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## City repairs halt flooding problems

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Emergency sewer-system repairs averted more problems as new rains fell last week, Westland fire Chief Michael Reddy said.

The repairs followed flooding in hundreds of homes on the city's north end.

"We didn't have one (new) problem," Reddy said Friday, one week after sewer-system flooding damaged an estimated 500 north-end residences.

Mayor Robert Thomas said Friday that work crews had bored holes through a concrete wall that improperly blocked a sewer chamber near Merriam Road north of Ann Arbor Trail.

The blockage caused flooding because sewer waters - unable to empty into a 72-inch pipe - backed into Westland residences.

An emergency sewer-system bypass also helped to alleviate the potential for more flooding.

As many as 25 Westland homeowners who had been out of town during the Feb. 20-21 flooding still hadn't returned home as of Friday to discover the mess that awaits them.

"We're not going to go out and break in those homes and create another problem," Reddy said.

Thomas said city workers will provide assistance to the homeowners when they return.

As post-flooding cleanup efforts continued, Thomas and Reddy said that insurance companies for firms hired for the sewer project were nearing an agreement Friday on covering damages.

The latest phase of the project is part of a \$10 million, citywide project to separate the sanitary and storm sewer systems - a job mandated by the federal government.

In another development, Thomas said insurance claims adjusters are expected to begin their work

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## Election year action begins



It's that time again: Nominating petitions are ready to be circulated for four city council seats and that of mayor. Some candidates have already taken to the streets stumping for votes.

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Mayor Robert Thomas and incumbent Westland City Council members will face competition as they seek re-election this year.

Thomas' post and four council seats are at stake in the Nov. 4 election. Nominating petitions are available at the city clerk's office and must be returned by 4 p.m. June 17.

Thomas, who has confirmed plans to seek an unprecedented third mayoral term, already has one declared opponent, Dixie Johnson McNa.

McNa, seeking her first four-year term in public office, has wasted little time in launching her campaign.

"I have been campaigning all winter," she said Friday. "I am campaigning full time."

One of her issues will be the mayor's salary and his request for

annual longevity pay amounting to \$100 for each year he has served as a city employee and elected official.

Thomas, a former public services department employee in his eighth year as mayor, stands to receive \$2,700 in longevity pay this year if a city attorney opinion upholds the legality of the council-approved plan.

Thomas' salary also would increase from \$77,084 to \$84,450 in 1997-98 - a 9.5 percent raise when compounded over two years - if the Westland City Council accepts a recommendation from the Local Officers Compensation Commission.

"Somebody needs to start telling the truth and stop lining their pockets," McNa said. "I do not believe that any mayor in a city the size of Westland should be making that much money."

She proposes a \$65,000 ceiling. Early on in his position as mayor, Thomas declined to accept salary increases but he has since relaxed that policy. He also has defended his personal request for longevity pay, saying he deserves what other city employees receive.

Thomas has told the Observer that he is confident he will win a third term because he has fought hard to improve services for Westland residents. He also has pointed to accomplishments that occurred during his administration, such as the Westland library opening.

5 seats are up

Westland voters will elect a mayor Nov. 4, but a Sept. 9 primary will be held if there are three or more mayoral candidates. In that case, the primary would narrow the field to two candidates.

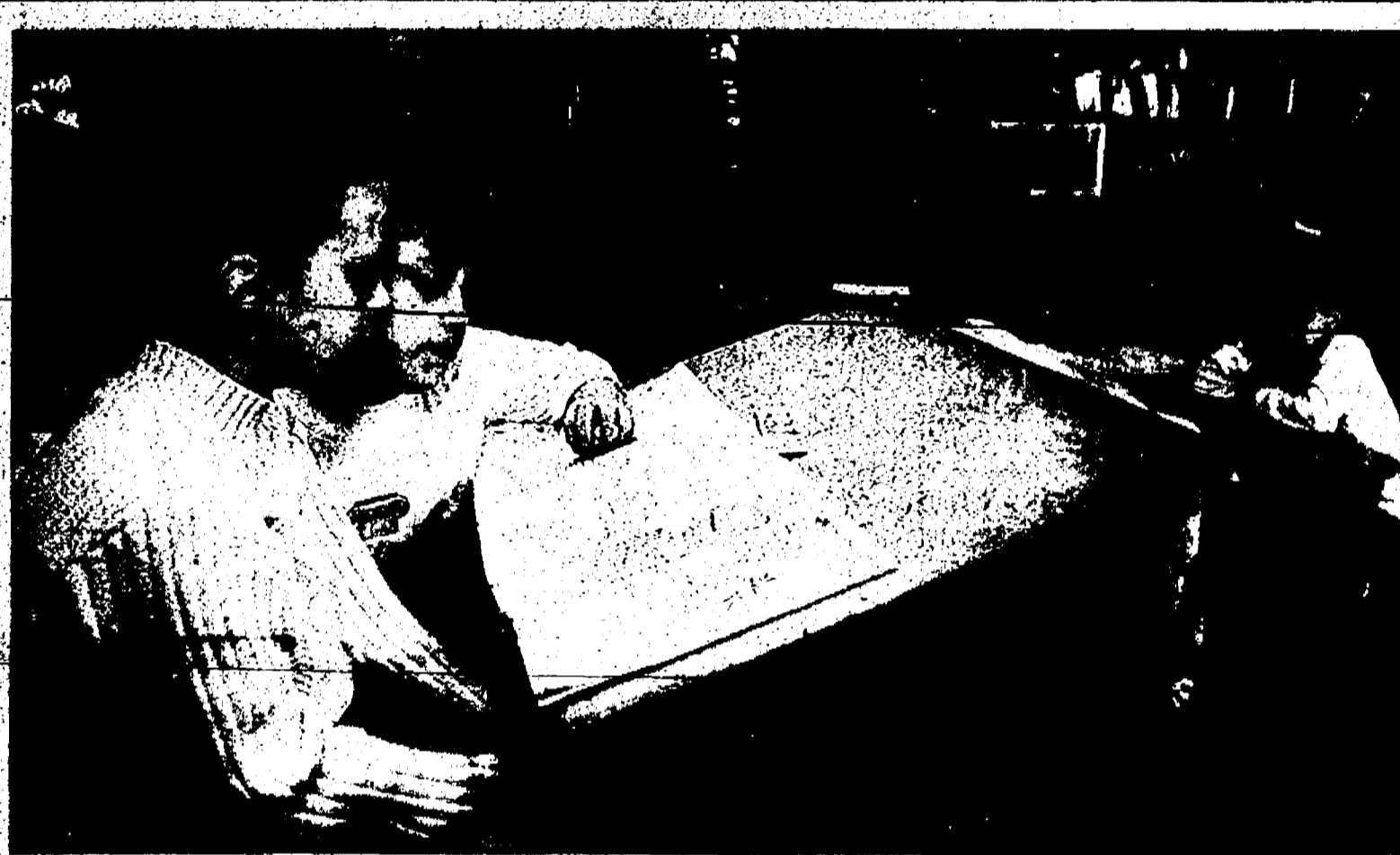
The council race needs nine or more candidates for a primary. Four council members will be elected Nov. 4. The top three vote-getters will receive four-year terms, while the

fourth-place finisher will win a two-year term. If a primary is held, the field for the November general election will be narrowed to eight candidates, who will vie for the four council seats.

Incumbents Sandra Cicirelli, Richard LeBlanc and Sharon Scott confirmed Friday that they will seek re-election. Councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin said he is leaning toward a campaign.

South-end resident Dorothy Smith confirmed that she will launch her eighth bid for a council seat. She first campaigned in 1981.

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STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

## Structure, stability offered at Westland parochial school

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
AND CASEY HANS  
STAFF WRITERS

Unlike the educators at other private schools, those who run St. John's Lutheran School in Westland take a different approach, which they believe offers stability and structure for their children and families.

"We are a church that happens to operate a school," said the Rev. Keith Schreiner, who works in both the church and school communities on Glenwood. He said the St. John's community tries to be a stable influence for all members of the family - not just the children attending school there.

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Whether home schooling, choosing a traditional parochial or private school or trying one of the newer charter schools in Michigan, parents continue to research educational choices for their children.

This week, the Observer Newspapers look at several of these alternatives in our area.

Today, we feature an overview about these alternatives and look at:

- Families who home school in Canton and Livonia.
- Surfing the Internet to research home schooling.
- The private New Morning School in Plymouth Township.
- Gaudier Academy - a public charter school in Redford.
- Families who choose Plymouth Christian Academy in Canton, United Christian in Garden City and Agape Christian in Plymouth and Canton.
- Traditional parochial schools: A look at Catholic Central High School in Redford and St. John Lutheran School in Westland and families who choose them.

Though nonpublic school enrollment in Michigan has held steady at around 10.5 percent for many years (173,452 students for 1994-95), a renewed concern over the quality and nature of public education has led many parents to look for alternatives. These include traditional parochial and private schools, home schooling, the newer Christian schools, and charter schools, essentially state-funded public schools which are privately run.

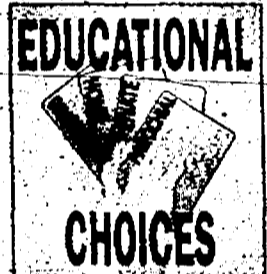
Nonpublic school enrollment reached a peak in Michigan in 1965-66 with 361,348 students. The closing of many Archdiocese of Detroit Catholic schools in the late 1960s and early 1970s led to a steep decline in private schools by 51.5 percent between 1965-66 and 1990-91. They ranged from a low of 9.8 percent of all Michigan students in 1978-79 to a high of 11.4 percent of students in 1983-84.

But new trends in education and new forces in society have renewed interest in alternative education.

Michigan Department of Education consultant Jenn Shane fields calls

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At St. John School: Third-grade students Tiffany Malia, 8 (left) and Jennifer Corney, 9, read an afternoon devotion for their class at the Lutheran elementary school in Westland. The school serves students in grades kindergarten through eight, who attend St. John Church.



Working together: Teacher Sondra Baer works over questions with students Sarah Corney, 12, a seventh-grader at St. John and Jessica Falk, 13, an eighth-grader at the Lutheran school, located in southern Westland.

### DARE benefit

Red Wing alumni and Westland police will square off Friday, April 4, during a hockey game to benefit the city's Drug Abuse Resistance Education program. The 7 p.m. game will be played at the Westland Sports Arena. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children age 12 and under.

Red Wing alumni expected to participate include Alex Delvecchio, Jimmy Peters, Pat Hughs and Joe Klukay, among others. Tickets are available at the Westland Police Department or from any DARE officer. They also may be purchased at the city's municipal cable office on Warren, east of Wayne, or at Parkway Auto Wash on Middlebelt north of Warren.

### Senior dance

Westland Center will host a senior citizen dance from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday in the

### PLACES & FACES

mall's lower level. Coffee and refreshments also will be served. The senior dance is held the first Monday of every month, except on holidays.

### Spelling contest

Westland Center and radio station AAHS (WCAR) 1090-AM will sponsor a spelling contest at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 22, for students in grades one through six.

The station's cat mascot will attend. Winners will receive prizes and advance to finals, yet to be determined. Children may register at local libraries in Westland, Garden City and Wayne, at participating Fantastic Sam's and at Henry

Ford Medical Center-Westland. For more information, call the radio station at (313) 626-1111.

### Craft show set

Crafters are needed for the Westland Spring Craft Show slated for Friday through Sunday, March 21-23, at the Bailey Recreation Center. Call Doris at 326-0146 or Donna at 453-5719 for information.

Craft show hours are 4-9 p.m. March 21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 22 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 23.

### Town hall meeting

Mayor Robert Thomas will hold his next town hall meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 18, at Liberty Park Apartments, 36700 Hunter between Central City Parkway and Wayne Road.

# Westland parents have their own day of learning

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Diverse personality styles that affect family relationships will be explored Saturday, March 15 during Parents' Day — a third annual Westland program aimed at improving parenting skills.

The five-hour program will begin at 8 a.m. at Adams Middle School on Palmer Road, between Wildwood and Venoy. Cost is \$3 per parent, and free child care will be provided for the first 100 children pre-registered.

Organizers stress that if you wish free child care, you must re-register; walk-ins cannot take advantage of this service.

They are hoping to draw 500 parents to the event sponsored by the Wayne-Westland school district's Family Resource Center, Hegira Prevention Programs, The Skillman Foundation and Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency.

"We're excited," Family Resource director Beverly Brooks said. "It's going to be a celebration."

This year's theme is "True Colors," and program leader Patricia DeYoung will help parents learn how family relationships can be improved by recognizing family members' various person-

ality styles, or "colors."

**'We're excited — It's going to be a celebration... The program will help participants look at personality differences in the family and also in their place of work.'**

*Beverly Brooks*  
—Parents' Day organizer

She also will discuss important issues facing families and offer skill-building strategies for improved communication.

"The program will help participants look at personality differences in the family and also in their place of work," Brooks said.

The program will build on Parents Day 2, which also delved into the nationally known "True Colors" concept.

"True Colors" will be unveiled to newcomers, but parents who attended last year's program will be placed in small groups to build upon what they previously learned, Brooks said.

"This year's program will concentrate on diversity and how to recognize it and achieve the best atmosphere for all family members," she said.

Parents will learn how to make different personality styles work in family relationships "so that everybody wins," Brooks said.

Jacque Martin-Downs, Hegira prevention coordinator and Parents' Day organizer, said parents will learn the following:

- How each family member has different motives, purposes, aims, values, drives, impulses and weaknesses because of their primary "color."

- How parents can react when their needs differ with their child's.

- How to communicate with children "of a different color."

- How to inspire children to do their homework.

- What discipline measures work best with children of various "colors."

- How to get children and spouses to listen.

- How to teach children responsibility in a productive way.

Brooks said parents will learn how to "stay out of power struggles" over issues like homework.

Organizers are asking participants to pre-register by March 13 at any school building. Forms also accompany this story.

Child care will be provided for the first 100 registered children, ages 4 to 10. That deadline is March 5, Brooks said.

Walk-ins are welcome March 15. Cost will remain \$3 per par-

ent, but child care won't be available.

Among other activities, Parents' Day will offer the following:

- A book sale featuring books about parent-child issues.

- Free screening for blood pressure and cholesterol by Oakwood Health Care Systems.

- Pharmacists who will answer questions about medica-

tion. Westland and Wayne library staff members who will sign up participants for library cards.

"Going to the library is the best thing you can do as a parent and child — getting a book and reading together," Brooks said.

Food and prizes also will be available at Parents' Day.

## Parents' Day 3



**True colors: Issues facing families today**

**Saturday, March 15, 1997**

Adams Middle School / 33475 Palmer Rd. / Westland

## Registration Form

To qualify for free child care, this form must be completed and returned by March 5, 1997.

List adults attending Parents' Day: (please print)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Did you attend Parents' Day last year?

Schools your children attend \_\_\_\_\_

Parents will learn...

- How each of us have different motives, purposes, aims, values, drives, impulses and weaknesses because of our one Primary color
- How to react differently when your child's needs are different from your own
- How to communicate with your children "of a different color"
- Hints on ways to get homework done
- Which discipline measure works best with which child
- Changes you can make to get your child/spouse to listen
- Teaching your child responsibility in a productive way

Is child care needed? Yes  No

(Child care is provided for children ages 4 to 10 years, for the first 100 children registered)

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:  
**Wayne-Westland Community Schools**

Number of adults attending: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$3.00 ea.

Amount enclosed with this registration: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form by Thursday, March 13, 1997.

You may return this form to any of the following locations:

Any Wayne-Westland School or mail to:

Wayne-Westland Schools  
Board of Education  
36745 Marquette  
Westland, MI 48185

Attention: Receptionist

### REGISTERING IN PERSON

If you choose to register in person, you may do so between 8 - 9 a.m.

Walk-ins are welcome.

### QUESTIONS?

Call:  
The Family Resource Center  
(313) 595-2279

## Night deposits now allowed at court

Those who need to make payments to the 18th District Court in Westland can now do so any time.

Beginning Saturday March 1,

a night deposit box for ticket and fine payments was made available on the east side of the building, in front of the main entrance doors, according to

information from the court.

"Judge (Gail) McKnight and I recognize that many people work during the hours the court is open," said District Judge Charles Bokos. "The night depository will make it more convenient for them to access court payment services."

He noted that the court is open late three nights a week — Tuesday and Wednesday until 5:30 p.m. and Thursday until 6 p.m. — but added that the new night depository offers additional accessibility.

McKnight stressed that the drop box is for ticket and fine payments only. "Anyone wishing to make a payment via the night depository must pay by check or money order payable to the 18th District Court," she said. "The court will have extra payment envelopes with the current fine schedule attached to the drop box for use by the citizens."

Anyone with questions about the new procedure may call the court at (313) 595-8720.

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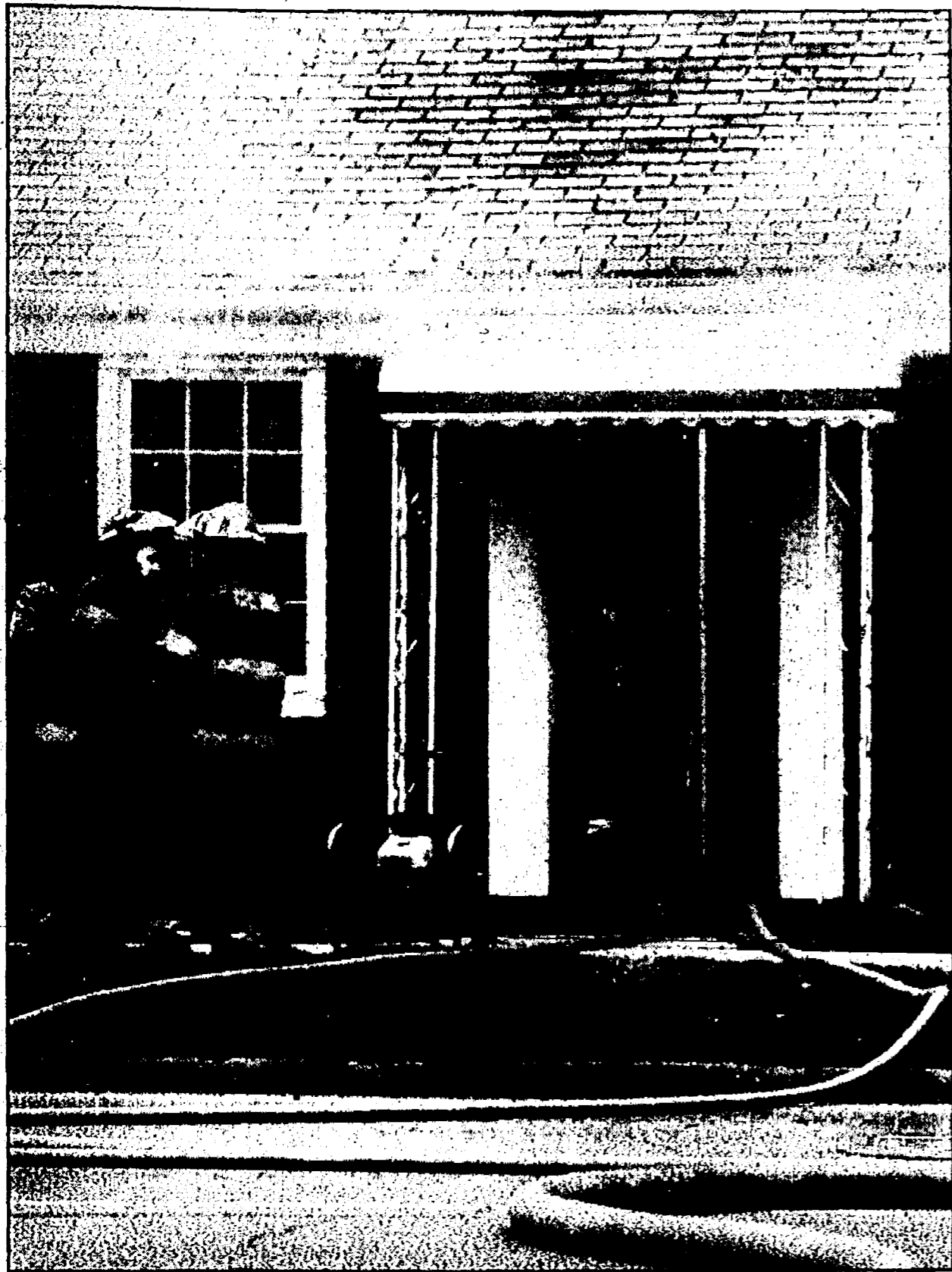
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1996 General Excellence Award

Along Wayne Road



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDELO

**No Injuries:** A furnace malfunction has been blamed for a fire that erupted Thursday afternoon at 1316 S. Wayne Road, an unoccupied commercial building being prepared to house a beauty salon, Assistant Westland Fire Chief Mark Neal said. The building, valued at \$32,000, was damaged but not destroyed, he said. Traffic on Wayne Road was temporarily blocked.

OBITUARIES

**KENNETH W. BATCHELOR**  
Funeral services for Kenneth W. Batchelor, 74, of Wayne were held recently in St. John's Episcopal Church. Officiating was the Rev. Paul Hiyama. Cremation rites were accorded. Local arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.

Mr. Batchelor died Feb. 25. He was an accountant.

Surviving are: sister Shirley Perkins of Westland; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother, Howard, and sister, June Workman.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Episcopal Church.

**ANNY SUHAYDA**

Funeral services for Anny Suhayda, 84, of Wayne were held recently in St. Michael's Russian Orthodox Church, Old Forge, Pa., with burial at St. Michael's Russian Orthodox Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Mrs. Suhayda, who died Feb. 23 in Garden City, was born in Old Forge, Pa. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Detroit.

Surviving are: daughter Andrea Alyn of Ann Arbor; sisters Olga Kopin of Farmington Hills, Mary Bask of Livonia and Veleria Dellesandro of Exeter, Pa.; brothers Nicholas Mislevy of Dunmore, Pa., and Harold Mislevy of Mt. Clemens.

**IRENE J. LEMIEUX**

Funeral services for Irene J. Lemieux, 60, of Dearborn Heights were held recently in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with entombment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Gabriel P. Grzesik from Sacred Heart of Jesus Polish National.

Mrs. Lemieux, who died Feb. 22 in Wayne, was born in Detroit. She was a homemaker and was raised in Garden City. She worked periodically as a secretary for Ford Motor Company.

As a child, she traveled with Jerry Lewis Telethon, singing on the show, meeting many movie stars, several she knew personally. She owned Kitchen Kwik Catering in Dearborn Heights from the 1970s to 1982.

Surviving are: daughter Colette Graves of Grosse Ile; sister Lillian Milczarck; and brother Alexander Dul. She was preceded in death by husband Jacques and brother Deslow.

**CLARA A. BAUGH**

Funeral services for Clara A. Baugh, 85, of Wayne were recently in Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland. Private burial services were at White Chapel Cemetery, Detroit.

Mrs. Baugh, who died Feb. 20 in Wayne, was born in Goodman, Wis. In 1923, she moved to the Upper Peninsula from Wisconsin. She was a bookkeeper for a construction company.

Surviving are: brothers Earl Damask of Panama City, Fla., and Larry Damask of Westland; and sister Anna Lee Hendersonville of North Carolina.

**JOHN HICKEY**

Funeral services for John Hickey, 84, of Westland were held recently in Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home, Westland with a private burial. The Rev. Leonard Partensky officiated.

Mr. Hickey, who died Feb. 20 in Superior Township, was born in Fall River, Mass. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a custodian for the school system, retiring in 1975. He was a member of D.A.V., Friendship Club, past president of Wayne Ford Civic League, and a member of Commission on Aging.

Surviving are: wife, Helen; son John Hickey of Garden City; daughters Marlene Manke of Westland and Cathy Paschke of Chino Hills, Calif.; brothers Walter of Hilliard, Fla., and William of Westland; sisters Helen Medeiros of Westland, Elizabeth Pierce of Plymouth and Anna Duckeck of Fowlerville; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society or Friendship Center in Westland.

**ALBERT W. ELIEL**

Funeral services for Albert W. Eliel, 70, of Garden City were held recently in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with entombment at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. Officiating was the Rev. Roy Forsyth. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society.

Surviving are: wife, Helen; sons Albert Eliel Jr. and Bill Eliel; daughter Pat Taylor; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**CHAUNCEY "GIL" ERNEST SR.**

Funeral services for Chauncey "Gil" Ernest Sr. were held in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial at Laingsburg Cemetery, Shiawassee County, Mich. Officiating was the Rev. O. L. Hollaway from Westland Community Church of God.

Mr. Ernest, who died Feb. 24 in Jackson, was born in Everett, Pa. He was a station master.

Surviving are: wife, Lillian; sons Chauncey Jr. and Dewey; daughters Constance Polaner, Sharon Knudsen, Mary McWaters and Tammy Brindle; brother Harold Fry; nephew Tony Fry; 18 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and two great-nephews.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association and American Heart Association.

**TIP MCBEE**

Funeral services for Tip McBee, 82, of Westland were held recently in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Bob McDonald.

Mr. McBee died Feb. 24 in Ypsilanti. He was a repairman. Surviving are: wife Vernetta; son Ronald; daughter Judy Stachowski; sister Leona Schultz; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters.

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from parents interested in non-public schools and home schooling. She has provided information and often acted as a sounding board for parents over the past eight years. Despite statistics kept by the department, Shane said it's hard to pinpoint the reasons why people make the choices they do.

"I think the numbers of calls have gone up," she said. "What I hear most frequently is there's an in and out - people try something for a year or two, then try something else."

"I think parents are just concerned about their kids and just want what's best for them. Now they have more choices."

In the mid-1970s, several fundamentalist Christian churches concerned about what they perceive as the moral decline in public schools joined the traditional Catholic and Lutheran parochial schools by creating their own schools offering a Bible-centered curriculum.

Some parents, including many fundamentalist Christians, began teaching their children at home, away from what they believe are the distractions and dangers of public schools. The state Department of Education says 735 children are home schooled in Michigan, but Shane cautioned that as of July 1, new state legislation allows home schooling families the option of not registering with the state. This will skew future numbers, she said.

Seeing this movement away from public schools and a steady decline in achievement tests, political leaders began to support several ideas for funding alternatives to public schools.

Under a 1993 state law, an individual or organization can organize a public school academy - more commonly known as charter schools - under the authorization of a local school board, intermediate school board, community college or public university. The nonprofit school operates independently but is responsible to the entity authorizing it and receives a grant from the state - between \$4,500 and \$5,500 for each pupil. Central Michigan University has taken the lead in this movement, sponsoring more than 60 percent of the charter schools in the state.

Charter schools include everything from ethnic-centered schools to special trade schools.

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Jean Shane  
—education consultant  
for state Dept. of Education

This program excludes church-affiliated schools.

**Buyer beware**

Nonpublic schools in Michigan are regulated under the Nonpublic School Act of 1921. The act was passed to regulate health, academic standards and teaching qualifications.

The law requires that "the courses of study shall be of the same standard as provided by the general school laws." Although the curriculum must be comparable to public schools, the state does not prescribe exactly what is taught or how it is taught.

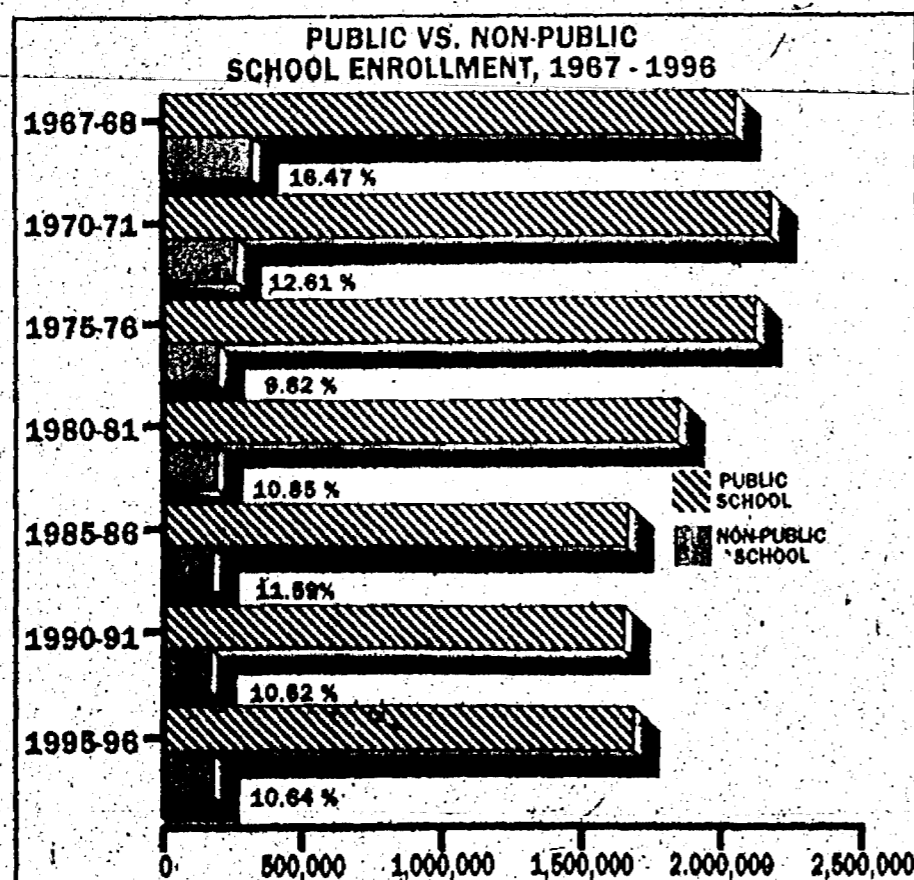
The curriculum must include mathematics, reading, English, science and social studies in all grades and in high school, the state and federal constitutions.

Consultant Shane cautions that there are few other regulations for nonpublic schools and that there is no one available to help parents who make a bad choice. The law does not prescribe what textbooks must be used, for example. Schools are required to meet safety standards for fire and sanitation and are regulated under the State Fire Safety Board.

"There are a lot of good non-public schools out there, but there are others that aren't," she said. "The key phrase is 'Buyer beware.' We tell them to go to the school and talk to the teacher and talk to the principal. If they promise a certain ... pupil to teacher ratio and they don't deliver, then they've (the parents) bought the package."

"Parents need to keep their eyes and ears open."

According to the Department of Education to comply with state law nonpublic schools: must report to the Michigan Department of Education on a yearly basis; report enrollment figures by grade; must use certified or otherwise qualified teachers (anyone holding a bachelor's degree) unless the nonpublic school or home school family declare sincerely held religious belief objecting to teacher certification (if such a belief is declared, the minimum teacher qualification is waived); must provide the comparable curriculum.



TOP 6 ON SALE



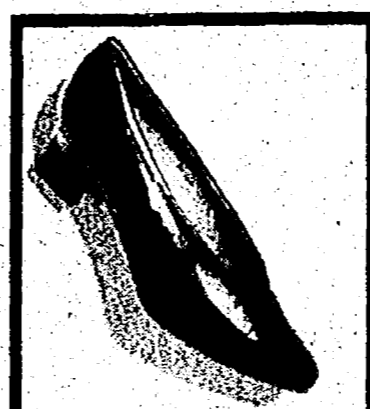
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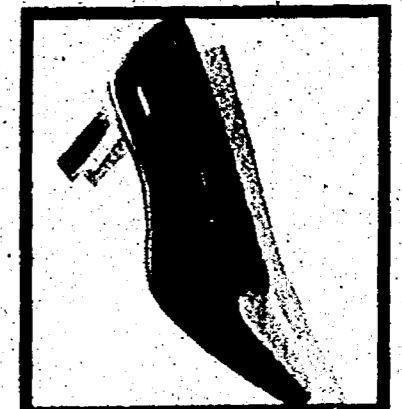
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# 11-year Nankin Transit customer honored as two-millionth bus rider

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
STAFF WRITER

There were smiles and pats on the back all around as staff, customers and elected officials gathered to celebrate Nankin Transit's two-millionth bus rider.

The celebration of the local transportation agency that serves Garden City, Westland, Wayne and Inkster took place at Westland's Bailey Center Thursday complete with refreshments and balloons.

"I was surprised, I really was," said Inkster resident Alberta Washington who was honored as the two-millionth rider. "I was so thrilled I didn't sleep last night."

Washington, who turns 72 today, uses a scooter-type wheelchair and has been a Nankin Transit customer for 11 years. Four days a week, she rides to the Wayne County Adult Day Care Center in Westland along with trips to the doctor and shopping.

"One time or another all of the bus drivers have helped me out by going door to door. I have a time closing the door when I'm in the scooter," she said.

"I couldn't get anywhere without those buses — they're my chauffeurs."

Among the gifts presented to Washington were a pass to ride free for a month, flowers and gift certificates from the Garden

**'I was surprised, I really was . . . I was so thrilled I didn't sleep last night.'**

*Alberta Washington*  
—honored as Nankin Transit's two-millionth rider

City Hospital Pharmacy, Fantastic Sam's, Leon's Family Dining and Westland Center.

Edward Phillips, Nankin Transit Commission chair and Wayne's mayor pro tem, recalled the past financial problems which threatened the operation of the local bus service.

"Five years ago we were not sure we would keep going one month to the next and be able to meet our payroll," said Phillips.

Through the efforts of late State Sen. William Faust, State Rep. Thomas Kelly, D-Wayne, a former Nankin Transit Commission chairman, and others the system managed to get enough funding to keep operating.

Nankin Transit was formed in 1976 under an interlocal agreement approved by the state. In the spring of 1995, funding for the transportation service stabilized through a one-third of mill transportation levy and a closer working relationship with SMART which provides adminis-

trative services, bus purchasing and other services to Nankin Transit.

"In spring of 1995, it was life or death for SMART and Nankin Transit. It's wonderful that we have something like Nankin Transit to get two million people where they need to be," said SMART General Manager Richard Kaufman.

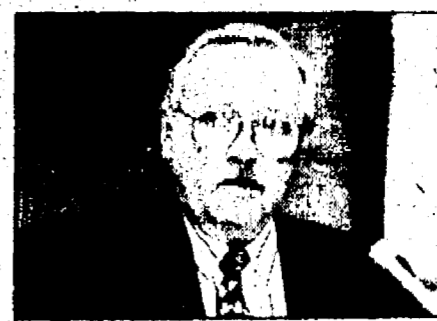
"Tell Tom Yack to eat his heart out," added Kaufman, referring to the supervisor of Canton Township, which opted out of Nankin Transit.

"Several people had a vision of what the transportation needs would be for a certain segment of the community — seniors, handicapped people and those who can no longer drive," said Nankin Transit director Richard Fernandez, a former Garden City council member.

Unlike many other bus systems, he noted that Nankin Transit provides to door-to-door service.

"It gives people back their dignity. They don't have to call friends or relatives for rides, they can call us," said Fernandez, who noted the early efforts of former Westland council members Tom Brown and Glenn Shaw.

Annually, Nankin Transit carries more than 100,000 passengers averaging about 400 passengers per weekday.



**Ceremonial:** Left, Richard Fernandez, Director of Nankin Transit, speaks at last week's event at the Bailey Recreation Center in Westland.



STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

**Special award:** Alberta Washington, Nankin Transit's two-millionth passenger, looks over a declaration she received from Lansing during a ceremony to honor her last week. She said that her son and daughter both work and she couldn't get anywhere without the buses. The Inkster resident often travels to Westland on the bus.

## Election from page A1

"I'm going to run until I win or until I turn 95, whichever comes first," she said Friday.

David Cox, a former council member and current Wayne-Westland school board trustee, has been rumored as a council candidate, but he said Friday that he hasn't decided.

"I haven't made a decision about that at this point," he said.

"I've had a lot of phone calls from supporters who are encouraging me to run, but it's too early."

Scott said she will seek a second term, noting that the current council and administration have made accomplishments such as building the library, launching an Advanced Life Support rescue system and starting the city's Winterfest, which had

its second year this winter.

She said she wants to see the city "continue in a positive direction."

LeBlanc, who won a two-year term in 1995, said he believes that his campaign will benefit from his concerted efforts to be responsive to residents.

He cited several issues that he said will be important in his

campaign, such as the city budget, roads and the need for cable company competition.

Cicirelli will seek her third consecutive four-year term. She was the top vote-getter in both of her council races.

Griffin said he hasn't decided with certainty whether he will seek re-election.

"I am making plans to run again; I'm leaning toward run-

**'I'm going to run until I win or until I turn 95, whichever comes first.'**

*Dorothy Smith*  
—plans to run for council

ning," he said.

Westland candidates must have petitions signed by a minimum of 234 to a maximum of 937 registered voters. Petitions

must be filed at the city clerk's office by 4 p.m. June 17.

Candidates must be Westland residents and registered voters who are at least 18 years old.



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# Veteran diver is lost in Newburgh Lake

BY MATT JACHMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Dive teams and ground patrols continued searching for the body of a construction diver believed drowned after being trapped under the Newburgh Lake dam.

Frank Zimmerman, 48, who had been clearing debris from a partially open sluice gate about 12 feet under water, reported trouble about 10:30 a.m. Thursday, a Livonia Police Department report said.

Co-workers lost radio contact with him after one of them started closing the gate in an attempt to slow the strong current thought to have pinned Zimmerman.

"No, don't close it, open it. You're crushing me," Zimmerman said, according to police. The worker started to open the gate, but voice contact was lost, the report said.

Rescuers were called to the

scene, at Newburgh and Hines Drive, and continued searching for Zimmerman throughout the day. But divers were not immediately used, said Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano, because they would have been risking the strong undertow that caught Zimmerman.

A temporary dam diverting water in the lake, which is connected to the middle branch of the Rouge River, made that current even stronger, Ficano said. Conditions were also worsened by recent heavy rains.

Hopes for a successful rescue were high at first, as Zimmerman's diving suit was attached to a hose pumping him air, and another circulating warm water.

At some point in the afternoon, however, the connection was lost.

The search for his body resumed Friday with sheriff's department horseback patrols of the banks of the Rouge River for about three-quarters of a mile east of the lake.

In the afternoon, when the water table was at its lowest, underwater teams went back in around the area of the dam, said Nancy Mouradian, Ficano's spokeswoman.

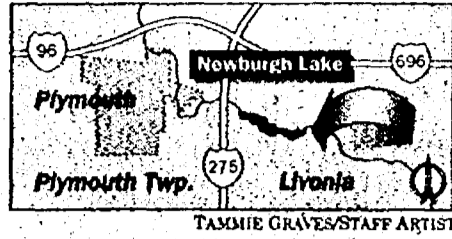
Zimmerman, of Romulus, the owner of Divtec Corp., was working on the first phase of a \$10 million Newburgh Lake restoration project. Divtec had repaired the sluice gate in previous dives, and Zimmerman was using a high-pressure air hose to remove debris from around the gate.

Previously, the gate had not worked in at least 20 years, said Jim Murray, director of the county's Department of Environment.

The gate is actually a solid wall about 4 feet by 4 feet.

Zimmerman was an experienced diver, and his company started work in October after the county awarded it a \$227,568 contract.

Ficano, whose department has its own dive team, said divers can



**■ The effort brought in divers from the county and the Detroit Police Department, fire department life-support crews from Livonia, Westland and Northville Township, sheriff's deputies and Livonia police.**

never be too careful. "You always tell them to take precautions, but sometimes they're going into unfamiliar territory," he said at the scene, which is adjacent to a sheriff's department substation.

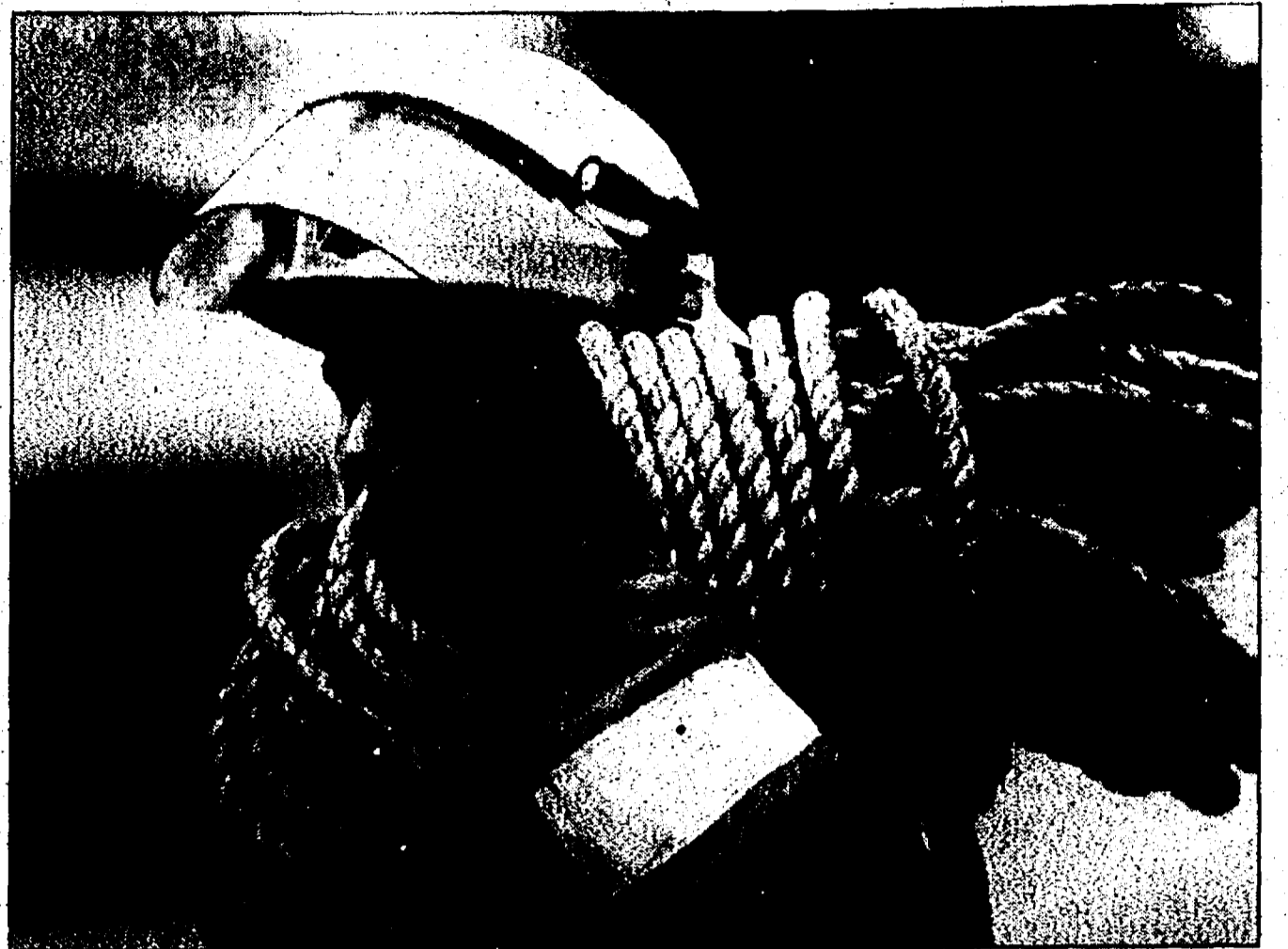
The rescue effort Thursday drew scores of reporters, cameramen and curiosity-seekers. Police closed Newburgh between Ann Arbor Road and Plymouth Road.

The effort brought in divers from the county and the Detroit Police Department, fire department life-support crews from Livonia, Westland and Northville Township, sheriff's deputies and Livonia police. A University of Michigan Hospital's helicopter ambulance stood by, but left about 2:30 p.m.

Divers from Oakland and Washtenaw counties and Detroit Metropolitan Airport joined the search Friday, Mouradian said.

"I've never seen such cooperation from so many agencies," said Livonia Sgt. Ken Marlow, who was at the dam most of the day.

The lake has been the scene of several drownings.



Working on site: A Livonia firefighter carries rope to the river below the Newburgh Lake dam. Numerous emergency workers spent hours at the site first attempting to rescue the victim, then searching for his body.

STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER



On the scene: Rescue workers prepare needed equipment atop the dam, as the search continued.



Continuing the search: Detroit under-water recovery divers suit up at the Newburgh Lake site. Divers were not immediately used at the site, said Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano, because they would have been risking the strong undertow that caught 48-year-old Frank Zimmerman.

## Contractor was close to being done with work on Newburgh dam

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Frank Zimmerman was just about one day from wrapping up contractual work as he dove under water Thursday to clear soil near a sluice gate on a dam on Newburgh Lake.

Jim Murray, director of Wayne County's Department of Environment, believes Zimmerman went in a water-filled spillway area between a cofferdam and a sluice gate, trying to remove silt or sediment that may have piled in front of the gate.

"He may not have wanted the silt there, but who knows, I really don't," Murray said. "We believe he opened the gate a couple inches to let the soil run downstream."

Zimmerman's contractual work on the dam was the first phase of a \$10 million restoration project of Newburgh Lake. That project includes the draining of the lake and the excavation of contaminated soil and sediment. Eventually, the lake will be refilled and game fish restocked.

Zimmerman's firm, Divtec Corp. of Romulus, had already constructed a cofferdam, a temporary diversion in front of the sluice gate. Zimmerman started work in October after he bid to complete the project for \$227,568.

On Thursday, while Zimmerman was under water, he was communicating with other members of his work crew. He indicated he had a problem, and he had them open the sluice gate.

"They lost contact with him at about 10:30 or 11 a.m.," Murray said. "He may have been disoriented, but I don't know. Nobody knows."

The river's conditions were murky and currents were strong, bolstered by several days of rain. Zimmerman's equipment included a helmet, insulated wet suit, a tether and an air hose.

Workers tried to pump hot water into the spillway area so if Zimmerman was nearby, it would prevent hypothermia, Murray said.

But Zimmerman could not be found. Rescue workers continued to look for him on Friday, but he was presumed drowned.

Murray said Zimmerman was just

about finished with the dam. The lake was to be drained on Monday, but the project will be delayed until the state investigates the construction accident.

"It's extremely dangerous work," Murray said. "He had several years experience doing this, and had all kinds of documents that he had completed this work."

Murray said Zimmerman had completed most other portions of the contract, including the cofferdam. That water diversion was built in front and adjacent to the sluice gate and dam.

The dam contained a lengthy sluice extending under the dam under Newburgh Road to allow for water to flow.

The cofferdam channeled water alongside the dam and sluice gate, but water still flowed behind the cofferdam and adjacent to the sluice gate in a spillway.

Zimmerman also was successful at getting the sluice gate to operate. The gate on the dam had been inoperative for at least 20 years, Murray said.

The sluice gate needed to be functional to drain the lake for contractors to excavate soil contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

Constructed in 1933, the dam was built adjacent to a cider mill owned by Henry Ford. At about that time Newburgh Lake was deeded by Ford to Wayne County.

**CITY OF GARDEN CITY**  
1997 - Board of Review Dates

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO all property owners of the City of Garden City that the Board of Review will meet in session on the following days and times to hear appeals on the 1997 Assessment Rolls:

Monday	March 10, 1997	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	March 11, 1997	1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday	March 12, 1997	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday	March 13, 1997	1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday	March 14, 1997	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tentative ratios and factors for the 1997 tax year are:

Commercial Ratio	49.61%	Factor 1.0000
Industrial Ratio	49.48%	Factor 1.0000
Residential Ratio	48.9%	Factor 1.0045
Personal Property Ratio	50.00%	Factor 1.0000

Taxes are paid on taxable value which is the lower of assessed value or capped value, unless there is a property transfer. The capped value is based on the CPI (Consumer Price Index) which will increase 2.8% for 1997. As a result, residential taxed values will increase only 2.8% for 1997 unless there has been a transfer of ownership or an addition to the property.

The 1997 Assessment Roll will be open for public inspection from March 5, 1997 through March 7, 1997 in the assessment office from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

RONALD D. SHAWALTER  
City Clerk

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this week to determine amounts that homeowners will receive for lost belongings.

Insurance companies representing the hired firms are expected to cover the damage.

Initially, Thomas had said that the city's insurance program, the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, might cover the damage and allow the city to recoup the cost.

"They refused to do that" because the city has denied any liability, the mayor said.

He added that MMRMA might step in to cover damages only if insurance companies representing the hired contractors "went

belly-up."

Meanwhile, Inrecon, a disaster response company, is continuing to rebuild damaged basements - a job that city officials said is expected to take four to six weeks.

Insurance payouts for household contents are expected to take longer.

Thomas said it is possible that claims adjusters will set up a temporary office near the flood site, but that hadn't officially been determined as of Friday.

An emergency command post that city officials established at the corner of Lonnie and Shari - the area hardest hit by flooding - is expected to be pulled out of the neighbor-

hood today, Thomas said.

But he has pledged that city officials will continue to respond to citizens' needs.

At last count, Thomas said about 300 homes suffered significant damages in an area bounded by Merriman, Farmington, Joy and Ann Arbor Trail. As many as 200 other houses received lesser damages, officials have said.

The flooding could result in a class-action lawsuit by scores of homeowners represented by attorney Geoffrey Fieger. The Southfield attorney has said he may file suit as early as this week in Wayne County Circuit Court.

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# Dems balk at Engler's plan to oversee school-to-work

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

School-to-work is a bipartisan idea — almost. Democrats on the House Education Committee like everything about the bill to set up a statewide system for teaching trades in public schools except the department that would be in charge: the Jobs Commission, Gov. John Engler's pet. "If there's one thing that's political, it's the Jobs Commission," said Rep. Ed LaForge, D-Kalamazoo, as the House Education Committee otherwise nodded in agreement over the bill. "I

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will not support this bill if it's under the Jobs Commission." "It's logical to put it under one hat," said the bill's sponsor, Rep. Glenn Oxender, R-Sturgis. "I'm trying to keep this nonpartisan. But I realize there's skepticism of the Jobs Commission out there. Other people in the state share your concern." "But consolidation of all jobs programs under one department is good," said Oxender, a former math teacher who is making his

third attempt to guide the idea into law. Three years ago, Engler took about half the Department of Education staff and put its vocational rehabilitation functions under the Jobs Commission. The same employees sit at the same desks on the fourth floor of the Hannah Building but report to a different department.

### Third try

Oxender started his project six years ago with then-Rep. Bill Keith, D-Garden City. Keith retired at the end of the 1994 term. Now Oxender's Democratic co-sponsor is Rep. Jim Agee, D-Muskegon, a former school superintendent who is ambitious to run for governor. Oxender opened the discussion Feb. 26 with an appearance before the 17-member panel that has many suburban legislators, including Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, Penny Crissman, R-Rochester, Tom Middleton, R-Ortonville, and Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt.

Committee chair Sharon Gire, D-Macomb County, held off taking any votes. Asking for a chance to speak were the Michi-

gan Association of School Administrators, Michigan Education Association, Michigan

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## House bill will adjust school year

School districts would find it easier to calculate whether to add days to the school year under a bill winding through the Michigan Legislature with bipartisan support.

The House Education Committee gave it 17-0 approval Feb. 26 and sent it to the House floor. The bill would change the dates that inflation is calculated so that local school budget makers can do less guessing when they hold public hearings in spring.

Here's how it works: The revised School Code (PA 289 of 1995) increased the school year from 180 days to 190 between 1996 and 2006. But the increase can't take effect unless the state foundation allowance (about \$5,500 per pupil) keeps pace with inflation (defined as the consumer price index).

"We won't know the CPI until the middle of July," said Tellman. So House Bill 4329 requires the use of the previous calendar year's CPI. Thus, the factor for fiscal 1997-8 school year would be the CPI for calendar 1996.

"This bill corrects an oversight in the school code," said Education Committee chair Sharon Gire, D-Macomb County.

## April 7 is deadline to file for SC

Nominating petitions currently are available for people who wish to run for two seats on the Schoolcraft College board of trustees.

Voters will decide on two six-year terms in an election on June 9. Currently those seats are held by trustees Dick DeVries and Carol Strom.

Petitions are available in the president's office and must be returned to the secretary of the Schoolcraft College District, in the president's office, by 4 p.m. Monday, April 7. The office is in the Grote Administration Center and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Candidates must be residents of the College District and registered voters. The district include the Wayne County portions of K-12 districts of Clarenceville and Livonia Public Schools; the Northville district; Novi Community Schools, excluding the portion covered by Oakland Community College; and portions of Plymouth-Canton school district.

The signatures of not less than 50 nor more than 200 qualified voters are required for nominations.

There is no charge for filing petitions nor is there compensation for those elected trustee.

For further information, call the college at (313) 462-4460. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road.

## S'craft to host bunny breakfast

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

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Association of School Boards and Small Business Association. "This bill has been through this committee at least three times in six years," she recalled. Each time it died in the Senate.

But 1997 may be "this year" because Gov. John Engler endorsed the idea in his State of the State address, though he gave credit only to Republican Oxender. Engler also put \$30 million for two years into his school aid budget to start the program.

review the business tax break for apprenticeships we passed last year.

"Sixty percent of our students don't need to go to a four-year institution."

There are local programs across the state, but Oxender said there's a need for "more uniformity" to fit the programs together and make them available to 100 percent of students.

### Academies needed

One result he expects is spe-

cialized charter academies to provide job training. "But those can't operate under the foundation grant of \$5,500 or \$5,700," he said, referring to the basic state aid per pupil allotted to each district. "Vocational academies will probably cut more."

LaForge said trade union-operated apprenticeship schools see Oxender's plan for vocational academies as "a threat." He cited the pipefitters, building and electrical trades.

Community colleges would

have a role in the system, Oxender added.

The job skills cabinet would have 23 members: five state officials and representatives from eight industries. Organized labor and education would also send members.

The group would have nine months after the law is enacted to produce a statewide system for gathering and disseminating data on employment needs and for determining the skills and skill levels of education needed to hold the jobs.

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### Put it into law

Cropsey asked: "What's to prevent the governor from issuing an executive order and putting it under the executive branch?"

Oxender: "That's why I want you to put it into legislation. The governor wanted to get this up with an executive order. The governor will change in two years or six years. Executive orders can come from any governor. It's important to get this up before passing the K-12 (school aid) budget."

To soothe LaForge's qualms about the Jobs Commission, Oxender noted that one-fourth of the cabinet would be composed of educators.

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# TASTE

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 1997

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## KITCHEN SENSE



LOIS THIELEKE

### Sappy maples sure sign of spring

**W**hen the sap begins to run from the maple trees, Michigan spring cannot be far behind. The alternating warm days and cool nights of March and April are ideal for producing and collecting sap from maple trees. Sap will flow daily as long as the freezing and thawing continues; however, Mother Nature has the last word on this.

Maple syrup and sugar are among the oldest commodities produced in the United States.

- #### Events
- **Maple Syrup Festival** - 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through March 16, Cranbrook Institute of Science, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Admission included in regular museum admission, \$7 adults, \$4 children ages 3-17 and senior citizens 65 and older. Children under 3, free. (810) 645-3200.
  - **Maple Syrup Time** - 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays, March 8, 15. Lloyd A. Stage-Outdoor Education Center, on Coolidge Highway between South Boulevard and Square Lake Road, Troy. No charge. (810) 524-3567.
  - **Maple Syrup Magic** - 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 8. University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn. Meet at the Henry Ford Mansion Terrace. Program begins on the hour at 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. No charge. (313) 593-5338.

Maple syrup is truly one of nature's most flavorful sweets. Originally, the greater portion of the annual sap was processed into sugar while today most is marketed as syrup. It takes about 40 gallons of maple sap to make one gallon of maple syrup. The sap is heated and the water evaporated until it reaches the correct sugar density (thickness). Unopened maple syrup can be stored for 12 months in a cool, dry place. Once opened, store maple syrup in the refrigerator or freezer. If you open a large container of maple syrup, heat the excess to 190

degrees F. and re-can in hot, sterilized jars and seal. Process 10 minutes in a hot water bath. Store in a cool, dry, dark place. It is better to store maple syrup in glass rather than an open tin can. If a sugary crust forms on the bottom of the container, set the container in a pan of hot water until the sugar dissolves. If maple syrup is left open, mold will grow on the top. If this occurs, skim off the mold and heat syrup to 190 degrees F. and skim off any remaining foam. The syrup will taste as good as it did when you purchased it.

Maple syrup is widely used as an ingredient in a variety of other food products. Because of its high sugar content, it can be substituted for sugar in many recipes.

### Sugar substitute

When substituting, use three-fourths cup of pure maple syrup for each cup of granulated sugar. When maple syrup is substituted for all the sugar in a recipe, reduce the amount of all liquid by three tablespoons for each cup of syrup substituted.

If the container is labeled 100 percent pure maple syrup, it must be just that. There are maple-flavored blends, cane and corn syrup with the maple, so read the label to know what you are buying.

A variety of sugar and confection products can be made from maple syrup by additional heating, stirring, and cooling procedures. The more common products are hard or soft maple sugar candy, granulated sugar, maple creams, and fudge. Of course, many cookbooks have recipes for main dishes, breads, cakes, cookies, pies and more using maple syrup.

To add a little different flavor to whipping cream, add a little maple syrup after the cream has been whipped. Serve on angel food or white cake. Pour a little maple syrup over baked apples, sweet potatoes or carrots for an interesting flavor. Maple syrup can be used for a glaze on baked ham, ham loaf, pork chops, roasts or chicken. The next time you make baked beans, add maple syrup to the brown sugar before baking. One tablespoon maple syrup is about 50 calories, which is comparable to other syrups.

### Candy

The quickest and easiest candy to make is called a maple nugget. Boil 1 cup maple syrup until it forms a soft ball (236 degrees F.) when tested in water. Remove from heat, add 1 tablespoon butter and beat until it thickens. Add 1-1/2 cups of puffed rice cereal. Mix thoroughly and drop on wax paper. So simple, but great tasting.

Lois M. Thieleke of Birmingham is an extension home economist for Michigan State University Extension - Oakland County.

## LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Laura's Fat-Free Kitchen
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## Nutrition Secrets FOR OPTIMAL HEALTH



Food for thought: Registered dietitians Betsey Kurleto and Beverly Price share "Nutrition Secrets for Optimal Health," in their newly published book.

BY BETSEY KURLETO, R.D., M.A. & BEVERLY PRICE, R.D., M.A.



Beverly Price



Betsey Kurleto

### Changing your diet

If you make good food, chances are your family won't miss the meat. "You don't have to overwhelm your family or make a production about changing their diet," write Betsey Kurleto and Beverly Price in "Nutrition Secrets for Optimal Health." Just follow these tips:

- Make familiar dishes meatless by replacing the meat with vegetables, beans, or grains.
- Stuffed peppers with brown rice and mushroom filling
- Spaghetti with a chunky marinara sauce
- Vegetarian chili with beans and bulgur
- Franks and beans using tofu hot dogs and vegetarian baked beans
- Burritos filled with vegetarian refried beans
- Spanish rice, lettuce, tomato, onion, guacamole, and salsa
- Vegetable lasagna stuffed with spinach and mushrooms (tofu can replace the ricotta or cottage cheese)
- Nachos with baked tortilla chips, vegetarian refried beans, onions, tomatoes, black olives and salsa
- Pizza loaded with green peppers, hot peppers, mushrooms, olives, tomato slices, onion, and broccoli (if you can order a cheeseless pizza from a restaurant; ask for extra sauce to keep it from tasting a bit dry).
- Sneak more vegetables into your meals. Add a package of frozen chopped broccoli and/or cauliflower to macaroni and soy cheese.
- At mealtimes, have carrot sticks or bell pepper strips available, as kids generally prefer raw vegetables to cooked.
- Make vegetable soups and puree them for a creamy texture.
- Try vegetable noodle soup instead of chicken noodle.
- Don't warn your family beforehand when you're trying something new. Just do it - maybe no one will notice. But if you say beforehand "I used tofu instead of cottage cheese in the casserole," voracious eaters may then look at the food with disdain.

COVER ILLUSTRATION BY MARTHA CRAWFORD

## Dietitians dish it out

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

**S**ome women are married to, or know men who cook, and even grocery shop. But in most cases, "women are the gatekeepers who control what comes into the house," said registered dietitian Betsey Kurleto of Troy. "Ninety percent of the time, women do the grocery shopping. We have a lot of control, and tremendous responsibility."

She and Beverly Price, authors of the newly published "Nutrition Secrets for Optimal Health," (Tall Tree Publishing Company, Farmington Hills, 1996, \$19.95) don't want women to feel guilty, but to become more aware.

Their objective is to help people take control of their lives, stay healthy, and prevent health problems by eating better and exercising.

"You have to take responsibility for weight loss," said Price. "People are looking for a gimmick. You have to learn to eat when you're hungry, and stop when you're full. It's hard to change overnight. You have choices, and responsibility for your health. It's a commitment."

Both vegetarians, Betsey and Beverly met at Michigan State University, and didn't always practice what they preach.

"The redhead and I soon discovered that we both had the same college major (dietetics) and, of course, the same poor eating habits," writes Price. They didn't change their junk food ways overnight.

They received bachelor's degrees in dietetics from MSU, and continued their education. Kurleto earned a master's in exercise science from Western Michigan University, and Price a master's in the science of human movement (exercise physiology) from Wayne State University.

Kurleto switched to a vegetarian diet in 1988. Price soon followed. Hungry for information, they found little. In 1992 they started writing "Nutrition Secrets," to share what they learned.

According to the authors, "Heart disease is only one of a number of common ailments that lead to either death or poor health in America. Diet plays a role in contributing to non-insulin-dependent diabetes, digestive disorders, cancer and rheumatoid arthritis. Obesity is linked to five out of the 10 top leading causes of death in our society: heart disease, atherosclerosis, stroke, diabetes and some cancers. It is estimated that some 35 million Americans are overweight to a degree that affects their health."

In Michigan, the statistics are alarming. The Governor's Council on Physical Fitness Health and Sports reveals that 29 percent of Michigan adults are significantly overweight. Michigan children are among the heaviest in the nation, one-third of Michigan school children are overweight.

Price, who is married and the mother of a 2-year-old, operates "Living Better Sensibly," a

See DIETITIANS, 2B

## Explore alternatives to chardonnay

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD  
SPECIAL WRITERS

Today, chardonnay is so popular that it has become the generic equivalent of white wine. Great white Burgundies are 100 percent chardonnay and it is the white grape of the Champagne region. On its own, the grape does not have a big aroma or flavor profile. It serves as a blank canvas on which a winemaker can imprint style through a variety of techniques including aging in oak barrels. It then yields rich, well-balanced wine with a distinctive aroma and superb, lingering aftertaste.

Don't be mistaken, we like chardonnay too, but wine drinkers are becoming more adventurous, branching out to new experiences. In white wines there are several from which to choose.

■ **Dry chenin blanc:** From France's Loire Valley, this may be the world's most versatile, work-horse white. It can be made dry, sweet or in-between such as a Vouvray. It also makes a sparkling wine in the Loire. In California, 25 years ago, chenin was very popular. It made a good wine in a Vouvray-style. It fell from favor as Americans began to prefer dry wines. Only a few California wineries make it in a dry style today and have great success with it. Our favorite is 1995 Dry Creek Vineyard Chenin Blanc \$7.50.

■ **Pinot blanc:** First observed in Burgundy in the late 19th century, it is believed to be a mutation of the

white grape pinot gris, itself a mutation of the red varietal pinot noir.

For many years in Europe, no distinction was made between pinot blanc and chardonnay because the two vines and their grape bunches are so similar. It is a stylish alternative to chardonnay and, in our opinion, offers a better balance of flavors, especially when matched to food. Try: 1995 Murphy-Goode Pinot Blanc \$15.

■ **Pinot gris:** It is the belief of wine historians that a mutation of pinot noir occurred in Burgundy during the Middle Ages and that in the 14th century, White Burgundies were produced from pinot gris. From France, vine cuttings were first carried into Switzerland and from there throughout central Europe. By the 18th century, a vine ended up on the German Palatinate property of Johan Ruland. In his honor, propagation of the grape that made a wine he enjoyed, was christened Rulander.

Pinot grigio is the name attached to the variety in Italy and is becoming a popular moniker in California. In 1955, the first American planting of pinot gris was made in Oregon. Today, pinot gris is the fastest growing varietal in Oregon. We suggest: 1995 King Estate Oregon Pinot Gris \$13

■ **Semillon:** is popular in Washington state as a dry, varietal white wine. Yet, in most other growing regions around the world, semillon is one of the most unheralded white



grapes, generally blended into sauvignon blanc and more recently, with chardonnay. Is it destined to play the role of partner? Not in the

opinion of several Washington state producers, many of whom believe it is the best white wine made at their winery. Tops on our list is: 1995 Hogue Cellars Semillon, Columbia Valley, Washington \$9

■ **Viognier:** Ten years ago, little viognier was planted in France. In the northern Rhone, Condrieu and Chateau Grillet are small appellations with slightly more than 100 acres of viognier total. In 1984, there were no bearing viognier vines in California. Today, there are around 300 acres with a domestic total about 350 acres.

Virginia has a total of 32 acres and is second to California, but Horton Vineyards is the only commercial viognier producer in that state. It's not available in Michigan, but if you travel and can buy a bottle of the Horton, don't hesitate. We like 1995 R.H. Phillips EXP Viognier, Dunnigan Hills Estate Bottled \$15 and from France 1995 Reserve St. Martin Viognier, Vin de Pays d'Oc \$10.75

■ **White meritage:** This is a trademarked name for American wines made from a blend of Bordeaux varietals. In the case of whites, that blend is sauvignon blanc and semillon. Hands down the winner in this category is 1995 Venezia Bianco, Nuovo Mondo Meritage, Alexander

Valley \$20.

### New wines from Beringer

■ 1995 Beringer Knights Valley Alluvium Blanc \$14

■ 1993 Beringer Alluvium Red Table Wine \$26

Named after the stony alluvial soils and Mediterranean climate of Beringer's Knights Valley Vineyard, these debut wines reap the results of work Beringer has been doing in its research winery for a decade. Rocks in the alluvial soils of the vineyard are as large as cobblestones and reminiscent of the great gravel of France's Medoc which stresses vines leading to exceptional fruit concentration.

The white Alluvium is a unique blend of 45 percent sauvignon blanc, 44 percent semillon, 10 percent chardonnay and one percent viognier. Generous fruit is complemented by vanilla oak and toastiness from a large percentage of new French oak.

Alluvium Red should appeal to merlot lovers and aficionados of French wines from St.-Emilion and Pomerol. It is 75 percent merlot with the balance cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc and petit verdot. Aged in French oak for 20 months, it fits well into the family of highly touted reds from Beringer with its big, generous, plump, fleshy, berry characters and depthful, spicy finish.

Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Monday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

# Vegetarian dishes sure to please picky eaters

See related story on Taste front.

Recipes from "Nutrition Secrets for Optimal Health," by Betsey Kurleto and Beverly Price, (Tall Tree Publishing Company, Farmington Hills, 1996, \$19.95). Recipes developed for the book by Registered Dietitians Nanette Cameron.

Join Beverly Price and Cameron for their vegetarian cooking class series 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20 and 27. The cost \$85 per person, includes sampling and recipes. Call (810) 539-9424 to register, or for more information.

### QUICK AND EASY ENCHILADAS

10 8-inch whole wheat tortillas or rawwash  
1 cup chopped onion  
3/4 cup chopped green pep-

per  
2 medium tomatoes, chopped  
1 4-ounce can-green chilies, chopped  
2 cloves garlic minced  
3/4 teaspoon cumin  
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
dash black pepper  
1/4 cup fresh cilantro  
16 ounces firm tofu  
2 1/4 cups salsa or picante sauce

Drain tofu well with paper towel. Sauté onion and green pepper in a nonstick pan with water until tender. Add garlic and cook for 5 minutes.

In a large bowl, combine the onion, green pepper, garlic, tomatoes, chilies, cumin, cayenne, black pepper, cilantro, tofu and 1/4 cup salsa; mix well.

Place approximately 2/3 cup of tofu mixture down center of each tortilla; roll up. Put tortilla, seam side down, in a 13 by 9-inch baking dish, coated with nonstick cooking spray.

Pour remaining salsa over tortillas and cover with aluminum foil. Bake at 350 degrees F. for 25 minutes or until hot. Garnish with salsa, if desired. Serves 10.

Per serving: 160 calories, 3g fat, 6g protein, 27g carb., 0mg chol, 301mg sodium, 2g fiber.

### MEXICAN PIZZA

1 large Boboli pizza crust  
8 ounce jar taco sauce or picante sauce  
16 ounce can refried beans  
1 large onion chopped  
1 cup soy shredded cheddar cheese

1/4 to 1/2 small head-lettuce, shredded  
2 tomatoes, chopped  
1 cup soy shredded Mexican flavored cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Sprinkle cheddar cheese over beans mixture. Bake until cheese melts, about 2 minutes. Remove from oven; top with lettuce, tomatoes and flavored cheese.

In a large skillet saute onions with a small amount of water. Add refried beans and taco sauce. Mix well and cook until warm. Spread over pizza crust and sprinkle with cheese. Put in oven and bake until cheese melts. Top with lettuce, tomato and olives. Serves 8

Per serving: 292 calories, 8g fat; 13g protein, 30g carb., 0mg

chol.; 763mg sod., 5g fiber.  
Look for soy cheese at health food stores.

### RASPBERRY-BANANA PUDDING

1/2 frozen ripe banana  
8 ounces unsweetened frozen raspberries or strawberries  
8 ounces soft tofu  
2 tablespoons brown rice syrup

Blend all ingredients in food processor or until smooth. Serves 4 (1/2 cup).

Look for brown rice syrup at health food stores  
Per serving: 98 calories, 2g fat, 3g protein, 17g carb., 0mg chol.; 4mg sod., 3g fiber.

### WALDORF SALAD

1 1/2 cups chopped red apple (about 1 large)

1/2 cup chopped celery  
1/2 cup halved seedless grapes  
1/4 cup raisins  
3 cups torn Romaine lettuce leaves (about 1/2 pound)  
1/4 cup nondairy mayonnaise  
1/4 cup nondairy plain yogurt  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
Salt and pepper to taste

In a large bowl, combine apple, celery, grapes, raisins and lettuce; toss well.

In a small bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, yogurt, lemon juice, salt and pepper. Pour over salad; toss well. Serve immediately. Serves 4 generous portions.

Per serving: 131 calories, 3g fat, 2g protein, 24g carb., 0mg chol., 29mg sod., 3g fiber.

## Dietitians from page B1

private nutrition practice in Farmington Hills and is seeing patients in their 30s and 40s who are having heart attacks.

"It's important to look at where you're at, and not let an illness be a motivator for changing your eating habits," said Price.

"People have control over their risk factors," adds Kurleto, a nutrition supervisor who specializes in weight control and pharmaceutical research at Beaumont Nutritional Medicine Clinic in Birmingham.

Their advice is simple: "If you want to be radiantly healthy, stop eating red meat, poultry and junk foods. Focus on a plant-

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centered, whole foods diet and you'll never look back! Vegetarians have lower rates of coronary disease, hypertension, non-insulin-dependent diabetes, obesity and certain types of cancer.

"The majority of people aren't concerned about health, and don't take time to plan meals," said Kurleto who is engaged. "They're not getting enough fresh vegetables, fruits or whole grains. I have a very busy job, but I make time."

"Nutrition Secrets for Optimal Health" will satisfy your hunger

for information about making a transition to a vegetarian diet, losing and keeping weight off, antioxidants, vitamins and minerals, women's health issues such as menopause, macrobiotics, and meal-planning. There are easy-to-follow recipes, mail order sources for vegetarian foods, and a list of vegetarian organizations and publications.

The authors take care to make nutrition information easily digestible with lots of charts and glossaries. There are practical tips for stocking your pantry, grocery shopping, and a chapter on "The Art of Throwing A Meal Together."

A comprehensive bibliography provides another source of infor-

mation for people interested in overhauling their diets. March is National Nutrition Month, and this book will help you make some healthful changes to last a lifetime.

"Nutrition Secrets for Optimal Health," is available at local bookstores.

To place a fax order for the book, call (810) 539-9426 or call (810) 539-9624. Address postal orders to: Tall Tree Publishing Co., 28592 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 305, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2905. The cost is \$19.95 plus six percent tax, \$3 shipping for the first book, \$1.50 for each additional book.

## Maple syrup recipes celebrate spring

Here are some maple syrup recipes from Cranbrook Institute of Science. See Lois Thieleke's column on Taste front.

### JAMOCHA MILK SHAKE

2 tablespoons pure maple syrup  
1 cup milk  
1 teaspoon instant coffee  
1/2 pint ice cream

Combine ingredients in blend container. Blend on high speed until smooth. Makes 2 cups.

### OATMEAL MAPLE PANCAKES

1/4 cup maple syrup  
3/4 cup milk  
1 egg  
1 cup pancake mix  
1/2 cup quick cooking oatmeal  
2 tablespoons melted shortening

Combine syrup, milk and egg. Add pancake mix, oats and shortening. Beat lightly until blended. Cook on hot, greased, griddle, makes about 1 dozen, 4-inch pancakes.

### MAPLE SPRING CHICKEN

1 chicken, 2 1/2 to 3 pounds, cut-up  
1/4 cup melted butter  
1/4 cup maple syrup  
1/2 teaspoon grated lemon rind  
1 teaspoon salt  
Dash of pepper  
1/4 cup chopped almonds  
2 teaspoons lemon juice

Place chicken pieces in a shallow, buttered baking dish. Mix remaining ingredients and pour evenly over chicken. Bake, uncovered, 50-60 minutes, at 325 degrees F.

Baste occasionally. This baked chicken is especially good served with rice.

### MAPLE BREAD PUDDING

7 slices white bread  
3 cups milk, scalded  
2/3 cup maple syrup  
2 eggs, well beaten  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 cup raisins

Break bread into pieces in a buttered baking dish, and pour scalded milk over it. Mix in the remaining ingredients and bake 1 hour in a 350 degree F. oven. Serve hot with thin cream or whipped cream. Serves 8.

### OATMEAL-MAPLE SYRUP DROP COOKIES

1/2 cup shortening  
1 cup maple syrup  
1 egg  
1 1/2 cups flour  
1 teaspoon salt  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/4 cup milk  
1/2 cup seedless raisins  
1 1/2 cups oatmeal  
1/2 cup chopped nuts

Beat shortening, maple syrup and egg. Sift together flour, salt and baking powder. Add to syrup mixture alternately with milk. Mix well. Add oatmeal, raisins and nuts. Drop by spoonfuls on greased cookie sheet. Bake 350 to 375 degrees F. for about 15 minutes.

### QUICK MAPLE SYRUP CAKE

1 package yellow cake mix  
1/3 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1 cup maple syrup  
1/2 cup chopped nuts

Bake cake in a 13 by 9 by 2-inch pan as directed on package. Cool 5 minutes. Cut cake into large diamond shapes.

Mix sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle over top of cake. Heat maple syrup slightly, pour over cake. Sprinkle with nuts. Let stand a few minutes. Serve warm or cold.

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# Maple Oatmeal Bars moist, chewy

Three quintessential American ingredients - maple syrup, pecans and oatmeal - captured the gold for Karen Gonzales of Glendale, Ariz. in the 7th annual Quaker Oatmeal "Bake It Better With Oats" Recipe Contest. Gonzales's scrumptious Maple Pecan Oatmeal Bars dazzled the judges and won the \$10,000 Grand Prize.

The cookie category continues to be the most popular category. But unlike the elaborate cookie creations seen in past contests, "back to basics" best described this year's cookie entries. Shortbread, refrigerated slice and bake cookies, drop cookies and bars featured fewer preparation steps and classic flavors - lemon, dried fruits, sweet spices, chocolate, molasses, nuts, coconut and coffee.

While coffee's current "hot status" was reflected in many of the cookie recipes, it was maple that took top flavor honors this year. Contestants experimented with maple syrup, maple-flavored pancake syrup and maple flavoring with abandon. Her mom's maple pecan rolls, which she describes as "out of this world," were all the inspiration Gonzales needed to create her winning bar cookie. Maple pancake syrup flavors both the moist and chewy oatmeal cookie base and the candy-like pecan topping.

Gonzales, a self-employed medical transcriptionist, recruited friends and family to taste her Maple Pecan Oatmeal Bars. "I even passed them around at my kids' school and got people's opinions," she said.

The enthusiastic response she received made her a believer in baking with oats. "I like the texture oats give," Gonzales said. "In soft bar cookies like my maple bars, they add an appealing chewiness and naturally nutty flavor."

In addition to the cookie category, the 7th annual Quaker Oatmeal "Bake It Better With Oats" Recipe Contest featured a Muffins/Bread category and a Just For Kids category. Sixty prizes were awarded, including the \$10,000 Grand Prize, three \$2,000 first prizes, six runners-up prizes of \$500, and 50 honorable mention prizes of Quaker



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**Chewy cookie:** This moist and chewy oatmeal bar cookie has a delicious buttery maple flavor and candy-like maple-pecan topping.

heritage cookie tins and cookbooks. Quaker also donated \$1 for every entry received in this year's contest to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to granting wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses.

### MAPLE PECAN OATMEAL BARS

#### BAR

- 3/4 cup (1-1/2 sticks) butter or margarine
- 2-1/4 cups Quaker oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 cups firmly packed brown sugar
- 3/4 cup shredded coconut (optional)
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 1/3 cup maple-flavored pancake syrup
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

#### TOPPING

- 1-1/2 cups chopped pecans (about 6 ounces)
- 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar

1/3 cup maple-flavored pancake syrup

1. Heat oven to 350°F. Lightly spray 13x9-inch baking pan with no-stick cooking spray.

2. For bar, melt butter; set aside to cool. In large bowl, combine oats, flour, brown sugar, coconut, baking soda and salt; mix well. In small bowl, combine melted butter, syrup, egg and vanilla; mix well. Add to oat mixture; mix well. (Dough will be stiff.) Press dough evenly onto bottom of pan.

3. For topping, combine pecans and brown sugar in small bowl. Sprinkle evenly over dough; press down lightly. Drizzle syrup evenly over pecans. Bake 35 to 38 minutes or until edges are set but middle is soft. (Do not overbake.) Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Cut into bars. Store tightly covered. Makes 32 bars.

*Nutrition information for 1 bar: Calories 190, Calories From Fat 70, Total Fat 8g, Saturated Fat 3g, Cholesterol 20mg, Sodium 85mg, Carbohydrate 27g, Dietary Fiber 1g, Protein 2g.*

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## Easter Bunnies Are My...

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**Magical Easter Bunny Arrival**  
Saturday, March 8, 11:00 a.m.  
East Court Stage  
Bring the kids for the Easter Bunny's magical arrival through the wizardry of master illusionists William and Di Schultert.

**Magic Show**  
Saturday, March 8, 1:00 p.m.  
East Court Stage  
Join master illusionists William and Di Schultert for a display of magic sure to please all ages.

**Visit the Easter Bunny**  
March 8 through March 29  
Center Court  
Visit the Easter Bunny Monday through Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sunday, 12 Noon to 6:00 p.m. Photos are also available with prices starting at \$6.00 plus tax. A grandparents' package is available which includes 3 photos for the price of 2, along with a free Easter flute, while supplies last.

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# MALLS & MAINSTREETS

Sunday, March 2, 1997

## SHOPPING CENTERED



Juell Kadet, guest columnist

### Pearls top sales in jewelry stores

The most commonly asked question of a jewelry designer like myself is "What's the hottest trend this year?"

Trends in jewelry change as frequently as fashion because they are intimately linked. Your taste in jewelry is really a reflection of your fashion sense, the way you like to dress. So, no matter what is really "hot," I have found that fashion-conscious people will instinctively wear what they know looks best on them.

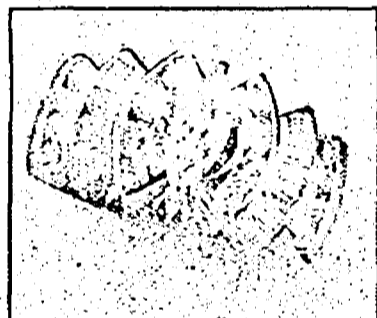
Every year jewelry has its important pieces. For 1997 an old favorite is resurfacing — pearls! We're seeing them everywhere and in many new forms. Black pearls, for instance, became popular as a result of Hollywood. One of our biggest stars, Elizabeth Taylor, marketed a new perfume, Black Pearls, and suddenly no one could keep them in stock!

Pearls were worn by stars in several blockbuster movies like *The First Wives Club* and *Tin Cup*. The pearl necklace worn by *Tin Cup* star Rene Russo has now become an actual style of its own — the *Tin Cup Pearl Necklace*!

What's great about pearls is that they absolutely go with everything. They are a fashion staple like blue jeans and the simple black dress and can be worn with either. Available in all lengths and combinations, pearls can be worn close to the neck as a multi-strand choker, long and knotted, with a jeweled slide for interest, or in a simple strand.

#### Keep it simple

Another trend in jewelry is toward unpretentious pieces. Because top fashion designers like Armani and Donna Karan are selling us on the minimalist look, jewelry reflects the same. Some of the biggest sellers are diamond stud or earring earrings, small close fitting



**Dream ring:** This design features more than 1.2 carats at Rogers & Hollands.

"huggie" hoop earrings, diamond tennis bracelets, gold omega necklaces and pearls.

Suits have become increasingly popular and tend to be the favorite of working women. With suits come pins which are always a favorite of mine. I'm thrilled to see pins of all sizes and shapes coming back into vogue. Nothing adds character to a suit like a pin. Whether it's art deco or a cute little bumblebee, set with diamonds or fashioned in two-toned white and yellow gold, pins offer variety, interest and in my opinion, never go out of style.

Black onyx is another popular stone for 1997. It offers high style when set with diamonds in a fabulous pendant, looks understated and elegant in a men's ring, and is really breathtaking when fashioned into an unusual shape. Since we wear so much black, onyx is a fashion necessity.

The rebirth of platinum has truly become a phenomenon. Consumers have not been made aware of its beauty and remarkable durability until recently when more and more designers began incorporating this precious metal into their collections.

We are seeing fabulous platinum engagement, wedding and anniversary rings. Of course anniversary bands have continually stayed in demand, now featuring unusual combinations of colored stones and diamonds or diamonds alone of different shapes all fashioned in platinum. I believe this trend will continue to grow and expand for quite sometime.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that diamonds in general are always in style. They remain the stone in greatest demand with the highest perceived value and durability far outweighing any other stone. No matter what you are wearing, diamonds are always right and as far as I'm concerned you can never have too many!

Juell Kadet is executive vice-president and designer for Chicago-based Rogers & Hollands Jewelers, which opened last year in Michigan at Somerset Collection North, Troy. Rogers & Hollands is an 85-year old family-owned and operated business.

Among her many talents, Juell is also a gourmet cook who makes her award-winning recipes available to anyone who asks. Juell can be reached for a recipe, or a jewelry question by writing her at: Rogers Enterprises, 5 Centre, Park Forest, IL 60466.

## Shoppertainment

### Developer puts 'wonder' back in Wonderland



The region's "second oldest shopping center," Wonderland Mall in Livonia, gets a new lease on retail life as owner/operator Schostak Bros. pumps \$10 million into renovations to transform the mall into a family fun center.

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO  
EDITOR

Malls aren't just for shopping anymore.

They're about providing, "pleasant, educational, entertaining experiences" for every member of the family.

So says Robert Schostak, president of Schostak Brothers & Co. of Southfield, which counts among its many properties Wonderland and Laurel Park Place malls in Livonia; Macomb Mall in Roseville, Point Plaza in Grosse Pointe Woods, Shelby Corners in Utica, the Volkswagen of America Headquarters in Troy, and the Chrysler Technology Center in Auburn Hills.

Schostak is about to break ground on a \$10-million Wonderland Mall renovation in the west-wing that will "provide families with a place to relax, spend time together, enjoy a meaningful educational experience while at the same time providing an environment to buy athletic shoes, computer paper and household items."

Specifically, Wonderland has a four-part plan that includes: a new to-the-market multi-media store; a remodeled food court designed by Wah Yee Associates; an expanded movie theater complex; and a children's entertainment center.

Although no lease has been signed, Len Hoppe of *Jeepers!*, a division of Jungle Jim's Playland, confirms the company is looking at locations in the Detroit market, Wonderland among them.

*Jeepers!* would provide Wonderland Mall with a center for games, rides and hands-on activities for kids 2-12, including an on-premises Pizza Hut for birthday parties.

Other improvements call for a center court carousel and additional family-interest programs scheduled through the mall's promotions department.

Schostak said a key element of the remodel will be relocating the management offices, public family restrooms, security center and community rooms to the middle of the mall to make the shopping center more customer-friendly. In the parking lot, traffic patterns and lighting

will be improved.

"We are repositioning Wonderland Mall for the next decade, the next century," he said. "In this competitive market, developers must provide retailers with dynamic means to present their concepts, and customers with a shopping environment that is safe, pleasant and interesting." Schostak bought Wonderland in 1984 and immediately changed the former airport-turned-open air-retail center, into an enclosed shopping mall for about \$17-\$20 million. Back then, Montgomery Wards and Federal's Department Store were the anchors. Another renovation came in 1989 when Target, Service Merchandise and Office Max joined the line-up.

He hopes the mall's improvements will serve as a catalyst for more retail magic along the six miles of

Plymouth Road in south Livonia that feed mall traffic.

Mayor Jack Kirksey agreed. "Wonderland Mall is the keystone of that merchandising strip of town," he said. "I will work in partnership with Schostak to keep that property vital. They are an outstanding corporate citizen. They're willing to spend considerable capital. They have kept their promises to the city and have demonstrated that they have the interests of the community at heart."

**'A vibrant, viable mall stimulates complementary development in the immediate community acting as a valuable resource — as a neighborhood towncenter, source of jobs, and an important source of tax revenue for the city.'**

— Update, a Schostak publication

the property into "a low scale discount center," they bid time until Jacobson's, then Parisian, could come on board.

Schostak hinted that more development at Laurel Park Place is on the corporate drawing board.

Wonderland Mall will remain open during the remodeling process which could take a year and a half to complete according to Schostak.

The next step is to attract more upscale family restaurants and retailers who specialize in household goods or family apparel.

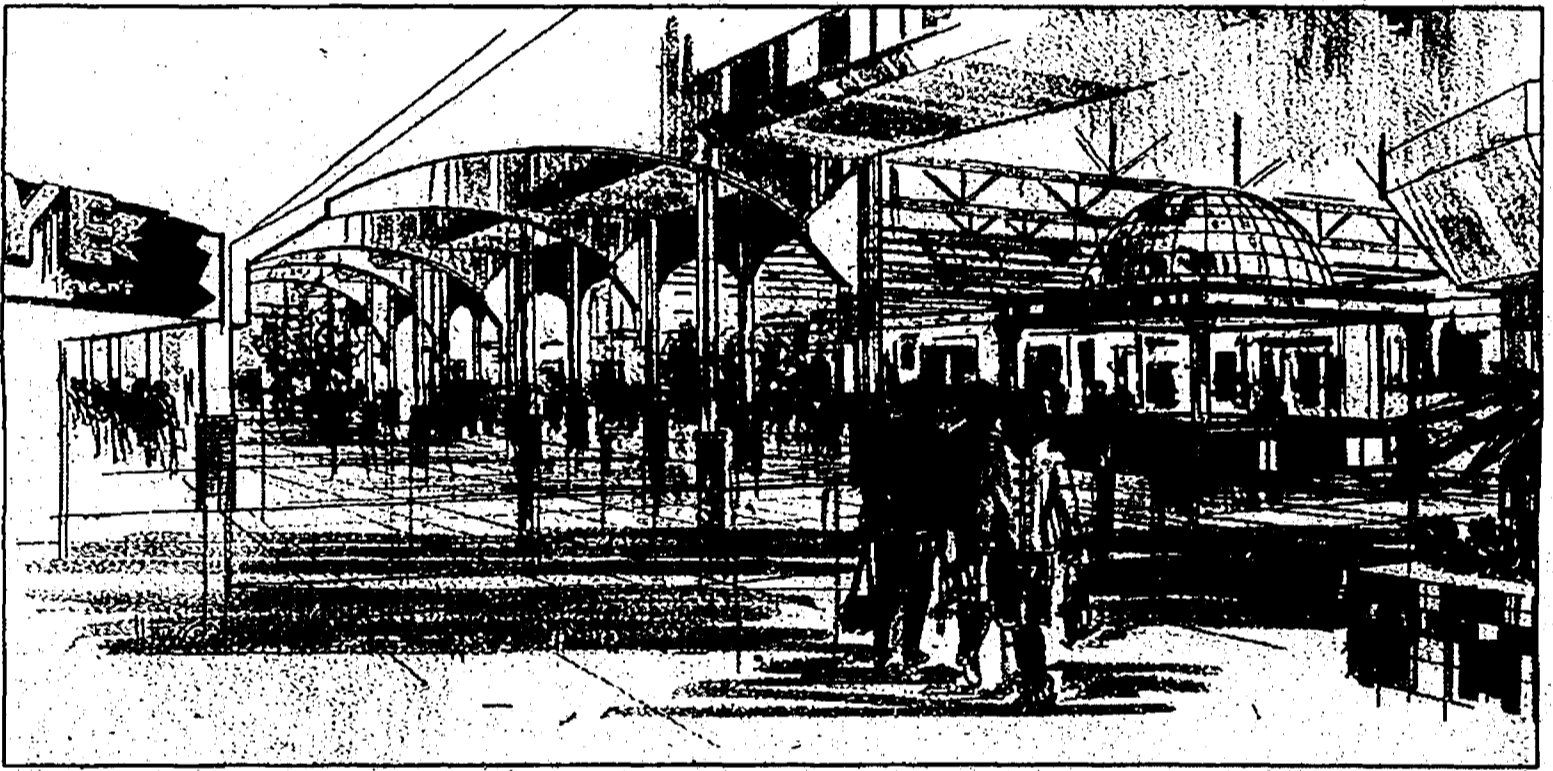
"I see these changes as a winning situation for all concerned," he insisted. "They're part of the evolution of business. We're not sitting back to fall to our competition. We're investing in the community, raising the stakes, operating outside the box."

Wonderland Mall is located at the southwest corner of Plymouth and Middlebelt in Livonia. (313) 522-4100.

The mall provides support to a range of community groups including the Livonia Heartfund, American Red Cross, Livonia Goodfellows, Livonia Family YMCA, and annually awards college grants to local high school seniors through an essay contest.

Wonderland Mall provides a fitness walking club and hosts dozens of community service programs each year.

The mall is currently hosting "Cyberspace Safari" a high-tech hands-on romp through the Internet in cooperation with The Detroit Science Center. The exhibit was created through a partnership with Ameritech, Intel Corp., MicroAge Infosystems Services; MicroSoft Corp., Online Marketing, Personal Computer Rentals and WOMC Radio.



**Mall update:** To remain vital and improve marketability, Wonderland Mall will get a facelift adding several new retailing concepts to attract shoppers and more upscale tenants.

## Retailers blame slow month on foul weather

Michigan's retail sales were chilled by January's snow and ice. Thirty-nine percent of retailers reported increased year-to-year sales for the month, while 45 percent saw sales decline, and 16 percent reported no change, according to the Michigan Retail Index, a joint project of the Michigan Retailers Association and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

The 39 percent was the lowest number reporting increases since the monthly Index was launched in July 1994. It followed a softer-than-expected December, when only 46 percent of retailers boosted year-to-year sales.

"While heavy after Christmas discounting boosted sales across much of the nation, we believe that the weather worked to keep sales down in Michigan," said Larry Meyer, CEO of the retailer's association. "However, retailers remain optimistic. They believe that sales will warm up and return to last fall's brisk pace."

The weather, always an important factor in retailing, was colder and snowier in many parts of the state during January, according to the National Weather Service. In Grand Rapids, for example, the 45.5 inches of snow that fell made it the snowiest January on record and the second snowiest month of all time. Temperatures also hit sub-zero levels across the state.

Electronics and computer retailers — which experienced a relatively poor Christmas — topped other stores during January.

### ADDED ATTRACTIONS

**Somerset Collection North.**  
Big Beaver/Coolidge. Troy.  
(313) 393-1770.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5**  
**Petite fashion show**  
Hudson's showcases the Liz Claiborne line for petites 12:30 p.m. Complimentary show and seminar.  
Oakland Mall, 14 Mile/John R. Troy.  
(810) 597-2200.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 6**  
**Spring Fashions show**  
Neiman Marcus presents its annual tribute to the designs of spring "The Art of Fashion" on the third level beginning with hors d'oeuvres at 11:30 p.m. to benefit Hospice of Southeastern Michigan. Reception follows the runway show in the Couture salon. Tickets are \$35, \$50 and \$100.  
Somerset Collection South.  
Big Beaver/Coolidge. Troy.  
(810) 443-5900.  
**Zoran Trunk Show**  
Henri Bendel's shows a new collection from Italy "Zoran" through March 8 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Informal modeling/fashion consultations.  
Somerset Collection North.  
Big Beaver/Coolidge. Troy.  
(810) 816-8575.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 7**  
**Fine Jewelry sale**

Jules R. Schubot hosts its annual spring sale through March 15 with 30 to 70-percent off hundreds of items including fine jewelry, watches, gift ware.  
3001 W. Big Beaver. Troy.  
(810) 649-1122.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 8**  
**Low fat cooking show**  
Williams Sonoma hosts Jim Barnett, executive chef with Unique Restaurants Corp. demonstrating recipes low in fat/high in taste. 1:30 p.m.  
Somerset Collection South.  
Big Beaver/Coolidge. Troy.  
(810) 643-6360.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 9**  
**Nutrition expert visits**  
"Ask the Nutrition Expert" sponsored by the American Heart Association noon to 4:30 p.m. Registered dietitians available for personal consultations. Mock grocery store tours, blood pressure screenings, body mass analysis and exercise demonstrations.  
Tel-Twelve Mall.  
12 Mile/Telegraph. Southfield.  
(810) 353-4111.

**MONDAY, MARCH 10**  
**Resale shopping show**  
The Michigan Professional Women's Network presents designer resale fashions from member Nicole Christ's Garden City store, "Nicole's Revival" at its monthly meeting open to newcomers. Networking 6 p.m. Dinner 6:45 p.m. Fashion presentation 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$23.  
Birmingham Community House, 380 S. Bates.  
(810) 375-1795.

**News of special events of interest to shoppers is included in this calendar. Send promotion information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o The Observer & Eccentric 805 East Maple, 48009; or fax (810) 644-1314. The deadline is Wednesday at 5 p.m. for publication on Monday.**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 2**  
**Cyberspace Safari**  
Explore the Internet and discover facts about dinosaurs through a program running until April. Co-sponsored by The Detroit Science Center and seven computer-related companies. Fees. Reservations suggested. School groups welcome. Near Service Merchandise entrance.  
Wonderland, Plymouth/Middlebelt. Livonia.  
(313) 577-8400, ext. 417.

**MONDAY, MARCH 3**  
**Senior Dance**  
First Monday Dance for senior citizens begins at 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Refreshments served at 12:30 p.m. Lower level auditorium. Newcomers are welcome.  
Westland Center. Wayne/Warren.  
(313) 425-5001.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 4**  
**Doghhouse design exhibit**  
Somerset Collection has joined the Detroit Artists Market to present a collection of specially-designed homes for Fido (including a Pewabic Pottery House) in the North Grand Court through March 16. The doghouses will be auctioned off during the "Spots for Spot" brunch 11 a.m. March 16 to raise funds for the DAM. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$10 for children.

# Where can I find?

Thanks to all the readers who phoned in locations for the hard to find items listed last week!

- Here's what we found:**
- A reader called with some interesting information for Avon customers. (First, a bit of history. From 1886 to 1929 Avon was known as The California Perfume Company. Items from this era are worth hundreds of dollars, especially if in original boxes. In 1929 Avon came on the scene.
  - Bud Hastin publishes an Avon encyclopedia which includes, photos of items, market values, trade show schedules, and more. To obtain a copy write: Bud Hastin, P.O. Box 9868, Kansas City, MO, 64134
  - A reader wondered whatever happened to *Sophie's Pierogis* on Maple in Troy. Two callers report that the owner passed away a few years ago and her children closed the company.
  - Another caller recommends *Jennie's Pierogis* in Garden City on Middlebelt between Wayne and Ford roads. "They're absolutely home-made and delicious," she said.
  - Linda Lang reports that *Well Savored Passage* by Marjorie Braser was printed by Peach Mountain Press, Ltd., Route 2, Box 195, Charlevoix, MI 49720.
  - Two callers were willing to sell their Santa Bears to Sandy of Troy.

- We're still looking for:**
- A retailer who sells Permknit Sportswear for "Cynthia" of Birmingham.
  - A good source for used lumber (1 x 12).
  - Stores with vast selections of Beanie Babies for a Redford room.
  - Shirley McCauley is looking for a retailer who specializes in clothing for overweight boys, explaining "The clothing available in the Husky sizes still don't fit in the waist."
  - A special request from Diane Hackman of Garden City for elementary school readers from the 50s and 60s: "As a student at the old St. Hedwig's School I recall using blue-covered Polish readers, about 10-inches-by-5-inches, with the Christ Child on the cover that listed words in both Polish and English. I'm also hoping to locate those old Dick and Jane readers."
  - Ann Oswald needs a cross stitch pattern "Solitary Skater" by artist P. Buckley Moss offered through Jane Griggs.
  - Elizabeth Gordon of West Bloomfield is looking for the recipe (or a local restaurant that serves) a chocolate cake with rum and whip cream topping that was made popular by "Northwood Inn."
  - If anyone has an old mangle in their basement, Karen Harte recently opened a business and needs a large mangle (rollers 27-30 inches) She is anxious to buy a used one.
  - A CD of saxophone artists *Body & Soul* by Verve for Jim.
  - Sandi of Troy wants a 1990 edition of Hudson's Santa Bear to complete a collection.
  - Rev. Alice Lister-Worth of Dearborn needs "The Safe Place, But what did I put in it?"
  - Veronica Stevenson needs a copy of the manual for the Viking Sewing Machine, model 6030. She does not want the company's entire product line manual, just the pages that apply to her machine.
  - "Debra" needs an instruction manual for a Necchi sewing machine model 522.
  - A Polyperk Electric coffee pot that makes 6-8 cups for Terry Leszczynski of Garden City.
  - Megaware from France for Sandy Cracker. "I bought it about 10 years ago from Farmer Jack's and I want to purchase more."
  - Karen Gustafson of Troy hopes to buy anyone's old "Lorelei" pattern china by Noritake. Her set is 30-years old and she wants to add more pieces.
  - Marylou Kulakowski of Beverly Hills hopes to find a store that sells Milwaukee's caliente (hot and sweet) fresh pack pickle slices from Vlastic.
  - "Josephine" wants to find a stepper, "it looks like a large pillow" for exercising.
  - Rose Marie Windelski is looking for fresh onion bread that she used to buy from Chatham's that you put in the oven and bake. "It's not frozen," she insisted. "It's delicious with ham and I want it for Easter."
  - Robert Kunz hopes to find two NASCAR collectibles 1/64 scale: #8 Kenny Wace "Red Dog" and #98 the RCA car. Call him at (313) 427-3914.
  - A woman is looking for cassette tapes called "Song of Praise" Volumes 1-3 by now-defunct Servant Publications of Ann Arbor.
  - Roz Novak needs a copy of Danny Kaye singing "Momma Give Me a Drink of Water."
  - "Mrs. Ray" is wondering if there is any market for the old Avon articles she's collected from catalogs of the past.
- If you've seen any of these items in your travels, let Malls & Mainstreets know and we'll print the answers. Please call (810) 901-2567 (and relate your message and phone number slowly and clearly!)*



## A guide to wearing spring patterns

- So many of the spring designers have prints and patterns in their collections. Here are some suggestions for how to wear them that will guarantee a striking presentation:
1. Stay in proportion with your figure. Wear the boldest print on those areas you want to highlight and smaller prints for the areas you want to downplay.
  2. For an impacting presentation mix patterns. Checks with plaids, combinations of thin and wide stripes are a powerful standout and truly sophisticated.
  3. For a successful mixing of patterns, stick to two or three with similar tones.
  4. Don't let your look become dizzying. You must balance the scales of the patterns.
  5. Patterned scarves can cheer up even the dreariest of outfits.
  6. Glen plaids, houndstooth checks, paisleys, polka dots, tweeds and pinstripes are always smart choices because they never go out of style.
  7. When wearing patterns, your jewelry should be soft so it's not competing with your outfit.
  8. Choose your polka dots' size carefully. Small pin dots create an all over pattern which works for fuller figures. Larger dots are fun for tall, slim shapes.
  9. For a heavier frame, vertical stripes downplay while big florals call attention to your size.
  10. Color-blocking is a great choice to take inches from your torso.
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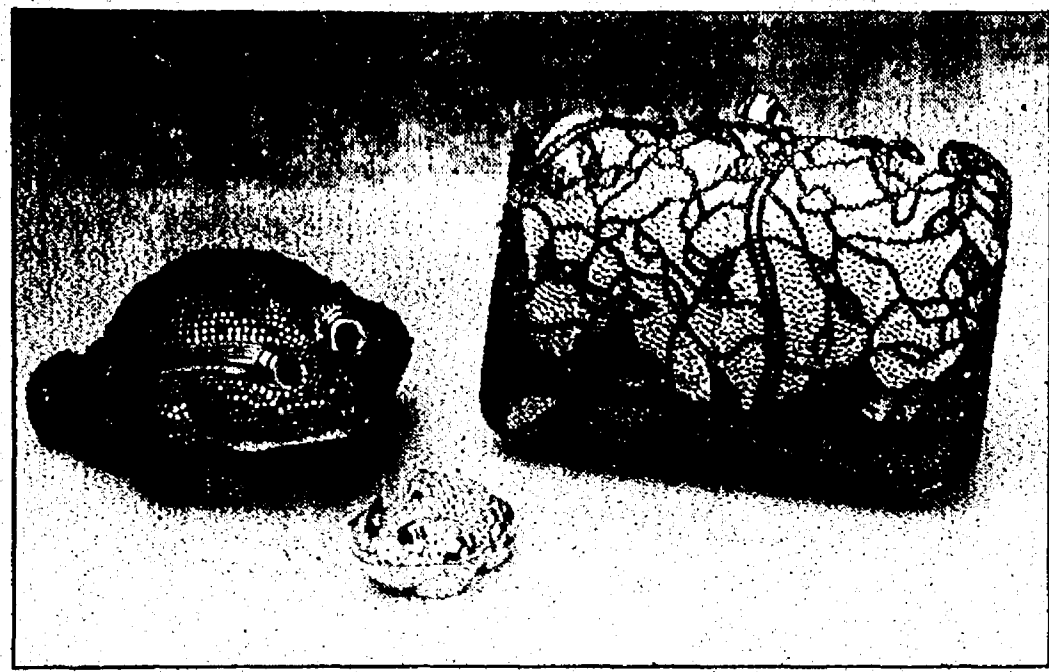
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# A shopper's lament: What happened to service?

BY PATRICIA SHEA  
SPECIAL WRITER

Shame on all you ivory tower retailers.

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You sit in big offices and lavish board rooms trying to figure out how to sell your stuff, but the next time you gather around your mahogany board tables sipping your specialty coffees, examining charts, think about this: Shoppers want help, service and guidance. Period.

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If I were the executive wringing my hands over why my stores are always on the brink of bankruptcy, I'd put on a pair of sweats and go shopping. The following incidents happened to me over the recent holiday shopping season.

1. At one national discount retailer eight days before Christmas

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Me: "Do you know if you sell them or not?"

Salesperson: "I don't know."

Me: "Is there anyone who does know?"

Salesperson: "He's on break," and he walked away.

With one ounce of assistance I could have parted with a thousand dollars, been done with my



Patricia Shea of Bloomfield Hills.

shopping, and able to enjoy the rest of my holidays. When this retailer bites the dust, I'll shed no tear.

2. A sporting goods store Dec. 12, 1996.

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3. A national teen apparel shop eight days before Christmas:

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Me: "Pardon me, do you have this sweater in a large?"

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Ten minutes later after having reached the point of "I'll pretty much take anything just to get it over with," I send my daughter to break up the conversation.

My kid: "Excuse me, (she's very polite) do you have any more of those sweaters? She points to me holding the sample sweater in the wrong size.

Salesperson: "If we do, it's over there." Pointing to me.

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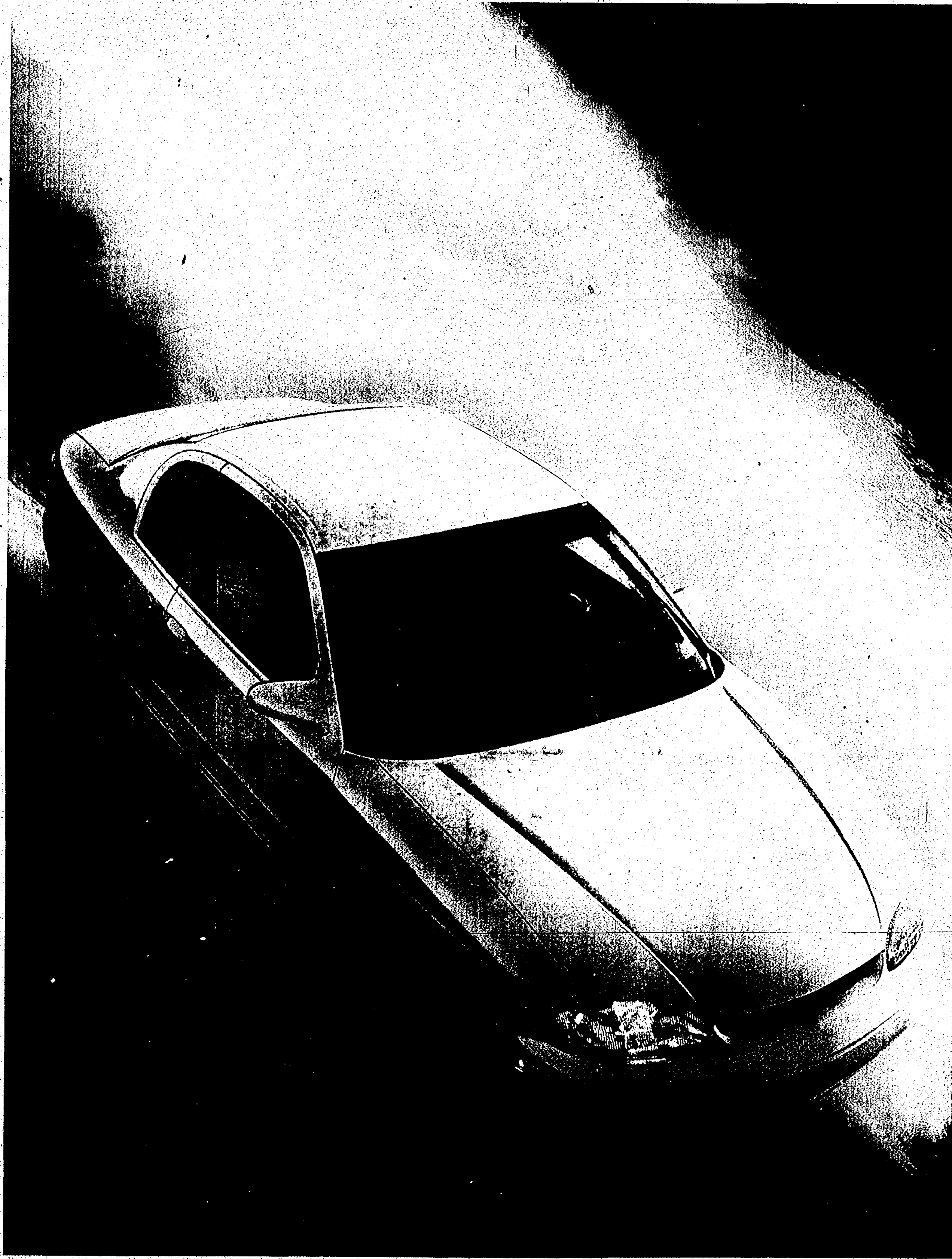
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# ARTS & LEISURE

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## ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

### Canton Project Arts needs more volunteers to help

Non-profit groups share one problem in common: the lack of volunteers. Canton Project Arts is no exception. Hosting events like "Evening on Broadway" with the Michigan Opera Theatre on March 8 require volunteers to usher, sell tickets, and get the word out so people will come.

At their meeting on Feb. 27, Canton Project Arts board members talked about the lack of volunteers to help with various projects.

Canton Project Arts offers several programs throughout the year including a visual arts exhibition, fine arts show during Canton's Liberty Fest, and an annual concert featuring artists from Michigan Opera Theatre.

#### An Evening of Broadway Music

**What:** Canton Project Arts spotlights the Michigan Opera Theatre in a cabaret-style performance.

**When:** 8 p.m. Saturday, March 8. Doors open 6:30 p.m., refreshments served at 7 p.m.

**Where:** Summit on the Park, 46000 Parkway, Canton.

**Admission:** Tickets are \$20 and available at Arnoldt Williams Music, Dearborn Music and the Canton Township Administration Building, or at the door the night of the performance. For more information call Kathleen Salla, (313) 397-6450.

They plan to host artist of the month exhibitions in the near future, as well as, a youth series consisting of theater, storytelling and puppetry beginning next January. As part of the youth series, Canton Project Arts

will also offer puppet making workshops and other activities.

#### Quality of life

"In Canton, we talk a lot about quality of life within a community," said Thomas Yack, Canton supervisor. "There's public safety and having good schools. One more important element to ensuring quality of life is the arts: culture and cultural activities."

Yack, together with township treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter, founded Canton Project Arts in 1993. It is funded by a \$5,000 stipend from Canton Township and additional money from non-profit organizations such as the Canton Foundation.

"We're looking for artists and others who may have a love for the arts," said Elaine Kirchgatter. Canton Project Arts also needs people who are good organizers, managers, and have suggestions for programs.

Yack believes the Plymouth arts community already does a good job of providing arts programming in the area.

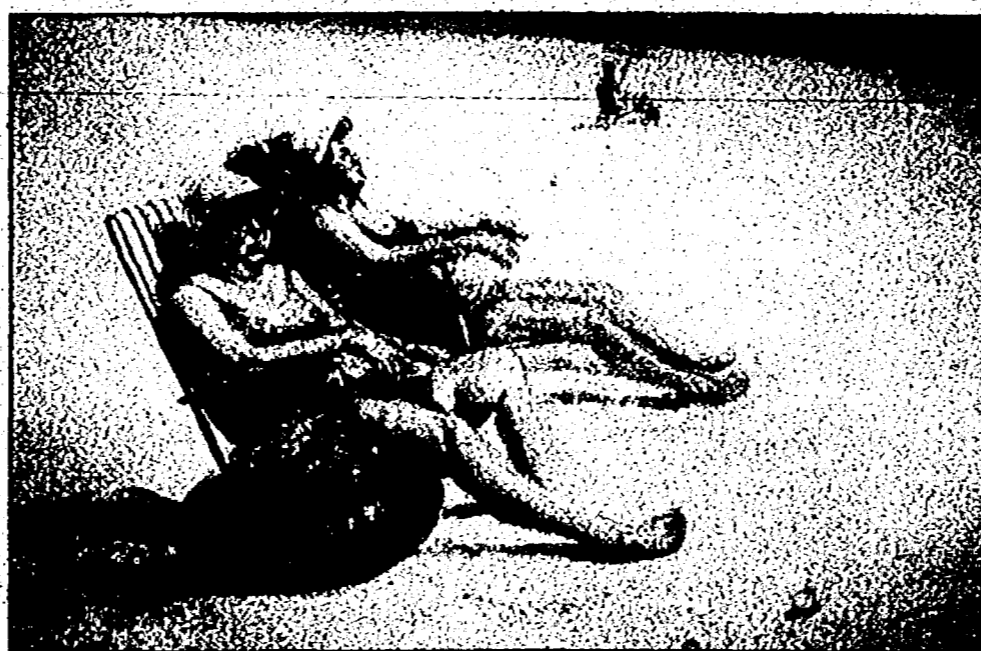
"It's important not to duplicate what's already being provided," he said. "We felt there was still room to add to the menu of arts offerings."

#### Concert

The Plymouth Community Arts

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On the beach: Vana Beginin of Canton captures the seasons of a woman's life in this universal portrait of two mature ladies soaking in the sun.



Racism: Canton artist Connie Lucas created this Lucite cube filled with fabric dolls of all colors to send the message, racism is wrong.

## Emotion-charged exhibit celebrates women's art

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Guests at the opening reception for "Michigan Women Artists" knew the minute juror Marilyn Zimmerman shed her chic red cape to reveal a purple and yellow dinosaur suit this exhibition was a horse of a different color.

Presented by Henry Ford Community College's Focus on Women Program, the show concentrates on women's issues and coincides with HFCC's second annual Women's Recognition Month and the national observance of Women's History Month. It continues through March 5 in the Sisson Gallery on campus.

From motherhood to violence against women and child abuse, the two- and three-dimensional art works

address many unpleasant themes. Created by women artists from Kalamazoo to Detroit, Oakland and Wayne County artists Deborah Friedman of West Bloomfield, Joyce Brienza, Birmingham, and Connie Lucas and Vana Beginin of Canton do their share by tackling the subjects of divorce, suicide, illness, racism, and aging.

"We want not only to bring attention to special problems and to give honor and recognition to unsung women's achievements but also to provide a forum for women to display their art. It's not a small goal. Statistically, we know there are more women artists than men, yet we know men exhibit more frequently than women," said Grace Stewart, Focus on Women Program director during the reception.

After shocking the audience with her antics, Zimmerman verbally made the point that society's disrespect for women was as ancient as dinosaurs.

As an artist, feminist and associate professor of art at Wayne State University, Zimmerman told the audience, part of her value system as an artist was being informed. As she continued to speak she fluctuated between carrying her tail and dragging it on the floor.

Though her look was incongruous, her rhetoric remained harmonious with the observance. She commented on how times had changed from the loose life styles and newly found feminism of the 1970s to the conservatism brought about by the threat of AIDS in the 1990s. She never did get around to talking about why she chose the works but no one seemed to mind.

"The reason there's a month for women is because we have discrimination the other 11 months of the year," said Zimmerman.

Joyce Brienza was awarded the \$600 first place award. She works on a large scale to drive her messages home. Rendered in varying degrees of abstract style, both of her paintings contain representational imagery. "Antidote to Suicide/Brother Rescue" focuses on a woman from the shoulders down receiving solace as she cradles a dog and cat in her arms. Running around the painting's rim is the text "Just Needs a Loving Home."

#### Michigan Women Artists

**What:** In celebration of the second annual Women's Recognition Month at Henry Ford Community College, the Focus on Women Program spotlights an exhibition of two and three-dimensional artwork by women from throughout Michigan. Styles and subject matters range from traditional to controversial.

**When:** Through March 5. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Friday; until 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday.

**Where:** Sisson Gallery in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen in Dearborn. For more information call (313) 845-9629.

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## DANCE

### Performance will benefit young dancer

#### Benefit Dance Performance

**What:** Youth Dance Project will join Ann Arbor-based Jazz Dance Theatre for a program of classical, lyrical and contemporary jazz to benefit Stephanie Smith.

**When:** 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, March 13, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher Street, Ann Arbor.

**Tickets:** \$12 adults, \$8 students/seniors, available at Dance Theatre Studio, 711 N. University, Ann Arbor, or call (313) 995-4242.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

For the last two months dancers, in the newly formed Youth Dance Project, have sacrificed Saturday nights to rehearse for a March 13 benefit performance for fellow dancer Stephanie Smith.

After two years of chemotherapy, the 8-year-old Belleville youth is now undergoing experimental treatment at St. Jude Hospital for a rare auto-immune disorder. The treatment, expected to cost \$500,000, is not covered by insurance.

The Smiths have raised \$500,000 through a variety of fund-raisers,

but the family still needs money for living expenses so they can remain with Stephanie during the procedure. There will also be medical expenses following treatment.

On March 13, Youth Dance Project will join Ann Arbor-based Jazz Dance Theatre company for a program of classical, lyrical and contemporary jazz dance at Power Center for the Performing Arts in Ann Arbor.

Formed in 1985, Jazz Dance Theatre instituted the Youth Dance Project last November.

"We formed the youth project because although studio work is

important, young dancers don't get performing experience," said Adam B. Clark Jazz Dance Theatre artistic director.

Clark auditioned 68 dancers for the Youth Dance Project. The 24 dancers involved in the project attend a variety of metro Detroit schools including Churchill, Franklin, Catholic Central, Mercy and Plymouth Canton high schools.

This is the Youth Dance Project's first professional performance. Clark choreographed the contemporary part of the program to music

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Dance Benefit: Jazz Dance Theatre along with members of its youth project will perform March 13 at the Power Center for the Performing Arts in Ann Arbor.





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MOVIES

'Donnie Brasco' a mob movie with a quiet, thoughtful tone

BY ILLELE ITALIE
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER
'Donnie Brasco' is a mob movie - a very good mob movie and very different. It's the kind of film that takes some getting used to.

Based on a true story, 'Donnie Brasco' stars Al Pacino as Lefty Ruggiero, a low-level hit man who recruits a promising young thief (Johnny Depp) and comes to think of him as a son. The prospect, who calls himself Donnie Brasco, is an agent for the FBI.

Pacino, Depp. The Mob. At first, the film seems disappointing. The story's too obvious. The banter isn't that funny. The mobsters aren't all that colorful. Worst of all, the pacing feels wrong. Instead of pounding away like 'GoodFellas,' the new movie simply floats.

But while 'Donnie Brasco' never does speed up, eventually you slow down. You get involved, deeply involved, and the predictability and the inevitability of what happens makes it that much more powerful. This is one mob film that can make you cry.

Think of 'Donnie Brasco' as the inverse of 'The Age of Innocence.' In the latter film, Martin Scorsese adapted his nervous energy to the drawing rooms of Edith Wharton. The former film was directed by Mike Newell, an Englishman known for the gentle art-house comedies 'Enchanted April' and 'Four Weddings and a Funeral.'

With a strong script by Paul Attanasio ('Quiz Show'), Newell's film is less about action than about character. It's methodical, but never detached. Even the violence feels intimate. Watching mobsters pitilessly beat up a waiter might have seemed funny in a Quentin Tarantino movie, but in 'Donnie Brasco' you simply feel sickened.

Pacino's performance is as surprising as the film. At first, he seems tired, spent. His belly sags, his voice is hoarse, his face looks even craggier than usual.

We're not used to seeing him play this kind of character. He's a nobody, a company man watching younger men getting promoted ahead of him.

This role ranks among Pacino's best. He turns 57 in April and, in 'Donnie Brasco,' he's playing his age. There is power in this performance, but a more mature kind of power. He never has been this moving.



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Drama: Lefty (Al Pacino, left) takes Donnie (Johnny Depp) under his wing and schools in him in the inner workings of the Mafia in the true life drama 'Donnie Brasco.'

times reminds you of a young Pacino in the first 'Godfather' movie. Only the supporting cast keeps this film from greatness. Outside of Michael Madsen, as a young mobster who becomes Pacino's boss, and Anne Heche, as Depp's neglected wife, the other actors are at best forgettable, at worst embarrassing.

No one has it worse than Bruno Kirby. As a simple-minded gangster with a squeaky voice, he's playing a stock character, one well-defined by Joe Pesci in 'GoodFellas.'

Kirby never does get beyond a Pesci imitation, one of the few ways in which 'Donnie Brasco' doesn't measure up to mob films of the past.

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BOOKS

# Journalist takes searing look at Africa



Angry Journalist: Keith Richburg has written a riveting and angry book about Africa.

## Writer confronts African heritage

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Washington Post correspondent Keith Richburg grew up on Detroit's west side in a racially mixed neighborhood. He attended University Liggett School in Grosse Pointe where he was one of only a few black students.

This background lays a foundation for Richburg's controversial new book "Out of America: A Black Man Confronts Africa" (see review above). Richburg rejects the identification African-American in favor of celebrating his American heritage, with all its problems.

"I went to Catholic Schools, I went to St. Leo at Grand River and 15th and it was always an integrated school, majority white with Asians, blacks and Hispanics and then increasingly black," Richburg said in an interview Friday during a recent visit home to promote his book.

"I always grew up around whites and there was never any trouble, at least among us kids there was no trouble. It seemed that the problems started much later. After the riot a barrier came up between the two."

Richburg said that at University Liggett he was always defending the city to his white suburban friends and defending the suburbs to his city friends.

"There is such misperception on both sides," he said. "Why do you have to take sides?"

Richburg writes about growing up in Detroit as prologue to his lacerating book on his disillusionment and disgust during three years as the Post's Africa bureau chief.

While commenting about race relations in Africa, he also writes about the problems he saw while in Detroit, which he left in 1980 after graduating from the University of Michigan.

Richburg said he has a friend who works for the city of Detroit and that things seem to be improving.

"The new mayor is working with the suburbs rather than against them. But I sense there is still an underlying racial tension," Richburg said.

The racial problems Richburg

saw in Detroit and other American cities did not prepare him for the tribal conflicts he confronted in Africa.

Richburg blames a lack of leadership and a passive acceptance of strong men dictators.

Richburg said in Asia, people have taken to the streets to protest dictators and won concessions. And even when they stopped as in China and Burma, they have protested.

"But that kind of popular uprising, I have yet to see in Africa," he said.

Richburg said the horrors he saw in Africa were different in kind from the similar "tribal" conflict in the former Yugoslavia.

"Look at the people killed and compare the numbers," he said. "In Rwanda a million people were killed in three months and they were killed by machetes and hand tools. It takes a special savagery to take an ax or a garden hoe to kill somebody. I saw death up close."

Richburg expected strong negative reaction to his book.

"It's been more positive than I thought. I've been to book signings and on radio program talk shows and many people have called to say 'You're right.'"

Richburg is critical of African leaders who repress and exploit the African population. He is also critical of American civil rights leaders who have given assent to these tyrants.

"They are backing the wrong horses," he said. "They don't know what's happening. Leaders of the American civil rights movement shouldn't be shaking hands with people who suppress free speech."

Richburg, who for the last two years has been the Post's Asian bureau chief in Hong Kong, said he does not object to teaching children about African history or culture, but for himself he prefers emphasizing the long history of blacks in America.

"When we say we don't belong here, we lessen and cheapen the contributions we've made," he said.

"Out of America: A Black Man Confronts Africa" by Keith Richburg. A New Republic Book, Basic Books. \$24.  
By HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Keith Richburg's book is bitter, angry and written in an almost feverish pitch because it deals so intensely with his search for his own identity.

Richburg is a native of Detroit who attended Grosse Pointe's University Liggett. For three years from 1991 through 1994, Richburg was the Washington Post's Africa bureau chief.

He went with an expectation of finding his heritage and finding welcome in his ancestral home. Instead he found famine, civil war, corruption, tyranny and death, lots of death. He describes bodies floating down a river in Tanzania, so many bodies they don't count them. He learned to reject the idea of himself as an African American. He came to hate Africa.

He writes in his introduction that even growing up in racially divided Detroit is preferable to anything in Africa, "... most of all I think: Thank God my ancestor

### REVIEW

got out, because, now, I am not one them.

"In short, thank God I am an American."

"Out of America" is a courageous book because for many years black leaders have romanticized Africa and bridled at every criticism of Africa's never-ending succession of tinpot dictators. Richburg won't have any of it: He was there for the insane civil war and its subsequent famine in Somalia, he was there for the savage fighting between the Hutus and Tutsis in Rwanda and watched the famine and disease it caused spread to other countries, he was there for the fighting in Liberia, he was there to witness one corrupt dictator after another.

He never felt welcome in African countries. He writes that black American journalists usually have more difficulty covering Africa than white journalists. He found that tribal differences, not racial differences, fueled much of Africa's agony.

That and a passive willingness to allow brutal dictators to rape the land worse than the former colonial masters.

He writes vividly of his loss of identity: "Maybe I would care more if I had not been here myself, if I had not seen the suffering up close, if I hadn't watched the bodies tumbling over the waterfall, smelled the rotting flesh. Yes, perhaps from a different vantage point, I would still have the luxury of falling back on the old platitudes. Maybe if I had never set foot here, I could celebrate my own blackness, my 'African-ness.' Then I might feel a part of this place, and Africa's pain might be my own."

Richburg has been criticized by black journalists who claim his reporting is selectively negative. He has, likewise, been embraced by some right wing columnists who see justification for their views in his book.

But Richburg anticipates these reactions in the book itself and has some interesting observations about black American leaders excusing the violence and madness of Africa for their own

ends and about the use that conservatives make of African corruption. If he is selective, he has many choice examples and the positives are few and far between in Africa.

He has also been criticized for ignoring the years of colonialism and white repression. But he doesn't ignore them. He addresses them directly and in doing so also discusses race relations in the United States.

Richburg talks poignantly of his upbringing in Detroit and his unusual situation of living in the city and attending an exclusive school in a white suburb. This background contributes a lot to Richburg's perceptions of whites, black-white relations and apartheid (American and South African).

For suburban Detroiters, Richburg has as much to say about Detroit as he does about Africa.

Richburg writes with wrenching emotion about being an alien both in America and in Africa. He writes about always being under suspicion when growing up in Detroit. But he concludes that Africa and Africanism is not the answer. He has seen Africa.

### BOOKSTORE HAPPENINGS

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**BARNES AND NOBLE BOOKSELLERS (WEST BLOOMFIELD)**

■ "Hamtramck: An Urban Community of the Global Village" lecture by anthropologist Dr. Paul Wrobel of St. Mary's College, and geographer/urban planner Dr. Bryan Thompson of Wayne State University, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 6.

■ Barnes and Noble Fiction Reading Group discusses Wally Lamb's "She's Come Undone," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 6.

■ Debi Gliori's "The Lion at Bedtime" will be read during story time, 10 a.m. Monday, March 10, and 7 p.m. Tuesday,

March 11, at the store, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. (810) 626-6804

**BORDERS BOOKS AND MUSIC (DEARBORN)**

■ Author Julia Boyd discusses and signs copies of her book "Embracing the Fire," 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 10.

■ Dr. Paul Pearsall signs and discusses his book "The Pleasure Prescription," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13, at the store, 5601 Mercury Dr., Dearborn. (313) 271-4441

**BORDERS BOOK SHOP (BIRMINGHAM)**

■ Reception for the Pierce Elementary School Art Gallery, featuring the art work of students in grades 3-5, 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 8, at the store, 31150 Southfield Road, Birmingham. (810) 644-1515

**RACKHAM AUDITORIUM**  
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**SHAMAN DRUM BOOKSHOP**

■ Laura Flanders will read from her new book "Real Majority, Media Minority: The Costs of Sideline Women in Reporting," 8 p.m. Monday, March 10.

■ Authors in town as part of the conference "The Gifts We Offer, The Burdens We Bear: the Vocation and Ministry of Gay and Lesbian Persons in Church and Society" will be part of a reception and book signing, 6-8 p.m. Friday, March 7.

Former Republican congressman Steve Gunderson and his partner Rob Morris, with whom he wrote "House and Home: The

Political and Personal Journey of a Gay Republican Congressman and the Man with Whom He Created a Family," along with authors Robert Graetz, Melanie Morrison, Krister Stendhal, Mark Alan Powell, and Jack Anderson are also expected to be there.

■ Louise Kehoe will read from her memoir, "In This Dark House," to celebrate the book's release in paperback, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 12; Reception for the release of University of Michigan's student paper "The Michigan Daily's" first literary supplement, 5-6 p.m. Thursday, March 13, Richard W. Bailey will sign copies of his book "19th Century English," 4-6 p.m. Friday, March 14, at the store, 311-315 S. State St., Ann Arbor. (313) 662-7407

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**PAINTING THE TOWN**

A monthly television series, featuring Ann Arbor's most prominent artists, will spotlight Connie Lucas 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 4; 10 a.m. Thursday, March 13 and 4 p.m. Saturday March 22 on Cable Channel 9 in Ann Arbor.

A Canton artist and member of the Ann Arbor Women Painters, Lucas is exhibiting two works in the "Michigan Women Artists" exhibiting continuing through March 5 at the Sisson Gallery in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center at Henry Ford Community College.

**SPOTLIGHT ON ARTISTS**

The Livonia Arts Commission spotlights the work of Livonia Public School students through March 21 in the second floor showcases and fine arts gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile east of Farmington. An array of media is on hand including 2- and 3-dimensional works, jewelry, ceramics and computer graphics.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Monday through Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Artifacts, a Livonia-based art club, takes over the lobby of Livonia City Hall through March 27. This annual show features watercolor, acrylic and oil painting, colored pencil, pastel, and mixed media. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

**LECTURE SERIES**

"A Gardener's Kaleidoscope," a series of lectures focusing on design and the history of gardening will kick off the 1997 Ann Arbor Flower and Garden Show Sunday, March 9 in the Mendelssohn Theatre. Admission is \$25. Reservations are necessary. Call (313) 998-7002.

Beginning at 12:30 p.m. Dr. David Michener, assistant curator of Matthaei Botanical Gardens, will focus on garden development in France, England and Scotland since the industrial revolution. This pictorial overview will provide the background for understanding how American gardens reflect our culture and times.

James van Sweden, author of the book "Gardening With Water," will use slides to illustrate his own Georgetown garden, public projects, private gardens, and a combination of paintings and sections of gardens to illustrate points at 2 p.m. Van Sweden trained as an

urban designer and landscape gardener at the University of Delft, The Netherlands after receiving a bachelor of architecture degree from the University of Michigan in 1960. He and his partner Wolfgang Oehme are revolutionizing American garden design. Breaking away from formal gardens, manicured lawns and clipped evergreen shrubs, the New American Garden blends interesting and intricate patterns close to the house while movement into the landscape and beyond increases in simplicity.

At 3:30 p.m. landscape historian and antique bulb specialist Scott Kunst will explore the types of flowers used in Midwestern home landscapes from the scanty pioneer gardens of the early 1800s through Victorian carpet-bedding and the old-fashioned perennial borders of the early 1900s.

The Ann Arbor Flower and Garden show runs April 3-6.

**ART AUCTION**

The University of Michigan's Comprehensive Cancer Center's "Spring to Life" brunch and art auction will take place 12 p.m. Sunday, April 6 at the Morris Lawrence Building on the campus of Washtenaw Community College, 4800 East Huron River Drive in Ann Arbor. The benefit will feature an array of antiques, wearable art and collectibles

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Preview showings of the art will be held March 17 to 29 at Alys, Chris Triola, DeBoer Gallery, Jacobson's in Briarwood Mall, Selo/Shevel Gallery, and 16 Hands Gallery.

**CALL FOR SCULPTORS**

Do you create outdoor sculpture? The Northville Arts Commission is searching for an artist to design and execute a \$10,000 site specific sculpture at Six Mile and Haggerty in Northville Township. Deadline for slides is April 1.

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For prospectus send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Northville Arts Commission c/o Taft, 316 Griswold, Apt. 2, Northville, MI 48167.

**KELSEY MUSEUM**

"Women and Gender in Ancient Egypt: From Prehistory

to Late Antiquity," an exhibit running March 14 to June 15 at the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology, draws from Kelsey's own collection of Egyptian artifacts and items from the University of Michigan Library Papyrology Collection.

The exhibit will open at 7 p.m. March 14 with a lecture by Wayne State University professor Jennifer A. Sheridan entitled "Not at a Loss for Words: The Economic Power of Literate Women in Late Antique Egypt" in Angell Hall Auditorium C. A reception will follow at the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology. For more information about the exhibition or tours call (313) 647-0441.

Women occupied a unique position in ancient Egyptian society, with greater legal, social and economic autonomy than anywhere else in the ancient world. The exhibition explores issues relating to the construction and definition of gender in both pharaonic and Graeco-Roman Egypt. It features artifacts from the site of Karanis, Terenouthis and Damai excavated by U of M during the '20s and '30s. The collaboration between Papyrology and the museum offers a unique opportunity to combine artifacts with textual information.

Both biological sex and socially constructed gender were key factors in a person's life in ancient Egypt. The exhibition will examine the importance of gender in Egyptian culture, how gender was represented in Egyptian art and the definitions of gender and gender roles in ancient Egypt. The impact of gender on political power, religion, economic status, mortality, private life and sexuality in ancient Egypt can be deduced from different categories of evidence, many of which will be on display in the exhibition.

Birth certificates, tombstones, coins, papyri, grave goods, fertility figures, amulets, and other objects all combine together to help scholars understand the importance of gender in Egypt.

The exhibition is co-sponsored by the University of Michigan Institute for Research on Women and Gender.

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London at The Royal Westminster (four-star), the Washington (four-star) or the Ritz (five-star); direct flight from London to Flint on the Concorde.

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## Virginia visitors discover vino from state's vintage wineries

(NAPS) - Julius Caesar may have said Veni Vidi Vici (I came, I saw, I conquered) but visitors to one of America's most beautiful states could improvise and say Veni, Vidi Vino (I came, I saw ... wine).

Virginia offers more than beautiful scenery and historical tourist attractions. It also impresses visitors as a vintage state in which to visit wineries.

Visitors are discovering that touring Virginia wineries can fit into many vacation plans or be a vacation in itself since wineries dot the countryside across the scenic state.

When John Locke of Burke, Virginia, visited Virginia's wineries last year, he "discovered some great wines, met some

interesting people, saw some beautiful scenery" and learned about local wineries.

"Each winery is unique and worthy of a visit. The saying 'once you've seen one, you've seen them all,' just does not apply," said Locke.

Scott Delewski of Hamburg, Pennsylvania visited several wineries during a four-day stay in Virginia last year and also found that "many of the wineries were unique and some resembled wineries which we have seen pictures of from Europe. The trip was very relaxing and fun."

To make it easier for visitors, the Virginia Wine Marketing Office offers a free guide, which lists information about 49 wineries

in Virginia and 200 wine events including festivals.

The brochure features directions and maps to the wineries along with a chronological listing of wine festivals.

Also included is the 1997 Virginia Wineries Passport. Nearly 700 people took part in the passport program last year as they collected stickers at each of the wineries they visited, affixed the stickers to their passports and redeemed the stickers for prizes.

Free Brochure. For a free guide, call 1-800 VA VINES (800-828-4637) or write the Virginia Wine Marketing Office, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, P.O. Box 1163, Richmond, Virginia 23218.

## Winter tourism prospects improve, professionals say

MARQUETTE, Mich. (AP) - So, where are you going for winter vacation?

For many Americans, the answer is always the same: If they take a winter trip at all, it's to Florida, the Bahamas or some other warm locale.

But things are changing, industry representatives said recently during the World Winter Cities '97 gathering. Better traveling conditions and rising popularity of sports such as snowmobiling and mushing are fueling growth in cold-weather tourism.

It could be an economic boon for northern cities that handle the situation well, said Tom Altemus, technology director for Travel Michigan, the state tourism agency. Analysts predict tourism worldwide will double in the next decade, and travel spending is expected to jump from \$373 billion in 1995 to \$1.5 trillion in 2010.

"Winter cities have an enormous advantage right now," Altemus said. "They're working with a clean slate. Winter as a tourism destination is very new."

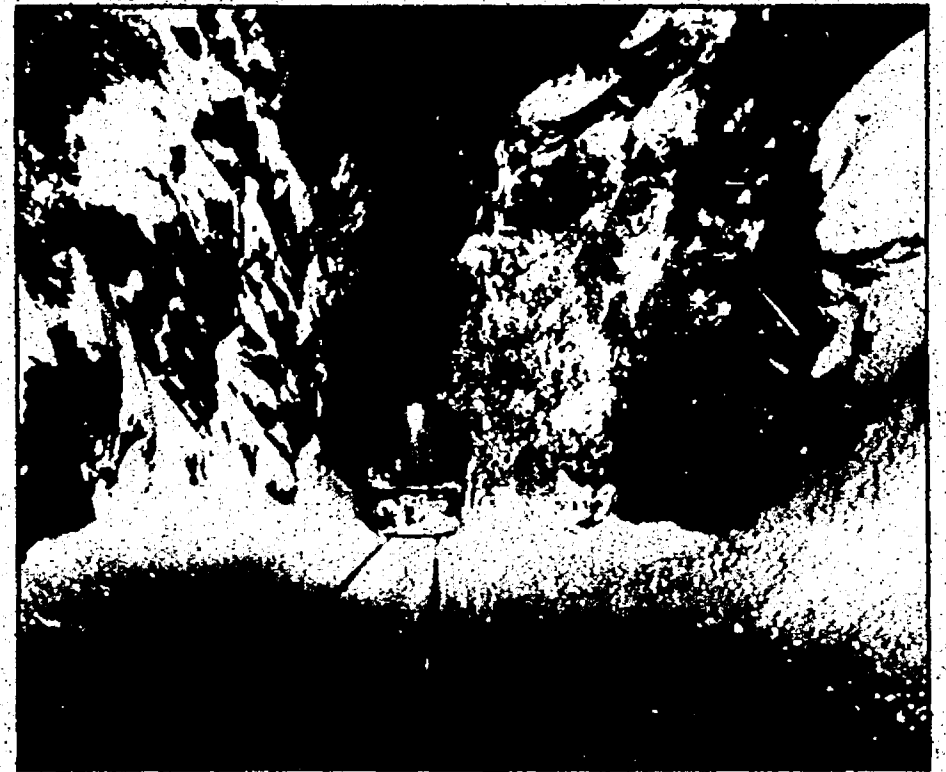
Reasons vary for the surge in winter travel.

Road clearing has improved, and cars such as sport-utility vehicles are better equipped to handle snowy conditions.

The role of winter sports is evident in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, where only a decade ago villages that attracted heavy traffic during warm seasons were virtually shutting down in winter.

"They made their money in the summer and ran," said Rita Hodgins, an economic development specialist with Michigan State University Extension.

Now, the resurgence of snowmobiling has transformed the region. Dog sledding, snowshoeing and skiing are picking up as well. Some U.P. business owners



Snow train: Winter can be enjoyed in many ways in Michigan, including a snow train through the UP's Agawa canyon.

say they get more customers in winter than in summer.

New products are making cold weather more bearable. In recent years, lightweight synthetic jackets have hit the market, enabling people to stay warm without sacrificing freedom of movement.

"Years back, you had to wear the heavy wools and canvas that were so bulky you could hardly move," said Paul Schurke, co-founder of Wintergreen Dogsledging Lodge in Ely, Minn. The new idea is "layering" - adding or removing layers of lighter gear with changes in pace and temperature.

"Once you make people more comfortable and confident about the cold, the rest is icing on the cake because the winter activities themselves are great fun," he said. "No bugs, no rain. There

are significant advantages over summer."

The challenge is to develop tourism opportunities, package them in a way that meets travelers' needs, and get the word out, Altemus said. One approach is for businesses and local governments to put aside rivalries and work together to attract winter visitors on a regional basis, he said.

"It's a hard thing to come up with the communication and the trust for a collaborative network," said Greg Swevel, president of Trek & Trail of Bayfield, Wis. "But the communities that do it - team up for marketing, lodging associations - can really take off."

He said winter businesses should cater to the needs of seasonal tourists.

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People are attracted to animals with proportionately big eyes. I think it comes from our response to human babies that have big eyes in proportion to their heads. These qualities often cause a caring and attractive response which is beneficial because it usually drives parents to care for their young.

When we see an animal with big eyes it generally elicits an "Ah, isn't that cute?" kind of response, much like we do when we see a baby. Big eyes in animals are generally a sign the animal is nocturnal. Large eyes allow more light to enter the eye, especially at night when little light is available.

One of the most nocturnal of animals in Michigan is the flying squirrel. It has large eyes in proportion to its head and often causes people to say "Isn't it cute?"

Compare a flying squirrel to a small-eyed, pointed nose shrew and you will react differently.

Flying squirrels are so nocturnal that few people have ever seen one, even though there are two species found in Michigan.

The southern flying squirrel is found in southeastern Michigan and is what I saw the other night at a feeding station.

It was sitting on a squirrel feeder eating kernels of corn.

Southern flying squirrels have a whiter belly than the northern flying squirrel, which is generally found north of M-20.



As I watched it at the feeder, it did not eat the entire kernel of corn, it only ate the germ or the small embryo, the most nutritious part.

After finishing, it climbed to the top of the supporting pole for the feeders and glided to a tree about 20 feet away.

A short distance like that is nothing compared to glides that have been measured at 120 feet.

When gliding the animal spreads its four feet, stretching the skin that connects the front and back feet, creating a little "sail." Controlling the glide direction is the flattened tail that serves as a rudder.

These docile little squirrels are fairly common and may be in your back yard, if you have some trees with holes that they can roost and nest in. A small one-inch wide opening is all they need.

Tim Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence Oaks in Oakland County. He lives in Livonia.

ON THE RUN



MARYBETH DILLON

If you're someone who tires of running by yourself, you understand how Kathy and Randy Step felt in 1983.

"At the time, we were training tons of miles alone," said Randy. "We'd see all these people out running."

It gave the couple an idea.

"I ran an ad in the Observer saying, 'The Redford Roadrunners meet at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Redford Community Center.' The

next Tuesday, a lot of people showed up," said Randy.

He let them in on a secret. "It was the first time the Roadrunners had ever met. I told them we were just looking for people to run with," recalled Randy, who with his wife has competed in Hawaii's Ironman and numerous marathons.

The club - which includes about 100 runners and walkers - has thrived ever since. Roadrunners meet for weekly runs, go to races together, and socialize. They recently returned from a week in St. Lucia and a ski trip to Boyne. In April, a contingent will compete in the Boston Marathon.

Redford romances continue to blossom.

The Steps figure they've been to "at least 20 weddings. The babies keep popping," says Randy.

For 14 years, the club has run on Tuesdays from St. Robert's School on West Chicago at Inkster, and met afterward for pizza.

This week on a trial basis, the club is switching locations. Redford will run from the former St. John Provincial Seminary at Five Mile and Sheldon roads, Tuesday, March 4.

A tour of the gym is set for 6:15 p.m., followed by a run in a lit, paved industrial area west of Sheldon Road. After the workout, runners will refuel at the Timber Creek restaurant on Northville Road south of Seven Mile. There'll be no charge to use the St. John facility, now a center for youth and family.

"We've asked everyone to come for a trial run and to tell us what they think," said Randy. If the new site goes over, the route will be switched to Hines Park as spring approaches.

"The route is six miles out and back, so you can go any distance you want. We have people who walk two miles, and people who run as far as eight miles," said Randy. "The pace ranges from walking to as fast as you want to run."

The Steps, who own Running Fit stores in Northville, Novi and Ann Arbor, welcome smaller groups to their stores for runs on other nights.

One group meets at 6:30 p.m. Mondays for a six-mile run from Novi Town Center's Running Pit.

At 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, a group meets at the Northville Running Fit on Main Street for a five-mile run. In nice weather, the Thursday group runs trails in Maybury Park. They meet at the Beck Road entrance at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call Running Fit at (810) 380-3338, or (810) 347-4949.

Future columns will highlight other area running clubs. There are many to choose from!

We're anxious to hear from you. Fax race results and running news to "On the Run," (313)459-4224, or write us at 794 S. Main, Plymouth 48170.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BREKLER

Big show: Debbie Fazica of Plymouth will be showing her Airedale terriers at the Detroit Kennel Club Show at Cobo Hall. Above, she poses her dogs and daughters Danielle, 8; and twins, Amanda and Allyson, both 7.

GOING TO THE DOGS

Suburban breeders head to show

BY KEVIN BROWN • STAFF WRITER

**H**old still, Rover, and somebody pass that dog brush - it's time for the Detroit Kennel Club Dog Show.

The Westminster Dog Show may rule cable TV every winter with its haughty parade of pampered pooches and yup-scale owners.

But the Detroit show on Sunday, March 9, offers a real live look at plenty of dog breeds. And you can leave the fur coat and diamonds at home.

Last year, more than 65,000 people turned out for the daylong event. "It's a lot more crowded now than it used to be," said Mary DiPerna of Redford.

A longtime show goer, she breeds pugs and shows them at the Detroit Kennel Club Show.

The Detroit show, in the 600,000-square-foot Cobo Center, features a benched format. That means dogs entered in competitions are displayed on benches when they're not competing. For dog shoppers, this provides a good opportunity to look and ask questions of breeders.

What's best about the show? "Just winning your class. We keep on trying," DiPerna said. Her mother raised and showed

poodles for 45 years. DiPerna shows pugs, because, "They're lovable. They never see a person as a stranger. They go to anybody."

"Most people say they're so homely they're beautiful," she said. She plans on showing up to nine dogs at the show, working with her daughter Jessica, 13. DiPerna's brother shows dachshunds and schnauzers.

Feature events and demonstrations throughout the show include jumping, sheep herding and retrieving.

Officers from the Michigan State Police Canine Unit will be on hand to demonstrate their dogs' abilities in narcotics and explosives detection.

This year's show also features an information center staffed by judges and breeders. Literature is also available on all dog breeds and retail booths offer pet supplies.

Debbie Wade of Canton shows three different Belgian breeds, including the Belgian sheep dog. Her son, 14; and daughter, 16,

also get involved.

"We're also involved in search and rescue. One of our dogs is involved with Paws with a Cause," she said.

"We're trying to educate people on the usefulness of dogs."

Debbie Fazica of Plymouth Township, who owns Executive Kennel, will show her Airedale terriers at the show.

"I have six of them. They don't shed, they're a medium to large size, they're very sturdy, very tough, they have very little breed problems," she said. Four of her dogs are breed champions.

"I like going to the DKC," she said. "It's a good place for new puppy people to buy puppies, to go around and talk to people see them and touch them. You get a lot of ideas about temperament and stuff."

While the dogs must stay all day long, "They just love to be petted," Fazica said.

When it comes to winning ribbons, having a dog that meets breed standards is one big factor. "How you present your dog has a lot to do with it," she added.

While Fazica said she doesn't feel confident showing dogs in the ring before judges, that can be a plus. "Pets usually respond better for somebody else than you," she said.

Chris Samuels, who works with Canine Clippers and Jan's Pet Grooming of Redford, doesn't show dogs at the Kennel Club show. But she goes just to watch.

"I go to see the giant schnauzers. I own them. I really like that show because they do a lot more work, they pay a lot of attention to details and there are vendors. They answer questions about purebred dogs, a lot of that stuff you can't get at local shows," she said.

Show hours

The show runs from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., when the Best of Show winner is named. Ticket prices include a family ticket plan that admits two adults and three children for \$25. Individual ticket prices are \$9 for adults and \$6 for kids under 12 and senior citizens.

Parking is available around Cobo Center and in lots at People Mover stops. For more information, call (810) DKC-SHOW.



TEN PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

The western portion of Wayne County has some of the area's bowling centers within the boundaries of the Tri City Women's Bowling Association which operates independently of the Detroit Women's Bowling Association.

Although they are a smaller group, they do have a strong field of bowlers. This all came to light last week at the "600" Tournament at Wayne Bowl.

During the tournament, two women rolled perfect 300 games, Kristi Troy of Canton and Carol Ferguson of Redford.

Garden City's Sandy Nowlen had a high series of 747, followed by Sandy Zurecki with 741. Kristi Troy had a 726 and Deborah Brown tallied a 713 series during the event, won by Brown as her handicap added up to a winning number in total pins.

Zurecki took second place, Nowlen third and Troy finished fourth overall.

The Tri City women also held its "700" tournament at the same house later and Donna Urton won it.

The "700" would seem to attract a higher scoring field of competitors, but it's a "scratch" event and Donna's 683 total was enough for the title and first-place money.

The bowlers establish eligibility for the two events by having bowled a 600 or 700 series in league play within the association.

It was an oddity that the 600 tournament produced higher scores than the 700, as the scores were actual scores without the handicap.

It seems like we can go for many months without getting any "triple" results.

A set of three games with the same scores result in an ABC or WIBC award. Any triplicate is recognized, whether it's 115 or 267 or the three 300s which were recorded recently by Jeremy Sonnenfeld in Nebraska.

Now it seems to be "raining" triplicates as Brian Brennan had a state record-tying set of 279-279-279 at Bowl One Lanes in Troy, followed a few days later by Jim Zelek of the Ford Engine Engineering League at Ford Lanes with 267-267-267 (801).

Now, another high triplicate took place again at Ford Lanes as Boy Moebis registered a threesome of 234-234-234 (702).

Pity the pins: I just received my latest copy of

"Bowling Digest" magazine. There are a lot of new balls on the market. There are full page ads for the latest entries: Ebonite's Red Wolf and a pearlized version of the same, AMF's Bull whip, a sequel to the Whip.

Storm Products has produced a ball, Blue Thunder, with more blasting power. Last year, the firm came out with Thunder Storm, which was rated the 1996 Ball of the Year.

Sports Tec has the Inferno, Cyber X and Cyber XR, Brunswick has the Combat Zone, and Columbia the Rage, which they refer to as "controlled chaos. From Track, Inc. comes Triton, which has a nucleus of tritium, which is a component of hydrogen bombs.

Are you as confused as I am about these new balls? It's because each one is so much better than the others.

Those poor bowling pins just don't stand a chance, anymore, if you read the ad copy.

Al Harrison has been writing a bowling column for the Observer Newspapers since 1987 and is a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America. He has been bowling for 38 years in several local leagues and has bowled one 300 game and one 299 game.





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## MEDICAL BRIEFS

### Diet and breast cancer

Dr. Zora Djuric, Ph.D., is looking for a few good women.

Djuric and her colleagues at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute are looking for premenopausal women ages 21-50 who have a mother, daughter or sister with breast cancer, to participate in the Nutrition and Breast Health Study, a 12-month study to determine whether diet can reduce the risk of breast cancer.

"Evaluating the importance of diet in breast cancer risk is difficult," said Djuric. "That's why research studies, such as this one, are needed to determine if certain dietary changes are beneficial."

Djuric notes the approach is a promising prevention strategy - women can change their diets without harmful side effects. The study, one of only a handful nationally to study the effects of diet on breast cancer risk, is supported by a grant from the National Cancer Institute.

Study participants will be required to meet with a registered dietitian, as well as keep a detailed record of their food intake. Blood samples and breast fluid samples will also be required.

For more information or to enroll, call 1-800-KARMANOS (527-6266).

Scientists at the institute are also studying the role of dietary fat in breast cancer recurrence - when the disease returns after initial treatment. The Women's Intervention Nutrition Study is a national effort to examine this factor.

Breast cancer survivors in the study are randomized into one of two groups - one following a diet according to current USDA guidelines, the other a low-fat diet (15 percent of calories from fat). The effectiveness of the low-fat diet will be measured by the number of women whose cancers recur. All participants will receive an analysis of their current diet.

To participate, women need to have had breast cancer surgery within the last year, be age 48-78, and be willing to participate for at least three years. For more information or to participate, call Erica Anderson, 1-800-KARMANOS (527-6266).

### Remember your eyes

The American Optometric Association generally recommends that infants have their eyes screened for congenital eye disorders and disease at birth before leaving the hospital. Eye examinations for children are recommended at 6 months, 3 years and before the child enters first grade.

The association recommends school-age children and teens should have their eyes checked every one to two years as recommended by a professional. Annual eye examinations are a good idea for those over age 60.

Save Your Vision Week, March 2-8, is a good time to schedule an eye examination, according to the association. The week is proclaimed by President Bill Clinton and Michigan Gov. John Engler to heighten the public's appreciation of vision and an awareness of the importance of eye care.

### Service for employers

Oakwood Occupational Healthcare Network can provide employers health risk appraisals to reduce costs and address employee needs.

Many employers are turning to health risk appraisals, along with work site health promotion programs, as a way to reduce health care costs and build goodwill with employees. Oakwood Occupational Healthcare Network provides health risk appraisals for employers located throughout southeastern Michigan.

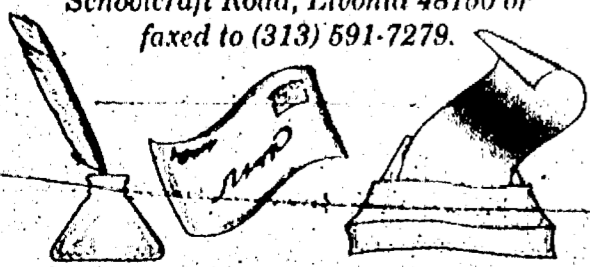
As part of the appraisal, each individual participates in a health screening including blood pressure, cholesterol, weight, height and body frame assessment. Each person is also asked to complete a questionnaire regarding lifestyle choices and risk factors relating to family history.

Once the appraisal is completed, employers receive an aggregate report detailing their employees' health risks, as well as proposed health education programs to help employees counter these risks. In addition, each employee receives a confidential summary of his or her health status with suggested steps to take to improve health.

With this information in hand, employers can work with health care professionals to develop focused health screenings and education programs. For assistance in conducting a health risk appraisal and establishing a workplace wellness program, call the Oakwood Occupational Healthcare Network at 1-800-2-OAKWOOD.

The Oakwood Occupational Healthcare Network is part of a comprehensive regional network which serves residents over a 500-square-mile area.

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.



# Companies pitch prescription drugs to consumers

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
SPECIAL WRITER

An image of a baby sleeping snuggled in a blanket would be a dream come true for someone with frequent nighttime urination problems. This magazine ad for Cardura, a prescription medication, would seem mighty tempting. Lengthy print ads like this one and slick television spots tugging at emotions, like one featuring a father and his son on the need to keep cholesterol levels in check, are among an avalanche of promotions for prescription medicines promising to make us healthier, more attractive and at the very least able to live more comfortably.

These direct-to-consumer prescription ads will ease our allergy symptoms, erase our wrinkles, fill in the bald spots and much more. But we can't jot down a name, hop in the car and pick these drugs up at the local convenience store. We can't call an 800 number or write to a P.O. Box to place our orders, either.

Do these ads give us the information we need to make a solid decision about our medical health? That depends on the ad and who you ask. And before we get our prescriptions we have to make appointments with our doctors, explain what we saw and convince them that the drug is right for us.

If they agree, they will write the necessary prescriptions. Doctors are affected by direct-to-consumer advertisements more than anyone, because they are on the front line when people react to what they're seeing.

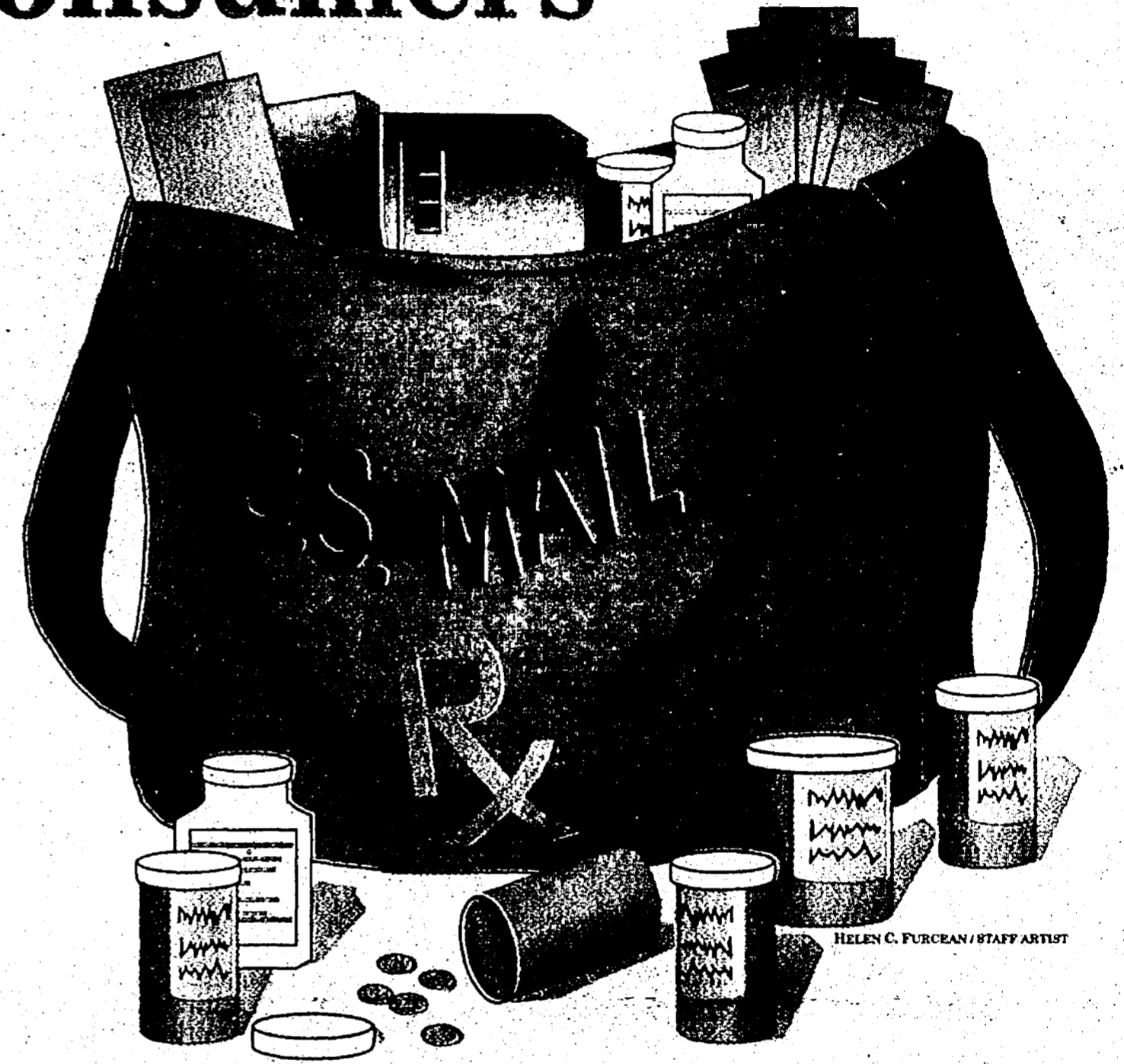
"They (patients) come in and say 'This is a great drug' and they don't know it's an advertisement," according to Dr. Vijay Goburdhun, who practices internal medicine-cardiology in Livonia. "The public isn't educated enough to read medical advertisements. Patients come in and say 'I've read about such and such a thing, is it good for me?' and I say 'No, take what you're taking, because it's cheaper or it's better.'"

The promotions should be through medical avenues and not the public, he said. "It's (direct-to-consumer advertising by pharmaceutical companies) a bad principle," Goburdhun added.

Dr. G. Gannod, a family practitioner in Canton, said he had mixed feelings about these ads. Patients regularly ask him about medications they've heard about on television or seen in a newspaper or magazine, he said.

"Sometimes it causes confusion," Gannod said. One patient, for instance, asked for a weight reduction prescription and it wouldn't have been an appropriate drug. "They don't have all the information available to them in the advertisement," Gannod said.

These doctors aren't alone in their frustration. Years ago, the American Medical Association was



HELEN C. FURCEAN/STAFF ARTIST

against direct-to-consumer prescription drug advertising. Five years ago, however, the organization reversed its stand. A survey by Scott-Levin, a pharmaceutical consulting and research firm, found that physician opposition to direct-to-consumer ads is falling, according to The American Medical News.

### Benefits seen

In fact, a Scott-Levin survey found that doctors believed the direct-to-consumer ads for prescription drugs were beneficial when patients, with illnesses like allergies were intimately involved in their treatments.

Although we see these advertisements more than ever before, they're not new. The first advertising dollars that went into direct-to-consumer prescription drugs came to us in the early 1980s when pharmaceutical manufacturers applauded the value of less expensive generic drugs. By 1983, the Food and Drug Administration stopped the advertising practice and two years later it withdrew the ban.

One of the first and most celebrated direct-to-consumer pharmaceutical advertisements was the promotion of Rogaine, the hair replacement system. Today, the direct-to-consumer ads by pharmaceutical companies have soared. In fact, last year \$600 million was spent on these ads compared to \$12 million spent in the late 1980s, according to The American Medical News.

Stephen Mock, director of

media and community relations for Parke-Davis, a division of Warner-Lambert with worldwide pharmaceutical research facilities based in Ann Arbor, points out that direct-to-consumer ads by pharmaceutical companies differ drastically from conventional ads and describes them as being more akin to public service announcements. And a lot of that comes from rules set by the FDA that make it difficult for pharmaceutical companies when they're spending money on direct-to-consumer ads.

For instance, the FDA says companies can't use the drug's brand name and its purpose on television. Print ads include a detailed description of the drug's side effects, precautions that should be taken, studies regarding the drug and other sometimes frightening information and it's all written in the tiniest of print, usually on a page following the ad. Many of the pharmaceutical company ads focus on the medical condition and might not even mention the company's name.

### A newer area

Warner-Lambert's direct-to-consumer advertising has mostly been in print ads and press releases on various medical conditions, like high cholesterol, Mock said. "It's (direct-to-consumer ads) a newer area for pharmaceutical companies and it makes information available to consumers," Mock said. "The whole purpose is to educate and to raise awareness. You're not selling products, you're

making information available. Just because you see an ad on TV doesn't mean you need a treatment or that you will use the company's drug."

A recent edition of Reader's Digest, for instance, had an eight-page glossy tear-out advertisement on prostate cancer by America's Pharmaceutical Research Companies. Another month, another similar tear-out ad was in the magazine, but this time the information was about AIDS.

Jeff Warren, spokesman for Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America representing some 70 major pharmaceutical companies across the nation, said the goal of direct-to-consumer ads is not to educate the patient of a particular drug so he or she can buy it after seeing it advertised.

"The whole purpose is to refer the patient to the physician who is the only one who can prescribe the medicine," Warren said.

Pharmaceutical companies are finding that direct-to-consumer ads are successful. A 1995 survey by Scott-Levin found that of 3,000 consumers talked to, 13 of 17 drugs advertised directly to consumers were recognized 10 percent of the time. That's compared to 1989 when one drug was recognized 10 percent of the time. More change is on the horizon since the FDA is currently reviewing rules for direct-to-consumer advertising and is expected to revise those standards later this year.

## Study examines stroke risk among blacks

The Detroit Medical Center is one of only two medical centers in Michigan to participate in an extensive study of stroke prevention medications for African-Americans. The African-American Antiplatelet Stroke Prevention Study is designed to accomplish what few other large stroke studies have done: produce data exclusively about African-Americans, who are twice as likely to have a stroke from the general population. African-Americans also suffer more complications from stroke.

"There have been numerous studies about stroke, but in many cases the African-American population was not well represented," said Dr. Scemant Chaturvedi, M.D., Harper Hospital neurologist, co-director of the acute stroke unit and assistant professor of neurology at Wayne State University. "With this study, we will focus on that

portion of the population that is at the highest risk for stroke."

The multi-year study is designed to compare the effectiveness of two medications, aspirin and ticlopidine, in the prevention of recurrent stroke. Both are approved by the Food and Drug Administration for that use. These medications belong to a group of drugs that render platelets, a component of blood that is important for clotting, less sticky, decreasing their tendency to form clots within blood vessels. Most strokes are the result of a blood clot formed in the brain or from the heart that blocks an artery to the brain.

Once accepted in the study, patients will be randomly assigned to one of the stroke prevention treatments of either aspirin or ticlopidine. "We can be very assured that the data we are collecting is

quite accurate. Also, in our study every patient receives medication that has been shown to be a good treatment for preventing another stroke," added Chaturvedi.

The study is seeking a total of 1,800 participants who have suffered a stroke up to 90 days prior to entering the study. Potential participants will be screened to determine their eligibility. Study participants may qualify for free medical care related to the study. Medications and lab tests pertaining to the study are provided free of charge.

For more information about the study or to become a participant, call (313) 745-4244. The study is sponsored by Hoffman-LaRoche Inc. and the National Institutes of Health.



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## MARCH 5, 12, 19

**COMMUNITY FIRST AID**  
The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer "Community First Aid" 6-10 p.m. March 5, 6-9 p.m. March 12 and 6-9 p.m. March 19 at the Red Cross Dearborn Service Center, 25001 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. Artificial respiration, CPR and choking techniques for infants, children and adults will be covered. Price is \$48. To register, call (313) 274-5450.

## THURS, MARCH 6

**HEART HEALTH**  
Oakwood Healthcare System Community-Focused Health Promotion Network, in collaboration with the Dearborn Lions Club, will sponsor a "Heart Health Screening" 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dearborn Civic Center, 15801 Michigan Ave. The screening will include a total cholesterol test and blood pressure measurement. It is free. For information, call 1-800-543-WELL.

## MARCH 6, 13

**FIRST AID**  
The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer "Standard First Aid," including adult CPR. Price is \$33. It will meet 6-10 p.m. March 6 and 6-9 p.m. March 13 at the Red Cross Dearborn Service Center, 25001 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. To register, call (313) 274-5450.

## MARCH-APRIL

**ACTIVE PARENTING**  
Oakwood Healthcare System Community-Focused Health Promotion Network will sponsor a class on "Active Parenting of Teens." Sessions will be 7-9 p.m. March 5, 12, 19 and 26, and April 2 and 9 at the Oakwood Healthcare Center-Westland, 2345 Merriman. Topics will include sex, drugs, self-esteem, obedience, courage and respect. Price is \$35 and there is no charge for spouses who attend. Advance registration is required and may be done by calling 1-800-543-WELL.

## SAT, MARCH 8

**CANCER SURVIVORS**  
The Metropolitan Detroit Community Coalition for Cancer Survivorship will present the sixth annual symposium for cancer survivors 8:45 a.m. at the Costick Activities Center, on the campus of Mercy High School at 11 Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. The program is free, but registration in advance is requested. To register for the half-day program, call Sharon Cure, 1-800-527-6266.

**PROSPECTIVE PARENTS**  
A "Great Expectations" seminar will be held 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for prospective parents at Botsford General Hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills. It will cover a range of topics, including fertility signals, childbirth options, emotional aspects of preparing for parenthood, and a presentation on stress management and family life. Cost is \$15 per couple or \$7.50 per individual, and

advance registration is required. To register, call (810) 477-6100. The seminar will also be offered Saturdays, June 7, Sept. 13 and Nov. 8.

## MON, MARCH 10

**CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION**  
A six-week course on childbirth education will begin 6 p.m. at Garden City Hospital. It will provide information on pregnancy, labor and delivery, newborn care and postpartum care. Early registration in pregnancy is recommended and may be completed by calling (313) 458-4330.

## MARCH 11-14

**LOCK UP**  
The American Cancer Society will hold the 12th Annual Great American Lock Up. For \$25, you can have someone "arrested" by calling 1-800-543-JAIL. Prisoners will then make phone calls to raise their "bail." Last year's event raised more than \$800,000.

## WED, MARCH 12

**WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP**  
A quarterly forum for women, ages 40-60, to discuss issues and concerns dealing with mid-life changes will be offered from 7-8:30 p.m. at Botsford General Hospital. A physician will speak on perimenopause issues. Botsford General Hospital is at 28050 Grand River, Farmington Hills. Call (810) 477-6100 for more information.

**HEALTHY EATING**  
Oakwood Healthcare System Community-Focused Health Promotion Network will offer a class on "Healthy Eating for the Whole Family" 7-9 p.m. at Henry Ford Community College. Cost is \$12. Advance registration is required and may be done by calling (313) 845-6403. The class will offer guidelines for providing healthy meals for the whole family. It will address children's nutrition issues, including breakfast, snacks, brown bag lunches and dealing with picky eaters.

**DIABETES SUPPORT**  
St. Mary Hospital will hold a Diabetes Support Group meeting 7-8:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium, near the Five Mile entrance at Levan in Livonia. Speaker Janice Wheeler, a certified diabetes educator at the hospital, will discuss "What To Do When You Can't Eat." Registration isn't required and there is no charge. For information, call (313) 655-2922 or 1-800-494-1650.

**TRAUMA NURSING**  
Henry Ford Hospital will host its fourth annual trauma nursing conference, "Excellence in Trauma Nursing: It's No Accident," at the Holiday Inn Fairlane, Conference Center, 5810 Southfield (service drive), Detroit. Speaker will be Marilyn Sawyer Sommers, Ph.D., R.N., CCRN, associate professor at the College of Nursing and Health at the University of Cincinnati. EMS providers are also encouraged to attend. Price is \$75, including continental breakfast and lunch. For registration information, call (313) 876-1098 or (313) 876-7051.

## MARCH 13, APRIL 11

**PARENTING**

## BEYOND OVERTREATING

A program on "Beyond Overtreating: The Food-Brain Connection" for health care professionals will be held March 13 at the Northfield Hilton, 5500 Crooks in Troy, and April 11 at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft in Livonia. Both sessions will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Price is \$58. To register via credit card, call 1-800-937-6878. For general information, call (510) 450-1650.

## MARCH-MAY

**LEAGUE FOR NURSING**  
The Michigan League for Nursing will offer continuing education programs. "Delegation: The Changing Face of Nursing" will meet March 14 at Schoolcraft College. "Advanced Medical/Surgical Skills for Intensely Ill Patients" will meet April 30 at Schoolcraft College. "Home Health Nursing: It Can Work for You" will meet May 21 at Schoolcraft College. Early registration is recommended. To register, call (313) 427-1900.

## SAT, MARCH 15

**SPINA BIFIDA**  
A Spina Bifida meeting will be 9 a.m. to noon at MedMax, 35600 Central City Parkway, across from Westland Center in Westland. Those attending will meet others to discuss issues within the support group. There is no charge. For information, call (313) 458-7100.

## MON, MARCH 17

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**  
Botsford General Hospital continues its monthly educational meetings with speakers on prostate cancer. The group will receive encouragement and learn about its treatments, the physical and emotional issues involved. The free meeting starts at 7 p.m. in Botsford's East A Conference Room, 28050 Grand River, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (810) 477-6100.

## TUES, MARCH 18

**STROKE, ANEURYSM**  
A group for those who have had or have a cerebral aneurysm or stroke will meet at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, between Ford and Warren roads. Family members and friends are welcome. For information, call (313) 458-4396.

## MARCH 18, 20

**MOMS ON THE GO**  
A fitness class for expectant mothers is offered by Garden City Hospital in conjunction with the Wayne-Westland Family YMCA. Tuesday sessions featuring land exercise are held in the gym of the hospital's Health Education Center. Thursday classes featuring water exercise are held at the YMCA. Both sessions start 7 p.m. and the first classes of four weeks start March 18 and 20. To register, call (313) 458-4330.

## MARCH 18-APRIL 22

**PARENTING**

A parenting class will be offered by Garden City Hospital and the Garden City Public Library at the library, 2012 Middlebelt, two blocks south of Ford Road. "Active Parenting Today" will meet 6:45-8:45 p.m. Registration is required by calling Garden City Hospital Community Services at (313) 458-4330.

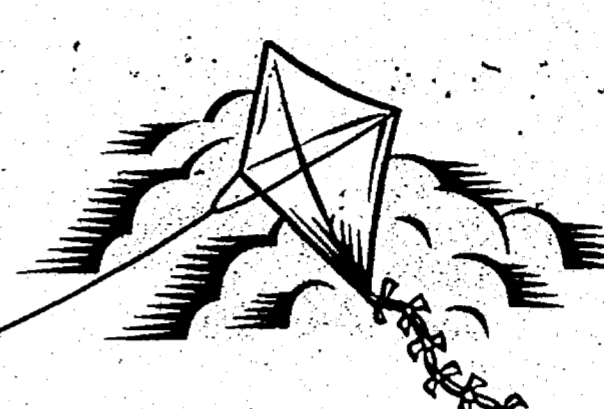
## WED, MARCH 19

## ADULT RESCUE

An Adult Rescue (Heartsaver) CPR class will be offered 7 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster, between Ford and Warren roads. Participants will learn one-person rescue through a film, lecture and demonstrations. The course is approved by the American Heart Association. Advance registration is required. To register, call (313) 453-4330.

## MARCH 20, 27

**CPR**  
The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer "CPR for the Professional Rescuer" 6-10:30 p.m. at the Red Cross Dearborn Service Center, 25001 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. Price is \$60. To register or for information, call (313) 274-5450.



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## MARKETPLACE

Marketplace features a glimpse of suburban business news and notes, including corporate name changes, new products, office openings, new affiliations, new positions, mergers, acquisitions and new ways of doing business. Items for Marketplace should be submitted to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. The fax number is (313) 591-7279.

## Amigo conference

Amigo Mobility Centers have selected Corpus Christi, Texas, as the annual convention site. Amigo Mobility Center owner Donajane Lapinski will attend the annual Amigo Mobility Center conference April 17-20 in Corpus Christi.

The Amigo Mobility Center, at 11940 Middlebelt, Suite H, Livonia, provides mobility equipment for walking-impaired individuals. The franchiser, Mobility Center Inc. in Bridgeport, Mich., has been recognized by both Entrepreneur and Success Magazine as a leading health care franchising opportunity.

## Barton Malow

Barton Malow Company, the Southfield-based construction services firm, has won a National Association of General Contractors, Build America award for its involvement on the General Motors-Truck Product Center project in Pontiac.

The awards competition, open to all AGC-member contracting firms, recognizes excellence in construction throughout the United States.

## Part of study

New Era Translating Technology, a full service translation company, has been selected for involvement in the Michigan Small Business Development Center's "Internet Marketing Study." The study, continuing over 18 months, will examine the pitfalls and successes of study

participants as they market on the Internet. Findings will be published and made available to other small businesses as they attempt to market on the Internet.

## Automotive suppliers

Prince Automotive Systems Division of Johnson Controls Inc. of Plymouth was lauded as Large Supplier category winner of the 1997 Ernst & Young/Automotive News PACE Awards. Gov. John Engler acknowledged the awards ceremony by declaring Feb. 23 Automotive Suppliers Day in Michigan.

The Small Supplier category winner is Gentex Corporation, Automotive Products Group, Zeeland, Mich. The Medium Supplier category winners were the Spicer Transmission Division of Dana Corporation of Toledo, Ohio, and Bosch Automotive Motor Systems Corporation of Farmington Hills. The Service Company category winner is Rapid Design Service Inc. of Dayton, Ohio.

## Anniversary celebrated

The National Women's Association (NWA) marked its one year anniversary in Detroit recently with its Second Annual North American International Auto Show Breakfast Event. The fact that the group had reached its goal of 500 members in just one year was also celebrated.

Lorraine Schultz, executive director, founded NWA with an intent to represent all facets of the automotive industry ranging from the corporate side to dealerships to suppliers.

NWA holds educational and networking events throughout the year and raises scholarship funds for women seeking to improve or launch careers in the automotive business. Scholarships are distributed through Northwood University, NWA's sponsor.

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lege in Livonia. Price is \$225. For reservations, call Cristina O'Connor, 1-800-292-4484, Ext. 4165.

## THURS, APRIL 3

## HUMAN EXCELLENCE

The Study of Human Excellence Seminar will be held 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Novi Hilton, 21111 Haggerty. It is designed to improve relationships, sales/business, communication and finances. Price is \$35. Advance registration is required. Refreshments will be served 6 p.m. For information, call (313) 255-7777.

## EUROPEAN MARKETS

A seminar and dinner on "The Emerging European Markets" will be sponsored by the Schoolcraft College Export Assistance Office. The seminar will explore current marketplace trends in Eastern Europe, business protocol and cultural diversities and traditions. Keynote speaker is Clarence Rivette, president of Amigo Mobility International. A panel discussion hosted by George Frank, U.S. Department of Commerce international trade specialist, will close the evening. Fee is \$60. For reservations, call (313) 462-4438. The college is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 4

## JOB FAIR

Michigan employers are invited to take part in the 19th Michigan Collegiate Job Fair 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft in Livonia. The fair is co-sponsored by Wayne State and Eastern Michigan universities and promoted by more than 70 other four-year and two-year institutions. ESD, The Engineering Society, is a supporting sponsor. Employer registration materials should be submitted by March 21. For information, call Nannette McCleary at (313) 577-3390 or Ken Meyer of EMU at (313) 487-0400.

## SAT, APRIL 12

## CAREERS FAIR

The Westland Chamber of Commerce Annual Jobs & Career Fair will be 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Westland Shopping Center. The Observer & Eccentric is the major sponsor.

Businesses are encouraged to make reservations early. Sponsorship cutoff date is March 17 and table rental deadline is April 11. For information, call the chamber office: (313) 326-7222.

## 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 6-8:30 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.

## BUSINESS NETWORK

The Laurel Park chapter of Business Network International, a networking organization specializing in business referrals among members, meets at Richard's Restaurant, 39305 Plymouth Road at Eckles, at 7 a.m. every

Wednesday. Call Tim Rosiak, (313) 459-3781, or Al Mughanem, (313) 427-5355.

## FRIDAYS

## BUSINESS NETWORK

The Livonia chapter of Business Network International, a networking organization specializing in business referrals among members, meets at the Comfort Inn on Middlebelt Road near I-96 at 7 a.m. every Friday. Call (810) 357-0430 or (313) 844-3432.

## TUES-FRI

## HELPFUL TIPS

The Southeast Michigan Career Service routinely holds no-cost sneak peaks on the job market of tomorrow. Topics discussed include: the job market, present and future; the traditional resume and why it no longer works; and traditional job search techniques, which are considered obsolete.

The 1 1/2-hour sessions are held: 12:30 p.m. Tuesday; 6:30 p.m. Wednesday; 12:30 p.m. Thursday; and 8:30 a.m. Friday at 29444 Northwestern Highway, Suite 500, Southfield. Reserve a spot by calling 1-888-JOBOLOGY.

## Speakers discuss health subjects

Access to health and wellness information has moved into the neighborhood in the form of a new Speakers Bureau, sponsored by Henry Ford Health System. The bureau is a panel of volunteer health care experts available to educate and address community groups on a variety of health-related topics.

The Speakers Bureau is a central access point for neighborhood schools and organizations of 15 members or more which would like to request experts on subjects ranging from alcohol and substance abuse to sports and fitness.

"Henry Ford Health System is committed to continuously promoting healthy living to the communities we serve," said Janiki Darity, Henry Ford's vice president of community development. "We created the Speakers

Bureau as a community educational resource to generate information regarding health and other related topics."

Experts are available in the following subject areas:

- Alcohol and substance abuse;
- Business of health care;
- Medicine;
- Men's and women's health;
- Mental health;
- Seniors;
- Sports and fitness;
- Women's issues; and
- Youth and adolescents.

Henry Ford Health System has experts from hospitals, medical centers and other facilities throughout southeastern Michigan.

Community groups interested in requesting an expert from the Speakers Bureau may call (313) 874-6200.



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# NEW HOMES

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## Sierra Heights builder vows eye for detail

Bruce S. Silver, the developer and builder at Sierra Heights in Canton, continues to tinker with floor plans at the platted residential subdivision off Cherry Hill between Haggerty and Lilley.

Silver will duplicate the current model, a three-bedroom colonial of 2,145 square feet used as the sales office, for \$197,900. But he's not really pushing it.

Silver's found that some prospects prefer more wow appeal: two-story foyers, volume ceilings. So he's building another model, a four-bedroom colonial.

Whatever buyers decide, Silver promises attention to detail.

"I'm personally supervising construction of every house myself," he said. "It makes a difference to me. I'm here every day."

Four floor plans now promoted range in price from \$206,900 for a colonial of 2,355 square feet to \$229,900 for a colonial of 2,475 square feet. Each contains four bedrooms.

A Cape Cod of 2,325 square feet with the master bedroom suite on the first floor and two bedrooms and a bonus room or three bedrooms up is available at a base price of \$214,900.

A three-bedroom colonial of 2,240 square feet can be had at a base price of \$209,900, an additional \$5,000 for a fourth bedroom.

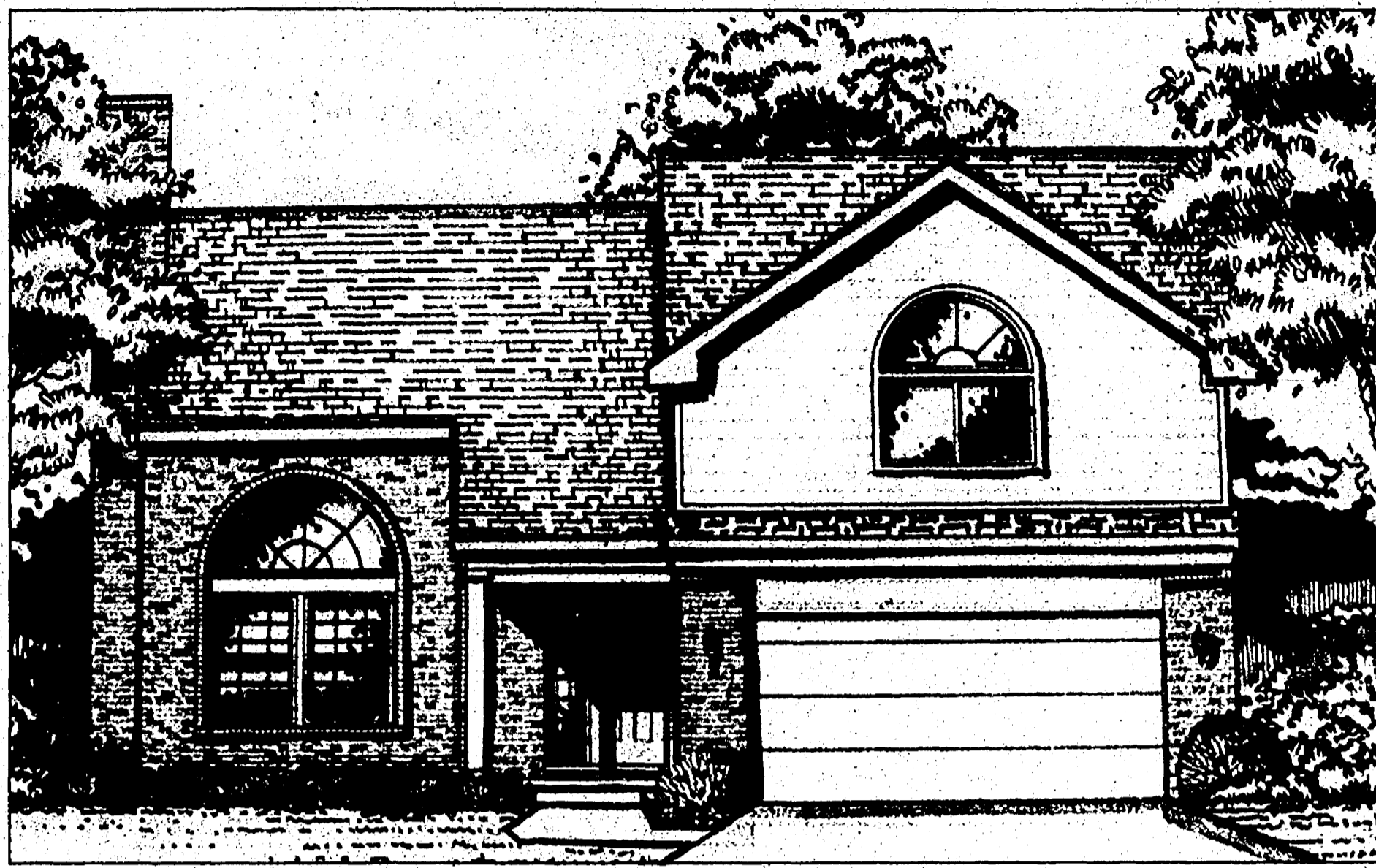
"We're giving them a lot of standard features I don't think others are - a high-profile shingle, 50-gallon hot water heater," Silver said. "We even put ceiling lights in bedrooms. We give R-30 ceiling insulation."

"I think we offer a lot of house for the money," said Lynn Hurley, sales rep at Sierra Heights. "As far as design goes, we're offering a flashier home. Our lots are really nice."

Good freeway access via I-275



TAMMIE GRAVES/STAFF ARTIST



Sierra Heights: This Cape Cod model, with the master suite on the main floor, features an upstairs option with three bedrooms or two bedrooms and a bonus room.

also is a strong selling point.

"We're centrally located," Hurley said. "If you work in Ann Arbor, we're a great location. If you work in Detroit, we're a great location. If you work in Downriver, we're a great location. If you work in Novi, we're a great location."

"That's what's nice about Canton," Silver said.

The new model under construction, a four-bedroom colonial, is the largest and most expensive in the sub.

The main floor will contain a great room, kitchen with island, family room with sloped ceiling and dining room.

A two-story foyer and plant shelf going up the stairs will bring a sense of spaciousness to the front entry.

The master suite will have a separate tub and shower, a pair of walk-in closets and a built-in entertainment center. Three other bedrooms and a full bath also will be upstairs.

The laundry also will be built into the upper level.

"Notice the bedrooms aren't small. I have big closets," Silver said. "My kitchens are good. I make sure there's plenty of room. All of my garages are at least 20-by-20. I didn't under-size. I know people have a lawn mower and bicycles."

"For people nowadays, big is better," Hurley said.

All of Silver's plans include at standard price a two-car garage, fireplace, basement and dishwasher. Primary exterior materials are vinyl siding and brick.

Sierra Heights is serviced by city water and city sewers. The sub is within the Plymouth-Canton school boundaries. The community of 47 lots will have sidewalks.

"Everybody who's been through

here has kids," Silver said.

The property tax rate currently is \$31.22 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of market value. That means the owners of a \$210,000 house would pay about \$3,300 the first year.

Ken Montemayor and fiancée Lynn Nikkila ordered the Amberwood, the current model.

"I went through every single (new sub) in Canton. That was the first house we went through that everything wasn't extra,"

Montemayor said.

"The house we selected had incredible use of space. There's a small foyer, nice-sized bath, big family room. It's a great layout. There's not a wasted foot in that house."

Montemayor said he revised the original floor plan to eliminate the dining room and extend the kitchen/nook.

"Bruce was easy to work with," Montemayor said. "Everything we wanted, he usually had an

answer within 24 hours. It was

really easy to trust him." Darren and Debra Honegger, transferees, selected the plan with a first-floor master during their whirlwind house-hunting weekend here.

"We liked the great room, we liked the bonus room," Debra said. "The lot really sold us."

The sales office at Sierra Heights, (313) 397-0271, is open 1-5 p.m., closed Thursdays.

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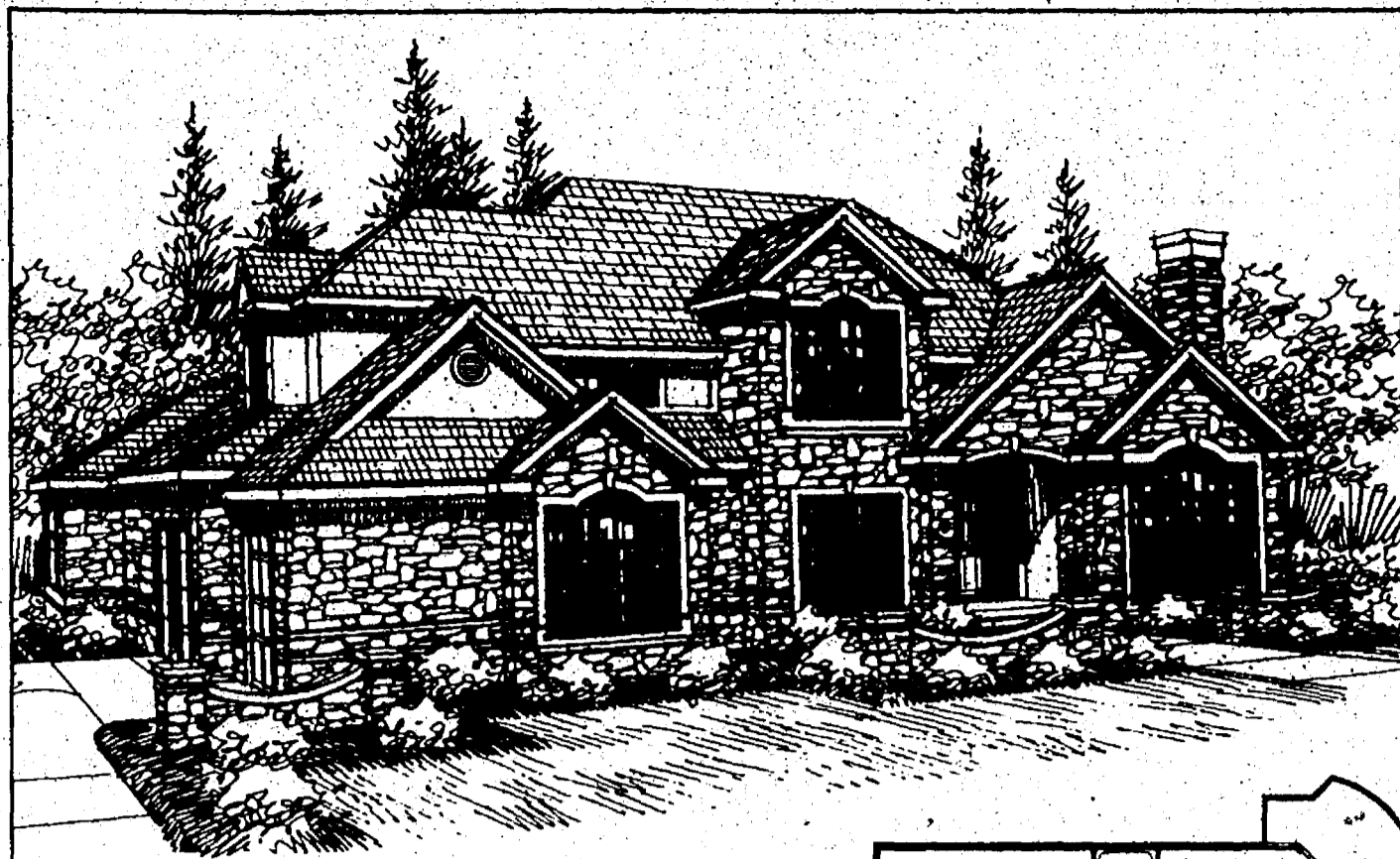
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The master suite, along with a wide selection of gathering spaces, is on the main floor while three more bedrooms and a huge skylit storage room are on the upper level.

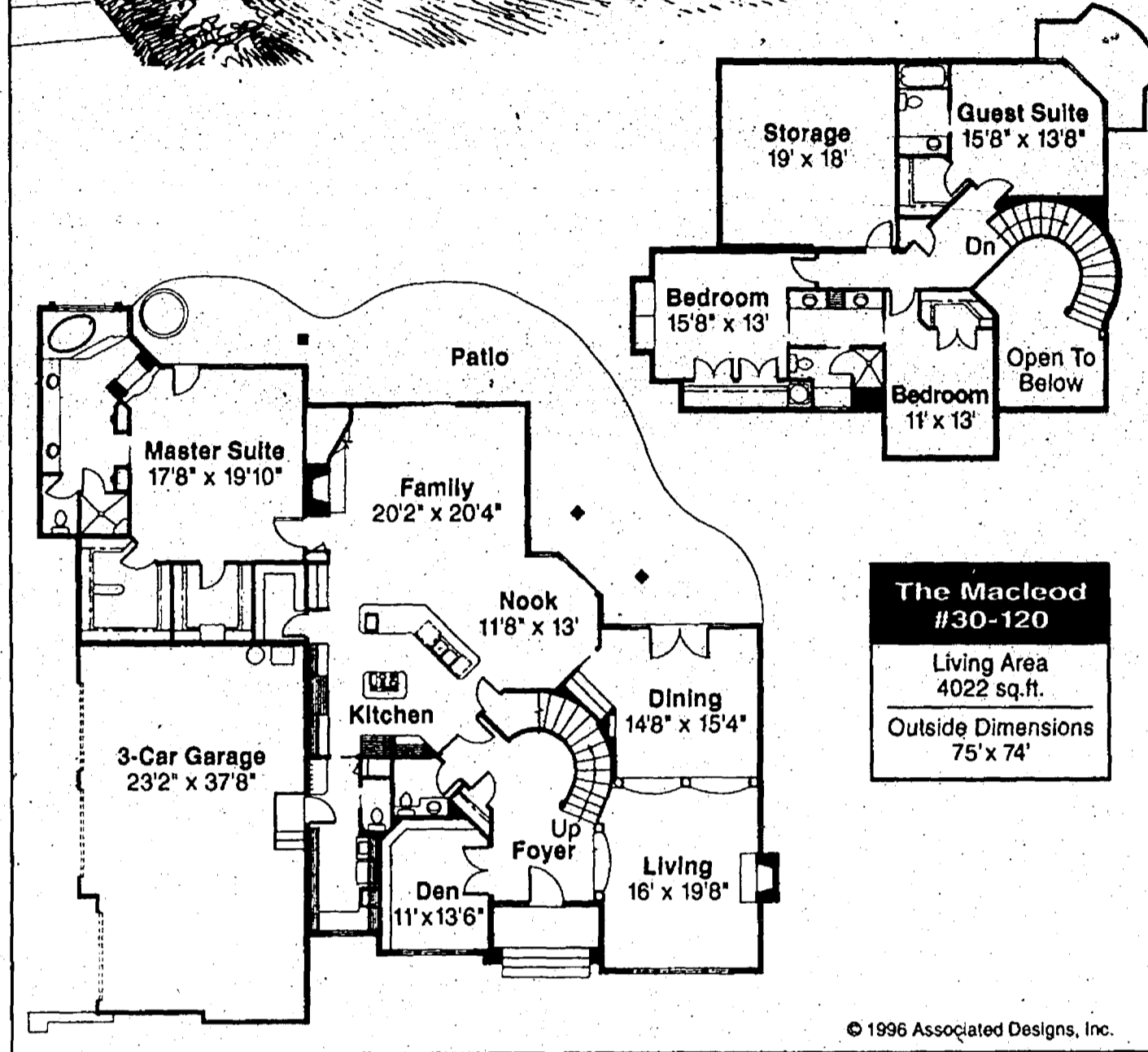
From the two-story foyer, a graceful stairway curves up to a landing that overlooks the space below. French doors on the left open into a den with a built-in desk and an entire wall of bookcases. Through the arched opening on the right is a living room with an 11-foot ceiling and brick fireplace.

A dining room with built-in hutch/buffet is one step up, through double arches. French doors open on a rambling patio that wraps across most of the rear.

The charming octagonal nook connects the formal and informal living areas. Kitchen amenities include: a walk-in pantry, work island with cooktop, and another long angled island/eating bar with sink, trash compactor, dishwasher, and prep sink.

Oven and microwave are built into cabinets close to a passageway that leads to a small toilet, three-car garage and sizable utility room.

Bathroom features in the sumptuous master suite include



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an oversized shower, two basins and a raised spa tub next to an arched window. Each of the two walk-in closets are huge, but one is slightly larger. People who enjoy a morning soak can roll out of bed and finish waking up in

the Macleod's hot tub, just outside on the patio.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$15 to Associated Designs, 1100

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# Experts offer tips to help get most from tools

You're in the middle of a repair job that requires just the right tool. When you go to your toolbox to it, you find the tool is broken, rust shut or missing a piece. Or, worse yet, you can't find it at all. Dejectedly, you head to the hardware store to buy a replacement.

According to professional mechanics, however, a little care and maintenance can help break this costly and frustrating cycle. Just ask Lawre Colwell of Hernando, Fla., an automobile and aircraft mechanic of more than 40 years. While working at a service station in 1939, Colwell purchased his first pair of Vise-Grip Locking Pliers from a traveling salesman working out of his trunk. Fifty-seven years later, he still uses the same pair of pliers.

"Every part of the tool is still original and in good working order," says Colwell, who admits the pliers are "a little beat up."

While not every tool can withstand 60 years of use, high-quality hand tools that are properly used and maintained should last for years. Here are some suggestions from the experts at American Tool Cos. on how you can get the most out of your tools.

■ **Keep it simple:** Proper hand-tool maintenance begins with a dry rag. Simply cleaning and drying a tool after using it goes a long way toward increasing its life. Store tools in a low-humidity environment, and avoid leaving tools outside at all costs.

■ **Let it flow:** Tools with moving parts need to be lubricated periodically. A penetrating spray or light oil will deter rust and keep tools working smoothly.

■ **Leave your mark:** Often the greatest challenge to keeping tools in working order is simply keeping them. Contrary to popular belief, tools do not grow legs and march off by themselves. To cut down on accidental (and not-so-accidental) loss, don't just toss them in your trunk or kitchen junk drawer. Give your tools a permanent home where they should be placed after every job.

## Expert advice on how to keep your tools hale and hearty

- Keep all tools clean
- Keep them lubricated
- Mark your tools
- Don't abuse them
- Don't ask a tool to do more than it can

Use a distinctive-color tape or paint to mark your tools, so they can be easily identified when mixed with others. For added security, use a punch set with your initials to mark your tools in case the tape or paint wears off.

■ **Use, don't abuse:** Hand tools will last much longer if they're used only for their intended purpose. While using a wrench handle as a hammer may seem convenient in a pinch, improper use of tools is dangerous and dramatically reduces the life of the tool. Adding leverage extensions to wrench handles, using screwdrivers as pry bars and cutting wire with tip snips are other common no-nos.

■ **Know when to say when:** No hand tool is indestructible. Using damaged hand tool is not only dangerous, but often will damage your workpiece. Inspect your tools frequently, looking for small cracks, chips, and loose or worn rivets. When hammer handles start to crack or fray and screwdrivers start to strip screws, it's time to discard them.

Finally, as you purchase new tools, remember that quality is better than quantity. If you can't afford to purchase good tools now, be patient. You're far better off buying a tool that will last for years than purchasing a tool you'll need to replace in six months.

# New tool eases garden work

(NAPS) - The hammer, possibly the oldest tool known to humans, is now making an appearance in the garden.

A new garden tool lets you use an easy, hammer-like swing to pulverize and clear soil to get it ready for planting. Its principle: to save your energy by letting the tool head do the work.

Called a Mini-Planter, this hammer-action tool, with its short 15-inch handle and dual-duty tool head, is excellent for planting bulbs and small plants. According to its producer, V & B Manufacturing Company, it's designed to replace the digging, clawing and shoveling motions required by existing garden hand tools.

The tool features a sharp pick at one end which can be quickly flipped over to the uniquely-shaped planter end for quickly scooping out dirt and preparing the planting hole.

Other user friendly features include:

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When trimmed around bedroom windows, "Clouds," a wall mural by Environmental Graphics, allows you to create the whimsical illusion of windows in the sky. The billowy white clouds on a warm blue horizon are a perfect complement to any fairy tale or storybook decor. Or perhaps your children would prefer waking to the early light of

"Morning Forest" before heading out on a medieval adventure as one of Robin Hood's Merry Men.

If you've got a future astronaut on your hands, "Earthrise" takes spectators to the moon for an incredible view of the earth rising above the horizon and the lunar landscape unfolding before them. Or, "Shuttle in Orbit" provides an extraterrestrial look at the United States Space Shuttle in flight high above the earth's surface. Both murals measure more than 8' high by 13' 8" wide.

"Murals are an inviting backdrop for imaginative play," states Environmental Graphics. "They can inspire hours of amusement." To achieve these striking images, the Hopkins, MN-based company combines the skills of talented photographers with laser scanning, artistic lithography, and other techniques, to produce highly detailed images

that emphasize an illusion of texture and space.

"We've found that our World Map is also extremely popular among children," the company adds. "In addition to being very colorful, it's full of interesting details, such as world time zones, land elevation, topography, ocean depths, longitude and latitude, major international cities and current political boundaries."

Murals also provide inspiration for original decorating accessories. Real flags, as well as wallpaper borders, posters and other items depicting flags, are a natural complement to a world map, while baseball memorabilia is a perfect match for the stadium scene of "Play Ball". The possibilities are as boundless as your imagination!

Wall murals are currently enjoying a surge in popularity

with home decorators as one of the easiest and least expensive ways to give a room atmosphere and the sense of expanded space. Even a sparsely furnished room seems complete after the installation of a mural and the application of a gallon or two of paint.

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**Hardwood mouldings dress up a room**

"Mouldings provide elegance, surprise, unexpected detail," declares New York designer Stan Hura. "It's like pearls -- it dresses up a room."

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"Mouldings are an easy way to add character, and they don't have to be used traditionally," notes Atlanta designer Charles Gandy. "I just designed a bedroom with traditional moulding, but I let it float away from the ceiling to create a space for cove lighting."

Mouldings and decorative woodwork direct the eye, add pleasing changes of scale within a room and can unify or divide a space. "Setting off one area with different mouldings can give you definition between 'rooms' where you may not have any walls," according to Chicago interior designer Marlene Rimland. "All it may take is a change of moulding on the ceiling or at floor level."

When shopping for hardwood mouldings, you'll find a wide range of choices to fit any budget. You can custom-order decorative hardwoods through your architect, contractor or interior designer, or through millwork houses, specialty shops and custom cabinet shops. You can find them, too, at local lumber yards and home centers, or through mail order specialty catalogs.

**Favorite decorating tips**

- Moulding choices depend on the size and scale of your room. Crown mouldings, for example, work best in rooms where the ceilings are eight feet or higher. Choose narrower mouldings for smaller rooms; wider ones for larger rooms.

- Mouldings should be widest at the floor level, becoming progressively narrower as they approach the ceiling.

- If you want visual continuity and flow, continue the same moulding pattern in adjacent rooms -- especially if there's an uninterrupted view from room to room. For example, extend the entryway mouldings to your formal living room.

- Hardwood mouldings add a

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- Running from 32 to 42 inches above the floor, chair rails protect walls from chair backs and can signal a change in wall covering. For instance, the upper half may be painted while the lower half is wallpapered.

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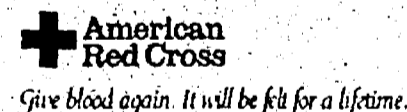


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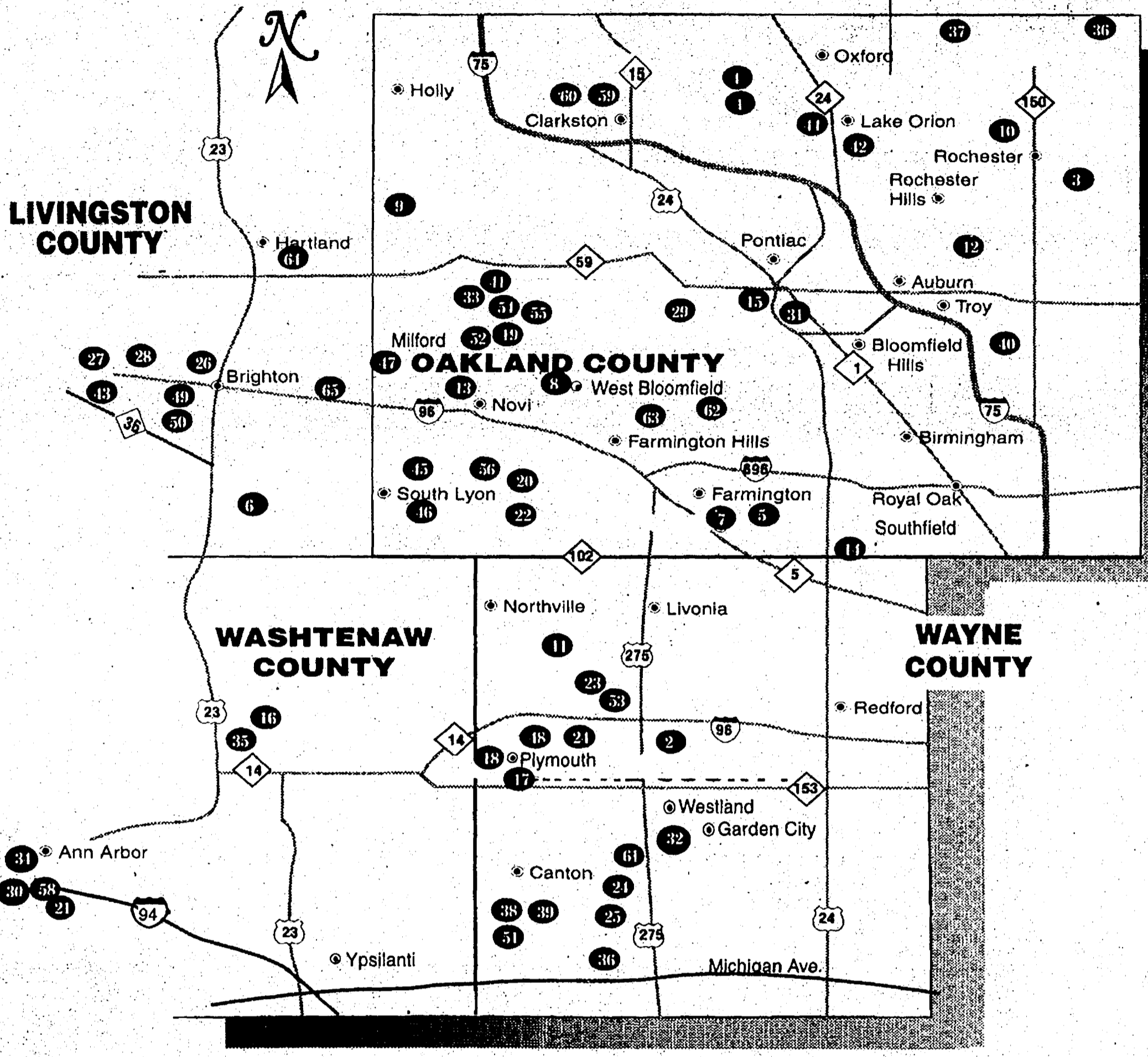
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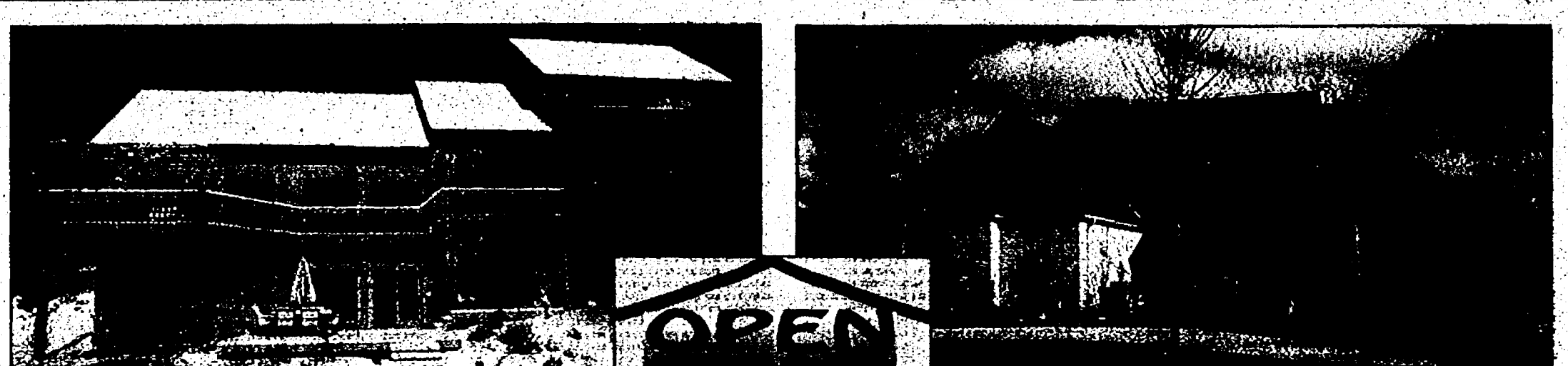
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wine rack and a large adjoining formal dining room. An exceptionally well-planned kitchen features cherry cabinets, white ceramic countertop, hardwood flooring, built-in cherry desk with file cabinet, pantry, Jenn-air cooktop, Whirlpool oven and microwave, Broan trash compactor, GE dishwasher, TV shelf, oversized nook with view of first green at Brookwood Golf Club and doorwall to extensive decking. Opulent first floor master suite beautifully appointed with 11 foot pan ceiling and a boxed-out nine foot doorwall that opens to the deck. The adjoining bath has dual sinks, brass faucets, sunken Jacuzzi tub, separate shower stall and linen closet. A second floor offers a cedar closet, Jack and Jill bedrooms with walk-in closets and built-in bookshelves. A golf motif wall covering on the stairway leads the way to the lower level. The house also includes use of the pool, two tennis courts, club house and option to play golf on a great, private 9 hole P.G.A. course. For information, call Cecelia E. Brown/(810) 656-4401. Open today 1-4 p.m.

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Boss harasses diabetic employee

By Lindsey Novak, Tribune Media Services, Inc.

Q: I was diagnosed with diabetes and have to inject myself with insulin and check my glucose levels during the day, which I do in the bathroom...

A: You said you would love to be laid off, so you may just get your wish, but I wouldn't count on the full severance package.

First, only top management has the facts regarding a company-wide layoff. Things that you think should have been considered may not have been relevant in choosing which employees to let go.

Second, your opinion is just that; it's not a universal truth. I am sorry to say this, but it sounds like management made a wise decision not to send you to a training class or to transfer you, since you announced, loud and clear, that you'd love to be let go.

HONESTY PROVES CRIMINAL RECORD IS THING OF THE PAST

Q: I was convicted of fraudulent credit card use when I was in college years ago. With employers doing intense background checks now, I'm wondering how this will affect my job searches.

A. Honesty is still the best policy. It may be awkward and a little frightening at first, but when you present the information before a criminal check is done, you then have a chance to explain your record and show that you have not engaged in any illegal behavior since that time.

Most of us make mistakes somewhere along the way, and some mistakes are more serious than others, but how you approach life now will help determine your future.

Now, I am persona non grata. I received a warning and my boss has frozen me out. She also refused to send me to a training class that I desperately wanted.

Q: Recently, we had a company-wide layoff, which was unfair to begin with, and to my shock, a friend in my department who has my seniority that I was let go instead of me. I felt sad for her and was furious with my boss.

I told the boss exactly what I thought about her, and that I would love to have been laid off with full severance.

Steer clear of home office scams

By Alice Bredin, Tribune Media Services, Inc.

I received an e-mail last week warning me about the following scam aimed at people who work at home.

The scam works like this: A person calls and says he or she is conducting a computer survey from a large, well-known software company.

If you agree to participate, the caller inquires about a good time for someone from the company to visit your house and install the software on your PC.

Through the questioning, the caller gathers information about when you are usually home, what kind of computer equipment you have, and all sorts of other valuable information.

Artists rob your home when you are out. The person who sent me the e-mail warning me about the scam reported that someone he knows was robbed after he provided the above information over the phone.

Of course, there is a chance that the person who sent me the message works for the competitor of a legitimate company using the survey as a marketing tool.

In any case, if you really want the free software, ask for the number of the person calling you, then check the number against the software company's listing in directory assistance and call them back.

Even if you take these precautions, I would simply ask the caller to mail the software. Tell them only whether you have a PC or a Mac machine - no more.

The case is part of a federal and state law enforcement "sweep" targeting promoters of get-rich-quick self-employment schemes.

If you are considering any kind of business opportunity, take the following precautions before spending any money.

Request the names and phone numbers of approximately a dozen people who are currently involved in the opportunities. Speak to these people, and insist on meeting some of them face to face.

Check for complaints against the company with the Better Business Bureau, Office of Consumer Affairs and Attorney General's Office.

Alice Bredin is the author of "The Virtual Office Survival Handbook" (John Wiley & Sons) and host of the ExpressNet Small Business Network on America Online. You can write to her at Tribune Media Services, 435 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60611.

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## 1997 Mazda Protege delivers power, value



BY ANNE FRACASSA  
Avanti NewsFeatures

For some reason, maybe it was the way the light was hitting it, the 1997 Mazda Protege looked smaller on the outside than last year's model.

It isn't smaller, that's for sure. And the inside, well, it's better and roomier than it

ever was. It's a bit more comfortable than last year's model, as well.

You know what I like about this car the most? It's perfect for a mom and dad with a couple-three kids. You got more than three, you say? This car will not do for you.

It's a no-nonsense family car that gets you where you have to go in a bit of comfort, with the ease to get in and out of it in a hurry and enough trunk space (13.1 cubic feet) to fit a whole baseball team's gear in it.

Mazda designers call the interior of the Protege OptiSpace. No, it's not Japanese. OptiSpace describes the creation of a vehicle with driving and riding comfort in mind.

Just how much space are we talking about? Try 95.5 cubic feet of interior room in what's a true 5-passenger sedan.

That's more interior space than the Toyota Corolla, Honda Civic and Nissan Sentra. Even with a toddler seat in the back, three kids can fit back there in comfort -- and without complaint.

The 1997 Mazda Protege has been revised this year. Styling changes include front bumper, fenders, grille and headlights. All are much improved and look really sharp.

On the inside, you'll find the instrument panel and door trim has been changed. Instrumentation is easy to read and understand. The heating/ventila-



The Protege cornered nicely and handled well both on surface streets and the highway. It's outfitted with variable power-assisted power rack-and-pinion steering.

tion/air conditioning system is much too low in the center instrument panel. You've got to take your eyes off the road for much too long to adjust the controls.

Driven was the ES model, the top-of-the-line Protege, that's powered by a 122-horsepower version of the 1.8-liter dual overhead cam 16-valve in-line four cylinder -- the same puppy found in the Miata.

The entry-level DX and better-equipped LX are outfitted with a 1.5-liter dual overhead cam 16-valve inline 4 cylinder. Top horsepower is 92.

The 1.8-liter won't jerk your head back taking off from a stop light, but it's got enough spunk to let you have just a little bit of fun with it. Don't expect it to perform like it does in the Miata, either. This engine is pulling twice the car here.

But it does go. On the highway, this engine proves it's got mettle. Passing is done with ease and cruising at the 65-70 mph range can find you going 80 without really realizing it.

Standard with both engines is a 5-speed manual transmission, but you can opt for the convenience of a 4-speed automatic transmission if you want.

Safety features are all there, including high-strength steel bars in the doors,

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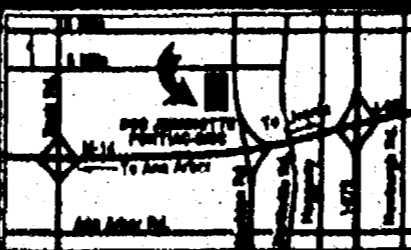
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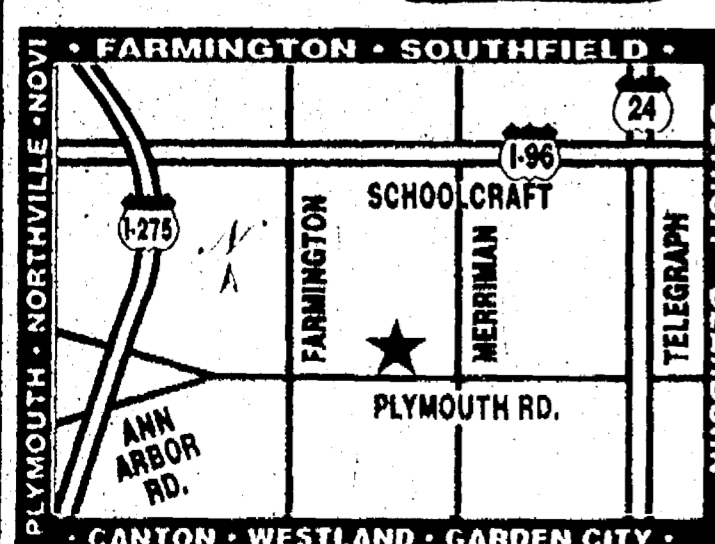
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