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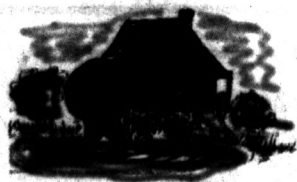
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AROUND



THE MILL POND

No peace for the . . .

"I hear your pager," said an anonymous voice from stall No. 1 into the relative quiet of a local women's restroom recently.

"Whose pager?" a voice came back from stall No. 3.

Shoes shuffled.

"Not your pager," the original voice responded, finally.

The woman in stall number two stayed quiet.

Maybe nobody beeped after all. Ah, life in the '90s.

Food for thought

Veterinarian Howard Schwartz provided the entertainment at a recent Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon when he showed after-meal slides of unusual reptilian procedures he's performed. They included shots of an iguana Caesarean section, a boa constrictor that had swallowed a beach towel and a giant anaconda tumor.

"I had them kind of roaring and rolling," he said later of the guests (not the animals) and their reactions.

Chamber Clerk Anne Chesley agreed. She said chamber diners responded with a lot of laughter and "oohs and ahhs."

Note: That's ooohs not ooze.

Happy b-day

We don't know who — nor do we know how old they are — but somebody had an outsized birthday this week. On Thursday, a giant inflatable birthday cake on Main Street wished some well-loved somebody a happy day and said they are "Aged To Perfection."



Not dead yet: Although he's only 47 years old, tombstone artist Bill McNinch has already designed his own grave marker... as a gift to his wife, who's still alive, too.

It is a blustery, gray day in Independence Township. The wind whips Bill McNinch's hair and beard and he reaches a hand up to pat them into place while a few cold raindrops fall atop him. He lowers his hand, plants his feet into the muddy earth, and reaches an elbow over to lean against his own tombstone and then smiles.

Anybody else would be shivering not only from the cold, but from the eerie solitude of the lonesome cemetery — and from the realization that at some point in time, the monument will be, well, the one on top.

"Being in my business, I wanted to do it myself, so I could see it," McNinch says of the beautifully crafted, elegantly simple, black granite monument that bears his name.

As the rain falls heavier around him, McNinch tells a little secret, chuckling: It was his wedding anniversary and he asked his wife, Sam, what she wanted by way of a gift. She wanted a "rock," she told him, meaning a jewel in a ring setting.

He surprised her with the "rock" monument instead. The biggest in Ottawa Park Cemetery, it serves a kind of double duty.

"It's a marketing tool," he admits.

McNinch, who was born into a Kentucky family that owned a cemetery, co-

Graven images Tombstone artisan personalizes eternity

owns McNinch Monument on Dixie Highway with his wife and daughter. At 47 years of age, he has been carving and etching tombstones and monuments for about 25 years.

"Ever since I was a little boy, I've been in this industry in one way, shape or another," he says, noting that his brother died at age 4, when Bill was 7. "I was very curious. I wanted to know why. Instead of avoiding it, I jumped right in to try and sort things through in my own heart."

It is a heart that feels for the pain

of others.

Over the last few years, there has been an increased demand for personalized monuments that feature artistic renderings done in sandblasted etchings that can include color and photographs, he says.

Many of McNinch's monuments can be seen in Ottawa Park Cemetery between Dixie Highway and Maybee Road, and in Lakeview Cemetery off Dixie and White Lake Road.

The markers feature, among others, granite stones that are carved in the shapes of airplanes, front-end loaders, tractors and the state of Michigan. Many have beautifully wrought pictures from nature or experiences from the

Please see **TOMBSTONES, A2**



Made to order: McNinch designs tombstones just about any way the customer specifies, like this one with a front-end loader on it. Prices start at \$2,000.



Fitting tribute: After Karl Brinson died of cancer at age 43, his widow wanted to erect a memorial to the man who charmed her and her children.



Give him a hand: McNinch built this Michigan-shaped tombstone for Milton Suter. The Independence Township tombstone artisan's work can be seen in Ottawa Park Cemetery between Dixie Highway and Maybee Road, and in Lakeview Cemetery off Dixie and White Lake Road.

McCrory named Township Clerk of the Year

Joan McCrory's navy blazer is adorned by a pin of the American flag and a pink corsage from staff members.

Swelling with pride, the Independence Township clerk has just been honored by her peers as the state's Township Clerk of the Year.

"I'm so overwhelmed," she says. "It's just such a high honor."

"The highest," she will later say. The highest because McCrory, who every day sets off her jacket lapel with a pin of the flag, has the highest

'You know, I used to tell my parents when I was young that I was going to run for office.'

Joan McCrory
—Independence Township clerk

regard for American government.

The township clerk since 1989, McCrory received the award last week at a ceremonial dinner at Michigan State University, which sponsors the honor through its Clerk's Institute Program. A city and county clerk were also honored

during the ceremony. Township Supervisor Dale Stuart and McCrory's family and staff attended the dinner.

"First I told kind of a corny joke," she recalls. "Then I just thanked everybody."

Another honor

McCrory was recently elect-

ed second vice president of the 630-member Michigan Association of Clerks. Her duties will include serving as education chair, annual meeting chair, legislative co-chair and summer conference chair.

Having held other positions on the association board, McCrory last year chaired the group's educational conference and sat on the Council of Elected Officials, a clerk lobby organization.

Prior to assuming the role of

Please see **MCCRORY, A4**



Joan McCrory

Parking decks are part of POH's building proposal

Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital is one step closer to breaking ground on a medical campus in Independence Township — a development that may bring the community its first parking structures.

"It's still got a ways to go. But it's in the hunt. It's getting closer," said Steve Board, chairman of the township planning commission, which reviewed the hospital's preliminary plans April 9.

Sited to be built on 50 acres at Dixie Highway and White Lake Road, the proposal calls for two medical office buildings, an assisted-living facility for seniors and a larger complex with an emergency room, birthing center and outpatient surgical services.

Although planning officials expressed concerns about aspects of the plan, including the parking decks, they took the proposal to the next stage and scheduled a public hearing May 18.

Flora Yingling of the town-

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ship's building department said she hopes to have meeting notices in the mail by May 1.

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However, the hospital did not provide "a lot of detail" about the structure's appearance, Board said. How the parking decks will look and how to prevent car headlights from disturbing nearby residents are of primary concern to the planning board, he said.

"It is something new. But on the flip side, if you can stack the

parking vertically, then obviously you save land," he said.

Project phasing surfaced as another major issue for planning officials who would prefer the hospital build assisted-living facilities and a facility for ambulatory services before putting up medical offices.

Pontiac Osteopathic hopes to build one of two medical offices followed by an assisted-living facility and then the ambulatory care center.

"We don't need another medical offices facility right now. The other uses are more critical to us today," Board added.

With township approval, the hospital could immediately start on the assisted living project, but the proposed ambulatory care center requires Michigan Department of Community Health approval — an uncertain matter.

Building height also was an issue. Planning commissioners took issue with the 40-foot height of one proposed medical office building.

Hospital spokeswoman Sharon Lucik said the hospital doesn't plan to amend its proposal at this time.

"We're just waiting for the public meeting to see if any issues come to the forefront," she said.

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deceased's life as well as permanent, porcelain-encased photographs.

"Every person that has ever walked on this earth needs to leave something behind — who these people were, what they did," McIninch says. "It's one of the most rewarding things — after the fact."

One of McIninch's favorite stones is a memorial he recently completed for an Independence Township man who died in 1997.

Karl Brinson was a hero to his wife Linda and his two step-children, who were both born with a terminal, disabling condition called Sanfilippo-B Syndrome.

After Karl died of cancer at age 43, the grieving Linda wanted to erect a memorial to the man who charmed her and her children. She went to McIninch,

who patiently crafted a colored memorial that features Karl's favorite cars, a rainbow, the two macaw birds he loved, a rendering of himself with his wife and creatures from the outdoors he so enjoyed.

"It just meant a lot to me that he was so good to them," Linda Brinson says of Karl's love for her children.

"I wanted to do something really special for him. I wanted something that he would enjoy on there. I feel like I've put up a memorial to him so even strangers who go there will know how wonderful he was and how he was loved."

She credits McIninch with being a "dream" to work with and with helping to ease her emotional pain with the monument he created and unveiled during a ceremony at the cemetery.

"When people came, you could see arms crossed," he remembers. "When we started going through the (ceremony) and when the monument was unveiled, they oohed and ahed."

McIninch says many people are put off by the notion of a special monument unveiling, but they leave with their hearts lifted.

"It's not for everybody," he says. "We only do it for special families. It seems to work out better for younger people."

McIninch begins his tombstone work by ordering cut slabs of granite from Africa or India. Once they arrive, he creates artistic templates that will serve as the patterns for what is to be carved. As a part of the process, he meets with family members who provide pictures and ideas for what the stones should contain.

"When I see photos of the people, it kind of tells me who those people were. It gets me in tune with who those people were," he says, noting the comfort the finished products often provide. "If it can make your heart warmer when you go to visit, it's so much better."



Jackpot: McIninch made this tombstone look like a slot machine. The inscription says that the decedent considered her grandchildren to be her biggest jackpot.

The monuments are etched with a hand-held sandblasting tool and cost \$2,000 and up, depending on the detail and complexity of the work.

Temporary markers are put at the grave sites until the monuments can be completed, which can take from weeks to a year, he says.

"Sometimes I feel like I'm the grim reaper to a small degree," he concedes as he considers the people for whom he has done work.

In some cases, terminally ill patients have come to his shop to give instructions about what they want. In other cases, family members have picked headstones for their loved ones. A few healthy people, out on jaunts, come in to select their own — knowing they will need them eventually.

"It's so strange," he notes. "People will come only in the summer months. Everybody wants to deal with it when it's nice weather."

For McIninch, the weather means nothing as he leans against his tombstone. His profession has taught him to appreciate life, family members and friends.

"I am probably the No. 1 person that knows tomorrow there's no guarantee I'm going to be here. It gives you a different perspective on life. It really does."

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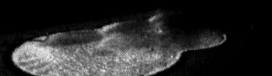
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Teen art exhibit offers peek at cutting edge

Found-object sculptures, computer-generated designs, echoes of artists like Andy Warhol and vibrant colors and images are just a few of the particulars to be had at a local gallery exhibition of works by Clarkston High School students.

Displayed in the atrium hall space of the Clarkston Crossing building at 7151 North Main through April, the pieces represent the efforts of beginning and advanced student artists, not to mention the cutting edge and inner workings of today's teenage psyche.

"I think it's interesting for adults to see what teenagers are into," said Jan Danosky, who co-directs the art program with fellow art teacher Janet Miller.

■ 'There are a lot of kids out there doing fantastic things, and they should be recognized.'

Nancy Vance
—gallery owner

The 50-piece exhibition of mostly paintings and drawings was spearheaded by Timeless Treasures gallery owner Nancy Vance and will culminate in a closing reception for the community April 26.

While none of the pieces are for sale, the exhibit has intrigued visitors and brought two purchase inquiries, Vance said.

Also featured are three of nine school pieces that received honors in the annual Scholastic Art



Fine work: At right, Meghan Pocs stands beside her painting. Above is the painting of Liz Flaga.

Awards competition.

While the exhibition gives the community an opportunity to tap into today's youth, the experience is a valuable one for students.

"It's exciting to see what other people think of your work and to get feedback from people other than your classmates," said Jenny Mizusawa, an 11th-grade art student who has a three-dimensional design in the exhibit.

"It certainly makes the kids feel special," Danosky added. "When they can say they're a featured artist anywhere outside of the building...it's a step toward the professional."

Vance plans to invite local professional artists to the exhibit's closing reception so student artists can speak to them.

"There are a lot of kids out there doing fantastic things," Vance said. "And they should be recognized."

Are they good, or what? At left is the painting of Annette Stapleton. At right is the work of Allyson Haller.



Grad party has Roaring '20s theme

After seniors from Clarkston High School attend their graduation ceremony June 10 at Pine Knob Music Theater, they'll celebrate the occasion in "Yes, We Have No Bananas" style.

That's because parents of those students are busy planning to transform Clarkston's Deer Lake Racquet Club into a Roaring '20s spectacle for the school's 12th annual all-night CHS graduation party.

But don't expect to see any bootlegged bathtub gin at this razzmatazz bash.

(And though it's a famous 1920s song, "Show Me the Way to Go Home" probably won't be crooned that night, either.)

According to CHS assistant principal Ron Santavica, parents have organized the nonalcoholic fete — and the last 11 — with financial sponsorship from local businesses and individuals to "keep kids safe and off the streets." In a recent phone interview, Santavica said that over the years, the community has successfully done that, proving to CHS graduates, "You don't want to go anywhere else. This is the best party in town."

CHS parent Carole Webster — who's co-chairing this year's wing-ding with fellow parent Tina Verlinden — said in a recent interview that she didn't

want to divulge many details about the party so that "the kids will be surprised." But the second-time organizer did say graduates will encounter dynamite decorations and multiple entertainment options, including swimming, tennis, basketball, a full casino and a hypnotist. "Ninety to 97 percent of the students show up for this, and it's just fantastic when you see those kids walk in the door with their mouths open," Webster remarked.

The planner pointed out that party sponsors — and interested community members — are invited to view this year's "Roaring '20s" spread during a pre-party reception from 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, June 10. The actual post-graduation festivities will run from 10 p.m. to approximately 7 a.m., with parent volunteers working three shifts: 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.; 1-4 a.m.; and 4-7 a.m.

Webster explained that 10 subcommittees of CHS parents have already worked many months to make the night a go. And those committees have been buoyed by local financial support. In particular, Webster praised the racquet club for turning over its entire facility to students that night. "Clarkston High School is the only school Deer Lake Racquet Club does this for," she said. "The whole thing is just — neat."

Springfield woman dies in accident

Officers from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department accident investigation team are attempting to determine the cause of an accident that took the life of 48-year-old Springfield Township resident Elizabeth Colella on Thursday.

According to a press release from the sheriff's department,

Colella's westbound 1994 Ford F150 pickup truck crossed the centerline of Andersonville Road, left the road and struck a large tree. She was alone.

Colella was pronounced dead at the scene at 2:17 p.m.

On Friday morning, a representative of the Oakland County medical examiner's office said a

cause of death had not yet been determined. Colella was wearing her seat belt, and alcohol did not appear to be a factor in the accident, the release said.

Other information, including funeral arrangements were not available at press time.

POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston April 13-17.

Springfield Police

Thefts

On April 14, a wallet, jacket and money were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Diane Street.

Vandalism

On April 17, five windows were reported damaged at a residence on Ware Road.

Independence Police

Thefts

On April 13, a television, VCR and camera were reported stolen from a residence on Parview.

On April 13, a tailgate was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Heath.

On April 13, speakers were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on Flemings Lake Road.

On April 14, a 12-foot-long boat and its paddles were reported stolen from a residence off Ennismore.

Vandalism

On April 13, lamp globes were reported damaged at a residence on Deerwood.

On April 14, a window was reported broken out of a vehicle parked on Lancaster Hill.

Independence Fire

Firefighters responded to nine calls April 13-17. Among them were four medical runs, one building fire and one personal injury accident.

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Thursday, April 23
2 p.m. at Bill Knapp's
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Farmington Hills
Thursday, April 30
9:30 a.m. at Bill Knapp's
36650 Grand River Ave.
Thursday, April 30
2 p.m. at Bill Knapp's
27925 Orchard Lk. Rd.

Livonia
Wednesday, April 29
9:30 a.m. at Bill Knapp's
16995 S. Laurel Park Dr.

Rochester Hills
Wednesday, April 22
2 p.m. at Bill Knapp's
3010 W. Walton Blvd.

South Livonia
Wednesday, April 29
2 p.m. at Bill Knapp's
32935 Plymouth Rd.

Troy
Wednesday, April 22
9:30 a.m. at Bill Knapp's
2078 E. Big Beaver Rd.



Top clerk: Independence Township Clerk McCrary was recently named the state's Township Clerk of the Year. "I'm so overwhelmed," she says. "It's just such a high honor."

McCrary from page A1

township clerk, McCrary sat on the Independence Township Zoning Board of Appeals and worked as the business manager of an architectural firm in Flint.

But an interest in government was spurred early on for McCrary. She remembers a childhood curiosity in the business of government and intently listening to the stories told by an uncle who had served as a city councilman.

"I was always fascinated by

them," she said. "You know, I used to tell my parents when I was young that I was going to run for office."

"I'm going to do that someday," she recalls telling them. "They always laughed and said 'you don't want to be in government.'"

Surrounded by tributes to American government — a picture of Abraham Lincoln behind her desk, a large American flag at her side, a miniature rendition of the Washington D. C.

monuments by her hand — McCrary savors her duties, especially overseeing elections in the township.

"Personally, I think it's the most important duty, making sure that everything goes according to law. There's no more important managerial job, even managing a corporation," she says. "I just get all choked up thinking about it. It's such a big responsibility."

"I think I really am patriotic."

Basement remodeling workshop set

Clarkston Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute will offer an eight-hour basement remodeling workshop from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, 20 and 27, at Clarkston Community Education Center, 5275 Maybee Road, Clarkston.

The course is designed to help people make better use of valuable space in their homes by planning and completing a successful basement remodeling.

The instructor will explain the many facets of basement remodeling including planning, meeting building codes, insurance, permits, estimating materials, as well as the basics of home construction.

The instructor will also discuss working with subcontractors, finishing techniques as well as tying into existing electrical and heating systems.

The seminar costs \$75 with an \$8 additional textbook fee.

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NOTABLES

The Berline Group of Bloomfield Hills has hired Clarkston resident Edward Gilleland as a traffic coordinator.

Prior to joining The Berline Group, Gilleland was a production assistant at WWMT-TV in Kalamazoo and a producer for

Ay Com in Clarkston.

Gilleland is a graduate of Western Michigan University.

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

Jeffrey M. Love, campus president for Baker College of Auburn Hills, has announced that 166 students have been recognized for academic achievement for the winter quarter 1998. Sixty-five students have been named to the President's List and one hundred one students have been cited on the full-time Dean's List.

To qualify for the President's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 4.0 or all A's, during a quarter in which 12 credit hours or more were com-

pleted. Dean's List students earned a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.99. The following students have been honored for their exemplary performance: Dean's List-Casey Baker, Lisa Elosegui, Fay Lloyd, Matthew Mathiak, Matthew Meehan, Heather Prater, Sean Preece, Leslie Roth, Kenneth Ufer and John Ward from Clarkston and Jody Bogumil from Davisburg. President's List-Gary Horn, Jimmy Johnson, Charles McCabe, Jackie

Muniz, Tamara Ruff, Cathleen Scott and Jill Underwood from Clarkston and Claude Miller and Rebekah Thompson from Davisburg.

Senior Kristin Alkire of Clarkston was named to the National Dean's List at St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake. In order to be named to the Dean's List, a student must have a grade point average of 3.3 or better and be in the upper 10 percent of his/her respective classes.

ON THE AGENDA

Springfield Township
650 Broadway
Davisburg
625-4802, 634-3111
Planning Commission
7:30 p.m. Monday, April 20
Tentative Agenda
Call To Order: 7:30 p.m.
Minutes: March 16, 1998
Approval of Agenda
Public Comment: Items Not On Agenda
Public Hearing: None
Old Business:
1. Saturn Fence PUD Amendment
2. CAM Development — Special Land Use Review
3. HCMA Water Park — Discussion of Previously Submitted Material
4. Hickory Hills Concept Cluster Plan Review
New Business:
1. Shepherd's Hollow Golf

Course Special Land Use Review
2. Riverview Manor Concept Cluster Plan Review
3. Jan's Finishing Touches — Site Plan Review
Other Business
Adjournment

Independence Township
90 N. Main St.
Clarkston
625-5111
Township Board
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21
Tentative Agenda

Call To Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Opening Statements and Correspondence
Approval of Agenda
Minutes of Previous Meeting
Approval of Accounts

Payable Check Run
Approval of Purchase Orders
Public Forum

Old Business
1. Bid Award of Brush Truck — Fire
2. Second Reading of Housing for the Elderly Ordinance
New Business
1. Discussion — Goose Roundup Cranberry Lake
2. Network Upgrade — D.P.W.
3. Renewal Approval — Library Millage
4. 1998 Road Chloriding

Only those matters that are listed on the agenda are to be considered for action. A majority vote of the Board members may add or delete an agenda item.

OBITUARY

Markus S. Simon

Markus S. Simon of Clarkston died April 14, 1998, at age 89.

Mr. Simon was an attorney for 68 years. He is survived by his wife, Mildred B.; daughters, Elizabeth (Dr. Robert) Tam of Farmington Hills, Deena (Kenneth) Jones of Ypsilanti, Charlotte Ellen (Melvin) Pollak of Huntington Woods, Rachel Simon Pollak of Bloomfield Hills,

Silvia (Kent) Van Allen of Washington and Ruth (Jerry) Strauss of Scottsdale; sons, Caleb (Lenore) Simon of Bloomfield Hills, Samuel (Amy) Simon of Bloomfield Hills, Daniel (Judi) Simon of West Bloomfield and Jonathan (Nancy) Simon of Bloomfield Hills and 20 grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Ira Kaufman Chapel in Southfield. Interment was at Beth El Memorial Park in Livonia.

Local PTA activist chalks up victory

Independence Township resident Penny Shanks recently helped boot "The Jerry Springer Show" from its 4 p.m. time slot on Detroit television station WDIV.

Shanks isn't related to the Incredible Hulk.

She doesn't know Wonder Woman. She's never been connected with anyone in Northern Ireland.

And she's not chummy with Oprah. But she does work for a 100,000-member powerhouse that wields enough clout to scare the beegbeers out of a 50-foot-tall television station.

Some people affectionately refer to the group as, "Steamed mothers."

However, most folks know it as "Michigan PTA."

In a recent interview, Shanks — vice-president of legislative activities for the Michigan PTA and third in line to the state PTA president — said parental involvement should not be underestimated.

"With the Jerry Springer thing, one of the PTA presidents from Southfield called and said, 'This is happening. Our kids are watching this. Is there anything we can do about it?'" Shanks recalled.

The PTA legislative guru said she checked into the children's programming issue and found that the National PTA held an existing position on it.

"I had never seen 'The Jerry Springer Show,'" Shanks said. "I had no idea what was going on with it. But I developed our (state PTA) position statement, which was that the show should not be on at 4 o'clock in the afternoon — and frankly, it shouldn't be on during daytime hours."

In January, WDIV moved the controversial talk show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to compete with "Oprah!" Soon after, however, a Detroit mother and con-



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*Penny Shanks
—PTA activist*

cerned groups appealed to the station to remove the show from that hour in the best interest of children. Some of those protesters pointed out that kids who come home from school to empty homes could easily view the violent show.

WDIV responded to those scattered complaints, standing firm on the show's after-school airing time.

A giant steps in

Then the state PTA lumbered into the dispute and presented its stance.

"The more we sent the information out, the more word got around," Shanks said. "WDIV started to feel some pressure. Then CNN was coming in to cover our press conference and WDIV heard about it. We think that's why they (station officials) decided to pull the show back to 10 o'clock in the morning."

Shanks chuckled at a possible scenario.

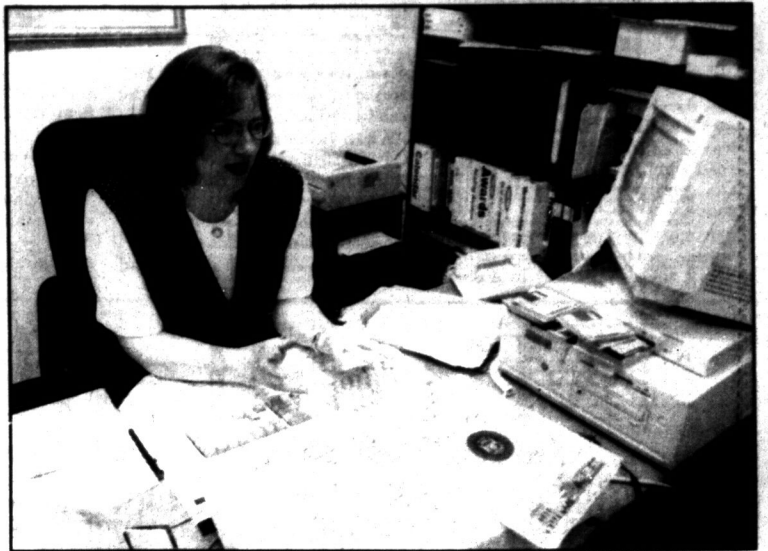
"I think when the PTA first wrote a letter to (WDIV station manager) Alan Frank, he probably thought, 'Hmph, PTA ... A buncha moms — who cares?'" she said. "But we were very organized in what we were going to do."

The mother of two sons and wife of a Clarkston school board member, Shanks sent alerts about the show to local PTA units, wrote the speech that Michigan PTA President Georgene Campbell delivered at the April 2 press conference and covered the issue in various PTA publications and press releases. During that time, she was also holding down her job as administrative assistant for the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce.

For the active mother, Springer's time slot represents just one of many issues that the state PTA has addressed. At the top of the state's parent organization, she now flies to Washington, D.C. to lobby on national issues.

"PTA has a lot of credibility because it's like an unimpeachable source," Shanks said. "We don't get any funding from the government, and we have no vested interest — except for the kids ... People know us on both sides of the aisles."

Aside from seeking tighter guidelines on television programming, the child



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advocate said Michigan PTA is pushing for other legislation to benefit kids. "We believe that all teachers and staff should be trained in first-aid and CPR," Shanks said. "And we feel it's important that there be a strand through the curriculum — from kindergarten through 12th-grade — that addresses parenting education. One of the most important jobs we prepare ourselves for is to be a parent. Kids need to learn about early childhood development, caring and nurturing, and the different ways to discipline — rather than hitting. With the

extended family becoming more transient, we're losing those skills."

Shanks also said Michigan PTA is stumping for legislation to require people age 16 years and younger to wear a helmet when riding a bicycle. Most recently, the state PTA participated in a Michigan legislative report on violence in the schools.

The Clarkston connection

What did the Clarkston mother perceive as the community's biggest PTA

Please see SHANKS, A10

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A smaller version of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., will make a one-week stop at the Chrysler Trenton Engine Plant April 19-26.

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The moving wall travels throughout the United States. The Trenton visit was initiated and organized by the Trenton Local 372 Veterans Committee, which is seeking donations and volunteers to ensure the project's success. The project costs approximately \$12,000.

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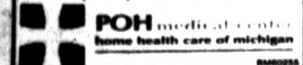
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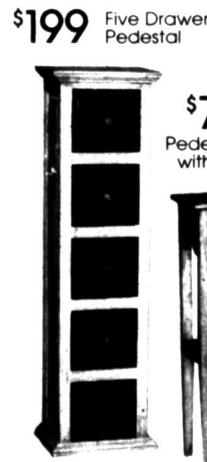
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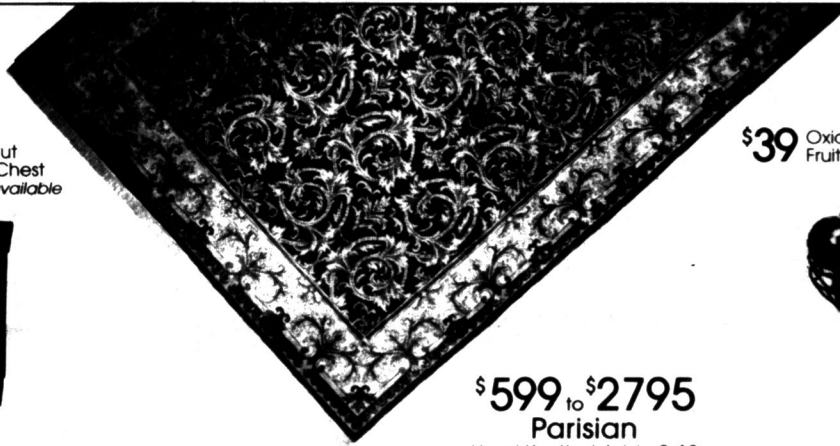
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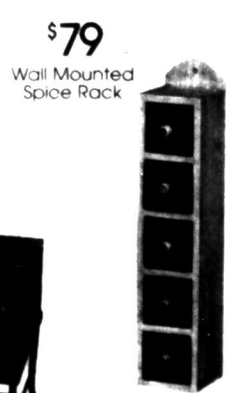


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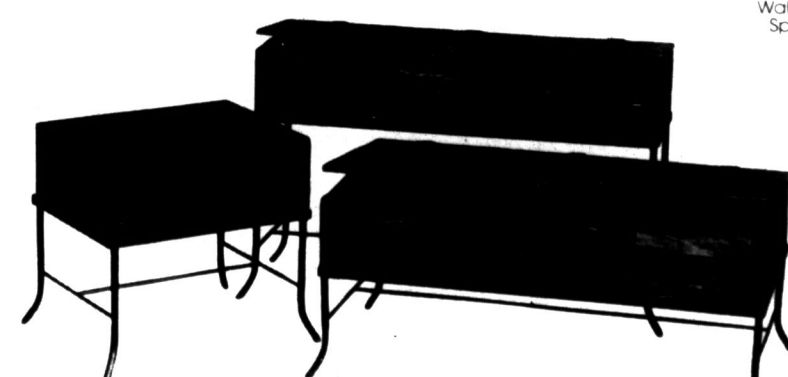


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Road warrior Fieger goes after Engler

If you thought roads were not to be a hot political issue this election season, think again.

Two decidedly Oakland personalities — Geoffrey N. Fieger, the flamboyant Southfield attorney, and Brent O. Bair, the low-keyed manager of the county road commission — both decried the condition of state and local roads.

Almost at the same hour last week, both men complained about the roads being in a state

of neglect and disrepair. But they did not agree about who was to blame.

When he officially announced his candidacy for governor Thursday morning in Lansing, Fieger minced no words in blaming Gov. John M. Engler for the poor condition of the roads.

The outspoken attorney cited

Engler's "abominable neglect of the state's infrastructure for the past eight years" as a principal reason for ousting the incumbent this November.

Almost at the same hour Thursday, Bair acknowledged what many motorists see almost daily — roads potholed and crumbling.

At the road commission's "Media Day" at the county complex, Bair told reporters that roads — foremost those in Oakland — would continue to deteriorate without a massive infusion of cash, either from a higher gasoline tax or a shift in the present distribution formula.

But Bair did not blame Engler. Privately, he said Engler was "doing a good job" trying to get more federal funds for state roads.

But the 4-cents-per-gallon road tax advocated last year by the governor was inadequate to fix the roads, Bair said. "We're not going to be able to do what everyone expects."

"No matter how you shift the (existing) jobs and dollars, we're not going to be able to fix the roads at the present level of funding," he said. "Eventually we've got to do something else to generate more money, whether it's raising the gasoline tax or something else."

Michigan was ranked 45th in the amount of tax per gallon last year, when the state assessed 15 cents for every gallon of gasoline and diesel fuel, according to the road commission. With the increase of four cents per gallon, Michigan ranks 31st in the country. The state now levies 19

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cents on each gallon of gasoline and 15 cents per gallon of diesel fuel.

But that increase doesn't provide the funds needed to do the job, according to road officials.

Bair said the timing of the two events — Fieger's press conference and the road commission's media day — was coincidence. "Actually, it (both happening almost simultaneously) took a lot of media attention away from us."

County executive L. Brooks Patterson discounted the timing. "I'm sure Brent Bair doesn't keep track of Fieger's activities," he said. "But I agree we need more money for roads."

Specifically, the executive would like to see the sales tax Michigan currently imposes on gasoline taxes used for roads.

"The gasoline tax is basically a user tax," said Patterson. "If we're going to tax gasoline, the money should be used for roads. That would generate millions of dollars."

As for any additional increase in gasoline taxes, Patterson said no. "I would have liked to see a bigger hike last year (the road commission wanted 12 cents per gallon instead of four). But politically and realistically we can't go back to voters for more money."

Road commissioner Rudy Lozano, a staunch Republican, said he doesn't blame Democrats in general and Fieger specifically for making roads a political issue. "It's a fact that the roads are in terrible condition," said the Clarkston resident. But Democrats should share some of the responsibility, he insisted.

"The roads have been neglected for more than 20 years," he said. "And it's going to take massive amounts of money to make them right."

But the coincidence of both Fieger and Bair talking about the poor condition of state and local roads does underscore one fact, said Lozano.

"It shows how important roads really are," he said.

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Area women to be honored include:

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■ Joyce Keller, executive director of JARC, an Oakland County-based agency helping mentally retarded individuals.

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■ Betty Maple, tax partner and national director of diversity for the accounting firm of Deloitte & Touche.

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Many seek court protection from abusers and stalkers

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE
SPECIAL WRITER

In Room 101 of the Oakland County Courthouse, as many as 20 people a day are reduced to writing the reasons why they live in fear of someone else.

They are petitioning the court for personal protection orders to keep out of their lives someone they believe will harm them, and perhaps their children.

The majority are in some sort of abusive domestic relationship. But stalking, disputes between neighbors, landlords and tenants, or co-workers can also prompt someone to seek legal refuge.

"I told her (the secretary in the next office) I would bring her Kleenex back," says one petitioner, who has moved from tears to determination in the course of the hour it has taken to fill out the personal protection order she received at the court clerk's office.

Some of her resolve is due to sympathetic and knowledgeable help in filling out the petition. Helping her resolve is an understanding of the procedure given by Kathy Purdy from the Women's Survival Center, and helping Purdy are trained volunteers from the metro-Detroit chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women.

Put it on paper

"Lots of people come in very upset and unfocused," said Eileen Terman, whose regular volunteer shift is Monday morning. "They have to be able to put their thoughts on paper. It's their only communication with the judge. We're there for them and we're not unfocused."

A major question on the petition is: I need a personal protection order because... "They might just say 'he was abusive,'" Terman explains. "We tell them they have to be specific — where, when, how."

It's been a year and a half since a grant from the Women's Survival Center made it possible to dedicate uninterrupted time to the more than 3,000 people each year who file for personal protection orders. Before, it was just one more responsibility of the clerk's office.

"I was surprised when I first began working here to find out that 20 percent of the people are men," says Purdy. Although some people come in on their own, others are there as a result of police referrals. "The ones that get to me are the ones that involve children. Not that they're always in danger, but they're in that situation."

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—Woman seeking PPO

dressed, confident-appearing woman announced, as she entered the room, the form for a personal protection order in hand. "My life's not been my own for the past couple months."

She says a man she was forced to evict from retail property she owns has been stalking her. Most recently he left a dead animal on the doorstep.

That propelled her to the courthouse. "This has gone far enough. I'm not going to take it anymore. I can't back off from him. But I can't be afraid to leave my house for the rest of my life."

As she filled out the form, she took note of another woman who was filing in a case of domestic abuse. After that woman left, she remarked: "I can't imagine what it is to live with a guy who you think is going to kill you."

But even in her own situation, she said: "It's the most alone feeling — the feeling of isolation and abandonment. The courts are here, the police are here and somebody loves you, but still you feel you're just out there by yourself."

Threatening calls

A Birmingham woman, whose son was assaulted by another teen, spent a fearful weekend when the assailant and his dad showed up at her door and she received threatening phone calls.

First thing Monday morning, she was at the courthouse.

"I got an order out for my entire family," she said. "They (the people in the PPO office) helped me fill it out. I took it to the clerk's office, the referee and then went up to the judge's courtroom. He read it over and signed it. It was kind of a neat learning experience."

"I felt like I got it on record," she said, but the fear took longer to dissipate. "We were so paranoid for the first month. It disrupted our whole lives. I got MACE. I got a personal alarm and a pager. It's a shame for a person to do that to you."

A personal protection order must be filled out, filed with the clerk's office, assessed by a referee, and then decided on by a judge — now one of the judges from Oakland County's new Family Division of Circuit Court.

"It used to be 17 (circuit) judges doing them 17 different ways," says Bill Bartlam, deputy clerk of Probate Court. Now, one of the seven family court judges decides on each personal protection order in more uniform fashion.

The whole process "could take hours or it could take 15 minutes," says volunteer Terman. As for the decision, "It's whether the judge feels you're in imminent danger or not." The order is enforceable as soon as it is signed by the judge.

Notification

The person on whom the order has been taken out must be notified, by court server, registered mail or in person. Then, the petitioner must follow up to make sure the court clerk has notified his or her local police or sheriff's department and has entered it onto the LEIN — the computerized, Law Enforcement Information Network.

Last August, the Women's Survival Center did a follow-up on people who had taken out personal protection orders to see how the system is working. Unfortunately, they have not had the staff to collate their results.

But both Bartlam and Lois Brooks, coordinator of follow-up services at the survival center, have a sense that it's working well. "Their ppo has worked for them and they haven't been bothered," Brooks said, describing the majority of her follow-up calls.

No lawyer needed

"The feeling is yes, they save lives," Bartlam agreed. "They are a method of getting before a judge right away. They get a ruling within 24 hours. People can come in on their own; they don't have to get a lawyer."

Still, he said, legislation is pending that will better define how a personal protection order should be used. The definition of stalking is too broad, Bartlam says. And, "Sometimes people try to use it to cover areas it isn't designed for."

Attempts to apply it to keep a dog off your property or to keep a house from being torn down are examples of its misuse, he says. "It's meant to apply to people."

Family Court grants most PPO requests

Employees at the county clerk's office are kept busy distributing personal protection order petitions — sometimes as many as 20 per day.

In 1997, 3,171 PPOs in Oakland County were granted. So far this year, of the 875 PPOs requested, 734 have been issued.

"The main reason a PPO will be denied is because of insufficient allegations," Oakland County Deputy Clerk Lisa Czyz said. "In stalking cases, for example, we require two documented incidences and many people will only have one."

After the PPO is filed, one of eight referees assesses the petition and makes a recommendation to a judge from Oakland County's new family division of circuit court.

Most PPOs are issued in stalking and domestic cases, Czyz said.

"We have had a wide variety of cases come through," Czyz said. "There's been cases between landlords and ten-

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ants and co-workers. But, ultimately it's up to the judge to decide whether or not the person is, in fact, in danger."

Usually, a PPO is issued for one year but can be renewed if danger still exists.

"A PPO is a strict order," Czyz said. "If the order is violated, that's a serious matter. A person in violation can be arrested on the spot."

A PPO violation carries up to 93 days in jail and/or a \$500 fine.

Troy police Lt. Dane Saltier said while a PPO is a good tool, it can be abused.

"Like anything else, there's going to be some abuse," Slater said. "But it is definitely a tool that has the potential to help stop violence before it occurs."

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Makeup tips apply to all

Some Good News for Fall!

For those who have E-mailed me, to ask if there would be any more openings for personal makeovers/consultations, I am pleased to answer that "yes" there are! But, more about that later.

If you are unable to see me in person, I thought that what I would do in this column is outline the top 12 makeup tips for the average woman.

Keep in mind that the outline is generic, but I feel useful. It pertains to the most often asked questions of me (usually at dinner or on an airplane, alas!) So here goes:

1.) Foundation should always be 1/4 of a shade LIGHTER than your natural skin tone (this way you do not have to extend your base to your collar).

2.) Undereye concealer is applied AFTER your foundation has been applied. You do not want your concealer to "swim," and by applying it afterwards, it stays put.

3.) Contour is applied UNDER your cheekbones, in the hollow. Come in only as far as the outer corner of your eye. To exceed that widens your face, and tends to make you look a bit fuller.

4.) For those of you who have a tendency to lose color during the day, try combining a creme rouge (first) and a blusher (second). I guarantee it will stay with you for the entire day.

5.) Eyebrows should be seen and not heard. Use a brush-on-rather than a Magic Marker-like pencil. Remember! The product is to fill in gaps, NOT to color the hairs!

6.) You CANNOT get away with only one shade of eyeshadow. The first rule of art is "lightness brings out. Darkness hides."

7.) Eyeliner defines the eye. If you have a problem getting the liner on thin enough, try applying mascara first. This way you will have a hard base to rest the eyeliner on.

8.) Mascara is ALWAYS black! Everyone knows you're wearing it, so live a little!

9.) Lipliner is used to OUTLINE the mouth, not to give you the McDonald's arches! If you were born without an upper lip, blame your parents! But, spare the world the camel humps!

10.) If you "lose" your lips after a few hours, try combining lipstick AND lip-gloss at the same time on your lip brush. That way you will get a moist look without appearing overly greasy.

11.) Loose powder is used to "set" your makeup, and your compact is used to "touch up" throughout the day. Don't reverse them!

12.) When people ask me the most important part of makeup, I have answered, "your fingers and your brushes."

Blending is everything! (I know that you've heard that a million times, but it's true!) You don't know how to blend? Then come see me! (How's that for a shameless plug?)

Sessions with Jeffrey

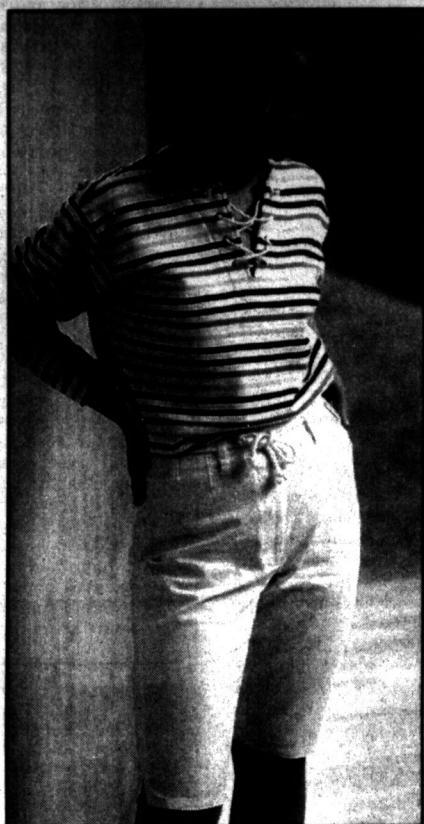
You, who read this column faithfully, know that my appointments for personal makeovers have been sold out for the past four months. The good news is that I have just added several days in May, in honor of Mother's Day. I will be working privately at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

There are four women in a session. I make you up personally, teach you how, take you through the skin-care lesson, and then advise you on your hair. This session is 2 1/2 hours long and there is a \$125 minimum which is applied to any Jeffrey Bruce products that are used on you that day. There are no application fees!

If that is a bit rich for you, please come visit me at one of my salons. Starting next weekend through May 1, I will be in the following areas: Livonia, Waterford, Highland, Clinton Township, Brighton, Canton. These sessions include five women and last for one-half hour.

I recommend the proper colors for your new makeup, as well as record the correct hair style, cut, color, and length that will most flatter you. Your \$50 includes a consultation with me, as well as a makeup application, lesson and skincare education by a consultant trained by me.

If you have any questions, please feel free to visit my website at: <http://www.jeffreybruce.com>. My "E" mail address is: jwb@worldnet.att.net. Or call us, toll-free, at 1-800-644-0222.



Blasts from the past: At T.J. Maxx, a nautical drawstring striped top \$29.99, over white twill clamdiggers with a drawstring, \$19.99.

Fashion flashback

Femininity returns for Spring

Femininity prevails this season, and with it, a feeling of understated glamour. The dress and skirt are back — in a multitude of lengths and styles. All are flattering and feminine, especially when embellished with beading, shimmer and embroidery.

"Spring fashion is truly wearable," commented T. J. Maxx fashion consultant Laura Cervone. "The clothes evoke an element of sophistication; simple yet elegant. The beautifully draped fabrics are a wonderful backdrop for this season's refreshing new designs; the spectrum of colors is vibrant and exciting."

Top Fashion Trend: Understated Glamour

This year's fashions focus upon art of simplicity, but with attention to detail that gives way to subtle glamour. The sheer essence of Spring is color.

Gray is possibly the single most important shade. . . it's everywhere. Pantsuits, camisoles, dresses and sweaters sport this hue. Pair a gray suit with a pastels: pale yellow, mint green, ice blue, baby pink and soft lavender.

The spice tones such as cinnamon, burnt orange, mocha and beige continue their popularity from Fall.

White, of course, epitomizes summer dressing, but this season a little goes a long way. . . a white tailored blouse, white linen pants, a long flowing white gauzy skirt.

Dresses and skirts definitely take precedence over pants. An attractive new look: the return of the sheath dress. This season, it's sleeveless and sophisticated; simple in its design; elegant in its appeal. This is the perfect day-to-evening outfit; pair with a long jacket for day, wear alone at night with high heeled sandals.

As for skirts versus pants, the legs definitely "have it." The length varies considerably, both long and short are in vogue. In terms of the suit, the most stylish length is just below the knee. Look for side slits and gentle contouring.

What captures a midsummer's night eve more than a gorgeous long chiffon dress? The look is soft and romantic; details like embroidery, beading and lace update the look, as do intricate print patterns, and gauzy sheer fabrics.

Capri pants are also quite stylish. The big difference: today's versions are much dressier than those of past years. For an ultra chic look, pair with a slender jacket or twin set.

For the first time, the athletic influence appears in casual career dressing. Hooded knit 'sweatshirts' come in soft, luxurious knits and look terrific with skirts. Drawstring pants can now be worn with blazers; French terry pullovers are a versatile wardrobe staple.

Accessories are few. One, or two at the most, will usually do it: a simple straw tote or single strand of pearls. Instead, concentrate your efforts on shoes. Heels are going even higher, in pearlized metallics and form fitting stretch fabrics. They really do "make" an outfit.

The 10 "Most Wanted" List

1. The sheath dress, especially in lilac or fuchsia.
2. Anything in gray — pale, metallic or shimmering.
3. The updated suit — contoured, elongated jacket with fitted skirt right below the knee.
4. The athletic look — a soft, hooded sweatshirt or drawstring pants.
5. A brightly colored knit tank top.
6. Ice and spice tones — sherbet icy pastels and spicy colors make the season.
7. The classic sweater set; try wearing the cardigan wrapped around your shoulders.
8. A beautiful long flowing dress — soft, sheer and gauzy.
9. Capri pants very chic when worn with a long, slender jacket.
10. High heeled sandals or pumps.

Have a plan when shopping for china

You're getting married and it's time to register for gifts for your shower and wedding.

Many retailers offer a registry service these days — from discounters to hardware stores to card shops.

Traditional retailers hope to keep your choices formal, but even they are admitting that brides aren't setting up the traditional homes like their moms and grandmothers used to.

So to help focus your efforts in the china department, Kari Ziegler of Heelops, (with eight stores across metro Detroit) offers these ten contemporary suggestions:

1.) Make sure the sales consultant providing assistance is knowledgeable in the business and was specifically trained in bridal registry.

2.) Looking at hundreds of china patterns at once can be overwhelming. Your sales associate should be able to suggest dinnerware patterns based on your personal taste to help narrow down the selection.

3.) Select your dinnerware first. Your china is the "foundation" of the place-setting. Once this is designed, you can select flatware and stemware to complement your china.

4.) An individual can own a sharp-looking suit, a snazzy tie and great shoes, but they all have to look good together to make an outfit. Your sales consultant should also be able to help coordinate flatware and stemware to your selected china pattern.

5.) Recognize that you may tire of trendy pattern. You'll be eating off this dinnerware for many years to come. It's better to pick a "neutral" pattern and use accessories and linens to enliven your tablesetting for holidays, seasons and special occasions.

Bring a piece of home

6.) Coordinate your pattern with your home's motif. Bring photographs or swatches of materials with you when registering. This will help you visualize how harmonious your tabletop selections will be with its surroundings. You can also request to "borrow" and take home one place setting to see how it compliments your existing decor.

7.) Consider your lifestyle and what kind of care your china, stemware and flatware will require. For example, many couples select at least one set of stainless steel flatware. Because it requires no polishing, stainless steel is hassle-free for those with hectic lifestyles.

8.) While there will always be an occasion for entertaining with fine china, silver and crystal, today more bridal registrants are incorporating more casual dinnerware and giftware into their lifestyle. If you opt for a casual look, make sure the manufacturer has a strong warranty as well as an availability guarantee for future purchases.



Modern styles: The "Hayworth" pattern from Lenox, can double as holiday ware with its festive gold bands. (Dinner plate \$85.95).

9.) If you have inherited china from your mother or grandmother, you can still enliven your tablesetting with a casual approach. Your sales consultant can assist you in coordinating casual entertaining pieces with your heirloom china.

10.) Be aware of the retailer's return and exchange policies. Also, make sure the store has inventory accessible within a short time period. Most wedding guests do not buy gifts until the week before the big day.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

(248) 647-0680.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

Jewelry trunk show

Neiman Marcus hosts Stephen Lagos designs 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Accessories on Level One. See his Emerald Cut Collection and much more. Somerset Collection South. Big Beaver/Coolidge. Troy. (248) 643-3300.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

Fashion Day at Saks

Saks Fifth Avenue and Mode magazine invite larger size women to a reception and fashion show with guest star Michelle Weston of the magazine. 5:30 p.m. reservations required for the complimentary program. Also today and April 24, the Wacoal Silhouette Analyzer will be on hand with Sandra Crump providing fitting assistance. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Appointments suggested. Somerset Collection South. Big Beaver/Coolidge. Troy. (248) 614-3328.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Trunk show for larger sizes

The Modern Woman Shop is bringing in dresses and pantsuits in sizes 14 to 28 for a two-day shopping event of styles not always available to the woman wearing larger sizes. Two fit specialists will be on hand to offer tips and make sug-

gestions to shoppers looking to update their wardrobes for day-into-evening. Attendees will receive a free gift and may enter a drawing to win a \$500 shopping spree. Repeated April 25.

Westland Center. Wayne / Warren (734) 421-6590.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Coloring contest

Sponsored by Friends of the Ice Show with free ticket giveaways for the May 13-17 shows. Tel-Twelve Mall. 12 Mile / Telegraph. Southfield. (248) 353-4111.

Come meet Arthur

Hudson's presents PBS aardvark "Arthur," noon to 3 p.m. in the Kids' Dept. Meet Ben and Jamen Spitzer from 1-3 p.m. during a "Juggling for Success" seminar. Northland Center. Nine Mile / Greenfield. Southfield. (248) 569-6272.

Folklore fun

Borders Books hosts Tall Tales and Folksongs with Will Danforth, 1 p.m. Woodward/Maple. Birmingham. (248) 203-0005.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Beanie Baby show

Dealers and collectors offer the latest releases and retired Beanie Babies at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$4 admission. Kids \$2. 525 Farmer. Plymouth. (734) 455-2110.

News of special events for shoppers is included in this calendar. Send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; or fax (248) 644-1314. Deadline: Wednesday 5 p.m. for publication on Sunday.

MONDAY, APRIL 20

Plate painting demonstration

LaBelle Provence hosts French Quimper pottery artist Marie-Laurence Furie 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (cocktail reception 5-7 p.m.) demonstrating the 300-year old technique of pottery painting. Public is welcome to stop in and see the store's extensive collection of this famous earthenware. 185 West Maple. Birmingham. (248) 540-3876.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

Spring fashion benefit

Lynn Portnoy hosts the latest European and American fashions to benefit the Alzheimer's Association, 6:30 p.m. Before the show, guests will enjoy a taste of Italy with antipasto from Il Posto Ristorante. Reservations are required. Tickets are \$25 per person. Claymore Apartment Building 29280 Franklin. Southfield. (248) 363-2900.

Art gallery goodies

Through April 30, see ceramic eggs by Leanne Wood, back packs by Cathy Sennit, wood puzzles by Russell Greenslade and jewelry by Melanie Diedrich at Gallery Nikko. 407 North Old Woodward. Birmingham.

Where can I find?

What we found:

- Ron Wilson manager of the Shoe department at Nordstrom's Somerset Collection in Troy called to say they could help with *Peau de Soie* and size 12 shoes and larger, can also be found at Wide and Tall at Fairlane in Dearborn.
- All occasion cards in Russian can be found at Efron Drugs at 10 Mile and Greenfield in Southfield.
- Treta D can be found at Crescent Continental Company (313)867-5675.
- A bud vase in the shape of a fish was seen in the Liquor department at Meijer on Haggerty road in West Bloomfield, it was on the display rack. It was filled with wine or champagne. It would make a nice vase.
- Virginia called to say there is a Sanders at 10 Mile and Gratiot (810) 779-6210 that carries *carmel cake*.
- Found Scram Ball and Pop-It beads.

We're still looking for:

- Ann is looking for golf or silver

pendants inexpensive for kids.

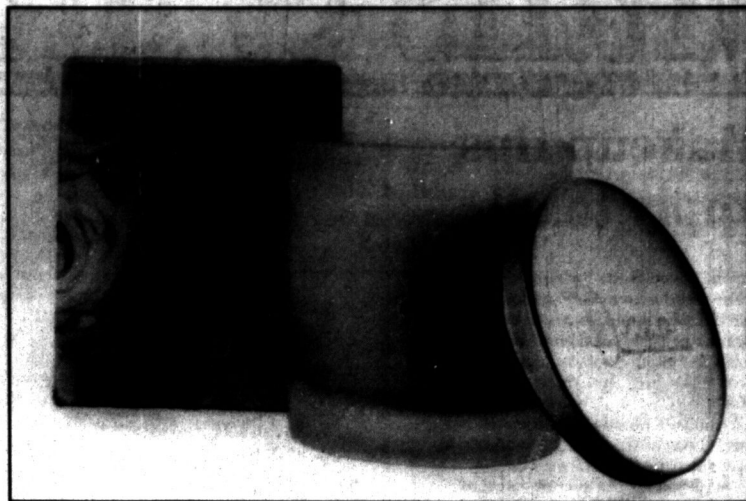
- Nars cosmetics for Devorra.
- Sharon of Southfield is looking for a 1992 Hallmark porcelain Carousel horse.
- Lilla wants plastic ice cube trays with a hinged lid. The lid is an ice cube caddy.
- For Sheldon, Red foot powder use to be able to buy it at Circle Drugs in Madison Hgts.
- Jan is looking for oil cloth table cloths in oval size.
- A European-style flat mop with a terry cloth cover which is removable and washable.
- Pat is looking for a female mannequin with no legs. It can be on a stand.
- Shirley is looking for sealing wax to be used for personal correspondence and also Old Marine Trotter shoes, Crowley's use to carry them.
- Estee Lauder Moisture Balances translucent face powder in champagne beige #4.
- Mary Kay eye shadow, three pallets in a package, little

pink pallets in brown tones from 80's for Patty of Redford Twp.

- Douglas is looking for soft swirl frozen yogurt by Colombo.
- Sherrie wants a Mary Proctor board with double flip sides that flip up.
- Delores wants a Madonna and child outside garden statue and a long bath tub mat that fits the whole bottom of the tub.
- Mrs. Gage wants a five-pound bag of Velvet cake and pastry flour.
- Patty wants an 18-inch statue of Michael Angelo's David, chalk with bronze paint on it.
- Michelle wants a slide projector to replace a Sawyers Rotomatic 727AQ, needs parts or a new carousel.
- Margaret is looking for a Maple Junior High (Dearborn) yearbook from 1943.
- Jodie wants Black Diamond Old Fort cheese in 3- or 5-pound rounds.

- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

Memorial candle



Candle in the wind: Neiman Marcus is selling a special English Garden Rose-fragranced candle manufactured by Slatkin of New York in memory of Princess Diana with a portion of the proceeds going to her favorite charities. The pink candle comes in a frosted glass jar inside a box printed with pink and rose roses. Diana's sons selected the fragrance. \$25.

RETAIL DETAILS

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BASS PRO SHOP AT OUTLET MALL

Michigan will become the fifth state to add a Missouri-based Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World to its roster of retailers. Bass Pro, will have 135,000-square feet of field and stream gear at the Great Lakes Crossing outlet center in Auburn Hills when the center opens in November.

The deal was announced at a press conference, April 6, at the nearby Big Buck's Brewery. Gov. John Engler was on hand to point out that the Michigan Jobs Commission worked to bring the store, expected to draw 4 million visitors each year, to the state.

Under an economic development deal, Travel Michigan will conduct joint marketing with Bass Pro Shops - Travel Michigan will advertise in Bass Pro catalogs for the next 4-6 years, and Bass Pro will advertise in Michigan's tourism catalog for the next three years.

Great Lakes Crossing is a Taubman shopping/entertainment center under construction at I-75 and Baldwin Road. Other anchors at the mall include a Neiman Marcus, JC Penney and Saks Fifth Avenue outlet, Rainforest Cafe, Oshman's Super Sports-USA, Wolfgang Puck Cafe, Group USA and Marshall's, Bed, Bath & Beyond and Star Theatres complex, to name a few.

MALL HOSTS JOB FAIR

Westland Center invites local businesses to staff a recruiting table at the second annual Job & Careers Fair Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For details call (734) 326-7222.

SIGNATURE CANDLES AT NEIMAN'S

Calvin Klein's is marketing his popular fragrances in designer candles for the home - Eternity, Obsession, Escape and Contradiction. The set is available exclusively at Neiman Marcus in a package of four for \$23.

CLINTON GUMMIES DEBUT

All-American Gummi Bills (red, white and blue gummi candy heads resembling President Clinton) have been introduced with humorous graphics combined with slogans such as "Politically Correct, Scandalously Delicious."

The idea for Gummi Bills was hatched long before Monica Lewinsky became a household name, according to Jeff Munchak, whose company, Mugwump Creations, began distributing it last October (in stores or call 888-289-9867).

KMART SPONSORS WALK

Kmart invites shoppers to participate in the nation's biggest walking event - the March of Dimes WalkAmerica, to raise funds to help babies and their parents. WalkAmerica takes place in more than 1,500 communities April 25-26. Pick up a sponsor form at your Kmart Service Desk.

TRANSITIONS SHOP AT GORMAN'S

Because of all the lifestyle changes people go through today, Gorman's furniture stores are introducing a new way to shop for home furnishings. Intro is a store-within-a-store at three Gorman's

locations beginning April 16 - Troy, Novi and Dearborn. The Southfield store will get a Intro department by late summer.

According to Gorman's president Bernie Moray, 58, a greater portion of the population is starting-out or starting over than in the past creating the need for less-complicated, more-streamlined living spaces and furnishings.

"The traditional lifestyle with a single-career, lifetime marriage, home ownership in one area, followed by retirement, is virtually non-existent today," he said. "That's where Intro steps in." Intro will showcase style, design and value, at a lower price range.

NEW NAIL SALON IN WALLED LAKE

Dung Tan Ngo has opened #1 Top Nails at 116 Pontiac Trail. The salon offers China silk, French manicures, tip overlay, acrylic, sculpture nail, fiberglass, nail design, gels, curved nail, air-brush, pedicures and traditional manicures. For more information call (248) 926-9004.

PRINCESS RINGS DEBUT

The Susan B. Ashlee Co. in Livonia is selling a tribute ring in memory of Princess Diana. The crystal ring is \$45 and delivery is available by calling (734) 422-8700.

IMPROVED HAIR PRODUCTS DEBUT

Vidal Sassoon introduced a hair-spray with *formelilk* which will keep hair in place without stiffness, and a protectant spray to shield hair from the effects of hot dryers, the sun, or curling irons. From \$3, wherever health and beauty products are sold.

RECYCLED CLOTHING FOR KIDS

Petticoats, 643 North Mill in Plymouth's Old Village, recycles worn denim jeans into fun jacket designs for children with pockets and collars of vintage chenille, quilt or bark cloth. Sizes range from infant to Size 10. Owner Diana Licht welcomes inquiries and stitches new garments daily. (734) 455-5109.

SHOP HOSTS INFORMATION SERIES

The bath and body shop *Naturally* at 550 Forest in Plymouth, is hosting a series of educational classes Wednesdays from 6:45 p.m. to 9 p.m. beginning April 15 with *Massage Therapy* by Robin Veros of Just Relax; April 22 *Aromatherapy and Foot Massage*; April 29 *Neck and Shoulder Massage*. The classes are \$20 each or \$50 for three. For more details call (734) 453-9491.

COSTCO IS HIRING FOR OPENING

The five Costco Warehouse stores opening in metro Detroit are looking to hire 700 people by the early May opening. Interested persons can apply at the stores at 2343 S. Telegraph in Bloomfield Township; 20000 Haggerty in Livonia; 13700 Middlebelt in Livonia; 30550 Stephenson in Madison Heights; or 27118 Gratiot in Roseville.

NEW SHOPS AT TEL-TWELVE MALL

Three "new" tenants have opened at Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield: Rainbow, an 8,500-square foot trendy fashion, footwear and accessory store for teen girls in junior and plus sizes; Robert Alan Grumet's remodeled RAGS shop with an eclectic collection of fine men's fashion, and Goody's Chicken & Shrimp in the food court.

ST. JOHN FRAGRANCE AVAILABLE

Neiman Marcus has the newest fragrance by Marie and Kelly Gray of St. John knits, *white camellia*. Top notes include mandarin, jasmine, green leaves and sparkling aldehydic. Middle notes include Bulgarian rose, peony and geranium. Bottom notes are sandalwood, amber and musk. One ounce sells for \$250; body products range from \$30 up.

MALL HOSTS TEEN PAGEANT

Young women interested in becoming Miss Westland 1998 can pick up an application for the festival pageant at the Customer Service Desk in East Court at the Westland Center, Wayne and Warren. The mall will host the Miss Westland Festival Pageant, Saturday, June 27 at 7 p.m. in East Court.

FUN EVENT FOR HISTORY BUFFS

The Ladies of the 1812 Reenact-

ment Committee invite interested persons to a Victorian afternoon filled with refreshments, games and prizes and a vintage fashion show, Sunday, June 14 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Lake Erie Metropark's Marshlands Museum.

Reservations at \$10 per person, are required and space is limited. Registered guests will decorate and take home a table decoration of Victorian style. For more information call (734) 671-0245 or

(734) 289-1860. Registration deadline is June 6.

PLAY BALL!

In this new book about values by Sparky Anderson with Dan Ewald, Sparky shares personal stories starting from a simple childhood to managing the likes of Pete Rose, Kirk Gibson and Johnny Bench. The book was published by Sleeping Bear Press of Chelsea, \$24.95 in book stores.

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Prayer breakfast to feature Michigan's Miss America

Former Miss America Key Lani Rae Rafko will be among the speakers at a May 7 prayer breakfast to be held at Oakland University.

Rafko, who held the crown in 1988, will speak on "Enjoying the Gift of Life". The 17th-annual Rochester Area Prayer Breakfast begins 7 a.m. in Oakland University's Shotwell Pavilion.

The event is held in recognition of the National Day of Prayer on May 1.

Rafko has become a wife and

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mother since serving as Miss America. She has also pursued careers as a registered nurse and a motivational speaker.

In the latter role, she has visited 48 state and six countries, addressing nurses, hospice and Aids groups, United Way, March

of Dimes, the American Red Cross and the Make a Wish Foundation.

She has also been recognized for her support of such groups as Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the American Lung Association and the American Cancer Association.

She is also working toward a masters degree in nursing at the University of Michigan.

Tickets for the event are \$15 each. For ticket information, call (248) 651-6700.

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concern?

"Though it's not unique to Clarkston, I think that there are obstacles to real parental involvement that we have to take a look at," the 10-year PTA activist said. "We need to have enough parents — enough qualified parents — on school improvement planning teams and accreditation teams. It's something that has to be ongoing and nurtured to keep parents in the loop. For instance, schools will hold a school improvement planning meeting at 6:15 in the morning and parents may be invited or may even be on the committee — but who can be there at 6:15 a.m.? You're trying to get your kids prepped to go to school."

"Or they'll do a half-day in-service on accreditation, but it's at a time when your kids are home because it's a half day of school. So you have to make arrangements — and possibly pay a babysitter — to participate."

Shanks said the district will need strong parental involvement in the future when the economic picture isn't as rosy for schools.

"These are financially the best of times for public schools in Michigan, the way Proposal A is set up," she said. "But we need to be prepared as a district to understand that down the road, five years, 10 years — unless current legislation is passed that changes the current funding structure — we're going to be in position where we're really going to be pinching pennies. We're going to see program pitted against program and budget cuts in our faces. So it's important for us to have in place now, procedures and understandings and evaluations of our current programs so that when the bad times come, we can tighten the belt as a united district."

To do that, Shanks said parents must be "in-serviced" on new programs as those additions are adopted. Then, school officials should keep parents updated on how those programs are faring in class-

rooms.

"Right now, the school board gets some reports, but we're not dialoguing with parents," Shanks said. "It's more than broadcasting the information out or printing something and mailing it out to them. We need to be talking to them. This is what we've found out. What are your experiences as parents? What are you hearing at home?"

Shanks said that while such a process requires "a large investment of time" to implement, it ultimately benefits kids.

"When parents understand a program, they often become advocates for it," Shanks said. "So when the heat is on and other people from the community are attacking a program like art or foreign languages, these parents are the ones who come forward to defend it. And because they're not employees of the school district, they have more credibility for some reason."

Shanks said there are many concerned parents in this area. And the numbers are growing.

"Forty percent of our state PTA membership is in Oakland County alone," she said. "Most of those 28 school districts are PTAs. And because we've done advocacy issues and we have legislative chairmen, we can tackle hot topics like Jerry Springer. We can generate 40 phone calls to a television station or to advertisers. And when we activate the network and put that kind of pressure on, that is an incredible force to come up against."

With one year left in her two-year PTA term, Shanks said she will continue to expand that network, training other parents in the state on child advocacy matters.

She said she's savored more than a few victories on behalf of children. But more work remains.

"When you feel like you really made a difference — that you really affected change — that gives you fuel to go on and do another battle," she said.

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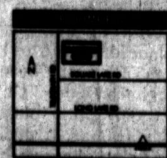
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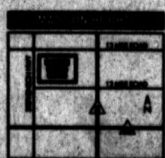
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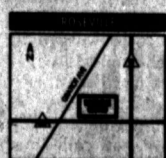
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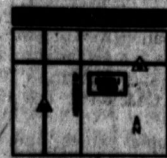
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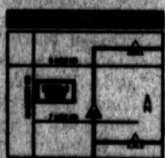
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Preparation time: 20 minutes
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Cake

1 cup sugar
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3 eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt

Glaze

1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
1 tablespoon butter, softened
1 to 2 tablespoons milk

Cake: Heat oven to 350°F. In large mixer bowl combine sugar and butter. Beat at medium speed until creamy (1 minute). Add sour cream, eggs and vanilla; continue beating until well mixed (1 to 2 minutes).

Reduce speed to low; add all remaining ingredients. Beat at low speed, scraping bowl often, until smooth (1 to 2 minutes).

Spoon batter into greased and floured 12-cup Bundt or 10-inch tube pan. (If using no-stick cooking spray do not flour pan). Bake for 50 to 60 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes; invert onto serving plate. Cool completely.

Glaze: In small bowl stir together powdered sugar and butter. With wire whisk beat in enough milk to make desired glaze consistency. Drizzle over cooled cake. Yield 12 servings.

Cook's notes: You can substitute 1 teaspoon almond, lemon or orange extract for the vanilla. If desired omit glaze and sift powdered sugar over cooled cake.

Toasted Coconut Snack Cake: Gently stir in 1/2 cup toasted pecans, walnuts or almonds and 3/4 cup coconut. Bake as directed. For a special touch, sprinkle toasted coconut over glazed cake.

Cranberry Orange Snack Cake:

Gently stir in 1 cup sweetened dried cranberries and 1 tablespoon grated orange peel. Bake as directed. For glaze, substitute orange juice for milk.

Nutrition facts per serving: 370 Calories; 5g Protein; 49g Carbohydrate; 18g Fat; 100mg Cholesterol; 390mg Sodium.

CHERRY COFFEE CAKE

Preparation time: 30 minutes
Baking time: 1 hour

Coffee Cake

1 cup sugar
1/2 cup butter, softened
1 cup sour cream (regular, light, or no-fat)
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 (21-ounce) can cherry pie filling

Topping

1/4 cup all-purpose flour

1/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup chopped pecans
1 teaspoon cinnamon
3 tablespoons butter

Heat oven to 325°F. In large mixer bowl combine 1 cup sugar and 1/2 cup butter. Beat at medium speed until creamy (1 to 2 minutes). Add sour cream, eggs and vanilla. Continue beating until well mixed. Reduce speed to low; add 2 cups flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Beat until well mixed (1 to 2 minutes).

Spread half of batter into greased and floured 9-inch square baking pan. Spoon cherry pie filling over batter. Spoon remaining batter over pie filling; spread carefully.

In medium bowl stir together 1/4 cup flour, 1/4 cup sugar, pecans and cinnamon. With pastry blender or two knives, cut in 3 tablespoons butter until mixture is crumbly. Sprinkle over batter. Bake for 60 to 75 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center of cake portion comes out clean and topping is dark golden brown.

Serves 9.

Cook's notes: Filling variation, substitute 1 (21-ounce) can of your favorite flavor pie filling for cherry.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories 520; Protein 6g; Carbohydrate 74g; Fat 23g; Cholesterol 100mg; Sodium 450mg.

This recipe is from Chef Dan Rowson, pastry chef at the Franklin Hills Country Club, and chef instructor at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

PECAN-DRYED CHERRY BISCOTTI

4 ounces (1 stick) butter, room temperature
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup brown sugar
2 eggs
Zest from 1 lemon, minced
2 1/2 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup pecans, chopped
2 teaspoons vanilla
1/2 cup dried cherries, chopped

Preheat oven to 325°F. Grease and flour baking sheet.

Use an electric mixer to cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time until absorbed. Add lemon zest and vanilla.

Sift flour, baking powder and salt together.

Add flour mixture to egg mixture. Mix until combined. Mix in pecans and dried cherries. Refrigerate 20-30 minutes.

Divide dough in half. Shape each half into a 2-inch wide, 3/4-inch thick log. Transfer log to prepared cookie sheet. Bake until logs are golden brown, firm to the touch, and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean - about 20 minutes.

Cool on cookie sheet for 15-20 minutes. Using serrated knife cut logs into 1/2-inch thick slices. Places slices on cookie sheet. Bake 10 minutes, or until golden brown. Yield 36 cookies.

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are made by people who know how to grow ancient grape varieties using today's most modern methods.

Ciro Rosso, made from the legendary gaglioppo grape, is modern Calabria's most celebrated red wine. Nicodemo Librandi explained that local legend says that the wine descended directly from "Krimisa," the wine Calabrian athletes drank to celebrate victories in the early Olympic games. Gaglioppo is an ancient vine either indigenous to Calabria or brought there by the

Greeks.

What is most amazing about 1995 Librandi Ciro Rosso Classico, about \$10, is that the wine was not aged in wood, but tastes like it was. All the fine cigar box and spicy anise notes complementing bright red fruit come from gaglioppo. Way to go grape!

A notch above is 1991 Librandi Rosso Riserva Duca Sanfelice \$15. Each year, it is made from the best fruit from 30-year-old gaglioppo vines, picked later than those for Ciro Rosso. For sure, you will think this wine

was barrel aged. It wasn't. The wine with fabulously spicy perfume is smooth and elegant, finishing with oodles of juicy fruit.

The Super Calabrian is 1991 Librandi Gravello \$22. Cabernet sauvignon at 40 percent harmonizes sensationally with gaglioppo after aging in small French cooperage. This "super" with international flare will make you think again if you believe that the best come from northern Italy. Gravello beats the socks off many northern "supers" at

one-third the price!

Librandi makes Le Passule from mantonico, an ancient Greek grape. This nectar of the gods from the 1991 vintage at \$27 is made from late-harvested, nearly raisined grapes that are dried in the sun on mats until fully raisined. Grapes are pressed and the precious juice is fermented in small French barrels. Perfume and flavors of apricots, apples, lemon and orange zest make it a liquid dessert.

Wine nights

Detroit Public Television Auction wine nights are Wednesday, April 29 and Thursday, April 30. Dennis Walsh, owner of Ye Olde Wine Shoppe in Rochester Hills, is coordinator.

He said there are priceless lots such as 3L 1993 Dom Perignon, a vertical of mature Beaulieu Vineyard Georges de Latour Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, three bottles of 1949 Johannisberger Unterhohle Hochfeine Beerenauslese, a

mixed case of premium South African wines, a bottle of 1970 Chateau Petrus and a day with brewmaster Dean Jones at Big Rock Chop and Brew House awaiting a high bidder. Donations can still be made. You can reach Walsh at (248) 852-5533.

Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Sunday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

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every type of exotic ingredient you can think of. In the 1970s we had red and green peppers, now we have yellow, orange, purple and brown. And think about all the different fruits you can buy - Passion fruit, guava, carambola, Asian pears, lychee fruit, the list goes on and on. It's absolutely amazing to think about how much has changed in such a short time.

What should we expect in the next 20 years? I hope that we see more organic foods, natural foods, farm-raised meats, and the elimination of factory raised and chemically pumped chickens. It can only benefit future generations if the food growers of the world start paying more attention to sustainable types of agriculture, use fewer pesticides and less chemicals. We can't continue to poison our bodies, and our sweet Mother Earth.

The polls say that we are eating fewer and fewer meals at home, but I say that with the incredible foods that are available in our markets, maybe there are still some folks who still love to cook for their families,

as much as I do. After all, somebody is buying all that great food.

Special dinner

Spring is the time for fresh young vegetables. To celebrate, Emily's is hosting its first vegetable-themed dinner 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 25. We will serve nine wonderful courses using vegetables as the focus on the dish. The dinner is not vegetarian, and each course will be matched with an appropriate wine. The cost is \$120 per person, inclusive of wine, taxes and gratuities. We are very excited about this dinner, and the opportunity to focus on attention to spring's treasures. Call soon for your reservation: (248) 349-0505.

We are still accepting members in the Slow Food Group. E-mail me at pigrick@aol.com with any food questions or comments. I'd love to hear from more of my readers.

Rich Halberg chef/owner of Emily's Restaurant in Northville lives in Farmington Hills with his family. Look for his column on the third Sunday of the month in Taste.

Celebrate spring flavors

See related For the Love of Food column on front. Recipes compliments of Rick Halberg of Emily's.

SWEET CORN POLENTA WITH SPRING MORELS AND FAVA BEANS

Serves about 6
Basic Polenta
1 cup corn meal
1 quart cold water
1/4 pound butter
2 ounces (1/2 cup) Parmesan Cheese
1 cup fresh sweet corn
1 teaspoon fresh rosemary, chopped
Salt and pepper to taste

Add corn meal to cold water and mix well with a wooden spoon. Bring slowly to boil, stirring frequently. Season with salt and pepper and rosemary. Allow to cook over low heat for about 1/2 hour, still stirring regularly until thick and very smooth.

Add the sweet corn and continue cooking for another 3 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in butter and cheese until well incorporated.

Check seasoning and pour onto a 12-inch by 12-inch pan lined with parchment paper. Chill until ready to use or serve immediately while still hot and soft.

When thoroughly chilled, polenta can be cut into shapes and browned in hot butter.

Spring Morels and Fava Beans

1 pound fresh morel mushrooms
About 3 pounds fresh fava beans in their pods
Butter for sautéing
Pinch of fresh chopped garlic
3/4 cup heavy cream
3 tablespoons chopped fresh herbs (parsley, chives, rosemary, oregano, basil)

Clean morels by trimming stems and checking for dirt or parasites. You can dip them in some cold salt water for a minute or two to purge any unwanted bugs.

Remove fava beans from the pods and blanch the beans in boiling water for 1 minute. Immediately, plunge into ice water to stop the cooking process, then drain, and by pinching the skin, squeeze the bean out and set aside. Sauté the mushrooms with a bit of butter and the garlic just until they start giving off some of their juices. Add the fava beans, herbs, and cream bring to a quick boil. Season with a bit of salt and a generous grinding of black pepper. Serve alongside a serving of the polenta that you have previously warmed.

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Overcoming the stigma of "being from Detroit"

Not many people know the local art scene as well as Hope Palmer. On average, Palmer visits the studios of 15-20 artists per month. That's 180-240 visits per year. Never knew that there were that many artists in metro Detroit? You're probably not alone.

A self-described "conduit" for gallery owners and collectors, Palmer is a talent scout on a mission.

"Detroit has gotten some bad press," she said. "There's still a stigma out there. The big name critics just look at what's going on in LA or New York. 'Detroit is well-kept secret.'"

And now, Palmer figures, is as good a time as any to stop whispering to ourselves and tell the rest of the world what many of us have known for years.

Motown not only moves to its own gritty rhythm, but the Midwestern work ethic doesn't take a back seat to either the west or east coast.

Along with Stanley Rosenthal, Palmer has curated "Born at the BBAA," an exhibit of nine artists affiliated with the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, now known as the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

What: "Born in the BBAA," featuring the work of Barbara Dorchen, Todd Erickson, Thomas Humes, Carol Luc, Stephen Mageig, Gail Mally Mack, Claudia Shepard, Mary Brecht Stephenson, Christine Welsh

When: Through Friday, May 22

Where: Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, (248) 644-0866

Common aesthetic?

While the eclectic exhibit doesn't present any cutting-edge art, it does offer an intriguing overview of some of the area's most talented artists.

"The common characteristic in the exhibit is that these artists have mastered their materials," said Palmer.

"All of the artists have been out in the field for 10-15 years. They're all represented by local galleries, and many have had one person shows."

Looking for a common aesthetic, according to Palmer, overshadows the diversity of artists.

At one time, there was a definable "Detroit aesthetic" associated with the Cass Corridor artists who lived just off the Wayne State campus in the 1960s, said Palmer.

But that might have been mostly hype, and a simplistic belief that just because artists lived in the same metropolis they shared sensibilities.

Like artists in the broader art world, the nine artists in "Born in the BBAA" reflect the neo-modernist approach to mix and match styles, from realism to abstract expressionism.

What's in a name?

The name change at the former BBAA is a better indication of its mission.

A broader connotation comes with the change from an "art association" to an "art center."

In recent months, the art center has

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ART for the sake of community



Glorious: "Pattern Dancing," a painting by Susan Fisher.

Networking: The Farmington Festival of the Arts has drawn on the support of residents, government and business. Volunteers include Danguole Jurgutis, (left to right), Nan Reid, Randy Patterson, Sally LePla-Perry, Kathleen Erngren, Dixie Doerr and Marvel Steiger.



Grassroots momentum behind Farmington Festival of the Arts



Finding your way: "Lakeshore Path," an acrylic by Danguole Jurgutis, recently named the Farmington area's artist-in-residence for 1998.

Somehow, Nanette Reid's two kids and husband haven't complained. At least, not too loudly.

Not even when Reid spent five hours a day to help organize last fall's Festival of Dance in Farmington. And not these days, entering the final, hectic stretch before the opening of the eight-day Festival of the Arts, which she co-chairs.

Going about her business as she clutches a thick notebook filled with the names of contacts and volunteers, Reid embodies the never-say-die attitude of today's most dogged arts advocates.

"Nan has all of our phone numbers," said Sally LePla-Perry, cultural arts coordinator for Farmington-Farmington Hills. "Once you're in her book, watch out."

A dancer by choice, and an advocate by necessity, Reid is one of the many volunteers who are transforming the identity of Farmington-Farmington Hills from a blissful suburb with a rolling landscape into a locale of thousands of citizen-artists.

The idea may sound utopian, but it is clearly rooted in democratic yearnings.

"My government is me," said Reid. "If there aren't people coming together along the way, (the arts) aren't going to go anywhere."

Reid only needs to check her perpetually growing Rolodex.

She's hardly alone.

Sense of ownership

As chair of the Farmington Artist Club's spring exhibit last year, Kathleen Erngren of Livonia realized that organization skills are a prerequisite for sustaining art in the community. Erngren is the other co-chair of the Festival of the Arts.

"I just sort of fell into these posi-

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SCHEDULE

What: "Farmington Festival of the Arts," presented by the Farmington Community Arts Council

When: Saturday, April 25 - Sunday, May 3

Where: William M. Costick Activities Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, (east of Mid-diebelt Road) Farmington.

Program:

Saturday, April 25

• 8-11 p.m. - "Starry Night," Gala Preview, featuring the Matt Michaels Jazz Trio

Sunday, April 26 (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

• 1:45-5 p.m. - Farmington Musicales Presentation
• 2 p.m. - Arts Commission Ceremony, featuring award winners
• 3-5 p.m. Festival Exhibits Open

Monday, April 27 (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

• 11 a.m. - Embroiderers' Guild Demonstration
• 1 p.m. - Ridgewriters' Poetry, Prose and Tea

• 7 p.m. - Farmington Musicales Presentation

Tuesday, April 28 (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

• 10:30 a.m. - Farmington Artist Club Demonstrations

• 11 a.m. - Embroiderers' Guild Demonstration

• 11:30 a.m. - Our Lady of Sorrows Youth Choirs

• 12 p.m. - Hillside Harmony

• 7 p.m. - Farmington Community Band Clarinet Choir

Wednesday, April 29 (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

• 10:30 a.m. - Farmington Artist Club Demonstrations, East M.S. Vocal & Instrumental Ensemble

• 11 a.m. - Embroiderers' Guild Demonstration

• 12:45 p.m. - North Farmington HS Steel Drum Band

• 4:30 p.m. - Chamber of Commerce "Mixer," Farmington Musicales Presentation

• 6 p.m. - SCool Jazz

• 7 p.m. - SCool Jazz PRIME

Thursday, April 30 (11 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

• 11 a.m. - Embroiderers' Guild Demonstration, Farmington Artist Club Demonstrations

• 12 p.m. - Luncheon for Seniors

• 1 p.m. - Harrison HS Jazz/Dance Band

• 7 p.m. - Farmington Community Band Flute Ensemble

Friday, May 1 (11 a.m. - 8 p.m.)

• 2 p.m. - Embroiderers' Guild Demonstration

• 7:30 p.m. - Detroit Ballet - Apollo and Repertoire

Saturday, May 2 (11 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

• 10 a.m. - "Building the Arts from the Grassroots," a roundtable discussion with regional art associations, sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

Sunday, May 3 (11 a.m. - 5 p.m.)

• 3 p.m. - Farmington Community Band & Chorus

Pilobolus' moving statues defy gravity

Placed in the tradition of modern dance, Pilobolus Dance Theatre is a defiant embryo, more content with continually reinventing itself than upholding any heritage.

Building, balancing, linking and unfolding the bodies of its six-member troupe into flesh-and-blood sculptures, Pilobolus is a Samuel Beckett play set to evocative choreography.

The Connecticut-based dance theater named after a fungus - albeit a fun-loving mushroom that grows in barnyards - will perform Friday-Sunday, April 24-26, at Music Hall in Detroit.

Expect an unusual assortment of poses and bizarre collective gestures, such as three standing dancers each extending a leg to hold up another dancer who lies across their feet.

Or a crouching dancer who has two other dancers wrapped around his torso and back. Or how about five dancers stacked on top of each other, each striking the pose of "The Thinker."

Not quite the choreography of George Balanchine, Martha Graham or Paul Taylor. But filled with the raw, contemporary energy of the avant-garde.

"Modern dance is young, maybe 75 years," said Jonathan Wolken, a founding member of Pilobolus. "For a third of that time we've been around pushing the boundaries."

Performing without a set, the well-chiseled dancers appear in their quasi-birthday suits playing as if human bodies were weightless rubber dolls.

In many ways, Pilobolus offers artful

gymnastics with

a slow-motion

composition of a

sculptor, said

Wolken. Defying

gravity seems to

be the only

theme linking

their varied

dances.

Well, maybe it's

not quite danc-

ing. Nor the type

of dramatic

expression that's

easily compre-

hensible.

But that's apparently the point.

"We're intentionally ambiguous," said

Wolken. "We're abstract, theatrical,

pregnant with meaning, but not spec-

ific in any meaning. Our hallmark is our

sense of humor."

Apparently, audiences have picked

up on Pilobolus' heterogeneous

approach and comic ambiguity.

Over the last decade when many

dance companies have struggled to

attract audiences, Pilobolus has steady-

ly increased its popularity.

And with dance theater companies

such as Momix Iso and Peter Pucci per-

forming a strikingly similar style,

Pilobolus may be unintentionally

establishing a tradition.

"I think we have dropped some of our

spores," said Wolken.



Human sculpture: Pilobolus dancers blend the avant-garde with the bizarre.

PUBLIC ART

Just a regular guy constructs modern-day monument to Delphi

Joseph Wesner may be most recognized as a highly talented abstract sculptor, but his worldly travels are equally impressive - not to mention otherworldly.

He appears simultaneously as an intellectual, a floppy hair bohemian, and the consummate educator. (Wesner of Birmingham is chair of the sculpture department at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit.)

Alternatively, he can discuss the minutia of the sculptural process and art history, then slip into "regular guy speak," talking about the Red Wings, growing up in Philly and making things with his hands.

And as his latest commissioned sculpture shows, he's neither bound by geography nor history.

A half a planet and several millennia away from the fabled shrine of Delphi in ancient Greece, Wesner has interpreted a distinctively contemporary oracle.

He's erected his stainless steel response at - where else? - the courtyard of Delphi World Headquarters.

Located - where else? - in Troy, a named attached to the allegory of the Trojan War, and the modern-day capital of the automobile industry.

Corporate allegory

Wesner's 12-foot-high stainless steel swirls of organic motion, "Eco," is as uniquely modern as the ancient oracles were transcendent and mysterious.

"Yeah, I think it's a corporate alle-

gory," he said.

"There's a narrative (represented in the sculpture) about how at the end of the day, something has been made, something physical that has soul in it."

A grand opening was held last fall to commemorate Wesner's work along with the sculpture of Heather McGill, chair of the sculpture department at the Cranbrook Academy of Art.

McGill's sculpture of the intersecting spheres symbolizing Delphi's worldwide presence hangs from the high ceilings in the building's lobby.

Developing the sculpture from idea to finished form, according to Wesner, was far from a bureaucratic

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Clarification: The above photo was incorrectly identified in last week's story, "Rebuilding a Mystery." The altar and mural is from St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Troy not St. Hugo of the Hills.



Oracle: Joseph Wesner of Birmingham alongside his sculpture, "Eco Delphi."

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ions," she said. "I was a 'naive volunteer' unaware of the long hours it takes."

That's more of a common attitude than it might seem. And Engren, like many arts volunteers, doesn't shy away from the challenge.

In Farmington-Farmington Hills - like many suburban areas across the country - there's a grassroots push to provide arts education programs, camaraderie and venues for local artists.

In some ways, suburban areas without traditional cultural institutions like museums and galleries have found a more populist alternative: art fairs, ethnic

festivals, and multidisciplinary celebrations, such as the upcoming Farmington Festival of the Arts.

"Throughout Oakland County - Waterford, Lake Orion, Oxford and White Lake - we're seeing people from neighborhoods forming arts groups," said Steve Weikal, director Oakland County Arts & Humanities Council.

"(With these art groups) there are no barriers to entry."

The Farmington area has a long history of grassroots organized art groups including people throughout the metro area, said Weikal.

In fact, in the mid 1970s, the success of the Farmington Arts

Council inspired the state to establish the Michigan Council for the Arts.

Making the arts "accessible" through membership in an arts group or taking a class certainly broadens awareness of the arts.

But there's a more transformative effect for many individuals who could never quite find the time for their art.

"A lot of us studied in the arts (in school), but because of practical concerns really never pursued our art," said Reid.

"We realize there's a wealth of talent in this area, people creating art as they go about their daily lives."

"Look at all the dancers, singers and fine artists in our community," said Reid. "Participating (in the arts) gives a sense of ownership and pride in our community."

This year's Festival of the Arts has taken a broader approach in defining the arts community. For the first time, local businesses have been included as sponsors.

"There's a move to open up the festival so businesses can see how their interest fits with the arts," said LePla-Perry, who was named the Farmington area's

first arts coordinator in February.

According to LePla-Perry, more than \$10,000, including in-kind services has been raised.

A way to survive

Today, there are 23 arts groups in the Farmington area with more than 1,500 members.

The myriad groups are represented under the organizational umbrella of the Farmington Arts Council, a nonprofit advisory committee that reports to the Farmington and Farmington Hills city councils.

"Unless you find your own ways to continue your art, you're not going to survive," said Danguole Jurgutis of Farmington Hills, recently named artist-in-residence for the Farmington area.

Although Farmington is one of the oldest cities in Michigan, Farmington Hills was established only 25 years ago.

"We've gone from a sleepy community to one that's active arts," said Marvel Steiger, a 40-year resident of the Farmington area, who noted that the population and subdivisions are increasing rapidly.

"There are so many niches, from fine artists to garden clubs."

Indeed, the proliferation of arts groups and the emergence of arts festivals in the Farmington area has grown into a "movement," said Randy Patterson, who serves on the festival's fundraising committee.

"This reminds me of the revival in the arts when I lived in southern California," said Patterson, who moved to the area nine years ago. He is a member of a community theater and chorale group.

"More people are seeing themselves as artists," he said. A testament, said Patterson, of the "lasting power" of art.

Participating in the Farmington Community Chorus for Dixie Doerr has literally changed her life.

"I joined 11 years ago, when I was going through a rough time," she said. "Singing in the chorus has given me a lot of self confidence."

Catalyst for culture

"Maybe we haven't focused on the arts like we should have," said Mary Bush, mayor of Farmington.

"The arts are one of the important slices that foster our quality of life," said Bush, who places the arts alongside traditional municipal priorities of maintaining the infrastructure, providing safety, and developing parks and recreation alternatives.

With efforts to redraft a master plan for the Farmington area, there's growing talk about a community cultural center.

"There probably isn't enough money in the budget for that," said Aldo Vagnozzi, mayor of Farmington Hills. "It'll probably take some private funds."

And, some contend, a millage could be required to raise taxpayer support.

In many ways, the upcoming Festival of the Arts offers ideal timing. If successful, it could be the catalyst in demonstrating that public interest in the arts has grown into a full-scale revival.

It could be strongest evidence of the will of the people.

"This festival could eventually do for our area what the Ann Arbor art fair does for Ann Arbor," said Vagnozzi.

Everyone is starting to sound like an arts advocate.

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In fact, Delphi executives didn't make any alteration to Wesner's design.

"We all sat down together and worked things out," he said.

In turn, Wesner created a dynamic, expanding symbol for Delphi's global business. The former General Motors subsidiary designs a range of automotive systems for the automotive industry, including seating, electronic, electric and suspension systems.

"It's easy to knock corporate America - for all the right reasons," he said.

"But Delphi has succeeded because they have a different mind set. And they're learning to be open-minded about the arts."

Relation to the whole

Named after the repercussion of sound and the Chinese symbol for heaven, "Eco" is a rigorous demonstration of Wesner's ability to distill ideas, materials and form.

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Joseph Wesner
Sculptor

An evocative work of art in what many consider "sterile" corporate setting might raise the ire of skeptics.

But "Eco" is not simply a derivation of a company logo.

While Wesner set out to symbolize Delphi's corporate creed, his sculpture cannot be called an insipid design that can be reproduced on stationary.

Set in the courtyard of architect Bill Kessler's sleek, reflective design, "Eco" completes the building style while creating its own environment.

Made of a satin bright brush steel, the outdoor sculpture reflects natural light as an illuminated gem. At night, "Eco" is

lit by several spotlights installed at the base of the sculpture.

Prophetically, Wesner's virile, deeply wrought sculpture seems a natural fit with Delphi's corporate philosophy.

"They don't make cars, but concentrate on the relationships of the parts to the whole automobile," said Wesner.

For Wesner, engineering and artistry share a common approach.

On the outside of the circular steel form are two large solid sheets of metal.

"Those represent the hands of the engineers and designers who shape the world," said Wesner.

That's not too different from how Wesner views himself shaping raw materials into abstract forms.

In essence, "Eco" is an uncanny example of how a talented sculptor can "take the steel out of steel." The effect is a form with an intense sense of motion, expansion and a flowing narrative about the ambition of a global corporation.

Even the most literal interpretations of Wesner's work reveal that the steel and swirling circularity is strikingly appropriate in capital of the auto industry. An homage to perhaps the greatest invention of all - the wheel.

And while Delphi's message is global, Wesner's common touch brings the oracle down to earth - and to Troy.

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shown that it had already broadened its vision to consider itself more of a regional resource.

The art center has sponsored poetry readings, public lectures and an art history video series

along with ongoing exhibits and classes.

And the Michigan Fine Arts Competition held in March, juried by New York legendary artist Larry Rivers, was a major step in building the center's

reputation in the art association community.

As "Born in the BBAA" demonstrates, students and teachers who've passed through the art center's doors have found a home outside the tradi-

tional domain of art schools.

For artists of all levels, the opportunities at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center must seem like both a renewal and a rebirth.

It's an encouraging sign to think that art can help people see beyond boundaries.

ART BEAT

BASKETRY INVITATIONAL

For the last nine years, the Sybaris Gallery has built an international reputation for showcasing the finest and most innovative basket artist in the U.S. and Japan.

The month-long exhibit, which opens this Saturday and runs through May, features baskets ranging in size and styles.

Opening weekend festivities for the 9th Basketry Invitational reaches beyond basketry, according to Sybaris owner Linda Ross. A symposium 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 24, at the gallery will explore the interrelationships among basketry, music and architecture.

A series of lectures further exploring the them will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The lectures featured basket artist Lissa Hunter, S. Gulzar Haider, professor of architecture at Carleton University in Ottawa, and classical pianist Marina Korsakova-Kreyn.

For information, (248) 544-3388.

CLARIFICATION

In the April 12 story, "Tradition shapes religious images," the outline under a photo incorrectly identified sculptor Sergio DeGiusti of Redford. The photo was of sculptor Joseph DeLauro of Canton.

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BOOKS

Civil War historian discusses pivotal Wilderness campaign

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

A hundred and thirty-three years ago this month Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered to Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Courthouse, Va., ending four years of bloody battle unprecedented in the history of warfare to that time.

The fascination with every aspect of that conflict continues to this day. People north and south of the Mason-Dixon Line seem to have an insatiable appetite for every detail, every nuance of what happened and how.

The Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table will welcome historian Gordon Rhea 8 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at the Botsford Inn in Farmington. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Rhea will discuss his two recent military histories, "The Battle of the Wilderness, May 5-6, 1864" and "The Battle for Spotsylvania Court House and the Road to Yellow Tavern, May 7-12, 1864," both published by Louisiana State University Press.

Rhea, an attorney in South Carolina, has a master's in history from Harvard but began his interest in the war while growing up.

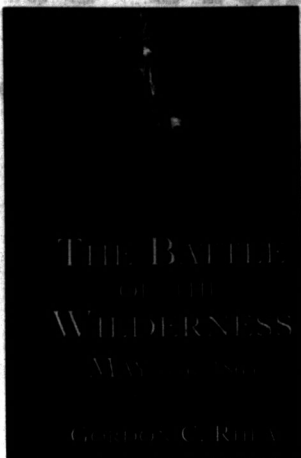
"My father was born in 1901 and grew up in Middle Tennessee with a lot of Civil War veterans around, and I heard the stories he heard from them," Rhea said in a telephone interview from the Caribbean where he was vacationing.

Rhea pursued his interest in the war while serving as an assistant U.S. Attorney in Washington, D.C. He would spend his free time walking the many battle fields of nearby Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

"I wanted to do a book about the first confrontation between Grant and Lee that had never been done before," he said.

Using primary sources from various archives, including letters, diaries and contemporary newspaper articles, Rhea has fashioned a minutely detailed account of both sides of the crucial battles of 1864 that began the war's endgame.

"I think it was the turning point," Rhea said. "As things stood in May of '64, the war in the east, Virginia, which was the most important theater in my mind, was pretty much the same as it had been at the start of the



war. Lee was as strong as ever. The casualties he was able to inflict on the Union was worse than he had inflicted on Hooker the year before. If Hooker or Meade had continued in command, the Union might have lost the war."

Instead, Grant was moved from the war's western theater along the Mississippi to become leader of the Army of the Potomac. Rhea's book is a study of management styles of Grant, Lee and their subordinates.

Rhea said historians tend to emphasize the differences between Grant and Lee, but he said they were similar in their aggressive styles.

"Grant and Lee were cut from the same mold," he said. "Their personalities were different, their personal styles were different. But they fought war the same way. That's what makes it interesting. Lee had never run into anyone like that before."

The generals also had to deal with staff officers who didn't respond to what they wanted.

"Lee's management style was to get his Army where it had to be and defer to his subordinates," Rhea said.

In 1863, Stonewall Jackson was killed. At the beginning of the Wilderness campaign, Lee lost the services of James Longstreet and A.P. Hill. He had to adjust his style and take active charge.

"Grant found himself heading an Army with generals he'd never commanded before," Rhea said. "In the west, he was used to cutting loose, improvising, going his own way. ... The story of Grant is of a very aggressive general trying to find out how to get conservative generals to do

his bidding." Grant became easily frustrated with Meade, whom he had replaced as commander, and other generals who tended to hold back and wait. He had to exert his will on them to get them to act.

"The greatness of Grant was that he wouldn't give up, he wouldn't retreat," Rhea said. "The talk among the Confederate leaders was that they were beating Grant and he just didn't understand it."

Rhea will discuss the initial engagements between Grant and Lee, centering around an "unsung hero" of the battle at Bloody Angle.

"I find it more exciting if you can see something through the eyes of someone who was there," Rhea said.

The lawyer-historian said he is not a partisan in his descriptions of the war. His books move back and forth between Union and Confederate armies and between the generals and the soldiers in the field. Rhea said that though he was born in Virginia and now lives in South Carolina, he was educated in the north (Indiana, Harvard and Stanford).

"I've tried to put together a presentation that is fair to both sides. It's the story of Americans fighting Americans. So many have ancestors that fought in the war," he said.

The Abraham Lincoln Round Table was started 45 years ago and is the oldest civil war group in the state and the third oldest in the country. The group has 130 members from throughout metro Detroit.

Rhea's books will be available for purchase at the lecture.

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Michelle Hunt signs "DreamMakers," 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 21; Thomas Sullivan signs "The Martyr," 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 22; Detroit Waldorf School puppet show, 11 a.m. Saturday, April 25; Dan Butler signs "Unsinkable: The Full Story of the RMS Titanic," 1 p.m. Saturday, April 25 at the store 31150 Southfield Road, Birmingham (248)644-1515.

SOUTHFIELD LIBRARY

Raynetta Manes, author of "All for Love" and "Wishing on a Star," 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at the library 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield, (248)948-0460.

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Claudia Osborn discusses and signs "Over My Head," 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 21; Paul Pearsall signs "The Heart's Code," 2 p.m. Saturday, April 25 at the store 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham (248)203-0005.

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Colleen Dodi discusses tea, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23; Jeffery Michael, composer and recording artist, 7 p.m. Friday, April 24 at the store 17111 Haggerty Road at Six Mile, Northville.

BARNES & NOBLE (BLOOMFIELD HILLS)

Daniel Butler signs "Unsinkable:

The Full Story of the RMS Titanic," 8 p.m. Friday, April 24; Cine-matit club discusses Dumas' "Man in the Iron Mask," 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 24; Eva Shaw discusses "For the Love of Children," 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25 at the store 6575 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills (248)540-4209.

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Rhonda Gowler Greene reads from her children's books "Barnyard Song" and "When a Line Bends...A Shape Begins" with puppet show, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 21 at the store 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield (248)626-6804.

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Robin Carnes and Sally Craig discuss and sign "Sacred Circles: A Guide to Creating Your Own Women's Spirituality Group," 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 19; Nancy Washburn signs "Snorkeling Guide to Michigan Inland Lakes," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21 at the store 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills (248)737-0110.

PAPER BACKS N THINGS

Romance writers Sharon Pisacreta and Anne Eames sign their books 5 p.m. Friday, April 24, at the store 8044 Wayne Road, Westland (734)522-6019.

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Wardell Montgomery signs "Politics-Religion-Sex," 4 p.m. Sunday, April 19; Michelle Hunt signs "DreamMakers," 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 22; Barbara Neely signs

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Annual Friends of the Baldwin Public Library Meeting and Literary Even, open to the public, features British poet Robin Robertson and Milford poet/essayist Thomas Lynch, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 19, at the library, 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham (248)647-1700.

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SHAMAN DRUM

Kathleen Norris reads from "Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith," 8 p.m. Thursday, April 23; poetry workshop 3 p.m. Saturday, April 25 at the store 313 South State Street, Ann Arbor 734-662-7407.

MARYGROVE COLLEGE

Ernest J. Gaines (author of "Lessons Before Dying," "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman," and "A Gathering of Old Men") reads from his works 8 p.m. Friday, April 21, Alumnae Hall in the Madam Cadillac Building on campus, 8425 W. McNichols Road, Detroit. The event is free and open to the public.

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MAJOR LEAGUE 3 (PG-13)
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SPECIES 2 (R)
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CITY OF ANGELS (PG-13)
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PLAYER'S CLUB (R)
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LOST IN SPACE (PG-13)
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MERCURY RISING (R)
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Showcase Pontiac 1-5
Telegraph Sq. Lake Rd. W. Side of
Telegraph
248-352-8881
Bargain Matinees Daily
All Shows until 6 p.m.
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Fri. & Sat.
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2405 Telegraph Rd. East side of
Telegraph
248-354-6777
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MERCURY RISING (R)
7:10, 9:45
BADNEY (G)
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PRIMARY COLORS (R)
2:10, 4:45, 9:30
TITANIC (PG-13)
12:30, 4:15, 8:00

One Venue
Warren & Wayne Rds.
313-425-7700
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All Shows until 6 p.m.
Continuous Shows Daily
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6800 Wayne Rd.
One block S. of Warren Rd.
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OBSERVER-ECCENTRIC HEALTHY LIVING

MS Walk

The rewarding MS (Multiple Sclerosis) Walk returns to Birmingham in two weeks.

Families, friends and co-workers will gather Sunday, May 3 at Birmingham Seaholm High School to help end the devastating effects of multiple sclerosis. This is the ninth year the city of Birmingham has hosted the popular event, and the 10th year the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has staged MS walks in communities around the country.

"The Birmingham event goes back and forth between the largest and second largest MS Walk in the state. Grosse Pointe is the other large one," Elana Noble, Director of Communications for the National MS Society, Michigan Chapter, said. "Traditionally, we get around 2,000 walkers in Birmingham."

A fun event designed to raise funds for local programs that help families affected by multiple sclerosis, and for national research efforts seeking the cause, prevention and cure of the disease, the Birmingham walk features 15- and 20-kilometer routes and the debut of a 5K route. All walkers are encouraged to collect contributions in honor of their participation.

"The five-kilometer route is a big change this year," Noble said. "A lot of people like to take on the 20-kilometer route. But there are some who don't have the time, their kids aren't up to it, or they can't walk that far. Whatever the reason, the five-kilometer route is a great opportunity to still enjoy everything the MS Walk offers."

Check-in for the Birmingham MS Walk begins at 8 a.m. at Seaholm with the walks beginning at 9. People can register the day of the event.

The MS Walk will take place in 675 communities across the country this year. Michigan-based events will also be held May 3 in Dearborn, Grosse Pointe and Monroe.

For registration information or additional details, contact the National MS Society, Michigan Chapter at (248) 350-0020 or 1-800-247-7382.

Multiple Sclerosis is a disease that randomly attacks the nervous system and wears away the control a person has over his or her body. Symptoms range from numbness and balance problems to paralysis and even blindness.

Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 40, but the physical and emotional damage from the disease can be felt for a lifetime.

Dragon Dash

The Orion Township Parks and Recreation Second Annual Dragon Dash will be held next Sunday at the Orion Township Civic Center Park (2525 Joslyn Road).

Featuring an 8K run and a one-mile youth fun run, the course is primarily on safety paths, along residential streets and park areas.

Race day registration begins at 8 a.m., the youth run goes off at 9 and the 8K run follows at 9:30. The 8K run is \$18 and the youth run \$13 on race day.

Call the Orion Township Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 391-0304 ext. 140 for more information.

AD/HD information

John F. Taylor, Ph.D., a prominent authority on Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder, will conduct a day-long seminar entitled "Beyond Ritalin: Mega-Answers to AD/HD" on Saturday, May 2 at the Troy Marriott.

Presented by Family and Classroom Training & Resources, the seminar will run from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. For registration information, call (248) 988-0532.

Estrogen seminar

Bloomfield Hills Andover High School will be the site for an upcoming free seminar entitled "Estrogen Replacement Therapy Options & Alternatives."

Sponsored by Forest Therapeutics and presented by Dr. William Bates, the event is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 5. Refreshments will also be made available free of charge. There is no pre-registration required.

Andover High School is located at 4200 Andover Road, off Long Lake Road just west of Telegraph.

Project Health-O-Rama

Crittenton Hospital is once again turning its attention to promoting health and wellness in the Rochester area.

Crittenton will host a Project Health-O-Rama site Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9 at Great Oaks Mall (1220 Walton Boulevard) in Rochester Hills. The special two-day event will take place from 9 a.m.-noon both days. According to Carole Beckett, Crittenton's director of Community Health Education, the hospital's healthcare professionals and physicians will staff the entire event.

The following tests will be available at the Crittenton Project Health-O-Rama site: height and weight; percent of body fat; blood pressure lung function testing; hearing; vision testing; glaucoma testing; oral cancer screening (May 9 only); and counseling, referral and health education information.

In addition, the following optional lab-evaluated tests will be available for a nominal fee: blood panel of 23 lab tests (\$22); Prostate Specific Antigen (\$25); H-pylori blood test for ulcers (\$15); take-home colorectal cancer screening kit (\$8); and confidential, take-home test kit for the HIV virus (\$35).

Registration is not necessary. For more information, call the Project Hotline at (248) 434-8600 or Crittenton's Community Health Education Department at (248) 652-5269.

Men's Health Fair

St. County Community Hospital in Warren will conduct a Men's Health Fair from 9 a.m.-10 a.m. on Saturday, May 9. Those attending the event will receive various health screenings, including diabetes and thyroid screening, foot screening, and skin cancer screening.

Call (810) 758-7488 to register. Cost is \$20 by Wednesday, May 6 or \$25 at the door.

(Healthy Living spotlights Oakland County-related health and medical news and information. To submit information, write: Healthy Living, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham MI 48009. Or fax: (248) 944-1314.)

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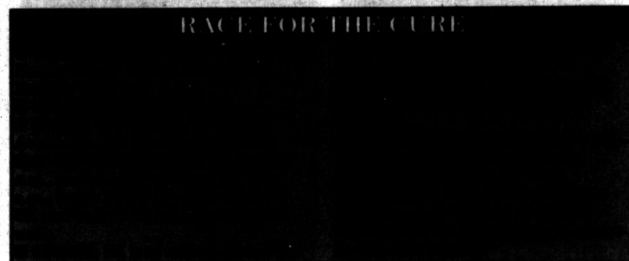
Annual event may draw record field

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the Cure - Michigan's largest race - represents a special time for thousands of people. Shirley Malamud is one such person.

"I'm looking forward to it this year; it's an exciting time," Malamud, 61, of Huntington Woods, said. "I can remember the first year ... my next-door neighbor and I were absolutely touched by what seemed like an enormous number of people that showed up. It was probably only a couple of hundred or so, but there were people holding up signs in honor or in memory of someone. It moved us tremendously."

More than 750 breast cancer survivors are expected to attend Saturday's seventh annual Race for the Cure at The Detroit Zoo, presented locally by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute and conducted by the Motor City Striders. Organizers expect more than 18,000 total participants, bringing together people of all ages and athletic abilities to promote positive breast cancer awareness, early detection and survivorship.

Malamud, diagnosed with breast cancer in November 1992,



is cancer-free after recently completing a tamoxifen treatment. She and her husband, Bernard, have become active participants in the Race for the Cure. Shirley, who attends the event in memory of her younger sister who succumbed to breast cancer almost five years ago, serves as a Race Expo committee member and participates as a walker; Bernard, also a race volunteer, has the honor of driving the Ford pace car this year.

"I've made a lot of special friends at the Race for the Cure," said Malamud, who plays an active role in the community promoting breast health education. "We have a very strong sisterhood as breast cancer survivors, and this event has changed us so

much.

"Breast cancer touches everyone is every walk of life, and I'm just so pleased that the word is coming out. This isn't a silent illness anymore."

The Race for the Cure once again features a 5K run/walk for women, families and friends of all ages and athletic abilities, a 5K race for men, and a one-mile (untimed) walk. The fun walk will be conducted on the zoo grounds as usual, but the 5K loop course has undergone a slight modification. Runners will finish this year's race coming down Woodward after turning off Lincoln (10 1/2 Mile Road) in an attempt to accommodate the larger crowds.

"We're planning for 18,000 to

20,000 participants this year. Last year we had (a record) 15,643," Motor City Striders President Ed Kozloff said. "Things are coming in at approximately that pace but with so much mail coming in you really can't keep a count. This is definitely an event where you don't want to arrive at the last minute."

"It's always surprising when any event just keeps growing beyond what you originally thought. We originally thought there would be about 500 participants for this event, but it involves a worthwhile cause that's clearly caught the nation's concern."

In conjunction with Saturday's festivities, the second annual Race Expo will be held this Friday from 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Doubletree Guest Suites in Troy. The event is a fun-filled celebration of life, featuring music and entertainment, seminars, fitness exhibitions and special guests. Medical experts from area hospitals will present the most up-to-date breast cancer information. Nutrition and fitness experts will also be in attendance.

The expo is the last chance to register for the race.

Smile! Enjoy cheese with most any meal

When you're watching your weight, you're probably afraid to even look at cheese - let alone eat it!

Although cheese is commonly known to be high in fat, calories, cholesterol and sodium, it's also rich in calcium and protein.

By eating cheese in moderation, or, better yet, by eating the reduced-fat and fat-free varieties, you can reap the benefits while still maintaining a low-fat diet.

These variations are usually made either partially or completely with nonfat skim milk supplemented with various additives for texture and flavor. There are plenty of scrumptious recipes that include reduced- or non-fat cheeses, or you can substitute these for the full-fat cheeses in your favorite traditional dishes.

Cheese can be enjoyed with almost any meal. I love its rich flavor in broccoli-cheese soup. (See recipe at right.) Soup is wonderful because it's so soothing, and you can make a big pot of it and freeze it into small containers for later. With just a handful of ingredients, this recipe is a breeze and it's absolutely delicious.

For dinner, pasta is always a favorite. You really can't go wrong with penne in creamy garlic-cheese sauce. (See recipe at right.) It's excellent for entertaining and your kids

will love it because it's creamy and also cheesy. They'll never know it's lower in fat!

If you are looking for a tasty dessert, look no further than this recipe for chocolate cheesecake. (See recipe at right.) What could be better than that combination? And there's only three grams of fat per serving! If your family happens to leave a piece, it can be refrigerated in an airtight container for up to a week. Go ahead and indulge without the guilt.

With all the wonderful fruits at the market this spring, try garnishing this dessert with fresh raspberries, strawberries or whatever happens to be your favorite. If you want to reduce the fat in some of your favorite dishes, be wary of using only non-fat cheeses as substitutes because the consistency may not work with that recipe.

Start with the reduced-fat versions or a combination to see how well it cooks or bakes. Remember, moderation is the key. Unlimited amounts of reduced- or non-fat cheeses still have calories.

I read every one of your letters and I love your comments! Please keep writing me with any questions, inspirational stories or suggestions for upcoming articles to: "Talk to the Mirror," Weight Watchers Corporate Communications, P.O. Box 9072, Farmington Hills MI 48334-2974. For more information on Weight Watchers, call 1-888-3FLORINE.

(Florine Mark is an appointee to the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and the Michigan Fitness Foundation.)

TALK TO THE MIRROR



FLORINE MARK

BROCCOLI-CHEESE SOUP

Makes 4 servings

4 cups broccoli florets
2 1/2 cups vegetable broth
1/2 cup skim milk
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
1/2 cup shredded extra-sharp cheddar cheese

In a large nonstick saucepan, bring the broccoli and broth to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer until the broccoli is tender, about 10 minutes.

Transfer the broccoli and about 1/2 cup of the cooking liquid to a blender; puree until very smooth, scraping the sides of the blender every 30 seconds. Remove the knob in the lid. With the machine running, gradually pour the remaining cooking liquid through the hole. Place a large sieve over the saucepan; strain the soup back into the saucepan.

Stir in the milk, salt and pepper; simmer until heated through, about five minutes. Add the cheese and stir until melted.

PENNE IN CREAMY GARLIC-CHEESE SAUCE

Makes 4 servings

8 garlic cloves, peeled
3 cups small broccoli florets
6 ounces penne pasta
2 cups evaporated skimmed milk
1 tablespoon + 1 teaspoon all-purpose flour
1 1/2 ounces reduced-fat cheddar cheese, grated
1 1/2 ounces freshly grated Parmesan cheese
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1/2 teaspoon salt

In large pot of boiling water, cook garlic 3 minutes, until softened. With slotted spoon, remove garlic from water. Mince garlic; set aside. In same pot of boiling water, cook broccoli 3 minutes, until bright green and just softened. With slotted spoon, remove broccoli from water; set aside. In same pot of boiling water, cook penne 8-10 minutes, until tender. Drain, discarding liquid; set aside. Meanwhile, in large nonstick skillet, with wire whisk, 4 minutes, until mixture is bubbling and thickened; stir in minced garlic.

Reduce heat to low. Add cheddar and Parmesan cheeses, pepper and salt to milk mixture; cook, stirring constantly, until cheeses are melted. Stir in cooked broccoli and penne; cook, stirring frequently, until just heated through.

CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE

Makes 12 servings

22 reduced-fat chocolate graham cracker squares
2 tablespoons margarine
2 cups nonfat cottage cheese
One 8-ounce box nonfat cream cheese
1 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder, dissolved in 1/2 cup boiling water
4 egg whites
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 teaspoon confectioners' sugar

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Spray an 8" springform pan with nonstick cooking spray. In a food processor, crush the graham crackers; pulse in the margarine. Transfer to the pan, pressing firmly over the bottom and halfway up the sides. Refrigerate until chilled, about 15 minutes. To prepare the filling, in the food processor, puree the cottage cheese and cream cheese; blend in the granulated sugar, flour, dissolved cocoa, the egg whites and vanilla. Pour into the crust; set the pan on a baking sheet.

Bake until set, about 1 hour. Turn off the oven, prop the door open with a wooden spoon, and let the cheesecake cool in the oven 1 hour; cool completely on a rack.

Refrigerate in the pan; just before serving, unmold from the pan and sprinkle with the confectioners' sugar.

Try this method to build up the triceps

EXERCISE OPTIONS



MYRNA PARTRICH

Question: I come to class regularly; I take muscle madness. I also work out at home with weights a few days a week, but I hate the back of my arms. My tricep muscles aren't working enough. What is the best way to work tricep muscles? I have dumbbells at home, and I'm up to eight pounds on my tricep extensions.

Answer: Are the eight-pound weights a "challenge" for you? Are you executing your movements properly? Are you doing two or three sets of 16 reps? I really do need more information, but let me give you what

I call my best "tricep kickback."

Most people do tricep kickbacks in one motion, swinging the forearm backward to straighten the arm and then bringing it back in momentum. Now, if you do this exercise in two separate motions, you will make it harder by producing two different muscle contractions. You will get the long head of the tricep, the medial and lateral heads and some posterior deltoid.

Here's how: Pick up your eight-pound weight - since that's what you've been working with - and bend over at a right angle so the trunk of your body is horizontal. Place your foot - opposite to the arm you are using - in front of the other, shoulder-width apart, and bend your knees to give you support. Face the palm of your hand inward and bend your elbow 90 degrees or more. Hold

your arm beside the trunk of your body.

Now, while keeping your elbow in place, inhale and hold your breath as you extend your arm straight back. Next, continue upper movement as far as possible with your extended arm. Try to get the arm above your back, exhale and return to the bent position. Try to control this movement completely. Try a lighter weight at first if you have trouble.

Here are some additional tips:

■ Know that a two-part tricep kickback is more difficult than other tricep exercises. Hold the contraction "at the top" for a few seconds before returning downward.

■ Do not overdo the size of your weight. You must be in control during every movement in order to achieve proper execution.

■ Remember your trunk should be in a horizontal position, the back slightly rounded and knees bent. If you raise your trunk, the exercise becomes easier and therefore less effective.

■ When learning to do this tricep kickback, you must execute the move slowly. Pause on the arm extended back; check it out by viewing yourself from the side. Slowly bend the elbow and then lower. Make sure you're not twisting your shoulders up to get extra height.

OK, now get to work. Enjoy!

(Myrna Partrich is co-owner of The Workout Co. in Bloomfield Hills. She is an appointee to the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and the Michigan Fitness Foundation. Send questions or comments for Myrna to: Myrna Partrich, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham MI 48009.)

EMPLOYMENT

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BRANDWOLD has an opening for a Bookkeeper to maintain all financial records for the shopping center. Responsibilities include maintaining accounts payable, performing account reconciliations/profits of cash, budgeting functions, and processing payroll for the Management Office. Requirements include a strong accounting background, proficiency with WordPerfect 6.1 and Lotus 1-2-3 for Windows, and commensurate with experience. Qualified applicants should submit their resume and salary history to: 248-521-3349

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For property management firm in Farmington Hills. Must be well organized, detail oriented, and computer literate. EOE. Fax resume and salary request to: 248-476-4661

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On behalf of our client, a non-profit organization located in Oakland County, we are seeking a Full Charge Bookkeeper. The successful candidate for this position will be able to prepare financials, budgets, payroll, oversee accounting and clerical personnel, and be responsible for managing personnel activities. Must have a positive attitude and excellent communication skills. Please send resume and salary requirements to: 248-521-3349

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30955 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills, MI 48331 or fax to: (248) 737-0487

ENGINEER CLERK

Pharmaceutical company seeks individual to coordinate, track, and document leased and company vehicles. Ideal for college student. 8:30 - 5:00 M-F. \$8-\$11 per hour. PCS Group (248) 340-9220 FAX (248) 340-2439, or 340-9222

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ENTRY LEVEL CLERICAL

position with major lumber distributor. Highly organized person with attention to detail needed. Mail, matching paperwork, etc. Full time, benefits. Send resume to: Weyerhaeuser, 1550 West Franklin Rd., Westland, MI 48185, Attn: Lin

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Multi-line switchboard operator. Entry level Accounts Payable Clerk. Self-motivated individual to code and process large volume of invoices timely and accurately. Must be detail oriented, able to meet deadlines and have previous CRT keyboarded and 10-key calculator experience. Purchasing Department, Assessor. Must be attentive, thorough, dependable and have excellent communication and typing skills. Please send resume and wage requirements to: Box #2751, Observer & Electronic Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150 EOE

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SILBIOUS DISCUSSION

Lay people and clergy are invited to the first Detroit Parliament for World Religions, April 29 to May 1 at Oakland University. Family, parenting and interfaith marriage will be among the items discussed in a grass roots setting. Harvey Cox, author of "The Secular City" will deliver the keynote address, 7:30 p.m. April 29. Workshops will meet 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday. A Festival of Sacred Performing Arts will be presented, 7:30 p.m. April 30. Registration is \$35. To register, or for more information, call the Rev. Charles Mabey, (248) 340-2515.

RECYCLING JAMBOREE

SOCRRA will hold a recycling jamboree 4-7:30 p.m. April 23 in the Royal Oak Kimball High School cafeteria, 1500 Lexington Blvd., Royal Oak. Exhibits will focus on reducing, reusing and recycling waste materials; there will be a Detroit Edison Enviro-Magic show at 4:30 p.m. The program is free. SOCRRA, the Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority, is the trash handling agency for Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Lathrup Village and Troy, among other area communities. For more information, call (248) 288-5150.

MONEY MATTERS

The Womancenter at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus is presenting "Money Matters: The Ten Percent Solution", a seminar on

money management tips for women 7-9 p.m. April 21. The seminar will be held in J Building Room 308. Admission is \$10. The campus is at 27055 Orchard Lake Road, south of I-996, Farmington Hills. Additional information is available by calling (248) 540-1540.

HEALTHY GAMES

Hoops for Help, a basketball-themed March of Dimes fundraiser, is being held 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday in front of the Oakland County Friend of the Court building, 230 Elizabeth Lake Road, Pontiac. Participants raise money by shooting baskets. Friend of the Court employees are sponsoring the event. For more information, call (248) 858-1048.

LAW DAY

The Oakland County Bar Association is sponsoring Meet The Lawyer, a program dispensing free one-on-one legal advice, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 3 at Tel-12 Mall, Southfield. The event is part of the 11th annual Oakland County Law Fair, to be held that day at the mall. For more information on Meet the Lawyer, call Shirley Robertson, (248) 334-3400. For more advice of the law fair, call 46th District Court Judge Stephen Cooper's office, (248) 354-9377.

LAW EXAM

A free LSAT preparation program, including a practice test, is being offered 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 25 at Oakland University through the OU College of Arts and Sciences. LSAT scores commonly help determine admission to law school programs. To register, or for more information, call (248) 370-3125.

GRAD SCHOOL EXAM

Students preparing for the Graduate Record Examination are invited to attend a workshop series sponsored by the Oakland

University College of Arts and Sciences. A seven-week Tuesday-Thursday series is scheduled for Birmingham Seaholm High School, beginning April 21. A five-week Saturday series begins April 25 at Oakland University's main campus. Cost for either workshop series is \$295. To register, or for more information, call (248) 370-3125.

CAMP EVENT

A benefit concert featuring the musical trio "Me, Him and Her" is scheduled for May 3 at First United Methodist church, Royal Oak. The event will raise contributions for Camp RainBear, a first-of-its-kind Michigan camp for children with HIV and AIDS. For more information, call Loisann Arnold (248) 496-3872 or Kate Wade at (248) 549-7337.

WALSH REGISTRATION

Sign-ups for summer classes has begun at Walsh College. Students can register for classes at campuses in Troy, Novi, Clinton township and Port Huron. Summer classes run May 15 to July 27. Walsh offers degree programs in accounting, computer systems, finance, management and marketing. For more information, call (248) 689-8282.

Oakland Digest provides a summary of headline stories from around the county during the week leading up to April 12.

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

Upscale IHOP: IHOP is hopping into town, minus its traditional turquoise roof. In keeping with the township's tony image, the International House of Pancakes planned for the Telegraph/Square Lake area will feature a brick facade, and stone-colored roof, with wood trim.

FARMINGTON HILLS

Crime declines: Last year may have been "the best year in history" in the city's efforts to battle serious crime, police Chief William Dwyer reported. Serious crime declined in 1997 for the third straight year, Dwyer said. Crime statistics showed a 25 percent drop in burglaries and a more-than 50 percent drop in vandalism.

MERO HARBOR

Business owners say they want out of the city's plans to rezone Cass Lake Road properties. A corridor rezoning plan for the roadway would allow townhouses, but business owners said the plan would end up lowering property values.

LAKE ORION

Parks needs: Village parks need substantial improvements, according to several residents who spoke out at a recent council session. Residents complained of broken park equipment and a lack of picnic tables and said trash was too rarely cleared.

OXFORD

Reluctant appointee: Village president Tom Athans was appointed to the Oxford Emergency Safety authority, but he's not exactly thrilled with

the post. Athans has been outspoken calling for board membership to be reformed. While both the village and Oxford Township send members to the board, Athans said the municipalities have too little control over its actions.

ROCHESTER

He's the chief: Dan Jacobson is the city's new fire chief. Jacobson, 34, is currently maintenance supervisor for the Great Oaks Apartments complex. He will become chief June 1. Before that, he'll spend two weeks working with retiring chief Bill Gray.

SOUTHFIELD

The city will give federal Community Development Block Grant dollars to HAVEN, a domestic violence Survival Center after all. Councilman Tom Fracassi argued Mayor Donald Fracassi would like to provide a combined \$17,000 in federal block grant money to the domestic violence shelters. Fracassi argued that block grant funds weren't the proper method for supporting shelter programs.

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

Police seek funds: Renewal of two police millages await voters in the township's August primary election. Police seek to renew \$2484 millage for basic services. The department includes 10 officers and a sergeant.

TROY

The local League of Women Voters is taking the city's cable station to task for making incumbent Councilman John Stevens the April 6 presentation of the league's "Meet the Candidates" forum. Stevens was absent from the March 25 forum. His comments were taped and inserted into the program by cable station.

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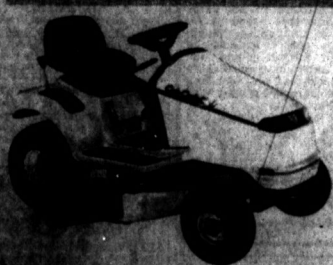
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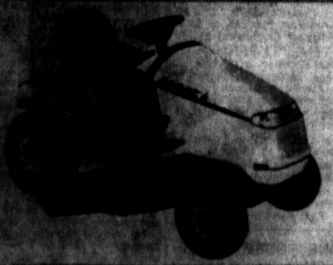
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College bound: Oxford's Megan Hope (44) has decided to play her college basketball at Oakland Community College.

Oxford's Hope decides on OCC

Now there are two.

Megan Hope, the senior center on Oxford's girls' basketball team, became the second Wildcat this year to commit to play college basketball.

Hope, a 6-4 center whose presence was pivotal to the Wildcat defense the last two years, will play at Oakland Community College. She follows teammate Jenny White, who has committed to Saginaw Valley.

"I'm really excited," Hope said. "It's going to be a step up. It's a tougher challenge, a stronger game than in high school."

Hope was particularly impressed with Raiders coach Todd Covert, and with the recruits he's bringing in.

"I'm kind of excited to play with some of the people they're recruiting," she said. "It'll be fun to get a chance to play with different people."

Hope's college plans have changed in recent months. She originally planned to attend Macomb Community College, but that school lost its coach to Schoolcraft Community College, which caused her change in plans.

"I had planned on going to Macomb for awhile, but then the coach left, and Schoolcraft was just too far away," Hope said.

The Raiders expect to be able to use Hope soon. They finished 10-6 a year ago, good for fourth in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association. Hope will see time at the center spot for the Raiders, according to Covert.

"We recruited some great guards, so we're going to press," Covert said. "We can gamble outside and if our guards get beat we've got Megan behind us. She'll be a great defensive player just because of her size and athletic ability. I think her potential is unlimited. She'll be an impact player here if she works hard, and at the next level if she works hard there."

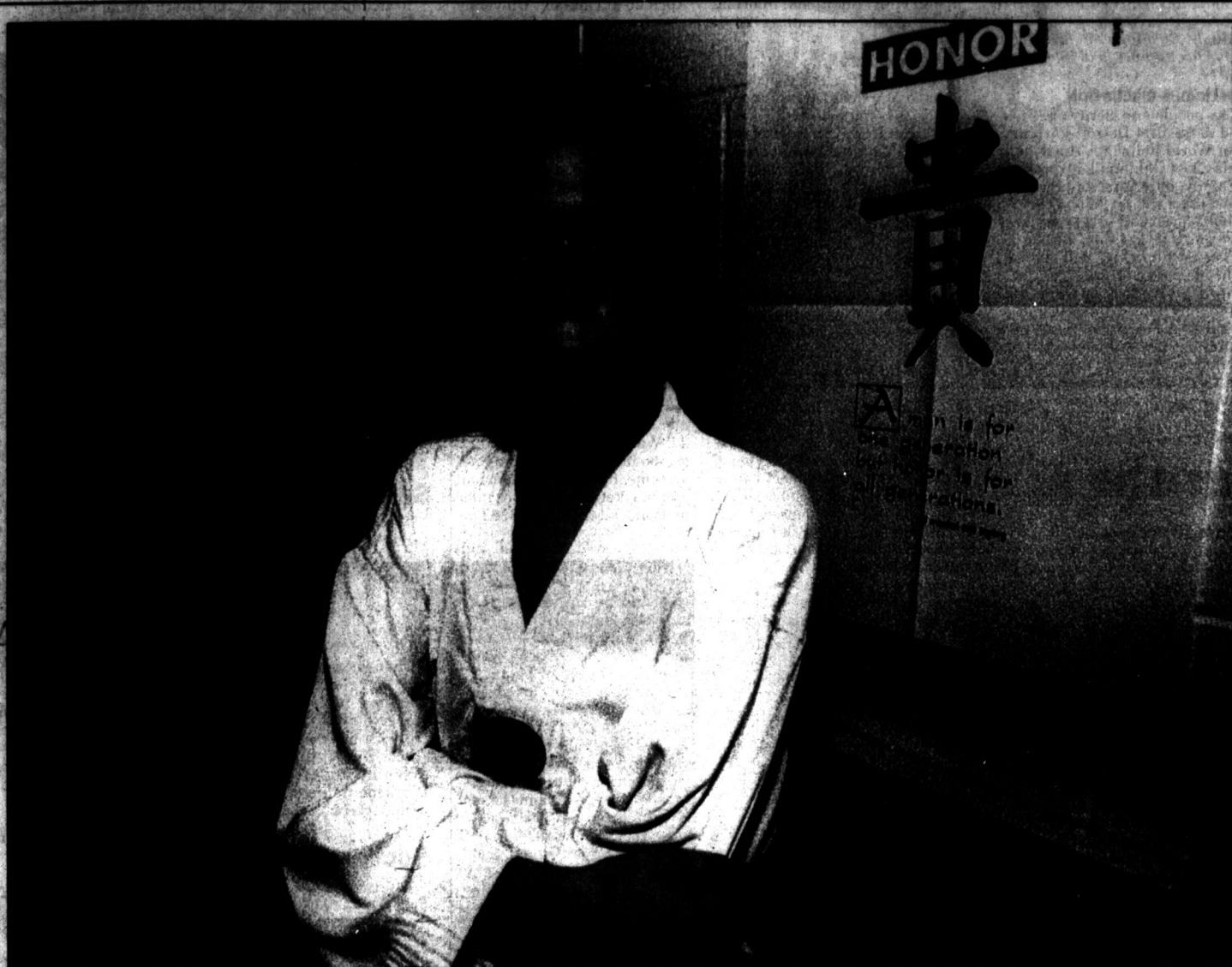
SPORTS BRIEFS

Soccer Games Needed

Rochester High School is looking to schedule a pair of girls varsity/junior varsity soccer games on any of the following open dates: April 20, April 21, April 22, or April 23. Contests can be played either home or away. Interested. Contact Rochester Athletic Director Shane Renshaw at (248) 651-5590.

Prep Games Needed

Rochester Hills Christian, a 95-student high school, has several open dates for its inaugural varsity girls soccer team, and a couple of open dates for its varsity baseball team — single games or double-headers. All contests must be played against small Christian, parochial, or other private schools with enrollments of 300 or less (grades 9-12). Interested in matching open dates? Contact Athletic Director Chuck Burch at (248) 852-0685.



Blue belt: Eric Zioncheck of Lake Orion has racked up numerous victories in karate tournaments over the course of the last four years, trying to keep up with heroes like Bruce Lee and Jackie Chan.

The Karate Kid

Lake Orion athlete beats the odds to excel at 11

Most athletic 11-year-old boys share the same group of heroes.

They look up to sports phenoms like Michael Jordan, Ken Griffey Jr., Wayne Gretzky and Barry Sanders with aspirations of someday becoming famous stars themselves.

Lake Orion resident Eric Zioncheck also looks up to a group of heroes, but the 11-year-old has aspirations slightly different from the normal fifth-grader at Blanche Sims Elementary School.

"I really like Bruce Lee," he admitted. "Bruce Lee and Jackie Chan."

Eric is a fan of karate; and Bruce Lee is his favorite idol.

"I have a lot of books with (Bruce Lee) in them and some movies of him," Eric said.

Finding his own way

He hasn't always been a karate fan. About five years ago, Eric and his younger brother, Sean, started playing soccer. However, as Sean began to excel in that sport, Eric struggled.

That's when Eric first saw the film *Fists of Fury* featuring Bruce Lee. The rest is history.

"It was at that time that Eric decided he really wanted to try karate," said Ed Zioncheck, Eric's father. "He has been committed to it ever since and he's done quite well for someone his age."

Quite well, indeed.

Eric, who is currently a Blue Belt with a Red Stripe — which is three stages below being a first-degree

black belt — has emerged as one of the best performers from Michigan in his age group, racking up several awards at various tournaments in a handful of states during the past four years.

Reaching that level of performance isn't easy under the best of circumstances; for Eric, it was an even greater challenge.

You see, he was born with Neuro-intestinal Dysplasia, a rare condition in which a person is born without nerves in the intestines. Eric also has a disability called "muscular-delayed," which sometimes makes the muscles react at a slower pace than is normal.

No one would ever notice watching Eric Zioncheck.

"Karate for Eric has kind of been a

godsend," said dad Ed Zioncheck. "Being interested in karate has helped my son come into his own. It has really helped him develop a lot of confidence."

"His mother, Kathy, had reservations about Eric being involved in karate, wondering if he could cut it or not," he continued. "But Eric has done better than we thought he would."

Eric stands just 4-feet-8 and weighs about "65 pounds soaking wet," estimates his father. His size hasn't hampered him a bit.

"He is not intimidated by anybody. He never backs down from anyone he competes against," boasted his dad.

Please see KARATE, C2

'Cats' winning streak ends in regional rematch

The Oxford Wildcats had a chance to exact some small measure of revenge Friday night, and just missed it.

The Wildcats, who lost to Marysville in the prep baseball regional last year, had their shot at the Vikings Friday and couldn't pull it off. Marysville won the first game 15-1, then gave up a game-tying run in the bottom of the seventh before settling for a 2-2 tie in the nightcap.

Oxford didn't play well in the opener, and missed a couple of late scoring opportunities in Game Two, particularly in the seventh, when they had runners at second and third with two outs but couldn't get the game-winning hit.

"You can't make mistakes or a good team is going to beat you," Oxford coach Art Marcell said afterward. "We made too many mistakes offensively and defensively."

The Wildcats, playing without three starters due to spring break trips, trailed just 2-1 after two innings of the first game, then watched the Vikings put together a three-run third inning, score four times in the fifth and five more in the ninth to take the easy win.

Oxford scored its only run on a double by Pat Jacobi and a pair of ground-outs to second — by Brad Pyke, advancing Jacobi to third, and by Dave Hein.

Their only other real threat came in the fourth, when Jacobi doubled and

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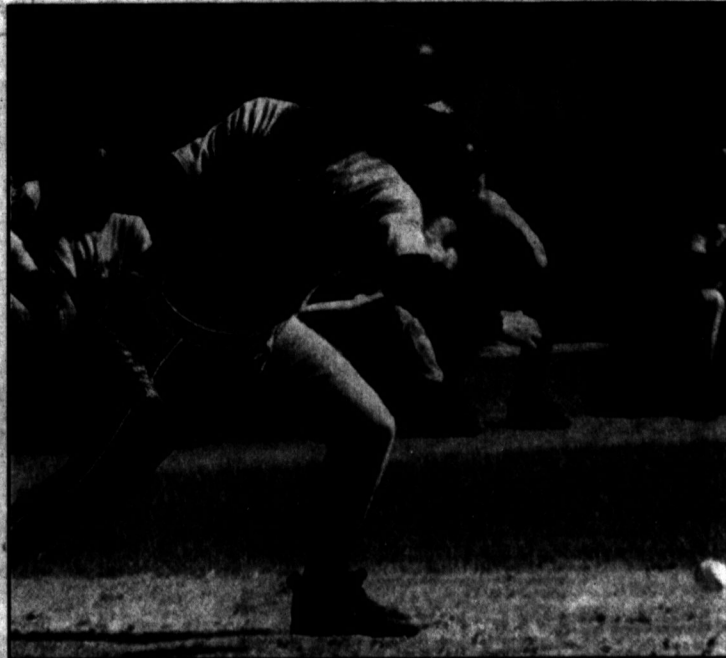
—Oxford baseball coach

went to third on a passed ball. But Marysville sophomore Brad Morenko got Pyke to ground back to the mound and struck out Hein and Kendall Chudy to end the threat.

The second game was obviously much closer. Marysville got both of its runs in the third off Wildcat starter Josh Graham, who pitched well despite a bone-chilling wind. Graham went the distance and allowed just five hits.

Oxford scored in the fifth when Chudy walked and went all the way to third on a wild pitch, then came home on a sacrifice fly by John Runyon.

The Wildcats got their final run in the seventh. Chudy drew a one-out walk and stole second. Brad Nowacki drew a walk and, with Graham at the plate, Marcell elected to send Chudy. Joe Nagel grounded to second and Nowacki beat the throw to second, with Chudy scoring on the play. Nowacki and Nagel moved up on a



Hit and run: Oxford's John Pleasant drops a grounder in front of the plate during the first game of a doubleheader with Marysville Friday. The Vikings won the first game, and the teams played to a 2-2 tie in the nightcap.

Please see BASEBALL, C2



Getting his kicks: Eric Zioncheck of Lake Orion gets in some kicks during a workout. The youngster has won many awards in the last four years.

Karate from page C1

Learning the ropes

Eric began taking karate lessons at the Lake Orion Karate Club more than four years ago. After a year-and-a-half, his instructor Doug Bourgeois left to form the Waterford Karate Club, which is in Waterford Township.

After one more semester in Lake Orion, the Zionchecks decided to reunite their son with his former teacher, who is a third-degree Black Belt.

Since then, Eric has climbed to unexpected heights.

In a national-qualifier competition in Indiana on March 14, Eric earned two golds and one bronze medal in his age group, which helped him make the cut — along with two other competitors from the Waterford Karate Club — for the Junior Nationals, a three-day tournament this summer in Norfolk, Virginia.

In the past two years, he has also medaled in tournaments in Charlotte, North Carolina, and Dayton, Ohio, among others. He

plans to fly with his father to Boca Raton, Florida, for another invitational this summer.

"Traveling all over the place has been expensive, but it's also been a lot of fun," said dad Ed Zioncheck, who helps teach and instruct his son and his teammates while at tournaments.

Unexpected spinoffs

The camaraderie at the Waterford Karate Club, along with extreme discipline, has not only helped Eric in karate competition, but he has also become a very good student.

"I really like to read a lot," offers Eric.

In fact last year Eric had to miss a karate tournament for a reading competition at his school called The Battle of the Books.

Six teams of six members each were asked to read at least 10 required books for a competition that featured a variety of questions for each squad. Blanche Sims' team had only had five

members so Eric decided to fill the gap even though he had to give up his love — karate — for one day.

Today, giving up karate for anything else isn't likely.

"It's my favorite thing to do," Eric said. "I've come a long way over the past couple of years. I used to get a lot of fifth or sixth places. But I've really gone up recently."

Eric says he would really like to own his own karate club someday. But for the time being, he is just concerned about some of his upcoming competitions, including the Michigan Qualifier April 25th in Indian River, and the Junior Nationals.

"With the Junior Nationals coming up, I've got to be prepared," said Eric, who usually trains one hour on Tuesdays and Thursday and two hours each Saturday.

Eric is also working on earning his black belt sometime in the near future.

Baseball from page C1

grounder to first by Graham, but Viking pitcher Nick Kammer caught pinch hitter JR Parsons looking at a called third strike.

The umpires then called the game due to darkness.

The doubleheader was Oxford's stiffest competition, and

the Wildcats went into it without their best player, pitcher/shortstop Kenny Allen, and two other starters, Bo Linto and first baseman Brian Olesky. Allen was at the Air Force Academy on a college visit and the others were off on spring break trips.

"This was the best team we'd faced so far, and we knew that going in," Marcell said. "It's tough to play a team like that with some of your kids in Florida."

Oxford hosts Brandon Monday. Game time is 4 p.m.

In-line skating

Independence Township Parks and Recreation offers a two-hour course designed to make in-line skating easy. The course teaches stopping techniques, several turns, hazard avoidance and skate tips, and is designed for beginning through advanced courses.

Both sessions take place at Clintonwood Park. Session II takes place May 30 from 10 a.m. to noon (for 6-11-year-olds) and May 31 from 1 to 3 p.m. (12-older). Session II takes place June 13 from 10 a.m. to noon (6-11) and 1 to 3 p.m. (12-older).

Cost is \$22 for residents, \$32 for non-residents. Call 625-8223 for more information.

Select soccer

Tryouts for all boys and girls select teams for the 1998/99 fall and spring season takes place at Clintonwood soccer fields June 22-26 from 5 to 9 p.m. Tryouts will be held for U-11 through U-19 girls and U-11 through U-14 boys.

There is no cost for tryouts, but there are player fees in addition to team fees if the player makes the team. Players must be from the Clarkston school district unless there are extenuating circumstances. Participants must pre-register with parks & rec by June 1.

Soccer camps

Independence Township Parks and Recreation hosts a week of soccer instruction July 27-31 at Clintonwood Park. Mini-camp for players ages 9-11 take place from 9 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$40 for residents, \$50 for non-residents. Full-day

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camp from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for players 10-14 cost \$40 for residents, \$50 for non-residents (half-day) or \$70 for residents, \$80 for non-residents (full-day). Call 625-8223 for more details.

Hershey Track

The Hershey Track and Field local meet will be held June 20 at 10 a.m. for boys and girls ages 9-14. Winners of the local meet qualify for the state finals in Howell on Friday, July 10. Specific days and times of practices will be announced.

Gymnastics classes

The Oxford Township Parks and Recreation Department offers gymnastics classes on Wednesdays for boys and girls ages 18 months through 4-1/2 years from April 22 to May 27. Classes are conducted in the Oxford Library Rotary Room, and cost \$33 for residents, \$38 for non residents.

■ **Tumble Tots:** Ages 18 months-2 years; Session 1, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.; Session 2, 12:30 to 1:15 p.m.

■ **Tumble Bees 1:** Ages 2-4 years; Session 1, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.; Session 2, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

■ **Tumble Bees 2:** Ages 3-1/2 to 4-1/2 years; 1:30 to 2:15 p.m.

A multi-skill level develop-

mental class for students in grades K-4 is also available. It takes place from April 20 to June 1, and costs \$33 for residents, \$38 for non-residents.

It will be taught on Mondays at Daniel Axford's gym, on Tuesdays at the Leonard Elementary gym, and on Thursdays at the Clear Lake Elementary cafeteria. All sessions run from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. The class will cover all the basics, with emphasis on tumbling. For more information, call 628-1720.

Bowling for kids

Oxford Township Parks and Recreation offers bowling classes for kids. Classes for beginning bowlers will run on Tuesdays from April 28 to June 2 from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. Beginning fundamentals will be taught.

Intermediate classes will be held Thursdays from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. Classes are conducted at Collier Bowling Center and cost \$38 for residents, \$43 for non-residents.

Horseback riding

Oxford Township Parks and Recreation sponsors horseback riding classes for riders ages 5 to adult at the Michigan Riding Academy, 835 Hummer Lake Road, Oxford.

The four-week sessions will be offered from April 21-May 15; May 18-June 12; and June 15-July 17. Classes are available Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 4 to 5 and 5 to 6 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. cost is \$78 for residents, \$83 for non-residents 18-under, and \$88 for non-residents over 18 years old.

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ACTIVITIES

SWAP MEET

The Oakland County Sportsmen's Club will hold its annual Sportsman's Swap Meet, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 26, at its clubhouse and grounds in Clarkston. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

ARCHERY

LEAGUES FORMING

Several archery leagues are forming at the Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston. There will be a MAA target league on Monday mornings (beginning May 4), 3D leagues on Tuesday mornings and Tuesday nights (beginning May 5), and Wednesday nights (beginning May 6) and field & hunter leagues Thursday mornings and evenings (starting April 30). All leagues are 12 weeks long. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

BANQUETS

TROUT UNLIMITED

The Paul H. Young Chapter of Trout Unlimited will hold its annual Spring Banquet on Thursday, April 23, at the Royalty House in Warren. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. The event features door prizes, raffles and auctions with prizes including a fly fishing vacation in the Bahamas, mountain bikes, golf outings, season tickets for U-M football, wildlife art and much more. Tickets are \$40 each or \$75 for a couple and available by calling (248) 353-4565.

BIG GAME HUNTERS

The Michigan Big Game Hunter's Association will hold its 10th annual banquet and fund raiser beginning at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Laurel Manor Banquet Center in Livonia. Tickets are \$40 each in advance and \$350 for a table of 10. Tickets will be \$50 at the door. To order tickets and for more information call (313) 513-7471.

DUCKS UNLIMITED

The Birmingham-Bloomfield-Troy Chapter of Ducks Unlimited will hold its 21st Annual Sportsman's Dinner on Wednesday, May 13, at the San Marino Club in Troy.

CLASSES

DUCK & GOOSE CALLING

West Bloomfield Community Education will offer a class in duck and goose calling beginning at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 27. Taught by noted waterfowl guide Lyman Burgess, the class will meet for one hour each week for four consecutive weeks at the Orchard Lake Middle School. Registration fee is \$35. Call (248) 539-2290 for more information.

TWILIGHT TRAVELS

Learn about creatures that become active after dark during this evening walk, which will be held Saturday, April 25 at the University of Michigan Dearborn. Call (313) 593-5338 for more information.

HUNTER EDUCATION

Oakland County Sportsmen's Club will hold a hunter education class beginning Thursday, April 30, at its clubhouse in Clarkston. The class will meet 6:30-9:30 p.m. on April 30, May 4, 5, 6 and 7 as well as 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9. Registration fee is \$6 and participants must be 12 years old by Dec. 31, 1998. Class size is limited. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club will present Fly Fishing For the Beginner on Saturday and Sunday, May 23, 24. Both day-long sessions run 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will be held at the Drayton Plains Nature Center. Cost is \$80 per student. Call Rick Sak at (743) 464-3271 for more information and to register.

MORE HUNTER EDUCATION

Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will hold several hunter education classes in the upcoming

months at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. These classes will be taught by certified instructors. Students must be present for both days of their respective class. All equipment will be provided. Classes will be offered Aug. 29-30, Oct. 3-4, Oct. 17-18 and Nov. 7-8. Cost is \$10.50 and includes lunch both days. To pre-register call (313) 532-0285.

CLUBS

SOLAR

The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDYS

Fishing Buddys Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers. Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

MEETINGS

NRC

The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, May 13-14 in Lansing. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 a week in advance.

SEASON/DATES

EXTENDED TROUT

The extended trout and salmon fishing season on designated streams is April 1-24.

FISHING

The 1997-98 fishing and hunting licenses expired March 31.

CATCH AND RELEASE

A special catch-and-release trout season runs through April 24 on a designated section of the Huron River at the Proud Lake Recreation Area.

SPEARS/BOWS

Spearing, hand netting and bow season for suckers, carp, gar and bowfin runs through May 31 on non-trout waters south of M-46

PIKE

Pike season opens April 25 on inland lakes in the Lower Peninsula.

SMELT

Smelt netting season on non-trout streams runs through May 31 south of M-72 and May 1-31 north of M-72. Bow and spear fishing on non-trout inland waters is open for gar, carp and bowfin May 1-Aug. 15. Check the 1998 Michigan Fishing Guide for exceptions and closures.

STURGEON

Sturgeon season ends April 30 on the Great Lakes and connecting waters.

TURKEY

The spring turkey season runs April 20-May 31 by special permit in designated areas only.

TROUT

Trout season opens April 25.

WALLEYE

Walleye and sauger season opens April 25 on inland waters in the Lower Peninsula.

MUSKIE

Muskie season opens April 25 on inland waters in the Lower Peninsula.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN

Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours are 10 a.m. to dusk on Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. In addition, the sporting clays course, trap & skeet shooting and archery ranges are open noon-dusk on Mondays and Tuesdays. Beginning in mid-April the rifle range will also be open noon-dusk on Mondays and Tuesdays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE

Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

Ortonville Recreation Area in

Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

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BIRD IN THE HAND

Examine the ecology of migratory birds during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at Independence Oaks.

PARK CLEANUP

Celebrate Earth Day by volunteering to enhance the beauty of Orion Oaks on Saturday, April 25. From 9 a.m.-4 p.m. volunteers will plant seedlings and saplings, clear debris from inside the park, construct docks and make trail improvements. Volunteers should meet at the Baldwin Road entrance. Lunch will be provided. Call (248) 391-0110.

FREE WOOD CHIPS

Free wood chips from the Oakland County Parks Christmas tree recycling program, will be available on Saturday, April 25, at Orion Oaks at the Clarkston Road entrance. Individuals are asked to provide their own shovels and to load the chips by hand. No motorized equipment is allowed and no commercial haulers. Additional wood chip dates are scheduled for May 23, June 27, July 25, August 29, Sept. 26 and Oct. 31.

CARING FOR THE LAND

Learn how ordinary citizens can make a difference in saving the environment and celebrate Wildlife Week at this family event featuring the work of conservationist Aldo Leopold, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Independence Oaks.

The Week Ahead

The following is a listing of all of the sporting events in the Clarkston, Lake Orion, and Oxford areas for the upcoming week. If you would like to have information printed here, please send pertinent information to the Eccentric Sports Department, 790 S. Lapeer Road, Lake Orion, Michigan, 48362.

Mon. April 20

Girls Varsity Soccer - Clarkston Springfield Christian at Oxford Christian (4:30); Lake Orion at Berkley (7:00); Oxford at Lapeer East (5:00); Royal Oak Kimball at Clarkston (7:00).
Varsity Softball - Troy Athens at Lake Orion (DH) (4:00); Auburn Hills Avondale at Oxford (4:00); Clarkston at Lapeer East (DH) (4:00).
Varsity Boys Tennis - Lake Orion at Waterford Mott (4:00); Southfield-Lathrup at Clarkston (4:00).
Varsity Baseball - Ortonville-Brandon at Oxford (DH) (4:00); Lapeer East at Clarkston (DH) (4:00).
Varsity Boys/Girls Track - Oxford at Lapeer West (4:00).

Tues. April 21

Varsity Baseball - Clarkston Springfield Christian at Clinton Township Faith Christian (4:30).
Varsity Girls Soccer - Davison Faith Baptist at Clarkston Springfield Christian (5:15).
Varsity Softball - Lake Orion at Rochester Adams (DH) (4:00).
Varsity Boys/Girls Track - Clarkston at Lake Orion (4:00); Walled Lake Western at Clarkston (4:00).

Wed. April 22

Varsity Baseball - Lake Orion at Troy Athens (DH) (4:00); Clarkston at Royal Oak Kimball (DH) (4:00).
Varsity Girls Golf - Lake Orion at OAA Division III Tournament (Pontiac Municipal) (9 a.m.).
Varsity Boys Tennis - Lake Orion at Goodrich (4:30).
Varsity Girls Soccer - Bloomfield Hills Lahser at Lake Orion (7:00); Oxford at Linden (6:30).
Varsity Boys/Girls Track - Lapeer East at Oxford (4:00).
Varsity Softball - Rochester Adams at Clarkston (DH).

Thurs. April 23

Varsity Baseball - Warren Macomb Christian at Clarkston Springfield Christian (4:30); Oxford at Lapeer West (DH) (4:00).
Varsity Boys/Girls Track - Waterford Mott at Lake Orion (4:00); West Bloomfield at Clarkston (4:30).
Varsity Softball - Lapeer West at Oxford (DH) (4:00).
Varsity Girls Soccer - Clarkston at Lapeer East (4:30).
Varsity Boys Tennis - Lapeer West at Clarkston (4:00).

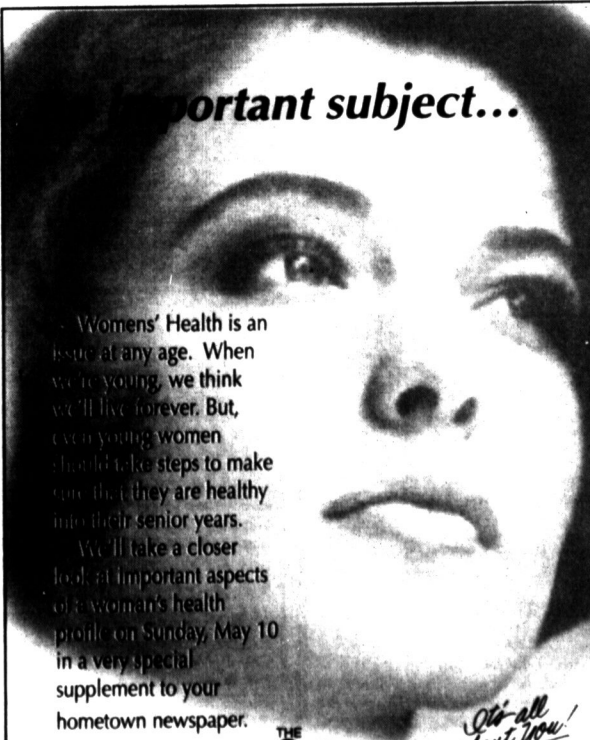
Fri. April 24

Varsity Baseball - Warren-Zoe Christian at Clarkston Springfield Christian (DH) (4:00); Troy at Lake Orion (DH) (4:00); Troy Athens at Clarkston (4:00).
Varsity Softball - Royal Oak Kimball at Lake Orion (DH) (4:00).
Varsity Girls Golf - Lake Orion at Pontiac Central (3:00).
Varsity Boys/Girls Track - Oxford Relays (Girls Only) (4:00).
Varsity Boys Tennis - Lake Orion at Pontiac Northern (4:00).
Varsity Girls Soccer - Lake Orion at Royal Oak Kimball (6:30); Oxford at Goodrich (5:00); Waterford Kettering at Clarkston (7:00).

Sat. April 25

Varsity Boys/Girls Track - Bloomfield Hills Andover Co-Ed Relays (9 a.m.); West Bloomfield Invitational (9 a.m.).
Varsity Baseball - Macomb Dakota at Oxford (DH) (11 a.m.).
Varsity Softball - Clarkston at Grand Slam Tournament (TBA).
Varsity Boys Tennis - Clarkston at Warren Mott Invitational (9 a.m.).

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Bessemer City Manufacturing Company has an immediate opening for a Sales Secretary. Essential job functions include extensive telephone work, typing, and handling correspondence as well as all other general office duties. Job requirements include a minimum of 5-6 years experience in a sales office, high school diploma, proficiency in Microsoft Office, strong communication skills, and the ability to handle a fast-paced environment. For consideration, please submit your resume to: Brian Clark, Human Resources, P.O. Box 505, Bessemer City, NC 28004 Fax: 704-689-5000

SALES SECRETARY
Call for more information. Fax resume to: (734) 525-3467 or call: (734) 525-5400

502 Help Wanted-Office Clerical

SECRETARY

FULL-TIME, for Land Surveying Co. Computer experience required. (313) 455-0000

SECRETARY II - BUILDING DEPARTMENT

City of Southfield
Responsible for taking detailed and/or verbal minutes of zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) via shorthand/typewriter skills to provide official record. Speedwriting and court reporting skills considered. Responsible for development and maintenance of database, mailings, correspondence to ZBA. Provides clerical assistance for building department staff and assists public in person and by phone. MS products. Minimum of 3 years experience. Must have excellent communication skills, including 2 years PC with knowledge of WordPerfect, Database and Spreadsheet applications, and ability to learn dedicated department program. Starting salary: \$24,791 plus a comprehensive benefits package. Apply at: City of Southfield, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield, MI 48076. Applications accepted until 5:00 p.m., April 29, 1998.

SECRETARY
needed for Southfield law office. Computerword processing skills required. No law experience necessary. Compensation commensurate with skills. Send resume to: Weisberg & Wilson, P.C., 21650 W. Warren, Suite 202, Southfield, MI 48076. Or Fax: (248) 350-0504

SECRETARY NEEDED
For Southfield in Southfield. We are looking for a very organized, motivated, and pleasant person. Prior bookkeeping/office experience a must. No health benefits. Please call: 248-945-0200.

SECRETARY
needed ASAP. Part-time secretary for busy out-patient mental health center. Must have excellent customer service skills & ability to work independently. Please submit resume to: Let's Hire, Box 82683, Observer & Electronic Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150

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SECRETARY - Part Time
Medina University is seeking to fill 2 positions. 1) 12 hr/wk in our Grad Studies Office. 2) 20 hr/wk in our Instruction Center. Qualified candidates should possess excellent communication skills and a strong knowledge of WordPerfect & Excel. To apply send resume with reference to preferred position & salary requirement to: Human Resources, Medina University, 36000 Schaefer Rd., Livonia, MI 48150 EOE.

SECRETARY POSITION
Leading Livonia Real Estate Office seeking a Secretary. Will use phone, computer, and typewriter. Some flexibility in hours. Contact: Anne Norris, Century 21, 21st Row (734) 464-7111

SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST
PART TIME to full time. Good communication skills. Excellent benefits. Call (313) 277-0200

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SECRETARY
To Director of Business, Finance Board or for Director of Business. Excellent Typing, Computer Skills. Microsoft Word/Excel a plus. Excellent bookkeeping skills. Send resume to: R. Roy Dancy, Supervisor, 301 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167

SECRETARY
TROY based patent law firm seeks support staff member with good grammar, excellent typing skills, and experience with Microsoft Word/Excel. \$9.50/hr. Must be a minimum of 10 years experience to manage multiple priorities. Please send resume to: Troy location, full-time. Phone & computer skills required. Competitive benefits. Respond to: Box 82653, Observer & Electronic Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150

SECRETARY
With general office and word processing skills for immediate, full-time employment. Must have excellent interpersonal skills and enjoy working with both staff and members. Salary commensurate with experience. Send resume to: Temple Shalom, 3000 Walnut Lake Rd., West Bloomfield, MI 48323 Fax: 248-737-6962

SECRETARY/WORD PROCESSOR
Fast paced professional office with excellent benefits. Must have 5+ years experience. Strong WordPerfect for Windows 5.1 or 6.0 skills required. Responsible for typing, editing, and proofreading correspondence. Please send resume to: P.O. Box 505, Farmington Hills, MI 48334 Fax: 248-304-2335

SERVICE ADMINISTRATOR
needed for fast paced service center. Must have excellent communication skills and be detail oriented with excellent organizational & communication skills. Please send resume to: 248-344-6700

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503 Engineering

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Design Engineer / Assistant Manager wanted to create/revise all engineering drawings for production of auto parts. Will conduct value analysis and design review. Interfaces with internal departments and production facilities. EE or ME and 3-5 years engineering experience required. Please send resume and salary history to: Box 82855, Observer & Electronic Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150

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Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that on Friday, April 24, 1992 at 9:00am at 934 Ann Arbor Rd., 1/4 mile south, MI 48170, a public auction of the following vehicle(s) will be held:

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DATED: April 8, 1998
BY: Plymouth Twp. Police Dept.

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SAT. AUC. 10:30AM
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Joel & Marie Garther,
By Order of the United States
Bankruptcy Court,
Lawrence Friedman, Trustee
Case #98-40593-RG
4093 Village Commons Dr.
West Bloomfield
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to inspection by appointment only
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
PLYMOUTH FIRST United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Rd.,

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Fri., Apr. 23, 9-4. 50 bag sale, 3-4 pm. Potluck. Pancake, Brownies, 12 Main St. (Behind Crowley's).

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New Chevrolet Prizm delivers dependability

CAReport



By Anne Fracassa
Avanti NewsFeatures



Looks strange, seeing the familiar blue bowtie on the front and rear of the 1998 Chevrolet Prizm.

Actually, I always thought it rather silly that Chevrolet had a division within itself to sell the Geo line of automobiles and sport utilities. So someone finally woke up over there and just deep-sixed the Geo name.

But I guess the Geo nameplate served a purpose: To serve as an import challenger. Never mind everyone thought the whole Geo line was made in the U.S. Never mind nobody ever saw the similarities between its Toyota and Suzuki counterparts, either.

But what's different about this new Chevrolet Prizm (and it's not called a Chevy Prizm, either) is that not only does it have a freshened appearance both inside and out, but it has a lot more technology, safety and options this year.

First of all, there's room for five. Really. It's a sedan, so it's really easy to get in and out of. There are two models to choose from: A base sedan and the LSi sedan. The base is basic transportation; the LSi is just a tad nicer.

Some of the changes include a rear fender-mounted antenna, standard dual, black outside mirrors, rear stabilizer bar, standard power steering, remote keyless entry, new wheel trims, new air conditioning compressor, front-side airbags, rear-seat head restraints, rear-seat center three-point safety belt, a large glove box, tachometer and delay-off lighting.

You'd think that a 1.8-liter 16-valve engine wouldn't have a lot of spunk. Well, this one does. Fifteen more horses are



Consider the 1998 Chevrolet Prizm a cute little number and good, solid transportation.

under the hood this year give this aluminum engine 120 horsepower. Zero to 60 mph in 10.5 seconds. Not Indy, but enough for a car this size. Never let me down on the freeway or when pulling away from a light.

I will say this, however. I got very fatigued driving the 5-speed model. You have to generate a lot of pressure on the clutch during shifts and I quickly tired during a traffic jam.

There is a lot of trunk space in the Prizm — 12.1 cubic feet, to be exact. That's nothing to sneeze at. Especially from a compact car. It held ice skating equipment (helmets and skates take up lots), five fairly large Easter baskets and several plates of food on one outing.

Built on the same assembly line as the Toyota Corolla in Fremont, Calif., the \$17,000-something Prizm has a host of crash avoidance features that mean a lot if you're looking for the perfect car for your college-bound child.

Of course, there are the daytime run-

ning lamps. But the Prizm also has an automatic exterior lamp that turns on your headlights automatically when it senses it's dark outside.

The Prizm also has power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering, optional 4-wheel anti-lock brakes, brake/transmission shift interlock and a starter interlock switch that makes you depress the clutch to start the ignition.

There were a host of driving conditions this week, ranging from cold to nearly summer-like. No matter. The car started well in every condition. The standard air conditioner compressor is automatically engaged in defrost to reduce fogging. That's a neat feature.

The interior of the Prizm is nicely laid out and very logical. Nothing is out of place and everything can be reached easily. The knobs and controls are large enough for even the largest hands and can be easily changed.

In the center armrest is a storage compartment that can carry plenty of CDs or

cassettes and a pair of sunglasses. In both front doors are map pockets, and they're large enough to carry the Sunday paper, actually.

We talked about neat technology. The Prizm is now outfitted with an on-board refueling vapor recovery system. It stops fumes from escaping through the filler neck or the fuel tank by redirecting it to a charcoal vapor recovery canister. The canister holds the fumes there until they can be burned by the engine.

This system will be mandated on all cars by 2000, and the Prizm is one of the first vehicles to offer the system.

Write Anne Fracassa at avanti1054@aol.com.

1998 Chevrolet Prizm
Vehicle class: Compact.
Power: 1.8-liter dual overhead cam.
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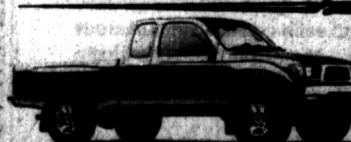


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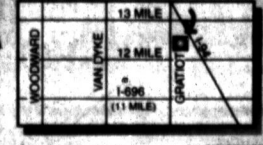
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Just what is "Empowerment"?



JIM PAWLAK

From the mailbox. Sheila is an administrative assistant who works for a firm where "empowerment" is the latest buzzword. She's wondering just what empowerment is and how an administrative assistant can be empowered.

Empowerment is leadership without formal, organization-chart authority. Empowered people do what needs to be done and then look for more to do. They think about how they and their coworkers do their jobs and how all can work smarter. They don't just make suggestions. They do their homework and make recommendations backed by implementation plans.

Empowered workers also accept responsibility and accountability for their actions. They make things happen, rather than let things happen. They are bullfighters, not bull slingers. They walk the talk. They don't think of their job as a job. They think of their job as their business. They own it and want to make sure it succeeds.

When you write that empowerment is the latest buzzword and then wonder what you can do to empower yourself, it's apparent that your firm hasn't done what's required to build a confident workforce and that their push for empowerment is nothing more than choosing the management equivalent to the "flavor of the day".

Too many employers simply tell the employees to be empowered. Simply won't work. Telling won't work. The employer has to walk the talk, too. Empowered people don't

grow on trees. They grow like trees. Attitude is the root system. Core competencies are the trunk. Specific skills are the branches. Companies who want an empowered workforce train and nurture their team. Their organizations recruit for attitude and train for skill. And they keep on training. Their organizational culture is based on questioning how things are done. "Change is good" should be their motto.

Empowered employees also must accept the fact that mistakes will be made. No one ever gets it right the first time. Many won't get it right the second or third. Mistakes must be treated as learning experiences. Sure, it costs money when mistakes are made. But an empowered workforce will make far more money for the employers and for themselves than one that simply does what it's told to do.

If you want to show your employer that you're interested in empower-

ment, locate some training firms that specialize in team building, decision-making and conflict resolution. Talk to them about what their seminars can do for a firm. Ask for outlines, prices and testimonials. Even if management has something else in mind, you'll have demonstrated your willingness to make empowerment the flavor of every day.

If management rejects your proposal with a we-don't-have-the-time-or-money statement, then you'll know it's not serious about empowerment. Then you have to answer a question and make some decisions. Do you continue to work for the firm knowing that it won't do what's necessary to grow and achieve? If you answer yes, then you're exactly the type of worker that they want. One who only wants to do her job and nothing more. One that knows that the empowerment fad will fade and your day will once again return to its ho-hum humdrum. If you answer

no, then you have to do some job-change planning. Empower yourself. If you don't, you won't be able to demonstrate to a prospective employer that you're a real contributor.

How do you empower yourself? Start by applying the techniques in George Ann Fay's book, "Will the Real Boss Please Stand Up?" (AMACOM, \$19.95). While she targets administrative positions, Fay's techniques can be easily tweaked and applied to any position. Chapter 16, on creating your personal brand and positioning yourself so you're noticed, is must read and re-read.

Send your comments or questions to Jim Pawlak, Career Moves, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, P.O. Box 2881, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150. Mr. Pawlak's e-mail address is: career-moves@hotmail.com#1

Westland Chamber Jobs & Careers Fair Slated for April 25th

It's time again for possibly the most successful Job Fair in Western Wayne County! The Westland Chamber Annual Jobs and Careers Fair will be held on Saturday, April 25, 1998 at the Westland Shopping Center. The event will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. The Major Sponsor is the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Last year's event was given high marks by the over 2,000 job seekers in attendance. At least 60 employers will be participating this year. The entire mall will be filled with over 60 tables for employers to meet job seekers.

All types of businesses will be in attendance: retail, manufacturing,

engineering, technical, professional, sales, marketing, health care, trades, financial, office/clerical, organizational and many more. The fair will include staff, support, line and management level positions.

Committee Chair, Claudia Frederick states "This is an ideal way for job seekers to provide themselves with information about the business or organization and meet or interview with major employers all in one place!" Chamber officials recommend that attendees stop at the Chamber booth to pick up a map of the mall listing employer locations. In addition, they may wish to visit the "Interview Tips" table located nearby.

Chamber officials advise job seekers to bring at least 50 resumes, or a listing of job and educational experience.

As a special incentive for job seekers to fill out a survey, there will be a drawing from the surveys for a \$250 Gift Certificate to Westland Shopping Center. The event is also sponsored by YOUNG COUNTRY, 99.5 FM radio, and DJ personality Linda Lee will be appearing at the mall between the hours of 1-3 p.m.

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Telephone tactics that tip the balance

By Sheryl Silver
Career Source

How effective are your telephone skills? These days, if your resume captures an employer's interest, it's likely you're going to have to pass muster during what's commonly referred to as "a telephone pre-screen" before getting an invitation to interview.

What are employers hoping to accomplish during these 10-20 minute telephone conversations? Cathy Ward, human resources manager for Freddie Mac (Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation), says, "We're trying to get a bit closer snapshot than we get with the resume."

Elizabeth Segal, recruiting manager for Bell Atlantic Network Services Inc. in Silver Spring, Md., agrees. "We're look-

ing for more detail about their skills," she says. "Sometimes someone will include a laundry list of technical skills on their resume but not describe what they did with them. They may also neglect to include some important skills."

"We're also looking to determine if the technical skills mentioned on the resume are 'overview' skills or 'practical' skills," adds Lisa Dunlap, general manager of technical recruiting for Thomson Technologies Services Group in Herndon, Va. "Sometimes, people list technologies with which they have only a passing familiarity. It's up to us to flush that out."

Dunlap advises keeping a copy of your resume close to the phone so you can refer to it.

Pre-screens are typically used to address salary requirements too. "It's not the actual negotia-

tions, but recruiters are looking for a range that's within their budgeted range for the position," explains Dunlap. If the gap between the two is too great, Dunlap says, "We'll tell the candidate and offer to keep them in mind for a more appropriate position in the future."

Ward says she commonly encounters applicants who resist sharing salary information, and says such behavior is counterproductive. "We don't expect you to leave a current company for the same salary you're making in most cases," she says. "Just let us know what it will take to make a change."

Another mistake Ward says people frequently make during the pre-screen process is attempting to have a conversation when they're not able to speak openly.

"We know a lot of people work in cubicle situations where they have no privacy," she says. "Yet instead of just saying 'I can't talk right now,' when they get a call, people often respond to questions in a whisper and it comes across as poor communication skills."

Segal agrees, and advises, "If you can't talk when a recruiter calls, just say so. Tell us, 'This isn't a good time,' and then either suggest a better time or offer to call back." A lot of people step out of the office and call from their car phones," adds Ward.

You can even arrange a call for before or after work hours. "We'll work around their schedules," says Dunlap. In the technology job market where qualified candidates are scarce, "Employers are willing to be flexible," she confirms.

If you do take recruiters' calls at work, "Stop what you're doing and pay attention to what's being asked," says Ward. "If you keep typing on your keyboard, we can hear that and it suggests disinterest. We know people are busy, but taking five minutes to potentially land a first interview is worth the time."

Concentration is critical when taking calls at home too. Make sure there's not a lot of interruptions or noise in the background, urges Dunlap.

Another piece of advice: If you use your home phone on your resume, "Make sure someone is there to answer it," says Ward. "Or if there's an answering machine, get rid of the cute messages." No excerpts of your favorite songs either. "Busy recruiters don't have time to listen to songs," says

Dunlap. "Keep the message brief and professional."

If you don't have the "call waiting" feature on your home telephone, Dunlap says consider getting it. "If a recruiter gets a busy signal, they'll go on to the next candidate," she says. "And if that person is a fit for the job, that's a lost opportunity."

A final tip about telephone conduct comes from Segal of Bell Atlantic. "Even if you've found another opportunity by the time a recruiter calls, have the courtesy to return to call," she advises. "You never know when you might want to approach that employer again."

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43700 Gen-Mar
Novi, MI 48165
E-mail: Harold.D.Wirbush@slusa.com
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KSI is seeking a Sales Assistant for our Brighton location. This person will be organized, multi-task oriented & professional with good interpersonal skills. The position involves computer data entry, answering phones, creating bids & orders, & completing all necessary paperwork. The successful candidate will have customer service experience & be able to work in a fast paced environment. Complete benefits package & competitive wage being offered. Mail resume to address below or fax a resume to: (313) 225-2235, attention: HR.

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ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

Synet, Inc., a leading information technology services firm, has an immediate opportunity for a highly motivated self-starter to join our corporate team. This position requires an individual with at least 2 years experience in the area of Accounts Payable. Excellent communication and data entry skills required. An Associate's degree in accounting preferred. Please REPLY TO: POSITION 3573 on both envelope and cover letter when responding. For consideration, please send resume with cover letter STATING SALARY REQUIREMENTS TO: Human Resources Services Dept., SYNTEL, INC., 2800 Livonia, Suite 400, Troy, Michigan 48063. EEO. No phone calls please.

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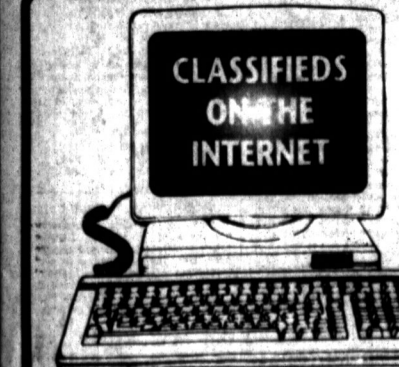
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ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

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ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CLERK

AR billing & collections with 3-4 years experience. PC experience including Excel & Word. Fax or mail resume to: 248-299-7093 HR Dept., 1757 Northfield Dr. Rochester Hills, MI 48309

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Oakland county area seeks an Accounts Receivable professional to work with a growing company. We are looking for an organized, motivated person to handle all phases of accounts receivable. Competitive experience would be a plus. We offer an excellent salary and benefit package as well as career growth opportunities. Please send resume to: Laurie Cavannah, 3600 Green Ct., Suite 100, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. Fax to: (734) 768-0535 for consideration.

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Walsh College in Troy has an opening for an Accounts Receivable Bookkeeper. Responsibilities include: Maintaining receivables records, submission of invoices, preparing correspondence, coordinating third party payments, answering inquiries, preparing receipts, performing monthly reconciliation of accounts receivable subledger, some cashier responsibilities as well as other duties. Candidate must have previous experience in billing and accounts receivable processing. Excellent benefits (Excel) and word processing (Word) skills with attention to detail and accuracy. To apply send resume with salary requirements to: Walsh College, Attn: R. Benvenuti/AR, P.O. Box 7006, Troy, MI 48067-7006

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AD&A

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A rapidly expanding plastics manufacturer is seeking a full-time Accounts Payable Coordinator. The qualified candidate should have 1-2 years accounting experience and basic computer skills. We offer a competitive salary and benefits package. Please send resume with salary requirements to: Helvi Elastomer Corporation, 14857 Keel Street Plymouth, MI 48170

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ADMINISTRATOR

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Q: What is the best way to control weeds and lawn pests?

A: You can remove a few weeds by hand, but judicious use of herbicides is in order if there are lots of weeds. The leaf structure of the weed determines the type of herbicide you use. Broadleaf weeds, such as dandelions and blindweed, are treated with a broadleaf herbicide applied after the plant is up and growing.

Grasslike weeds, such as crabgrass, foxtail and goosegrass are best treated with a pre-emergent that is applied in the early spring, before the weeds have a chance to sprout. Grasslike weeds can also be treated after sprouting with a liquid crabgrass killer - but only when the plants are very young.

When using a dry, or granular, broadleaf herbicide, wet the lawn before spreading. The herbicide will adhere to the leaves, and the plant will absorb it more readily. Allow several days before watering again. When applying a liquid herbicide, simply spray it on and then avoid watering it for several days.

Pre-emergent herbicides, by contrast, do their work below the surface. As such, you'll want to water the lawn immediately after treatment.

Not all damage is inflicted on turf grass by weather or careless cutting. Insects can damage turf grass, too. Treating insects varies from region to region, so we'll focus on the more common insects, such as the June bug.

It's common to find a few grubs while digging in your yard. Most cool-weather lawns have some. The experts say that less than 10 grubs per square foot is acceptable. More than that may do noticeable damage. Check for grubs by spading down and

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The Heritage: Here's the model of a luxury senior citizens apartment community, to be full of amenities, under construction in Southfield.

Apartment will offer luxury to seniors

Prospective tenants may now reserve space at the Heritage, a luxury senior citizen apartment building of 209 units under construction on 11 Mile west of Franklin Road in Southfield.

The Heritage features 21 floor plans and a grand lifestyle.

Studio apartments of 450-600 square feet will rent from \$1,875-\$2,150 per month; one-bedroom units of 625-800 square feet will lease from \$2,200-\$2,800; two-bedroom units of about 1,100 square feet will rent from \$2,950-\$3,250.

Those rents are based on single occupancy. Add \$450 per month for an additional person. Tenants must be at least 62 years old.

Monthly rent includes a daily breakfast buffet and 20 evening meals, heat, air conditioning and water, weekly cleaning service plus a host of other amenities.

"Lobbies are done in mahogany and cherrywood," said Diana Russell, marketing director for the Heritage. "It's just humongous. Even our elevators are going to be oversized and have seating in there."

"There will be an indoor swimming pool and also a fitness center and a whirlpool," Russell said. "There will be a billiards room with a wet bar, a formal library, a huge arts and crafts studio with a kiln and wood shop."

"Also, there's going to be 24 hour staffing, 24-hour concierge service."

"We're going to have a private dining room if they want to have a party or whatever ... a beauty salon/ barber shop ... a general store where they can purchase groceries and items like cards and other things ... a parlor/ soda shop ... coin-free laundry rooms on every floor ... a clinic ... and a mini bus," Russell said.

"This is almost like a country-club setting," she said. "Everything is right here. There's going to be social, educational activities. Timeless elegance is the best way to describe it. You're not walking into a standard apartment community."

"It's going to be for persons that demand elegance, and they demand upgraded amenities and services we're providing. This community isn't for everyone, but everyone is welcome. If they're 62 and over and if this is comfortable financially, great," Russell said.

The apartments will be built into a five-story building with a brick exterior. Tenants will be able to get anywhere in the building without going outside.

All apartments include as standard features oven and refrigerator; tub/shower combination with seat, handheld shower head and safety rail; emergency alarm in the bath and bedroom;

walk-in closet; and extra-wide doorways.

A simulated model features a living room/ dining area, kitchen with pass-through wall, bedroom and bath.

"We deliberately put in larger furniture so they can see how large the space is here," Russell said.

Twenty units will be reserved for tenants whose health situation requires more assistance. Garage parking will be provided for an estimated \$30-\$40 per month. Pets will be allowed.

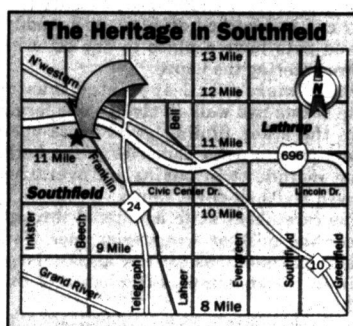
Brookdale Living Communities, headquartered in Chicago, has constructed 13 luxury senior apartment communities in eight states.

"It's kind of like an apartment on top of a country club," said Mark Iuppenlatz, vice president of development for Brookdale. "We think there's a huge, pent-up demand for this product."

"We service an upscale market, seniors, generally 75 and older for whom a single-family home isn't appropriate housing," Iuppenlatz said.

"Ideally, we wanted something very convenient to transportation. They're not worried about going places. They want their friends and family coming to them. It (the Heritage) is convenient to many different areas," he said.

A \$500 application fee will reserve a unit. There are no endowment or buy-



in fees. Occupancy is scheduled by March of 1999.

Dorothy Weiner plans to rent in the Heritage.

"They will take my little dog, who is very important to me," she said. "Secondly, I think I need the services of an assisted living situation."

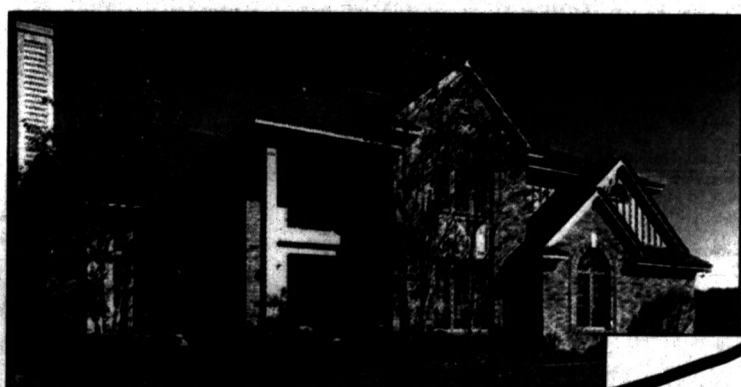
"Thirdly, I like the location of the building," Weiner said. "It's close to all the things I'm used to going. Fourthly, I like the layout and the sound of the amenities they offer."

A temporary rental office/model, (248) 208-9393, is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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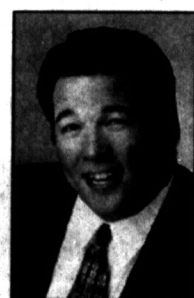
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Caretaker suite placed over garage in this plan

Custom brick detailing, corner quoins and arched windows give a look of classical elegance to the Elmore, a large home with a caretaker's suite over the garage. This plan could be adapted for wheelchair accessibility.

Rooms and hallways are large throughout. Ceilings in most of the group living areas are a lofty 9 feet, so the rooms feel even larger. Dining room and living room flank the entry. Both are brightened by wide windows. Pocket doors in the living room allow full closure.

Tall windows flank the gas fireplace at the rear of the great room, while the rear wall of the nook is mostly glass. Sliders open onto a large patio.

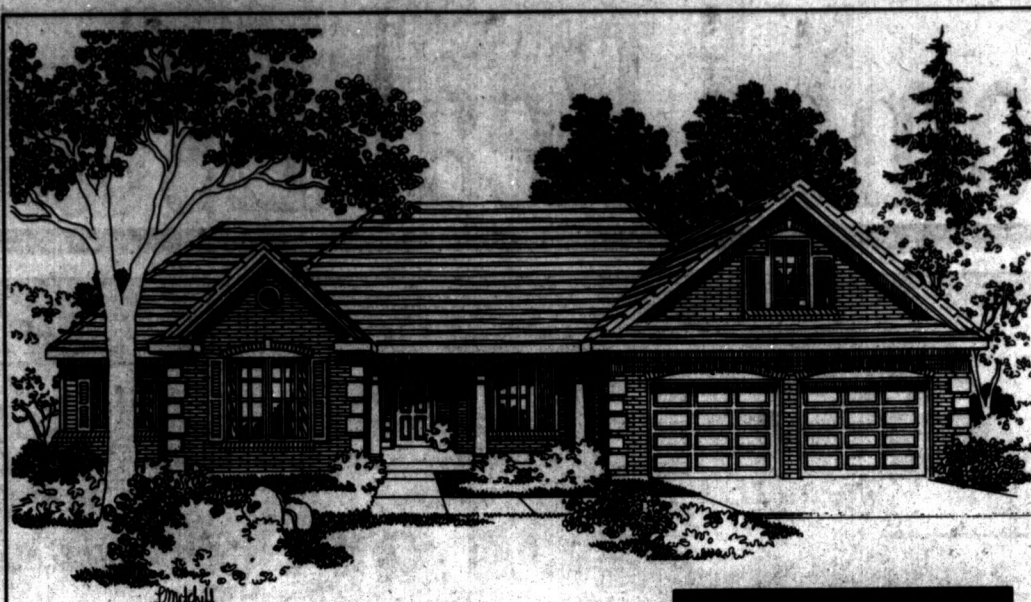
Cupboards and counters wrap around three sides of a kitchen with a large central work island. A roomy pantry fills nearly half of one wall. Standing at the kitchen sink, you can face into the great room or gaze out the rear windows.

A large utility room is close by, connected to the tandem three-car garage. This space also serves as a mud room. Muddy foot gear can be shaken off here, and muddy-pawed pets have a place to dry off a bit before entering the house.

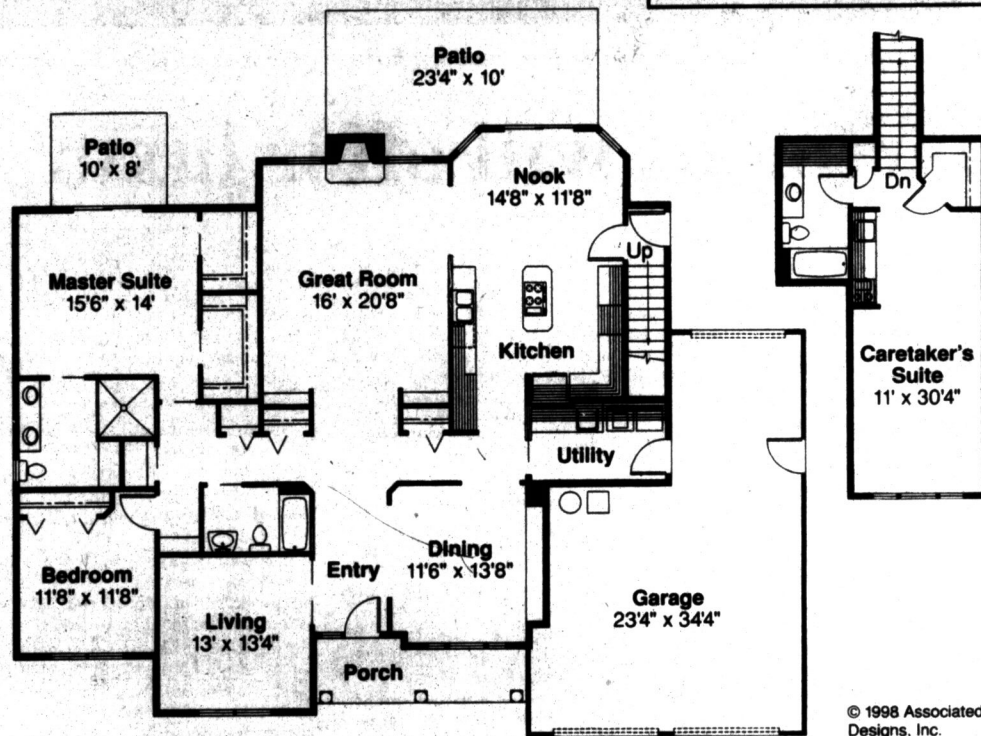
The Elmore's well-appointed master suite boasts two walk-in closets, one larger than the other. Sliding glass doors open onto a private patio. Luxuries in the bathroom include twin basins, an oversized shower, and a sit-down vanity.

The caretaker's suite is entered through either the nook or an exterior door. This small apartment has two skylights, a large walk-in closet, compact kitchen and full bathroom.

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The Elmore	#30-169
Living Area	2712 sq.ft.
Outside Dimensions	68' x 52'8"



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Queries from E1

peeling back sections of lawn.

Grubs can only be killed when they are feeding heavily, and this occurs in mid-August. Don't apply today's short-lived pesticides earlier than August, because it is a waste and an unnecessary assault on other insects and birds.

A grub treatment should be watered-in well so that the pesticide can be carried several inches below the surface.

Q: My 20-year-old window-unit home air conditioner pooped out last fall and I was told that it would not be economical to repair it. I was also told that the newer models require less power and so the reduced operating expenses would offset some of the high cost of replacement. What's the best way of picking the best replacement?

A: If you are shopping for a new air conditioner, jot down these facts: the size of the room to be air conditioned, how many windows it has, if it's insulated and the available voltage (120 or 220 volts). Also, measure the exact size of the available window opening to be sure the new machine will fit in the window.

An air conditioner's BTU/hour rating tells you the amount of heat it can remove per hour. The larger the BTU rating, the more power it has. Remember, bigger isn't always better. Too much capacity for the room will make it feel clammy and too little can't cool adequately.

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■ Think ahead when planting. Avoid planting a young tree near wires, too close to a building or on the edge of a bank.

■ Don't plant species that hold their leaves late into the fall. Such trees could fall victim to early ice storms.

■ Avoid cutting roots during

sidewalk replacement, utility work or other excavation.

■ Prune trees to prevent development of weak form. Clip dead or weakened limbs and occasionally thin excess branches from the crown. The goal is to produce a well-shaped tree with the center of gravity squarely over the trunk. Do not top trees.

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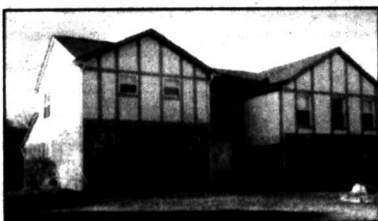
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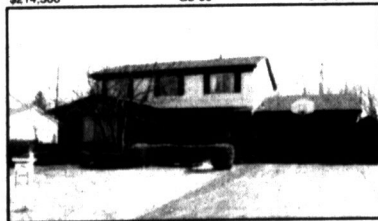
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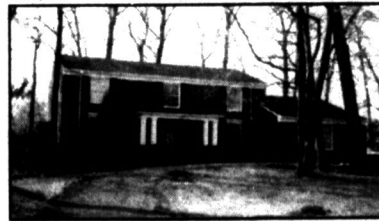
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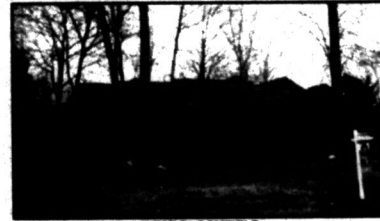
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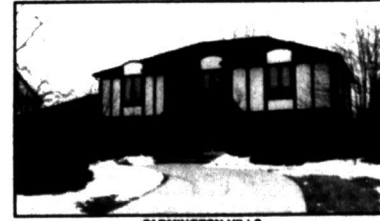
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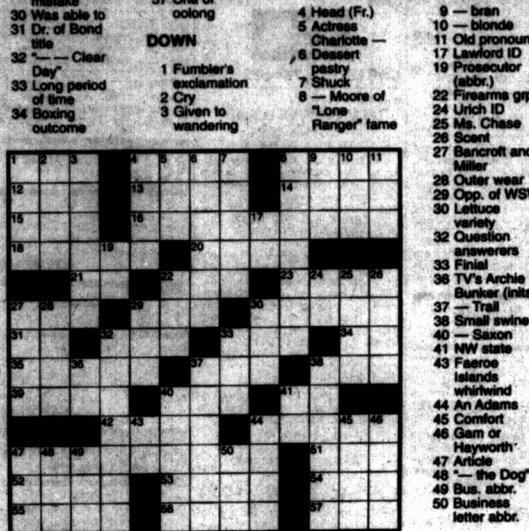
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