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IN THE PAPER TODAY

Easter
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visits
Friday



Marshmallow drop: Westland kids enjoy the annual Easter bunny visit last Friday in Hines Park. Pictured above are Tom Lopp (right) along with his cousins, (from left) Devon Perrine, Brook McCloskey, Alli Tiller and Tiffany Bates. For more, see page A6.

HEALTH NEWS

Feeling healthy: Project Health-O-Rama will be offered at sites throughout western Wayne County. It will feature a variety of health tests. /F5

Preparing for surgery: Anesthesia involves more than just an anesthesiologist. /F5

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PLACES & FACES

At the library

More than \$2,000 was raised through the sale of used books, T-shirts and bags at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland during the library's grand opening, according to information from the Friends of the Public Library of Westland.

The Friends will host another used book sale on April 18, 19 and 20 at the library, located on Central City Parkway south of Warren Road in Westland. Volunteers are also sought to help with this sale.

Current members of the Friends' board include: Elaine Burg, president; Mary Piontkowski, vice president; Ernie Johnson, treasurer; Eleanor Addison, secretary; and directors James Collins, Jack Voight and Richard LeBlanc.

For information, call Burg at (313) 728-3787 or Piontkowski at (313) 326-9288.

Meritorious yearbook

The 1996 John Glen High School yearbook has been recognized with an Award of Merit by Taylor Publishing Co. honoring the book's excellence in outstanding yearbook achievement.

The "Satellite" was edited by Keri Dole and advised by Heather Glovac. Books were evaluated on cover design, theme, section design and overall effort.

Play laser tag

Prepare to play laser tag — at a new store opening in Westland.

Laser Quest will have its grand opening 4 p.m. Friday, April 4, at its location, 7277 Nankin Blvd. Mark Music is the store's manager. A ribbon-cutting and other official opening ceremonies are scheduled. For more information, call the Westland Chamber of Commerce at (313) 326-7222.

Land sales whittle down deficit



Wayne-Westland school officials say the district will still face a deficit on June 30, but recent land sales and plans to sell other parcels will trim it. Concerns remain, however, about state funding.

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Deficit-reduction measures are bringing some relief to Wayne-Westland school officials striving to combat an earlier-projected \$5 million shortfall for June 30.

School officials hope to avoid revisiting past budget cuts that gutted educational programs, eliminat-

ed student transportation and forced pupils to pay fees for extracurricular activities.

Revenue-boosting measures such as property sales have helped to reduce the district's deficit, but those one-shot efforts will do little to address long-term problems that need state-level solutions, top finance official Patricia Brand said. "We're still going to have a deficit"

for the 1997-98 fiscal year that begins July 1, she said Thursday. "I don't think there's any way to totally eliminate it."

Wayne-Westland faces loss of a 3-mill enhancement tax levy when it expires June 30. The two-year tax added revenue that can't be renewed by local voters because of 1994 Proposal A state legislation.

Problems run deep

But the problem goes deeper in a district where the financial scenario seems to constantly change. In the latest prognosis, Wayne-Westland faces an \$8 million gap between pro-

jected 1997-98 revenues of \$90 million and expenses of \$98 million, Brand said.

That doesn't mean an \$8 million deficit, however, and here's why:

■ District officials will have an estimated \$4.3 million to carry over from the current budget.

■ Last Monday's school board decision to sell the former Wilson School and site will bring in \$825,000 once the sale is completed.

■ An impending state grant that will protect the development rights of Sassafras Trails, a heavily wood-

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EGGSCEPTIONAL

Wildwood students hatch colorful ideas



STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JAGDFELD

Spring egg: Jacob Tykoski, a Wildwood kindergartner, shows off his egg creation: a daffodil in a flower pot. The bunny was one of the prizes he won for taking first place in his grade.



Corrie Olsen, fourth-grader

A major hunt was on at Wildwood School this week — a search for the best decorated Easter egg.

What judges found were six "eggsceptional" examples of student creativity — one top egg from each grade.

First-grader Amy Radeck and fourth-grader Corrie Olsen won, as did third-grader Shawn King with the Humpty Dumpty diorama, kindergartner Jacob Tykoski with a daffodil in a flower pot, second-grader Mason Hughbank with an aquarium and fish made out of an egg, and fifth-grader Kevin Molesky with eggs designed as a police officer and criminal.

The PTA-sponsored egg-decorating contest has been done for more than 20 years at the Westland elementary school, said organizer Lori Tykoski, whose son was one of this year's winners. It also gives students a chance to hone their creative and artistic skills, she added.

"It's something for the kids to do at home with parents — to get the parents involved," she said.

Judging the contest were: Wildwood principal Sharon Thomas-Brown, 18th District Judge Charles Bokos and Westland police Sgt. Harry Misener.



Shawn King, third-grader



Amy Radeck, first-grader



Mason Hughbank, second-grader



Kevin Molesky, fifth-grader

Costs reviewed for Friendship Center expansion, seniors continue fund-raising effort for interior

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Contract bids to expand Westland's senior citizen Friendship Center are higher than city officials expected, but the snag isn't expected to scuttle the project.

On a brighter note, seniors who promised to raise \$50,000 to furnish the 4,580-square-foot addition have collected \$33,100 from donations,

dances, bingo games, bake sales, craft shows and pop bottle returns.

"I'm overwhelmed with how the seniors have supported and backed the project. They are so excited," Friendship Center director Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek said. "And the community and the businesses have been so giving."

"Their generosity has been unbelievable."

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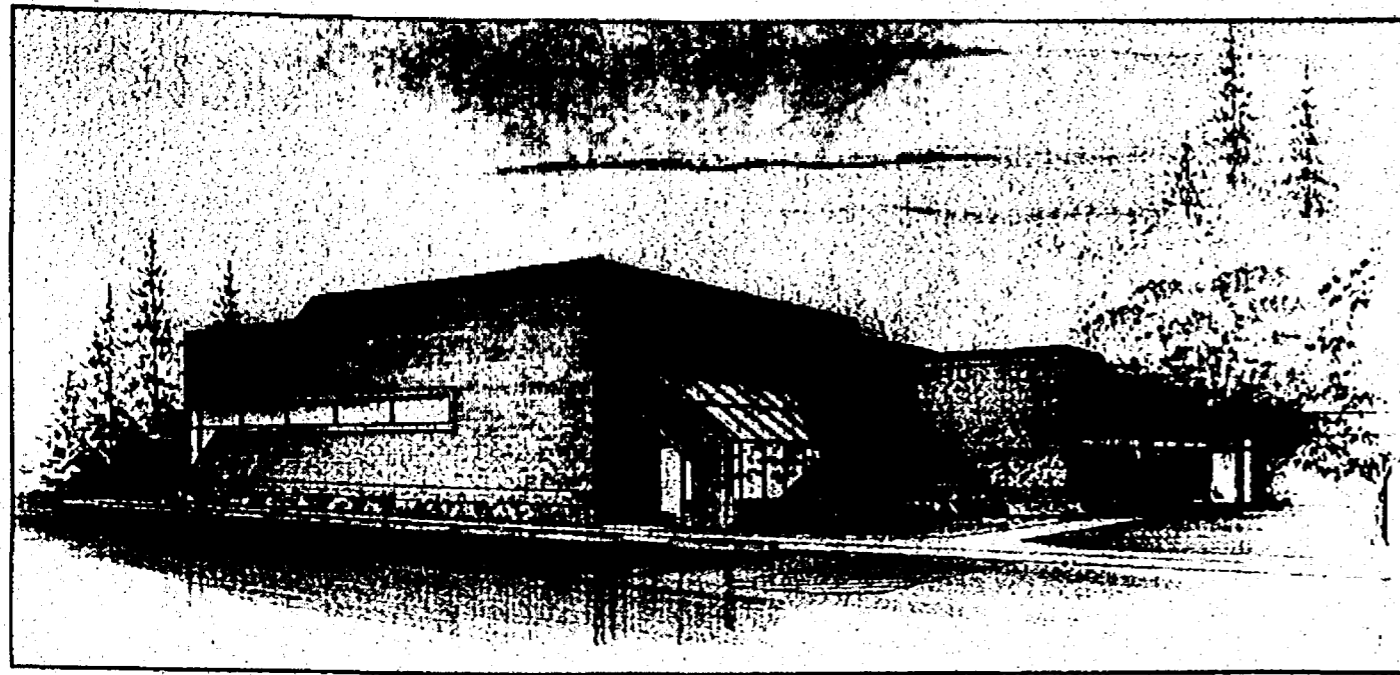
Twelve project bids ranging from \$649,000 to \$1,058,000 have been received for the Friendship Center expansion, although the low figure apparently contains what Finance Director Michael Gorman called "discrepancies."

The next-to-lowest bid of \$715,000

is nearly \$100,000 higher than officials expected, Gorman said. City officials will meet next week to discuss the situation, he said.

The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development had

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An artist's view: Above is a rendering of the expansion at Westland's Friendship Center.

Friendship Center from page A1

pledged a loan for the bulk of the project, and the city had planned to repay the money over five years.

City officials may ask the federal government to increase the loan by about \$100,000, Gorman said. Another scenario would be to scale back the 36-percent expansion of the Friendship Center building.

Current plans call for expanding the 11-year-old building from 12,568 square feet to 17,148 square feet. The center is located at 1119 N. Newburgh, north of Marquette.

Construction is expected to begin this spring and be completed for a fall opening, probably in early November, Kozorosky-Wiacek said.

The addition is slated to be built onto the front of the center. It will include a large multi-purpose room that can be partitioned into as many as four smaller rooms, architect Scott Sherman has said.

The expansion also is intended to provide additional office space, more restrooms and an automatic entrance to ensure that the Friendship Center complies with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Sherman unveiled drawings of the addition during an Oct. 29 press conference at the Friendship Center — a place where hundreds of senior citizens gather to socialize and receive services.

The expansion comes as Westland braces for a projected 45 percent increase in senior citizen services during the next 25 years due to an aging population, Kozorosky-Wiacek has said.

The center has 1,600 members who pay \$8 each a year to participate in senior citizen programs, activities and services. Some seniors simply play

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cards on-site with friends; others travel on senior trips.

The center also helps an additional 4,000 non-members each year by providing on-site medical services, helping seniors with home chores and providing 125 deals a day for homebound seniors, Kozorosky-Wiacek said.

Volunteers also help by delivering meals and performing home chores such as shoveling snow during winter months, she said.

Response to fund-raising efforts for the Friendship Center expansion has exceeded expectations, Kozorosky-Wiacek said.

"I'm so proud of everybody."

Seniors have about \$16,900 to raise to reach their goal. To donate, make a check payable to Seniors of Westland and mail it to: Westland Friendship Center c/o Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland 48186. Returnable bottles also may be dropped off at the center.

Resident is charged in rest stop incidents

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Westland man accused of robbing sex partners he allegedly met at an I-275 rest stop in Canton Township now faces charges involving two victims.

Todd Stephen Nemeth, 31, was arraigned Thursday in 18th District Court on charges that he robbed and beat a 66-year-old Flint man and forcibly used the man's credit cards on March 11.

The incident allegedly occurred after the victim followed a suspect to a Westland apartment, where he was beaten, robbed of money and then forced to drive to an automatic bank teller machine for more cash, Westland police Sgt. Tom Kubitsky said.

Nemeth was charged Thursday with unarmed robbery, credit card fraud and being a fourth-degree habitual offender.

The latest charges came on the same day Nemeth was ordered by 18th District Judge Gail McKnight to stand trial on alle-

gations that he robbed a 50-year-old married Walled Lake man after having sex with him at his Westland apartment.

That incident allegedly occurred Feb. 19 after the victim was lured to a Westland apartment, only to be robbed afterward and forced to drive to an automatic teller machine for money, Westland police Sgt. Scott Fetner said.

Nemeth voluntarily waived a preliminary hearing Thursday, prompting McKnight to order him to stand trial on charges of unarmed robbery and being a fourth-degree habitual offender.

Nemeth still faces a hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial on charges involving the Flint man.

Westland police sergeants said the two incidents are similar because victims met a suspect at a rest stop on I-275 near Michigan Avenue and followed him home, Fetner said.

According to Fetner, the suspect also reportedly takes photographs of victims while they

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are performing certain sex acts on him and allegedly uses the pictures to try to keep the victims quiet.

The victims are married, Fetner said, and "there's an incentive not to report the crime."

On Thursday, McKnight kept Nemeth's bond at \$30,000 cash. The defendant remains jail pending the outcome of his case in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Nemeth could face a 15-year prison term if convicted, but a judge would have discretion to impose a longer sentence if he is found guilty of being a habitual offender.

Stabbing case will go to trial

CRIMEWATCH

A Westland judge Thursday ordered a Garden City man to stand trial on charges of stabbing a Westland man following a March 2 traffic altercation.

Westland 18th District Judge Gail McKnight ordered Eugene Henton Jr. 30, to stand trial on charges of felonious assault for an incident that occurred about 8:50 p.m. near Merriman and Grandview.

Henton could face a maximum four-year prison term if convicted in Wayne County Circuit Court.

During the incident, a 30-year-old Westland man told police he was driving south on Merriman

near Cherry Hill when a man driving a pickup truck in front of him slammed on his brakes, police said. The action forced the victim to swerve into another lane to avoid a collision.

The suspect continued to harass the suspect along Merriman Road until he forced him off of Merriman and onto Grandview, where the pickup driver got out and slashed the victim's tire with a knife, police said.

When the victim got out of his car to protect his property, he

was allegedly stabbed by the suspect in the left elbow and abdominal area, police said. The victim then fled to a nearby house where a resident phoned police for help.

Henton was later arrested following a line-up, and he was in court Thursday for a preliminary hearing. Henton waived his hearing, in a move that averted testimony Thursday. The judge kept Henton's bond at \$15,000 cash.

Bag it: Compost season begins in city

The City of Westland's Department of Public Service will begin its compost season tomorrow, March 31, and will continue through Nov. 28. Compost will be picked up the same day as your regular trash.

Compost must be in cans or plastic trash bags.

As a reminder to our residents,

compost must be separated from the regular household trash by at least 10 feet. Trash and compost must be separated — mixed compost/rubbish will not be picked up.

All brush or limbs must be tied in bundles of three three feet lengths and cannot be more than 40 pounds in weight.

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Cardboard boxes containing compost will not be picked up.

If you have any further questions, call the Department of Public Service at (313) 728-1770 between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Accolades given Franklin students earn honors

The following students were named to the Franklin Middle School honor roll. Information is provided by the Wayne-Westland Schools:

■ NICOLE AGNEW ■ JAMES ALLEN ■ ANTOINE AUSTIN ■ DAVID AUSTIN ■ JOSHUA AUSTIN ■ ANDREA BAILEY ■ JENNIFER BAILEY ■ ANGELA BAKER ■ APRIL BAKER ■ JANEL BALL ■ PAMELA BEAN ■ JESSICA BEARD ■ LANCE BEAUREGARD ■ NICOLE BEGUHN ■ MICHAEL BELANGER ■ NICOLLE BIES ■ ANDREA BLACK ■ SHERRY BLANCHFIELD ■ PATRICK BLESSING ■ ASHLEY BOOKER ■ AMY BOOTERBAUGH ■ THOMAS BOWLING ■ JACLYN BOWMAN ■ BRYAN BRADFORD ■ AUDREY BRAYMAN ■ NICOLE BROOKS ■ HEATHER BROTHERS ■ KATIE BROTHERS ■ RYAN BROWNE ■ JAMIE BUCHANAN ■ MATTHEW BUCKLEY ■ STEFANIE BUNYAK ■ MICHAEL BURDEN ■ SARAH BURKETT ■ COREE BURTON ■ JEFFREY BYRD ■ JENNIFER BYRD ■ NICOLE CAMPBELL ■ TABATHA CAMPBELL ■ ANTHONY CARRICO ■ GEORGE CHADWICK ■ BRADLEY CHIASSON ■ JULIET CHRISPEN ■ BRENT COLAIANNE ■ ROSEMARY COLLINGS ■ THOMAS COLLOP ■ NICOLE CROWDER ■ DAVID CZUJ ■ TIMOTHY CZYZAK ■ KAMMIE DANIC ■ VICTORIA DEFOE ■ CHRISTINA DERMIRE ■ JENNIFER DEST ■ ERICK DIAZ ■ WILLIAM DICK ■ REBECCA DITTO ■ TARA DOYLE ■ ATHENA DZIENGELEWSKI ■ DRSHAYLA ELMORE ■ CHRISTINA ENSION ■ KATHLEEN ESTEP ■ KRISTAN FARAGO ■ RONNA FERRIS ■ CRYSTAL FLOOD ■ BRIAN FOWLER ■ DUSTIN FOX ■ SAMANTHA FRANKLIN ■ AMANDA FREEMAN ■ TIFFANY FRIGO ■ SHIANE

FUCHS ■ DANIEL GILBERT ■ AMBER GLASGOW ■ MARK GOBLE ■ JESSICA GOINS ■ KATHI GREEN ■ CHRISTOPHER GRISSOM ■ RENA GROSS ■ KELLY GUTOWSKI ■ MATTHEW GUYTON ■ ANDREW HAGAN ■ JENNIFER HALL ■ JOHN HAMLET ■ CRAIG HANLEY ■ JASON HARDEN ■ CHRISTOPHER HART ■ BRANDON HATFIELD ■ JUSTIN HAYES ■ PATRICE HEARST ■ JENNIFER HERGE ■ STEPHANIE HILTON ■ JESTIN HIRZEL ■ LAUREN HODOES ■ COLLEEN HOLLIS ■ SHARMIA HOLT ■ JAMIE HOWARD ■ MARY HUFF ■ JOHN JEFFERSON ■ ANDREA JOHNSON ■ MELISSA JOHNSON ■ JENNIFER JOHNSTON ■ PARIS JONES ■ SCOTT JONES ■ SHANNAH JONES ■ JOSHUA JOSEPH ■ CHRISTOPHER JUDD ■ JENNIFER KANNIAINEN ■ CHRISTOPHER KATCHER ■ RYAN KELLER ■ SARA KELLOW ■ LAURA KNAPP ■ CORY KOBE ■ ERIC KONOPKA ■ JULIE KORDUPEL ■ MORRIS LABOWITZ ■ SARA LABRIE ■ JOSEPH LAMONTAGNE ■ CRAIG LANG ■ ERIC LANG ■ COREY LAUGHLIN ■ ASHLEE LEHMAN ■ STARR LESSARD ■ CRYSTAL LITTLE ■ MICHELE LONGTON ■ NICOLE LUNA ■ NATASHA LYLE ■ CARLY MAAS ■ PHILLIP MALONE-FORD ■ CARRIE MARTIN ■ KELEIGH MAYLONE ■ MELISSA MAYLONE ■ JENNIFER MCLEAN ■ JAMES MCLEOD-SESSOM ■ CASSANDRA MICHALSKI ■ JUSTIN MILLER ■ ERIC MILLS ■ STEPHEN MILZ ■ JUSTIN MONIT ■ SEAN MONIT ■ LORRAINE MOORE ■ KRISTLE MROZ ■ SANDRA MROZ ■ ZACHARY MULLINS ■ ELIZABETH MUMMERT ■ STEPHEN NELSON ■ SHAWNA NEUMANN ■ NICOLE NIBERT ■ JASON OFFERMAN ■ EDWIN OLSEN ■ JENNIFER PALMER ■ MARK

PALMER ■ JAMIE PARISH ■ GERALD PARKER ■ MELISSA PARKER ■ ANDREA PARNELL ■ ALEXIS PARR ■ RONNIE PAYNE ■ MICHAEL PENROD ■ JENNIFER PERDUE ■ JOCELYN PERRYMAN ■ RAYMOND PERUSSE ■ ANNIE PHILLIPS ■ JAMIE PINTAR ■ VIKTORIA PITTS ■ BENJAMIN PONIA-TOWSKI ■ NICHOLAS PONIA-TOWSKI ■ AARON PRESSON ■ MOLLY PREVO ■ STEVEN PROVOT ■ MELISSA RAYMO ■ MATTHEW REAMES ■ CHARLES REED ■ JODIE REED ■ HEATHER REMPERT ■ ERICA RICH ■ NICOLE RIFFLE ■ ERIC ROSE ■ HEATHER ROSS ■ JESSICA ROWLAND ■ JOSHUA RUBBO ■ BRANDON RUSSELL ■ LATORIA SAF-FORD ■ AMBER MAE SAMPLES ■ SAMANTHA SANDERS ■ NAVDEEP SANDHU ■ MEGAN SANDS ■ KIMBERLY SCHUCH ■ JUSTIN SCOTT ■ AIMEE SEDIK ■ BRADLEY SEDIK ■ CAROLANN SEEVER ■ KATHRYN SENTZ ■ TAYLOR SNEDDON ■ JACKIE ST ANDREW ■ MATTHEW ST ANTOINE ■ CHRISTINA STALEY ■ COSTAS STAVROU ■ JAMES STEVENS ■ MAGGIE TAYLOR ■ BRANDY TENNANT ■ MARCUS THOMAS ■ LANCE THOMAS ■ ERIK THORNTON ■ BRENT TONEY ■ ROSE TOOMAN ■ MARC TOWNSEND ■ JACOB TURNBULL ■ MELISSA TYLER ■ MICHELLE VARNY ■ ROBERT VINCENT ■ STACY VOJTKOFSKY ■ JENNIFER WALKER ■ MARSHALL WALLS ■ ANDREA WATSON ■ TONI WATSON ■ AMANDA WEBB ■ MALLORY WELTON ■ REBECCA WENSKO ■ TONYA WENSKO ■ SHANI WHITE ■ TWANSI WHITE ■ TERESA WILCOX ■ LINDSEY WIMBERLY ■ JASON WINTERS ■ ELIZABETH ZARZECKI ■ ERIC ZEPFLAUER ■ ADAM ZIMMERMAN



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Madonna benefit

Dinner-auction raises money for scholarships

Have you ever dreamed of flying air combat in a Marchetti, owning a Lalique crystal statue of the Madonna, spending a glorious week in Chania, Greece or visiting the place best known for dreams — Disney World, Florida?

At Madonna University's ninth annual "Around the World" Scholarship Dinner Auction, patrons will be within a bid's reach of all these and more and at the same time provide scholarship funds for university students.

Celebrating 50 years of academic excellence, the auction will be a tribute to Madonna's golden anniversary. The scholarship dinner and auction is planned from 5:30-11 p.m. Friday, April 11, in Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. Tickets are \$100 for Gold

Inner Circle seating or \$65 for general seating. For reservations or raffle ticket information, call the university advancement office at (313) 432-5588.

General chairpersons for this year's event are Jerry and Justine Raymond. Sponsors are Don Massey Cadillac Inc., Northwest Airlines and Kimcraft Printers Inc.

Items for bid include a mail boat ride for four on the J.W. Westcott, a morning with Dick Purtan and the Morning Team at WOMC 104.3 PM, a Christian Dior shearing jacket, four days at the John Jacobs School of Golf and accommodations at Mountain Shadows Resort in Scottsdale, Ariz., vintage wines, vacation trips to Disney World, Cheboygan, Branson, Mackinac Island, Napa Valley, Hawaii,

Germany and Greece.

Also on the auction block will be a Yamaha Clavinova digital piano and sports memorabilia which includes a baseball signed by Ted Williams.

Other items include a Salvador Dali area rug, a 10-bird pheasant hunt at Arbor Creek Hunt Club in Ann Arbor, golf for four at TPC and bed and breakfast packages in the metropolitan area.

Joe Weaver, retired broadcast journalist, will be the master of ceremonies.

All proceeds from the auction, which last year raised more than \$270,000, will go toward the Madonna University scholarship fund which benefits a variety of students, including those with special needs.

A raffle drawing will be held

at 9 p.m. The winner chooses among four items — a women's 35-carat 12-diamond fashion ring, 10 \$100 gift certificates for Marriott Resorts, Hotels and Restaurants worldwide, a 32-inch Magnavox color TV or an oak entertainment center. Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25. The winner need not be present to win.

The silent auction begins at 5:30 p.m.; a live auction begins at 9 p.m. Dinner is served from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The evening will end with a raffle drawing for a 1997 Cadillac Catera, donated by Don Massey of Don Massey Cadillac Inc. in Plymouth. Tickets for the Catera raffle are \$200 each and no more than 800 tickets will be sold. The winner need not be present.



Organizers: Jerry and Justine Raymond, general chairpersons of this year's event, will open the ninth annual scholarship auction by hosting a champagne, sweets and yellow roses welcome, setting the tone for the golden tribute theme of the evening.

SC trustees eye renovation plan

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Schoolcraft College students want more room to study on campus.

They probably will get their wish, too, as trustees are expected to approve a master plan in April to expand and renovate campus facilities.

Trustees received a priority list Wednesday from Butch Raby, vice president of business services, that outlined suggestions from students, business and industry customers for facility improvements over the next two years.

Raby outlined locally-funded projects for 1997-98, including laboratory renovations at the Forum Building, renovations to the Liberal Arts Building, expanded student seating in the Liberal Arts, Applied Science and Forum buildings and the Radcliff Center, and the expansion of the Media Center.

In 1998-99, improvements proposed are a lab consolidation at the Radcliff Center, equipping each classroom with a facility computer work station, expanding the Metallurgy Lab in the Applied Science Building, and the creation of office space in all buildings for part-time faculty and an expansion of distance learning capabilities.

"We hesitate to go beyond that," Raby said, as funding remains uncertain. Raby expects the board will review the plans every spring, upgrading them to have a two-year plan in place.

Raby also will ask the board next month to approve a resolution to send to the state for 50 percent funding.

Those projects currently include a mini-conference center/business and industry training center, technology service center, expansion of the Radcliff Center and the Forum Building addition and renovations.

Raby recently met with a group of student leaders who requested the addition of study areas in all classroom buildings, a reconfiguration of the study area in Bradner Library, including group study areas, and a 200- to 300-seat auditorium.

They also asked for a small bookstore in the McDowell Center and an enlargement of the Radcliff Center Bookstore.

The first four items were already listed in the master plan, Raby said. Student-requested improvements at

McDowell may be difficult, but Raby will ask the architect to place the items in the master plan.

Business and industry customers who use Schoolcraft for conferences requested expansion of those areas, including additional meeting rooms for 15 to 30 people, equipped with VCRs, overhead projectors, screens and computer hookups, and a larger room (200 to 300 seats) with that same equipment.

That group also requested small rooms (5 to 10 seats) for detail computer training, video-conferencing space, a bank of pay phones in the conference facility and large display area for conference-related exhibitions.

The board increased expenditures in the 1996-97 budget to begin an estimated \$426,000 renovations in the Forum, Liberal Arts, Radcliff and library buildings.

Classrooms aren't large enough in the Liberal Arts building, so walls will be removed to allow for more students in those classrooms, Raby said. Labs will be upgraded to make them more functional and safer at the Forum Building, while another classroom will be added at Radcliff.

The labs need improvement to make them safer. Gas valves leak, and lighting isn't adequate, Raby said.

Another \$200,000 was earmarked for the south parking lot at Schoolcraft, while \$78,860 was allocated for roof repairs to the Administrative Building.

The \$705,000 in new expenses will be funded through increased revenue in property taxes, collected from new development. Those taxes were collected after conservative estimates were made last May when the current budget was approved.

Schoolcraft also received \$122,641 more in revenue in tuition and fees due to increased enrollment, and \$163,000 more in state aid than was budgeted.

Investments earned \$50,000 more in income than was anticipated, Raby said.

The improvements were an important first step toward a state-of-the-art facility, said Conway Jeffress, vice president of academic instruction.

"The feeling is if we address immediate concerns, we can take care of the others at a normal pace," Jeffress said.

S'craft board seats open

Candidates must turn in nominating petitions by April 7 if they wish to run for the board of trustees for Schoolcraft College.

Voters will decide on two six-year terms in an election June 9. Those seats are currently occupied 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

includes 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 the 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 more information, call the college at (313) 462-4460. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty.

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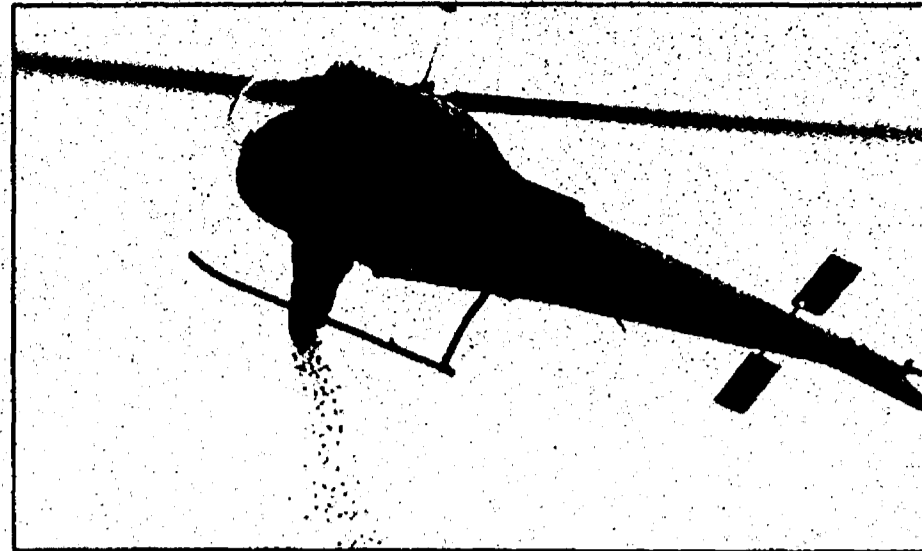
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Marshmallow drop delights local kids

Hundreds of families from Wayne County enjoyed the first official Wayne County parks event of the season on Friday — the Great Marshmallow Drop at Nankin Mills. Wayne County teamed up with radio station WNIC-FM and the Westland Civitans to host the event.



STAFF PHOTOS BY SHARON LEMIEUX



On your mark: Hundreds of youngsters (above) lined up to collect marshmallows that were dropped from a helicopter at Nankin Mills County Park along Hines Drive. The children scrambled to collect the sweet treats and then turned them in for a prize-filled egg. (Above left) Julie Keener, 3, of Westland, holds her dad's hand while keeping one hand firmly on her basket. Julie parents and Tim and Geri Keener (not shown).

Register now for spring classes at Schoolcraft

Schoolcraft College is enrolling students for the spring semester, and offers a variety of methods to sign up for classes.

Students may complete and send in a mail-in registration form now through April 18. Forms are available in the spring/summer schedules or through the Office of Admissions.

New students must meet with a counselor before registering.

Students with a touch-tone telephone can telephone in their registration by dialing (313) 462-4800. Spring phone-in registration continues through May 1, during the

hours of 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 5 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

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Thaw makes me anxious to garden

Although I really enjoy Michigan winters, by the time April rolls around I'm ready for change. With the anticipation of spring comes the "seems like forever" wait for snow to melt and dirt to be warm to the touch.

As a child I recall that my neighbor, Mrs. Daniels, had a fabulous garden. Her backyard was small, yet packed with bountiful vegetables and flowering plants. I would spend my whole day helping her tend the garden. For my effort, she once gave me some small tomato plants that were over-crowding her garden.

Digging in

I brought them home, and armed with a small, broken hoe, and bucket of water, hacked away at the sod along our back fence line, carving out space for the plants. The ground was hard. Later, I discovered it was once an alley.

Days later, with careful watering, my tomato plants grew. What a feeling of accomplishment that was! I can still taste that first, warmed by the sun tomato, which I grew myself. After that, I was hooked on gardening.

The following spring, when I was 10 years old, I went with my mother to the Royal Oak Farmers Market to speak with local farmers, and learn more about their profession. I purchased starter plants, and placed them in the ground. I've had a garden ever since.

This year I'm planting about two acres of land. It's the equivalent of 60 flats of plants. I've already ordered what I could from Don Van Houtte at the Royal Oak Farmers Market, the farmer who gave me advice as a child. He always offers plant care instructions, and keeps me up to date on all the hybrids. My plants are scheduled to arrive around the last week of May. By that time I will have worked the ground.

Sunny spot

I am picking a spot that receives sun throughout the day. If you have limited space, choose ground that receives a southern sun exposure with little to no shade.

If you haven't attempted to garden before, start slowly with a small space that you can work comfortably. This will also help build your confidence, and not make you feel overwhelmed. The results will be just as gratifying. I promise with a little attention, water and passion, you will have a successful harvest.

Purchase starter plants, it will be easier than worrying about seeds germinating. Loss of product is reduced, and results are quicker. Some good plants to grow are tomatoes, cucumbers, green peppers, green beans, and zucchini.

Plan your garden now, while you wait for the ground to thaw. And to prove that vegetables fresh from your garden taste better than those you buy in the store, make a recipe with store bought vegetables, then make the same recipe again in the summer using home grown vegetables or vegetables purchased from a farmer's market. You'll notice a big difference.

BAKED EGGPLANT RATATOUILLE WITH TOMATO COULIS

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 eggplants, medium size
- 1 medium onion, diced, 3/4-inch
- 3 branches celery, diced 3/4-inch
- 2 green peppers, cored and diced 3/4-inch
- 1 small zucchini, diced 3/4-inch
- 1 small yellow squash, diced 3/4-inch
- 2 large tomatoes, peeled, seeded, and diced 3/4-inch
- 2 cloves chopped garlic
- 1 tablespoon fresh basil, chopped
- 2 teaspoons chopped oregano
- 1 teaspoon thyme leaves
- 1/4 cup tomato puree
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 375° F. Gently prick eggplant with a fork, rub lightly with a small amount of the olive oil.

Season eggplant with salt and pepper, place in a baking pan and put into the oven.

Bake for approximately 45 minutes, or until eggplant is fork tender. Remove from oven, let cool while bitter juices drain. Split eggplant long ways, scoop out inside pulp carefully, do not tear shell, reserve pulp.

Meanwhile, preheat saute pan with remaining

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- Give your spice cabinet a spring cleaning.



CALIFORNIA ASPARAGUS COMMISSION

Elegant entree: Rolled steak stuffed with fresh asparagus is an elegant dish to celebrate spring.

'FOOD OF KINGS' REIGNS IN SPRING



BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Even before last Sunday's surprise snowfall, I knew spring was on its way. In late February our pussy willow tree sprouted furry buds, and California asparagus started popping up at the grocery store.

King Louis XIV of France loved asparagus so much that he built special greenhouses so that he could have a ready supply of it year-round. That's why asparagus is called the "food of kings," but most of us crave asparagus in the spring when its freshest and tastes best.

Asparagus plants thrive in sandy soil in early spring when temperatures are 52° F., or slightly above. Hotter temperatures cause the plant to curl up.

According to the Michigan Asparagus Advisory Board, Michigan ranks third in the nation in asparagus production behind California and Washington. Most of Michigan's asparagus is grown along Lake Michigan with Oceana County being the top producer.

You'll have to wait until May to

enjoy Michigan asparagus, but California asparagus is readily available now. Michigan's harvest begins early in May, and peaks in early June.

For me, asparagus was an adult thing. We didn't eat it at our house. Mom served canned corn, green beans, icky peas, and mashed potatoes, but not asparagus, which she won't eat to this day.

My sister-in-law introduced me to asparagus, and from her I've learned, that when properly chosen, and prepared, asparagus is absolutely delightful.

"Most people cook it too long so it tastes stringy," said Bonnie Fishman of West Bloomfield, owner of Bonnie's Patisserie in Southfield. "First you have to break off the woody stem. Bend a spear until it naturally snaps off at the bottom, and toss that part away. Sometimes I'll do a couple to see where they break off, and cut the rest with a knife."

Whether you're planning to serve asparagus hot or cold, Fishman recommends cooking it in a lot of water. "I bring a four-quart pot with a gallon of salted water to a rolling boil and immerse one pound of asparagus for no more than two minutes," she said. "If the stems are pencil thin,

cook them for only a minute. If you're going to serve the asparagus cold with a dipping sauce, cook it 30 seconds."

Immediately after cooking, drain and rinse the asparagus under cold water to freshen it. "If you leave asparagus in the pot it will continue cooking," said Fishman. "This is a mistake a lot of people make. Rinsing it brings out the bright green color."

If you're serving asparagus warm, it's not necessary to rinse, but to save time in the kitchen for parties, Fishman recommends cooking asparagus in advance, and warming it briefly in the microwave.

Chef Richard Teeple of Plymouth, a chef instructor at Henry Ford Community College, likes to steam his asparagus, but he agrees with Fishman that it's important to cool it right away to avoid overcooking. "I throw ice cubes in the pan to shock the asparagus, and stop the cooking process," he said.

Stay away from large asparagus. "Choose the small, skinny asparagus," said Teeple. "It will have a better, sweeter, flavor. You can also peel

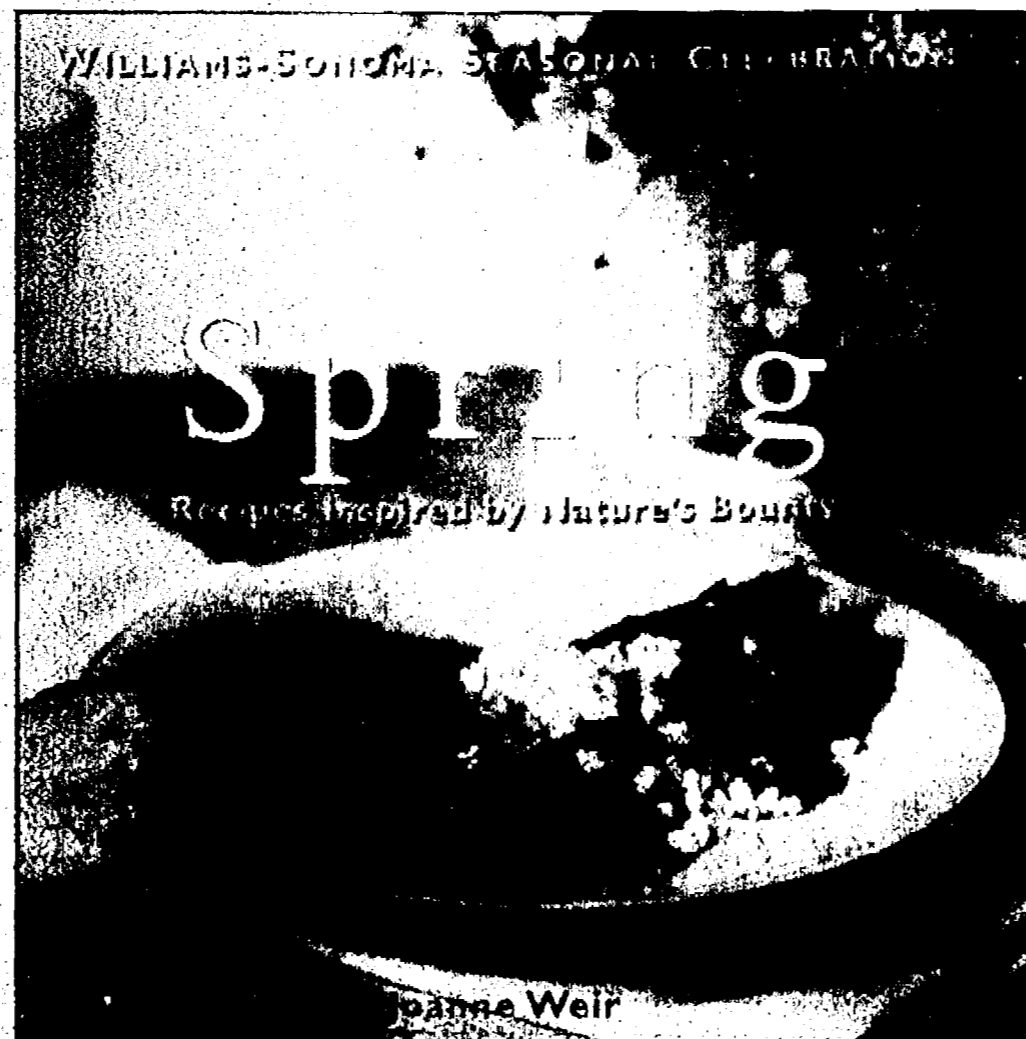
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Before you cook

■ Select bright green asparagus with closed, compact, firm tips. If the tips are slightly wilted, freshen them up by soaking them in cold water.

■ Keep fresh asparagus cool and moist until you intend to use it. Wrap a moist paper towel around the spears, and store them in the crisper drawer of the refrigerator. For best quality, use within three days.

■ Asparagus can be frozen for up to eight months. To freeze, wash, and blanch in boiling water for 1 to 2 minutes. After blanching, cool immediately in ice water. Drain well, and pack in plastic freezer bags or containers. Do not defrost before cooking.



New book celebrates 'Nature's Bounty'

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

My favorite cookbooks have pictures of the finished product. That's why I like "Spring: Recipes Inspired by Nature's Bounty," by Joanne Weir (Time-Life Books; March 1997, \$21.95 hardcover) the newest cookbook in Williams-Sonoma's Seasonal Celebration series. Every recipe has a matching color photograph so you know exactly what the finished product is supposed to look like.

Equal helpings of tips and recipes make this book appetizing. Novice cooks will appreciate the information for "Selecting Spring Ingredients," and "Spring Techniques" for preparing artichokes, asparagus, fava beans, and rinsing greens.

There are colorful pictures galore, beginning with a glossary of spring vegetables, fruits, and main course ingredients such as lamb, salmon, and soft-shell crabs. Every item is discretely numbered so that you can match the photo with a detailed description, which includes preparation and serving tips, on the page.

Recipes for openers, soups and sal-

ads, main courses, side dishes, and desserts offer lots of ideas for "dinner tonight," and special occasions. Step-by-step, instructions make these recipes "no sweat."

Quotes by famous people accompany each recipe, providing food for thought and conversation - "To get the best results you must talk to your vegetables," - Charles, Prince of Wales.

You'll relish Weir's recipe introductions, which are often presented with a dollop of history - "Over two centuries ago, English cooks first recognized the culinary potential of rhubarb, until then regarded as an ornamental plant. Although actually a hardy perennial vegetable, rhubarb is generally treated as a fruit and often combined with strawberries, which are also harvested in the spring."

An award-winning cookbook author and professional chef, Weir suggests lots of ways to make this spring one of memorable meals, and sweet endings.

• See recipes inside

Seasonal pleasures: The new Williams-Sonoma Seasonal Celebration series: "Spring: Recipes Inspired by Nature's Bounty" pays tribute to this season of rebirth.

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olive oil. Place onion, celery, and peppers into pan and cook. Stir occasionally until onions are slightly translucent.

Add squash, garlic and stir. Add remaining ingredients except Parmesan cheese to the pan including the pulp from the eggplant. Season with salt and pepper, stir, taste and adjust seasonings.

Place eggplant shells in suitable roasting pan. Fill shells with vegetable mixture, distributing evenly. Top with Parmesan cheese, place in oven and lower temperature to 325°F. Bake for approximately 20 minutes or until vegetables are tender and Parmesan has browned. Remove from oven. Place tomato coulis (recipe follows) on service plate. Place eggplant ratatouille on coulis. Garnish with herb sprig and serve. Serves 6.

TOMATO COULIS

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 stick butter
- 4 tomatoes
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 20 coriander seeds, ground

Salt and pepper to taste.

Put a small pot of water on a burner to boil. Prep tomatoes for blanching by removing the core. Carefully drop tomatoes into boiling water. Leave in water for approximately 25 to 30 seconds.

Remove from pot and shock in cold water. Skins should peel easily. Split tomatoes cross-wise, squeeze out seeds, chop tomatoes coarsely. Using a stainless steel pot, heat oil and butter, add garlic and cook for 20 to 30 seconds until butter starts to foam.

Add tomatoes, coriander and small amount of seasoning (salt and pepper), stir and cook on medium heat for 10 minutes. Transfer to blender and blend until smooth. Keep warm for service.

Trained under Master Chef Milos Cihelka and in France under Chef Michel Guerard of Eugenie les Bains, Steven Allen is the executive chef of the Golden Mushroom in Southfield, which is celebrating its 25th year.

Asparagus Wonders with asparagus

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the woody stem with a vegetable peeler, up to the tip, to tenderize it."

Asparagus is a member of the Lily family, and is Greek for "sprout" or "shoot." Its cultivation began more than 2,000 years ago in the eastern Mediterranean. With its high tolerance for salt and sandy soils, wild asparagus is found in England, central Wisconsin, Russia and Poland. It has been grown in Syria and Spain since ancient times. Asparagus gained popularity in France in England, and was brought here by colonists.

Low in calories (only 20 per five ounce serving) asparagus is a source of dietary fiber and potassium and sodium free. Asparagus is a source of folacin, a B vitamin necessary for blood cell formation and growth, that helps prevent cervical cancer, and birth defects. Asparagus is also a significant source of vitamin C, thiamin (B1), often called "the morale vitamin" because of its beneficial effect on the nervous system, emotions and mood.

See related story on Taste front.

ROLLED STEAK STUFFED WITH CALIFORNIA FRESH ASPARAGUS

- 3-4 pound flank steak, butter-filled opened
- 1 pound fresh asparagus
- 2 tablespoons horseradish
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- Preheat oven to 350°F. Spread 2 tablespoons horseradish, and minced garlic on the steak. Then arrange asparagus spears in a single row over spread.

Roll tightly and tie. Roast in oven at 350°F. for 1 hour.

Remove from oven and let stand 10 minutes before slicing.

Recipe from the California Asparagus Commission.

WARM CARROT AND ASPARAGUS SALAD

- 2 pounds carrots
- 1 1/2 pounds asparagus
- 6 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 small or 1 large red onion, cut lengthwise and then thinly cross wise
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1 teaspoon caraway seeds
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- Cut the carrots lengthwise into

quarters. Cut them into 2-inch lengths. Blanch carrots in a large pot of boiling water with salt until they are just tender. Use a strainer or slotted spoon to remove them from the water.

Remove the woody stalks from the asparagus and cut the asparagus into 2-inch lengths. Blanch them in the carrot water for 1-2 minutes. Remove with a strainer, refresh under cold water. Reserve the cooking liquid.

In a large skillet heat oil over moderate heat. Add the onions and cook until very soft. Add 1/2 cup reserved cooking liquid, red pepper flakes, caraway seeds, paprika and cumin. Bring the liquid to a boil. Add the carrots. Cook for 3-5 minutes, or until the liquid is reduced and the carrots are coated.

Stir in the asparagus. Season with salt and pepper. Just before serving, add the lemon juice. Serve warm or at room temperature. Serves 8.

Recipe from Bonnie Fishman, Bonnie's Patisserie.

SPRINGTIME STIR-FRY WITH SCALLOPS AND ASPARAGUS

- 3/4 pound asparagus
- Boiling water
- 3/4 cup chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon light soy sauce

- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 3/4 pound sea scallops, cut in half crosswise, if large, and patted dry
- 1 cup sliced button mushrooms or 3 to 4 ounces oyster mushrooms
- 1 medium clove garlic, minced
- 1 cup cherry tomato halves
- 2 to 3 green onions, sliced diagonally
- 2 cups hot cooked rice

Trim or break off asparagus spears at tender point; rinse and cut into 2-inch diagonal pieces.

In large saucepan, in boiling water to cover, cook asparagus until crisp-tender about 2 minutes. Do not over cook.

Drain and rinse under cold water. Combine chicken broth, cornstarch and soy sauce; reserve.

In large non-stick skillet, sprayed with no-stick cooking spray, heat oil. Stir-fry scallops and mushrooms with garlic until scallops are just cooked through, about 4 minutes.

Stir in cornstarch mixture. Cook, stirring, until sauce thickens. Add drained asparagus, tomatoes and green onions; heat. Add salt and pepper to taste. Serve over rice. Serves 4.

Recipe from the California Asparagus Commission.

Spring lends a hand

See related story on Taste front. Recipes from the Williams-Sonoma Seasonal Celebration: "Spring" (Time-Life Books, March 1997).

SUGAR SNAP PEA AND MINT SALAD

- 1 1/2 pounds sugar snap peas, ends trimmed
- 1 tablespoon Champagne vinegar
- 1 small shallot, minced
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup fresh mint leaves, cut into thin strips, plus mint sprigs for garnish
- Have ready a bowl of ice water.

Bring a large saucepan three-fourths full of salted water to a boil. Add sugar snap peas and simmer until bright green and tender 1 1/2 to 2 minutes. Drain immediately and transfer to the ice water to halt cooking. Let stand for 5 minutes, then drain and set aside.

To make dressing, in a small bowl whisk together the vinegar, shallot, olive oil and salt and pepper to taste.

To serve, place sugar snap peas and thin strips of mint in a bowl and drizzle with the dressing. Toss to coat ingredients evenly. Transfer to a serving bowl and garnish with mint sprigs. Serve immediately, arranging the salad attractively on each plate, if desired. Serves 4-6.

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

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

RATIONAL RECOVERY
Rational Recovery is an international, non-profit self-help organization that meets at 12:30 p.m. every Thursday and at 7 p.m. every Friday in Garden City Hospital's Harrison Center, on Harrison north of Maplewood. The group is for

persons who are experiencing problems as a result of alcohol and/or substance abuse or any other self-defeating behaviors.

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

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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

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

EMOTIONS ANONYMOUS
A 12-step program for "A New Way of Life" meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and 10 a.m. Thursday in Garden City Hospital Educational Center, Room 5, (former Harrison School), 6701 Harrison, Garden City. (313) 427-8193.

NEW BEGINNINGS
New Beginnings, a support group for people suffering as a result of the death of a loved one, will meet Thursdays at St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. (313) 422-6038.

CHADD
CHADD of Northwest Wayne County, a nonprofit, parent-based organization formed to better the lives of individuals with attention deficit disorders and those who care for them, meets 7:30 p.m. with check-in at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of every month at the Civic

Center Library, Five Mile east of Farmington Road, Livonia. (313) 380-0847.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT
A free support group for caregivers of people with chronic illness meets 7-9 p.m. the last Thursday of every month in Classroom C, Botsford Hospital, 28050 Grand River, Farmington Hills. 832-CIAC.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS
A multiple sclerosis exercise program meets 6-7 p.m. every Friday at the Livonia Family YMCA with discussion and fellowship after 7-8 p.m. (313) 261-2161, Ext. 312.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS
A new support group for families and friends of people with MS meets 7-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Inkster Recreation Complex, 2025 Middlebelt. Call Betty Priest, (313) 852-6613.

ADULT CHILDREN
A support group for adult children of dysfunctional families meets noon to 1:30 p.m. every Thursday. Deena or Cynthia, (313) 478-9222.

CHRONIC FATIGUE
Chronic Fatigue and Immune Dysfunction Syndrome support group will meet 7-9 p.m. the second Thursday of every month in First Presbyterian Church of

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WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY
Women for Sobriety meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays at the Livonia Counseling Center, 13325 Farmington Road. 462-4214.

BETWEEN US
Just Between Us, an informal self-help group for women who have had breast cancer surgery, meets at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of every month in the American Cancer Society, 6701 Harrison, Garden City. Loretta, (313) 261-6188.

ARTHRITIS HELPLINE
The Arthritis Helpline provides general information on the types of arthritis treatments, medications, referrals and self-help aids, aquatic program and special exercise classes. The line is open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays. Call (313) 350-3030 or 1-800-968-3030.

SURVIVING CANCER
Henry Ford Health System and the Michigan Cancer Foundation sponsor a support group for young adults (ages 20-40) who are facing cancer, treatments and recovery. The group meets in the Michigan Cancer Foundation Lathrup Village office, 18831 W. 12 Mile, west of Southfield. Barbara Bicking, 294-4430

Public safety career fair scheduled

Schoolcraft College's Radcliff Center is the place to be on Wednesday, April 9, if you're considering a career in law enforcement or public safety.

Nearly two dozen agencies will take part in the school's annual public safety career fair, aimed at those interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement, fire fighting, emergency medical services or corrections.

The demonstrations, along with presentations by public safety organization representatives, will be from 4-7 p.m. in the Radcliff Center on Radcliff,

between Venoy and Wildwood and just south of Ford, on the Garden City-Westland border.

There is no charge for the fair which is open to the public.

Agencies ranging from the FBI to local fire and police departments will participate. The college is also planning two major demonstrations of equipment: an inter-active firefighting/emergency medical technician training system and a demonstration of the Firearms Training System, which is an interactive tool used to help police academy recruits learn how to react in a

critical situation.

Among the organizations planning to take part are:

Van Buren Township fire department, Dearborn fire department, Metroparks Public Safety, Ann Arbor police department, Henry Ford Museum/Greenfield Village, Pittsfield Township police, Flint police, Wayne County Sheriff, Federal Reserve Bank, Dearborn police, Waterford Township police, FBI, Huron Valley Ambu-

lance, Grand Trunk Railroad, Oak Park Public Safety, University of Michigan police, U.S. Marshal Service, Livonia police, Romulus fire, Wyoming (Mich.) police, Detroit police, Community EMS and private corporations.

The agencies will be accepting resumes from potential job applicants.

For more information on the program call (313) 462-4421.

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Description: State of Michigan, County of Wayne, Parcel ID 44025010282002

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This is an improved residential property.

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Amount Paid: \$3,074.14 Taxes for 1992

Amount necessary to redeem: \$4,616.21 Plus the fees of the Sheriff. FUNB Custodian for PJR Special, Inc. 1700 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. Ste. 1100A West Palm Beach, FL 33401

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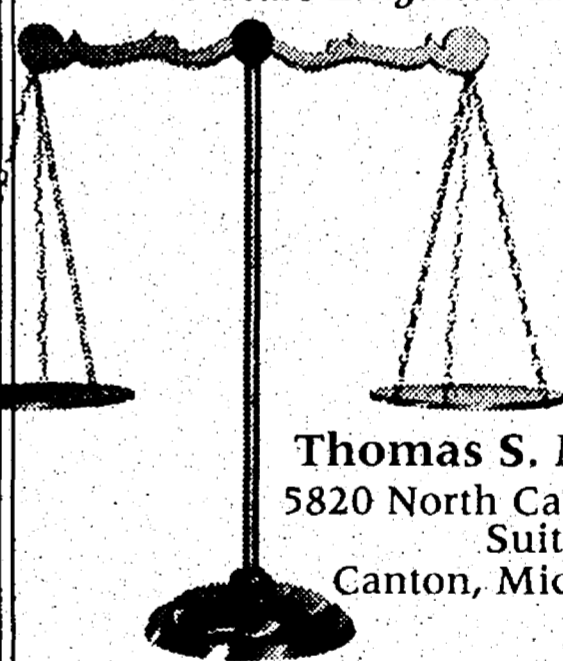
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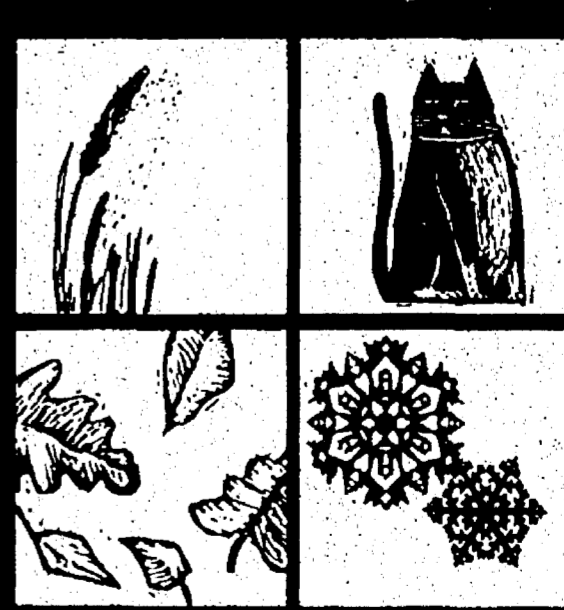
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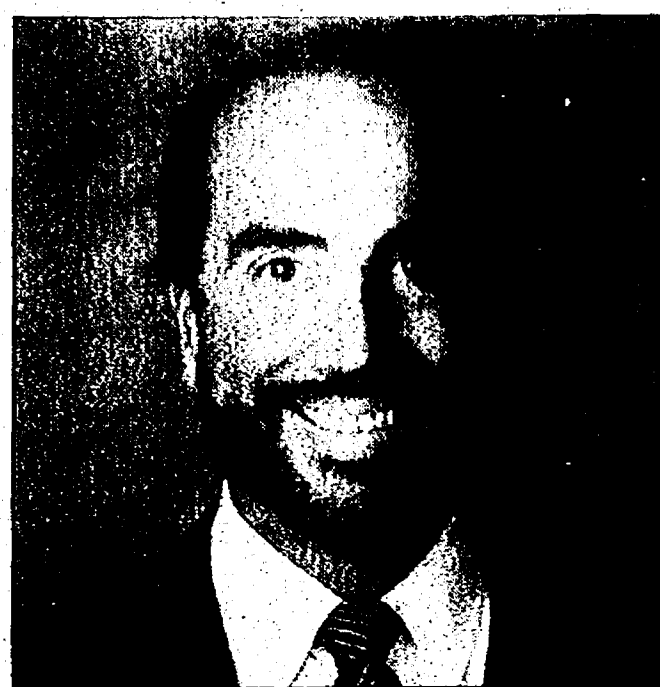
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BEAUTY AND THE BEST



Jeffrey Bruce

Fashion faux pas are half the Oscar fun

Every year, billions of people gather around their television sets to watch the Academy Awards and celebrate the best of the movie industry.

Well, at least that's what the studios like to think! The majority of us are watching to see who is arriving, what they are wearing and hoping for some sort of fashion/make-up or hair disaster. Try to recite the past five winners of Best Picture and you'll see my point. More of us remember Cher in her fantasy outfit by Bob Mackie, or Barbra Streisand in her see-through pants outfit, or perhaps Jack Palance doing one-armed pushups.

Faced with a sea of good taste this year, mainly because of the mob of newcomers on the scene, most of them garbed and adorned by designers, the Oscars were almost no fun. However, in an irreverent vein, here are some of those awards that you may have overlooked. (Big surprise to follow).

The "Bad Hair Day" Award had to go to Holly Hunter for her mixture of styles, dragged back and punctured with chopsticks. The runner up was Sandra Bullock, who decided to do absolutely nothing except part it in the middle and hope for the best.

The "Everything was Great Except the Hair" Award had to go to Helen Hunt. What was she thinking with the curls?

The "Best Make-Up of the Evening" Award was a four-way split: Celine Dion, Winona Ryder, Jodie Foster and Sigourney Weaver. (Sigourney wins the award for best coordination of make-up, hair and dress).

The "Double Bee-Sting" award, or, "How Do You Like My Training Bra?" Award goes to Clare Danes. Runner up is Courtney Love, who managed to stun most of us by just showing up in a gown.

The "I Crocheted My Own Gown" Award has to go to Andie McDowell. She saw fit to add to the look by wearing no make-up and just dragging her hair back into a junior Bride of Frankenstein facsimile. And this woman was a top model?

The "Mother of Jennifer Aniston" Award and "I'm Frozen In Time" Award both go to Goldie Hawn. Surely it's time to change something, anything. Please!

The "Victor/Victoria" Award goes to Frances McDormand. You figure it out.

The "Cat in the Hat" Award plus a dishonorable mention for make-up has to go to Dennis Rodman. Well, he does go where most men fear to tread.

The "She Tries Too Hard" Award and possibly the "One of These Days, I'll Find My Own Style" Award goes to Nicole Kidman, wearing a dress the color of which does not exist in nature.

The latest nominee to the Fashion Disaster Hall of Fame... the envelope please... Diane Keaton! Not only did she dare to wear a white pant suit, but it either has never been pressed or was so ill-fitting, and it went so well with the studded dog collar. This woman has never seen an outfit she can't mangle.

Juliette Binoche, wearing a blood-red Dracula outfit, is the winner of the "If I Knew That I Was Going to Win, I Would Never Have Worn This Outfit" Award.

Now to the men's side. Some of these who haven't ever heard of a tuxedo rental store: Will Smith, Billy Crystal, Kevin Spacey and James Brolin. I think that Mr. Brolin may have been rushed and borrowed Sharon Stone's Gap T-shirt from last year.

The classiest hair, make-up and gown of the evening? It had to be Lauren Bacall, who proves that less is more, and doesn't need to borrow from Harry Winston.

Representing the younger brigade of actresses who had it correct was Winona Ryder: pretty little face, perfect eye make-up, terrific flapper dress to show off her petite figure, shows originality every time she appears.

Madonna looked great... finally! Although it became obvious why she wasn't nominated for an award.

Jada Pinkett wins the "Wear This and Look Classy" award. It takes a lot of nerve to wear a bare midriff and get away with it. Added to that, the outfit was green — and she pulled it off. Congratulations.

The "Audrey Hepburn Classic Hollywood" Award goes to Kristin Scott Thomas. In her

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Artsy apparel

B'ham gallery presents unique fashion show

BY TODD WICKS
STAFF WRITER

Can clothing qualify as art? According to the staff at Artquest Gallery in downtown Birmingham, it can — and will, at the gallery's upcoming Bodyscapes fashion show/art exhibit being held throughout April.

Wearable art is the theme of Bodyscapes, which features one-of-a-kind jackets, vests, tops, skirts, hats, scarves, purses and jewelry, all the creations of local and national artists.

"The artists produce everything from raw materials, and make the clothing in their studios," said Roberta Grant, assistant director of Artquest. "Styles and sizes range and encompass things for all ages, (from) real funky things to more conservative... They're the one thing you can get for your wardrobe that's unique, and can go with anything."

The gallery has taken pieces of clothing from different designers and assembled suggested outfits that are guaranteed to turn heads.

"They're not 'one size fits all,' but they're easy to wear," said Cheryl Renton, vice-president of Artquest Gallery Inc. "They range from casual everyday wear to almost business attire."

Designed by Victor Saroki and Associates in Birmingham, Artquest Gallery opened in August 1995. Besides clothing, it specializes in colorful dinnerware, sculpture, jewelry, and mixed-media art.

There are creations of all kinds at the gallery: tall, candlelit metal lawn masks, found-art tables and sculptures created from rubble and knickknacks, plus the works of Grant and sales assistant Karen Cirino.

Grant estimated that at least half of the art and apparel in the store has been produced by a Michigan artist, including Alice Bronston of Bloomfield Hills, Murel Jacobs of Bloomfield Hills, Michelle Art Healing of Walled Lake, and Stan and Debby Megdall of West Bloomfield.

"We get a lot of positive response from customers and artists," said Renton. "One of our priorities is to carry work that is exclusive to this area."

Artquest has also been a way for owner Mary Lou Chinn to raise money for her favorite women's and children's charities. Each of the gallery's three annual openings has been a benefit, and Bodyscapes is no exception: 10 percent of the gallery's sales for the entire month will go toward the Women's Survival Center, an offshoot of the Haven shelter for battered women in Pontiac.

"The center does job training, so women can become independent and support themselves and their children," said Chinn. "I really feel that (these causes) have been ignored for too many years, and given the opportunity and direction these centers provide, women can achieve goals never thought possible."

The gallery continues this theme in October with its annual art exhibit "by women, for women, and about women," which raises money for the breast cancer program Reach to Recovery.

While the gallery contains its share of wild art and unusual pieces, Chinn believes its real appeal is in how practical and accessible the pieces are.

"It's not fine art, or really geared so that you have to be a real enthusiast."

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Wild styles: Roberta Grant, assistant director of the Artquest Gallery in Birmingham, models some of the "wearable art" featured in April. Hand-dyed silk patchwork jacket with Bemberg lining, \$350. Hand-dyed china silk scarf, \$35. Pink woven-fabric top hat with Parisian flower, \$80.

Firm turns backdrops into booming business

BY BARR PERT TEMPLETON
SPECIAL WRITER

When Peter Cottontail was hopping down the bunny trail at Wonderland Mall, he probably didn't expect to find giant eggs painted in silver and gold, lying alongside a huge cardboard computer monitor covered with colorful daisies.

It seems Peter was experiencing his first-ever Cyber Easter event.

The high-tech decor that greeted the Easter Bunny and all of his followers was brought to the mall in Livonia courtesy of The Display Group. The Detroit-based company provides unique and exciting backdrops for both corporate and retail clients across Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Owners Rick Portwood and Tim Arlington, who founded the company six years ago, also designed the displays for a recent Oscar benefit hosted by the Detroit Institute of Art.

"We also did the Detroit Science Center's Cyber Jungle display at Wonderland Mall," said Portwood, whose client list seems to grow by the day.

Capturing the ideas of his customers and turning them into a unique display was just what

Portwood had in mind when he opened The Display Group. His family first established a similar business in metro Detroit in 1922. Portwood did a number of jobs at the company, including making fake snow and managing the sales department, before branching out on his own.

"We saw that people still needed this kind of thing on a temporary basis, so we decided to make it available for rental rather than selling permanent fixtures," he said.

Taking off with his new venture, Portwood and his partner began gathering props and scenery that clients could rent for special events and promotions. Their first project was making a replica of the Spirit of Detroit, which they completed using parts of a man-

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nequin. "Generally there's a theme, and we come in and set it all up and we'll come back and take it all down later," said Portwood. "We also offer to pick up props for reduced prices if people prefer to take them and return them."

The company's main focus is creating three-

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An Internet Easter: The Easter Bunny looks cutting-edge against this high-tech backdrop at Wonderland Mall, assembled by The Display Group.

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 Sunday.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

Marine Corps Band

Westland Shopping Center hosts the U.S. Marine Corps rock band Task Force, performing at 7 p.m. under the trellis area. The 11-member band will perform a mini-concert lasting one-and-a-half hours, featuring music by today's popular artists.

Westland Shopping Center. Wayne/Warren. (313) 425-6001.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Prom Seminars

Hudson's fashion consultants will hold informal seminars on what's hot for Prom '97 and

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how to look glamorous from head to toe. Door prizes will be awarded, and seating is limited. The program begins at 1 p.m. Oakland Mall. 14 Mile/John R. Troy. (810) 685-4000.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Barbie Doll Show

The eighth annual Barbie Grants-A-Wish, Michigan's premier all-Barbie doll show and sale, will be held at the Livonia Marriott. Salesrooms will feature some of the best dealers in new and vintage Barbies. Bring your old dolls, clothing, and accessories for appraisals. Dealers and collectors are always buying. Admission is \$4, and will be donated to children's charities. Livonia Marriott. Newburgh/1-275/Six Mile

Road. (313) 462-3100.

Toy show

Dolls, bears, toy trains, Star Wars figures, and all types of collectible toys will be part of a show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Livonia Holiday Inn. Admission is \$3, and children are free. Livonia Holiday Inn. Newburgh/1-275/Six Mile Road. (313) 464-8493.

MONDAY, APRIL 7

Home Decor

Guests are invited to meet with Hudson's Interior Designers for a series of seminars on creating home decor. Each is 30 minutes long and is complimentary. Designer Rita Whitehead will speak about Floor Covering and Carpeting at 7 p.m. Oakland Mall. 14 Mile/John R. Troy. (810) 685-4000.

RETAIL DETAILS

Retail Details features news briefs from the Malls & Mainstreets beat, compiled by Susan DeMaggio. For inclusion, send information to: Retail Details, c/o The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, or fax to (810) 644-1314.

Retail activity rises

The Michigan Retail Index reported that overall retail activity in Michigan rose during February. Forty-five percent of retailers reported increased year-to-year sales, compared to 39 percent in January. Of the five activities measured by the index, only one showed a decline from January: prices. The Index is a joint project of the Michigan Retailers Association and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Mall hosts job fair

The Westland Center is looking for sponsors and businesses that would like to rent a table at the annual Chamber of Commerce Jobs Fair, Saturday, April 12. The deadline to register for booth space is April 8.

The mall's marquee will highlight the event, and advertising by direct mail, newspapers, and radio is planned to attract job hunters. The \$200 Supporting Sponsor level is intended for those who cannot staff a table, but would like visibility at the fair. The \$275 Premium Deal offers \$50 off a table and a listing on all ad materials. For more information, call (313) 326-7222.

Kids shoe shop opens with trade-in promotion

To kick-off the grand opening of Richard's Stride Rite on the

boardwalk in West Bloomfield, shoppers are encouraged to trade in baby or children's footwear to receive \$5 off the purchase of a new pair (limit one pair per child) through April 21. The shoes collected will be given to Orchards Children's Services. Owners Richard and Cherie Cerulli said the store will carry shoes for babies, toddlers and children up to girls size 4; boys size 6.

Labels include Stride Rite, Nike, Little Capezio, MIA, Elefantin, K-Swiss, Rachel and David Scott, and several European lines. Inquiries are welcome at (810) 932-5308.

Students play games at Fairlane

Over 30 Wayne County elementary and middle school students auditioned for a spot on the live "Where in Time is Carmen Sandiego?" game on March 12 at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn. The show is based on a popular children's game, and is shown on PBS.

All participants were the top

scorers from their schools on a history test which qualified them as finalists. Five students were selected to compete in the live version of the game, which took place March 15, also at Fairlane.

Homework Helpers

Universal Mall in Warren will hold "Homework Helpers," a program which invites 4th-8th graders to bring their homework to the mall for assistance from tutors and former teachers in a "storefront schoolroom."

The sessions go from 3-6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 1-5 p.m. on Saturdays until April 19. There will be giveaways and prizes to reward students. For details, call (810) 751-3161.

Coney Island opens

Arta's Coney Island recently opened in Downtown Walled Lake. The 2,400 square-foot restaurant is owned and operated by Doda Lucaj of Wixom, and is located at 602 N. Pontiac Trail.

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dimensional displays and backdrops made of wood and sturdy foam.

"We kind of flew by the seat of our pants for a while until we got the inventory up, but fortunately we knew where to get products," said Portwood.

"One of the strengths we have is that we have access to preexisting items from around the world, and what we can't find, we make — Tim is a carpenter. The Display Group gets lots of unusual requests from its clients. One recent order had them giving a Central American theme to five elevators and the lobby of the J. Walter Thompson building in Detroit. The company hired Portwood and his crew to set up the displays as a promotion for their employees.

Display Group tackled the task, including setting up all the displays and decor, in just one long night.

"Lots of our work is for companies that want to get a message to their clients or employees, and if they make the message memorable it sinks it more," said Portwood.

If clients call without their own ideas for a theme, Portwood and his staff are eager to assist. "We use a lot of freelance visual designers and artists from this area to help us create things," he said.

Malls always want something

created that's different and unique, and Portwood has also set up some huge displays at local theaters when certain high-profile films are released.

"The special events business is really, really growing," he said. "It's the fastest growing segment of marketing right now."

This growth and demand brought about change at the Display Group. Portwood said his company has begun to make their props more accessible so that clients can simply rent them out and set them up themselves.

"Using displays is a huge thing on the East and West Coasts, but it's just now slowly becoming popular in metro Detroit," said Portwood. "We do have an obscure service, but it's becoming more and more popular every year."

Such popularity has the Display Group employing 10 people today, and they recently purchased a building with 24,000 square feet of warehouse space. The site will allow for both the construction and storage of props for the firm.

"We're doing a lot more brainstorming sessions, thinking of themes and rough sketches," said Portwood. "And that's my favorite part — creating things is when I get a big rush out of this business."

Beauty from page B4

grand black gown, she understood the need for elegance, perfection and classiness. Runner-up is the ever-Armanied Jodie Foster, who has found a look that works perfectly for her.

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In April, I will be making appearances in Northville, Macomb, Ann Arbor, Royal Oak, Brighton and Waterford. The number to call about the Townsend dates and my future appearance.

Apparel from page B4

ist," she said. "I always hear the description that its kind of a home decor-type shop, because it appeals to just about everybody."

The Bodyscapes exhibition goes from April 3-30, with the opening reception taking place

from 6-9 p.m. on April 3. The Artquest Gallery is located at 185 N. Woodward, across the street from Crowley's in downtown Birmingham. Call (810) 540-2484 for details.

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Dentistry in the 90s

by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S. & Martha P. Zinderman, R.N., D.D.S.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Local glass artists hot for new work

Like all artists working in the contemporary studio glass movement, Observerland glass blowers, once they've mastered the skills of the craft, continue to experiment.

To celebrate the 17th annual Michigan Glass Month in April, I decided to track down new work being created by Don Schneider of Plymouth, Christine Fleischer and Joseph Wisniewski of Livonia.

Last fall Schneider decided to cut back on the glass lectures and demonstrations he gives all over the country to spend more time working in his York Street Glass studio in Plymouth's Old Village area. Schneider's vessels grow in size with each piece he pulls from the furnaces. Fluting on the outer edges of a darkly colored bowl capture rays of dancing light in the interior. Metallic swirls of purple add further interest to the exterior.

Experimenting

"I'm pretty excited because of the quality of the glass," said Schneider, who makes batches of glass from raw materials using his own formulations. "I've been experimenting with different combinations of chemicals."

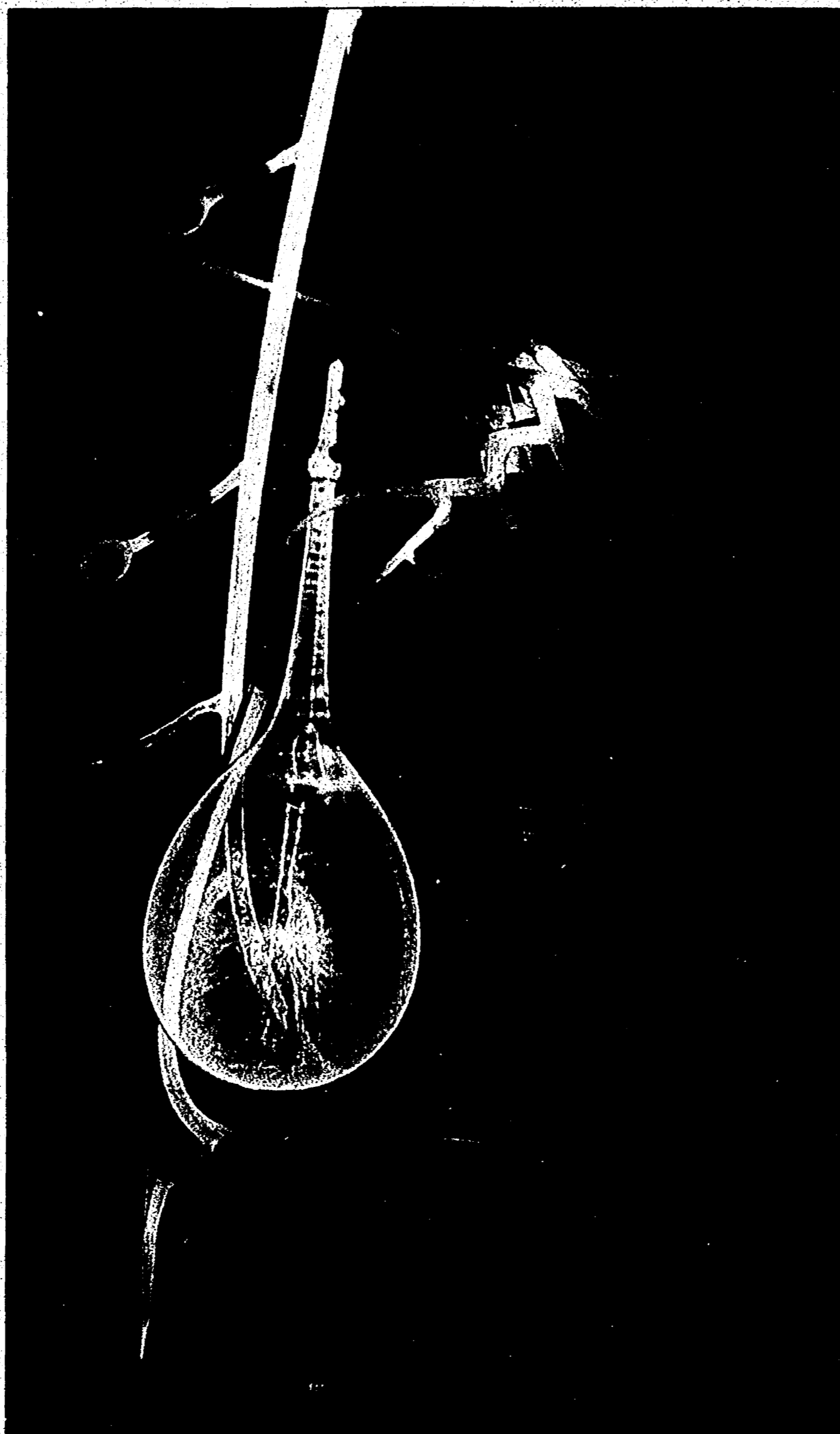
Schneider, who learned glass blowing at Greenfield Village in Dearborn, recently returned to the craft after more than 20 years of creating glass millefiori beads by spinning and working the material over a lamp flame. He finds glass blowing an extremely expensive operation because the melting furnace must burn 24 hours a day in order to maintain its 2,400 degree temperature. Additional energy costs come from the annealing oven, which ranges between 900 and 1,100 degrees, and the 2,200 degree "Glory Hole" or furnace where the glass is worked once it is gathered from the melting pots.

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New Glass: Don Schneider of Plymouth reduced the temperature in his glass furnace to create the metallic swirls in this vessel.



Hot Property: Mundy Hepburn worked with glass, neon gas and rope to create this glowing 86 by 36 by 48-inch piece titled "Flotsam and Jetsam II."

25th annual International Glass Invitational

What: An exhibition of contemporary studio glass by 100 artists from around the world. Meet more than 25 of the artists during the Grand Opening 8 p.m. Saturday, April 5.

Where: Habatat Galleries, 7 North Saginaw in Pontiac. Call (810) 333-2060.

When: April 5 to May 4. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m.

Related Events: In honor of the 17th annual Michigan Glass Month in April, dozens of exhibitions and activities will take place in cities from Birmingham to Muskegon. Here's a guide to a few of the events:

■ Italian glass artist Lucio Bubbaco, an exhibitor in the International, will give glass blowing demonstrations along with Albert Young beginning at noon Saturday, April 5, at the Michigan Hot Glass Workshop, 29 West Lawrence in Pontiac. For more information, call Young at (810) 338-3455.

■ A botanical glass sculpting workshop with Frederick Birkhill and Shane Fero takes place April 4-6 at the University of Michigan Dearborn. Call Richard Potts for information (313) 593-5374.

■ Also at U-M Dearborn is an exhibit featuring the glass collection of Bloomfield Hills artist Patricia Hill Burnett in the Alfred Berkowitz Gallery on campus. Opening reception 5:30-7

p.m. Friday April 4, (313) 593-5087.

■ "Ancient Glass: The Beautiful Legacy" April 5 to May 4 at the Donna Jacobs Gallery, LTD, 574 North Woodward; Birmingham, (810) 540-1600. Reception 1:5 p.m. Saturday April 5. Special Opening 1-4 p.m. Sunday April 6.

■ Stan Megdall of West Bloomfield is one of several glass artists exhibiting work in a show titled "Products of the Glory Hole" at the Atrium Gallery, 109 North Center in Northville. Call (810) 349-4131. The exhibit, continuing through April, consists of glass bowls, vases, platters, goblets, perfume bottles, sculptural figures, paper weights, and globes.

Exhibit showcases sparkling glass works

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Dozens of wooden shipping crates sat unopened in a cellar-like storage area waiting to reveal their glittering glass treasures in the annual International Glass Invitational April 5 to May 4 at Habatat Galleries.

For 25 years Habatat Galleries has documented the studio glass movement by showcasing the best sculptural works and objects being made by contemporary artists. On a recent visit to the Pontiac gallery, Ferdinand Hampson, founder of the International Glass Invitational, took a nostalgic look back at the largest, oldest and most celebrated exhibition of its kind, and the studio movement which spawned it.

"It's been an uphill struggle getting the medium accepted as a fine art material," said Hampson, a West Bloomfield resident. "We still have to overcome enormous prejudices by artists who feel casting in bronze is important, but casting in glass is not. Every year the International exhibition proves that the art world is becoming more open to using glass as an art material."

Hampson rarely thinks about the past because of his enthusiasm for the future and the promise of new works to come from artists experimenting with the medium.

Thirty of the artists are new to the 1997 exhibition and so is their work. Hampson discovered 10 of the artists during two visits to Czechoslovakia late last year. He is excited about the possibilities of finding even more new artists for the International "because countries like Czechoslovakia are opening up behind the Iron Curtain and names are more available now."

"We make changes every year to maintain the excitement," said Hampson, president of Habatat Galleries in Chicago, Boca Raton, Florida and Aspen, Colorado. "The new Czechoslovakian artists interpret glass slightly differently from the rest of the world. They typically use casting processes and are inspired by Czechoslovakian Cubism, a strong movement that never got the recognition."

Due to the size of this year's show, Hampson has rented the 7th House nightclub across the hall from Habatat Galleries for the month of April. From a few glass objects made by a dozen American artists, the exhibition has grown to 700 works highlighted by 500 spotlights.

Glass working techniques of slumping, casting, fusing, and lamp working used by artists in 1997 were unheard of 25 years ago. Today, many of the exhibiting artists

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Tattoos make body work of self expression

Getting Inked: The Art of the Tattoo

What: A conference covering the history of tattoo and manifestations of the art form in contemporary culture.

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 5.

Where: Detroit Institute of Arts, Lecture Hall, 5200 Woodward Avenue.

Cost: \$15, \$12 for Founders Society members, free to students with current ID. Pre-registration required. Call (313) 833-2323.

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Topics and speakers include "The Tattooed Jew" by Dora Apel, adjunct art history professor at Wayne State University; "Tattooing as a Medium," by Don Ed Hardy, internationally known artist; "Framing Tattoos: From Bodily Disfigurement to

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Marina Vainshtein uses her skin as a canvas to express her feelings about the holocaust. The 23-year old Jewish woman is one of the topics being covered during a daylong conference on tattooing April 5 at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

"Getting Inked: The Art of the Tattoo" will look at the history of tattoo as an art form, its manifestations in contemporary culture, and the reasons behind various artistic movements and styles.

Work of Art," by Margo DeMello of San Francisco University's anthropology department; "Skin and Site," by Alice Joanou of the San Francisco Art Institute, and "Tattooing and Youth Cultures" by Daniel Wojcik from the University of Oregon English department.

Tattooing, an ancient form of self expression, is gaining respect as an art medium according to Isabela Basombrio, assistant curator of the DIA's education department.

"Tattooing is developing into an art form that requires drawing skills and conceptual skills. There's a different consciousness now, the consciousness of tattoo artists as artists," said Basombrio, who conceived the idea for the conference.

The art of tattooing hails back to Egyptian times. Tattoos found on mummies date around 2,000 B.C. Polynesians used tattoos to denote social standing and for other purposes, erotic



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Getting Inked: The Detroit Institute of Arts will host a conference dealing with the art of tattoo 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 5.

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ART BEAT

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SYMPHONY AUDITIONS

The Summer symphony, based in Ann Arbor, announces auditions for the 1997 season. All players interested in joining the orchestra are invited to audition April 12-13 and April 19-20 at a location to be announced. To schedule an appointment call Jon Krueger at (313) 677-4831 no later than April 1. Leave your name, instrument, phone number, and time you can be reached.

A nonprofit orchestra, the Summer Symphony is composed of talented professional, semi-professional and amateur musicians from Ann Arbor and surrounding areas. Music director/conductor is Jon Krueger.

The orchestra offers six free concerts during the months of June, July and August for four different communities.

AWARD WINNER

Howard Dombrowski of Redford won first place for an oil painting titled "Up North" in the 1997 Silver Medal Exhibition at the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth behind the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Juror for the show was Farmington Hills artist Tom Hale. He selected 58 works of art by 48 artists from an entry field of 130.

MARCHING BAND

The U.S. Marine Corp "Task Force" Rock band will perform 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, under the trellis area of the Westland Shopping Center, 35000 West Warren. The 11 member band will perform a mini-concert of music by today's popular artists.

STUDENT ART SHOW

Madonna University will host an art exhibit featuring students working in mix of mediums including painting, oriental brush work, sculpting, print making and more April 4-30 in the Exhibit Gallery of the Library Wing on campus. Admission is free.

Both fine and commercial art students will participate.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, until 7 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Madonna University is at 36600 Schoolcraft and Levan in Livonia.

ART WORKSHOPS

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French play: The Detroit Institute of Arts presents The Harlotry Players in a free performance of "The Miracle of Theophile" at noon and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 5.

shops in its art store at 8691 North Lilley Road and Joy in Canton.

From 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 5 children from first grade on up will learn about cartooning their favorite characters with pencils and pastels. There is a limit of 20 children per session. You must register in advance. Walk-ins will not be accepted. On Saturday, April 12 Cheryl Kaplan will demonstrate works in clay.

For information call (313) 453-3710.

BARGAIN WITH THE DEVIL

The Harlotry Players will give a free performance of "The Miracle of Theophile (Theophilus)" at noon and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 5 in the Great Hall at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue.

Directed by Professor Martin Walsh of the University of Michigan Residential College and department of theater and drama, the 13th century French play tells the story of a bishop's employee and his bargain with the devil. The plot is the forerunner of the legends of Dr. Faust, which were not written until the 16th century, but Theophile has a surprisingly different ending.

The play is being performed in conjunction with the exhibition "Images in Ivory: Precious

Objects of the Golden Age" continuing to May 11.

Admission is free with suggested museum admission of \$4 adults, \$1 children, Founders Society members free. For more information call (313) 833-4249.

UNVEILING

The Scarab Club will unveil its National Registry of Historic Places plaque in a ceremony at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 6. The ceremony will be held during a 2-5 p.m. reception for the exhibit "Fifty Years of Scarab Club Artists." The show commemorates the 90th anniversary of the organization originally named the Hopkins Club.

Most of Michigan's most famous artists belonged to the Scarab Club during the first half of this century. Curated by Pat and Randall Reed with Greg Stephens, the historic exhibit traces the work of such well known artists as John Carroll, Charles Culver, Robert Hopkin, and Sarkis Sarkisian. All were Scarab members between the founding of the club in 1907 and its 50th anniversary in 1957.

Also on April 6, a reception will be held for photographers Dave Dezsi and George Booth who are exhibiting their work in the lounge.

All events are free and open to

the public.

The exhibits run April 4-30. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

The Scarab Club is at 217 Farnsworth behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. Call (313) 831-1250.

DANCE COLLECTION

Dance Ensemble West will present "Dance Collection 1997," an annual presentation of ballet and modern dance works, 5 p.m. Saturday, April 12 at the Plymouth Canton High School Little Theater. Admission donation is \$8.

Comprised of dancers from Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Northville and Novi, Dance Ensemble West is under the direction of Barbara Raschke of Dance Unlimited in Plymouth and Elisa LaBelle. The dance concert will include pieces by

senior and junior divisions.

Dance Ensemble West is a performing arts organization that has provided dance and art education services in the community for more than eight years. These activities include adjudicated art festivals, annual concert performances, children's performances, and in-school lecture/demonstrations.

The company recently per-

formed for Tonquish Creek Manor residents and at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts.

For more information call (313) 420-4430.

ON THE FRINGE

The Arts Students League of Detroit with the support of Wayne State University's art and art history department, and the Detroit Institute of Arts will present "On the Fringe: Graffiti Art of Detroit 1990s," a two-day event dealing with the subject of graffiti.

From 2-5 p.m. Friday, April 11, local graffiti artists Andy Finlayson, Tolly Marcus, Andre Nguyen, and Jason Phillips will give a demonstration of the various techniques and styles used by graffiti artists. They will also be available to answer questions regarding their work at the event taking place on the northwest lawn of the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue.

From 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 12, Isabela Basombrio, assistant curator of the DIA's education department, will deliver a lecture on such topics as the historical relevance of graffiti in the art world, graffiti art as it relates specifically to the city of Detroit, and graffiti as an art form on the fringe of critical acceptance.

Directly following the event in Room 157 of the Community Arts Building at Wayne State University, Basombrio, the artists and Dr. Jerry Herron, WSU professor of American studies will open a discussion.

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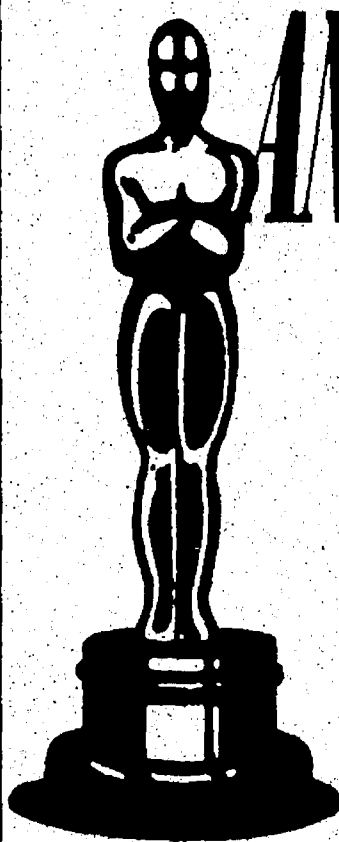
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Initial phase begins at the Vistas of Novi

The Hills section at the Vistas of Novi offers detached condominium living on a rolling parcel of land close to Walled Lake, Twelve Oaks Mall and freeway access to major compass points.

Heritage Residential Group has five spec units and two sites available. Key, a collaboration between Scott R. Jacobson and Thomas Purther, has about 40 lots available.

Both builders proudly promote the dollar value for product at the community on the east side of Decker Road between 12 and 13 Mile roads.

"That's the way we market ourselves - the most home for the money in Novi," said Steve Calverley, vice president of sales and marketing for Heritage.

"We're at a price point you won't find too often in Novi," said Jacobson, Key president.

Key offers nine floor plans ranging from \$230,000 base for a 2,142-square-foot two story with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths to \$264,000 for a story-and-a-half of 2,551 square feet with four bedrooms or three bedrooms and a loft plus 2-1/2 baths.

Key includes in all plans at base price two-car garage, first-floor laundry, fireplace, range and dishwasher and basement.

Exterior materials are vinyl siding, brick and wood accents.

Heritage has four plans.

They go from \$229,900 base for a story-and-a-half with 2,250 square feet, three bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths to \$244,900 for a 2,550-square-foot two story with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths.

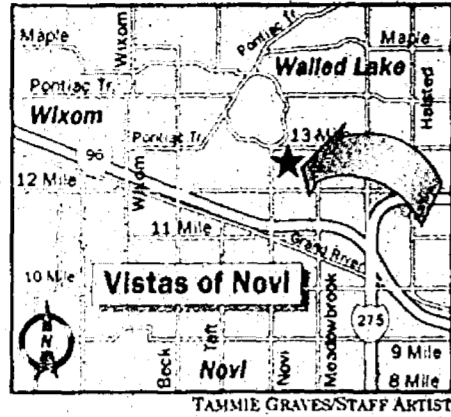
Included at no extra charge in all plans are fireplace, first-floor laundry, two-car garage, basement and range, dishwasher and microwave.

Heritage's exterior materials are aluminum siding, brick and wood trim.

The Hills is the first residential construction effort at Vistas of Novi, an ambitious, multi-phased, master-planned community.

"You can't beat the location. We're one-half mile from the mall," Jacobson said.

"Walled Lake is right here. You're a stone's throw from the highway," Purther added. "Every-



thing is here - shopping, movies, entertainment."

"They (visitors) love the neighborhood, love the fact that there's hills in here," said Lori Davidson, sales rep for Key. "There's protected wetlands and woodlands in here that will enhance privacy and values."

"You can't beat the setting," Jacobson said. "What else do you need?"

Key's model, the Canterbury, a two story of 2,171 square feet, features a formal dining room, formal living room, family room, and kitchen/nook with gourmet island that includes sink and snack bar.

The upstairs master with cathedral ceiling has two walk-in closets, separate tub and shower and dual sink vanity.

Two other bedrooms and a full bath also are on the second level, as is a loft area decorated as an office/entertainment center that could be converted to a fourth bedroom.

Base price is \$250,000. The model, with upgrades, costs about \$275,000.

Heritage's model, the Savannah, a two story of 2,400 square feet, features a living room, dining room, family room and kitchen/nook on the first floor.

Four bedrooms, including the master with cathedral ceiling, separate tub and shower and two walk-in closets, and a second full bath, are upstairs.

Base price is \$238,900. The model, because it's near the entrance to the sub, can be had for \$229,900.

The Hills at the Vistas of Novi will be serviced by city water



Key model: This two story features a dining room, living room, family room and gourmet kitchen on the first floor, three bedrooms and a loft or four bedrooms upstairs.

and sewers. The community has sidewalks and is within the Walled Lake school district.

The property tax rate currently is \$32.58 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of market value. That means the owners of a \$250,000 condo would pay about \$4,075 the first year.

The monthly association/maintenance fee is \$25.

Peter and Jo Ellen Nicholas, along with children Christopher, Leah and Anthony, will be moving into a two story built by Key.

"I like the idea of a planned community," Jo Ellen said. "I like

the idea of a town square, the idea of stores within walking distance."

The family wanted a larger floor plan due to its size and the number of guests who visit, Jo Ellen added.

"I like the openness of the kitchen ... separate laundry room," she said. "I like a larger

porch. I wanted more of a country look. The Muirfield (model) offered that. The roof line had a country look, gables, I liked."

John and Terry Dulzo, along with children Natalie, Bobby and Mary Rose, are living in a two story built by Key.

"We wanted something more traditional, more old-fashioned

... a salt-box look," Terry said. "It seems the area is secluded and you know how close we are to civilization."

Key's sales model, (810) 926-6263, is open noon to 6 p.m. daily. Heritage's sales model, (810) 669-6669, is open 12:30-6 p.m. daily.

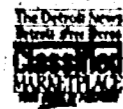
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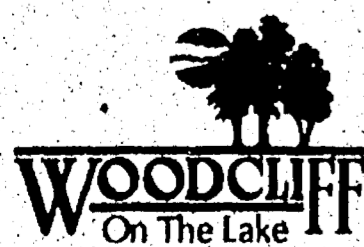


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Why custom homes cost more than spec houses



STEVE SIVAK

Having talked to lots of sub-contractors over the last few months, it has become clear to me why good-grade custom homes cost more than builder's houses.

The difference can be attributed to the use of premium goods and specifications by nearly every trade involved in the project. Lots of small features can add up to lots of extra costs in a hurry. But these small additive costs make for a more comfortable, better-looking and longer-lasting house and are worth having.

Let's start with the excavation: Many building sites are filled with clay, and it is this same clay that gets used as backfill against the either poured wall or the block basement wall. A structural engineer will tell you that

these walls are not designed to have clay backfill. It is too heavy and can eventually cause cracking and will certainly encourage the basement walls to be damp. Removing the clay from the basement perimeter and backfilling with sand will cost you a significant number of dollars - is it worth it?

Most homes pile up the excavation spoils around the perimeter to aid in directing the water away from the interior of the house. This is great, but it usually means that entering or leaving the house requires going up and down stairs or steps (just take a look at Bill Clinton's condition to see why this might not be such a great idea - and he is in pretty good shape.) The bottom line is that accidents rarely occur on the surfaces. Holding the finish floor close to exterior grade requires a stepped basement wall, which allows the floor joists to be below the required 8 inches above grade. What is a torn ligament worth to you?

Another nice trick is to slope the garage slab to a central drain so that melting snow will have a place to run to. Even if the drain must deposit this runoff in a french drain, it keeps the garage floor much drier and clean. Insulating the garage and bringing in a spare 20-amp circuit and 1-inch gas line for a future heater aren't bad ideas either as they will allow the garage to be expanded into a future work area if necessary.

Both are modest expenses if done at the time of construction but will cost thousands if done later on. A final deluxe item to have in the garage is hot and cold running water so that car washing, etc. can be done in the winter - if you do this and you are on a well, make sure that you are washing your car only with softened water or who-knows-what will happen to your car's paint.

Good framing (rough carpentry) is the corner stone of a good house. The materials are not all

the same, and future problems can be avoided by the use of proper materials. Framing material should be kiln dried #2 SPF (spruce pine fir). This higher quality material is not always used, but it is straighter and remains so over the life of the house.

High-quality houses will avoid using OSB (oriented strand board) wall sheathing and will use at a minimum Southern yellow pine plywood. Houses with higher-quality wood exteriors will rely upon fir ply because it will remain straight even when exposed to the elements.

Any house you expect to stay in for more than a couple of years must be framed with 2x6's - added insulation is one reason, and the other is greater wall stiffness, which keeps the house from shaking when the front door is firmly shut. The final reason in support of 2x6's is that the windows develop greater depth and they are more interesting to look at.

There are a few nice plumbing tricks that custom homes might include. The first is a recirculating hot water system: This allows distant bathrooms to have instantly accessible hot water as opposed to having to wait while the water gets there (this is especially important in larger homes).

Another nice feature is thermostatically controlled shower valves. These allow the user to set the temperature once and never have to mix again.

There are lots of possible electrical features that might be found on a custom home. This starts with an electrical plan that allows one to enter the house from the garage and front door and to move to the major bedrooms on three-way switching thereby never having to backtrack to turn off lights.

I also like to provide three-way switching at the master bedroom so that bedside lighting can be

turned on and off from the doorway and the bedside.

Exhaust fans can be wired such that when the room lighting comes on, the fans also come on automatically. Custom homes should use both task and ambient lighting in their layout. Last week's article addresses this topic.

The design of a custom home must be carefully considered; otherwise these features really become make-up applied to an insignificant structure. Great houses are not a pile of features but rather a complex list of ingredients, of which features are only a part.

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Real estate investing

The Real Estate Investors Association sponsors a program on the legal aspects of renting, leases and the basics of landlord/tenant law, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, at the Southgate Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline, one block east of I-75.

Cost for non-members is \$10. Beginning landlords interested in a free introduction package should call Wayne Koehler on the landlord hot line at (313) 277-4168.

Real estate investing II

The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland sponsors a free introduction to real estate investing 7-8:45 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, at the Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills.

Topics include why invest in real estate, how to manage tenants and property, and finding, fixing and selling for profit.

For information or reservations, call (800) 747-6742.

Real estate expo

The Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers co-sponsor a free expo on the many aspects of buying and selling a house 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, in the Waterman Campus Center, Schoolcraft College, Livonia.

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The Noranda is a large and stately brick home. Corner quoins reinforce the image of permanence while the arched stepped-brick entryway and the herringbone-patterned chimney inset adds eye-catching pizzazz.

A variety of group living environments dominate the ground floor, with the great room being the largest. Windowed front and back, it has a hardwood floor, a lofty 12-foot ceiling, and a large fireplace. Double doors open onto a partially covered patio.

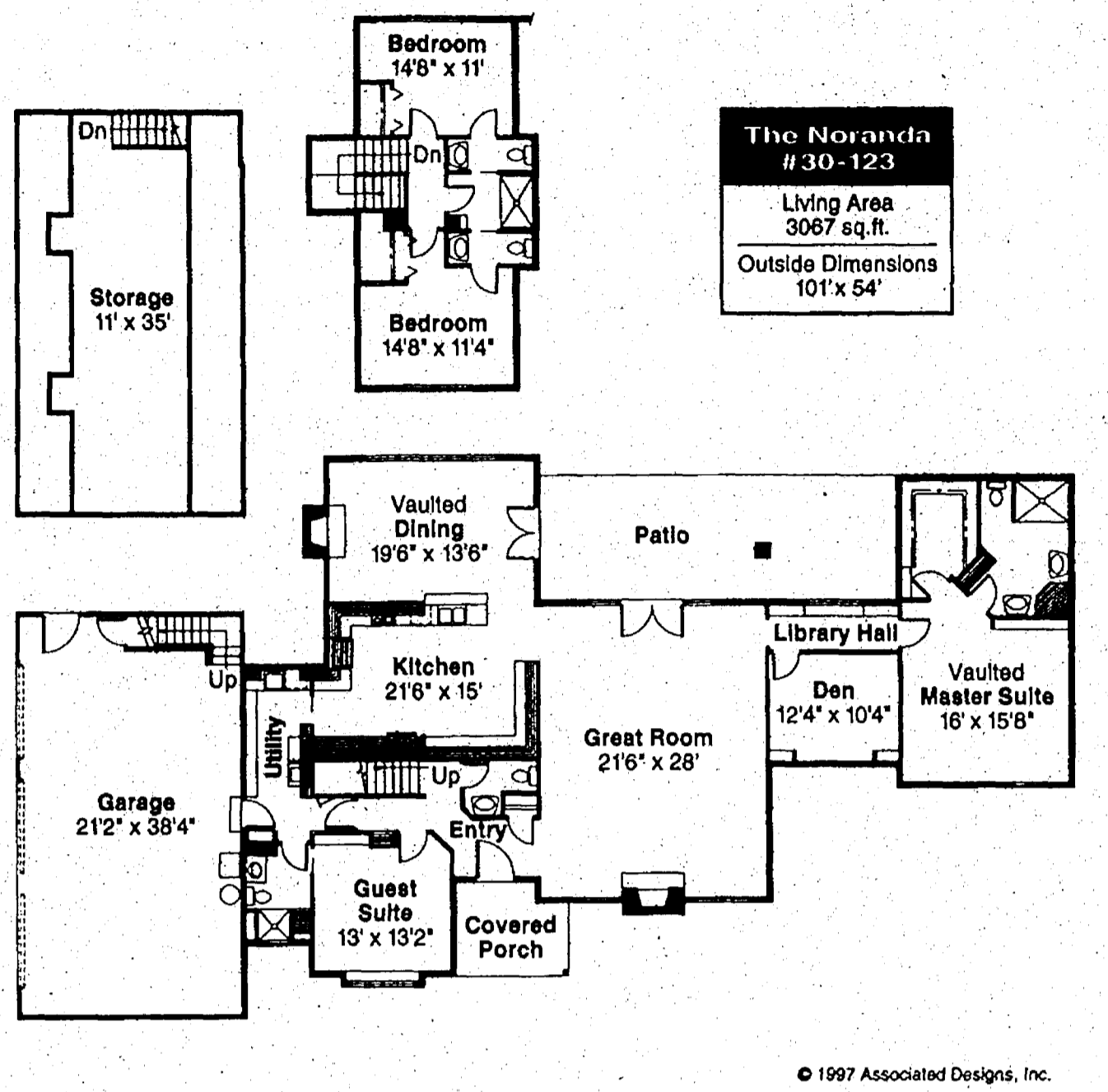
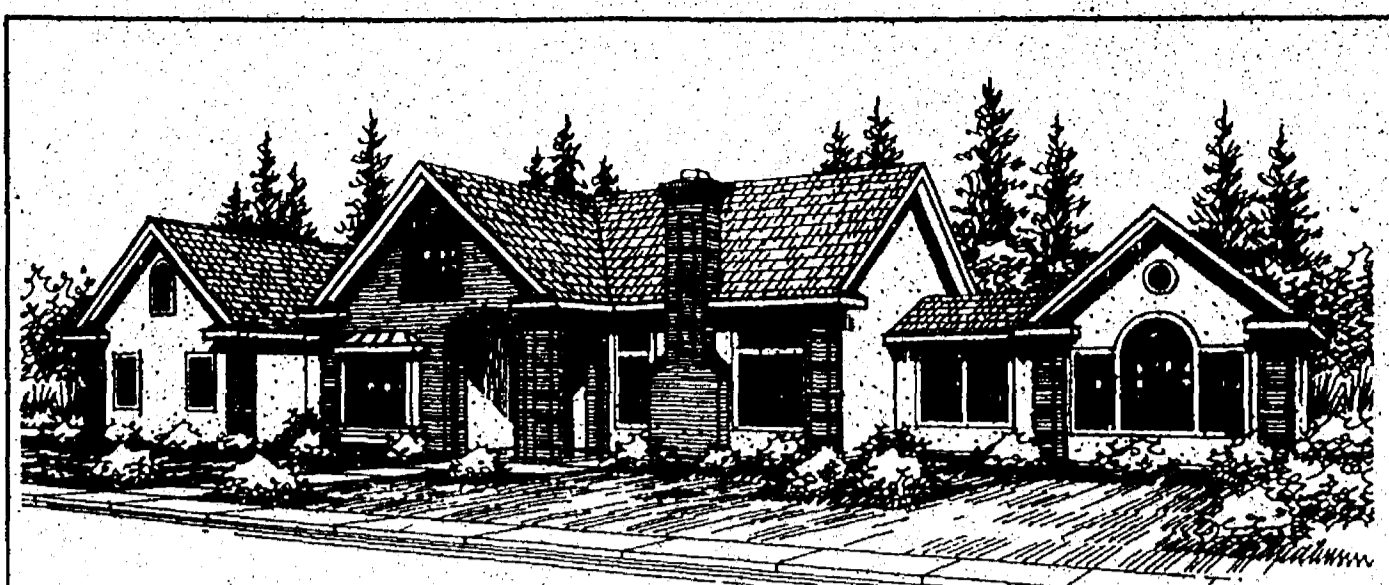
Kitchen and dining room flow together, separated by a wall section and an eating bar. The dining room is large, and the vaulted ceiling makes it feel even larger. This room, too, has a fireplace and double-door access to the patio.

Tile covers the floor of a kitchen large enough for a team of cooks to work together. Laundry appliances are just around the corner, in a long passageway that connects the kitchen to the three-car garage. The full bathroom at the end of this hallway is handy for garage access. It's also convenient to a play room that could just as easily be outfitted as a guest room.

Den, library hall and master suite nestle together in the quiet wing to the right of the great room. Shelving lines the library hall. Luxury amenities in the vaulted master suite include a huge walk-in closet and a plush private bathroom.

Two large bedrooms are upstairs in the Noranda, where they share a centrally located shower. Each bedroom has its own private toilet and lavatory. A separate second floor, accessible only from the garage, provides ample storage. Dormers and end windows provide natural illumination.

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Suggestions for modern comfort

The average U.S. house is 28 years old, according to Builder magazine. While homes of that age are developing character, problems are appearing in the existing features that need to be updated.

Upgrading older homes, like replacing inefficient windows, is easier than ever, particularly if homeowners are after a do-it-yourself project, says Randy Iles, senior vice president of marketing and sales for Pella Corp. He says these older homes often were built with window products that simply don't measure up to the modern designs available today.

Iles recommends that homeowners look for specific features in replacement windows.

First, the window should come fully assembled to prevent installation headaches that often accompany so-called sash replacement kits.

Second, the window should be made to the homeowner's precise measurements to prevent drafts and improve overall energy efficiency.

For free literature about making window decisions, call 1-800-847-3552, or visit Pella Corp. on the World Wide Web at <http://www.pella.com>

Control home climate

By READER'S DIGEST BOOKS FOR AP SPECIAL FEATURES

A well-insulated, fairly airtight house is the first requirement for a comfortable home.

If your home is less comfortable than you would like it, a thorough assessment of your house, condo or apartment is in order. Your local utility company may provide a free or low-cost energy audit. In fact, some utilities even use heat-sensitive infrared video scanners that show how a house is losing heat.

If your utility company does not offer an energy audit, do your own. Move through your home searching out all drafts, cold or hot surfaces, improper humidity and stale air.

Most drafts are caused by indoor air that loses its heat to windows and exterior walls; the colder and taller the surfaces, the faster the draft moves. Also, when you sit near cold surfaces, you radiate heat to them; the colder the surface, the faster you radiate and the more uncomfortable you feel. Sitting beneath a hot ceiling that is not insulated in mid-summer has the opposite effect; even if the air is cool, the ceiling will radiate heat and cause discomfort.

To locate air leaks, wait for a cold, windy day. Then, hold a thin strip of tissue in your hand and move it around each window and door and see if the paper flutters. If you'd prefer to do it on a milder day, close all but one window, seal a box fan in that window and turn it on to pull air out of the house. Then do the tissue

Insulating your house and adding weatherstripping, storm windows or double-glazed sashes will help warm or cool interior surfaces and cut down on drafts. If the home is too dry in winter and too humid in summer, the

culprit may be excessive air leakage.

Adding insulation makes your home more comfortable and increases its resale value. The priorities for adding insulation are generally (1) the ceilings; below attics or other unheated spaces, (2) ductwork in attics or crawl spaces that are not insulated, (3) exterior walls and (4) under floors or against foundation walls.

Here are some tips to reduce air leaks. Doing so may also increase wintertime indoor humidity sufficiently to eliminate the need for humidifiers.

- Fit thin foam gaskets behind the cover plates on electrical outlets and switches.

- Weatherstrip the opening around an attic hatch with adhesive-backed foam tape.

- Apply duct tape around joints in duct runs.

- On the house exterior, apply caulk along joints where the siding meets the foundation, around vents from the dryer, bathroom and kitchen, and around through-wall holes made for outdoor electrical outlets, lights, or plumbing pipes.

- Also force caulk into small cracks in basement walls and slabs, and into joints between the chimney and wall.

- Use caulking rope or a can of expanding foam to plug larger leaks around through-wall holes and similar holes in ceilings and floors.

If your home has a fireplace or a combustion appliance - a water heater, fireplace or furnace fired by oil, wood, natural gas or propane gas - make sure they get adequate air for safe use.

If you make your house more airtight, it may be necessary to pipe air directly into the room in which the appliance is located.

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Care center

Henry Ford Hospital has been named a clinical care center for patients with an inherited tumor disorder called Von Hippel-Lindau disease or VHL.

The designation was awarded by the Medical Advisory Board of the VHL Family Alliance, an independent resource agency in Brookline, Mass.

The disease is characterized by an overgrowth of blood vessels, and can lead to cancerous tumors in the eye, brain, kidney, adrenal gland and pancreas. Experts say the disease is considered rare, but that may be due to underdiagnosis.

"Because the initial symptoms may be vague, VHL is not usually part of the list of possible causes," said genetic counselor Peggy Rush, coordinator for the VHL clinical care center at Henry Ford Hospital. "For example, when a patient complains of headache, it may be attributed to stress. It's not until more symptoms arise or more extensive tests are performed that VHL is diagnosed."

Henry Ford Hospital was chosen to become the clinical care center because of the complete range of available expert care.

The disease is passed from parent to child. If one parent carries the gene, the child has a 50 percent chance of inheriting the disease.

Patients with VHL meet with a counselor and a doctor who specialize in genetics to learn about the disease and its management. The counselor arranges for the patient to see the appropriate specialists. Patients also must be monitored regularly with CT (computerized tomography) or MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) scans to make sure tumors are not developing in other parts of the body.

Genetic testing is offered to family members, including children. Those carrying the gene can be monitored for symptoms and some can avoid serious illness through early detection.

For more information about Von Hippel-Lindau disease, call Rush at (313) 876-3392.

Fighting heart disease

Cardiovascular disease continues to be the No. 1 killer in Michigan as well as the United States. Nationally, it claims the lives of over a quarter of a million people under the age of 65 each year. Tragically, Michigan has a higher rate of death attributed to heart disease than the rate for the nation overall, with more than 27,000 deaths in 1995 alone. But two new components of Botsford General Hospital's Cardiovascular Health Center give hope that these dire statistics will someday change for the better.

The Botsford Lipid Clinic and Lipid Analysis Research Lab, the only standardized lipid lab of its kind in the state, are under the direction of lipidologist Dr. James Maciejko, M.S., Ph.D. The clinic will seek not only to identify major risk factors of early cardiovascular disease, but devise treatment strategies to combat them.

Although medical research indicates that cardiovascular disease may have many origins, a major predictor is the presence of high amounts of triglyceride and cholesterol (or lipids) in the blood. Through the Botsford Lipid Clinic and Lipid Analysis Research Lab, hyperlipidemia will be identified and treated. The clinic and research lab went into full operation on March 10.

A lipid is a fat or fat-like substance. Examples of lipids in the blood include cholesterol and triglycerides.

"The work this clinic will do is particularly significant to the people of southeast Michigan, a region plagued with one of the nation's highest rates of cardiovascular disease," said Maciejko, also an associate professor of internal medicine at Wayne State University's School of Medicine.

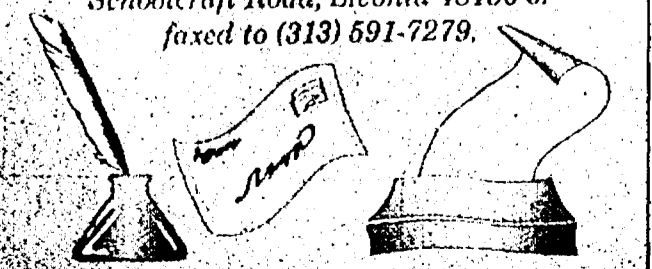
The Lipid Analysis Research Lab is the only Michigan facility (and one of only approximately 100 nationwide) which is designated as a "standardized lab" by the Centers for Disease Control/National Heart, Lung & Blood Institute Lipid Standardization Program. The significance of this designation is particularly important. The lab's accuracy and precision in measuring lipids and lipoproteins means it can better monitor and gauge patients' treatment and progress.

The lab will also serve area physician practices. The University of Michigan's MEDSPORT practice and the cardiology program at the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine are served by the lab.

The Lipid Clinic and Lipid Analysis Research Lab recently received \$70,000 in research and educational grants from three of the nation's top pharmaceutical firms: Bristol-Myers Squibb; Parke-Davis, a division of Warner-Lambert Company; and Merck & Co.

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IT'S A GAS

System installation puts patients at ease

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Anytime someone we love goes under anesthesia, even if it's a simple outpatient procedure, there's a hope that everything will run smoothly. We hope that doctors and nurses will work without flaw. And sometimes we take for granted the equipment and mechanics of the things behind the scenes.

All the patients and their families see, at most, are hoses, tubes and instruments attached to the walls. But the heart beat is intricately connected to things like medical vacuums used during operations to remove liquid; ventilators; oxygen, nitrogen and nitrous oxide lines needed during surgeries; and other technical equipment that makes operating rooms run.

Proper installation is essential. If a line is crossed or a mistake is made in the pumping systems it could mean death to patients. And if that happens, beyond the grief it causes to families, it also leads to more litigation and increased insurance premiums for hospitals.

Engineers at Robert Carter Corporation explain how their Medical Gas Systems installed in St. Mary Hospital's new West Addition are checked so many times that it eliminates chances for mistakes.

"The system almost can't be put into operation unless it's fool-proof," according to Mike Johnson, Robert Carter Corporation plumbing superintendent. Robert Carter, of Oak Park, is one of the largest mechanical plumbing, heating and air systems contractors.

Everyone who works on Medical Gas Systems has to be certified, which includes extensive training programs, Johnson said, explaining that the company works hard to protect its medical customers, and ultimately the patients, against the hazards of crossed connections, leakage, pressure deficiencies and contamination sources.

"The handling of medical gas not only requires a high degree of basic skills and training on the part of the installers, but involves ethical aspects as well, since it is so depend-

ed on for a variety of vital supports," according to Stan Farrington, Robert Carter CEO. Part of that training includes showing installers a movie depicting real patients. One segment shows in horrible detail what could happen and what has happened if a gas connection mistake is made.

A little girl goes in for outpatient surgery at a clinic, not in Michigan, to remove a birth mark from her forehead. She is given the wrong gas due to a cross connection between lines. She dies. The movie drives the

"You can't see any of our work, except for outlets on the wall. There's quite a bit that goes into the process. If you've got something crossed, or you don't (clean a pump properly), it could mean the difference between life and death."

Mike Johnson
Robert Carter Corporation
plumbing superintendent.

point home to installers that what they do matters, Johnson said.

"You can't see any of our work, except for outlets on the wall," Johnson said. "There's quite a bit that goes into the process. If you've got something crossed, or you don't (clean a pump properly), it could mean the difference between life and death."

Robert Carter employees worked for 18 months installing the system at St. Mary Hospital of Livonia's addition.

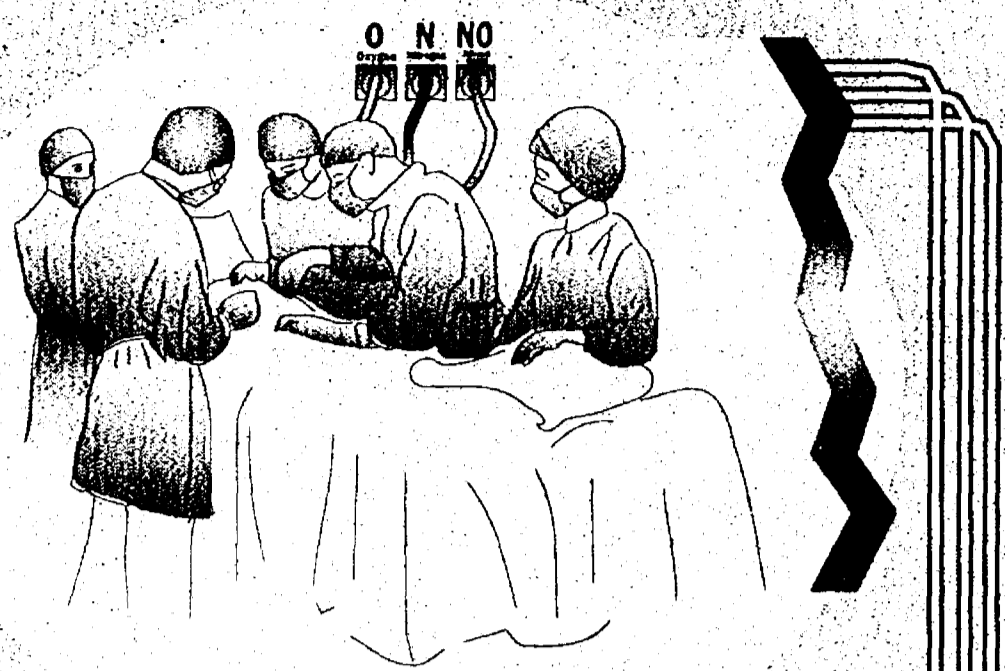
"St. Mary Hospital and Robert Carter Corporation worked together on the new West Addition to make sure the highest standard in medical gas piping is available to surgical

patients" according to Julie Sproul, St. Mary Hospital director of community relations. She emphasized that the "latest technology available" was used.

"It enables the hospital to provide patients the assurance of receiving the most up-to-date anesthetic care available during surgical procedures," she added. Medical installation for the building included surgical and decontamination rooms, medical gas installation and the central processing room, which is in the lower level of the west addition where sterile instruments are sent to operating rooms, returned for sterilization, repackaged and sent back to the surgical area.

In addition to the central processing room, the new two-story, 87,000-square-foot West Addition has eight new operating rooms, a new maternity center with 20 private birthing suites and two Caesarean section rooms and a new Marian Women's Center. It opened to patients the first week in March.

"In a project like this, where so many thousands of people will eventually put their trust in everything being right and functioning right, teamwork and partnering are essential," Farrington said.



HELEN FURCEAN / STAFF ARTIST

Project emphasizes good health for all

BY RENEE M. SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

If you've been putting off that yearly health check, mark your calendars now. The 18th annual Project Health-O-Rama is coming to more than 100 sites in southeastern Michigan this spring from Monday, April 7, through Friday, May 9. Open to anyone at least 18 years old, Project Health-O-Rama is the best health bargain in town.

The following basic tests and services will be offered at all Project Health-O-Rama sites at no cost: Blood pressure, height and weight, vision, glaucoma, counseling and referral, and basic health information.

In addition, the following optional lab-evaluated tests will be offered at a discounted handling fee: Blood panel of 23 profiles (requires a four-hour fast, excluding medications) - \$22; CA-125 ovarian cancer antigen blood test for women - \$25; PSA (prostate specific antigen) blood test for men - \$25; take-home colorectal cancer screening kits - \$8; H. pylori blood test for stomach ailments - \$15; and a take-home HIV test kit (simple, reliable and confidential) - \$35.

In Wayne County, Project Health-O-Rama will be at these sites:

■ Oakwood Annapolis Project Health-O-Rama

Where: Laurel Park Place, 37700 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia

When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 9-10

Where: Wonderland Mall, 29859 Plymouth Rd., Livonia

When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 16, 17, and 18

Other specialty tests include osteoporosis (bone density) screening (\$25) and Pap smears (\$5). The Pap smears will be done only at the Wonderland Mall 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 16; 1-6 p.m. April 17; and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 18. For more information, call (313) 467-4134.

■ St. Mary Hospital Health-O-Rama

Where: St. Mary Hospital, Five Mile and Levan roads, Livonia

When: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 19

A pulmonary function test (\$5) also will be available. For more information, call (313) 655-2956.

■ Botsford General Hospital Health-O-Rama

Where: Livonia Mall, 29514 Seven Mile Road, Livonia

When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 22-24

Osteoporosis (bone density) screening will be available (\$25). Also, oral and dental screening will be available from 1-5 p.m. April 22 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 23. For additional information, contact the Botsford Health Development Network at (810) 477-6100.

■ Canton Chamber of Commerce & Summit on the Park Project Health-O-Rama

Where: Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway, Canton

When: noon to 6 p.m. April 20

Additional free tests and services include: Nutritional counseling, body composition, massage therapy, medication counseling, oral and dental screening and fitness equipment sampling. Osteoporosis (bone density) screening will be available (\$25). For additional information, call the Summit at (313) 397-5110.

The Livonia Mall will host two Project Health-O-Rama bonus days 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 22-23. For more information on site locations and test offerings, call the PROJECT HOTLINE 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at (810) 424-8600.

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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APRIL 4, 5, 18, 19

BONE DENSITY A bone density screening will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 4, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 18, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 19 at MedMax, 35600 Central City Parkway, across from Westland Center in Westland. Price is \$39 per person. For information, call (313) 458-7100.

SAT, APRIL 5

WOMEN'S HEALTH St. Mary Hospital's third annual Women's Health Day will be 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Six Mile and I-275 in Livonia. Keynote speaker Liz Curtis Higgs of Louisville, Ky., will discuss "Only Angels Can Wing It." There will be a number of workshops. Advance registration is requested for the event; price is \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. To register, call 1-800-494-1615.

ELDERCARE A course on "The Eldercare Connection: Resources for Caregivers" will begin April 5 and continue for five weeks. It is offered at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia. Price is \$45. For information or to register, call (313) 462-4448.

APRIL 5, 8, 22

HOMEOPATHY A program on "Discovering Homeopathic Medicine for the Immune System" will be offered 10 a.m. to noon April 5, 7-8 p.m. April 8, and 10 a.m. to noon April 22 at MedMax, 35600 Central City Parkway, across from Westland Center in Westland. For information on the free seminars, call (313) 458-7100.

MON, APRIL 7

LIVING WITH CANCER A Living With Cancer group will meet 7 p.m. at the Riverside Professional Building in Trenton. There will be six two-hour sessions. Advance registration is required. The group is offered by Riverside Osteopathic Hospital and Community Hospice Services. For information, call Community Hospice Services, (313) 522-4244.

CPR CLASS

St. Mary Hospital will offer a Pediatric Basic Life Support CPR class 6-10 p.m. in Pavilion Conference Room B, near the south entrance off Levan Road at Five Mile in Livonia. Participants will learn to perform CPR for the infant or child in a cardiac emergency. Management of the obstructed airway is included in this American Heart Association class. Price is \$20. Advance registration is required. To register, call (313) 655-2922 or 1-800-494-1650.

HEART PALS

Heart Pals, a support group for cardiac patients and their family and friends, will meet 7-9 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster in Garden City. Discussion, education and camaraderie are featured. For information, call (313) 458-3242.

APRIL 7, 14, 21

STRESS MANAGEMENT St. Mary Hospital will offer a "Stress for Success" Stress Management Program 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Pavilion Conference Room A, near the south entrance off Levan Road at Five Mile in Livonia. Price is \$25. Participants will learn to handle stress effectively. To register, call (313) 655-2922 by April 2.

WED, APRIL 9

STRESS MANAGEMENT The Chronic Illness Awareness Coalition will offer a program on stress management and chronic illness 7-9 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church. The speaker will be Roberta "Jeff" Dailey, a stress management training specialist. Price is \$5 for health care professionals and consumers. To register, call (313) 266-CIAC.

EATING DISORDERS

Family Service Detroit and Wayne County's Dearborn counseling office will hold a five-week educational workshop, "Eating Feelings," 6-8 p.m. beginning April 9 at the office, 19855 W. Outer Drive, Suite 104W in Garrison Place. Price is \$75. The workshop will address issues for individuals struggling with an eating disorder. To register or for information, call (313) 595-8655.

SIBLING CLASS

A class to help siblings prepare

for the arrival of a new baby will be held at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster in Garden City. The class is recommended for children ages 3-8. For registration information, call (313) 458-4330.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

A support group for family members, friends and caregivers of those with Alzheimer's or related disorders will meet at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster in Garden City. For information, call (313) 458-4330.

THURS, APRIL 10

WOMEN'S NIGHT Providence Hospital and Medical Centers will sponsor a "Women's Night Out" 6-9 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel Livonia, 17100 Laurel Park Drive. The event will include dinner, a spring fashion show and health updates given by Providence medical professionals. Price is \$23, and reservations should be made by April 2. For information or to register, call 1-800-968-5595.

ANXIETY/DEPRESSION

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a free anxiety/depression screening 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. A mental health professional will meet privately with individuals. Registration is required. For information or to register, call (313) 655-2936 or 1-800-494-1654.

CANCER SUPPORT

The Focus on Living Cancer Support Group will meet at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster in Garden City. A nurse facilitator will provide opportunities for those present to share their mutual concerns. For information, call (313) 458-3311.

WORK STATION

A "Work Station Tuneup" session will be held 1 p.m. at MedMax, 35600 Central City Parkway, across from Westland Center in Westland. Participants will learn simple solutions for common problems associated with sitting at a desk all day. There is no charge. For information, call (313) 458-7100.

APRIL 10-11

ANNUAL MEETING The Michigan League for Nursing will hold its annual meeting at Zehnder's in Frankenmuth. The silent auction, officer installation and awards dinner will be

April 10. There will be a business meeting April 11 followed by a keynote address by Dr. Geri Larkin, president of Strategic Thinking and co-founder of the Michigan Women's Foundation. Seating is limited. To register, call (313) 427-1900.

FRI, APRIL 11

BREASTFEEDING A program on "Breastfeeding and the Working Mother" will be held 5:30-7:30 p.m. at MedMax, 35600 Central City Parkway, across from Westland Center in Westland. There is no charge. Mothers will learn how to continue breastfeeding while at work. For information, call (313) 458-7100.

SAT, APRIL 12

HEALTHY KIDS Sinai Hospital will participate in the Farmington Family YMCA Healthy Kids Day 10 a.m. to noon at Twelve Oaks Mall, Novi. Sinai will provide information on

nutrition as well as information on washing hands and an opportunity for kids to view germs on hands through use of a black box exhibit. For information, call (810) 553-4020.

CPR FOR PROFESSIONALS "Health Care Provider BLS-C Course" will be offered for nursing students and health care professionals at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia. Infant, child and adult CPR will be among topics covered. An American Heart Association CPR card will be issued to those who complete the class. Price is \$59. To register, call (313) 462-4448.

MON, APRIL 14

POSTURE PAIN A program on "Controlling Posture Pain" will be held 7 p.m. at MedMax, 35600 Central City Parkway, across from Westland Center in Westland. There is no charge. For information, call

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MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

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New chief

Dr. Roland J. Brandt, D.O., director of Great Lakes Orthopaedic's Shoulder Clinic, was recently appointed the new chief of medical staff at Garden City Hospital.

Brandt has been on staff at Garden City Hospital since 1987. His undergraduate degree is from Iowa State University and he is a 1977 graduate of the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, Des Moines, Iowa.

Brandt completed his internship and residency in 1982 at Garden City Hospital. He practiced at High Country Orthopedics, Colorado Springs, Colo., until relocating his practice to Garden City Hospital in 1987.

Brandt is currently affiliated with Great Lakes Orthopaedics, located in Garden City Hospital's Medical Office Building. His special interests are in shoulder disorders and reconstructive surgery. Brandt is also affiliated

with Riverside Osteopathic Hospital and Oakwood Downriver Center.

A West Bloomfield resident, Brandt has been a member of the American Osteopathic Association, American Osteopathic Academy Orthopedics, American College of Osteopathic Surgeons and Michigan Association of Osteopathic Physicians.

Recertification

Dr. Ronald M. Coburn, M.D., of Dearborn, an ophthalmologist, was awarded board recertification in the sub-specialty field of cataract/implant surgery. This certification program was established by the American Board of Eye Surgery in conjunction with the Professional Examination Service of New York City, as a means to identify those ophthalmic surgeons who maintain a high level of surgical excellence.

Coburn joins the other 350 physicians who have achieved certification and/or recertification in cataract/implant surgery since the program began in 1989.

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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 48160. The fax number is (313) 591-7279.

New focus

The Harvard Drug Group, with headquarters in Livonia, recently announced that the wholesale drug company is redefining the industry by positioning itself as a "complementary" rather than secondary supplier. The announcement was made at the National Wholesale Druggists' Association Annual Marketing Conference. The former Great Lakes Wholesale Drugs also announced its consolidation as The Harvard Drug Group.

The Harvard Drug Group specializes in behind-the-counter (prescription) products and over-the-counter health care supplies. The group was founded in 1968 under the name Great Lakes Wholesale Drugs.

Jay Levine is president and chief operating officer. Randolph J. Friedman is chairman and chief executive officer.

Small business

The Small Business Association of Michigan wants to recognize the most innovative small business products and services

of 1996. The Small Business Innovation Awards competition will honor remarkable and unique products and services developed in 1996 by Michigan-based companies with fewer than 500 employees.

The entry deadline is May 1. Entry forms are available now by calling SBAM at 1-800-362-5461 or (517) 482-8788. There is no entry fee and the competition is open to any small business with headquarters in Michigan.

The competition is sponsored by SBAM, The Eli Broad College of Business at Michigan State University, The Detroit News and Old Kent Bank.

Helping Goodwill

La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries have developed a promotion in conjunction with Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit to offer consumers the opportunity to trade in their old chairs or sofas, make a tax-deductible donation to a good cause - and save \$60 to \$420 on new La-Z-Boy furniture.

The annual trade-in sale is under way at stores in Novi, Taylor, Sterling Heights and Warren and will continue through April 29. To qualify for the discount, customers bring in their old furniture to one of the stores, where sales consultants and store helpers assist in unloading the trade-in, provide a receipt and discuss discounts available on La-Z-Boy furniture.

In addition, La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries offer free pickup of donated furniture with

any delivery. The donated furniture is given to Goodwill in the consumer's name. Additional information is available at the stores.

Hotline

The Michigan Employment Security Agency operates a toll-free fraud hotline, 1-800-822-1122. Business persons or individuals are urged to call the number to report suspected fraud, such as an employee or ex-employee improperly collecting unemployment benefits or a business paying cash to employees to avoid paying taxes.

In fiscal 1996, the agency investigated cases of fraud totaling \$6 million, including penalties and interest, and the tally is \$2.6 million so far this fiscal year, said Tom Malek, MESA's acting director.

Reaching a milestone

American Axle & Manufacturing recently announced the production and celebration of its 10 millionth axle, which came off the line at the company's Detroit Gear & Axle Plant No. 3 on March 24. The rear axle is destined for installation on a Chevy C/K pickup truck to be manufactured at GM's Pontiac East assembly plant.

Attending the celebration were Richard E. Dauch, president and CEO; Richard H. Rossman, vice president, manufacturing; James A. Kline, plant area manager; Tom Jones, plant district committee man, UAW Local 235; and Richard F. Dauch, plant manager.



AAA honors: AAA Michigan President and CEO Ronald L. Steffens congratulated Sandra Theile of Plymouth during the 1997 Membership Sales Award banquet March 8 at the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids. Theile received a Membership Sales Award for outstanding Auto Club membership sales in 1996.

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(313) 458-7100.

TUES, APRIL 15

CHILDBIRTH

A six-week course on childbirth education will begin 7 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster in Garden City. There will be information on pregnancy, labor and delivery, newborn care and postpartum care. Registration should be completed early in the pregnancy. To register, call (313) 458-4330.

STROKE AND ANEURYSM

A Stroke and Aneurysm Support Group will meet at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster in Garden City. Family members and friends are welcome. For information, call (313) 458-4396.

WATER FACTS

Water is vital in fighting kidney stones, and Botaford General Hospital's Health Development Network will present "Water Works" 7-8 p.m. at Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. in Novi. Those attending will learn about various bottled waters. Price is \$5 and advance registration is required. To register, call (810) 477-6100. A second program, Kidney Stone Management, offers one-hour, one-to-one consultations by appointment only. Price is \$30. To schedule an appointment, call (810) 477-6100.

WED, APRIL 16

GRIEF TELECONFERENCE

A "Living With Grief" teleconference will be presented by satellite 1-4 p.m. by Madonna University's hospice education program and Angela Hospice at Madonna, Schoolcraft and Levan in Livonia. It will be presented by the Hospice Foundation of America and moderated by ABC News correspondent Cokie Roberts. A panel of experts will discuss bereavement issues. To make reservations for the free event, call Madonna University, (313) 432-5716 or (313) 432-5474.

PROSTATE CANCER

Dr. Hans Stricker, M.D., a urologist, will discuss risk factors for prostate cancer along with the latest detection and treatment methods 7-8:30 p.m. at Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane, 19401 Hubbard Drive in Dearborn. Admission is free. To register, call (313) 982-8384.

FOOT SCREENING

A foot screening for diabetics will be sponsored by MedMax, the American Diabetes Association, Patke-Davis, Michigan, the Medical Podiatric Association and MedE. It will be 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at MedMax, 35600 Central City Parkway, across from Westland Center in Westland. There is no charge. For information, call (313) 458-7100.

LARYNGECTOMY

A Laryngectomy Support Group, for those who have had or are going to have surgical removal of their vocal cords, will meet 2 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster in Garden City. Family members and friends are welcome. There is no charge. For information, call (313) 458-3381.

BREATHER'S CLUB

A support group for those with respiratory problems and their families will meet 7:30 p.m. at Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building, 6245 Inkster in Garden City. The meeting will be in Classroom No. 2. For information, call (313) 458-3481.

APRIL 16-17

WOMEN'S HEALTH

Dr. Michael A. Roth, M.D., a specialist in menopause and women's weight management, will offer a seminar 7:30 p.m. at the DoubleTree Inn, across from Twelve Oaks in Novi. Topics will include menopause, osteoporosis and weight management to attain a healthier lifestyle. If interested in attending, call (810) 347-6100 for information.

BLOOD DRIVE

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster in Garden City. To make an appointment, call (313) 458-4330. Walk-ins are welcome in the afternoon.

APRIL 16, 23

CHILDBIRTH REFRESHER

A two-session class will meet April 16 and 23 at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster, for couples who have already had a birth experience. The course provides a review of the stages of the birth process along with exercises, breathing and relaxation techniques. To register, call (313) 458-4330.

THURS, APRIL 17

NO BROKEN BONES

A program on injury and death due to falls and prevention of in-home falls will be held 2-3 p.m. at Henry Ford Medical Center-Livonia, 29200 Schoolcraft.

Admission is free. Strengthening exercises to tone up muscles and improve balance will be taught. To register, call (313) 523-1704.

VEGETARIANS

A program on vegetarian eating will be held 10-11:30 a.m. at Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane, 19401 Hubbard Drive in Dearborn. Admission is free. To register, call (313) 982-8384.

APRIL 17, 24, MAY 1

TRANSFORMING STRESS

A program on "Transforming Stress Into Energy" will be held 7-8:30 p.m. at Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane, 19401 Hubbard Drive in Dearborn. Price is \$60. To register, call (313) 982-8384.

SAT, APRIL 19

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. This will be a support group meeting at which new members are welcome. There is no charge. For information, call (313) 458-7100.

MON, APRIL 21

CPR CLASS

Oakwood Healthcare System Community-Focused Health Promotion Network will sponsor a CPR class 6-9:30 p.m. at Oakwood Healthcare Center-Westland, 2345 Merriman in Westland. Price is \$12 and registration is required by calling 1-800-543-WELL. Participants will receive certificates upon completion.

MESSAGE

"Massage for Better Health" will

be offered at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia.

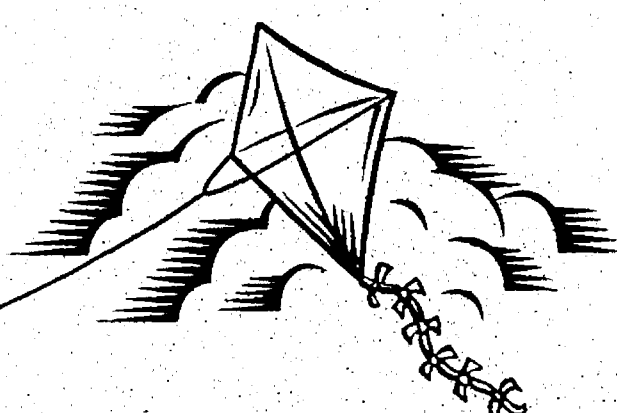
Professional demonstrations will be followed by hands-on practice. Price is \$32. To register, call (313) 462-4448.

APRIL 21-23

DIABETES EDUCATION

A five-week series to help people live with diabetes will begin April 21, 22 and 23 at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster in Garden City.

The class is certified by the Michigan Department of Public Health and will cover hypoglycemia, hyperglycemia, foot care, meal planning and glucose monitoring. Physician referral is required for participation in the Diabetes Education series. To register, call (313) 458-4330.



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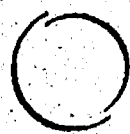
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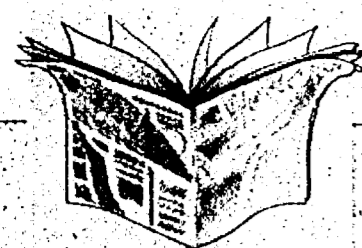
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Realtors offer home selling advice

The National Association of Realtors is an association of real estate professionals who subscribe to a strict Code of Ethics. Not all real estate brokers and agents are Realtors®.

The Realtors put out a pamphlet explaining what they do and also outlining what you can do to get your home ready for sale.

The pamphlet lists nine advantages offered by going with a Realtor.

1. A Realtor knows the current real estate market and can help you set a realistic competitive price. A Realtor is also familiar with the local home loan market and can help you decide on financing that's best to expedite your sale.

2. A Realtor knows how to figure the approximate net proceeds from your sale based on types of loans, outstanding loan balance and closing costs.

3. A Realtor can suggest how to add sales appeal to your home at low or moderate cost.

4. A Realtor knows where to find prospective buyers. Most homebuyers prefer to work with a real estate agent.

5. A Realtor can tap an even larger market, if necessary, through referrals, marketing techniques and a Multiple Listing Service.

6. A Realtor frees you from problems associated with showing your home. The Realtor handles all phone inquiries, makes appointments, shows your home and follows up, leaving your time for you.

7. A Realtor maintains objectivity in responding to possible criticisms by the buyer and in presenting offers and counter offers until an agreement is reached.

8. A Realtor knows how to help the buyer meet local financing require-



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Sign up: Realtors John Delaney, Chris McDonald, Sherry Mifsud, Rich Halmekangas and Sandy Doner have ideas on how to make your house sell.

ments and go about obtaining a mortgage loan.

9. A Realtor can familiarize you with closing procedures by explaining them in advance. A Realtor usually attends the closing with you.

The pamphlet offers good advice on how to prepare your home for sale.

Here are some things you can do, according to the Realtors:

■ A fresh coat of paint for home, garage and even fences may be the one improvement that creates the most positive first impression.

■ Trim lawns and clear debris.

■ Seal gutters and clean downspouts.

■ Tidy the front entrance and polish the brass doors.

■ Clean storms and screens and

put out a new doormat.

■ Paint inside walls.

■ Tend to the little things - oil squeaking doors, tighten loose cabinet knobs, take out removable stains, replace damaged floor tiles.

■ All windows, doors and drawers should open and close easily. Fasten loose tread plates, clean soiled carpeting.

■ The kitchen is one place in the home that buyers look at closely. Tighten leaky faucets, repair or replace faulty wall switches, outlets, light fixtures and any appliances that will "go with the home."

■ The bathroom also gets close scrutiny, too. Keep it spotless. Tiles scrubbed and grouted, faucets polished, toiletries and medicines in

their chest. Laundry items in closed hamper.

■ Clean windows and clear, uncluttered closets and basement contribute to a more attractive home.

■ Clear out accumulated items from closets, cabinets and under counters - also from the garage. Consider holding a garage sale prior to showing your home.

■ Make your home as light, airy and spacious as possible. Draw back drapes. Turn on a few extra lights.

■ Keep pets out of the way. Soft background music can contribute to a relaxed mood, but a loud TV, like pets, will tend to be distracting.

■ Fresh bread or cookies baking in the oven help create a homey atmosphere.

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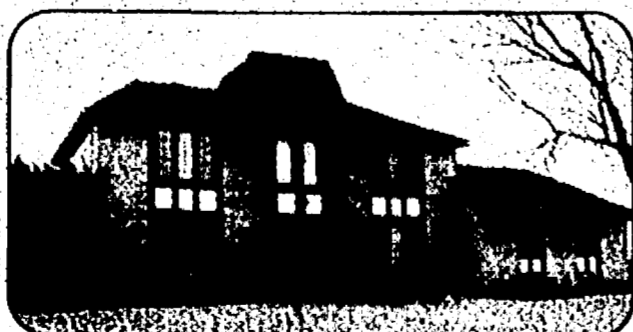
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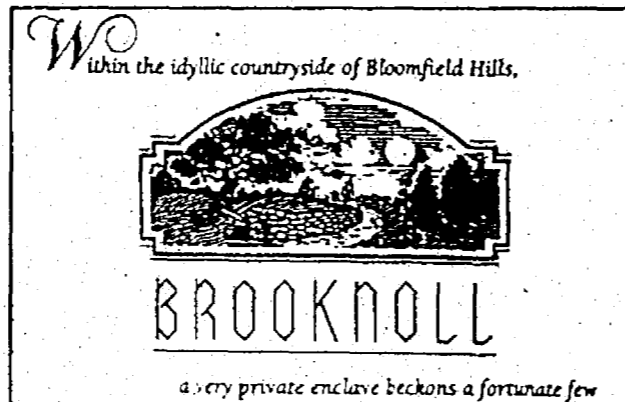
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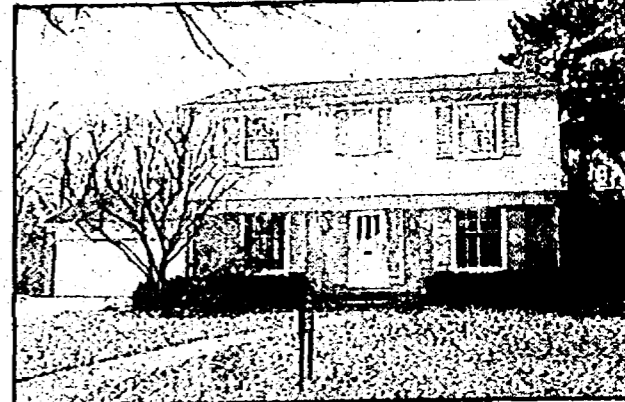
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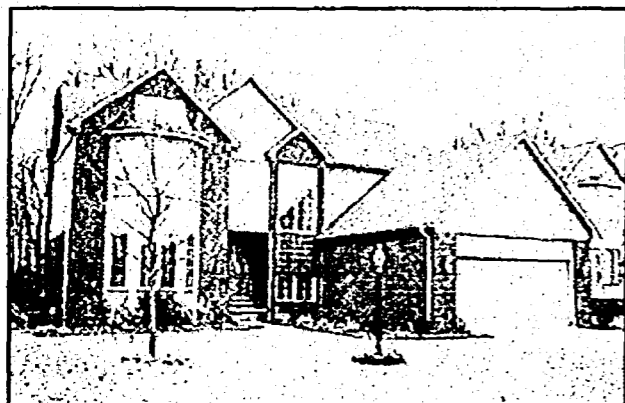
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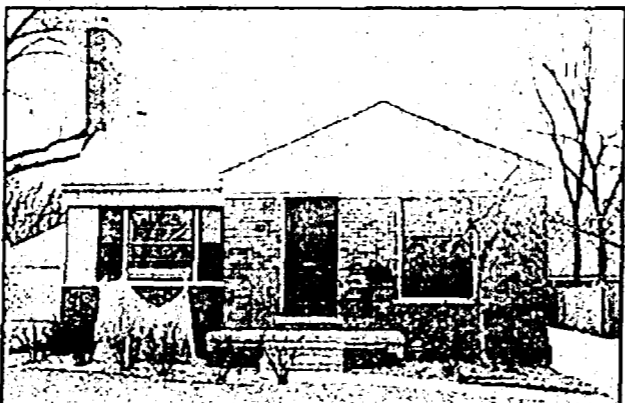
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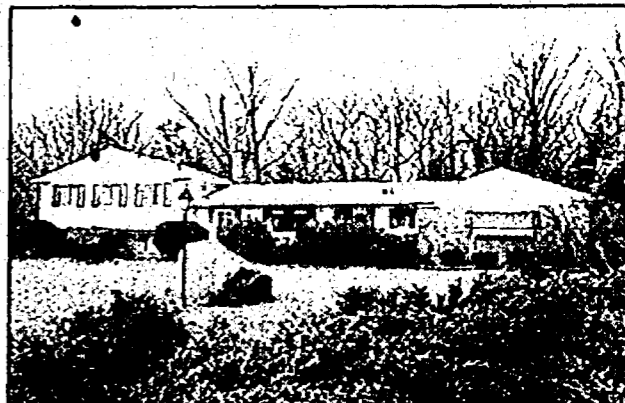
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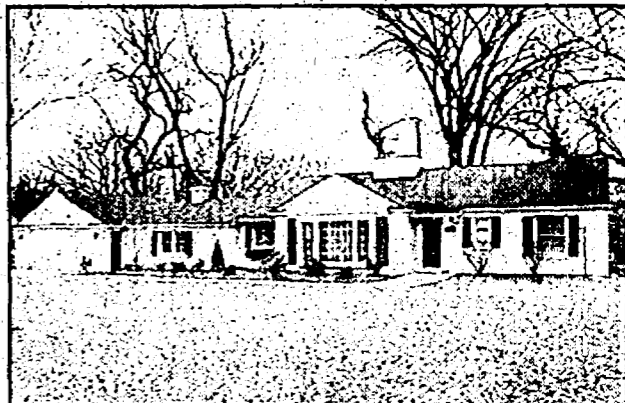
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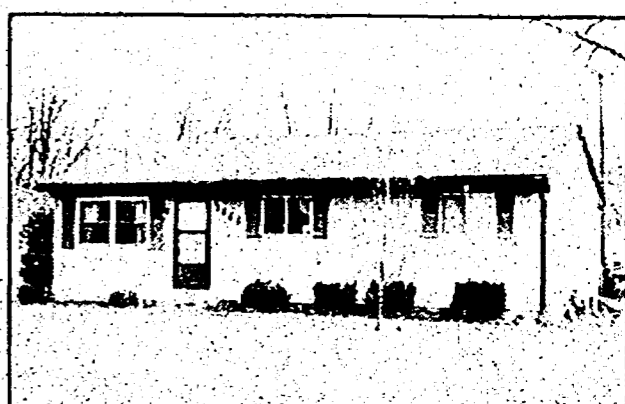
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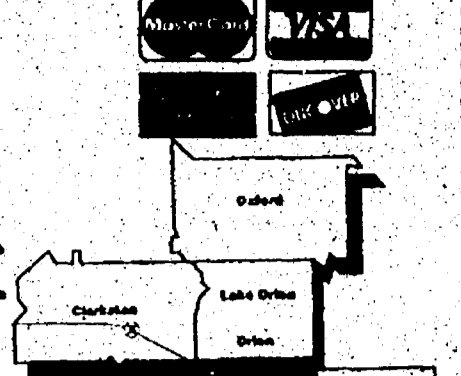
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Managers: It takes more to stay marketable

By Sheryl Silver Career Source

It's common knowledge that middle managers were hit hard during the last recession. Perhaps not as well known is the fact that middle management jobs have continued to be cut since the end of the recession. A recent survey by the New York based American Management Association (AMA) found that three middle management jobs are still being eliminated for every similar job being created.

Eric R. Greenberg, director of management studies for the American Management Association, believes managers can decrease their vulnerability to such cuts by acquiring in-depth expertise in more than one discipline. "The multi-skilled, multi-specialist manager will have the greatest security and marketability in the future," says Greenberg. "A human resource manager, for instance, who really knows about information technology, or a finance manager who also really knows about human resources-the more you know about the functions outside your current job, the better."

Howard Reitkopp, president of Management Recruiters International (MRI) of McLean, Va., also believes specialized expertise in at least one discipline is essential for managers seeking to remain marketable. "Companies don't just want someone who's a manager," says Reitkopp. "They want people with specialized skills in a particular discipline as well as management skills. No longer can managers stop rolling up their sleeves and staying abreast of the latest trends in their technical discipline. You have to continue learning, continue working at the 'bench level' in your field to remain marketable. You have to stay technically competent as well as managerially competent."

Reitkopp says information technology expertise can also increase a manager's value both to a current employer and the

marketplace at large. When cuts are made, says Reitkopp, "I see companies getting rid of dead wood and hiring more technology oriented managers."

If all this sounds as if companies are looking for more from managers than ever before, that's true, says Reitkopp and Greenberg. They're also looking for a different style of management. "Managers have traditionally been those who approved or disapproved of employees' actions in advance," says Greenberg. With the new trend toward flattening corporate hierarchies and empowering employees at all levels to make decisions, that management approach is no longer appropriate, says Greenberg.

"Instead, a manager's job today is to outline objectives and outcomes, then go to work for their subordinates to find out what resources they need-technological or other-to accomplish those objectives," explains Greenberg. "That's very different than the traditional authoritarian role."

Technology has contributed to major change in the role and skills required for management too, adds Greenberg. At one

time, he says, "a manager's job could be described as gathering, analyzing and disbursing information to employees. Arguably, desktop computers are now able to gather, analyze, and disburse that information more quickly and cost efficiently" (than managers). That, says Greenberg, is just one of several factors that will continue to place pressure on middle managers to redefine their roles and make themselves valuable to their organizations.

Reitkopp is enthusiastic about managers' ability to cope with the challenges facing them. Nonetheless, he admits staying abreast of the changes takes time and effort. "There's no coasting, no plateauing," he says. "You have to be the best at whatever you're doing. And you have to invest in yourself. You have to stay current. Self-education is critical. If you're not keeping up with the changes in your field, you're falling behind."

It's important, says Reitkopp, to make yourself valuable to your organization by being an innovator and problem solver. "Find ways to improve the company's bottom line in some way," he advises.

Greenberg agrees and offers another suggestion for managers seeking to make themselves more valuable, and therefore, less dispensable. "Find out which area of the company is growing and attach yourself to it by making your function or department a support to that area," he advises. "The key is not necessarily applying for another job in that growth area, but finding out how to make your role valuable to that department."

Equally important, says Reitkopp, is taking the initiative when it comes to making sure your skills are up-to-date. As an example, he says, "If your company isn't on the Web yet, immerse yourself. Learn about what can be done. Find out what your company's competitors are doing and become the catalyst for getting your department or company up to speed. Be proactive about making yourself valuable," he advises.

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WORKING LIFE: How to Avoid Job-Hunting Foul-Ups

By Deborah L. Jacobs

My mailbox has recently brought a flurry of typical job-hunting questions. Here are some answers, with tips about how to find-and keep-the job you want.

Q. I resigned from my position as a legal secretary to take a similar, but better-paying job. To my dismay, I was dismissed after just one week of work. My supervisor said it was because I didn't complete assignments quickly enough, and turned them in with too many errors. But I was having trouble getting used to the new company's equipment. Do I have grounds to sue?

Kay Taylor, New York, N.Y.

A. In New York, and most other states, a company can usually fire you for any reason, provided it doesn't break a contract or a law (like those prohibiting discrimination based on race or sex). Unless you have a written job agreement, you unfortunately have no legal recourse.

Cruel as it sounds, your boss may have done you a favor by pinpointing weaknesses in your work. While you look for another spot, try improving the basic skills you need. Sharpening these abilities (typing, spelling, and proofreading, for instance) will prepare you for the next place.

When you do start a job, don't try to wing it with office equipment you've never used before. If a company doesn't offer any formal training, you can always say something

like, "I've been working with Windows '95. While I'm not familiar with your computer system, I'm a quick study. Is there someone who could show me the basics, and field occasional questions until I get up to speed?" That will help keep the boss' expectations realistic as you grow accustomed to your new workplace.

Q. I was taught that the basic colors for interviews were blue, black, gray, and maybe tan. I've seen some women come to interviews in red fishnet stockings and high heels and some young men wear jeans and sneakers. Does what you wear to an interview depend on the position you're applying for?

Tracy William Heyward, Bronx, N.Y.

A: Yes. Generally speaking, the guidelines you cite still apply for men. For women, there's much more latitude about both color and style (but fishnets aren't a good idea). Still, the deciding factor for either sex is what people wear at the company you're applying to (though I'd never advise anyone to show up in jeans and sneakers). When in doubt, err on the side of being a little more conservative and dressed up than the person you're planning to meet.

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Search for a bank that loans to small businesses

By Alice Bredin
 Landing a bank loan for a home-based business is not easy. It may require applying at several banks; it will almost definitely take longer than you expect, and it will usually necessitate personal guarantees.

Start by knowing what banks to go to. Begin with your current bank, since they are more likely to trust someone they know. Also, ask other home-based business owners for referrals to banks that have loaned them money.

Another resource is the Small Business Administration's just-released annual listing of "Small Business Friendly" banks. The list names banks that have given

the most money to home-based business owners over the last year.

The annual study helps entrepreneurs find banks that do the most lending to small businesses, and it encourages banks to lend to small business owners.

Even though the term "small business" refers to operations that are much larger than the average home-based business, bank financing is available to small companies.

This year's study found that among businesses that borrow money, banks are the largest source of funding for small businesses, followed by finance companies and SBA loans.

Who is this money going to?

Sixty percent of one-person firms get their financing through commercial banks, as do 64 percent of two- to four-person firms, and 71 percent of 10- to 19-person firms. Some 87 percent of the largest small businesses, with 100 to 499 employees, turn to banks for their financing.

The study identifies which bank holding companies are the most small business friendly—with \$1 billion worth of outstanding small business loans. You'll also find the top three small business lenders in each state.

The holding companies at the top of the small business lending list are KeyBank, Wells Fargo, Nationsbank, Bank One and

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A sampling of the top lenders includes:

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Fargo; Bank of America; Union Bank.

If you want to look up banks in your state, check out the SBA Web site. Look up the "Small Business Lending in the United States, 1996 Edition" studies at <http://www.sba.gov/SmallBusinessLending1996/>

You can obtain a single copy of the list of small-business friendly banks in your state by calling the National Technical Information Service at (703) 487-4650.

You can also find the top SBA lenders in your region by contacting your local SBA office. To

find the SBA office near you, call The SBA Answer Desk at (800) 8-ASK-SBA or look in the government pages of your phone book under Small Business Administration.

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AT WORK

Managers can be held liable in harassment suits

By Lindsey Novak
 I was asked to sign a resignation letter because, as a manager, I was held accountable for a sexual harassment situation that existed. I had acted on the first complaint, but when the human resources vice president would not recommend terminating the person, I transferred him to another location. Three more complaints were reported, which prompted an outside investigation and led to my termination. Is this unjust or should I just move on?

seminars for its employees. It sounds like such a seminar could have saved you from falling into that situation.

Even though you can be held liable, you should still seek an attorney's advice. Being fired under these circumstances is serious and you don't want to ruin your chances for future employment.

EMPLOYER VALUES MONEY OVER MORALS
 Q: After working for a law firm for over five years, I developed carpal tunnel syndrome in my wrist. I advised my manager that I would be consulting a doctor specializing in work-related injuries. Shortly thereafter, and

before my second doctor's appointment, I was let go due to "downsizing."

When I asked the office manager how I would find another computer job with an injured wrist, she told me not to tell the prospective employer about my injury. Can companies get rid of injured employees by claiming downsizing?

A: It's important to notify employers in writing once you have been diagnosed with a condition that will affect your work. But announcing your plans to see a doctor due to a possible work-related injury is, as evidenced by their response, not a

good idea.

After five years of service there, you expected them to act morally, but decency is sometimes replaced by dollar signs when employers think they can get away with it.

Call the Chicago Bar Association Lawyer Referral line and explain the situation in detail. They can direct you to an attorney who may be able to help you.

MANAGER TAKES ADVANTAGE OF HOURLY WORKER
 Q: My son worked for a quick oil change franchise. He was told to punch in when starting work,

but when there were no cars to work on, he was told to punch out. He would then have to wait for cars to be worked on to line up before he was allowed to punch in again. Sometimes he would have to stay there for 11 hours just to get eight hours pay. When he asked the manager if that was legal, he was told, "If you don't like it, find another job." Is that right for him to do?

A: This manager's abusive labor practices should be reported to your state's labor department and to the company's corporate headquarters. Jobs may be hard to come by at times, but no job is worth keeping under those circumstances, and your

son's time would be better spent looking for another job.

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We offer casual and extra board positions with a progressive company, competitive wages and comprehensive benefits package. Must be available to work weekends and holidays.

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Opening for Direct Care Workers for residential program. Provide services to mentally ill older adults in various residential areas in Wayne County. High School Diploma, GED or a minimum of 5 years related experience is required. 20 hrs/week. Please send resume to: NISO, Attn: Human Resources, 220 Bayley, Suite 804, Detroit, MI 48226. EOE

DIRECT CARE WORKERS
Residential care provider looking to hire caring & ambitious people to work with individuals with developmental disabilities. Employment in group home setting. Ability to work flexible schedule, possession of valid Michigan drivers license & GED/High school diploma a must. Full-time position complete benefits for full time. Call Michele for Canton 313-397-8650 Tracey for Livonia 313-462-0948

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Need for Direct Care Workers (certified only) needed for Weekends/Wednesday and also Part-Time position for Southfield A.F.C. Home. 810-357-5663

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Work with people with developmental disabilities. Competitive wages and benefits. Full-time and part-time. Several Wayne County locations. Please send resume to: 313-427-7415

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Dispatcher/Phone Operator. Fleet wants mature, reliable person willing to learn a work. 313-421-5600

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Must have good driving record & be in good physical condition. Apply in person only. Landscape Supply, 29450 W. 8 Mile Rd. Farmington 810-474-4922

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Call or apply in person. Quality Tool & Gear, 13083 Fairlane, Livonia or Ask for Joe at (313) 266-1500

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Minimum CDL-B required, \$8/hour, 40-48 hour work week, local routes, few Saturdays, Farmington Hills & Livonia locations, excellent benefits after 8 mos., will train, experience a plus. Physical exam required. Applications accepted daily 8am-noon. Visit: Management, 19200 W. 9 Mile, Southfield. Must pass physical drug test. No phone calls. EOE M/F/V/D

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level position, good benefits, competitive wages, progressive growing co. Required: CDL, DOT physical & drug test, good communication skills and driving record. Send resume to HR-Dever, P.O. Box 525, Southfield, 48037. Or call 800-835-0428 Ext. 235.

DRIVER PART TIME
3 axle flat bed truck. Wood products distribution center. CDL required. Must be DOT qualified. Experience with wood products helpful. Call Operator Manager at (313) 728-0500 or send resume to: 11000 W. 9 Mile, Farmington Parkway, Westland, MI 48185.

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Quality minded. Days and afternoons. Sixteen experience helpful. Send resume or apply: Roush Industries, 1816 Market St., Livonia, MI 48150. 313-591-1010 fax 313-591-4333 EOE

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R AND L TRANSFER, one of the largest family owned LTL motor freight carriers, is currently seeking CDL drivers. Drivers must have Class A with HAT endorsements, good MVR and 2 yrs. exp. in home delivery. **WEEKEND DOCK WORKERS** - PT. Must be able to load, stock and unload difficult. We offer TOP PAY with complete benefit package (FT only) to include 401(k), approx. \$43,000/yr. (Lansing, MI) 482-8822. EOE

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Need CDL Class A license. Also need operators & laborers. Call (810) 474-5543

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Work WITH a company! Starting up to \$30 empty or loaded in assigned count. tractor running 14-18 states. Extra include: commission Bonus, Rider Program, Fuel Bonus and much more! Call 800-727-5289, ext. 242

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Full-time for Southfield property management company. Benefits. Call Mon. thru Fri., 9:55pm-10:30pm. 810-356-1030 EOE

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Experienced electric control panel w/ person and builders wanted. Wages based on experience. Will also train motivated people. We guarantee more money. Send resume to: Alvin Controls, 28043 Center Oak Ct., Livonia, MI 48150-1173

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Great Lakes Strategies, L.L.C., a Human Resource Consulting Firm in Birmingham, has an immediate opening for a Benefit Service Representative. The qualified candidate will administer health and welfare benefits for a Benefit Service Center for a major local employer. Benefit administration responsibilities include: processing new hires, terminations, changes in status, on-line data entry and COBRA interface. Qualifications include a minimum of two years experience, preferably in a corporate benefits environment. Candidate should have strong organizational skills and Microsoft Word and Excel proficiency. Great Lakes Strategies, a small entrepreneurial organization, offers competitive salary and a comprehensive benefits package. For confidential consideration, submit resume and salary history to: GLS, Regina Velasco, 2100 E. Maple, Suite 100, Birmingham, MI 48099. Great Lakes Strategies supports diversity and equal opportunity. Equalizing is a required step in the employment process. EOE.

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DRIVERS - WAREHOUSE
Positions for established glass distributor. We desire self-motivated, service oriented people. Great opportunity for men, women, retirees or students. Full-time. All shifts. Second shift 4pm-12midnight. Progressive wage package. Benefit package available. Apply in person: SAE-IT Glass, 11550 Globe Rd., Livonia, 1/4 mile S. of I-96, 1 block E. of Newburgh.

DRIVER WANTED
For office equipment dealer. Must have good driving record. All shifts involved. Organized & knowledgeable of Detroit Metro area. Call Mr. McLeod at 810-545-2300

DRIVER WANTED - Full time, over-the-road.
Max. 24 hrs. experience. Must have CDL & Hazard endorsement. Good pay, major medical, 401K program, home rest 2-3 weeks. Call 880-287-2450

DRIVERWAREHOUSE
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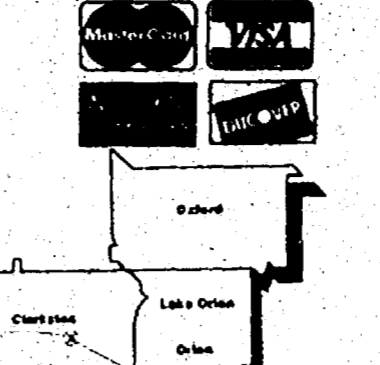
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Growing storage equipment manufacturer looking for dependable, responsible person with good mechanical skills to run an automatic stamping forming machine. Must be a team player with a desire to grow with a rapidly growing company. Full time, rotating schedule. Call, fax or send resume: SPM, Attn: Personnel, 46991 Liberty Dr., Wixom, MI 48393.

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Commission based. Motivated, disciplined individual with 5+ years sales experience. Quality communication skills & machine background. Excellent benefits package.
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ON-SITE MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN
A willingness to work a "can-do" attitude is a must. Skills must include plumbing, HVAC, carpentry and electrical. Responsible for all aspects of maintaining a mid-size apartment complex. Call (810) 568-8800, ask for Jim

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Full time and part time positions available for a local mail. Apply Mon-Fri, 9-5pm at the Laurel Park Place Management Office, 37700 W. Six Mile Rd., Livonia

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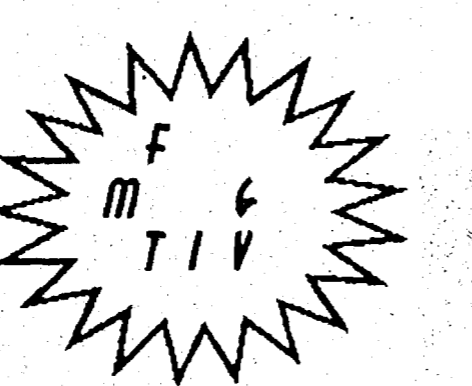
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GMC Jimmy looks good, feels right

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By Anne Fracassa
Avanti NewsFeatures
My 5-year-old, Francesca, was so happy when I brought home the 1997 GMC Jimmy that she actually jumped up and down.

For the first time in a very, very long time, she was able to sit right up front with me, seeing out the front wind-

shield, rather than being relegated to her usual back seat.

You see, the Jimmy is one of the few vehicles on the road today without dual air bags. And nobody — under any circumstances — should place a child under 12 in the front seat of a car or truck equipped with dual air bags.

This is your last chance to buy a Jimmy without the passenger's-side air bag — next year, it becomes law and Jimmy will be outfitted with one.

But for a week, I had one happy camper up there with me. She even asked her dad to sit in the back seat one day so she could have another chance up front. I also had a week of fielding 1,000 questions about all the instrumentation and what, exactly, each button and knob did.

Tested this week was a "cherry red" Jimmy 4-wheel drive 4-door outfitted with the Vortec 4300 V6 engine that outputs 190 horsepower. It also had a 4-speed automatic transmission with overdrive and a very comfy leather interior.

Never got a chance to take it off the street and test the 4-wheel-drive capabilities, but I'll tell you one thing: This Jimmy is a lot of fun to drive.

Although not much has changed on the Jimmy's exterior — it's still smart-looking, solid and pounces on the road aggressively — there are several changes worth mentioning.

There's a "Gold Edition" Jimmy this year that's available in emerald green, white, black and cherry red on the outside. You can now get a power sunroof on the Jimmy, there's a redesigned keyless entry control fob and the liftgate now has



The Jimmy is perfect transportation for any family on the go, the businessman who takes clients out to lunch or dinner or the single guy or gal that wants a versatile vehicle to ride around town in. It's good lookin', good feelin', good clean fun.

a liftglass rear access on the 4-door models.

Also new is the optional HomeLink 3-channel transmitter and trip computer. The system allows you to open up to three remote-controlled devices (like a garage door, estate gate and security lighting). The trip computer gives you a digital readout of your fuel economy, range, fuel used, elapsed time outside temperature and compass.

The optional uplevel AM/FM stereo/CD player has speed-sensitive volume controls and the console and floor shift is new. The Jimmy also can be bought in a snappy 2-door model. Besides that, there's also a 5-speed manual transmission, available (2-door models only), and the Jimmy can be ordered as a 2-, 4- or all-wheel drive model.

The Jimmy is low enough to the ground (just 7.5 inches) not to give you a whole lot of problems getting into and out of with ease. Even my 3-year-old, Becca, got in on her own without any help.

But you know what? This Jimmy, when it roars to life, acts more like a passenger car than a truck. It's got a solid stance on the road — like a truck — but it's so comfortable, like a car. Handling characteristics are a lot like a car as well. You

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