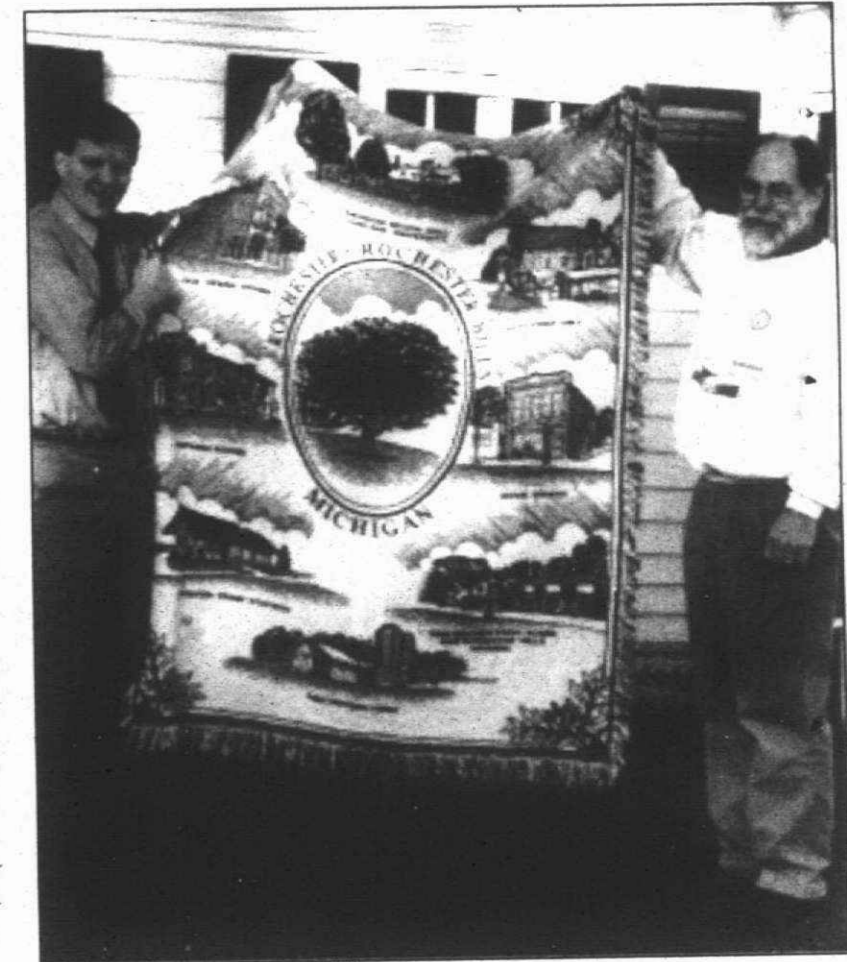
Images of the Rochester Train Station, the Old Opera House, Meadow Brook Hall, the Van Hoosen Farm buildings and Farm House, the Home Bakery and Yates Cider Mill are featured, surrounding an oak tree. The blankets are \$45, and a portion of each sale benefits the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm. The blankets are available in the

The blanket features landmarks of Rochester and Rochester Hills.

Museum Gift Shop on Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road, off Tienken. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday.

Show off and support the hometown by proudly displaying its landmarks. The blanket is a gift the whole town will love. For more information, call the museum at (810) 656-4663.

Covering history: Patrick McKay (left), supervisor of interpretive services for the city of Rochester Hills, and businessman Walt Peregón hold a new blanket that features images of Rochester and Rochester Hills landmarks.



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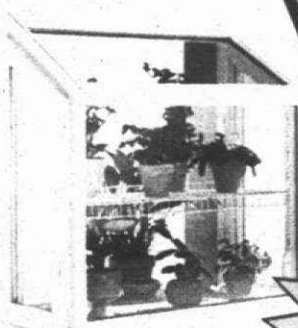
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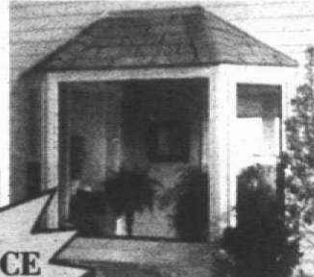


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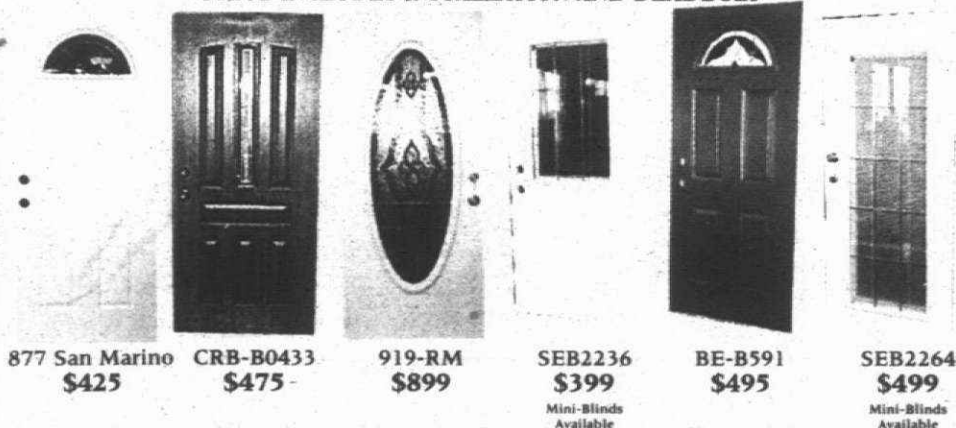
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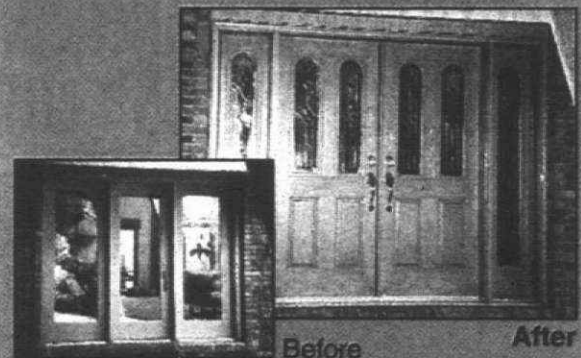
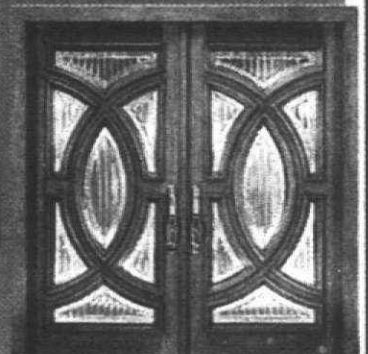
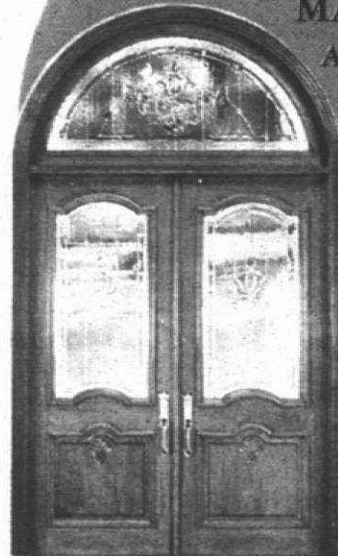
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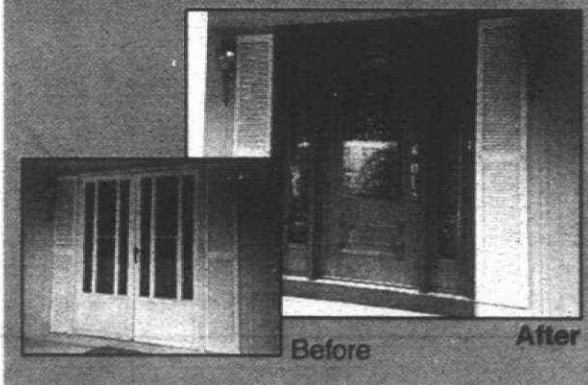
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Sasena joins Robertson



Lori Sasena graduate.

Lori Sasena has joined the Robertson Brothers Group to head sales at Pinewood of Canton. Sasena, who lives in that Pheasant Run community, is a Wayne State University graduate.

Rea attends summit



Linda K. Rea

Linda K. Rea, a Real Estate One in Troy, attended a super sales summit in New Orleans where she spoke on self-promotion. Rea emphasized team building. Each staff is licensed and concentrates in a specific aspect of servicing and selling residential real estate so that nothing falls through the cracks.

She's a multi-million dollar sales producer.

Mahoney is promoted



Timothy Mahoney

Timothy Mahoney, RA, has been promoted to director of interior architecture at Hobbs+Blacks Architects in Ann Arbor.

He will oversee programming, space planning, interior design, furniture and finish selection, construction detailing and documentation for interior architectural projects.

Mahoney received his Bachelor of Architecture degree from Lawrence Technological University. He lives in West Bloomfield.

Yatooma joins RE/MAX



Frances Yatooma

Frances Yatooma has joined RE/MAX Executive Properties in Farmington Hills as a Realtor associate.

Yatooma, a Certified Buyers Agent, has a degree in computer science. She lives in Southfield.

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Running into sticky situations

Another round of real estate humor

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

We did it before, and you asked for more.

Call it real estate follies. These are stories of humorous, bizarre, embarrassing, aggravating and otherwise out-of-the-ordinary events that actually happened to Realtors in the field.

"A lot of situations, even though negative at the time, are funny after a while — like a year later," one said.

The Twilight Zone or Outer Limits have nothing on some of these escapades.

"I was showing a house one time, and the owner had a real extensive gun collection," said John Ruud, a Realtor with Century 21 Town and Country in West Bloomfield.

"As we were going through, the seller commented to the buyer (my client), 'I notice how you're looking at all my weapons.' The purchaser kept nodding and didn't say anything. The seller said that a couple of guns were illegal.

"The purchaser was an Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms agent," Ruud said. "I was thinking to myself, 'Oh my God, I'm going to be in the middle of an arrest.'

"The ATF agent was looking for a house. I knew he was an ATF agent. I'd never been in that house before. When we left, he said, 'I'll remember this one,'" Ruud recalled.

Ruud eventually found the agent another house. And the guy with the weapons? "I don't know what happened," the Realtor said.

Jo Anna R. Bradick, an associate broker with Jack Christenson Realtors in Troy, had finished showing a vacant house to her clients, prospective buyers, they had left and she was in the process of locking up.

"I was checking that everything was turned off, and when I went into the garage, the door between the garage and

the house locked behind me," Bradick recalled.

"The main door was an electric opener, but the electricity was off because the house was vacant, and I couldn't release the manual," she said. "I had to force the door open enough to crawl out underneath like a dog with a suit on, heels. I ripped my pantyhose. It was like I was crawling out from under a rock.

"Some little kids were playing, and when they saw me come out, they said, 'Are you the new neighbor?' I said, 'Not quite.'

"My purse and keys were still (locked) inside. I had to go to a neighbor, call the office, find the owner, get another key. It was a pain," Bradick said.

John Toye, a Realtor with Remerica Family in Westland, once showed a house that wasn't listed for sale.

How can that be? Let him explain: "I was going to show a condo. I got a confirmation — it was a new listing — that the lock box might not be on yet and if not, the door will be open, just go on in."

"We went to the property, the lock box wasn't on, the door was open, and I showed the property," Toye said. "The condo wasn't in showing condition. It was just a mess.

"My clients wanted to see more condos, then they wanted to go back to the first one," Toye said. "When we did the next day, we found out it wasn't the right listing. We saw the lock box next door. They had given me the wrong number, yet the condominium door was open."

Toye said he has no idea why that door was left unsecured. "I left a card that didn't call back and ask, 'Why did you come through my place?'"

Edna Barry, a Realtor with Gold Key in Southfield, recalled the buyer who really wasn't.

"I worked with this customer over a year and a half, and she saw everything. As soon as she would present an offer and

the seller would accept, she would disappear for two or three days. I would page her and her three daughters. No one would return calls.

"Then, she'd call me back and ask, 'Anything new on the market?' She wasn't really concerned about the offer. It was crazy."

Because sellers always added a contingency or slightly countered terms of her client's initial offer, she couldn't be held to the sale.

"I don't think she really wanted to move. She had been in her house 35-40 years," Barry said.

But all's well that ends well.

"She finally bought a house — to my surprise — and didn't walk away due to the fact I told her she may not get her deposit back," Barry said. "She's so happy. She's out shopping for things and mentally fixing it up."

So why did Barry put herself through such an ordeal?

"She's one of my dearest friend's mother."

Dorothy Estep, a Realtor with Century 21 Dynamic in Westland, had an experience proving that lightning can, indeed, strike twice in the same place.

"I had customers, buyers, and I was taking them out to see a house. They were following me. When we got there, my car wouldn't start. He took the fan belt off, took me to get the part and put it back on."

"Nine months down the road, in the same neighborhood, with a different car and the same client, the same thing happened," Estep said. "The second time, he fixed it again. He didn't charge me a cent."

Estep was still working with those same people because their interest in buying had cooled, then rekindled between incidents.

"They tell me they won't buy from anyone else. I know they're loyal to me," she said.

PEST STRIP

TAMMIE GRAVES/STAFF ARTIST

Talk to a lawyer if your property is condemned

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q. I am an owner of some commercial property located in an area which may be condemned in Detroit. While I have a general knowledge of my rights, can you enlighten me in general terms as to the process of condemnation?

A. When commercial property is condemned, the owner of the property is entitled to just compensation for the value of his property, the appraisal fees is to find the value, if it is necessary to be litigated, and for reimbursement of attorney fees up to 1/3 of the increase in value obtained over the original offer of estimated just compensation provided by the condemning authority.

If the owner or tenant conducts a business on the premises, it may be entitled to a variety of relocation expenses, including moving expenses, reestablishment expenses, such as additional rent for a defined period and mailings to customers. You, as a business owner, may also be entitled to business interruption expenses, i.e., actual expenses to avoid business interruption, if you can relocate the business or you

may also be entitled to recover the going concern value, which is defined as the intangible value of the business above the tangible assets, if you cannot relocate your business.

If you are a tenant, you may also be entitled to part of the judgment rendered to the owner if, for example, you are the beneficiary of a long-term below-market lease. The determination of the tenant's portion of the owners just compensation is a statutory obligation of the court after a judgment is entered. You have various other rights and remedies and you are advised to consult with an attorney at this time, before acknowledging or accepting any offers from the condemning authority.

Q. I am interested in buying some property and developing it and am often perplexed by what is deemed a "wetland." Can you give me any insight into what really constitutes a wetland?

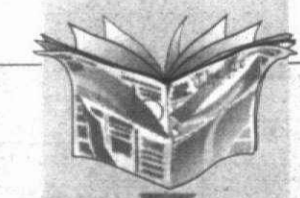
A. Under the enabling act that was established to protect wetlands in 1979, wetland was defined as "land characterized by the presence of water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support and that under normal circumstances does support wetland vegetation or aquatic life and is commonly referred to

as a bog, swamp or marsh."

The State Department of Environmental Quality has jurisdiction over all wetlands greater than five acres in size and other small wetlands that are contiguous to the Great Lakes or any other water course. What is clear is that the parcel need not actually be "wet" to be designated as a wetland. Rather, it is the statutory phrase "under normal circumstances does support wetland vegetation" that often creates the wetland classification.

If a parcel contains predominantly wetland-dependent species, it will be designated a wetland. Most plant species deemed "wetland dependent" frequently appear in upland areas. Obviously, the whole source of wetland discussion has been muddled by varied interpretations placed upon property by the DEQ, the municipality in question and sometimes the courts.

Robert M. Meisner is an Oakland County area attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. You are invited to submit topics that you would like to see discussed in this column, including questions about condominiums, by writing Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Bingham Farms MI 48025. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.



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Private Mortgage Insurance fills a void



DAVID C. MULLY

MORTGAGE SHOPPING
One aspect of the home mortgage process that people ask more questions about than any other is mortgage insurance. Mortgage insurance is not the same as title insurance. The two have entirely different functions. Some mortgage experts or consumer advocates contend that mortgage insurance is not necessary and should be avoided at all cost. Others consider the existence of mortgage insurance a blessing for people who otherwise would not be able to buy a house. In some previous articles, we discussed FHA mortgages. These are loans that are insured by the federal government. Today, we're

It's not up to the mortgage insurance company to decide when the homeowner can cancel - it's up to the investor.

It's that it costs too much. After acquiring PMI, you can buy a house with less downpayment than you would ordinarily need. For example, if you wanted to buy an \$80,000 house, many lenders would require a 20-percent downpayment - or \$16,000. Enter private mortgage insurers. These insurance companies

talking about private mortgage insurance (PMI). The major difference between the two types is, through private mortgage insurance, conventional loans are insured by private insurance companies. These types of loans also have a monthly premium in addition to your regular mortgage payment.

Before the insurance company is willing to share the risk, lenders will make loans to borrowers who put at least a 5 percent down.

One of the biggest criticisms of PMI is that it costs too much. However, if we take the example of the couple who put just 5 percent down on an \$80,000 house, the mortgage insurance would cost them about \$50 per month. For some, it is better to pay the extra cost every month rather

than wait years to save up a sufficient downpayment. Private mortgage insurance also helps the mortgage process go more smoothly. For example, one private mortgage insurer reports that 98 percent of the loans it reviews have a turnaround time of less than 24 hours.

In addition, more than 90 percent are approved. Positive numbers like this can be reassuring to those people entering the house-buying market for the first time.

Another worry consumers have about mortgage insurance is the misconception that you need spotless credit to get the insurance. According to the leading private mortgage insurance companies, borrowers only need to show a willingness and ability to repay their mortgages.

In fact, even borrowers with no established credit history can obtain mortgage insurance.

Insurers will look for other evidence - such as rental receipts, utility payment stubs, etc. - in order to open the doors of home ownership to as many people as possible.

One final question many borrowers ask is: "Is it difficult to cancel mortgage insurance?" The answer is no, but homeowners need to fully understand the cancellation requirements of the investor who holds the loan.

It's not up to the mortgage insurance company to decide when the homeowner can cancel - it's up to the investor. Generally, homeowners can request that the investor cancel their mortgage insurance when the mortgage balance is below 80 percent of the value of the property.

With today's rising home values, sometimes a new appraisal will show enough increased home value to allow you to meet the requirements for dropping PMI.

For many home-buyers, private mortgage insurance can be a convenient, economical way to move into that house you've always wanted.

If you have any questions about whether PMI is right for you, contact your local Realtor, mortgage banker or me at the number listed below.

David Mully has been writing his weekly "Mortgage Shopping" column for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers since June 1995. He has been involved with residential mortgage lending in the Detroit area since 1988 and is a senior loan officer.

For information about a new mortgage, call Mully toll-free at 1-800-405-3051, fax him at 810-380-0603 or send e-mail to cgbx04d@prodigy.com. You can access Mully's previous Mortgage Shopping articles on-line at <http://100online.com/~emordymully>

Every home needs asaber saw, a most versatile tool

FOR READER'S DIGEST BOOKS FOR AP SPECIAL FEATURES

To saw a wide variety of materials, making both curved and straight cuts, consider a saber saw. Although a circular saw is best for a lot of fast straight cuts, a saber saw - also called a portable jigsaw - is more versatile. Fitted with the appropriate blade, a saber saw can make straight or curved cuts in wood, metal, plastic, ceramic tile, leather and other materials. It can rip a long piece, crosscut a 2-by-4, or start a cut in the middle of a plywood panel.

A saber saw has a motor-driven shaft that moves a blade rapidly up and down that pushes the teeth into the work on the cutting stroke and away from it on the return stroke. This helps clear away chips and lets the saw cut faster and more cleanly.

Here are some tips on using a saber saw:

- Clamp the good side of the work face down. Because the saw cuts on the up-stroke, any splintering will occur on the less important side facing up.
- Make sure the blade has clearance underneath. Reposition the work as needed to avoid hitting an obstruction below.
- Stand directly over the work with your eyes focused on the line just ahead of the blade.
- To keep from splintering plywood, score the cut line with a utility knife before sawing. Or you can tape along the cut line.
- When making a long straight cut, clamp another board with a straight edge to the work piece to guide the saw.
- If you hit a knot in the wood, feed the blade slowly and let it do the cutting. Don't force it.
- Begin an internal cut by tilting the saw forward and resting the front of the base on the work.
- Start the saw at medium speed and very slowly pivot the blade into the work. As you reach a corner, curve the saw to cut to the next straight side. Later, go back and square up the corner.
- To make a clean cut on thin metal, use a blade that will have at least two teeth in contact with the edge of the work at all times.

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OVERALL DIMENSIONS: 54'-0" X 42'-0"
LIVING: 1309 square feet
GARAGE: 518 square feet

House offers 1300 square feet

The 1309-square-foot Strawberry would make an excellent purchase for the first time homebuyer. For a family with small children, the floor design for the Strawberry offers a substantial amount for your building dollar. The handsome wood exterior projects a solid permanence and adds greatly to the curb appeal. The covered front porch leads to a recessed entry that has a vaulted ceiling and a roomy coat closet for the convenience of your guests.

To the left of the entry are the sleeping areas. The master suite, for a home this size, is quite spacious and features a large walk-in closet with plenty of shelves, window to the back yard, and a private bathroom. Across the hall, and in perfect proximity for those with youngsters needing close attention, are two good-sized bedrooms. Each has sufficient closet space, and one contains a built-in desk. This room, if not needed for use as a bedroom, could function as a sewing room, den or home office. In the hallway are a full bathroom and a linen closet.

The main section of this floor plan, where family activities and entertaining are centered, is designated as a great room. This combines the living room, family room and dining room into one huge uncluttered expanse. Here you and your visitors can enjoy a movie, board game or good conversation.

The adjacent walk-in kitchen is placed for maximum efficiency. Along with all the appliances, there is a step-in pantry. Meals are easily served in the dining area or, weather permitting, open the sliding glass doors and dine on the back patio.

An added feature is the direct access to the kitchen from the garage via the utility room. This allows you to carry groceries right into the house without worrying about the climate outside.

K: We remodeled our kitchen and replaced our 40-gallon, gas-fired water heater with an electric water heater that has a 5500-watt element. Now we are stuck with a tank that is good only for me and my wife. When our three

Girder may be causing sagging

BY POPULAR MECHANICS FOR AP SPECIAL FEATURES
Q: We recently purchased an older home at a reasonable price. The living room floor sags noticeably in the center. A friend of ours says the floor joists probably are bad and need to be replaced, a major repair job. Is this usually the case?

A: People switching from a gas-fired to an electric water heater frequently cite the problem we discuss. When selecting a water heater, consider its capacity and the recovery rate. The recovery rate is the number of gallons that the unit will heat to 90 degrees to 100 degrees Fahrenheit above its inlet temperature in 1 hour. When the tank capacity is low, in order to have an adequate supply of hot water, the unit must have a high recovery rate. As an example, a typical oil-fired water heater has a 30-gallon capacity and a 120-gallon-per-hour recovery rate.

Electric water heaters, on the other hand, have a low recovery rate: usually about 18 gallons per hour, although some units have a 22-gallon recovery rate. Unless there is a large tank capacity (on the order of 60 to 80 gallons), a simultaneous longtime demand for hot water will result in an inadequate amount of hot water being supplied to the fixture.

You can increase your heater's hot-water output by installing a prewarming tank in series with the water heater. The cold-water supply is connected to the prewarming tank's inlet, and the tank's outlet is connected to the water heater's inlet. By boosting the temperature of the water entering the water heater, you improve its recovery rate. It is also more economical because you are not electrically heating a large volume of water all day, so there will be sufficient supply during the peak periods.

To determine the amount a girder must be raised to level it, stretch a string along one side of the beam, from the bottom corner at one end to the bottom corner at the other. The amount of wood showing below the string (where the sag is most extreme) is the distance the girder must be raised.

For a study kit of the Strawberry (404-420E48), send \$10.00 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Sagnaw Rd., E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424 (Be sure to specify plan name & number).

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Factory-built homes offer lots of choices

BY VIVIAN MARINO
AP BUSINESS WRITER

(AP) Chandler and Suzi Benton's new ranch house has sturdy wood-asphalt shingles, cathedral ceilings, wall-to-wall carpeting, a modern kitchen with oak cabinets and skylights that let them gaze out at the stars every night.

The most intriguing feature of their 1,375-square-foot dream home 30 miles west of Phoenix, is that it came ready-made from a factory at a third less than the cost of comparable houses.

"You can't tell the difference," said Benton, a retired minister from the Midwest. "It's not like a mobile home or anything like that."

The Bentons ordered their \$79,000 modular house in the winter and moved in last spring. They plan to build a pool on their one-acre lot this summer.

Once treated as neighborhood

outcasts, today's factory-built homes are getting the welcome mat from more and more home buyers, appealing to those, like the Bentons, looking to cut costs and construction time.

Since they first appeared in the United States 60 years ago, when Sears, Roebuck and Co. sold manufactured pre-cut Craftsman homes from its catalog, factory-originated homes have undergone considerable changes. Few bear any resemblance to the tin can-like structures that were plopped on concrete slabs in the '60s and '70s.

"The image of a cookie-cutter, mass-produced house is being dispelled ... thanks to new computer technology," said Fred Hallahan, a Baltimore real estate consultant who tracks the industry. "We've seen a steady growth in numbers."

Prefabricated homes - including modular, panelized, precut

and mobile structures - are becoming increasingly popular in the Northeast, where housing costs exceed the national average, and in rural areas, where it's tough to find skilled builders for on-site conventional homes, said Hallahan.

But even in regions where housing costs are moderate and laborers plentiful, more developers are opting for factory-crafted homes or building parts because they offer higher quality control and reduced construction waste.

In fact, at least 40 percent of all new homes today are constructed in whole or part using components built in a factory, according to estimates from the Building Systems Councils of the National Association of Home Builders.

"The builder has much more control," said Steve Kerr, general manager of New England Homes Inc. in Greenland, N.H., which

manufacturers modular and panelized homes, from 900-square-foot ranches to 6,000-square-foot colonials, and has contracts with 80 builders throughout New England.

Kerr says sales are up around 20 percent from a year ago. "When everything is done out in the open air, you can't control the variables," he said. "We've eliminated weather as a variable; it never rains inside the factory. You can build all winter long."

Materials also are sheltered from vandalism and theft, he noted.

As a result, home buyers pay anywhere from 5 percent to 50 percent off the price of traditional "stickbuilt" homes. And while conventionally built homes can take several months to construct, some factory-built homes can be occupied in as little as four to six weeks from the time an order is placed.

Next to mobile homes, which are mass-produced in factories, modulars are the fastest to go up. That's because about 95 percent of a modular home is factory-made. They come off the assembly line in three-dimensional finished sections that are shipped to the building site and connected vertically or horizontally over standard foundations - almost like Lego toy blocks. Afterward, utilities, plumbing and electricity are hooked up. (Many come with appliances.)

Benton was pleased with the amount of time it took to complete his two-bedroom ranch-style house, even though the developer, Sun Valley Ranches of Buckeye, Ariz., had to contend with a backlog of orders for similar homes.

"We placed our order in January. The house was completed

in March and it was ready to occupy by May," he said. "We could have leaned a little bit and gotten it even faster, but we weren't in that much of a hurry."

Benton said he came out ahead price-wise as well. Similar conventional-built homes on smaller, quarter-acre lots sold for around \$120,000, \$41,000 more than what he paid. Panelized homes also can save buyers money and construction time, although not nearly as much as modulars.

The walls are factory-made in large sections, or panels, that are designed to go up quickly after delivery, topped with a roof, then closed up within a few days. But more on-site construction remains, including the installation of windows, doors and other fixtures. This can take several weeks, or even months, to complete.

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What's in store for houses of the future?

A panel of architects at the National Association of Home Builders show earlier this year concurred — houses built during the next five to 10 years will enhance our quality of life dramatically.

"The architects agreed that the biggest single factor impacting design will be in how technology changes the space needs in the home," said Gilbert "Buzz" Silverman, outgoing president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan.

Silverman is a third-generation residential builder with offices in Farmington Hills.

With the option of telecommuting to work expanding, people will need dedicated home office space with appropriate telephone, fax, modem and computer services.

While this will create a more fluid workday with less rigid lines between professional and personal lives, it will also affect the use of space in the house and family dynamics.

In addition, people are looking to the home to be their center for entertainment. Many houses will have media rooms with sophisticated sound and video systems built in or retrofitted to suit the owners.

Art Gerish, a Plymouth-based residential builder, sees several other changes when consulting his crystal ball.

"I believe houses will just be modestly downsized ... by five percent," he said. "I have a sense we're going to see inflation again, not the precedent like 1982 and '83 when it was 20 percent. One way of controlling costs is to reduce the size of the house."

"Can you live in a family room 15-by-22 any better than 13-by-20? Or even the master bedroom. I don't think those sizes are quite necessary," he said.

Gerish suspects that two-story-high ceilings will be lowered to save heating costs and to ease maintenance. He also believes that plastics will be more in vogue for interior trim finishings and gradually replace copper piping.

Stuart L. Michaelson, president of Stewart Homes, also sees technology's influence.

"There will still be a push to make them more efficient, like Smart House. I think you will

'I think even in newer subs, people will go to smaller lots. It's cost. And people buying now don't want to get a riding mower and spend all day Sunday mowing the lawn.'

*Stuart L. Michaelson,
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see more of that," he said.

"Quality of materials. For insulation, now you can get higher R factors in smaller space. I can see codes changing not to allow masonry (fireplaces). They're totally energy inefficient. Siding on exteriors — we're looking for new materials," Michaelson said.

"There may be a push to build where infrastructure already exists," he said. "Detroit. Look at Royal Oak, Huntington Woods. I think people will buy in older neighborhoods."

"I think even in newer subs, people will go to smaller lots. It's cost. And people buying now don't want to get a riding mower and spend all day Sunday mowing the lawn," he said.

Michaelson also wonders whether a ready supply of skilled tradesmen will be available to meet residential building needs a decade from now.

"Life-cycle housing is another trend in home design," Silverman added. "Many people are moving less, and they want their homes to grow and change with them as they go through different stages in their lives."

For example, a builder may offer a house with three bedrooms today, but he'll give the new owner the option to finish an attic or garage area as needed to accommodate a new child or a parent that comes to live with the family.

Other houses will be placed on a lot so that there will be plenty of room for an addition of a family room or sitting area, and the owner can see the plans for that addition when purchasing the original house.

This will also help when the owner wants to sell since the floor plan is flexible and can meet the needs of many potential buyers.



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Looking ahead: Architects and builders anticipate giving more attention to spatial relationships and including more technological amenities in houses of the future.

In addition, the space above the garage can also be flex space for later additions such as an in-law suite or home office.

Garages are increasing in size to an average of three berths both to accommodate more vehicles in the household and to provide more storage space.

"We will see more features designed for casual entertaining such as front porches and expanded kitchens and family rooms, with formal areas like dining and living rooms becoming multi-purpose rooms," Silverman

said. For example, many new custom houses come with bookshelves built into the dining room so the area can be used as a substitute home office or study area when not needed for formal entertaining.

The architects also called for all-season rooms in a finished basement to allow for specialized areas for exercising, hobbies and other projects.

The rooms will have light shafts from the ground level to allow for natural lighting, floors

designed to cushion an exerciser's feet and specialized storage for tools and hobby supplies.

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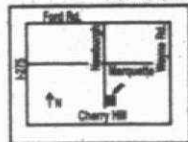
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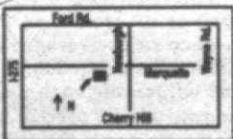


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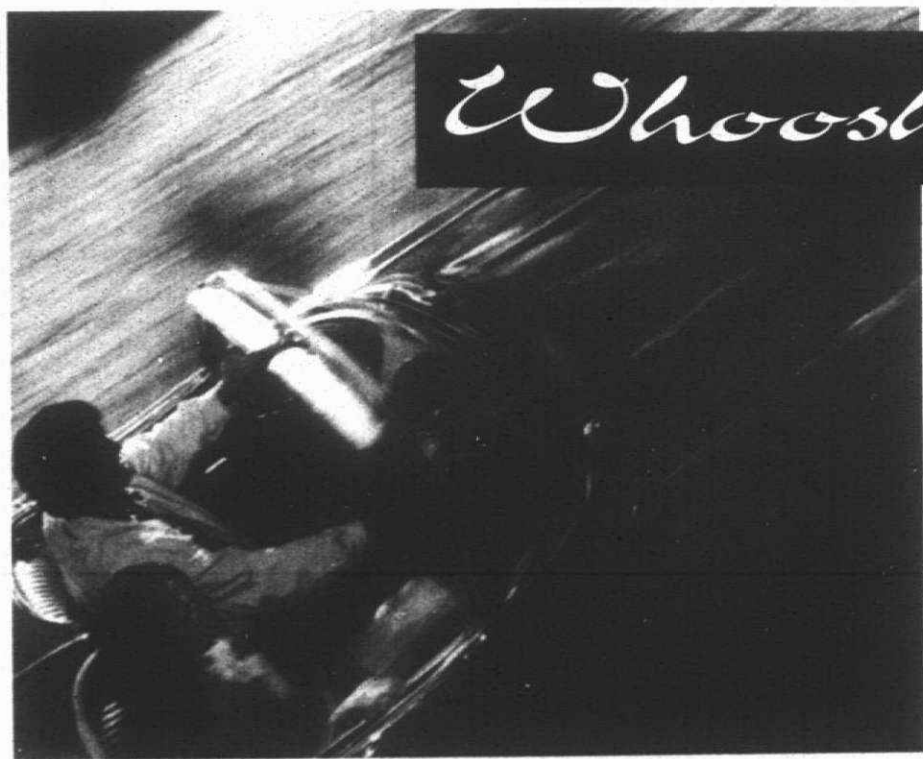


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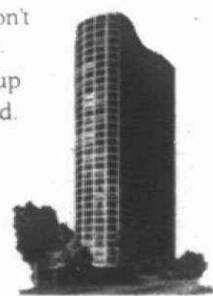
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Real estate investors

The Real Estate Investors Association hosts a seminar, "Everything You Wanted to Know About Real Estate But Were Afraid to Ask," 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 7, at the Southgate Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline one block east of I-75. Cost is \$10 for non-members.

Beginning landlords interested in a free introduction package should call Wayne Koehler, president, at (313) 277-4168.

BIA forecast meeting

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan hosts its annual forecast meeting noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, at the Northfield Hilton, 5500 Crooks at I-75, in Troy.

Speakers: Scott Jacobson, incoming BIA president, and Dave Seiders, senior economist, National Association of Home Builders.

Cost, which includes lunch, is \$25 for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$50 for non-members. To register, call (810) 737-4477.

Home selling workshops

Doug Woodward presents a series of workshops on selling your home through a variety of community adult education programs.

Classes run 7-9:30 p.m. Jan. 7 and 14 in Troy, (810) 879-7599; Jan. 22 and 29 in Farmington, (810) 489-3333; Jan. 23 and 30 in Rochester, (810) 650-5747; and 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Jan. 18 and 25 in Birmingham, (810) 644-5832.

The workshop covers the entire selling process from A to Z, includes a workbook and is especially helpful to those planning to sell on their own.

Cost is \$39, \$49 per couple.

Name change

Birmingham-based mortgage broker Mortgage One Financial changes its name to Consumer One Financial as of Jan. 1.

Its mortgage business is concentrated in three different areas - home equity loans, hard-to-do home purchases and home improvement loans.

"Our new name more accurately reflects the value and commitment we offer and focuses on the core of our business - working directly with consumers," said Keith H. Lewis, president.

Building exam class

Builder's Training Services offers a pre-exam builder's license training program 6-10

p.m. Jan. 6, 8, 13 and 15 at the Clawson Troy Elks Club on Big Beaver Road east of Rochester Road.

Cost prior to Jan. 1 is \$199, \$124 after. The fee includes a training manual and textbook. To register, call (810) 852-3073.

Affiliation switch

Bonnie and Sam Cherrin, broker/owners of two Red Carpet Keim Exclusive offices in West Bloomfield and Livonia, have changed their company's name to HomeLife Cherrin Realty.

HomeLife, with offices in Canada, Florida and California, purchased all Red Carpet Keim franchises in Michigan. The Cherrins have a combined

sales force of 25 agents and plan to expand in 1997.

Fairway Construction

Fairway Construction of Southfield has captured an excellence in advertising award in the advertising/broadcast category from the National Association of the Remodeling Industry competition.

"We are really proud of this award because we think of our advertising as a reflection of the dedication we've had to our customers for the past 70 years," said Adam Helfman, vice president.

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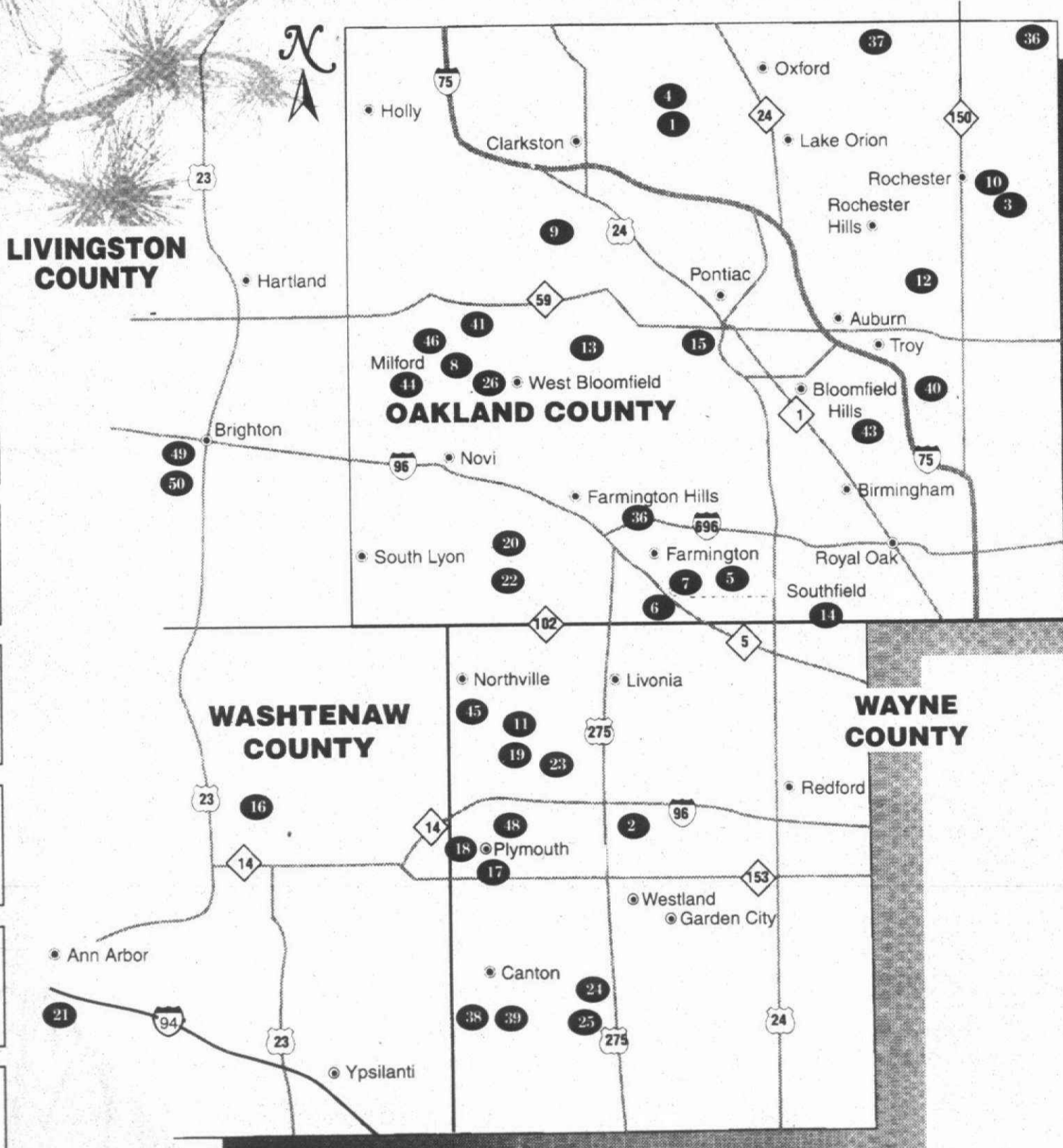
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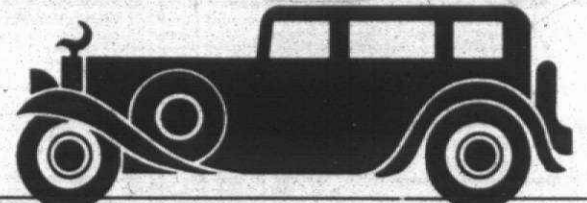
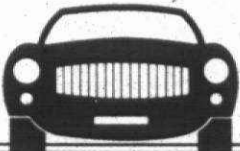
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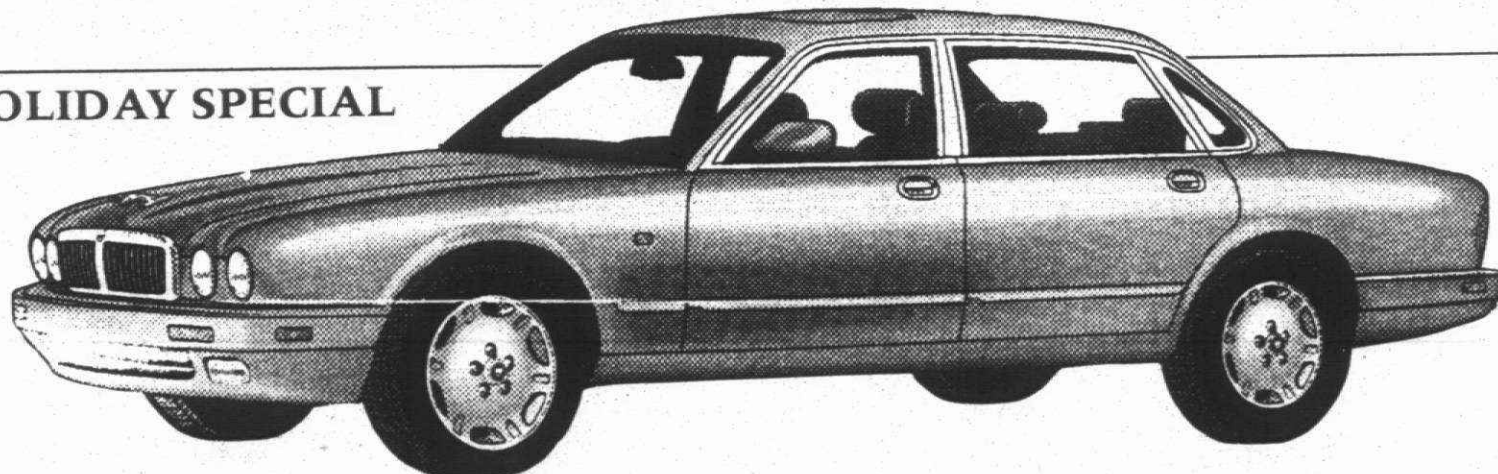
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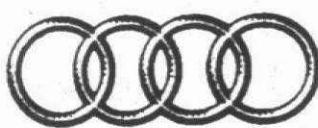


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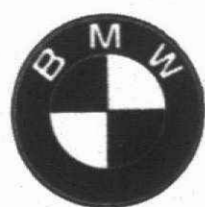
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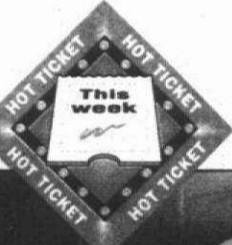


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Band of the Year

Who: The Suicide Machines
What/When: The 1996 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers' Band of the Year performs with Split and Suburban Delinquents Friday, Dec. 27; Earth Mover and Gutter Punx Saturday, Dec. 28; and special guests Sunday, Dec. 29. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. for the all-ages show.
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Band of the Year: The punk/ska outfit The Suicide Machines have been chosen The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers' Band of the Year in part because of its super-charged live shows. Above, well-inked bassist Royce Nunley and guitarist/vocalist Dan Lukacinsky back singer Jason Navarro (partially blocked by Nunley) during a show at Emerald City in Santa Barbara, Calif., in mid-November.

THE SUICIDE MACHINES: A band of the year TO DIE FOR

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

In a sea of grim alternative rock and heart-breaking love ballads, The Suicide Machines have injected fun back into music.

Combative humor, a three-chord crunch, Adrenalin-charged energy and scream-along lyrics made the power-punk band's debut album "Destruction by Definition" (Hollywood) one of 1996's best.

For the Detroit band, however, 1996 meant a lot more than putting out an album. Through relentlessly touring the United States and making a stop in Japan, The Suicide Machines built up a grassroots following before releasing any singles or videos. Seven months after the release of "Destruction by Definition," Hollywood Records released the single "No Face" to radio. The week of Dec. 2 "No Face" was the second most added song at alternative radio.

The band was introduced to a nationwide audience Friday, Aug. 23-Sunday, Aug. 25, when an MTV Sports' episode featured The Suicide Machines' live performance taped July 4 in Phoenix.

When they're not on the road, the members of The Suicide Machines keep busy with their own projects. Bassist Royce Nunley has Broken Spoke Records which released two 7" CDs by Midwestern bands this year. Singer Jason Navarro performs with the emotional hard core band Cleons Down. Drummer Derek Grant has run Sluggo's Old Skool Records for five years selling CDs by bands like

The Exceptions, One Eye Open, the Parka Kings and old demos by The Suicide Machines on the road.

The Suicide Machines' never-say-die attitude, fun-filled album, and hard work has earned the band The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers' 1996 Band of the Year award.

Critical praise has been following The Suicide Machines since the release "Destruction by Definition" in May. Cleveland-based Alternative Press magazine said "The Suicide Machines have gone and released one of the best American pop albums of 1996." Rip said with "the ska-punk uprising gaining momentum, this might be the burgeoning second-generation's best group yet." Huh magazine raved "The Suicide Machines are definitely a new force to be reckoned with."

Formed in March 1991 by Navarro formerly of Livonia and Redford, and guitarist/vocalist Dan Lukacinsky of Redford, The Suicide Machines originally billed itself Jack Kevorkian and The Suicide Machines. The band subsequently shortened the name due to convenience and obvious other legal problems.

Following a debut gig in a friend's basement, the group opened for the Mighty Mighty Bosstones in 1992. The next year, The Suicide Machines opened Rancid's first Detroit show at Grounds Coffeehouse at the University of Detroit Mercy. In the fall of 1994, the band rejoined Rancid on stage in front of 900 people at St. Andrew's Hall.

Inspired, The Suicide Machines set up their own tours, including a

1994 west coast stint and last year's nationwide trek with fellow ska punks Buck-O-Nine.

In the meantime, The Suicide Machines released two demos "Green World" and "The Essential" along with a 7". The band's big break came in 1995 when The Suicide Machines released a split CD "Skank for Brains" with San Francisco's Rudiments on Dill Records. A song from the album, "New Girl" weaseled its way onto Detroit radio creating a buzz in the city. The Walt Disney-owned label Hollywood Records sniffed around and swept up the band.

Sticking with his punk ethic, Grant was skeptical about signing a label deal. He agreed after hearing Hollywood's plan to break The Suicide Machines through a grassroots campaign which included the delay in releasing the first single.

"I was brought up in the punk scene where major labels are evil. It took a lot of convincing to get me to even sign the contract. When we did the deal, the worst thing we can do is go straight to radio and video and be a flash in the pan like countless other bands have done," he said.

The first single, "No Face," wasn't The Suicide Machines' first choice. The band would have liked to have seen "S.O.S." as the first single.

"It's not even a song that we play live. It's the one song on the record I think we might have done a little too much studio work on with the keyboards and the whole nine yards. We thought it was kind of a bad choice, but we'll come up with an idea or

some way to sort of make the best of the situation."

Speaking of making the best of a situation, The Suicide Machines have agreed to do their first video—something they are not necessarily thrilled about.

"I'm not too hip on MTV," Grant said.

The band compromised with its record label and will not appear in the video.

"Basically the video is going to show the contrast between city life—people going into work and going home and I guess the majority of the population pretending like everything's peachy—and the other side. The homeless people, people who get shot. City life just goes by. They want to keep that other side hidden so it doesn't ruin their day."

Besides the new video, the new year will bring yet another tour. It's tiring, Grant said, but fun. The Suicide Machines have hit the road with the likes of Rancid, Social Distortion, The Descendents and Face to Face, and as part of The Vans Warped Tour.

"Of all the tours we've had, the most surprising tour was the Specials' tour. They were one of the main influences on pretty much everybody. That's how everybody got into ska. When I was like real young and The Specials were still kicking in the early '80s, I got into them and Madness and stuff like that," he said.

Someday soon, kids will be citing The Suicide Machines as an influence.

MOVIES

In 1996 films worked best in small doses

BY JOHN MONAGHAN
SPECIAL WRITER

Many of my favorite moments in the movies this year were just that: parts of not-always-cohesive wholes. When I think back, images more than entire movies flash across my memory.

There was Frances McDormand's very pregnant Northern Minnesota sheriff in "Fargo," checking out a grisly crime scene or politely grilling a suspect. In "Basquiat," the young artist looking above Manhattan highrises to see a surferboarder hanging ten. Or in "Shine," the intense composer whose concert debut is so fierce and passionate that it leaves him sprawled on the floor.

How about the two big science fiction movies,

"Mars Attacks!" and "Independence Day," where most of our national monuments were blasted to smithereens?

Then there were those movies which combined those moments to make something entirely satisfying. In no particular order:

"Vertigo." Many call this 1956 romantic thriller Alfred Hitchcock's most personal film, a dark exploration of obsessive love and makeover starring Jimmy Stewart and Kim Novak. The 40th anniversary restoration boosted the sound and color to breathtaking effect, highlighted by what may be Bernard Herrmann's best-loved musical score.

"Secrets and Lies." A working class family learn to communicate after years of the title maladies in this typically insightful drama from

British director Mike Leigh. Hands down the best performances of the year, the kind of ensemble acting that looks so effortless but comes from months of rehearsal.

"Dead Man Walking." Though it opened elsewhere at the end of 1995, Detroit didn't get Tim Robbins' profound treatise on modern crime and punishment until mid-January. Susan Sarandon deservedly won an Oscar for her nun counseling a death row inmate while Sean Penn proved once again why he should remain in front of the camera instead of making his own ponderous films behind it.

"Lone Star." Most folks preferred "Fargo," but I was more enamored with John Sayles' look into



Drama: Sean Penn (left) is comforted by Sister Helen (Susan Sarandon) in the Tim Robbins film "Dead Man Walking."

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FINE ARTS

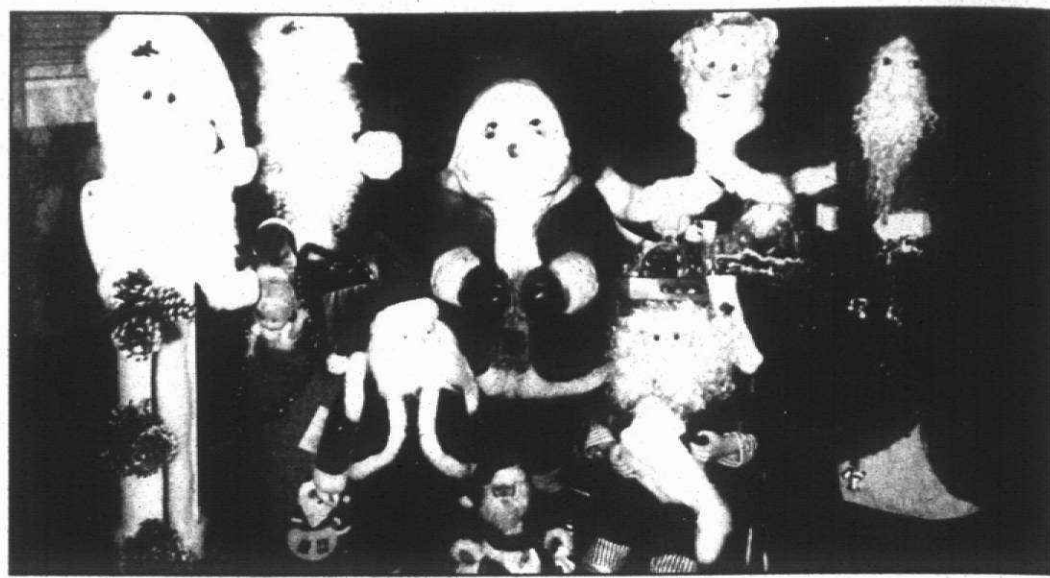
Exhibit showcases Santa collection



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Last July when I attended the Livonia Woodcarvers Club Show in sweltering 90 degree temperatures...

bell on display in the second floor showcases at the Livonia Civic Center Library. Fellow woodcarvers call Spjut Santa's helper. The Livonia resident estimates she's carved nearly 600 Santas in the last eight years.



Santa's Helper: Woodcarver Judy Spjut of Livonia helps the community celebrate Christmas by exhibiting 100 of the 700 Santas in her collection.

with barn red acrylic paints for an Old World look.

Modern Santas are painted with the brighter cardinal red. "A lot of the Victorian Santas were greens and blues. I'm starting to work with blues, purples and various shades of green," said Spjut...

Advertisement for Hilton Garden Inn Southfield, featuring 'We Have Three Ways To Help You Celebrate New Year's Eve' and 'New Year's Hide-Away Package'.

Beverage and champagne included in price of New Year's Packages, subject to state and local laws. Limited availability, advance reservations required.

Advertisement for Detroit Symphony Orchestra 'NIGHT IN OLD VIENNA' featuring Tuck & Patti and Philip Aaberg.

Advertisement for 'SPORTS CARD & COMIC SHOW' featuring Al Kaline and Pit Martin, with dates Dec 27-29.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Christmas FESTIVAL. WINTER SOLSTICE. Feat. The Turtle Island String Quartet.

FILMS from page E1

the soul of a small Texas border town. When a young sheriff started digging into a long-closed murder case, all evidence points to his hero father having been a part of it...

Advertisement for Gibraltar Trade Center, Inc. featuring 'FREE FRIDAY ADMISSION' and 'FREE AUTOGRAPHS'.

THEATER

Actor gets a kick out of performing in 'A Chorus Line'

"A Chorus Line" continues through Dec. 29 at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway. Tickets ranging from \$25 to \$62.50 are available at the Detroit Opera House Ticket Office...

Kevin Burrows is one of the look alikes in the chorus line of the national production of "A Chorus Line" now playing at the Detroit Opera House. But to many of his friends in the audience, Burrows a former Birmingham resident, is not just another nameless member of the "kick line."

his father was an automotive engineer at Rockwell International in Troy, and lived there 13 years. "It was my sister Shannon that started the theater drive for our family when she dropped it, I guess I picked it up," said Burrows.

He was almost immediately cast into the men's chorus in the national tour of "Hello Dolly" then he won a place on "A Chorus Line."

ART BEAT

Artbeat features various happenings in the suburban arts world. Send news leads to Linda Ann Chomin in care of Keely Wygonik, Arts & Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150...

FAMILY FUN IN FINAL DAYS. The University of Michigan Museum of Art presents a fun exhibition for the entire family through Jan. 5 at 525 South State Street in Ann Arbor.

SINGLES CALENDAR

Send items to be considered for publication to: Sarah Takas, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150; or fax to (313) 591-7279.

ART CLASSES

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia is taking registrations for its winter classes which begin Jan. 13. Among the offerings are workshops in pastel and watercolor.

CALL FOR ART. Very Special Arts Michigan is looking for artworks by children with disabilities for a touring exhibition of Michigan. Among the steps is the annual VSAMI festival held in May at the Wonderland Center in Livonia.

STABLERS

Ballroom dancing for singles age 40 and older, 9 p.m.-midnight Fridays in the Northwest YWCA, 2594 Grand River, at Beech Daly, Livonia. Dressy attire. (313) 525-8913, (810) 776-9360.

Mr. Z's STEAK HOUSE NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION! \$30.00 PER PERSON. Sliced London Broil w/ Mushroom Sauce, King Cut Prime Rib w/ Au Jus, Shrimp w/ Crabmeat Stuffing...

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION at BURTON MANOR. ROMAN BANQUETS of Garden City. Lavish Gourmet Buffet at both locations featuring... PRIME RIB in Herb Blanket, Premium Bar (Pkg. 6)...

THE ALL NIGHT STRUT HOLIDAY SHOW. Gem Theatre. 313.963.9800. Reserve New Year's Eve Now!

Annistree IRISH PUB & GRILL. NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY. YOUR CHOICE OF DINNERS: Live Irish Music, 20 Oz. PORTERHOUSE STEAK, BAKED ORANGE ROUGHY...

The Batsford Inn NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA BASH! Prime Rib Buffet \$30/person. Call for info: (810) 474-4800.

New Year's Eve SPECIAL Party Package for 2. Special New Year's Eve Menu from 4-10 p.m. Party Package for 2 from 10:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. includes: Soup or salad, A glass of wine, Entree of choice, Dessert of choice...

LIVE IT UP! IT'S TIME FOR HATS, HORNS AND HAPPY TIMES. Make Your Room Reservations for New Year's Eve at the Quality Inn & Suites. 30375 Plymouth Rd., Livonia 313-261-6800.

MITCH HOUSEY'S We've Got It Here On NEW YEAR'S EVE from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. ONLY \$60 per person. MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE. Your Choice of These Complete Dinners: PRIME RIB, N.Y. STRIP MIGNON, BROILED ORANGE ROUGHY...

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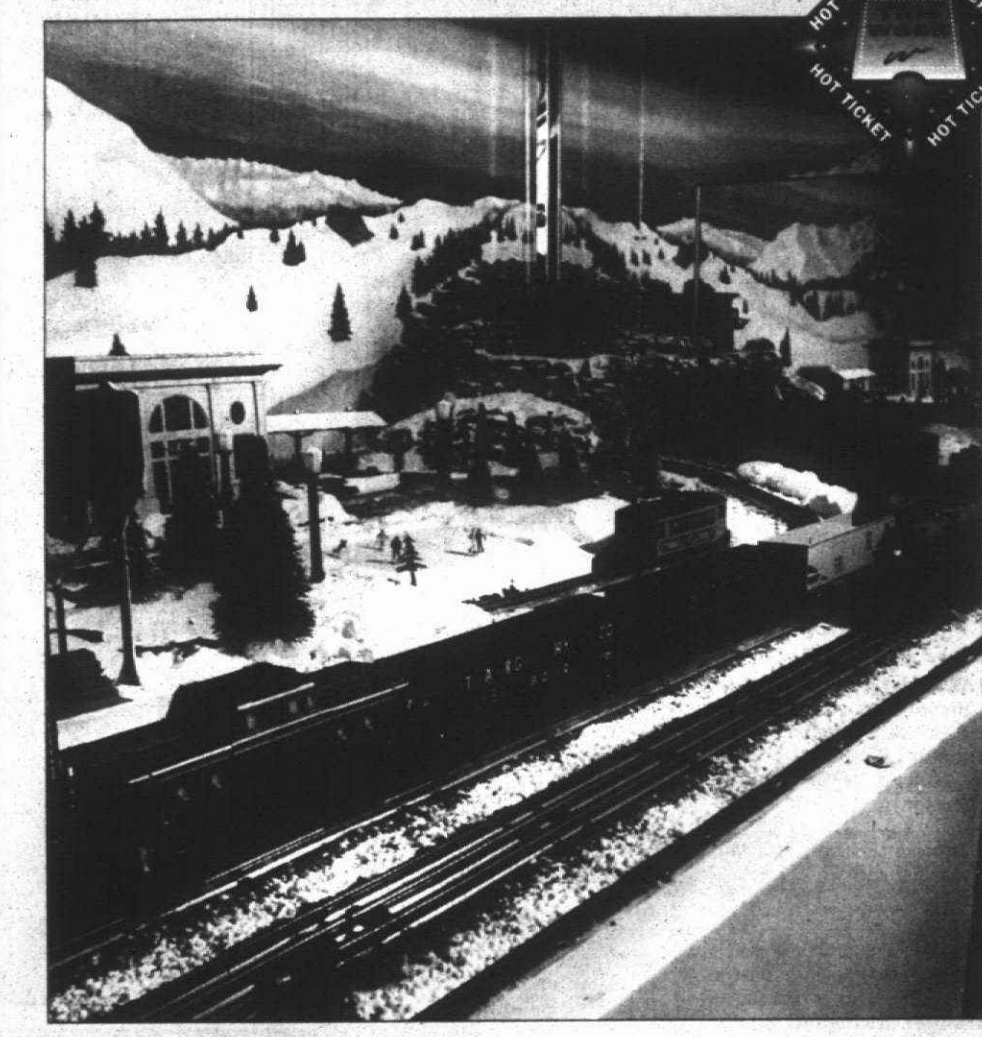
Making contact: Please submit items for publication to Christina Fuoco, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (313) 591-7279

THEATER

ATTIC THEATRE
'Molly Sweeney' in repertory with 'Jacques Brel' through Sunday, Jan. 5...

GEM THEATRE
'The All Night Strut' Holiday Show through Sunday, Jan. 5...

Family fun: The 'Toy and Hobby Expo '96' show and sale features trains, toys, models, dolls, bears, doll houses...



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HOLIDAY LIGHT SHOWS

DETROIT ZOO
'Wild Lights' walking tour features more than 50 animal creations...

MASONIC TEMPLE
'Phantom of the Opera' through Jan. 7...

MEADOW BROOK THEATER
'A Christmas Carol' through Sunday, Dec. 29...

COMMUNITY THEATER
'The Stillborn Lover' through Tuesday, Dec. 31...

POPS
BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
'Between the Holidays Special' with guest artist David Syne...

MAQUIS THEATRE
'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' through Monday, Jan. 27...

WILD SWAN THEATRE
'Charlotte's Web' 2:30 p.m. Dec. 27...

SPECIAL EVENTS
THE MAGIC SCHOOL BUS
With science teacher Ms. Frizzle...

HOLLYWOOD LITERARY RETREAT
Two-day seminar on screenwriting and the process of motion picture and television producing...

THEATRE QUINN
Auditions children ages 8-18 for 'Huckleberry Finn'...

WINTER SOLISTICE
With The Turtle Island String Quartet, Tuck and Patti...

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS
Open auditions 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7...

BLACK MARKET
9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, Memphis Smokey, 100 S. Main St. Royal Oak...

BEAUSOLEIL
8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30, The Ark, 316 S. Main St. Ann Arbor...

PAISANO'S
Vic DiBretto, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26...

season's presentation includes five original works covering comedy, drama and tragedy...

JACK BROKENHEART
With special guest Julie Cochlin, 8:11-10:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26...

RON BROOKS TRIO
9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27-Saturday, Dec. 28...

KIMMIE HORNE
8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26 and Thursday, Jan. 2...

DOMINO'S FARMS
'Christmas Light Display' 15-minute drive-through display...

SHEILA LANDIS
With Rick Matile, 8:11-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28...

WANTARI MAKUNNEN
4:30-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, Borders Book Shop...

ALEXANDER ZONIC
10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27-Saturday, Dec. 28...

WORLD MUSIC
8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30, The Ark, 316 S. Main St. Ann Arbor...

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Research Casting International (RCI), the creators of the dinosaur skeleton display on Steven Spielberg's 'Jurassic Park'...

BLU EYED SOUL
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti...

BLUE HAWAIIANS
9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, Fox and Hounds, 1530 Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills...

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM
THURSDAY, JAN. 2: 'TODDY CASTLE' Lower Level and Mark Frad...

THE SECOND CITY-DETROIT
'One Nation Underneath' 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31...

HISTORICAL CHURCH TOUR
Featuring First Congregational Church, Central United Methodist, St. John Episcopal...

BOOKSTORE HAPPENINGS
BARNES AND NOBLE BOOKSELLERS (WEST BLOOMFIELD)
Barnes and Noble Fiction Club discuss 'The Dark Tower'...

BUGS BEDDOV BAND
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi...

THE LOOK
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27-Saturday, Dec. 28...

BRIAN MCKNIGHT
With Eric Benet, 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave. Detroit...

BRUNNEN
9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, Long Branch, 22138 Goddard Road, Taylor...

CLUTCH
With Shine, Speedball and Tree, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31...

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
'Betwixt the holidays Storytelling with LaRon Williams'...

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER DANCE
With music by Akord, 7 p.m.-3 a.m. January, at the museum...

WINTER SOLISTICE
With The Turtle Island String Quartet, Tuck and Patti...

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM
Forensic Science demonstration involves visitors attempting to solve a mysterious crime...

NEW YEAR'S EVE SOCKPOH
The cast and crew of Ann Arbor Civic Theatre's production of 'Bye Bye Birdie'...

COMEDY
BANANA'S COMEDY CLUB
Johnny Ginger, Mary Welch and Becci Vohny, 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31...

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Leo Dufour, Elliott Branch and Joey Bielaska, Tuesday, Dec. 31...

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
'Gandy Trains Show' featuring toy and scale model trains...

PAISANO'S
Vic DiBretto, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26...

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BARNSTORMER
8 p.m. through Sunday, Dec. 29, and Tuesday, Dec. 31...

BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS
9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3-Saturday, Jan. 4, Memphis Smokey, 100 S. Main St. Royal Oak...

BLACK FUZZ
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BLUE HAWAIIANS
9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, Fox and Hounds, 1530 Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills...

BLUE EYED SOUL
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Riverton Salon, 1977 E. Woodbridge, Detroit...

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IMMATUR
Whose Town D's and Mist, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave. Detroit...

ROBERT JONES
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Staff photo by Sharon LaMerie

Coming home: After touring Europe with Kiss, East Lansing's The Verve returns home to play Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac, on Sunday, Dec. 29...

PROJECT TRANSISTOR BENEFIT
With Frog, Walk on Water, Slid and Five Horse Johnson, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit...

SOLID FRUG
With Atomic Numbers, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St. Ann Arbor...

SPONGE
With Howling Diablos and Charm Farm, 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit...

THE SUICIDE MACHINES
With Spot and Suburban Delinquents, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, with Earth Mover and Gutter Punk...

VIETNAM PROM
9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 29, Gold Dollar Bar, 3129 Cass Ave. Detroit...

SUNGASSES AFTER DARK
Celebrates release of new CD 'Sunglasses after Dark'...

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT
First Night: Birmingham and Pontiac are planning New Year's Eve celebrations...

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SWISHBELLS
With Howling Diablos, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron...

KOKO TAYLOR
9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, Magic Bag, 22290 Woodward Ave. Ferndale...

TEXAS FLOOD
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27-Saturday, Dec. 28, and Tuesday, Dec. 31...

TEXAS IS THE REASON
With Promise Ring and Needlepoint Book, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27...

3 BLUE TEARDROPS
With the Swinging Demons and The Flying Saucers, 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31...

BIRD OF PARADISE
Acid jazz night with DJ Dubblucious, 9 p.m. a.m. Tuesdays at the club...

TRASH BRATS
With Kevin K. Band and Bomb Pops, 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 26...

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Featured performer: Pianist/recording artist, David Syne, will be performing with the Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra on Dec. 29...

THE VOLEBEATS
With Big Back 40, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron...

WHIPITALL
10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St. Ypsilanti...

ZOOM
With Impact 7, 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, Memphis Smokey, 100 S. Main St. Royal Oak...

ALVIN'S
Holiday Jam session, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28...

CLUTCH CARGO'S
New Year's Eve party with big band and lounge music from the I.V. Orchestra...

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STREET SCENE

Vudu Hippies ring out eventful '96 at 7th House



CHRISTINA FUOCO

For the alterna- band Vudu Hippies, 1996 has meant putting out an EP "Who?"...

hands, watched movies, drove 7,000 miles to play in front of a tornado...

records. "There's a lot of new growth in this album. I think the album really defines what we're about..."

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Ring in the New Year: Vudu Hippies



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The Verve Pipe, Todd Schenkenberger, RCA publicist, said "The Freshman," a song that appeared on the original pressing of the band's first album "I've Suffered A Head Injury"...

"The band will judge the entries and the one that the band chooses wins a free Verve Pipe show on their campus..."

On the "I've Suffered A Head Injury" version of "The Freshman," lead singer Brian Vander Ark was accompanied solely by an acoustic guitar...

"The video, filmed in England, will be sent to MTV in January. The Verve Pipe, who appears in an Intel TV commercial, will perform Sunday, Dec. 29..."

"Kiss's management really, really liked The Verve Pipe. The Verve Pipe has gotten a better reaction in the United States than any of the other opening acts they had so they invited them to come out and open up all the European dates..."

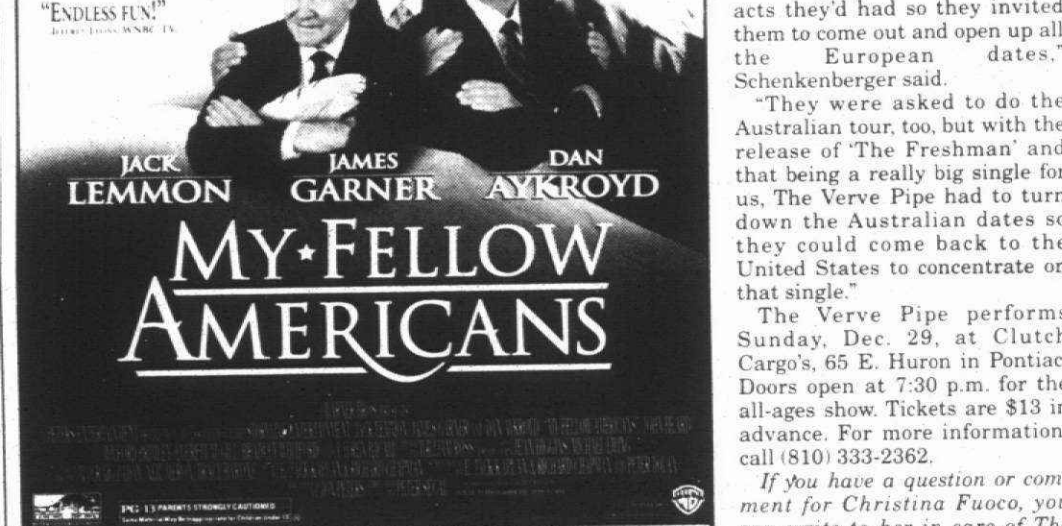
"They were asked to do the Australian tour, too, but with the release of 'The Freshman' and that being a really big single for us, The Verve Pipe had to turn down the Australian dates so they could come back to the United States to concentrate on that single..."

The Verve Pipe performs Sunday, Dec. 29, at Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron in Pontiac. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are \$13 in advance. For more information, call (313) 333-2362.

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Older, wiser New Edition returns

By CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

Singers Bobby Brown, Michael Bivins, Ricky Bell, Ronnie DeVoe, Ralph Tresvant and Johnny Gill are no longer the pre-pubescent boys they were when New Edition topped the charts in the mid-1980s...

DeVoe called "Home Again" New Edition's best effort yet. "It's our best album, no question about it. I think it reflects the growth that we've all gone through both as people and recording artists..."

Tracks celebrating New Edition's return - "Oh, Yeah, It Feels So Good" and "Home Again" - act like bookends for the album. "It's not exactly home but New Edition will return to the area to play The Palace of Auburn Hills at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1..."

The teeny-bop pop group was formed in 1981 in Boston, Mass., by singers Brown, Bivins, Bell, DeVoe and Tresvant, all junior high school classmates in Boston's Roxbury district...

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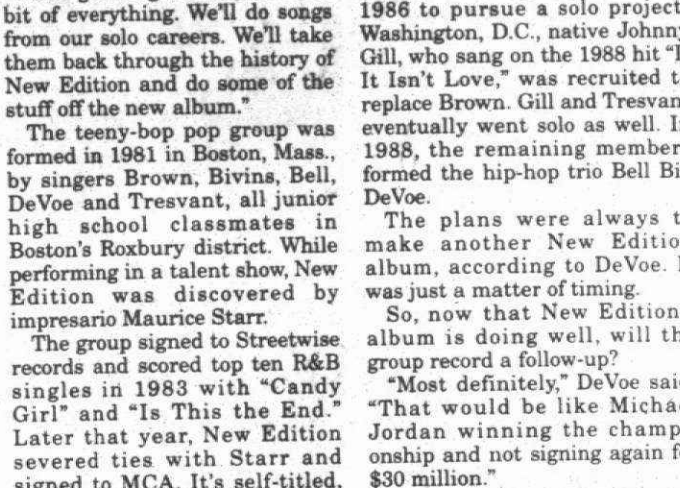
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DINING

Marco's reflects Italian family traditions

BY ELEANOR AND RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

For nearly eight years, downtown Farmington's Marco's restaurant has treated diners like guests in chef and owner Marco Conte's home. His maternal roots extend from Ponza, Italy, a small island in the Mediterranean. His father's city is Gaeta, a Mediterranean seaport town about two and one-half hours south of Rome. To honor his heritage, Marco has named an antipasto, Spiedini alla Gaeta, a pasta, Linguine alla Gaeta. Respect for Italian family traditions runs deep and reflects the essence of this popular dining spot.

The always casually dressed 32-year-old Marco dons his apron in the kitchen as he helps prepare the cooked-to-order Italian specialties. During meal hours, he pulls off his apron a number of times to go tableside greeting couples, families with children and friends enjoying a meal out together. Frequent diners enter and depart with "Ciao, Marco!"

Marco grew up in Farmington and now lives in a downtown Farmington older home, most of which he restored himself. "I believe in an owner-on-premises restaurant," the affable and gregarious Marco maintained. "I live here. It's my life and my love. I love people and I'm here for everyone because basically I like to both cook and entertain." Enthused about his home town, Marco chose it as the location of his restaurant. Set back off the road in a park-like atmosphere, it is downtown yet reminds Marco of the open fields in the Farmington of his childhood.

A contemporary, home-like atmosphere pervades the two dining rooms, seating a total of 85. It is this size that allows personal service. A smoking room is attached to the bar. In warm

Marco's
Where: 32758 Grand River (In Village Commons Mall), downtown Farmington (810) 477-7777.

Hours: Lunch, Monday to Friday 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; dinner Monday to Thursday 3-10 p.m.; Friday 3-11 p.m.; Saturday 4:30-11 p.m.

Menu: Eclectic collection of classic Italian with innovative dishes and specials that are more "novello" (new). Pastas are served with freshly baked bread and green salad. Additionally, main courses include a side dish of pasta, vegetable and potato.

Meatless options: Many
Highlights: Intimate, comfortable, relaxed atmosphere. Tony Balog entertains with violin and guitar music Wednesdays from 6:30-9:30 p.m.; Fridays from 7:30-10:30 p.m.; the Mike Millman Trio plays light jazz.

Handicap access: wide front door, no steps.

Cost: Antipasti (appetizers) \$4-8; zuppa (soup) \$2-4; pastas \$10-16; Piatti della Casa (main dishes) \$13-24. Dessert selections from a tray including tiramisu \$3-5.50.

Reservations: recommended, but necessary on week-ends.

Parking: ample self-park.
Credit cards: all majors accepted.

lamps create the desired mood and accent wall artwork Marco purchased from Michigan artists at the Ann Arbor Art Fair.

"My parents call me the child who was born on the kitchen counter," Marco continued. His parents Ann and Enzo Conte owned Rina's restaurant in Detroit. They sold it to help Marco open in Farmington. But they have not totally retired. Ann is frequently found helping out behind the bar while Enzo works in the kitchen.

When Marco recalls the mentors in his life that led him to the restaurant business, he first cites Paul Terazamo, who supervised his first formal cooking at Southwest Oakland Vocational Education Center. Today, Terazamo manages the Piedmontese Club on Nine Mile Road in Farmington. His next mentor whom he said "molded him into a duplicate of herself" is his aunt Rina Tonon, owner of Café Cortina in Farmington Hills. "I worked for her for 10 years," Marco said. "She taught me how not to focus on the little things in life, but view the big picture." His third influence was his grandmother who "held me in her arms while she stirred the pasta." Rina Tonon also trained 29-year-old Steven Kedzierski of Farmington Hills who has served as Marco's chef since it opened.

Dr. Allan Ash, recently-retired Farmington Hills orthodontist, and his wife Marilyn have been coming to the restaurant since its debut. "The food is excellent and the atmosphere is always congenial," Marilyn said. Dr. Ash added, "Consistently good. We've never had a bad meal. Everything is fresh and full of the right flavors." From the menu, the Ashes chose their favorites: Calamari Fritti (lightly



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Welcoming guests: The always casually dressed 32-year-old Marco Conte, chef/owner of Marco's, treats diners like guests his home.

seasoned sauteed squid) as an appetizer; Linguine Marinara con le Vongole (linguine with fresh tomato sauce and baby clams) for a pasta dish. As entrees, they recommended Vitello Piccante con Carciofini e Funghi (veal sauteed with artichoke hearts, mushrooms, white wine, garlic and lemon); Petto di Pollo Francaise (chicken breast sauteed with mushrooms, onions, lemon and white wine); and Rolatini di Melanzane (eggplant rolled with mozzarella cheese and baked with fresh tomato

sauce). This latter is a popular meatless selection.

Mark Haines, a Livonia graphic designer, likes to eat at the bar when he's alone, but he frequently has family events at Marco's and entertains clients there often. He also recommended the Calamari Fritti. "It's the best," he maintained. "While all the food is excellent, you can't beat Lambata di Vitello alla Griglia (char-grilled center cut veal chop served with seasoned roasted peppers) and a glass of cabernet sauvignon."

While this is Haines' wine choice, diners have a broad selection of California and Italian wines, both white and red, from which to choose. Italian wine af-

icionados will recognize some big names (with fair prices) such as Bruno Giacosa, Lungarotti, Castello Banfi, Castello di Gabbiano and Ruffino. Several premium wines are poured by the glass. "Almost everyone orders wine here," Marco noted.

A small, well-stocked bar offers a number of sherries, ports and other aperitifs. Waiter Lawrence Marble won the Opal Nero (Black Sambuca) award for his drink creation named Marco's Jagged Edge, a combination of Black Sambuca, espresso and rum. Marble and other experienced, friendly, courteous and well-trained waitstaff have worked at Marco's for many years.

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