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Residents rap cable service; new rules set

By Brian Lysaght
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No one attended this week's public hearing to praise Omnicom, the company that provides cable television service in Canton, but about a dozen people criticized the company's service and program selection.

Following the one-hour hearing, the township board of trustees approved an ordinance regulating Omnicom's operations in Canton. The new rules call for the company to wire every home for cable television service within two years.

Monday night's hearing was part of the Canton and Omnicom efforts to hammer out a new franchise agreement by 1995.

"The great majority of our customers are happy," said Lisa Boland, Omnicom's general manager. She attended the meeting with Rick Colman, an Omnicom executive.

MOST OF THE speakers were not happy.

For example, Jim Donahue, who as Canton treasurer 1978-80, supported Omnicom efforts to become the township's cable provider 12 years ago, said the company "has failed to live up to" its original promises.

"These guys have screwed us. Please don't let them do it again," Donahue said.

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Donahue cited what he said were the company's broken vows to provide service and equipment.

Michael Hunt, a consultant representing Canton, said Omnicom has complied adequately with its agreement. Township officials said Omnicom is expected to remain as Canton's cable franchisee.

Still, Donahue urged the township to hold Omnicom's "feet to the fire."

The company has 11,963 subscribers in Canton. Another 7,537 homes have declined to subscribe. About 800 homes are not wired for service because, according to the company, they live where houses are too spread out. The company also serves Plymouth, Northville and Hamtramck.

Phyllis Johnson, president of the Northwest Canton Homeowners Association, said some houses can subscribe only after paying a \$500 hookup fee.

"This is a utility company. We do feel they should be able to provide service for the residents of Canton," Johnson said.

BOLAND SAID ITS goal is to connect all areas where there are 32 or more homes per mile. The ordinance passed Monday requires service to all areas within two years. Boland said Omnicom will seek to change that rule.

Other complaints Monday concerned mix-ups over billing and service. One woman said her service was cut even after she paid a late bill.

Kevin Murphy, a Windsor Park subdivision resident, said he had to pay for a remote control device he didn't need for three years. "They aren't serving my needs," Murphy said.

Paul Munzenberger said he hasn't been able to get Omnicom to determine why his "high-tech" television doesn't receive some channels in stereo.

Other subscribers wondered why Omnicom doesn't offer pay-per-view programs. Boland said the company hopes to, but that the change would

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More sewer project relationships surface

By Mike Tyree
special writer

New evidence of ties between individuals, businesses and the WTUA sewer project surfaced last week.

Robert Law, a partner in the legal firm Law, Hemming, Essad & Polaczyk, in the 1980s worked for the auditing company Plante & Moran. So did Michael Brice, who later worked for public relations firms owned by the law firm.

Those two men have been involved in business dealings with the \$100 million WTUA sewer project, which has come under fire for alleged nepotism.

Plante & Moran serves as the WTUA project auditor, and as Northville Township's auditors.

In late 1986, Law was appointed secretary of the newly formed Western Townships Utilities Authority, a quasi-governmental unit formed to study the possibility of creating a three-township sewer project. At the time, Law was serving as counsel for Nora, Hemming, Essad & Polaczyk, the law firm he eventually joined as a partner.

LAW ALSO worked for Plante & Moran, which was appointed the WTUA project auditor in January 1987, immediately after Nora, Hemming, Essad & Polaczyk was tapped as the WTUA legal representative.

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Kenneth Kunkel, a Plante & Moran partner, said both Law and Brice worked as consultants for the auditing firm in the 1980s. But Kunkel said he did not believe Robert Law worked for Plante & Moran at the time WTUA or Northville Township hired the auditors.

"No, that would be false, as far as I know," Kunkel said last week. "(Law) didn't come here until he was out of the Legislature, I believe mid-1983.

"Bob Law did work for us for a year — 1983-84 — as a consultant in our consulting division," Kunkel said.

Robert Law left his position as a state representative in January 1980. His slot at Plante & Moran reportedly included soliciting business for the firm from government units.

Northville Township hired Plante & Moran as its auditing firm in December 1980, according to township records. Township officials last week said they could not locate any introductory letters or other documents regarding the hiring of Plante & Moran.

ROBERT LAW WAS out of town and unavailable for comment this week, officials at his law offices said. Also unavailable for comment was Brice, who worked for the law firm's offshoot public relations companies.

In fact, a partner in the law firm said he was unaware of any telephone number for Brice or Communications Management Corporation, one of the public relations companies.

"I don't have any number for Michael Brice," said the firm's C. Ger-

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BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Canton resident Joe Brandis is trying to get Henry Ross Perot on the presidential ballot in Michigan. Above, he solicits the signature of Canton resident Barbara Corn in front of

the Canton library. Brandis will be back at the library with his petitions at 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

Salesman tries selling Perot as presidential alternative

By Ralph R. Echtinaw
staff writer

The burly hands of the all-but-declared presidential candidacy of Henry Ross Perot have reached into Canton and grabbed Joe Brandis.

Brandis, a salesman of hydraulic and pneumatic equipment for RHM Fluid Power of Westland, was ready to be grabbed.

"(Perot's) political views just coincided with things I've been thinking for a long time," Brandis said.

The 36-year-old Republican called Perot's Houston, Texas hotline about two weeks ago to see

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how he could help the Texas billionaire's ballot-access campaign. (Perot said in February that he will run for president if he gets on the ballot in all 50 states.)

BRANDIS HASN'T heard back

from Houston, but recently noticed a small display ad in the Observer soliciting volunteers to have Perot petitions signed. The ad was pur-

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Actress Lamour will talk to economic club

Although it's not exactly Rio, Singapore, Bali, Morocco, Hong Kong, Utopia, or Zanzibar, Plymouth is the latest stop in Dorothy Lamour's most recent road show.

A veteran of more than 50 Hollywood feature films, including seven "Road to . . ." movies with Bob Hope and Bing Crosby, Lamour blows into town today for the screening of the newly restored version of the 1943 musical "This is the Army" tonight at the Penn Theater.

Cosponsored by Omnicom Cablevision and the American Movie Classics cable network, the presentation commemorates the 50th anniversary of the founding of the United Services Organization. Lamour spent time during World War II supporting the USO. She's credited with selling \$300 million in war bonds.

Lamour, 78, was also expected to speak to the Canton Economic Club in the Mayflower Meeting House at noon today and later meet with residents of the Tonquish Creek Seniors Center.

Born Mary Leta Dorothy Kaumeyer in 1914 New Orleans, Lamour was named Miss New Orleans in 1931 at the age of 16. On her way to film stardom, she worked

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as a Chicago elevator operator, band vocalist and radio performer.

Her film trademark was the sarong in which she was often lightly clad in her line of duty as an exotic South Sea heroine. The sarong is now on display at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C.

Lamour's film credits include: "Donovan's Reef" with John Wayne and Lee Marvin, "Slightly French," "Pajama Party," "Manhandled," "On Our Merry Way," "They Got Me Covered," "Moon Over Burma" and "The Greatest Show On Earth" with Jack Palance.



Dorothy Lamour

Salesman: Perot has right presidential stuff

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chased by Jeff Freeman of Rochester Hills. Perot's volunteer Michigan coordinator.
More than 25,000 signatures are needed to put Perot, 61, on Michigan's presidential ballot, Freeman said. "And we're going to get signifi-

cantly more than that."
Freeman is a little weak on history though. He said last week that Teddy Roosevelt was elected president as an independent candidate in 1912. In reality, Roosevelt ran as the Progressive Party's presidential candidate in 1912, taking enough votes away from Republican Bill Taft to put Democrat Woodrow Wilson in the White House.
At any rate, Brandis phoned Freeman, and very soon thereafter possessed a handful of blank petition

forms. To begin his mission, Brandis brandished the petitions on his round of sales calls for RIM Fluid Power, gaining 25 signatures as of last Thursday.
"A lot of people I talked to are getting excited about getting (Perot) on the ballot," Brandis said. "It's not too hard to get people to sign." In fact, one manager at a Novi factory "got all excited and went out into the shop and recruited people for me."
A two-year Canton resident, Brandis lives in the Sunflower subdi-

vision near Warren and Beck roads with his wife and two children. He grew up in Milwaukee, Wis., and also lived in Buffalo, N.Y. for nine years.
Like most of Perot's supporters, Brandis is dismayed with what he sees occurring in national politics. Although he voted for George Bush in 1988, Brandis faults the president for ignoring the record-setting federal deficit that has grown to about \$400 billion of late, and that's just for the current fiscal year. "Up to this point, I haven't heard any politicians discussing (the deficit)," Brandis said.
PEROT WAS BORN in Texarkana, Texas, earned Eagle Scout rank after just 16 months in the Boy Scouts, and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in the class of 1953.
He resigned his commission in 1961 to become one of International Business Machine's top salesmen. In 1962 Perot quit IBM to form his own company, Electronic Data Systems,

when he was 32 years old.
Ironically, considering that Perot frequently complains of big government, EDS got its start as the prime Medicaid and Medicare contractor in Texas.
Perot made most of his fortune, estimated between \$2.5 and \$3.5 billion, when EDS went public in 1988. Ramparts magazine called him a "welfare billionaire."
Perot also worked with officials in Texas to help fight the war against Americans who sell and use illegal drugs.
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More ties surface in sewer project

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aid Hemming. Asked for the telephone number for Communication Management Corporation, the firm's own public relations company — Hemming said, "I don't have any number for (CMC)."
Communications Management Corporation has operated out of the same Plymouth offices as Law, Hemming, Essad & Polaczyk. CMC's telephone number has been disconnected, and no new number is listed, according to directory assistance.
The Plante & Moran Law/Brice connections potentially further tarnishes WTUA's image, a problem WTUA Chairperson Thomas Yack of

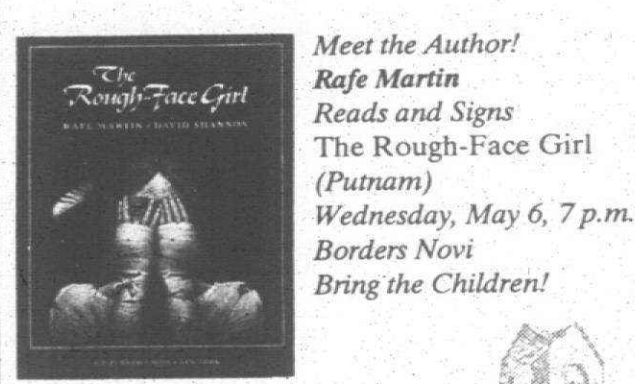
Canton Township is trying to correct.
WTUA is researching possible changes in engineering and legal representation by requesting proposals from interested firms, Yack said. The idea is to develop "black and white" policy, as opposed to the "gray" area WTUA often operated in, he said.
Yack said he found out "not long ago" that Law had worked for Plante & Moran. "My understanding was that it was for a short period," he said.
When told that Brice had also worked there, Yack said: "I was unaware of that."

Residents rap cable TV service

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require "multi-million dollar" equipment improvements.
Larry Monroe, a township cable consultant, said federal legislation has allowed cable companies to operate in a "rate deregulated" monopoly. "Still, he said the majority of complaints are dealt with in the township's new rules.
"The ultimate protest is to disconnect," said Jim Kronberg, a member of the Canton cable advisory board. "That's the ultimate protest. I don't know how bad my withdrawal would be."
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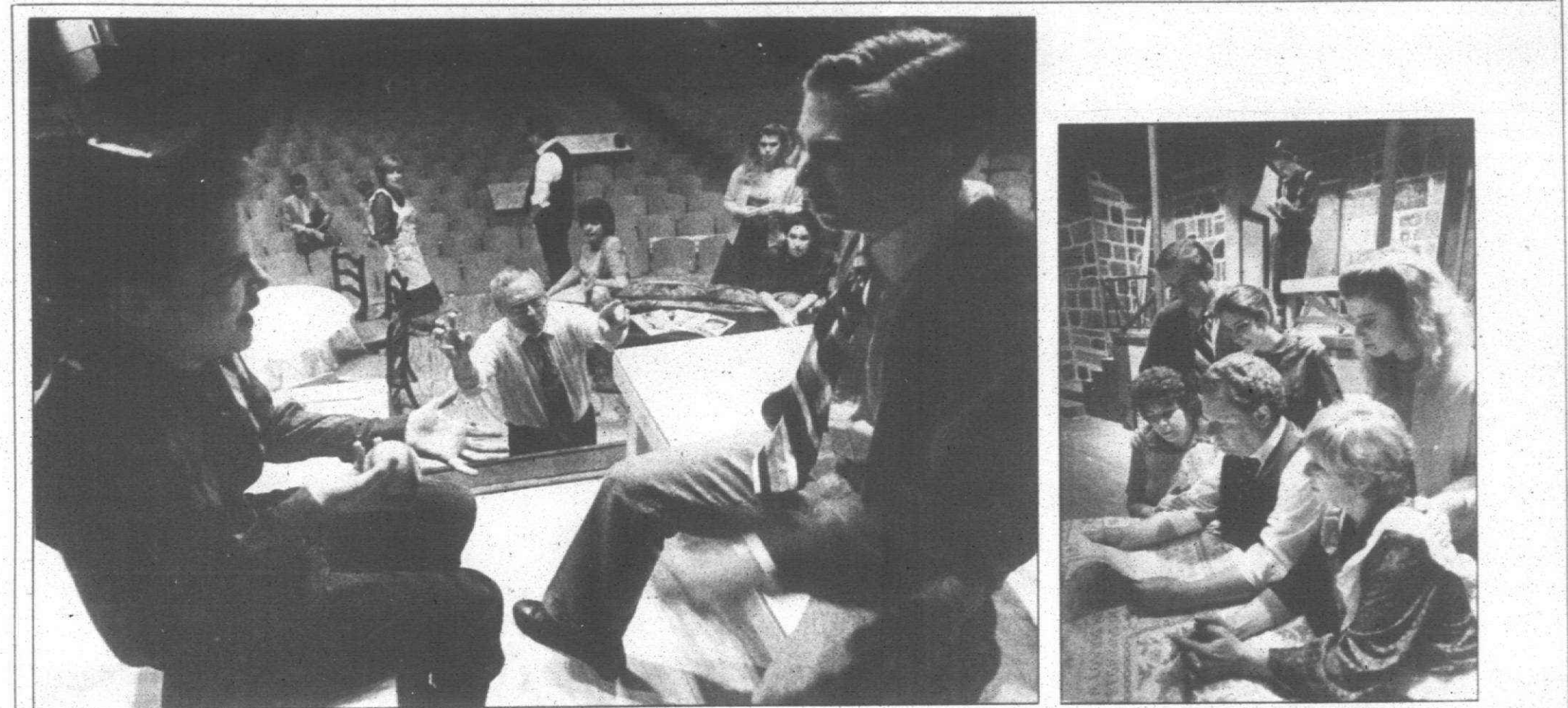
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Cast members Brian Hendricks (left) and Ernie Nolan rehearse a scene from the production. Rehearsals began in early March. The Plymouth Theatre Guild production will open this week end at the Water Tower Theatre.

'Brighton Beach' wraps up Guild season

By Julie Brown
staff writer
Neil Simon's probably the most well-known American playwright, and Bill Salisbury believes Simon deserves that fame.
Salisbury's directing the Plymouth Theatre Guild production of Simon's "Brighton Beach Memoirs."
"He touches on family problems and human problems," Simon writes in a humorous vein, he said, but also in a mature, serious one.
"Brighton Beach Memoirs" performances will be 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 1-2, 8-9 and 10-11, and 6 p.m. Sunday, May 3 and 10, in the Water Tower Theatre, on the campus of Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile, between Hagerty and Northville roads in Northville Township.
Simon's adept at exploring the human condition with a smile on his face, said Salisbury, a Farmington Hills resident.
"People expect his plays to be funny." Often, theatergoers aren't accustomed to seeing Simon's more serious side, he said.
"Brighton Beach Memoirs," a mix of comedy and

drama, is an autobiographical portrait of the playwright as a teenager and of his family. It takes place in Brooklyn and is the first of a Simon trilogy, the other two being "Biloxi Blues" and "Broadway Bound."
"I'd like to direct all three of them ultimately, if I get a chance," said Salisbury, who has his own sales agency specializing in auto parts. He's directed a number of plays and appreciates the hard work and professionalism of the Plymouth Theatre Guild cast.
"NONE OF US get paid for it, but we take it as seriously as anyone who gets paid for it." Cast members, who began rehearsing in early March, were busy last week polishing scenes.
Simon's done a number of plays and screenplays through the years, Salisbury said. Simon's had as many as four plays on Broadway at one time, and it's rare for him not to have at least one show on Broadway.
"He's done so much. You'd think he'd burn out after awhile." The playwright's continued to produce first-rate work, however, including "Brighton Beach Memoirs."
"To me, it's one of his best plays," said Salisbury, whose wife, Jan, is in the cast. "It's a well-rounded

production of the PTCO season, includes: Brian Hendricks, appearing as Eugene, Bobbie Judd, Kate, Otto Canis, Jack, Ernie Nolan, Stanley, Jan Salisbury, Blanche, Deborah Kandler, Nora, and Nicole Beaudoin, Laurie.
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85 S. Main in Plymouth. Tickets will also be sold at the door.
There will be an opening night special of two tickets for \$7. Group rates are available for groups of 20 or more. For reservations or ticket information, call 348-7110.
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5 families still homeless 2 weeks after tornado

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer
Michelle Wilson is doing her best to cope in the aftermath of a tornado that demolished her mobile home and just about everything in it, while her husband Jerry, 5-year-old son Jamie, and 1-year-old daughter Lindsay were inside.
"The family is living in the basement of her in-laws' home in Plymouth while they look for a house. The Wilsons are one of five families still homeless after the April 16 tornado.
"Michelle Wilson was at work when the twister touched down about 4 p.m. She was so frantic after getting a call from Plymouth Hills Mobile Court that a co-worker at the Canton Meijer store had to drive her home.
"She arrived at Ridge Road mobile home park to find the trailer upside down "and the whole back end smashed."
"THE TRAILER FLIPPED and rolled about four times, and my family was in it," she said. "Our bed was standing upright holding the floor up. Our next door neighbor's van moved over a whole lot and smashed into our trailer."
"Jerry Wilson suffered a gash to his leg that required 22 staples. The children were unharmed.
"My husband said it was like a carnival ride, or the funhouse where the floor goes back and forth and up

and down. He didn't see a funnel cloud, but "the windows were shaking and things were flying by," she said.
"He ran to the back to get the kids, but he was thrown out the bedroom window. When he was thrown out the window, he looked up, and the trailer was rolling."
When the tornado hit, Jamie was in the bathroom, and the baby was in the bedroom sleeping.
Afterwards, "Jamie was still in the bathroom, and it was locked," she said. The pathway to him was blocked by the washing machine.
"The toilet water dumped on his head. He was in shock." Aside from a tiny scratch on his spine, Jamie wasn't hurt, "but he has been having nightmares," said his mom. "Every night he wakes up and screams. The tornado is coming."
"Lindsay ended up without a scratch or a bruise," said Wilson. "When they went in, she was still in the bedroom, sitting on top of the ceiling."
Police and firefighters wouldn't allow Wilson near the home because of gas leaks, "but I smuck around back and I looked at it. "I cried. You wonder why you? But I guess I'm lucky. My family is alive," she said.
Aside from some clothing, photographs, compact discs, and a few personal items, the Wilsons lost all their belongings.
Among the things they salvaged

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Emergency workers practiced for twister

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer
Emergency workers say one reason they were able to respond so effectively to the tornado that touched down April 16 in a Plymouth Township mobile home park is because they had a dress rehearsal two years ago.
"The township goes through an emergency management exercise every year, "just to keep our people fresh on what is in our emergency

plan," said Charles VanVleck, township emergency manager.
Two years ago, our exercise was a tornado touch down at that mobile home park. To make everyone use their thinking cap, our tornado was much more devastating than what we ended up with. But many of the shouts from some when we did the exercise were able to correct to make things go a lot more smoothly."
In pieces were the Rupp's antique tables, baby crib and other furniture.
Only a few photographs could be saved. "Most of my photographs were coated with sugar," said Rupp. "I kept them in my pantry on the opposite wall. I had just gone grocery shopping and I had a full falling of sugar out when the storm hit. Most of them I had to throw away except for ones I had in books, but the covers of those are torn."

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Schools seek \$6 million for high tech

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

Plymouth-Canton students are one step closer to classrooms of the future. The board of education Monday night endorsed a federal grant application that would supply about \$6 million in federal funds to the district.

The grant would supplement \$12 million in local bond issue revenue that's been set aside for high technology. Plans call for Plymouth-Canton to become a national demonstration site for the integration of high technology in K-12 classrooms. Interactive television, satellite, video and laser disc capability, computer networks and access to outside information sources are among the components of the proposed system.

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PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP Fire Chief Larry Groth credited VanVleck with enabling police and fire agencies to respond so effectively.

"Victims were sought and accounted for. Hazards such as leaking gas lines and damaged electric lines were identified and terminated," said Groth in a report to the agencies and individuals who assisted.

ated before Congress last May, addressing the need to bring high technology into schools.

"AN ERA OF unsurpassed hands-on education is within our grasp if we will but reach for it," Hoben told the House Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Committee. Hoben credited U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, with opening the door for the school district.

Pursell's district coordinator, Cynthia Hudgins, said a number of

school districts across the country are vying for the grant. The U.S. Department of Education will review the applications for content, creativity and conformity to program guidelines before selecting a single recipient.

Districts have until May 8 to apply. The Department of Education is expected to reach a decision by early fall. Hoben and assistant superintendent for instruction Michael Homes

are optimistic about the district's chances. "In my mind, it's when we get the grant," said Hoben. Homes said the district has received positive feedback from state education officials who've reviewed Plymouth-Canton's grant application.

The board approved a partnership with Dynacom and Michigan Bell to implement the program, subject to reaching a "mutually acceptable formal agreement."

Dynacom president Tim Beekman said his firm, based in Mishawaka, Ind., "looks forward to the partnership. We look forward to this being one of the best ones we've had, due to the dedication of your staff to the betterment of education."

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To register, or for information, call Schoolcraft at 462-4417 or Jim Millen, 462-4400, Ext. 5339. Schoolcraft is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia.

Seminar offers safety tips for motorcyclists

Beginning motorcyclists are invited to attend a three-day, 20-hour motorcycle safety foundation class May 1-3 at Schoolcraft College-Radcliff.

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Classes meet at the campus parking lot. Schoolcraft College-Radcliff

is at 1751 Radcliff, between Cherry Hill and Ford roads, Garden City.

To register, or for additional information, call the college continuing education services division, 462-4448.

Kelley lines up key support

Wayne County Commissioner Kevin Kelley said he believes the overwhelming support of the law enforcement community is a boost in his bid for Wayne County sheriff.

The POAM (Police Officers Association of Michigan) has now joined in support of Kelley, along with the Juvenile Officers Association of Michigan, the Tri-County Deputy Sheriffs Association, the Wayne County Sheriffs Command Officers' Union (AFSCME Local 3317) and the Wayne County Sher-

iffs Union (SEIU Local 502). Kelley also has been endorsed by the Wayne County Professional Nurses Association, the Firemen and Oilers (Local 32) and the Wayne County Firefighters (IAFF Local 741, AFL-CIO).

Kelley is seeking the Democratic nomination in the August primary. His opponent is incumbent Sheriff Robert Ficano who announced his bid for re-election on Monday. Daniel Tackett, a security management consultant/trainer from Taylor, will appear on the

November ballot as the Tisch-Independent candidate.

"When I announced my candidacy on March 17, I knew that I faced a tough campaign. Today, I am truly encouraged by the support I am receiving from front-line police officers throughout Wayne County. This effort is on their behalf and with their support, I intend to continue to campaign vigorously for the office of Wayne County sheriff," said Kelley who currently represents the residents of northwest Detroit and Redford

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Buckle up (or else) Bill would toughen seat belt law

By Wayne Peel
staff writer

Michigan's seat belt law would get tougher under a bill pending before the state House.

The bill would allow police to directly stop and ticket drivers and passengers for not wearing a seat belt — a major break from current practice.

But while police, auto companies and insurance agencies say the bill would save lives, the bill faces an uncertain future.

Seat belt scofflaws already face fines but police don't check for seat belt use without first stopping them for other violations.

"Right now, it's a secondary action," said a spokeswoman for state Rep. Thomas Hickner, D-Bay City, the bill's chief sponsor.

Police support the bill. "I'd like to see it pass," said Sgt. Kevin Dawley, head of Livonia's traffic bureau. "It's probably the only way you're going to get the vast majority of people to use them."

Even if no more drivers were stopped, seat belt boosters believe more threat of tickets would force more folks to buckle up.

"THERE'S PEOPLE who won't use seat belts under any circumstance, but we see this boosting use to 70 percent," said Kurt Weiss of the Michigan Coalition for Safety Belt Use. The non-profit coalition is sponsored by the Big 3 automakers.

AAA of Michigan also backs the bill. "We're big seat belt backers anyway," said Jerry Basch, manager of community programs for the Dearborn-based insurer. "It's hard to put your finger on exact figures but the feeling is this will save lives and saving lives will save money."

Thus far, the bill has generated only mild interest in the state Legis-

lature.

"I know there was an informal poll done a while back that showed only about 35 or 40 supporters," said Rep. James Kosteva, D-Canton, a member of the House Transportation Committee. "But that was before people and insurance groups got active."

In other states, similar proposals have generated controversy.

"I know there's the feeling it could be used to harass minorities, but in New York — where they have a law like this — that hasn't been the case," he said.

Still, no western Wayne or Oakland County legislators have signed on as a co-sponsor.

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Fines in other area courts:

- 16th District Court, Livonia — \$35 seat belts, \$30 child seats, but

the fine can be waived if parents buy a car seat before it comes to court.

• 17th District Court, Redford — \$35 seat belts, \$50 child seats.

• 18th District Court, Westland — \$45 car seats, \$45 child seats. Fines increased \$10 as of April 20.

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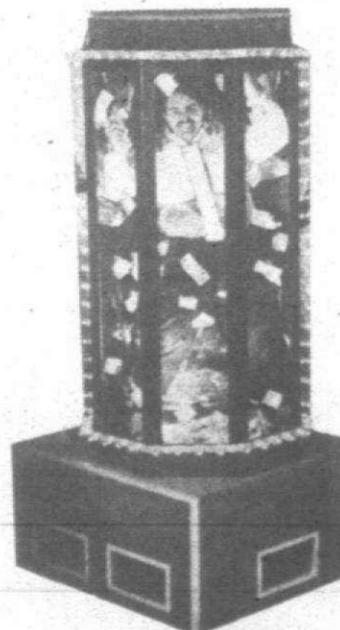
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O&E THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1992

IN BRIEF

Extra Miler

Gerald Ostoin, Plymouth Salem High School principal, was named an Extra Miler on Monday by the Plymouth-Canton school board.

Ostoin was hired by the school district in 1974 as an area coordinator and was appointed in 1986 to his job as Salem principal.

He has worked on the Alternative Education Program and the Curriculum Coordinating Council. He was cited for volunteering his time, playing Santa Claus, teaching students to play bongo drums and serving as a guest lecturer and performer in classrooms.

Our heroes

Perhaps because their heroes have always been cowboys, 15 area settlers were back in the saddle again last weekend to raise \$6,500 for Children's Hospital in Detroit.

Sponsored by Lucille's, a country and western honky-tonk in Canton, the riders spurred their ponies from Monroe to Canton (a 24-mile ride), having already solicited cash pledges for the effort.

"We're all sore today," said Jerry Stewart, president of Lucille's. "We had a hell of a nice party here last night."

Of the 15 cowpokes involved, only Stewart and Angela Bunio are from Canton. Stewart reports that the posse had a police escort all the way across Van Buren Township.

He said he'll put on another ride next fall and welcomes all you wanna-be cowboys and cowgirls who think a day in the saddle is as close to nirvana as a body can get.

There's one small hitch, though. . . You supply the pony. Stewart will be obliged if you call 397-1988 for more information.

Up With People

The Educational Excellence Foundation will sponsor a performance by Up With People, a traveling music show, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, at Plymouth Canton High School, on Canton Center, south of Joy in Canton.

The musical group includes 650 young people from more than 20 countries.

Tickets for the event range in price from \$10 to \$25 and are on sale at the Community Education office, Room 130 at Canton High School.

By Brian Lysaght
staff writer

Larry Kneeshaw has taken another emotional topic for his latest recording. It's called "Buy American."

The 40-year-old Canton musician hopes the song will inspire a whole movement and sell a few million copies. That's thinking big.

"The American public needs to regroup. They need to hang together," says Kneeshaw, 40, a construction manager who recorded the song in March with a band called "Determination." He notes with some irony that he was in the studio when General Motors announced plans to close the Willow Run assembly plant. The song argues that imports are endangering American jobs.

LAST YEAR, Kneeshaw recorded "Desert Strength," a patriotic tune that his band performed during Persian Gulf War rallies. His 22-year-old stepson Scott Badgero was stationed in Saudi Arabia during the war.

Kneeshaw says he has picked a different battle to write about this time. The rock and roll-style song and begins with the words: "America: She has her history/Are we losing our country?"

The chorus urges listeners to "buy American/for our kids."

Kneeshaw wrote the song, sang and played guitar. He also paid for the recording and production. The United Auto Workers Region 1A has offered strong moral support. Kneeshaw played the song recently for the striking Caterpillar workers during UAW rallies in Peoria, Ill.

Meanwhile, Kneeshaw and his promoter Tom Gelardi are peddling promotional CDs to radio stations "from Grand Rapids to the U.P. to Toledo."

"We're having a good time with it," he says.

He says local music stores, including Harmony House and Dearborn Music in Canton, should be stocking the cassette tape, which has vocal and instrumental versions of the song on each side.

He says he's hoping for sales of three to four million, which would probably put him in the charts with Michael Jackson and Markie Mark. But if he isn't successful, it won't be for not trying. Kneeshaw says he's taken a leave from his residential construction job to concentrate on selling the record. He's hoping the song gets radio play.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Local musician Larry Kneeshaw has tackled buy American in his new song.

Bruce Jensen, 33, of Livonia, who plays drums on the recording, says "the concept of the song is good." He played "Desert Strength" with Kneeshaw during several large, post-war, rallies. He hopes to do the same with the latest song.

"It was crazy," he says, of the earlier rallies. A record contract would be nice, but, like Kneeshaw, he says: "I'm not in this for getting rich."

Kneeshaw says he hopes the song isn't interpreted to be Japan-bashing.



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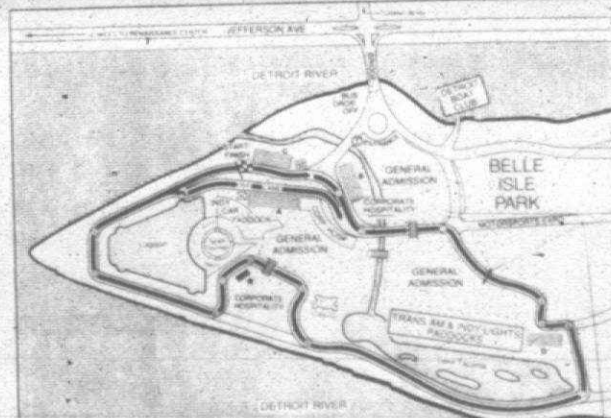
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Detroit Grand Prix

Madonna to graduate 700 on Saturday

Madonna University will award degrees to 700 graduates (see accompanying story on outstanding graduates) in commencement ceremonies Saturday at the University of Detroit Mercy in Calhoun Hall.

Honorary degrees will be awarded to Edward O. Blew Jr., president of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan; Thomas G. Bosco, a real estate broker and former food distributorship owner; Marilyn Lundy, president of the League of Catholic Women of Detroit; and Arthur W. Meek, former faculty member at Madonna.

BLEWS WILL receive an honorary doctor of laws. He is being honored for his dedication to higher education. He is chief lobbyist and spokesman for Michigan independent, nonprofit colleges. He received

his law degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School where he graduated magna cum laude.

Bosco will receive an honorary doctor of business administration. Madonna officials say Bosco has been a friend to the university for more than 35 years.

He was involved in the university's fund-raising drives, organized the Parents' Club, served as director of development from 1964 to 1968 and was a member of the advisory board through 1972.

He is a graduate of Wayne State University.

LUNDY WILL receive an honorary doctor of education. She is serving an eight-year term on the Michigan State Board of Education.

The mother of eight, she is a summa cum laude graduate of the University of Detroit. She has been honored with the Detroit Association of Black Organizations' Jesse P. Slaton Award, the Magis Award from Detroit Jesuit High School and the Wansboro Award from the Academy of the Sacred Heart.

Meek, who will receive an honorary doctor of humanities, is a former assistant superintendent and coordinator of state and federal programs with the Inkster School District.

A pioneer in promoting multicultural education as part of the curricular, he served as the first director of Madonna's Academic Performance Program and continues to serve on Madonna's Trustee Committee.

He holds a bachelor of arts degree with majors in math and physics from Illinois College and a master of arts from the University of Illinois. He also holds a master's degree in music and a doctorate from the University of Michigan.

As part of Madonna's graduation tradition, a baccalaureate mass will be celebrated by the Rev. Moses B. Anderson, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit. Monsignor Bernard Harrington, brother of graduate Irene Harrington, will deliver the homily.

College President Sister Mary Francilene will host a reception for the graduates and their families after the mass.

Backgrounds vary for outstanding grads

Outstanding graduates in the Madonna Class of 1992 from the Observer & Eccentric area include:

• Todd Martin of Redford Township will receive a bachelor of science in management. A supervisor at the United Parcel Service in Livonia, Martin found time to be active on campus. While working and attending classes, he was active in Psi Sigma Omega, Madonna's student political organization. Martin also was a member of the University's program board, which develops activities for students on campus.

• Doreen Osei-Tutu, who was

born and raised in Ghana, West Africa, will receive a bachelor of science degree in financial administration. The niece of a bishop in the archdiocese of Kumasi in Ghana, Osei-Tutu heard about Madonna through a family friend, Bishop Moses B. Anderson of the Detroit archdiocese. While at Madonna, Osei-Tutu has received several scholarships based on her academic achievements including the Chrysler Minority Scholarship. She worked in the university library and tutored fellow students in math. She plans to pursue a graduate degree in international business and hopes to work for a bank or the

United Nations upon her return to Ghana.

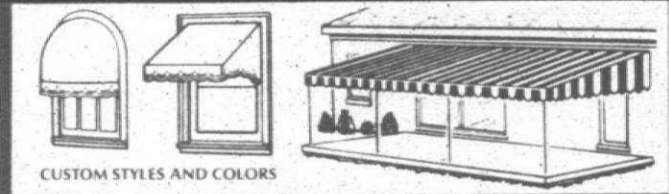
• Christina Coleman of Bloomfield Hills will graduate from Madonna's merchandising management program. She was recently named assistant manager of the new Talbot's retail store at Livonia's Laurel Park Place mall. Coleman completed a student internship with Talbots

where she handled shipping and receiving and visual merchandising.

• Kathi Horste of Southfield will receive her associate of arts degree in sign language studies. The mother of four, she is just credits away from receiving her bachelor's degree. Through this program, she has increased her ability to communicate with her deaf father.

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Gillis seeks state appeals court seat



John Gillis Jr. seeks appeals court seat

Wayne County Circuit Judge John Gillis Jr. is running for the Michigan Court of Appeals. Gillis received his law degree from the University of Detroit. He is also a Michigan State University graduate.
 A Wayne Circuit Judge since 1985, Gillis served on the Detroit Records Court from 1980-84. He has served as a Michigan Court of Appeals visiting judge, helping to reduce the court backlog. He has served on the Records

Court/Circuit Court Merger Committee, helping design a merger of the courts' criminal dockets. A former assistant Wayne County Prosecutor, Gillis has been in private practice since 1978. Gillis currently is chairman of the Wayne County Mediation Tribunal/Neutral Mediator Selection Committee, selecting mediators for the tribunal. A Grosse Pointe Woods resident, Gillis and his wife are the parents of two.

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academic skills and stimulate creativity. A parent information night on the programs will be at 7 p.m. Monday, May 11 in Room 200 of Schoolcraft's Liberal Arts Building. Classes for youths in the areas of math, English, computers, language, art, music and science will be discussed.

All Kaleidoscope classes are scheduled to begin July 13 for two to three weeks, Monday through Thursday. For more information, contact continuing education services at 462-4448. Schoolcraft is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

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May sky features 2 new moons, meteor shower

LAST MONTH LIVED up to its reputation of being the "cruellest month" - snow, rain, cold, fog, clouds and a tornado. We can only hope for more pleasant weather in May.

Weather conditions aside, there will be two new moons, a meteor shower, and eclipses involving a moon, not the earth's, one of Jupiter's.

The sun will rise at 6:28 a.m. on May 1 and set at 8:37 p.m. That makes for 14 hours and nine minutes of sunshine. By the end of the month we will have gained nearly one hour more, sunrise on the 31st will be at 5:59 a.m. with sunset at 9:07 p.m., giving us 15 hours and eight minutes of sun.

The first new moon of the month is at 9:48 p.m. on the 2nd. The moon is located between the earth and the sun and is not visible. The moon takes 29 days, 12 hours and 44 minutes (on average) to repeat a given phase, whether it be new or full.

THE EARTH, of course, is not the only planet to have a moon. In fact, only two planets in our solar system, Mercury and Venus, do not have moons. Jupiter has 16 of them, two of which are the size of Mercury! There will be an eclipse of one of these moons and it is easily observable with a small telescope or binoculars.

Jupiter is easy to identify. Go outside in May and look nearly straight

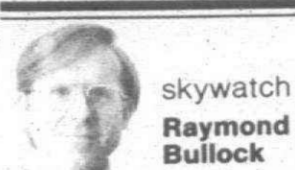
up. Jupiter, in Leo, is shining like a beacon.

If you observe Jupiter with binoculars or a telescope, from night to night, you can spot the four largest moons in various configurations. Their names are Io (EYE oh), Europa, Ganymede (GAN yee meed) and Callisto (cal LIS to). They were first discovered by Galileo in 1610.

The moon that is involved in the eclipse is Ganymede. This is the second largest moon in the solar system, only Saturn's Titan is larger. On the evening of May 3, Ganymede is hidden in Jupiter's shadow. At 9:48 p.m. it will emerge, less than two Jupiter diameters, from the shadow on the east side of the planet. (Start watching about five minutes before the reappearance, the moon will slowly increase in brightness during this time.)

In 1616, Galileo thought it might be possible to use observations of eclipses of Jupiter's moons as a timing method to determine longitude at sea. (This was before the "time" of reliable clocks, and ships were always going off course.) There were two problems with the concept: predictions couldn't be made accurately enough, and an unsteady ship did not make for the best observing platform.

Danish astronomer Olaus Roemer (1644-1718) was very involved in observing eclipses of Jupiter's moons. He discovered that the times that had been predicted for the eclipses did not agree with his observations. Roemer assumed the difference was caused by the amount of time it took light to travel from Jupiter to the earth. He made calculations and



skywatcher
Raymond E. Bullock

determined that light traveled 227,000 kilometers (about 141,000 miles) in a single second. Although that was short of the actual number (300,000 km per sec) - it was very close for an era when the speed of light was a difficult concept to understand.

THE ETA AQUARID meteor shower is at its peak on the morning of the 5th. You'll need to be a patient observer if you go meteor spotting; expect an average of only 20 meteors each hour. You won't need

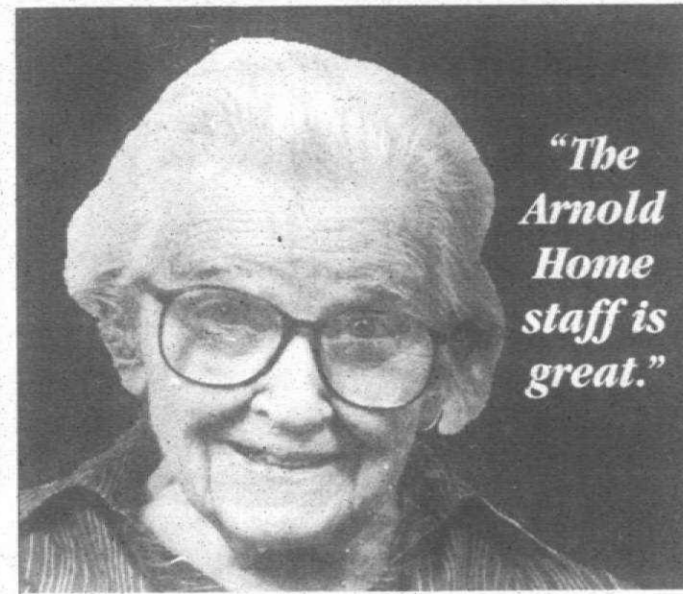
binoculars for this; just look up.

First quarter moon is at 11:43 a.m. on the 9th. The moon has completed the first quarter of its orbit around the earth.

Another eclipse of Ganymede occurs on the evening of the 19th. This time Ganymede enters Jupiter's shadow to the east of that planet. It will disappear at 10:21 p.m., but will be slowly fading beginning five minutes before that time.

The moon has gone from Leo into Virgo and is approaching the bright star Spica (Spy ka) on the evening of the 12th. On the following evening the moon is three degrees to the right of Spica.

Raymond Bullock works for a Troy firm which specializes in laser displays and effects. His column appears twice monthly.

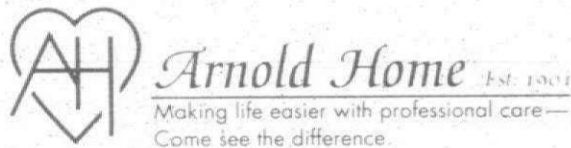


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Hospice to sponsor grief support program

The Hospice of Southeastern Michigan has scheduled two free grief support programs in May for individuals recovering from the death of a loved one.

The first, "I Remember Mama," will be 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, May 4, at the Drayton Avenue Presbyterian Church, 2441 Pinecrest, Ferndale. This program is designed for people whose mothers have died recently. Participants will learn coping skills, especially to get them through Mother's Day. It will be conducted by the Rev. Sandra Washington, director of Family Service at Hospice of Southeastern Michigan.

A second, five-week grief recovery seminar will start 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, and continue on consecutive Wednesdays through June 3. In this program, counselors will help participants work through grief resulting from the recent death of a loved one.

The program will be held at Southfield Presbyterian Church, 31575 W. 10 Mile Road, between Lahser and Northwestern. Both programs have limited class size and registration is requested. For information, call Dick Forsyth at the Hospice, 559-9209.

Hospice of Southeastern Michigan serves residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. It provides care for patients with terminal illnesses and offers support for their families.

Humane society offers free dog training class

The Michigan Humane Society is offering a free puppy behavior seminar for owners at the Westland shelter, 7-9 p.m. Thursday May 14.

The seminar will highlight house training and techniques on dominance, communication, normal and abnormal behavior, the benefits of crating and more.

People are asked to attend without their pets and to bring a pencil and paper. The seminar is provided by the Animal Behavior Institute of Royal Oak. The Humane Society's Westland shelter is located at 37255 Marquette.

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Slapstick

School scheme another mess

IF YOU WERE to cast a movie to be made about education in Michigan, Laurel and Hardy would certainly be the stars. The reason is Hardy's famous line: "This is another fine mess you've gotten us into."

That line applies to problems with schools of choice and the most recent flap over minimal achievement testing.

Just as with schools of choice, the state Legislature with much fanfare put a law on the books requiring 10th graders to pass a test to receive a state endorsed diploma.

Now, the state mandated testing is going down in flames. School officials say they need more time. It's a tiresome chorus. But then again state-mandated guidelines that cost the state nothing are just as tiresome.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES and state legislators are under pressure from the public to do something about the state of education in Michigan. Improvements to education and the way it's paid for are long overdue.

Schools of choice and the testing were two attempts by state lawmakers to do something.

However, both are failing and it makes us wonder if lawmakers weren't just trying to divert attention from themselves to local school districts. If that was the intent, they did a good job.

Whatever the case, it's time for state lawmakers and the Plymouth-Canton School District, along with others, to get their act together.

Neither schools of choice nor the state endorsed diploma do much to help our kids. Schools of choice promised to give students a chance for a better education, but turned out to be a paper tiger. The idea was to allow parents to pick the schools for their kids and have schools compete for students.

It's a concept that sounds good on paper, but falls apart in practice. Transportation is the key here, and the state isn't going to come up with the money to pay for it. Local districts would end up paying to bus kids around the district.

Schools of choice and the testing scheme have done nothing for education except take up the time of bureaucrats and produce mountains of paper. But then again that's what we've come to expect from government.

Magic Ride

An event to fight child abuse

WHEN YOU SEE a bruised or bloodied kid, and you know it was done by the parents, you stand back, angry about the state of the world. There doesn't seem to be much you can do.

But you can.

On Saturday, May 9, bicycle riders in the third annual Magic Ride will pedal through Canton to raise money for the Council on Child Abuse and Neglect. The money will go to agencies that do something about abused children in Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw and Monroe counties.

The ride is the council's major fund-raising and public awareness event of the year. The event started with 200 riders and has grown to 400.

But don't think you have to be ready to pedal the Tour de France. Riders can choose one of four routes that range from four to 50 miles. And there's an easy one-mile route for politicians and celebrity riders.

If riding a bicycle isn't something you want to do, Magic Ride volunteers are also in demand. More than 125 workers are needed to make sure everything goes smoothly.

And let's hope everything goes well at the ride.

For more information about the ride or to enter, call the Canton Foundation, 454-5327, or Sandra Murphy at the council, 728-3400.

Political bog

Congress runs from its woes

THOSE U.S. REPRESENTATIVES checking out of Congress aren't leaving the mire behind, as they'd like us to believe. In fact, they may be taking it with them.

Not many gave congressional redistricting much thought when it became a national agenda item a few months ago. Everyone pretty much figured things would progress as they always do, meaning the same politicians, with a few scattered exceptions here and there, would hold the same jobs in December as they do today.

Then the new redistricting maps arrived. Some representatives found themselves pitted against old friends in election runoffs to retain control of their districts.

Others found themselves with little left of their old districts, but lots of constituents in areas where they had never before campaigned. Still others viewed their newfound competition in these redrawn districts as a bit recalcitrant and unwilling to bow to their will as incumbents.

Ultimately, they all found comfort under the solution: Quit Congress and say they're doing so because the it is too bogged down to be effective.

WELL, THEY OUGHT to ask who bogged it down.

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David Honigman, Broomfield quit, saying scandal has taken over the Congress and paralyzed its effectiveness. However, this also is the last year he could leave office with his office holder fund, estimated at \$900,000.

To be fair, Broomfield has said the money will be used for some sort of charitable endeavor or foundation grant.

This also is the year Broomfield was faced with challenger Honigman, currently a state senator and not too long ago a state representative. More than one person in West Bloomfield has used "job-hopping" in the same sentence with Honigman.

The word around the county is that Honigman always has aspired to be a congressman, and this is his chance. There is speculation he was banking on Broomfield to quit so he could make the best of the opportunity.

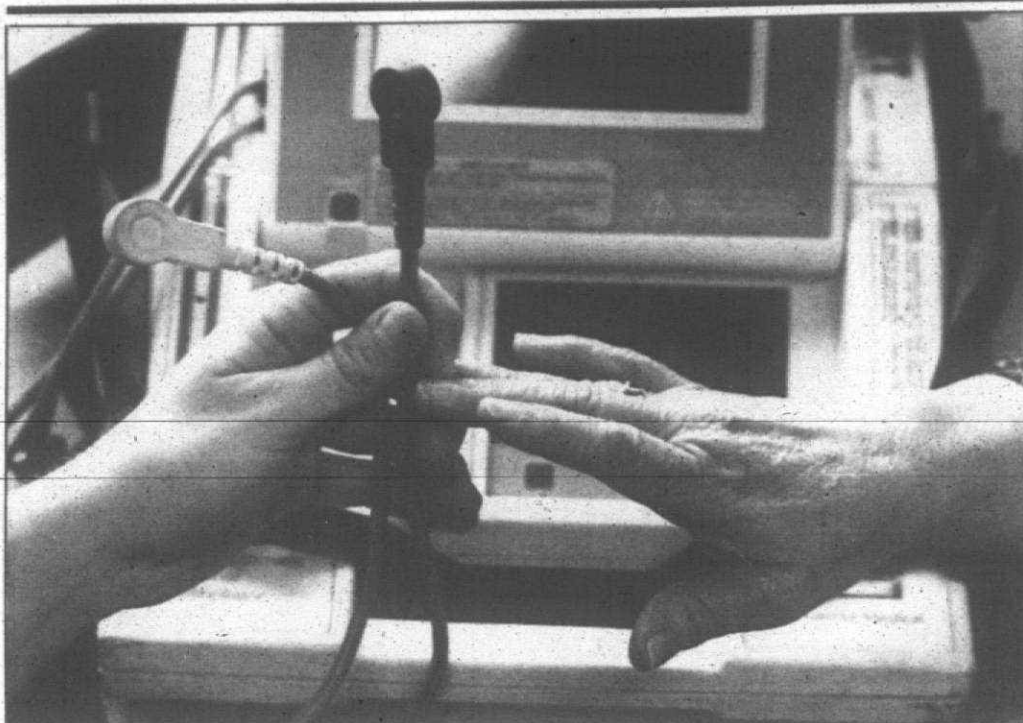
When redistricting came down in western Wayne County, U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, faced with either running in a new district that starts somewhere west of Little Annie Arbor or squaring off against veteran Democrat William Ford, opted to retire.

Since his decision was made, State Rep. Robert Geake has decided to enter the Republican race.

In southeast Oakland county, redistricting threw together longtime Democratic incumbents and good pals Sander Levin and Dennis Hertel in a district where neither had a solid political base. It didn't take long for Hertel to announce in an emotional interview that he just couldn't bring himself to campaign against such a good friend and comrade, and his added distaste for the establishment left him no choice but to quit.

It wasn't until after his announcement that his constituents learned that Hertel was one of the largest players in the House bank scandal, having written more than 500 bad checks.

Let's not forget William Broomfield and



SHARON LAMIEUX/staff photographer

Sick at heart

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State sidesteps role in business growth

HAVE YOU heard about the latest dance craze? It's called the Politician's Polka. You take one step forward, two steps back — and sidestep the issue.

We have Novi Rotarian Gary Kelter to thank for that.

And we have Gov. John Engler to thank for the most current demonstration of the truth to the story.

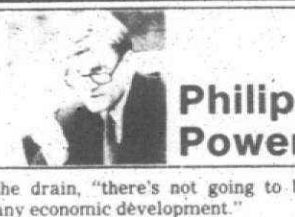
WE ARE facing hard times in Michigan. The auto industry is downsizing, idling factories, blue-collar workers and previously sacrosanct managers.

So what is the governor doing about it?

His one step forward is to focus tightly on our state's limited resources on education, as the stock of human skill and talent of our citizens is our greatest long-term competitive asset.

Facing nearly a billion-dollar deficit for the coming fiscal year, the governor has imposed drastic spending cuts on all state government. But under great pressure and very much to his credit, Engler has exempted Michigan's K-12 schools and universities from his cuts.

The two steps back stem from Engler's stubborn philosophy of governmental non-intervention. He really believes that government has no business getting involved in the economic life of the state.



Phillip Power

the drain, "there's not going to be any economic development."

THE SIDESTEP is the saddest of all.

Some of the least noticed consequences of auto industry downsizing are the terrific entrepreneurial opportunities it opens up.

Idea plants can be leased out cheaply to new companies in need of manufacturing space. Blue-collar workers, anxious for jobs and willing to be retrained, make up a pool of experienced, highly-motivated labor. Laid-off managers with talent, brains and roots in Michigan will feel no need to move out if they can get new businesses going right here.

Here is an enormous opportunity for new and diversified business development in Michigan.

But if you listen to the governor, state government should sidestep entirely any role in assisting this process.

On the merits, that's just plain wrong. As to the politics, it's just what I see in the budget. And in terms of his budget containing initiatives, I don't see any.

Second step back: One of Blanchard's most effective innovations was the Michigan Strategic Fund, a small pile of seed capital to be loaned to promising new business initiatives. Engler's state Senate allies are trying to kill off this remnant of the prior administration, proposing to move MSF funds to sewer construction.

According to Engler's own sensible economic development chief, deputy Commerce director Marge Byington, if MSF (ahem) goes down

from our readers

Ordinance encourages clusters

To the editor:

In your Thursday, April 23, editorial, "Clusters: A way to preserve open land," it appeared the article suggested that Canton needed an ordinance that would promote the cluster concept in residential development.

We do, in fact, have such an ordinance adopted January 1990 and revised Aug. 13, 1991. It is detailed on pages 166-67 of our Zoning Ordinance.

The cluster concept in Canton has caught hold quite nicely with developers. At present, Canton has several cluster developments at one stage or another. Just last Tuesday the 28th, the township board had two cluster subdivisions come before them, Royal Pointe and Buckingham Place. Fox Run, where homeowners are already moving in, is a cluster development.

Canton is also maintaining the "clout needed to make developers aware of the benefits of cluster housing" by imposing special land use

approval on cluster projects and insisting that the cluster development be consistent with the general principles and objectives of the Master Land Use Plan, the Suburban Control Ordinance, and all applicable building codes and other related regulations.

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points of view

Beware how government is run

I SHUDDER, in this political season, as candidates and plain citizens declare, "Government should be run like a business."

The Perot types assert there is much waste in government, all the way from the U.S. Capitol to the school administration — as if there weren't in business, too.

Think first of Domino's Pizza's gaudy display of conspicuous electrical consumption in honor of the Baby Jesus in December. No government agency, not even the Weinberger Defense Department, blew money so uselessly.



Tim Richard

I quote from page 13 of the proxy statement dated April 15 and ask if you've ever heard of anything like this in government:

"The Company estimates that if Messrs. J.E. Antonini (chairman, CEO and president), R.S. Miller (EVP of U.S. Kmart stores), G.R. Mrkoncic (EVP of specialty retail, some pension benefits (also on page 13).

Under item (iii), Antonini holds stock options exercisable for 431,600 shares, Miller for 182,900 shares, and Thomas for 256,200 shares (see pages 3-4).

The benefits received by Jimmy Carter and Jim Blumhardt, the last president and governor we bounced from office, are piddling compared to what they get at Kmart, which is probably typical of large companies. "Run government like a business" indeed!

WHEN MICHIGAN lawmakers revised the ages of majority in 1972, they erred by making 18 legal age for most rights and duties — voting, marriage, contracts, and so on.

I have some personal feelings about it inasmuch as I suggested the idea of the Age of Majority Commission, source of these ideas, to then-Gov. Bill Milliken. My notion was that we should lower all legal ages, but on a sliding scale, not peg so much at 18.

The Legislature should have made kids responsible for their criminal

deeds at an earlier age. But it appears the Senate Judiciary Committee is finally getting the message.

As a columnist fairly new to the trade, I find myself identifying strongly with the children's fable Chicken Little. Always on the lookout for material, I watch television in bars, scan several newscasts simultaneously with the remote changer ever ready, read countless papers and periodicals and fill numerous scraps of paper with EUREKA-type thoughts and zinging phrases. Most of it hits the reject pile when read in the light of day.

Scheduled to testify are: Duane LaMoreaux, of the metro Detroit chapter of PMC, whose daughter, Pamela, was murdered in 1987; Mary Ziekle, mother of Stephanie Dubay, who was stabbed and decapitated in Macomb County in 1990; and others.

Clearly the notion of "adult" needs to be revised — downward.

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

My input is a barrage of news from around the world: wars, famines and epidemics. Nazis in Germany. Skinheads in Michigan, armed borders in Israel-Palestine, armed borders in Detroit. Write it, my mind shouts like Chicken Little. Tell the people about the horrors that come with intolerance. But like the scraps of paper that hit the trash upon closer inspection, I remember Chicken Little and how ridiculous her attempts looked and how all the other animals were too busy living their lives, rather than trying to save their lives.

KNOWING THAT, imagine my chagrin when I picked up my pen and the first word which came out was infrastructure. That's as in the infrastructure of our country is falling apart, as in the bridges we cross, the roads we drive, the structures in which we park our cars, the buildings where we earn our pay. The sky is falling.

Sewers in Guadalajara explode. Sea walls in the city of Chicago erode. Our nation's landfills and dump sites and incinerators no longer serve us, they are stalking us. The sky is falling.

Years of neglect, decades of abuse, a century of decline have left our land despoiled, our water supply at risk our air polluted. Our infrastructure is at risk of collapse, but, like Chicken Little, we dare not scream it. Most can't be bothered with infrastructure. They're too busy trying to evade the modern day job loss, crime, fear and uncertainty.

Those who have sounded the

Adult ed can help non-readers

QUESTION: How good is that phonic program designed to improve reading? If it is so great, why don't school districts use it? I have a non-reader adult who is thinking of buying the program.

ANSWER: The phonics program could be called "Hooked Period," as in a fish being pulled in a net at a cost of \$179.

The program is a series of eight audio tapes with phonic drills set to music. Consumers hopefully memorize letter combinations for 44 basic sounds in our language. There are five soft cover workbooks.

There are thousands of other such products on the market, many of much higher quality, but without the benefit of the highly intensified, mega-bud media brain-wash.

Jeanne Chall, a professor emerita of education at Harvard (an advocate of phonic instruction) and Jean Osborn, director of the Center for the Study of Reading at the University of Illinois, were asked to form

team by the International Reading Association to critique the program.

THE MOST common problem found by the experts was the program's failure to provide any simple stories or sentences in proper context. They asked, "Why would anyone want to subject people to go through all the audio tapes and read pages of word lists and then totally unrelated sentences?"

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peated requests for the telephone numbers or addresses of any of those customers as requested by the International Reading Association team of experts.

TO ME IT'S the same old story. Some educators, public or private, look for the simple answer. In this case, it's a total phonetic approach. Turn the coin over and some educators say let's all get on the Whole Language approach. That is, children are bored with fundamental instruction and will pick up the fundamentals through readings they enjoy by osmosis. So forget about basics, kids, just enjoy and have fun. You will learn the fundamentals some time but not on my time.

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"THE SKY is falling," cried Chicken Little as she frantically dashed to alert her barnyard neighbors of impending disaster. "The sky is falling," she shrieked in their faces as they walked right past her unheeding, absorbed in their own frustration. "The sky is falling," Chicken Little howled to the wind as it swept on by her on its way to important doings.

As a columnist fairly new to the trade, I find myself identifying strongly with the children's fable Chicken Little. Always on the lookout for material, I watch television in bars, scan several newscasts simultaneously with the remote changer ever ready, read countless papers and periodicals and fill numerous scraps of paper with EUREKA-type thoughts and zinging phrases. Most of it hits the reject pile when read in the light of day.

Scheduled to testify are: Duane LaMoreaux, of the metro Detroit chapter of PMC, whose daughter, Pamela, was murdered in 1987; Mary Ziekle, mother of Stephanie Dubay, who was stabbed and decapitated in Macomb County in 1990; and others.

Clearly the notion of "adult" needs to be revised — downward.

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



Jeffrey Miller

alarm of an impending infrastructure disaster have defined it in terms of man-made things. Bridges, highways, tunnels, transportation modes. They seem unaware of the stress and wear that is threatening the real infrastructure of our existence. Us.

LIKE CHICKEN Little, barnyard neighbors whose time was spent on survival, our daily efforts to work and eat, to save and make it, to stay safe and not get involved has caused us to neglect the true infrastructure of our lives. Each other.

Bridges are essential to take us from one piece of land to another and we need them in good repair, but the type of bridge that is vital to future happiness is the kind that can be formed to unite people. Fayed roads are necessary to move goods and services from place to place, but more necessary is paving a road of understanding between all races.

Sewers and land fills are critical to good health and efficient waste removal; more critical is the need to develop an elimination system to rid us of the waste of intolerance and racial hatred.

Subways, buses, trains and transportation vehicles to take us from point A to point B, more important is the need to develop a communication mode to get us all on the same wavelength.

The sky is falling. Like many of us, the daily headlines, sound bites and horror stories are wearing this chicken little down. Down, but not out, and even though my barnyard neighbors choose not to listen, I keep coming back to infrastructure.

We can strengthen every man-made structure ever built, in order to improve our lives, but if we don't deal first with ourselves, the number one structure of this country — then the infrastructure we fortify will be standing on a crumbling base.

Jeffrey Miller, a Southfield resident, is producer/host of "Transition" which airs at 8:30 a.m. Saturdays on WXON-TV 20.

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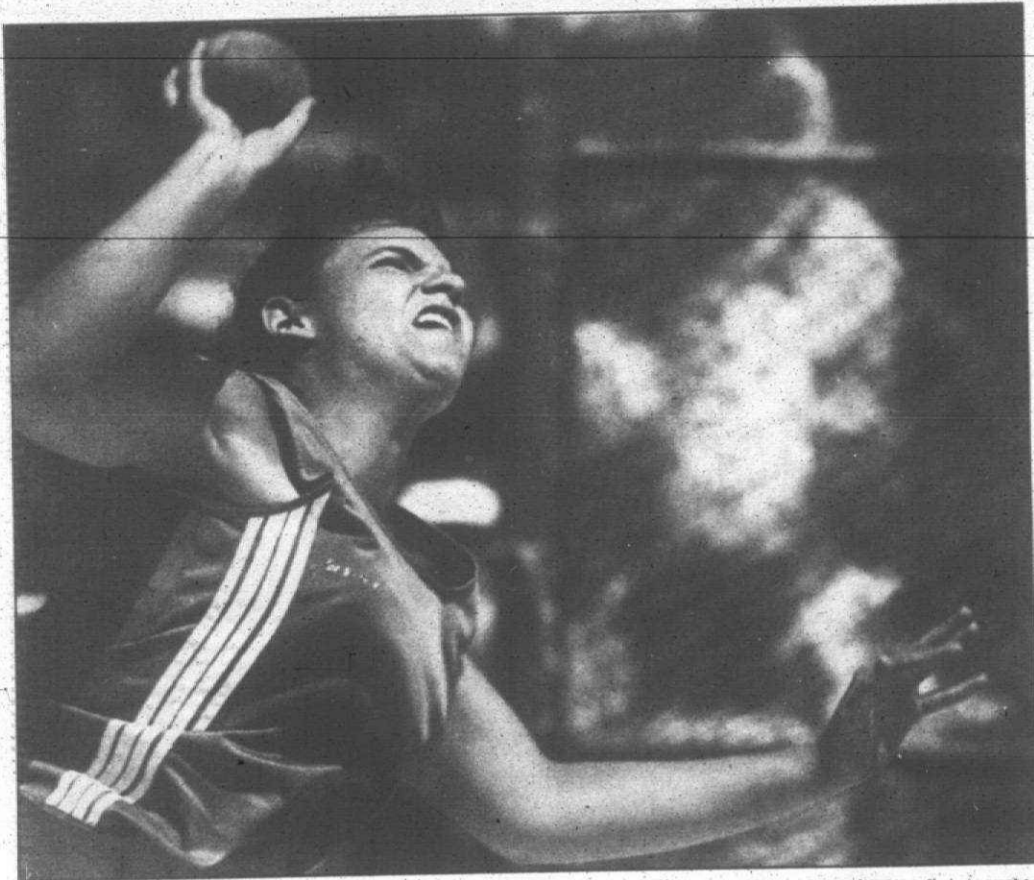
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Nikki Santilli contributed to second-place finishes for Salem in the shot put and discus events at the Lady Chief Relays.

Salem outduels Canton, wins Lady Chief Relays

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

CEP Power was on display Saturday in the Lady Chief Relays, which became a dual meet between the Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton girls track teams.

Salem won the final event to edge host Canton for first place in the seven-team competition at Centennial Educational Park, 110-106.

Defending champion Brighton was expected to contend for the title again along with Milford and Wyandotte, but all three trailed Dearborn Divine Child and finished way behind the CEP powers in terms of points.

Divine Child was third with 59 followed by Milford (57), Brighton (34), Wyandotte (15) and Walled Lake Central (13).

"Maybe it was because our girls stayed around during Easter vacation and practiced all week," Salem coach Mark Gregor said.

"WE PRACTICED from 9 to 11:30 every day last week, and I think our morning practices prepared us for the meet on Saturday because it rained every day. The girls didn't let that bother them and ran very well under the conditions.

"The girls don't ask why. They just go out and do it. There's an under-

track

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standing among all 66 girls — get your work done and it will pay off in the end."

Between the two teams, Salem and Canton won 10 of the 13 events. The Rocks were no worse than third in any race, collecting five thirds, six seconds and two thirds.

Canton and Salem were tied with 102 points apiece with one event remaining — the 1,600-meter relay. The Rocks picked up eight points for second place, the Chiefs four when they finished fourth. Divine Child won the race in 4:22.7.

"I thought it was a great competition between Salem and Canton," Canton coach George Przygodski said. They just had a little more firepower at the end than we did."

Gregor praised the efforts of Sarah Hamilton and Tonya Wheeler, both of whom competed in the next-to-last event — the sprint medley relay — and turned around and ran in the finale, too.

"They came back with the mini-

mal amount of rest and had good times," he said. "They really gutted it out and helped the team. It was the first competition of the year for Alysia Sofios, and she also did a lot to help the team as well as Stacey Withhoff."

SALEM GOT ONE first place in the field events, with Dana Driscoll, Sarah Makins and Sofios winning the long jump (44-1 1/2).

First place in the 300 hurdles relay went to the Rocks as Theresa Giachero, Makins, Courtney Sheldon and Amanda Parrish combined for a 3:34.8 time. The same team also was second in the shuttle hurdles relay at 1:10.9.

Hamilton, Driscoll and Marcia Parker comprised three quarters of the winning 400 and 800 relay teams. Vanessa Benning anchored the 400 (53.8) and Wheeler the 800 (1:51.3).

Salem's other first was achieved in the sprint medley in which Hamilton, Sofios, Parker and Wheeler put together a 3:04.9 time.

Canton is the defending Western Lakes Activities Association champion, but the Lady Chief results indicate Canton will have serious competition from its cross-campus rival this year.

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Rocks rebound to claim Tiger Relays trophy

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

Plymouth Salem rebounded from a disappointing finish in the Elks Relays with a sterling performance Saturday in the Tiger Relays at Belleville High School.

The Rocks, who were ninth and scored only 14 points in the Dearborn meet, racked up 85 in the latest competition and claimed the championship trophy.

"How we can score so well in this one and

not last week is a mystery to me," Salem coach Geoff Baker said.

"We had pretty much the same kids running the same events. The times are about the same, but we seemed to fare better this week."

Livonia Churchill edged Plymouth Canton for second place, 67-66. In the 1,600-meter relay, the Chiefs were second behind Saline while Churchill took sixth. A Canton victory in the last event would have given the Chiefs second place overall.

Salem scored in all of the 14 events and had three first places. The Rocks got it rolling when they won the high jump. Tony Haley (5-8), Steve Boudreau (5-6) and Mark MacInnis (5-4) combined for a 16-6 team total.

"ALL THREE made the opening jump, which gave us a good start right there," Baker said, adding he didn't know how the Rocks would fare going into the meet and was pleasantly surprised.

"Tony Haley surprised us. It could easily

have been a 6-foot jump. If we can get a couple over 5-6 (Saturday in the Observer-land Relays), we're going to be in the points again."

Don Johnson won the high hurdles in 15.3 and helped Salem capture first place in the shuttle hurdle relay. Dan Miller, Johnson, Brian Beauchene and Brian Herc finished in 1:10.26.

"Last week we didn't run as well in the hurdles as we did this week," Baker said. "The guys got ready for it, and the weather

was better. The week of practice might have helped us, too. We are progressing as the season goes along, which I like."

Individual events were a plus as well. Baker said. Derek Cudini was second in the 1,600 run (4:42) and Justin Fisher third in the 100 dash (11.5).

Baker also moved Johnson from the 400 relay into the 800, and the Rocks scored better than at the Elks meet, finishing second. Salem still managed to do well in the 400, getting third place.

Salem falls to Central, 6-5

Chuck Froning was a little concerned entering the spring vacation.

Froning's Walled Lake Central baseball team entered the break with an eight-game winning streak but was scheduled to host Plymouth Salem — the defending Class A state champion and the only other undefeated team in the Western Lakes Activities Association — in its first game after returning from the break.

It took eight innings Monday, but the host Vikings prevailed with a 6-5 victory and stand alone as the only undefeated team in the WLAA.

Central is 4-0 in the WLAA Lakes Division and 9-2 overall. Salem is 3-1 and 3-2-2.

"It was definitely a big win because we're competing with them to win the division and because Plymouth Salem has such a strong baseball tradition," Froning said. "It was a real big emotional win for us."

Winning pitcher Rick Wing aided his own cause by ripping two hits and driving in the winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning.

Justin Cherfoli opened the bottom of the eighth with a single and

baseball

moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Mark Greger. Wing stepped to the plate and drove a line drive double down the right-field line as Cherfoli scored the winning run.

Wing struck out six batters and walked no one, allowed seven hits and gave up three earned runs while improving his personal record to 4-1.

The Vikings forced extra innings when they tied the game at 5-5 in the bottom of the seventh. Ron Thompson led off the inning with a double and scored on a single by Mike Greger.

Cherfoli and Greger finished with two hits each to pace Central's offense.

Ed Gundry staked Salem to a 1-0 lead when he belted a solo home run in the top of the first inning. Gundry, Chip Wadowski and Al Hysko finished with two hits each for the Rocks.

"It was actually a sloppy game,"

Froning said. "We committed four errors and didn't hit the ball well. We still have some room for improvement. We have five league games in the next two weeks. We have to stay focused in order to keep the train rolling."

CANTON 6, NORTHVILLE 4: Jon Stimac pitched a two-hitter and struck out eight Monday as visiting Plymouth Canton returned from the holiday recess with a WLAA Western Division victory.

The Chiefs, 3-1 in the division and 5-3 overall, led 5-0 after two innings but allowed Northville to close the gap with a four-run third. Canton made two of its three errors in that inning, and the Mustangs had their only hits.

"(Stimac) did an outstanding job," Canton coach Fred Crissey said. "We got ahead and then went to sleep (defensively) and it became a ballgame."

Mark Shankowski had three of 11 hits by the Chiefs, Jon Paupore and Mike Stafford, who had a two-run double, two apiece.

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Chiefs lose unbeaten status

Sixth-ranked Plymouth Canton suffered its first softball defeat Monday when the Chiefs were upset by visiting Northville, 5-3.

Canton, which slipped to 4-1 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association, had won its first eight games.

"We didn't come ready to play ball," Canton coach Jim Arnold said, adding the layoff during Eastern break had an effect. "We hadn't played for a week and a half and it showed."

"Possibly, our girls took Northville too lightly, and Northville was ready to play ball. They deserved to win the game."

Colleen Baker was the starting pitcher for Canton but left after 1 1/2 innings with the Chiefs down 5-1. She gave up five of Northville's seven hits and walked two but was not to blame for the situation, according to Arnold.

"Two of the hits could have been caught, the ball went right over the outfielder's head," he said. Canton made two errors, the Mustangs none.

"Baker needs confidence and I firmly believed the defense I put be-

softball

hind her would do the job. (The defense) let her down. It wasn't her fault."

Kelly Holmes finished the game, allowing two hits but no runs while striking out eight.

The Chiefs managed just three hits, also. Renee Dory had two and drove in all three runs. Sara Rowe accounted for the other hit.

Northville's Stacey Nyland pitched a complete game in which she struck out 11 and walked 13. Canton was unable to capitalize on the latter as well, Arnold said.

PLYMOUTH SALEM fared much better Monday as the Rocks posted a 7-0 shutout over defending WLAA Lakes Division champion Walled Lake Central at home.

The Rocks are 4-1 in the division and trail Westland John Glenn by one game. Salem improved to 6-2

overall. The Vikings dipped to 3-2 in the Lakes.

Jenny Garvey pitched a complete game for Salem, allowing five hits while striking out three and walking four.

The Rocks also made no errors behind her while Central committed five.

"We played very well defensively," first-year Salem coach Al Campbell said. "I'm pleasantly surprised at how well the girls have adjusted to the new system. The defense have been good throughout the season."

"I saw some rustiness (after the vacation). They didn't swing the bats as well as they can, but they did what they had to do."

Salem scored once in the first inning, and it remained 1-0 until the Rocks broke through with six more in the bottom of the sixth.

Amanda Tubaugh had three hits and two RBI, including an RBI double in the first inning. Emily Giuliani's RBI single started the sixth-inning rally. Lori Thomczek added two hits and two RBI.

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Raiders defeat Glenn

North Farmington chalked up its most impressive victory to date in the 1992 baseball season Monday when the host Raiders topped defending Western Lakes Activities Association champ Westland John Glenn, 4-1.

The Raiders accomplished the win despite missing four starters, who were still gone on spring vacation.

North got another fine pitching performance from senior Mark Temple (4-0), who allowed just three hits, struck out 11 and walked one. In four games, he has 39 strikeouts.

"We had a great effort from our subs, and Mark Temple pitched one helluva game," North coach Irv Horwitz said.

Aaron Scheffer (0-3) pitched a complete game for the Rockets, striking out seven and only walking one, too. But the four errors by the Glenn defense were more costly than North's three.

North's Alex Bitoff tied the score on a wild pitch in the fourth inning, and two more went home during a three-run sixth when a ball hit by Temple rolled between the left fielder's legs.

Jack Wilks, Mike Jehle and Temple had the North hits. Scheffer had two for Glenn.

The Raiders are 3-1 in the WLA Lakes Division and 6-2 overall. Glenn is 2-3 and 3-1.

Soccer setback frustrates Salem

Plymouth Salem's game at Northville in girls soccer Monday was an exercise in frustration for several reasons.

The No. 3-ranked Rocks lost 1-0 and compounding that fact was how they lost.

For starters, Salem dominated the game, outshooting the Mustangs and controlling play in the opening end of the field. Salem coach Ken Johnson estimated the Rocks had 20 shots on goal to Northville's three.

"In the first half, we bombarded them," he said. "We just didn't finish. That's been the story this year. Right up to the penalty area, we're playing well. Some of it's bad luck, some of it's bad shooting."

To make matters worse, Salem lost its leading scorer, junior striker Kris Goff, when she received a red card with 10 minutes left in the first half.

During a pileup in front of the Northville goal, Goff tried to untangle herself and swung her arm at an opponent she thought was holding her, according to Johnson.

The referee ruled it was a flagrant foul, and the Rocks were forced to play the last 50 minutes with 10 players.

Despite those circumstances, "We never gave up either half of the field except when they scored," Johnson said.

"Their keeper made some good saves and when we had other chances we put it over the top. One time when we beat the goalie, the fullback slid in, held the ball there and flicked it out."

The only goal was scored with eight minutes left when Salem defender Michelle Cronan accidentally knocked the ball into her own goal following a corner kick. Meshia Chion was the Salem goalkeeper.

"It came in long and hard across the mouth of the goal," Johnson said. "Cronan was at the other post and went to kick it out, but it spun off her foot and went in."

The loss put Salem (5-2-2) at a disadvantage to Livonia Stevenson since a tiebreaker will be needed to determine the Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division champion.

CANTON 9, W.L. CENTRAL 6: The Chiefs, for whom Salem was rooting Wednesday to help balance the tables with Stevenson, was still undefeated going into that WLA show-down.

Canton improved to 6-0-1 in the WLA and 8-0-1 overall Monday with the shutout victory over the Vikings at Central Middle School.

Junior goalkeeper Jori Welchans recorded her seventh shutout for the Chiefs, who got goals from eight players. Amy Westerhold scored two

and Leah Hutko (two assists), Colleen Connel, Melissa Tomel, Alyson Nouse, Amy Tortora, Erica Anderson and Mandy Salin accounted for one each.

The Chiefs had another one-sided win Saturday when they whitewashed host Adrian 10-0. Welchans was in goal for that one, too.

Connel paced the rout with four goals and one assist. Erika Swegles scored two goals and Hutko, Britta Anderson, Robyn Vachow and Tamei recorded one apiece. Salin assisted on two goals.

"Everybody is moving the ball well and, hopefully, if we have to dig into the bench in the next crucial game everybody will be ready to play," Canton coach Don Smith said, adding the playing time was distributed in the last two games. "I don't call anybody first or second string, but the other girls are playing very well, too."

MacKenzie was the head coach and Morrison the All-American hurdler in 1969 when RU won the Class A boys track championship. The pair will be honored in a short ceremony prior to the Observerland Relays finals, which began at 7 p.m. on the all-weather track at Redford Union Field.

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Salem coach Geoff Baker was a member of the Rocks' team in '81 when they won the Observerland Relays held at RU. Salem won eight events that year, including the two-mile relay which Baker was a part of.

THE '92 Rocks won last Saturday's Tiger Relays at Belleville High School. "I think we'll do well, but we've still got Churchill, CC, Glenn and Canton to fight with," Baker said. "With our distance team, the meet format benefits us, but CC's distance team proved as strong or stronger at the Elks Relays."

"We need a big day from our throwers (Dan Kaczmarek, Dan Stevenson, Jeff Schumacher and Rockland Johnson) and to come out of the field events with some points — and keep it rolling on the track."

CC won the Elks Relays earlier this month, took third at Saturday's Jackson Invitational and is 2-0 in the Catholic League's Central Division.

CC is especially strong in distance relays, but coach Tony Magni knows he needs some field event points to stand a chance.

"WE'RE NOT as strong in the field events as some of the others going in," Magni said. "I think there's going to be some darkhorses, like Farmington Harrison and Northville. They have some very good athletes and it should make for an interesting night."

Harrison, a well-balanced team from the Western Lakes Activities Association, has won two invitationals (Novi and Milan Relays) and is undefeated in three dual meets.

"We're looking forward to it, knowing we'll get the best competition around," Harrison coach John Schumacher said. "Our athletes respect the heck out of that meet and look forward to going there, seeing what we have."

Wayne Memorial, the Observerland Relays champion in 1986, placed third last year. The Zebras have more numbers with the "pay to play" policy being dropped in the school district and coach Floyd Carter is anxious to see what that means.

"I think we could still finish pretty strong," Carter said.

RU plans to honor duo

By Steve Kowalski staff writer

Former Redford Union track star John Morrison accepted an invitation earlier this month to attend Saturday's 22nd Annual Observerland Boys Track Relays.

But prior to Monday night, Morrison thought he was showing up to hand out an award, not accept one.

"I thought I was coming down to give an award to (former RU coach) John MacKenzie and that would have been an honor for me just to present an award to Mac," said Morrison, now the girls track coach at Brighton High School.

"He had some outstanding runners and he had a knack of getting people in the right events. This is really nice (to share an honor with MacKenzie). Really unexpected."

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Rocks seek Observerland title repeat

By Steve Kowalski staff writer

It could rain from now until Saturday and Redford Union athletic director Jim Gibbons still won't be too concerned about completing the 22nd Annual Observerland Boys Track Relays.

That's because the outdated cinder track at RU's Howard Kraft Field has been replaced by a modern all-weather surface and it's rainy (rain, sleet or snow) for Saturday's 3:30 p.m. start.

RU hosted the Observerland Relays from 1971 through '82 but it's been held at Livonia Churchill the last nine years after a rain storm turned the final meet at RU into a quagmire.

Gibbons recalls the last Observerland Relays run at Kraft Field and all the confusion (not too mention mud) the rain caused.

"The track looked like a swimming pool," Gibbons said. "We accidentally started the 100-yard dash 10 yards ahead of where it should have been because we couldn't see the starting lines. Everyone had faster times despite running in the rain and mud — and it didn't take long to figure out why."

ABOUT ALL there is to figure this year is who will win.

Defending champion Plymouth Salem brings another strong team into Saturday's meet but several teams believe they can challenge or dethrone the Rocks.

Among those capable are Northville, Plymouth Canton, Redford Catholic Central, Wayne Memorial, Westland John Glenn and Farmington Hills Harrison.

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Shamrocks whip Braves

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Stimac (3-0) also pitched Canton to a 2-1 victory over Birmingham Brother Rice in a double-header split last week. Paupore hit a two-run double in the seventh to win the game. The Chiefs led 1-0 in the seventh inning of the second game but lost 5-1.

REDFORD CC 13, YPSILANTI 4: Five pitchers combined for a two-hitter Monday as the visiting Shamrocks ended a 12-day layoff with a 13-4 non-league baseball win over Ypsilanti.

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Canton tops Glenn

Craig Miller won all three sprint races and anchored the winning 1,600-meter relay team Tuesday as host Plymouth Canton gave Westland John Glenn its first dual-meet loss in boys track, 75-82.

Miller won the 100 dash in 11.5, the 200 in 23.7 and the 400 in 51.5. Brett Kearney, Matt Demeo, Mike Erickson and Miller finished the relay with a 3:42.9 time.

Kearney also had a good meet, winning the 800 run (2:03.9) and being the leadoff runner on the 3,200 relay team. Kevin Gudeth, Demeo and Dave Washenko combined with Kearney to win the relay in 8:30.2.

The Chiefs had a double individual winner in Tom Frava, who threw the shot put 41-5 and the discus 130-84. Other Canton firsts came from Jeff Keith in the 1,600 run (4:41.4) and Dave Yack in the 3,200 run (10:40.8).

Canton was behind 31-14 after the field events and 54-23 following the 400 relay. A dropped baton and a bad exchange cost the Chiefs a chance to win either of the sprint relays. But Canton regrouped and outscored Glenn 42-8 in the last six events.

"We knew we were going to match up pretty well and it could go down to the wire," Canton coach Bob Richardson said. "When we lost the two sprint relays, I started getting a little worried. So some kids ran the best times they've run in a long time. We were pleased to end the meet with some authority and show people we're going to hang in there and do what it takes."

The Chiefs are 2-1 overall, the Rockets 4-1-1.

TIGER RELAYS (Saturday at Belleville)

SALEM RESULTS

High jump (first): Tony Haley, Steve Boudeaur and Mark MacInnes (16-6).
Shuttle hurdles (first): Dan Miller, Don Johnson, Brian Beasch and Brian Herr (1:10.26).
110 high hurdles (first): Don Johnson (15.3).
800-meter relay (second): Jamie Miller, Marcus Zevaknik, Jay Casey and Don Johnson (3:48.03).
Long jump (second): Don Johnson, Ron Cullen and Justin Fisher (34.7).
3,200 relay (second): Steve Boudeaur, Derek Cudini, Mike Wooders and Jayson McDonald (8:45).
1,600 run (second): Derek Cudini (4:42).
Discus (third): Dan Kazmarek, Dan Stevenson and Jeff Schumacher (203-1).
400 relay (third): Marcus Zevaknik, Andy Colburn, Jay Casey and Justin Fisher (47.4).
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100 dash (third): Russ Polcyn, Adam Bakowski, Jamie Miller and Jayson McDonald (13.43).
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Shot put and discus: Nikki Santilli, Katherine Ryan and Donna Bernhardt (80-9 and 244.3).
High jump: Melissa Hopson, Rachelle Salvo and Alyssa Sofka.
Shuttle hurdles: Theresa Giachero, Sarah Mason, Courtney Stebbins and Amanda Parish (1:11.9).
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Becky Backus (Canton) 28.0
Vanessa Bering (Liv. Westland) 28.2
Emily Schroeder (Liv. Westland) 28.3
Cathy Backus (Stevenson) 28.3
Eileen O'Connell (Mercy) 28.5
Olivia (Canton) 28.5

400 RUN

Tonya Wheeler (Salem) 1:01.9
Nicole Poyer (Salem) 1:02.5
Michelle Stewick (Stevenson) 1:03.3
Debra Bryce (Franklin) 1:04.4
Kim Gudeth (Canton) 1:04.5
Becky Adams (Stevenson) 1:04.9
Eileen O'Connell (Mercy) 1:05.3
Christie Saffron (Canton) 1:05.5
Keegan Kellor (N. Farmington) 1:05.6
Dawn DiPietro (Mercy) 1:06.9

800 RUN

Stacy Witthoff (Canton) 2:29.9
Katie Grew (Stevenson) 2:30.1
Jessica Plett (Harrison) 2:33.5
Jenny Weh (N. Farmington) 2:35.7
Gail Grew (Stevenson) 2:37.0
Kelly Prus (Stevenson) 2:38.2
Christie Saffron (Canton) 2:38.5
Kim Gudeth (Canton) 2:40.0

Salem girls capture title

George pointed out we run against each other four more times this year," Gregor said. "So it's a matter of two things happening one, we have to stay healthy; and two, we have to continue to progress."

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TOP 10 MEN: 1. Dan Hart, 30 years old, (DePue) 1:12.31; 2. Rick Elzeig, 27 (Auburn Hills) 1:12.31; 3. Tom Emmer, 34 (Liv. Church) 1:14.44; 4. Jimmy Sorenson, 28 (Ann Arbor) 1:14.44; 5. Scott Masters, 28 (Liv. Church) 1:14.44; 6. Tom Emmer, 34 (Liv. Church) 1:16.36; 7. Jim Veerman, 30 (Hesperia) 1:16.36; 8. Paul Dickerson, 36 (Liv. Church) 1:17.01; 9. Paul Dickerson, 36 (Liv. Church) 1:17.01; 10. Chuck Beck, 36 (Liv. Church) 1:18.24.

tennis

FARMINGTON HARRISON 4 (Tuesday at Farmington)

No. 1 singles: Aaron Poff (FH) def. Aaron Sommariva 6-3, 6-1.

golf

12TH ANNUAL OAKLAND COUNTY GIRLS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS (At Pontiac Country Club)

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Rochester, 408; 2. Troy, 418; 3. Bloomfield Hills Lakes, 426; 4. Farmington Hills, 430; 5. Oak Ridge, 434; 6. Bloomfield Hills, 437; 7. Farmington Hills, 440; 8. Waterford Lakes, 450; 9. Birmingham Lakes, 458; 10. Waterford Lakes, 463; 11. Birmingham Lakes, 510; 12. Pontiac Central, 531; 13. Walled Lake Central, 537; 14. Bloomfield Hills, 549; 15. Waterford Lakes, 554; 16. Waterford Lakes, 575; 17. Birmingham Lakes, 578; 18. Farmington Hills, 581; 19. Farmington Hills, 581; 20. Farmington Hills, 581.

PLYMOUTH CANTON 6 LYNONA STEVENSON 1

Monday at Plymouth Canton

No. 1 singles: Adam Majewski (Canton) defeated J.B. Deronick 6-1, 7-5.
No. 2: Joe Binder (Canton) def. Scott Seib, 6-1, 6-3.
No. 3: Mike Donohue (Canton) def. Tom Pham, 7-6, 6-2.
No. 4: Mike Donohue (Canton) def. Tom Pham, 7-6, 6-2.
No. 5: Scott Boersma-Chris Ward (Canton) def. Ben Morris-Ryan Schmidt, 7-6, 6-3.
No. 6: Ben Morris-Ryan Schmidt, 7-6, 6-3.
No. 7: Scott Boersma-Chris Ward (Canton) def. Ben Morris-Ryan Schmidt, 7-6, 6-3.
No. 8: Ben Morris-Ryan Schmidt, 7-6, 6-3.

FARMINGTON HARRISON 4 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 1

(Tuesday at Farmington)

No. 1 singles: Nate Scire (JG) defeated Steve Bar (NF) 7-5, 6-4.
No. 2: David Migdal (NF) def. Sean Nalepa, 6-3, 6-0.
No. 3: Tony Fracchia (NF) def. Rajan Dashaurya 6-2, 6-3.
No. 4: Ben Sommers (NF) def. Chad Morjan, 6-1, 6-0.
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No. 8: Ben Sommers (NF) def. Chad Morjan, 6-1, 6-0.

FARMINGTON HARRISON 4 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 1

(Monday at Harrison)

No. 1 singles: Nate Scire (JG) defeated Aaron Poff (FH) 6-3, 7-6, 6-4.
No. 2: Jeff Gutman (NF) def. Sean Nalepa 6-3, 6-4.
No. 3: Kevin Laczowski (FH) def. Corey Riley 5-1, 6-3.
No. 4: Matt Schrowe (FH) def. Corey Riley 5-1, 6-3.
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Danele Simon (Franklin) 34-9
Lisa Barrio (Liv. Church) 33-8
Becky Washrock (Farmington) 32-6
Renee Arcano (Mercy) 32-0
Stephanie Gray (Canton) 31-11
Cathy Riley (John Glenn) 31-7
Selena Bastine (Canton) 31-5
Nikki Santilli (Salem) 30-9
Rachel Clark (Stevenson) 30-6

100 DASH

Lynette Conner (John Glenn) 13.1
Ndu Okwumabua (Canton) 13.2
Dorrie Thompson (Borges) 13.3
Kirsti Lewis (Mercy) 13.4
Kay Rodgers (Farmington) 13.3
Sarah Hamilton (Salem) 13.2
Kortina Gray (John Glenn) 13.4
Heather Conley (Harrison) 13.4
Jenny Weh (N. Farmington) 13.4
Emily Schroeder (Liv. Westland) 13.4
Christie Saffron (Canton) 13.4
Eileen O'Connell (Mercy) 13.4

200 DASH

Tonya Wheeler (Salem) 26.8
Ndu Okwumabua (Canton) 27.7
Chiquese Sears (Borges) 27.7

HIGH JUMP

Stephanie Gray (Canton) 5-2
Ndu Okwumabua (Canton) 5-0
Lisa Barrio (Liv. Church) 5-0
Moussa Hopy (Salem) 5-0
Karen Deschone (John Glenn) 5-0
Cathy Backus (Stevenson) 4-10
Colleen Leonard (Stevenson) 4-10
Liz Quenneville (Farmington) 4-10
Olivia (Canton) 4-8
Karin Dawley (Churchill) 4-8
Keegan Kellor (N. Farmington) 4-8
Dana Wade (Mercy) 4-8

LONG JUMP

Lynette Conner (John Glenn) 15-8 1/2
Dana Drazic (Salem) 15-7 1/2
Cathy Backus (Stevenson) 15-6 1/2
Colleen Leonard (Stevenson) 15-5 1/2
Krisa Snow (Harrison) 15-2
Mary Hartwig (John Glenn) 15-1 1/2
Sarah Makins (Salem) 15-1
Heather Pastor (Canton) 15-0
Nicole Larson (Stevenson) 14-11
Alicia King (Canton) 14-10
Kay Rodgers (Farmington) 14-10

100-METER HURDLES

Karina Kipelman (Canton) 16.3
Angela Kourlan (Canton) 16.3
Theresa Giachero (Salem) 16.4
Krisa Snow (Harrison) 16.4
Krisa Snow (Harrison) 16.4
Sarah Makins (Salem) 16.8

400 RUN

Stacy Witthoff (Canton) 2:29.9
Katie Grew (Stevenson) 2:30.1
Jessica Plett (Harrison) 2:33.5
Jenny Weh (N. Farmington) 2:35.7
Gail Grew (Stevenson) 2:37.0
Kelly Prus (Stevenson) 2:38.2
Christie Saffron (Canton) 2:38.5
Kim Gudeth (Canton) 2:40.0

800 RELAY

Plymouth Salem 1:50.6
Farmington Hills Mercy 1:51.6
Farmington Harrison 1:52.8
Livonia Stevenson 1:53.2
Farmington Hills Mercy 1:53.2

1,600 RELAY

Plymouth Canton 4:20.2
Livonia Stevenson 4:24.5
Farmington Harrison 4:26.9
Livonia Stevenson 4:28.1
Plymouth Canton 4:30.6

boys track

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400 RELAY

Livonia Stevenson 52.6
Plymouth Canton 53.8
Farmington Harrison 54.0
Westland John Glenn 54.7

800 RELAY

Plymouth Salem 1:50.6
Farmington Hills Mercy 1:51.6
Farmington Harrison 1:52.8
Livonia Stevenson 1:53.2
Farmington Hills Mercy 1:53.2

INDIVIDUAL TEAM RESULTS

ROCHESTER (408): 1. Tamara Ross, 94; 2. Meg Rowie, 96; 3. Dina Daniels, 108; 4. Aimee Jefferson, 110; 5. Katie Collins, 124.
TROY (418): 1. Christine Dabec, 95; 2. (tie) Janet Laskowski, Sara Voti, 106; 4. Julie Barker, 111; 5. Fran Ripston, 112; 4. Leslie Bavin, 114; 3. Julie Kendall, 129.
MERCY (434): 1. Kristyn Schalkos, 99; 2. Dana Daniels, 102; 3. Kyra Ware, 115; 4. Amy Williams, 118; 5. Patty Cahill, 122.
KINGSWOOD (440): 1. Sara Vogler, 88; 2. Tiffany gentile, 113; 3. Carla Couper, 118; 4.

WEST BLOOMFIELD (575):

1. Jennie Morris, 118; 2. Sara Sargent, 139; 3. Rebecca Mazzei, 156; 4. Jeannette Schick, 162.

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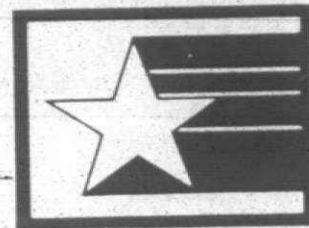
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Final season concert

Livonia Symphony to feature young artists

By Linda Ann Chomin
special writer

From the 18th century classicism of Mozart to the 20th century modernism of Russian composer Shostakovich, the Livonia Symphony Orchestra's 8 p.m. Saturday, May 2, concert featuring the winners of its Young Artists Competition promises an evening of drama and youthful energy.

The final concert of the season is in the Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, Livonia. Tickets are \$10, (\$6 seniors/students) at the Livonia Civic Center Library, Farmington Road at Five Mile, Madonna University, Schoolcraft and Levan, Hammell Music, 15630 Middlebelt, and at the door the night of the concert.

"EVERYTHING WE'RE playing of this concert whether the audience is familiar with it or not is very listenable. They will hear orchestral colors, they'll never hear anywhere else," said conductor Francesco DiBlasi.

Guest soloists performing with the orchestra, Dana Lentini, soprano,

'Everything we're playing on this concert whether the audience is familiar with it or not is very listenable. They will hear orchestral colors, they'll never hear anywhere else.'

— Francesco DiBlasi
conductor

"The orchestration is marvelous," DiBlasi said. "Shostakovich to get through school, played in the old movie houses. There's some connection between his early symphonies and the movie houses."

Following the dramatic music of the Fifth, "Batti, Batti" from Mozart's Don Giovanni, and "Musetta Waltz" from Puccini's opera, La Boheme spotlight Lentini's vocal talent.

"It's a great opportunity. I would have been elated even if I hadn't won the cash prize because of the opportunity to perform with the Livonia Symphony and Maestro DiBlasi," Lentini said.

Lentini graduated from the University of Southern California with a Bachelor of Music degree in performance. She will sing in the chorus of upcoming Michigan Opera Theatre productions of "Samson and Delilah."

After intermission, "Concert in F minor," originally written for trumpet by Oskar Bohme showcases Van Hoy.

A JUNIOR, majoring in euphonium performance at the University of



Jeremy Van Hoy will play the euphonium with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra on May 2.

Michigan. Van Hoy studies with Fritz Kaenzig.

"It's one of the greatest feelings I've ever had going up against flute and trumpet, and piano, and winning," Van Hoy said.

"I'm looking forward to playing with the orchestra. It's pretty rare for a euphonium to solo. It's a special chance for me."

Substituting for concertmaster, Victoria Haltom who is rehearsing for performances with the MOT, is Julia Kurytka from the Dearborn Symphony.

The concert is sponsored in part by the Livonia Arts Commission, and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.



Soprano Dana Lentini will perform with the Livonia Symphony May 2 and in the chorus of the upcoming Michigan Opera Theatre production of "Samson and Delilah."

The final selection of the evening is the overture to the romantic German opera, "Tannhauser" by Wagner.

"Van Hoy is fantastic. The euphonium is a classy baritone. It's the Cadillac of the brass family," DiBlasi said.



Julia Lema (left), Clint Bowers, Cynthia Thomas, Gene Barry, Hill and Terri White appear in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of "Ain't Misbehavin'."

Playful 'Ain't Misbehavin'' entertains

Performances of the Meadow Brook Theatre production of "Ain't Misbehavin'" continue through May 17 on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills. For ticket information, call the box office at 377-3300.



Cathie Breidenbach

MEADOW BROOK Theatre's sassy and sensuous production of "Ain't Misbehavin'" shimmers with the glamour of rhinestones, beads and smoky Harlem nightclubs where a man with garters on his sleeves sits his well-padded behind on a skinny piano bench. Into the small hours of the city morning, he hammers out rhythmic, jazzy,

swing tunes on a tinkling upright piano. The legendary fat man was Thomas "Fats" Waller and "Ain't Misbehavin'" pays tribute to his music in one of the most infectious playful Meadow Brook shows in a handful of seasons. Toe-tapping tunes and exuberant dancing team up with earthy humor

and joyous "jiggle" from the three female leads who come in graduated sizes — a curvaceous, small-sized dynamo (Julia Lema), a middle-sized mamma with a powerhouse voice (Cynthia Thomas), and a queen-sized Terri White, amply-padded both fore and aft.

THE MALE leads also come in graduated sizes. Gene Barry-Hill, a svelte, long-legged dapper dude, moves with sinuous grace when he slithers across stage in "The Viper's Drag" and offers the "upright, suburban" types in the front row a drag on his reefer. Clint Bowers moves with athletic dancer's grace despite his king-sized girth, reminiscent of the 285 pound Fats Waller. The man at the upright piano, musical director Ron Metcalf, gets back

up from a six-man swing band in the musical revue written by Murray Horwitz and Richard Maltby, Jr.

The show brings together more than 30 songs written or made popular by Fats Waller in the 1920s, '30s and early '40s. Memorable songs like "It's a Sin to Tell a Lie," and "Ain't Misbehavin'" share the lineup with the frivolous fun of "Your Feet's Too Big" and "Fat and Greasy" and with dated ditties like "When the Nylons Bloom Again," a World War II lament about the shortage of nylon stockings.

The opening night audience gave the show a deserved standing ovation. Director and choreographer, Arthur Faria rates a generous share of the accolades for his humorously innovative staging.

Chamber ensemble to showcase Mozart Youth Competition winners

The Lyric Chamber Ensemble will showcase the seven winners of the 1991 Mozart Youth Competition in a concert, 8 p.m. Sunday, May 3, at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward.

The competition took place May 11, 1991, as part of the LCE's commemoration of the 200 year anniversary since Mozart's death. Hammett Music of Livonia offered its recital room for the auditions.

Eighteen area young musicians, ages 14 to 18 competed for three prizes by performing required Mozart repertoire. Instruments included in the competition were piano, violin, flute, clarinet, bassoon, French horn and string quartet.

The May 3 program will include the Mozart Piano Concerto in B Flat Major, K.238, Mozart's Andante in C for Flute and Strings, K.238, and the Mozart Quartet, K.168.

David Daniels, director of the Oakland University Music Department, Peter Schoenbach, Chairman Wayne State University Music Department, and Observer & Eccentric music critic Avigdor Zaromp were the judges.

They chose two contestants to share first prize — pianist Anthony Bonamici of Livonia, and flutist Nina Perlove of Ann Arbor.

Second place was won by the Andover String Quartet, an all-female quartet from Bloomfield Hills: violinists Claire Charbonneau and Karen Li, violinist Ann Chao, and cellist Andrea Yun. Pianist Yuko Kashima of Canton took third prize.

The May 3 program will include the Mozart Piano Concerto in B Flat Major, K.238, Mozart's Andante in C for Flute and Strings, K.238, and the Mozart Quartet, K.168. The winners



The winners will be accompanied by the chamber orchestra.

Metropolitan Youth Symphony to perform

The Metropolitan Youth Symphony will end its busy 10th anniversary season with a spring concert of light classical music, 8 p.m. Sunday, May 3, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, M-59 and Hall Road.

The 250 members of the three orchestras in grades five through 12 hail from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties and perform one concert in each.

Alan McNair, concertmaster and assistant conductor of the Rochester Orchestra and orchestra director at Troy High School, will conduct the award-winning Symphony Orchestra in the "Overture to Candide" by Bernstein, "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" by Dukas and "Slaughter on Tenth Avenue" by Rogers/Mason.

THE CONCERT Orchestra will be led by Richard Puppo, noted cellist and conductor of the Wayne State University Orchestra. The orchestra will play "The Light Cavalry Overture" by VonSuppe, "Synchronized Clock and the Typewriter" by Leroy Anderson, "The Sabers Dance" by Khachaturian and "Pompe and Circumstance" by Elgar.

Young members of the String Orchestra will be led by Jacqueline Coleman, department head and director of the Middle School Music Program at Detroit County Day School. They will play "Music of the Night" by Andrew Lloyd Webber, "Orange Blossom Spectral" by Rouse/Muller and "Funeral March of the Marionette" by Gounod/McLeod.

table talk

• **THE VOICE OF THE PRAIRIE**
The Theater Guild of Livonia-Redford presents "The Voice of the Prairie" a nostalgic comedy by John Olive, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 1, 2, 8, 9 at 15138 Beech Dale, one block south of Five Mile Road, Redford. Tickets \$7, call 538-5678.

• **JOSH WHITE**
Folk and blues singer Josh White Jr. known for his powerful voice, brilliant guitar playing and grass roots music, will perform 7 and 9 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at Schoolcraft College in the Waterman Campus Center. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

• **KID'S KONCERTS**
Dianne Baker sings songs relating to Michigan history including folk songs she composed especially for children. 1:30-2:15 p.m. Saturday, May 2, in Room 115 of the Parks and Recreation Building, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. Program for children ages four to 10. Tickets \$3 each, available at the door. Call 354-4717 for information.

• **COLLAGE CONCERT**
The Schoolcraft Music Department presents Collage Concert, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 2 at the Schoolcraft College-Radcliff Center, 1751 Radcliff in Garden City. Free admission.

• **AMBASSADOR CHAMBER PLAYERS**
Schoolcraft College will present, the Ambassador Chamber Players 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 3 in the College's Forum Building Recital Hall. The concert is free and open to the public. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

• **CANTON MUSIC SERIES**
The third and final program in the Canton Music Series sponsored by the Friends of the Canton Public Library will be 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 1 in the meeting room of the library. The program will feature the folk group Skylark, an acoustic trio. Tickets \$5 each, available at the reception desk of the library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road. Call 397-0999 for ticket information.

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THE VOICE OF THE PRAIRIE The Theater Guild of Livonia-Redford presents "The Voice of the Prairie," a nostalgic comedy by John Olive. 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 1, 2, 8, 9 at 15138 Beech Dale, Redford. Tickets \$7, call 538-5678.

JOSH WHITE Folk and blues singer Josh White Jr. known for his powerful voice, brilliant guitar playing and grass roots music, will perform 7 and 9 p.m. Saturday, May 2 at Schoolcraft College in the Waterman Campus Center. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

CANTON MUSIC SERIES The third and final program in the Canton Music Series sponsored by the Friends of the Canton Public Library will be 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 1 in the meeting room of the library. The program will feature the folk group Skylark, an acoustic trio.

COLLEGE CONCERT The Schoolcraft Music Department presents College Concert, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 2 at the School-

craft College-Radeliff Center, 1751 Radeliff in Garden City. Free admission. Tickets \$5 each, available at the reception desk of the library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road. Call 397-0999 for ticket information.

KID'S KONCERTS Dianne Baker sings songs relating to Michigan history including folk songs she composed especially for children, 1:30-2:15 p.m. Saturday, May 2, in Room 115 of the Parks and Recreation Building, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. Program for children ages four to 10. Tickets \$3 each, available at the door. Call 354-4717 for information.

AMBASSADOR CHAMBER PLAYERS Schoolcraft College will present the Ambassador Chamber Players 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 3 in the College's Forum Building Recital Hall. The concert is free and open to the public. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD Plymouth Theatre Guild presents Neil Simon's "Brighton Beach Memoirs" 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16 and 6 p.m. Sunday, May 3 and 10 at the Water Tower Theatre, 4101 W. Seven Mile, Northville, on the campus of the Northville Regional Hospital. Tickets \$7 adults, \$6 seniors and students. Opening night special, two tickets for \$7. For information, call 349-7110.

JAZZ IN THE PARK Jazz in the Park, 12:30 p.m. Sundays, May 3, music by pianist Carl Ferstrum in the North Court of Laurel Park Place Mall, east of I-275 at west Six Mile and Newburgh in Livonia. Lunchtime piano concert noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, May 7, featuring pianist Gloria McBeth in the South Court near Jacobson's.

AUDITIONS The Theater Guild of Livonia-Redford is holding auditions for "Alberine in Five Times" 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 4 and Tuesday, May 5. This is the story of one woman at five different times in her life. Needed are six women, ages 30 to 70. Auditions

BALLET Michigan Ballet Theatre presents the classic ballet Les Sylphides with a mixed program of premier works, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, May 2 at Harrison High School Auditorium,

29995 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call 486-1514 or 624-5590 for tickets. Message at 531-0554.

SPRING CONCERT The Schoolcraft Community Choir will present two performances of its annual spring concert, "Music Through the Ages" 8 p.m. Thursday, May 7 at the Livonia Public Library, at Five Mile and Farmington Road, and 8 p.m. Saturday, May 9 at Faith Lutheran Church of Livonia, 30000 Five Mile Road. Admission, \$5 adults, \$3 students and seniors. Tickets are available at the door. Call 349-8175 or 462-4448 for information.

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND The Farmington Community Band presents its annual May concert, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 3 in the Harrison High School Auditorium, 12 Mile Road between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake roads in Farmington Hills. For information, tickets, call 476-5014 or 489-3412.

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC The Livonia Youth Philharmonic will present its spring concert 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9 at the Smith Theater on the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College.

MUSICA VIVA Series concludes with "Ara Berberian, Bass, at Orchestra Hall, 8 p.m. Friday, May 15. Call 833-3700 for tickets.

JET The Jewish Ensemble Theatre presents its final production of the 1991-92 season, "An Evening with Shogal," May 3-24 in the DeRoy Theatre at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Tickets range from \$8 to \$18.50, call 788-2900 or TicketMaster, 645-6666.

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Christine Edgecomb has been named associate director of development responsible for managing prospect research activity and for proposal writing at the University of Michigan Dearborn.

Paul G. Kanelas, Kenneth Komm, Bonnie Reiser and Jon Red of Century 21 Today in Redford and Row Call and Dora Boscich of Century 21 Today in Livonia have completed training in the national real estate firm's Century 21 CareerTrak training program.

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Meadow Brook Theatre to host costume sale

Vintage clothing, period costumes, hats, bags and shoes will be among the 500 to 1,000 costume pieces on sale 11 a.m. Saturday, May 9, in the lobby of the Meadow Brook Theatre. The costume and props shops will hold the sale in cooperation with the Meadow Brook Theatre Guild. The sale will begin at 11 a.m. A silent auction will be held at noon for the most elaborate costumes. In addition to costumes, some

props, such as furniture and lamps, will be sold. The theater adds dozens of costumes and props to its stock each season and is looking to reduce the quantity in storage due to space restrictions. Early arrival is suggested. Meadow Brook Theatre is in Wilson Hill on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. For information, call, 370-3310.

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COMPUTER GRAPHICS Thursday, April 30 - The National Computer Graphics Association will meet at 7 p.m. at Schoolcraft College in Livonia to hear attorney Richard A. Herman discuss "Copyright Law in the Electronic Age: What Every Artist Should Know." Call 462-4422.

AWMI Friday, May 1 - The Association of Women in the Metal Industries will sponsor "A Night at the Races" fundraiser at the Hazel Park Raceway beginning at 6 p.m. Call 774-1090 for more information.

MANUFACTURING PROFESSIONALS Wednesday, May 6 - Schoolcraft College, in cooperation with the Uni-

versity of Michigan, is offering Design of Experiments, a short-course for engineers, technical leaders, and scientists in design, manufacturing, production, quality assurance, research and development, and empirical data interpretation. Seven consecutive Wednesdays through June 17. Call 462-4448.

MANUFACTURING SOLUTIONS Wednesday, May 6 - As assembly of 53 national recognized speakers will discuss the revival of U.S. Manufacturing in the Global Marketplace in a three-day seminar May 6-8, at the Troy Marriott. Sponsored by Oakland University and the Detroit Chapter of the APICS. Call 777-4096.

WASTE IMPORTING/EXPORTING Wednesday, May 6 - The Engineering Society of Detroit is sponsoring an Environmental Society Luncheon at the society headquarters at 11:30 a.m. Topic: "How Big is Our Backyard? How U.S. Canada Import/Export Waste Regulations Will Affect You." Call 832-5400.

EMPLOYMENT ISSUES Thursday, May 7 - Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, the Detroit-based law firm, will sponsor a special seminar on issues of critical importance to employers in the coming year. Call 963-5420.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES Thursday, May 7 - The Michigan Chapter of the Special Library Association will hold its annual business meeting at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Call 271-1500.

LOTUS 1-2-3 Saturday, May 9 - Register now for a four-session workshop on Saturdays through June 6 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. offered by the Oakland University division of continuing education. Call 870-3120.

CONSTRUCTION QUALITY Tuesday, May 12 - The Engineering Society of Detroit is sponsoring a Construction Activities Committee Luncheon at the society headquarters at 11:30 a.m. Topic: "Quality in Construction, Are We Serious About Quality?" Call 832-5400.

DIVORCE COPING Thursday, May 14 - As part of a State of the Law seminar, The Family Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan is proud to present a complimentary viewing of the S.M.I.L.E. (Start Making It Livable for Everyone) video, an education video explaining how parents can help their children overcome the trauma of divorce. The viewing will be at 3:15 p.m. at the Southfield Sheraton Hotel.

Introduction to Lotus 1-2-3, Monday, May 18; Introduction to Wordperfect 5.1, Tuesday, May 19; Advanced Wordperfect 5.1, Wednesday, May 20; Teamwork Through Communications and Positive Thinking, Wednesday, May 20; Introduction to dBase IV, Thursday, May 21; Conducting Effective Performance Appraisals, Thursday, May 21; Introduction to computers with DOS, Friday, May 22; The Epidemic: Substance Abuse in the Workplace, Wednesday, May 27; CPR and First Aid Training, Wednesday and Thursday, May 27 and 28.

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Food giant automates checkout

By R.J. King
special writer

Tired of waiting in line at the grocery store? Especially when all lanes are jammed, all carts are crammed and there's no shortage of customers waving checkbooks and coupons.

Well, wait no more. Six CheckRobots, the state's first automated checkout stands, were recently installed at the Farmer Jack store at Maple and Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield Township, and customers couldn't be happier.

"It's fantastic," said Harold Kohn, a West Bloomfield resident. "There's no waiting in line. You just run the bar code over the machine and you're done. It's a lot of fun, but I hope no one loses their job."

Rick McArdle, manager of the Farmer Jack store, said he hired two cashiers to ring up receipts for customers using the six CheckRobots, adding no one will lose their jobs due to the automation invasion, though few jobs will be gained.

"In the three weeks since we've had the machines, we found 35 to 40 percent of our customers use them," said McArdle. "There's a lot of questions at first, but we've gotten a lot of compliments. They're a winner."

The machines are operated by a

touch-screen computer monitor and a series of lasers that read the Universal Product Code — a small box of straight lines — listed on most consumer products today. To operate a CheckRobot, shoppers hit a start button and scan the groceries over the bar code reader, just like a Farmer Jack cashier, before placing items on a moving belt. The machine voices the name of the item and the price and keeps a running tab on the screen.

PRODUCE AND other perishable items are priced manually by punching a three-digit code on the computer screen. The code is listed on stickers attached to the outside of a bag

of, for instance, apples or oranges.

"This is the first time I've used the machine, and I like it," said Lois Howell, a resident of West Bloomfield. "Once you get over the fear of dealing with a machine, it goes very smoothly." While shoppers are ringing up their purchases, a bagger packs the groceries. The machine types out a bill, which is paid at a special cashier stand. The cashiers will also deduct coupon offers.

To discourage theft, each machine has a photo log of every item in the 53,000-square-foot store. If a customer scans a can of peas but sets a New York Strip steak on the belt, an alarm will sound.

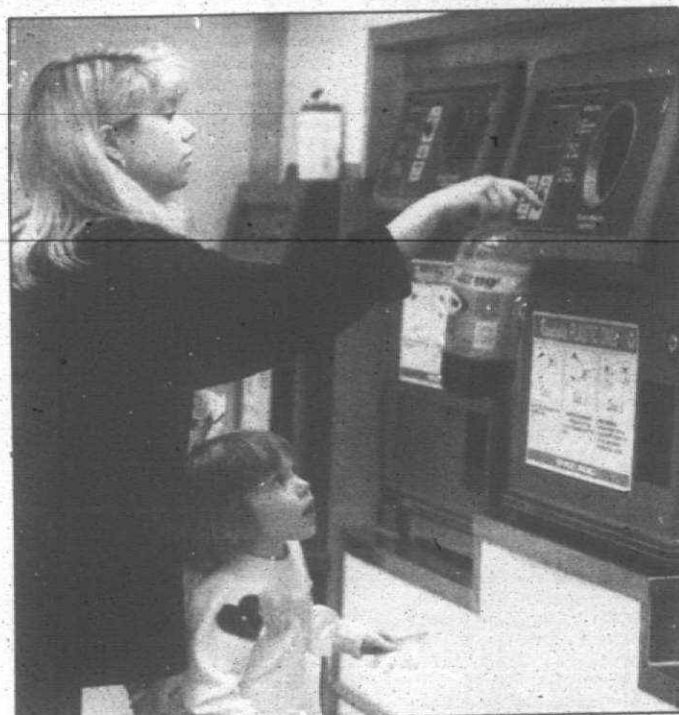
The CheckRobots are part of a six-

month, \$4-million expansion and renovation of the Farmer Jack store, which first opened 20 years ago. In addition to the automated checkout stands, there are five do-it-yourself can and bottle return machines.

Scott Lamb, quality assurance manager for NERCO Inc., a New Haven, Conn. recycling firm that manufactures the automated bottle return machines, said they were the first of their kind in Michigan.

"The machines read the UPC labels on a bottle or can and prints a voucher which you present to the cashier," said Lamb. "After a can or plastic bottle is read, it's crushed to

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staff photos by SHARON LEMIEUX

Chris Mark of Franklin and 3-year-old daughter Carly try out the automated bottle return at the Farmer Jack at Maple and Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield Township.

Independent grocer banks on service, wide selection

By R.J. King
special writer

With the consolidation within the grocery industry in metro Detroit over the last 20 years — as Chatham's, Great Scott and Wrigley's have all disappeared — how is it an independent grocer like Jim Hiller is expanding?

A resident of Franklin, Hiller owns six area grocery stores, the most recent a Shopping Center Market at the corner of Haggerty and 14 Mile Road in Novi, which opened last November. In the next year, Hiller plans to open another store in western Wayne County or in the Ann Arbor area. Already he owns the Food Emporium in Livonia and Shopping Center Markets in Berkley, Northville, Southfield and West Bloomfield.

"Our philosophy is to try and meet the need of anyone who comes into our stores," said Hiller, who holds a law degree from the University of Michigan as well as an undergraduate degree in astronomy. "If someone asks for anchovy sauce or a specific olive oil, we'll order it."

"We have twice the diversity of the chain (grocery) stores and our prices are competitive. All our meat is cut to order and we offer 600 different varieties of ice cream, 200 kinds of olive oil and, well, I could go on for hours."

Hiller's father, Sidney, first opened a grocery store 50 years ago in Detroit with a partner, Weldon Lutey. Since that time, the parent company, Hiller & Lutey Inc. in Southfield, has seen its revenues jump to more than \$100 million.

"If you offer people quality goods at competitive prices along with friendly service, they'll return again and again," said Hiller, who practices law on a limited basis at the firm of Hiller & Langnas in Southfield. "People appreciate service most of all."

JOE SARAFI, executive director of the Associated Food Dealers of Michigan in Southfield, said independent grocers like Hiller are unique to the metro Detroit market given most metropolitan areas across the country are controlled by chain operations.

"The Detroit market has several retailers who control from three to 12 stores which are family owned and operated," Sarafa said. "I expect in the future the independents will branch out in greater numbers than the chains."

"Because of the '68 riots, many of the chains abandoned the Detroit market. And some of the chains which remained were hit by lengthy strikes which provided opportunities for independents to expand, and they certainly took advantage of it."

At Hiller's 60,000-square-foot store in Novi, shoppers could find miniature vegetables organically grown in California, red peppers from Holland and tomatoes from Belgium.

The store also has sections of certain aisles devoted to specific nationalities. A Japanese section, for instance, offered rice sticks, jasmine tea, dried mushrooms and more than 20 varieties of soy sauce.

Barbara Smalls, a Farmington Hills resident, said she started shopping at the Novi store the first week after it opened.

"The meat here is much better than what you can get at the chain stores, and they cut everything to order, which makes you feel kind of special."

"They also weigh just the meat, and not the packaging. And I don't know if they hire more help or it's just because this store is new, but the lines never seem to be that long. That saves me a lot of time."

IN ADDITION to a Comerica branch office, the Novi store also boasts a French bakery where breads and pastry items are baked daily, a photo shop with a do-it-yourself developing machine and the Elizabeth Green Boutique.

While Hiller said an astronomy degree doesn't offer much use to a grocer, he said he does enjoy traveling.

"I was just at the Exotic and Fancy Food Show in San Francisco where I brought back over 200 new products," he said. "The next thing to make it big will be grape-seed oil. It has no cholesterol, no saturated fats, and it has a very benign flavor so it won't mar the taste of other foods. I think it will be a winner."



Harold Kohn of West Bloomfield goes through Farmer Jack's automated checkout line for the first time.

Getting your financial affairs in order requires direct action

By Doug Funke
staff writer

Outline a family budget. Review your insurance coverages. Make a will.

Simple advice, but not often translated into action, personal finance professionals say.

"Most people still procrastinate," said Austin A. Kanter, an insurance agent and financial planner in Southfield who this year served as general chairman of Financial Affairs Month in April. "I think there's more sophistication now, more knowledge, but ironically they haven't done that much more about it."

Financial Affairs Month is an annual public awareness effort promoted by such organizations as the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, the Detroit Bar Association, American Society of Chartered Life Underwriters and Chartered Financial Consultants, and banks.

It's timed for April, when tax returns are due, but any time is good to get your financial affairs in order, advisors say.

"I find most people spend more than they make. I'm amazed," said Judy Trepeck, a CPA with Rehmann, Robson & Co. of Farmington Hills. "I'm a real big one on budgeting. Get control of how much it takes to live."

"Sometimes, if you postpone what you've got to have for a month, you find out you don't have to have it."

Jim Knaus, a Rochester Hills financial planner, also is big on periodic reviews.

"THE BALANCE sheet is where

Advisors offer nuggets

Wanting, hoping and wishing don't always get things done. Especially when it comes to financial planning. When you decide to get going, here's some specific advice to consider.

• "People have to look at how they use credit cards. They're not meant to be long-term loans. That's where you get yourself in trouble. I use credit cards but I pay them off every month. I use them as float."
— Judy Trepeck, CPA

• "There are two ways to save. You can spend your money, then save what's left. Some save first, then spend what's left. Most go the first way and never have anything left."
— Austin A. Kanter, financial planner

• "Every once in a while, it's not a bad idea to evaluate your insur-

ance coverage depending on what stage of life you're in. A young person with kids may need a lot. An older person with the kids gone, maybe they don't need any at all or some but not much."
— Les Patterson, CPA and lawyer

• "Deal with a competent professional. Look for professional designations. Find out where you are, where you'd like to be and establish a plan to get there."
— Kanter

• "Look beyond the advice to determine what might be the motivation behind the recommendation. Don't make a decision right away. Get a number of opinions. Cover all the bases. You make your own decision, but have an expert take a look at it."
— Jim Knaus, financial planner

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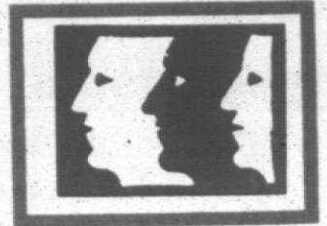
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Dana Oma of Plymouth tries to screen a pass by opponent Paul Burris of Dearborn Heights during a game of Scoop and Shoot.

Photos by PAUL HURSMANN/staff photographer

Quality is best choice when buying antiques

By Julie Brown
staff writer

Ernest DuMouchelle has some down-to-earth advice for novice antique collectors.

"Buy the best quality that you can afford, no matter what it's in," said DuMouchelle, a co-owner of DuMouchelle Galleries in Detroit. If possible, buy furniture made of such woods as walnut or mahogany, rather than the softer pine or maple. Sterling silver's a better choice than silverplate.

"It's going to be worth more in the long run. It's going to hold its value," he said.

Items made with better materials and craftsmanship "tend to be the items that are holding up today." That doesn't, however, mean that collectors should think only in terms of dollars and cents.

"People have to buy what they like," said DuMouchelle, who conducted an antique appraisal clinic April 15 at the Plymouth Historical Museum. A collector who buys a nice clock or painting is able to use that item to decorate his or her home and enhance the aesthetic environment.

IF THAT ITEM goes up in value, that's an added benefit, said DuMouchelle, who owns the business with his two brothers and two sisters. The business was established in the 1920s by DuMouchelle's father.

Over the years, DuMouchelle staffers have handled a variety of estates. Some items have turned out to be quite valuable, while others have been more ordinary.

He recommends that collectors have items appraised periodically. Sometimes, people get so accustomed to the things around them



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Colleen O'Hara and Beverly Hoisington get some news from Ernest DuMouchelle on a doll's value. DuMouchelle staffers have conducted such antique appraisal clinics for both the Plymouth Historical Society and the Canton Historical Society for a number of years.

that they overlook their value.

Conducting such appraisals kept DuMouchelle busy last week at the Plymouth Historical Museum. He met with about 75 people to give appraisals on paintings, crystal, china, dolls and other items.

"We've always gotten along very well in this community. I see nice things here," said DuMouchelle, who has conducted such appraisals at the museum each year for a number of years. "People have always had nice

things." Older communities often tend to be that way, he said.

DuMouchelle encourages would-be collectors to consider looking for antiques or collectibles. New furniture bought in a store will go down in value, but that's unlikely to happen for antiques or collectibles.

OFTEN, SUCH items can be bought at an auction or estate sale

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Scoop it up

Game scores with big 'kids'

By Sue Mason
staff writer

THE RULES ARE SIMPLE: finding it is the hard part. In an area where manufacturing is the norm, Scoop and Shoot is definitely the oddball.

Spotting the homemade wooden dodgem car-style sign at the corner of Marie and the eastbound Ford Road Service Drive in Westland is a good indication you're getting close.

"It's off the beaten path, but word of mouth is selling it," said manager Carlton Lewis. "People who know where we are are going to come."

A cross between basketball, jai alai and hockey, the motorized mayhem takes place in a 90-foot-long rink. Two teams of five people each, armed with jai alai style scoops, dash around the rink in a car, trying to job a whiffle ball into the opponent's basket 10 feet above the floor.

The cars resemble dodgem cars with stick steering so one hand is free to catch and toss the ball. The ball can be bounced off the floor, the net and wall to get goals worth two points, unless scored at the three-point line. The shot can be made from in front or in back of the basket or any angle.

And the only time the ball can be handled is when it falls into a car or gets smashed during a game, Lewis said.

The referee — usually Lewis or his brother Jasper, sits in an elevated booth at the side of the rink, providing the play-by-play and leveling two-point penalties for such things as slashing or unnecessary bumping.



It's hard keeping track of the ball around the Scoop and Shoot basket, but Sandra Allman (from left) and Heather Guenther, both of Canton, and Penny Craley of Westland seem to take it in stride.

"THE REFEREE pretty much keeps the game under control," Lewis said. "He has access to the power for the floor and calls the penalties."

That's where the rules come in. First off, you have to be at least four feet tall to play. And once you get in the car, you have to wear your seatbelt and keep your hands and feet inside.

Of course, you can't do such things as swat at an opponent, engineer head-on collisions or bump unnecessarily.

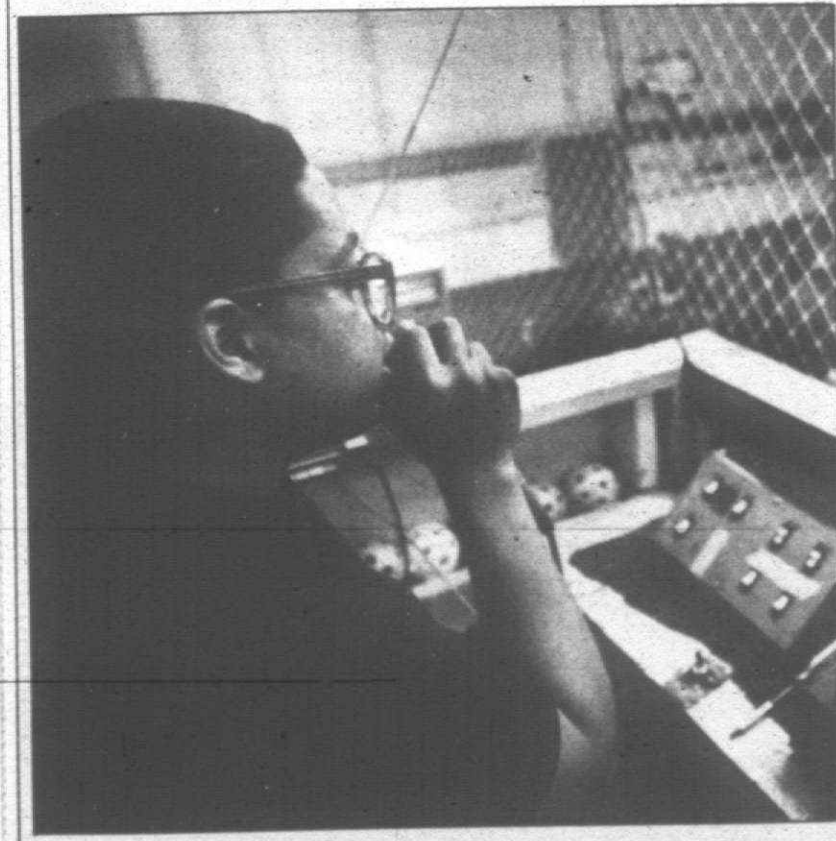
And, last but not least, no horseplay.

Break the rules and you can count on a warning from the referee. Ignore the ref and you could be ejected from the game.

"Bumping and banging isn't what the game is all about," said Lewis. "The idea is to score points. We understand there's going to be some bumping, but the point is to have some nice, clean fun."

"If we have someone who is bumping, we talk to the person who booked the rink about it. If that per-

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As manager of Scoop and Shoot, Carlton Lewis gets to be a part of the game. From a booth above the court, he offers play-by-play of the games and acts as the referee.

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Gerald and Marie Knoch of Flat Rock announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Kimberly, to Bill Hammons Jr. of Schaumburg, Ill., son of Bill and June Hammons of Saline and Reginald and Lorraine Hayes of Canton.

West-Feinstein

Dick and Bonnie West of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy, to Steve Feinstein, son of Mike and Judy Feinstein of Troy, Ohio.



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John and Nancy Verbiacus of California and Gary and Claire Schwartz of Royal Oak announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Diane Schwartz, to Timothy Karl Gleason, son of Trudi and Fred McIntyre of Livonia.

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graphology Lorene Green I am a thirty-year-old female, married with two children. I am right-handed. Quite frankly, I am a skeptic! But to be honest, I am also

It comes as no great surprise that today's writer is a skeptic regarding graphology. She is a very intelligent woman whose thinking is both analytical and critical.

This is a sophisticated young woman, an independent and unafraid to stand alone if necessary. In addition, she is self-reliant and able to work well on her own.

Her modus operandi is direct and straight from the shoulder. There is a noticeable lack of pretense here. She has the ability to initiate and act on her own ideas without encouragement from others.

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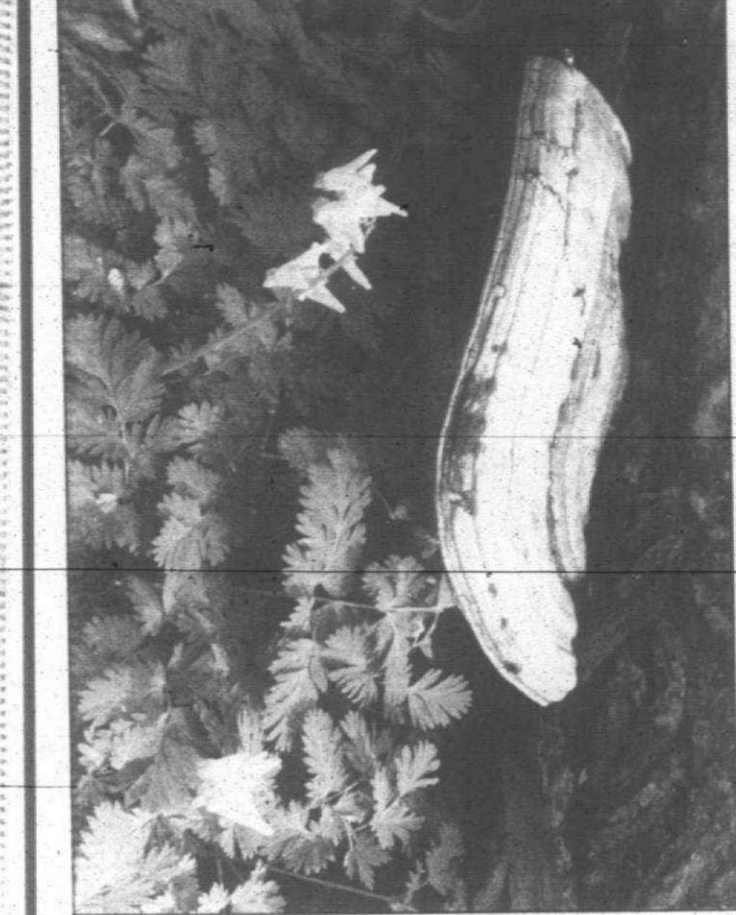
control she quickly regains it, allowing her to function well in emergency situations. Naturally cautious, she takes time to consider consequences before becoming involved. An attitude of calculation enters many decisions, I believe.

Game offers scoopfuls of fun

son can't control it, we'll ask that person to leave. Games can be played in 10-, 15- or 20-minute increments, the choice is up to the person or group that rents the rink. Rentals are \$110 for one hour of play.

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Dutchman's breeches and other wildflowers are found in abundant supply at Miller Woods. Nature walks will be held 1-4 p.m. Saturday, May 2, and Sunday, May 10, at the woods.

clubs in action

- NEWCOMERS CLUB The Plymouth Newcomers Club will have a coffee for prospective members 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30. The club, which meets monthly at area restaurants for luncheons, is for Plymouth and Plymouth Township residents who have lived in the community two years or less.

Tours introduce people to wildlife

By Julie Brown staff writer SPRING HAS taken its own sweet time arriving in Michigan this year, but the signs are easy to spot at Miller Woods.

Guides who conduct the walks have information on different varieties of flowers and other plants, said Edgar, a retired Plymouth-Canton schoolteacher. Many tour participants enjoy learning about what's growing in the woods.

clubs in action

- CLUB LUNCHEON The Plymouth Newcomers Club will have its final luncheon of the season Thursday, May 7, at Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 7300 N. Merriman, Westland. Hospitality time will be 11:30 a.m. - lunch noon.

have been well-received and well-attended in the past. "The weather, of course, makes a difference. There are people who come every year. Some newcomers also participate. Walks attract visitors of all ages, Edgar said, including a number of families.

Education president, will hold an informal discussion on the 1992-93 school year. The general meeting will be 7 p.m., followed by a fashion show by The Dress Barn. For reservations or more information, call 416-5522 or 981-9362.

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flowers, such as Dutchman's breeches, are visible even from the road. "They're out there if people want to come look at them."

Appraiser puts a price tag on those prize possessions Continued from Page 1 for a reasonable price. Furniture may need refinishing or reupholstering, but bargains are available.

clubs in action

- WOMAN'S CLUB The Woman's Club of Plymouth will meet noon Friday, May 1, for a salad potluck luncheon at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon. A program on "The Fascination of Button Collecting" will be presented by Plymouth resident Connie Fitzner.

Appraisals will be available on a first-come, first-served basis for hand-carried items only, and advance registration isn't required. Price is \$4 for a verbal appraisal, \$6 for a written one, \$10 for any item with value exceeding \$1,000.

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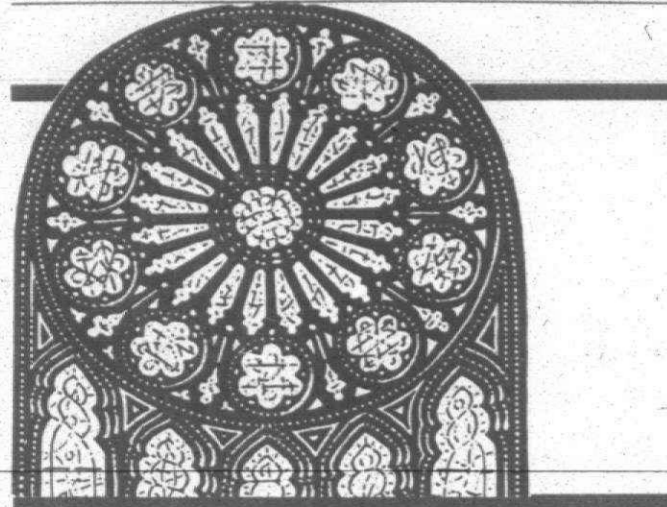
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- TRAIL WALK The Craft Gallery will have a Mother's Day country and Victorian craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 3, at Roma's of Garden City, 32550 Cherry Hill, east of Venoy. Admission price is \$2, free for children under age 12. No strollers will be allowed.

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He trades Bible for law books

By Julie Brown
staff writer

The career change planned by the Rev. Kerry Hettinger, pastor of Canton Free Methodist Church, isn't exactly what you'd call typical.

Hettinger has served as the congregation's pastor for nearly six years. He'll be leaving at the end of July to begin classes as a first-year law student at Harvard University in the fall.

"This will be without question the most difficult year of my life," Hettinger's married and the father of three children, a 15-year-old son and twin daughters who are almost 4. He knows that moving to Cambridge, Mass., and becoming a full-time student for the next three years will be a challenge.

He realized he'd lost some interest in that field, and didn't necessarily want to teach it. "Social philosophy would be more of a concern at this point," he's not as interested in more arcane areas.

He applied to a number of law schools, and didn't anticipate being accepted by Harvard.

"That was a bit of a surprise, a pleasant one," he'd thought not having attended an Ivy League college would work to his disadvantage.

Hettinger, 34, earned a bachelor of arts degree from Spring Arbor College in Spring Arbor, Mich., majoring in philosophy and psychology. In 1986, he earned a master of divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary near Lexington, Ky., specializing in philosophy.

He's had some interesting comments related to his decision. Some feel attorneys are morally more apt to compromise than is true of the clergy, although Hettinger doesn't believe that's the case.

"Our society just has enormous freedoms that we sometimes neglect to appreciate," he said.

The number of attorneys in the U.S. is related to those freedoms, he said, and the fact that the average person can obtain legal representation is a marvel of the American dream. Attorneys exist in proportion to market needs, he added.

Hettinger isn't sure what specialty he'll pursue as an attorney. He hopes to take at least one course in international law and in labor law.

His brother, Michael, has just finished his first year of law school at Notre Dame. "Largely, he's been able to help in dispelling myths," Hettinger's seen the movie "The Paper Chase," and read that book which describes the experiences of first-year Harvard law students. He's read other such books, including author/attorney Scott Turow's account of his first year at Harvard Law School.

Hettinger and his family will visit Massachusetts to find housing and become more familiar with the law school and community, "and also to enjoy some of the seafood the area's famous for."

His wife, Celeste, is looking for a teaching position. That's been difficult due to the recession's impact on school districts in New England, many of which are laying off teachers.

He'll miss Michigan friends and family. "We have to say goodbye for now to many close friends and that hurts terribly," they'll maintain those ties.



The Rev. Kerry Hettinger, pastor of Canton Free Methodist Church, will begin classes this fall at Harvard Law School. "This will be without question the most difficult year of my life," said Hettinger, who has served at the church for nearly six years.

"However God wants to use me. My faith has not been shaken. My faith in God has never been stronger."

— The Rev. Kerry Hettinger

Center creates extended family

This last decade has been a time of major sociological change, dramatically affecting the fabric and structure of the American family. Separation and divorce rates have escalated as a result of the high rate of mobility.

The support system of family and friends of one's own community no longer exists for many families. Grandparents no longer live for the most part, near their children and the extended family exists in nostalgia, but not in reality. An increasing number of women are pursuing careers outside the home and this re-formulates the roles as parents.

The birth of a child marks the beginning of a new life for the developing infant, but also a new way of life and a new set of challenges for each parent. Many of today's parents are isolated from personal support and bombarded with theory. What and who to believe? Where to go? Whom to talk to? Difficult questions, with no clear answers.

PARENTS NEED help in developing parenting skills — namely, the active roles a mother and father assume during the formative years of raising children. It is acknowledged that these very early family relationships and experiences help shape a child's personality in view of himself/herself in the world.

Research in child development demonstrates that infants and toddlers are sensitively attuned to their environment. Even before the earliest stages of life, a child is capable of observing and integrating the personal world of sights, tastes, smells, textures, sounds and objects in-

teractions with parents, siblings and peers become familiar and anticipated.

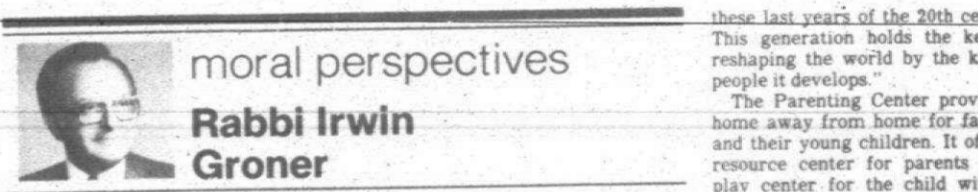
In the past, the extended family unit provided rich resources, members offered each other support, guidance and child care during the early stages of family development.

In today's modern society, adults are now turning toward their peer group and community institutions for this information and support, and to create a feeling of belonging.

A new and fruitful concept is now being introduced — The Parenting Center. The Parenting Center provides a framework in which young families can socialize with each other, share views on child raising, and establish a peer support group.

THE PRIMARY aspect of the program is to create an extended family and sense of community and offer parents support, information and guidance during the important years of early childhood development.

A noted expert in this field recently stated: "People making is our most important challenge during these last years of the 20th century. This generation holds the key for reshaping the world by the kind of people it develops."



Rabbi Irwin Groner

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While this concept has, so my knowledge, been implemented in only a few synagogues, churches or community centers, it holds great promise for the future and offers the strength of the family as the primary institution of the American way of life.

A Rabbi Irwin Groner is with Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield.

religion calendar

Items for the religion calendar should be submitted no later than noon Friday the week prior to publication.

MISSIONS PROGRAM
Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City will have a world missions conference, Sunday through Wednesday, April 26-29, at the church, 2055 Merriman. Speakers will be the Rev. John Divers, a missionary to Argentina, 11 a.m., and the Rev. J.A. Clower, a missionary to Taiwan, 7 p.m., both Sunday, April 26; the Rev. Jodie Jackson, a prison chaplain in Jefferson City, Mo., 7 p.m. Monday, April 27; Sherrie Priemore, director of the Baptist Center in Detroit, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 28; and Dr. Lamond Brown, a missionary to Thailand, 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 29.

The nursery will be open for all services, which will be interpreted for the hearing-impaired.

MARRIAGE PLUS
Ray Mosholder will conduct his Marriage Plus seminar, Sunday, April 26, through Friday, May 1, at Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile, west of Hagerty, Northville.

Sessions will include The Truth About Marriage; How to Forgive; Children. The first session will be 11 a.m. Sunday, April 26. Following sessions will be 6:30 p.m. each evening. Child care will be provided.

MISSIONS
Main Street Baptist Church, 8500 N. Morton-Taylor, south of Joy in Canton, will host a world missions conference Sunday through Wednesday, April 26-29. Foreign and home missionaries will speak. Speakers will include 11 a.m. Sunday, the Rev. Jodie Jackson, prison chaplain from Missouri; 7 p.m. Sunday, Sherrie Priemore, a Christian social ministries worker from Detroit; 7 p.m. Monday, Dr. Lamond Brown, missionary from Thailand; 7 p.m. Tuesday, Phyllis Merritt, home missionary from Georgia; 7 p.m. Wednesday, the Rev. John Divers, missionary from Argentina. For information, call the Rev. Michael York, 453-4785.

FUN FAIR
A "Family Fun Fair" will be held Friday through Sunday, May 8-10, at St. Mary's Orthodox Church, on Merriman, between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia. Hours will be 5 p.m. to midnight Friday, noon to midnight Saturday, noon to 10 p.m. Sunday.

The event will feature rides, music, games, cultural exhibits, Vegas room gambling and food, including several Middle Eastern delicacies. A Father's Day brunch will be held Sunday, May 10, in the church Cultural Center. For brunch reservations or information, call 420-3146.

GRIEF SUPPORT
New Start (for the widowed) will meet 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30, in the chapel of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. The groups are sponsored by Single Point Ministries. For information, call 422-1854.

RUMMAGE SALES
The Presbyterian Women of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church will have a rummage and bake sale 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 30, in the fellowship hall, 9601 Hubbard, at West Chicago in Livonia. There will be a bag sale 7-8 p.m.

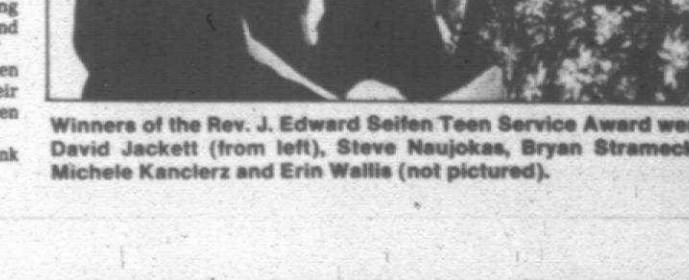
CARD PARTY
The St. Hilary Rosary Altar Society will have a card party 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 1, at the parish hall, 23901 Elmira, Redford. There will be door prizes, a dessert table and coffee. Donation is \$5. For tickets or reservations, call 533-9197 or 533-5698.

QUILT/CRAFT SHOW
Redford United Methodist Church will have a quilt and craft show 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the church, 22440 Grand River, Detroit. There will be a plate lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$4. There will be demonstrations, crafts sales and a bake shop. People with quilts to display can call 532-1739 or 531-0586 after 6 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP
Friendship Connection, a personal growth and support group, will meet 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at 13439 Marston, Redford, for discussion, questions and answers, fellowship and Bible study. For information, call 534-2065.

CAPTIVE FREE
Captive Free, a young Christian musical group, will appear in concert at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Laverne, Redford, 8 p.m. Friday, May 8. Prior to the concert, there will be a mostaccioli dinner in the school gym. Ticket prices are \$4 for adults and older children, free for children under age 8. Dinner tickets aren't needed to attend the concert. For information or tickets, call Tom Pichan, 721-4542.

SPECIAL PROGRAM
Holy Cross Lutheran Church will host a program, "Effects of Mental Illness on the Family," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 7, at the church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Dolores Howell, president of the Oakland Chapter of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill, will speak. For information, call 427-1414.

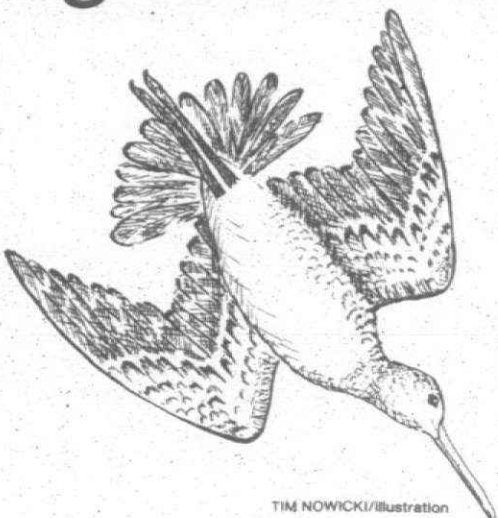


Winners of the Rev. J. Edward Seifen Teen Service Award were David Jackett (from left), Steve Naujokas, Bryan Stramecki, Michele Kanclerz and Erin Wallis (not pictured).

WE WELCOME GOD'S MOST ENCHANTING SEASON OF SPRING

Spring sounds serve important role in nature

On the down slope of his sky dance, the common snipe produces an eerie sound. As he spreads his tail feathers wind passes between the open feathers and produces a low-pitched vibration often described as a winnowing.



TIM NOWICKI/illustration

Spring sounds surround us as frogs and birds prepare for the rites of the season. Each species has its own unique sound that identifies it from others and thus attracts only the same species.

In birds, sounds also help individuals to partition their habitat so each pair will have adequate resources with which to raise their young.

Most of the sounds we hear are made as a vocalization. In the throat of many animals is a "voice box" that is the sound production structure. Birds have a syrinx, while mammals have a larynx.

But important sounds produced by many animals do not come from the throat. Insect sounds are made by mechanical means. Legs are rubbed together like a fingernail over the teeth of a comb. Or a tympanum is vibrated to produce

a loud buzzing in a cicada.

BIRDS ALSO produce mechanical sounds. Drumming of woodpeckers is done on a hollow tree to create a resonant tap that serves the same function as a sound produced in the throat. Finding a suitable downspout can create an amplified sound no tree could make.

The very feature that makes a bird a bird — feathers — can also make mechanical sounds. Ruffed grouse use a suitable log lying on the ground for their courtship drumming. A male beats his wings toward his body and compresses the air between. He does not hit his body. Rapidly increasing compressions produce a low thumping sound that travels through the forest to attract a mate.

In open marsh areas, the sky dance of the common snipe produces an eerie sound. High over-



nature

Timothy Nowicki

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head the male snipe flies in a deep undulating pattern. On the down slope of the pattern, he spreads his tail feathers. Wind passing between the open feathers creates a low-pitched vibration often described as a winnowing.

Some courtship activities include both vocal and mechanical aspects. American woodcock have a peent-like call they produce while on the ground. They include sounds produced by their narrow wing feathers when flying. While

in the sky, circling over the area where they were calling on the ground, wind passing through the very narrow outer wing feathers produces a twittering sound audible on a quiet spring night.

Sound, no matter how it is produced, and the sense of hearing, helps broaden the range of communication — especially if the animal is in darkness or dense vegetation.

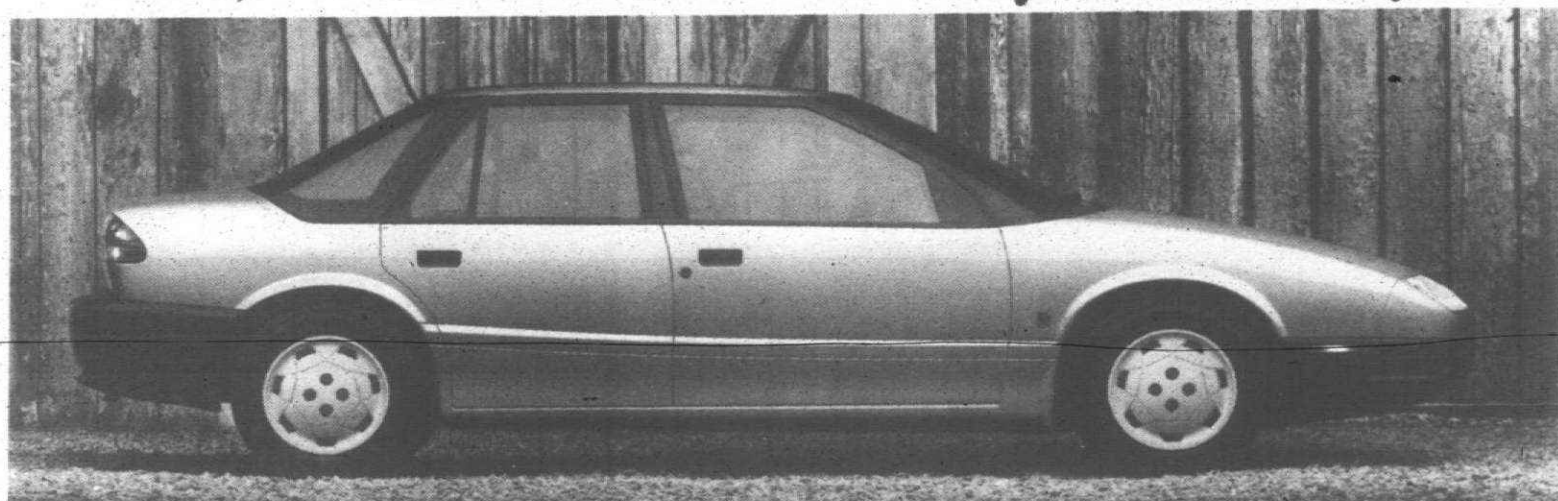
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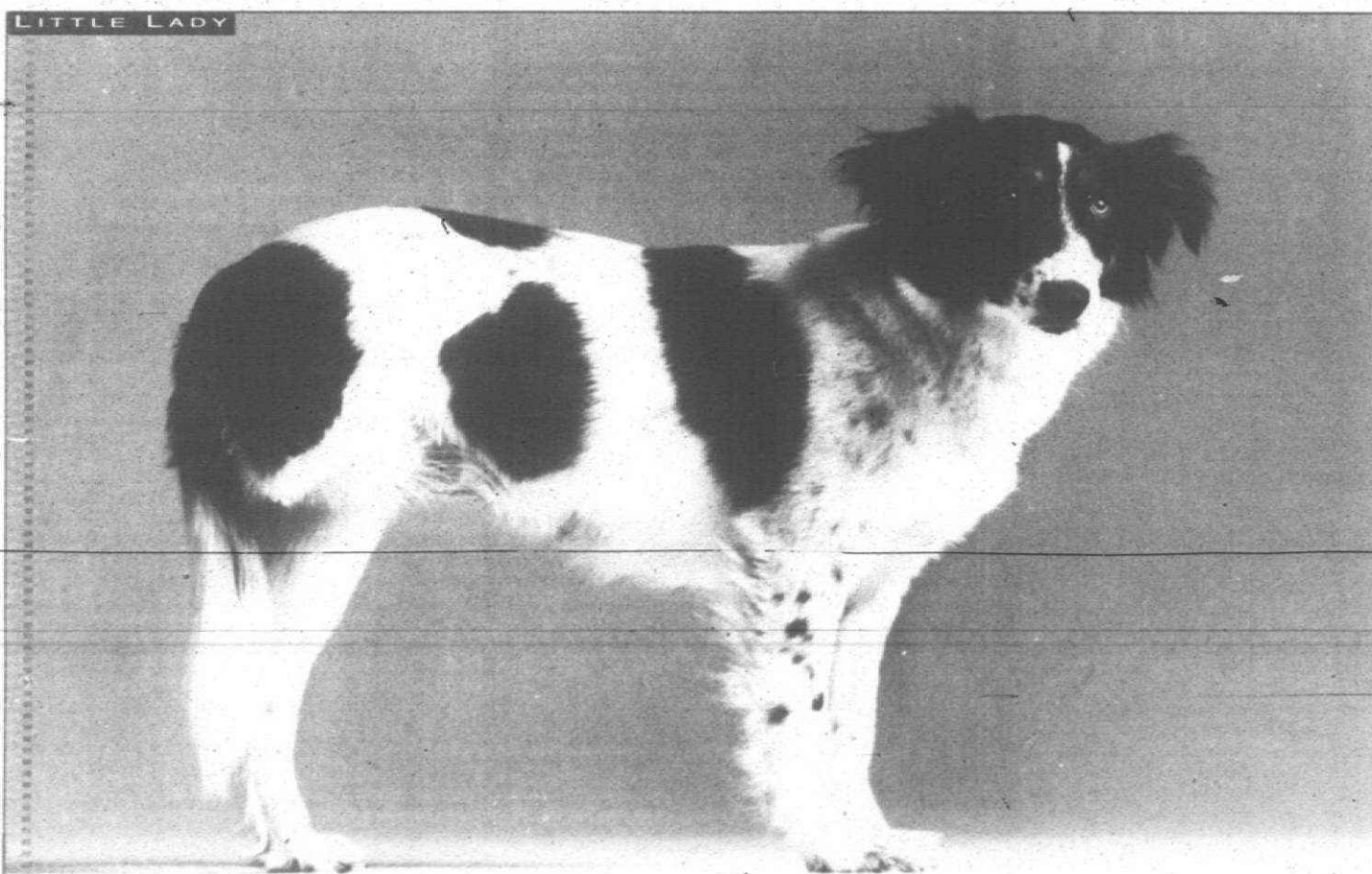
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Roll Call Report

Here's how Michigan's two senators were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending April 10.

SENATE

AGAINST DEFENSE CUT: By a vote of 45 for 50 against, the Senate defeated an amendment to cut defense spending in the fiscal 1993 congressional budget resolution by about \$8 billion below the \$280 billion level set by the Budget Committee for the year beginning Oct. 1.

Sponsor James Exon, D-Neb., accused the Administration and many in Congress of intentionally overstating the impact of deeper defense cuts on civilian and military employment.

Opponent Sam Nunn, D-Ga., said efforts to reduce the deficit should not be focused on defense spending but on the rapid growth of entitlements and interest on the national debt.

A yes vote was for further defense cuts in fiscal 1993.

Sen. Carl Levin, D, and Sen. Donald Riegle, D, both voted yes.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE: By a vote of 87 for and 11 against, the Senate adopted a non-binding measure (H Con Res 292) urging President Bush to attend the U.S. Conference on Environment and Development in Brazil in June. Bush has not said whether he will attend. Global warming is high on the agenda.

A yes vote supported the resolution.

Both Levin and Riegle voted yes.

TO APPROVE BUDGET: By a vote of 54 for and 35 against, the Senate approved a fiscal 1993 budget blueprint (S Con Res 106) setting outlays of \$1.5 trillion, receipts of \$1.17 trillion and a projected deficit of \$327.4 billion. About half of the budget is for domestic entitlements whose levels are protected by law.

Among the measure's top spending items are \$303.1 billion for Social Security, \$280.4 billion for defense, \$213.8 billion for national debt interest, \$130.4 billion for Medicare and \$104 billion for health. Foreign aid gets \$16.6 billion and Agriculture \$16.1 billion.

A yes vote was to approve the budget resolution that will guide actual spending decisions by Congress in fiscal 1993.

Both Levin and Riegle voted yes.

SOCIAL SECURITY: By a vote of 94 for and three against, the Senate changed its rules to fence off Social Security trust funds within the federal budget. The change raised to 60 votes the minimum required to pass any floor amendment diverting Social Security surpluses to other purposes. The vote occurred during debate on S Con Res 106 (above).

Supporter Phil Gramm, R-Tex., said senators should vote yes "if you want to guarantee that we erect a protective barrier between the budget and the Social Security trust fund."

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A yes vote supported the parliamentary change.

Levin and Riegle voted yes.

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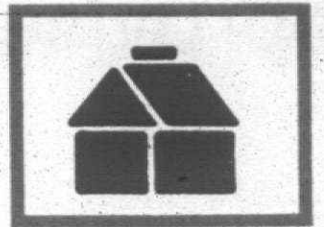


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Art Beat

Artbeat spotlights vignettes from the suburban arts scene. Send news leads to: Artbeat, Creative Living, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

For details and review of musical performances, please turn to the Entertainment section.

Looking for a different kind of Sunday afternoon activity?

At Livonia's Greenmead Historical Village, you can step back in time.

Tours of the Simmons/Hill House Museum and historical village resume Sunday, May 3 and continue each Sunday throughout summer. Hours are 1-4 p.m.

Tour admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for seniors. School-age children are admitted free.

The village is southwest of Eight Mile and Newburgh. Enter off Newburgh. Parking is free.

The village includes a recreation of the Ann Arbor Trail/Newburgh Road intersection circa 1910-25.

The crossroads village of Newburgh once was a prosperous farming community with its own post office and daily mail service.

The recreated village intersection at the east end of Greenmead features a general store, an interurban waiting room, a church and parsonage, a one-room school and a newly restored bungalow.

The west end of the 23-building village showcases structures from the 1840s and 1850s.

The museum is the former farmhouse of Greenmead founder Joshua Simmons. It dates back to 1841.

Got an heirloom, but don't know what it's worth?

Appraisers from DuMouchelle Art Galleries in Detroit will host an antique appraisal clinic from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 2 at Canton Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Appraisal fees will be \$4 for oral appraisals, \$6 for written appraisals and \$10 for items valued at more than \$1,000.

All proceeds will benefit the Canton Historical Society. Call 397-0088 for more information.

Irish twist

Observer columnist Monte Nagler will conduct a photography workshop to southern Ireland May 8-17. Call the Farmington Hills resident at 661-0826 for more information.

Signup starts

Applications are now available for Art One, a high-quality, juried indoor art fair benefiting the Detroit Institute of Arts. The show will be Nov. 14-15 on the Auburn Hills campus of Oakland Community College.

Write N2 Productions, P.O. Box 228, Birmingham 48012 or call 645-1379.



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Canton artist Yolanda Menchaca will exhibit "Shaman's Vision," an oil painting with a spirit-like wolf in the background. She said the magenta usually is a sign of self-empowerment, the blue signifies spirituality and the wolf symbolizes protection.

Brush strokes

Spotlight's on original paintings

By Linda Ann Chomin
special writer

WHETHER YOU'RE redecorating or simply sprucing up your house or business this spring, 3 Cities Art Club's spring show and sale May 1-9 should have something suited to your lifestyle and taste.

The 34th annual show will feature 19 artists exhibiting 100 paintings in oil, watercolor and mixed media. Frame Works, 833 Penniman, Plymouth, will host the show and an artists' reception at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 2.

"There's nothing like having original art created by an artist," said Yolanda Menchaca, publicity chairwoman.

"There's a special kind of energy that radiates from an original artwork, the energy that emanates from creativity. I think that paintings are such magical places."

"Painting for me is a childhood love. I was always fascinated how they could squeeze out of a tube a wolf or a cabin."

FARMINGTON ARTIST Alice Nichols will jury the show. First, second and third place will be awarded in two categories: oil and mixed media.

The Grumbacher Silver Medallion will honor best use of color. A Best of Show and honorable mentions also will be chosen. After the show, a Popular Vote Award will salute the painting winning the most votes from viewers.

Menchaca has painted for 20 years. Six years ago, she moved to Michigan. She joined the 3 Cities Art Club five years ago.

"In an art club, you hear echoes of yourself. We have a lot of talent



Betty Mathe, a 3 Cities past president, will exhibit a batik, "Night Flight," priced at \$85. Her grandmother tried to discourage her from an art career more than 40 years ago by saying, "You don't want to be an artist. Artists are poor and live in attics."

in our club," the Canton Township resident said.

Founded in 1956, 3 Cities Art Club began with eight members hailing from Plymouth, Northville and Livonia. Today, 40 members gather for monthly meetings from areas as far away as Walled Lake and South Lyon.

"Shaman's Vision," a 24-by-24-inch oil painting by Menchaca features a Shaman with a spirit-like white wolf behind him in the background.

"Magenta usually is a sign of self-empowerment. The blue signifies spirituality and a wolf being a protection symbol," Menchaca said.

Menchaca is represented locally

by Atrium Gallery in Northville. "Shaman's Vision" is priced at \$228.

"I'D LIKE to draw attention to the fact these paintings are strictly created by Michigan artists. There's such a variety, there's something for everyone. I think it's going to be a very nice display," said Plymouth Township resident Andrea Dezell, show chairwoman.

Originally from Cleveland, Dezell began to paint 15 years ago. She joined the club in 1982.

"I think basically every artist starts out as a child loving art," she said. "I prefer oils because I

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Don't dismiss buying fine art in tough times

Editor's note: Even the art world isn't immune from the fallout of a depressed economy and the planned closing of a major auto assembly plant like Willow Run in Ypsilanti. In a series of reports continuing today, we're examining the extent of the recession's tug on art galleries and artists around Oberverland.

Impact on the suburbs:

The shrinking
Auto Industry

By Linda Ann Chomin

If you love art and would like to enjoy a piece or two in your home, hints from local art experts could help make your art dreams reality.

Consider buying artwork without the frame. Deal directly with the artist and be honest about your financial situation. These are some of the tips to help you afford art for your home when on a shoestring budget.

"First off, open up a dialogue with an artist. Lots of times people are intimidated. They should be more open with their budget constraints," said Livonia artist Barbara Demgen, who has been painting and selling her artwork for more than 30 years.

"Many artists will be willing to compromise. I know I'm open to a reasonable offer when people really love a piece but money is tight."

Ask the artist if they're willing to sell it unframed, right off the drawing board or easel.

"If they can put a frame together, you can get a nicely cut production mat at Meijer's or Kmart," Demgen said. "Some of the brass frames are really nice as well as inexpensive."

TO MAKE artwork more affordable, Demgen suggests buying it in steps, a painting at a time.

"Instead of a big sofa piece, buy a series of three scenes. This way, buying the artwork can be adjusted to fit your budget," Demgen said. "Look at young artists or artists who are not necessarily showing in galleries. Look around. Keep checking sources."

Artists stress buying unframed artwork. Glass and framing for a sofa-size piece can cost more than \$250.

"If a piece is framed and the frame is scratched or nicked, ask for a discount on the frame. It doesn't de-value the artwork if the frame is damaged because of constant exhibiting," said Westland artist Sandra Weed, a continuing education art instructor at Schoolcraft College, Livonia.

Instead of buying framed art, learn framing by taking a class at

'Many artists will be willing to compromise. I know I'm open to a reasonable offer when people really love a piece but money is tight.'
— artist Barb Demgen

local high school or college. "Re-do some of the artwork you have and preserve it better. Maybe it's time to look in the closet and find things they've bought before," Weed said.

"As a buyer, they can suggest putting it in layaway and make payments till it's paid for. This is a good time for investment buying. When the economy goes up, the prices will go up."

WEED SUGGESTED this is the time to buy functional pieces like ceramics.

"Buy more utilitarian pieces — buy them, use them, enjoy them," Weed said. "This is a wonderful time to buy artwork for gifts, to give something very unique, for a housewarming something in pottery, for newlyweds, a tea set."

An avid art collecting husband and wife team who have been buying art for 24 years concur with Weed's advice to would-be art buyers on a budget — buy art as gifts.

"We couldn't really afford to buy it (an artwork) but couldn't resist," she said, "so I bought it for him for Father's Day and he bought me one for Mother's Day."

The collector couple from Livonia said they have decided to buy a lot of art that will increase in value, investment art such as prints by wildlife artist Robert Bateman. They intend to hang on to it for a while, then sell, take the money and buy another Bateman they could not afford at this time but would like to hang on their walls one day.

But they caution art bought for investment needs to be kept in excellent condition. It's best to store art under the proper conditions. "We

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Orchestra sets tryouts

Livonia Youth Philharmonic will hold auditions for its 1992-93 season 9 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday, May 16 at Bentley Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia.

Those interested may audition for the philharmonic or concert orchestras or the string orchestra.

Rehearsals will be Saturday mornings at Churchill High School in Livonia, September to May.

Auditions will be by appointment only. Call Pam Scott, 261-5754. Young string players with as little

as one year of lessons may try out for the string orchestra, which provides beginning orchestra training under the direction of string specialist Melissa Gerber.

The concert orchestra will replace the advanced string orchestra and will rehearse under a conductor soon to be announced.

Andrew Sewell directs the philharmonic orchestra, which performs the standard orchestral repertoire. Concerts are twice a year. A summer string program is held in June.

Take a captivating trip back into Oberverland's past

Timothy and Rachael Sheldon, moved here from New York State in the early 1820s, after the Chicago Road (US-12) was surveyed. The first people to purchase land in the area, they built an inn near here in 1825. In 1831, Timothy became postmaster of the area's post office. Eventually, the settlement of Sheldon's Corners supported a log schoolhouse, two general stores, two churches, a cobbler and a blacksmith. In 1834, this area became a part of the Township of Canton.

— Michigan historical marker Michigan Avenue and Sheldon Road

IT'S A treasure trove for anyone interested in the past, not just history buffs.

Called "Traveling Through Time: A Guide to Michigan's Historical Markers," the 1992 book is edited by Laura Ashlee, state register and his-

torical marker coordinator for the Michigan Department of State Bureau of History and a 1979 Plymouth Salem High School graduate.

"Many Michiganders are unaware that European explorers came here only a half-century after the Pilgrims disembarked," writes Ashlee in her introduction.

"The French first visited Sault Sainte Marie in 1641. This state has a varied history that parallels the development of frontier America, yet is unique because of the topography and the people who settled here."

Her 336-page tome takes you on a literary ride to more than 1,100 wolverine-topped green and gold Michigan Historic Site markers along the state's highways and byways.

VIA THESE "signs of the times, you'll discover the people, places and events that have shaped the history and culture of the Great Lake



Bob Sklar

State," relates the book's back-cover description — sentiments I echo strongly.

On my travels around Oberverland, I've driven past and discovered on my own lots of these historical markers and their captivating peeks into our past.

But it wasn't until I scanned the pages of Ashlee's painstaking research that I learned Oberverland boasts 18 of these informative signposts. Canton and Westland lead the way with four. Livonia and Plymouth follow with three. Redford and Garden City have two.

Arranged by county, "Traveling

Through Time" lists the location and text of each marker. It features 100 historic and color photos.

In an especially insightful passage, the book details Michigan historical markers located in other states.

HERE'S A sampler of the historical tidbits that await if you choose to travel through time:

- On Cherry Hill Road in Canton, you'll learn that Cherry Hill School opened in 1876 to replace a log school built in 1836 and known as Canton Fractional No. 1 School. In 1944, Henry Ford, who operated a small factory in Cherry Hill, paid to expand the school and add a second teacher. The school became part of his Greenfield Village school system, where students studied art, music and dance. Cherry Hill School joined Plymouth schools in 1955.

- On Beech Daly in Redford, you'll learn that Redford Township School District No. 9 bought land

from Eugenius and Abigail Hodge in 1874 to build Beech School. The school served Beech Park, a settlement that sprang up along the Detroit, Lansing & Lake Michigan Railroad. Classes were held there until 1952.

- On Warren Road in Garden City, you'll see where New Yorker Marcus Swift bought land in Nankin Township from the U.S. government in 1825. He was the first white settler to own land now part of Garden City. His log cabin overlooked the Rouge. In 1827, Swift became the first township supervisor of Bucklin, which then included Redford, Dearborn, Livonia and Nankin townships. Swift later became a justice of the peace and a Methodist circuit rider.

- On Middlebelt in Livonia, you'll see a Wilson farm barn built in 1919 using the rare bank barn style. On the farm, founded in 1847, Ira Wilson built a major enterprise that grew from dairy farming to delivery to full creamery operations.

- On Main Street in Plymouth, you'll see the 1875 house of Henry Baker, who at 49, helped found the Plymouth Iron Windmill Co. In 1895, that became the Daisy Manufacturing Co., best known for making BB guns. New owners moved the company to Arkansas in 1958.

- On Ann Arbor Trail in Westland, you'll discover where Perrinsville sprouted as a small commercial hub during the 1830s, thanks to Abraham and Isaac Perrin, who ran a sawmill. About 1850, the village peaked. When the railroad bypassed it for Wayne to the south, Perrinsville declined as a business center and evolved into farm land.

Laura Ashlee's nicely done book chronicles hundreds of similar milestones in Michigan's fabled history — in all their absurdity and grandeur.

Bob Sklar is assistant managing editor for special projects.

Improvise to make art affordable

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bought a piece in January and it doubled in price by the first of this month. Also, when you buy a new release they're a lot less.

One last tip from this art-buying couple: "We go to lots of shows with the intention of not purchasing. My husband will say to me why don't you measure this piece and write down the price, then let's go home and think about it."

WHETHER IT'S an art show or gallery hopping, take time before buying to study the art available and the market. Look for art in unusual places like hair styling salons, boutiques, bakeries, doctor's offices, pet stores, anywhere you shop.

Attend student art shows and local artists club exhibitions. Stop in and browse through the art at non-profit or cooperative galleries and studios. To educate yourself about art and buying it, whenever viewing a piece of artwork, learn to ask questions.

One good way to be certain if you are making the right choice before buying a piece of artwork is to take it home and live with it for awhile. Rent a piece or two from the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Art Rental Gallery on the second floor of the Dunning-Hough Library on Main Street in downtown Plymouth.

For \$5 a month, find out if a red, green and orange abstract is your cup of tea or if a springtime landscape with cheerful yellow daffodils would suit you better.

"It's a great service, a good way to find out if the piece is the right color, size and definition for your home or business," said Therese



Sandra Richards (left) and Therese Gall, Art Rental Gallery co-chairwomen, volunteer their time to keep the Plymouth Community Arts Council program running. The gallery affords art lovers the chance to rent a piece of art for \$5 a month.

Gall, gallery manager. "We feel it's the best bargain in town."

The gallery keeps artwork in circulation for one year, then it's offered to buyers at an annual sale. Up to 90 percent of the gallery artwork is by Michigan artists, Gall said.



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Cranbrook tour slated

Cranbrook P.M. sponsors "George Booth's Dream," a spring tour of the Cranbrook Educational Community with a curator-guided tour of the Carl Milles sculptures.

The tour will leave 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 6, from the Christ Church Cranbrook parking lot. Fee is \$25, including luncheon. For information and advance reservations, call Cranbrook P.M. at 445-3635.

The beauty of the 300-acre Cranbrook campus will be explored on a leisurely bus ride with guide Barbara Hogan, well versed in the history of Cranbrook, founded by Booth in the early 1900s.

Tour members will leave the bus for a special outdoor walking tour of the world-renowned bronze sculptures.

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DIA seeks volunteer docents for galleries

The Detroit Institute of Arts needs your help. Struggling to operate and maintain a first-class museum under state budget cuts totaling \$7 million, the DIA needs volunteers to keep as many galleries open as possible during the severely curtailed hours of 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

During a behind-the-scenes look at museum operations hosted by the Founders Junior Council in March, staff member Diane Abel asked visitors to consider giving a few hours in a last-ditch effort to keep as much of the museum's art collection available as possible for public viewing.

How many galleries are open on a given day depends on the number of people who volunteer for the DIA's volunteer gallery service program, started in December as part of a reorganization

and downsizing. Founders Junior Council is an auxiliary group of the Founders Society, the DIA's fund-raising arm.

ONE OF the museum's valuable offerings through the Founders Junior Council is the day-long seminar introducing visitors to the "unseen museum."

The March session, focusing on conservation labs and the photography studio, included a chance to meet Alfred Ackerman, painting department curator, objects curator John Steele and photography studio assistant director Robert Hensleigh.

Participants gained insight into examination procedures used to restore and conserve paintings

more than 350 years old and textiles that will be part of the Chandler Ford Native American exhibition coming in October 1993.

Visitors also learned about photographing two and three-dimensional artworks for exhibition catalogs and documenting the history of the museum itself.

Since budget cuts were announced, people have kept asking him if the museum is open, Hensleigh said. Yes, he said, the Detroit Institute of Arts is open and waiting for you to take advantage of its outstanding collections.

To volunteer a few hours a week or month to help keep DIA galleries open, call gallery service coordinator Gina Granger at 833-1858.



Andrea Dezell, 3 Cities spring art show chairwoman, displays "Blackberry Harvest," an oil painting under glass. Painted in the tradition of realism, she uses an abstract pattern in the background.

Artists to showcase work

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like the color. What I like is the richness of oil. It's all in the values. There's no reason you can't put oils under glass."

"Blackberry Harvest," an oil painting under glass by Dezell, features a bucket full of blackberries, the sun glinting off the luscious fruits as you stare inside it. Painted in the tradition of realism, the work uses an abstract pattern in the background. The painting is priced at \$350.

"Painting's my great form of relaxation, to get away from life," Dezell said.

BETTY MATHE, 3 Cities past president, has spent the last 40 years painting. As a child, her grandmother tried to discourage her interest in art.

"You don't want to be an artist," Mathe said. "Artists are poor and live in attics."

Nichols, show juror, has a master of arts degree from the University of Michigan. The former Farmington Area Arts Commission artist-in-residence teaches classes in watercolor.

All Larson, Frame Works owner, has been in business 20 years.

A percentage of all show sales will go to support Plymouth community projects.

Displaying art in this year's show along with Menchaca, Dezell and Mathe will be Jim DeArmond, Hugh Burley, Sharon Dillenbeck, Kay Fill, Janice Sparks, Okema Lee, Florence Constable, Susan Argyroff, Sherrie Moore, Jean Turins, Jackie Daniel, Howard Dombrowski, Nancy Walls Smith, Joan Ther. Florence Hirschmann and John Davidson.

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URBAN PARK Friday, April 24 - Works by Livonia artist Jeanne Poulet continues to May 15. Hours: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, noon to 7 p.m. Sunday, on the third floor of the Alley, 508 Monroe in Greetkown, Detroit, 963-3357.

DETROIT FOCUS Friday, April 24 - "A Sustained Vision: Bill Raubauer From Content to Form 1947-1992" will continue to May 30. Private preview to benefit Detroit Focus 6:30 p.m. Friday, with cost of \$35 per person. Free artist gallery talk scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, May 23. Hours: noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 743 Beaubien, Detroit, 962-9025.

CENTER GALLERIES Friday, April 24 - "Balancing Acts: Designs on Art" will continue to May 25, featuring posters, catalogues and brochures by eight American graphic designers for visual arts projects. Opening reception 5-7 p.m. Friday. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, Park Shelton Building, Suite 107, 15 E. Kirby, Detroit, 874-1955.

FRAME WORKS OF LIVONIA To April 30 - "Angela Matthews 'Images and Icons'" The 25-piece, avant-garde show confronts organized religion. 34983 Ann Arbor Trail at Wayne Road, Livonia.

ARIANA GALLERY To April 30 - A collection of sculptural and decorative glass by important and emerging glass artists is on exhibit. The gallery is at 386 E. Maple, Birmingham. Call 647-6405.

LIVONIA CITY HALL To April 30 - Artifacts Art Club presents a multimedia exhibition, featuring 28 artists working in a variety of media, including watercolor, oil, acrylic, clay, colored pencil, pen and ink, photography, sculpture and mixed media in the City hall lobby, Farmington Road at Five Mile.

TRIUM GALLERY To April 30 - Lena Massara, 1990 Farmington Area Arts Commission artist-in-residence, displays her abstract paintings, collage and mixed media landscapes. 113 N. Center, Northville. Also: The whimsical sculptures of Robert Black are on display through mid-May. Black, an art professor at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, has worked in clay since 1958. His 35-piece exhibition of "People Pots" will delight the kid in you.

DUKE GALLERY Thursday, April 30 - A retrospective of

more than 100 of William E. Hentschel's works, including airbrush, aquatone, oils, ink, tempera, casein, brayer prints and textiles, will run through May 14. Special preview 5-9 p.m. April 30, 185 N. Woodward, Birmingham. Call 558-6848.

SPICER HOUSE Thursday, April 30 - Farmington Artists Club presents a spring juried exhibit in the Spicer House in Heritage Park, on the west side of Farmington Road, one-half mile north of 10 Mile in Farmington Hills, to Sunday, May 3. Admission is free. Hours: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. The exhibit is juried by the artist, offers works in watercolors, oils, pastels, prints, collage and mixed media, in realism and abstract.

PRIVATE COLLECTION GALLERY To April 30 - "Hot Glass From Our Northern Exposure" exhibit featuring glass artists from the state of Washington, continues. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, 6736A Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, 737-4050.

GALLERY 454 To April 30 - "Sculptural Glass" collection on exhibit. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 176 S. Woodward, Birmingham, 822-4454.

POSNER GALLERY To April 30 - "Glass Reflections" exhibition continues. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, 32407 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills, 626-6450.

ARIANA GALLERY To April 30 - A collection of sculptural and decorative glass by important and emerging glass artists is on exhibit. Lecture by James Van Deruzen on contemporary glass 1 p.m. Saturday, April 11. The gallery is at 386 E. Maple, Birmingham. Call 647-6405.

NATIVE WEST To April 30 - Sandpaintings by award-winning Navajo artists Chester Begay and Freda Begay. The husband and wife duo from Farmington, N.M., recreates traditional ceremonial sandpaintings and Navajo legends in their work. 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

MESA ARTS To April 30 - Handcrafted furniture by Chuck Rowan is featured. The furniture, straight from the Southwest, is timeless in appeal, universal in style and special to this nationally recognized artist. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 32710 Franklin Road, Franklin, 851-9949.

PARK WEST GALLERY To April 30 - Thirty-seven watercolorists by

French artist Eugene Cambier are the highlight of a special exhibition. The gallery commissioned Cambier's works specifically for this show. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Friday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, 29469 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, 354-2343.

COMMUNITY CENTER-FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS To April 30 - Watercolor paintings by Susan Unwin Vitali. Her work is colorful and full of life. The subjects include abstracts, flowers and florals. The center is at 24705 Farmington Road. Call 477-8404.

THE PRINT GALLERY To April 30 - "Nudes and Foods," an exhibit of the work of native Michigan artist Jack R. Smith. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, 6736A Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, 737-4050.

RUSSELL KLATT GALLERY To April 30 - A display by California impressionists Henri Plisson, Don Hatfield and Christian Tittle is on view. Summer gardens in full bloom and beautiful coastal scenes are some of the images these artists have created. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 1467 S. Woodward, Birmingham, 647-8655.

LAUREL PARK PLACE May 1-2 - Second annual Very Special Arts Festival Friday-Saturday. More than 60 artists and 150 performing artists will take part in this celebration of artistic creativity over physical and mental challenges. Six Mile and Newburg, Livonia.

FRAME WORKS OF PLYMOUTH May 1-9 - 3 Cities Art Club's 34th annual spring show and sale. 100 paintings by 20 artists featured in oil, watercolor and mixed media. Artists' reception at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 2, 833 Pennington, Plymouth.

PENNINGTON SHOWCASE May 3-31 - Owner Scott Smith presents the 1992 spring show featuring work by Chris Walder and basketry by Smith. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, 827 Pennington, Plymouth.

GREETKOWN Merchants Association, in cooperation with the Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans, presents a juried art fair with more than 150 fine artists and crafters on the streets of Greetkown May 1-3. The Michigan Guild sponsors the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, noon to 10 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call the Guild at 662-3382 or the merchants association at 963-3357.

GALERIE INTERNATIONALE Friday, May 1 - An exhibition of works by internationally acclaimed artist Arthur Secunda will open with a reception for the artist 6-10 p.m. Friday, May 1, at 4065 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. Call 644-5870.

CRANBROOK ACADEMY OF ART MUSEUM Saturday, May 2 - Student Degree Show II, a showing of work by candidates for a master of fine arts degree from five of the nine departments of the Cranbrook Academy of Art (architecture, ceramics, design, film and photography) will run to May 10. Members' reception 5-7 p.m. Friday, May 1. Hours: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, 500 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills. Docent-guided tours available with advance notice. Call 645-3312 for general information.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART ASSOCIATION To May 2 - Works in the 11th annual Michigan Fine Arts Competition. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham, 644-0866.

O.K. HARRIS WORKS OF ART To May 2 - Paintings by Nicholas Maravell and works on paper by Janine Stern. Hours: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 430 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 433-3700.

LEMBERG GALLERY To May 2 - An exhibition of sculpture and wall reliefs by the internationally known artist Beverly Pepper. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 538 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 642-6623.

XOCHIPILLI GALLERY To May 2 - The first Detroit exhibition of watercolor paintings by nationally recognized artist Gladys Nilsson. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 568 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 645-1905.

FEIGENSON/PRESTON GALLERY To May 2 - Paintings by Jane Hammond, Valerie Parks and Archie Rand are shown. Parks is a Detroit and Hammond and Rand are New Yorkers. They each employ the figure. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 796 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 644-3955.

DONNA JACOBS GALLERY To May 2 - Thirtieth annual exhibition of ancient glass continues. The pieces date from the fifth century B.C. to the sixth century A.D. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 574 N. Woodward, second floor, Birmingham, 540-1600.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY To May 2 - Glass and clay invitational continues, featuring 22 artists. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 107 Townsend, Birmingham, 644-3909.

HABATAT GALLERIES To May 2 - Annual International Glass Invitational continues. A special exhibition featuring 90 artists is planned in celebration of Habatat's 20th anniversary of the invitational. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, closed Easter Sunday (April 19), 32255 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills, 851-9090.

CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY GALLERY To May 3 - The new art gallery debuts with a showcase of eight artists working in watercolor, oil, gouache, collage, handmade paper and photography in the second-floor art gallery. The dynamic glass-walled gallery space, outfitted with 36 exhibit panels, is the result of joint efforts by the Livonia Arts Commission and the Friends of the Library. Farmington Road at Five Mile.

NELSON'S GALLERY May 4-30 - Exhibit of works by Canton resident Diane Mitchell and Livonia resident Roger Hardnock. Mitchell, who studied at Center for Creative Studies, works in oil, Prismacolor and gouache, with Native Americans and southwest landscapes as her favorite subjects. Hardnock, a CCS graduate, who works as an automotive designer, often portrays automobiles in gouache, watercolor, pencil and pen and ink. Opening reception 5-8:30 p.m. Friday, May 8. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, 16378 Middlebelt, Livonia.

YAW GALLERY To May 5 - "Enamel and Gold" jewelry exhibition. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 550 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 647-5470.

THE WETSMAN COLLECTION To May 9 - The exhibit "Personal Adornment" will juxtapose vintage Mexican jewelry with the contemporary evening bags and purses of textile artist Eileen Trocater. The gallery features 20th century decorative art. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 132 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 645-6212.

MATRIX GALLERY To May 10 - "Shadows and Outbursts," an exhibition of painted sculpture and sculpted paintings by Ann Arbor artist Mark Nielsen. The gallery specializes in new, emerging and experimental art. Hours: 5-9 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, or by appointment. 212 Miller, 1/4 blocks west of Main, Ann Arbor, 663-7775.

URBAN PARK To May 15 - Canton Township artist John Shannon, a graduate of the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit, exhibits his tropical-flavored totems, boxes, cat tables and drawings in the avant-garde gallery in Greetkown's Trapper's Alley, 508 Monroe, Detroit.

Know how to help feathered friends

By Debbie Wallis Landau special writer

Providing food and shelter for the feathered friends who frequent your property has an appeal for people of all ages.

Whether you're an avid naturalist or simply enjoy the prospect of making birds more comfortable, many local resources can get you started.

Rasperry and blackberry bushes provide excellent cover, nesting sites and food sources for 146 different kinds of birds. Hackberry and mulberry bushes offer fruits appealing to many members of the thrush family, including robins' and eastern bluebirds as well as other species.

Through early spring, birds need high-calorie foods to keep their body temperatures at 106 degrees. Oily-type sunflower, suet and thistle seed are the highest calorie foods, said Marj Ferguson, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited in Farmington Hills.

Her store not only carries books on attracting birds, but also provides food storage through different seasons, birdhouses, a newsletter, wildlife calendars and gift items.

A nationwide artistic explosion marks the craft of birdhouse design. Lovely and whimsical though many are, many houses make great collectors' items or home decor, but aren't suitable for outside birds.

PAMELA BIGLEY, owner of Bird's Eye View and Nature Center in Rochester, advises people considering buying or building birdhouses to evaluate your habitat.

"You need to consider your property and learn about the birds that live in the area. Birds most likely to use manmade houses include wrens, chickadees, bluebirds and purple martins. While wrens and chickadees are more plentiful around wooded areas, bluebirds prefer open fields and purple martins like open areas near water."

Bigley, a wildlife biologist by education, opened Bird's Eye View and Nature Center in 1983 with her mother, Barbara, a former science teacher.

"I enjoy helping teachers use the outdoors as a classroom. When I got out of school in the 1970s, there wasn't a great demand for naturalists," said Bigley, outreach coordinator at Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve in Rochester.

Bigley is excited about the recent practical because the birds in Michigan, a project jointly encouraged by the Department of Natural Resources and the Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

"In the 1970s," she said, "the bluebird population was at its peak. The birds were plentiful as robins. They're migratory birds who are members of the thrush family and they return early and nest in boxes if they're available."

Small shrubs and trees near open fields attract them. The biggest challenge is keeping out starlings and sparrows. Cleaning nesting material helps cut down on their invasions. Bluebird boxes should be mounted in open areas, along fence rows, golf courses, Bigley said.

Mary Teets, owner with husband, Donald, of Backyard Birds in Farmington, mentions the Bluebird Trail in Farmington Hills' Heritage Park as a project many of her customers have participated in.

Her store, in addition to a sampling of species correct houses and a variety of food and feeders, displays a library of books and kits for sale as well as tapes and other materials to rent.

TEETS REGULARLY teaches a class called "Backyard Birds" for Farmington Community Education. Livonia resident Charlie Schiembrt met Teets at a bird breeder's exhibition. He raises zebra finches and canaries but is an avid backyard feeder. He says his yard is visited mostly by chickadees and sometimes

"When people are serious about erecting a birdhouse, they need to make sure it's species correct," Bigley said. "Those features include the correct size opening, the diameter of the cavity of the house and the distance from the opening to the floor."

"The opening of a house for a wren or chickadee is only 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 inches. They're tiny birds. The eastern bluebird needs a slightly larger opening, but the purple martin needs a hole 2 1/2 inches wide."

THE PURPLE martin is the only bird in North America reliant on manmade housing.

Purple martins live in large communities, are the largest member of the swallow family and eat insects caught in flight. Nesting near open space close to water, their homes are often called "condominiums" because of the compartments and openings.

Houses built from aluminum are most practical because they're easier to clean and better ventilated. Their homes, being so large, are almost always situated on telescopic poles, which permit lowering for cleaning.

Bigley observes that only 15 percent of the birds who live in North America use the cavity of a birdhouse.

"Many more set up their own nests in natural habitats," she said. "If you're serious about creating housing, make sure you're committed to keeping it cleaned out after each brood has left so parasites don't remain in the cavity of the house."

Make sure the birdhouse roof protects the entrance from water and mount the house at the proper height—the merchants add.

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arms and shepherds crooks sold to make reaching and moving backyard equipment easier, especially for short arms.

When customers ask advice on house materials, Teets says, "Tough-hewn cedar works well. It's durable and doesn't have to be pre-treated."

Among newer designs of hand-crafted houses the Teets carry are works by Jack Burns, who lives in Kawkawlin. His signature pieces often resemble a cross between a chalet and a gingerbread house.

The Country Originals line employs woods and metals in birdhouse construction. The designs, according to Teets, are artsy, but utilitarian. Many are shaped like apples, watermelons or pumpkins.

FERGUSON SHOWCASES birdhouses in Michigan's state colors and University of Michigan colors. They're made of pine, then painted. Customers can't fail to notice the large white aluminum purple martin condominium, which dwarfs all the rest.

Ferguson knows many local artists who will design custom birdhouses for her customers.

Like Bigley, Ferguson and Teets emphasize the benefits of working with children.

"If they live with nature when they're young, they grow up respecting nature and animals. Bird feeding, especially, is a hands-on activity for young kids," Teets said.

All the stores, including Backyard Birds, often host school field trips where the students have built paper mache birds and made nests. They've revealed they only ate at feeders 25 percent of the time."

in her opinion, feeders crafted from polycarbonate are great and durable. "Squirrels can't chew on them. The material is called lexan and it lasts five or six times as long as other materials do."

All three stores sell baffles — a shield object to detract scavengers from feeders — in varying shapes and prices.

It's a misconception that birds will starve if you don't feed them, says Bigley. "Chickadees studied showed that when the weather dropped below 10 degrees, they needed a real source of food so they didn't have to use their own energy. But the study revealed they only ate at feeders 25 percent of the time."

English gardens

'There are as many variations as there are people'

By Cathleen Collins Lee special writer

FOR many of us, having a garden in the back yard means creating some tidy borders around the outside edges; the center is simply a large expanse of lawn. But, influenced by her English father, Barb Wright of Troy has taken a different and attractive approach.

While there are indeed shrubs and plants growing around the perimeter, Wright also has developed several curved, irregularly shaped islands of flowers and shrubs throughout her yard. These flower beds are raised mounds, often built by rocks and connected by brick pathways. In the center of one is even a small pond inhabited by a few fish.

The beds are dominated by a few deciduous or evergreen shrubs, including hydrangeas, which get deep rose blossoms, rhododendrons, azaleas, euonymus and yews. The shrubs are accompanied by a procession of perennials throughout the summer days, lilies, sedum (a flowering groundcover), ferns, hostas, violas and white, pink and lilac astilbe.

WRIGHT HAS created her yard to resemble the English garden her father grew when she was growing up in Ferndale. But there are few hard and fast rules about what an English garden is.

"There are as many variations as there are people," says Steven Shy, owner of Lakeland Landscape in Plymouth. "Some are very manicured, with uniform shapes, while some are more natural, like a garden at a country home."

English gardens do have a few common characteristics, however. Generally they are enclosed in some way, often by a stone or brick wall or by a hedge. Islands of flowers and shrubs are scattered throughout the yard, sometimes in geometric shapes, and sometimes in more informal, irregular ones like Wright's.

And English gardens make good use of perennials so that something is blooming all season long. Often flowers are grouped by color and the color combinations can be lovely.

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That's exactly what Wright, a piano teacher, with two grown sons, has tried to do. She loves to

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garden because it offers her the freedom to create something that is beautiful to her.

"I can spend eight hours in the yard and hate to come in," she said. "I love it because I can do it the way I want to. And it's mine. My husband, Jack, helps me, but it really is mine."

The hedges that often enclose English gardens can be time-consuming to maintain. In Wright's yard, dogwood bushes, vines, lilacs, forsythia, wild rose bushes and shrubs planted along the fence fill in and enclose the yard in the summer.

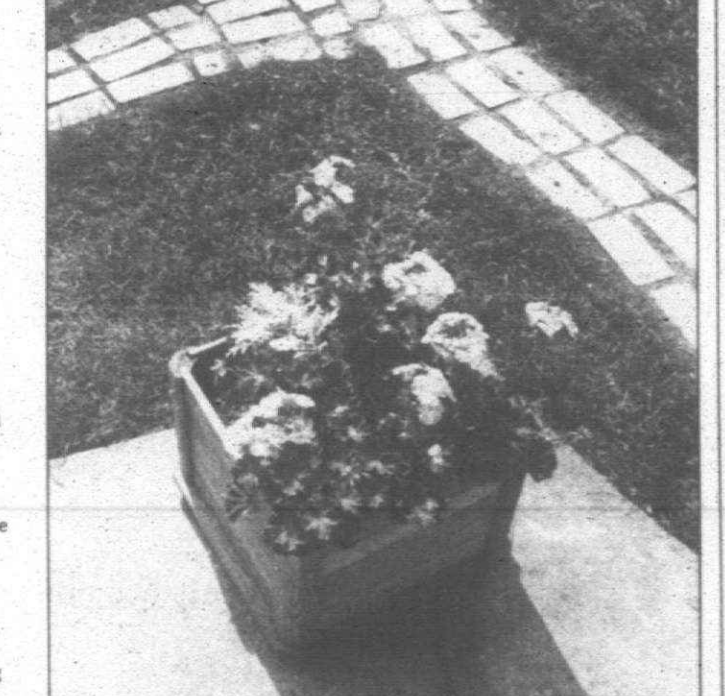
THERE ARE many small gardens scattered throughout Wright's yard, each with its own character. An area near the side of the house that gets a lot of sun is planted with lilies, daisies, Japanese iris and ivy.

A tree behind the house is surrounded by a blanket of groundcover, interspersed with conicoasters, low spreading yews and junipers, primroses and astilbe. And in the back corner, Wright's husband built a wooden archway called a pergola, which blooms in mid-summer with a clematis vine.

Loren Blum, a horticulturalist at English Gardens in West Bloomfield, points out that the perennials so important to an English garden are much more available in this country than they used to be.

"There's been a tremendous increase in the use of perennials in the past 10 to 15 years, due to the influence of the Europeans," he said. "Perennials give you color for a period of time — three to six weeks — and give you a changing scene."

"Most need to be replanted every two to four years, depending on the type of plant, but it's probably less work than planting all those annuals."



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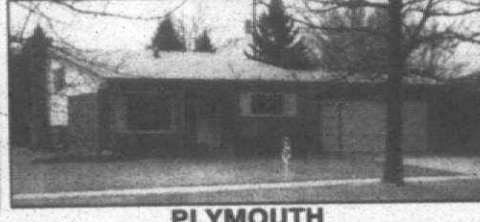
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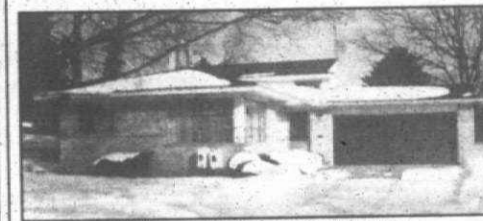
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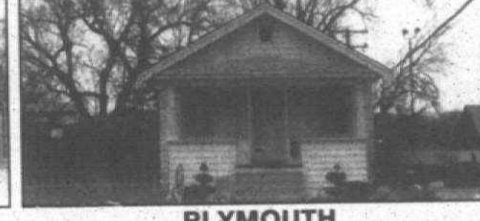
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PRIVACY! PRIVACY! Spacious living in south Redford. Four bedroom brick home. Fireplace in family room. Walk-out lower level to spacious backyard.
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PLYMOUTH STARTER. Double lot with privacy & room to expand! 2 bedroom, new oak bath & usable basement with finished room & walk-out. Super opportunity.
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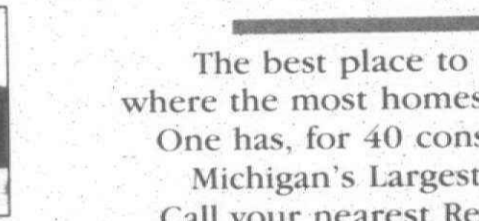
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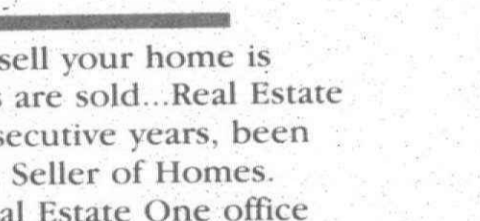
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WOW! COVENTRY GARDENS. Now is your chance! Nice spacious three bedroom ranch on large lot. Hardwood floors, central air, aluminum trim (1988), basement tiled & plumbed for 2nd bath, large living room has dining ell.
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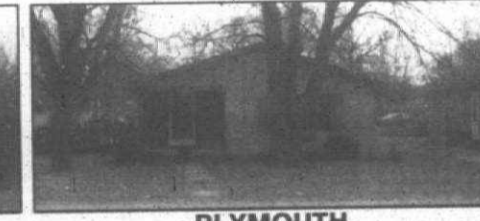
LIVONIA

ESPECIALLY FOR YOU! Lived in and loved best describe this pleasing three bedroom brick ranch. Backs onto park, making family outings a joy. Central air & finished basement add to living ease.
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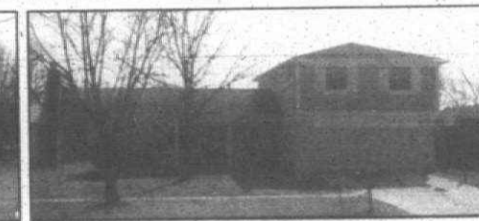
REDFORD

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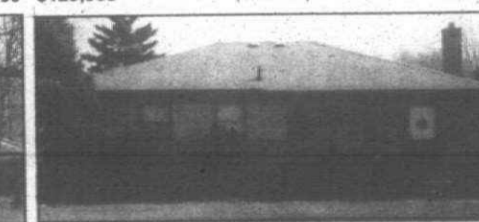
LIVONIA

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LIVONIA

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REAL ESTATE NEWS

Less mortgage interest variation exists today

(AP) — As refiners by the thousands have seen in recent months, home mortgages have become a much more versatile money-management tool than they used to be.

Interest rates on these loans have sunk to around their lowest levels in more than a decade. The mortgage business, meanwhile, has undergone a sweeping redesign.

So all parties to these deals can find themselves cast in roles they might not have recognized even a few years ago.

"In the current market, virtually everyone who has received a mortgage since 1978 is a refinance candi-

date," observes Phillip Storms, head of a Denver firm that specializes in real estate and mortgage planning.

"Clients refinance to obtain investment capital, educate children, repay consumer debt, raise business expansion capital and a host of other reasons," Storms writes in the current issue of the Journal of Financial Planning.

And they pursue these missions, he adds, in "a new lending environment that few customers understand."

The biggest change arises from the development of a national pool of mortgage money, fed by investors in mortgage securities that are created and sold by agencies such as the

Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.

THANKS TO THIS marketplace, the availability of mortgages at any given time and place is much less subject now to the vagaries of local financial conditions than it was when individual savings institutions called the tune.

In the "credit crunch" of the past couple of years, few stories emerged of credit worthy home buyers being shut out of the market simply because mortgage money was "tight."

Also, Storms observes, "Since virtually all mortgage money comes

from the same place, there is less interest-rate variation."

As of early this month, for example, rates offered on 30-year fixed mortgages in various markets around the country varied by little more than a quarter of a percentage point, according to figures collected by HSH Associates in Butler, N.J.

With a national average of 8.89 percent, the high was 9 percent in New York and California and the low was 8.72 percent in Pennsylvania, HSH reported.

Similarly, one-year adjustable mortgages had an average first-year rate of 6.13 percent, with a high of 6.24 percent in Florida and a low of

5.88 percent in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area.

SO COMPARISON-SHOPPERS today may have to pay less attention to interest rates and more to up-front charges such as points, or loan origination fees, and to the types of loans a lender is interested in making.

In the modern marketplace, borrowers have a broad range of choices among fixed and adjustable loans that can accommodate their situation, preferences and goals.

For instance, home buyers or refiners in the current market might

choose an adjustable mortgage with a low initial rate if they expect to be moving on within two or three years.

Alternatively, they might look for a 30-year fixed loan to "lock in" today's rates for the foreseeable future. Or, anticipating a future need such as college for their children or retirement, they might opt for a 15-year fixed loan.

The decision can come down to nothing more elaborate than personal tastes — for instance, a preference for the security of a fixed rate, even if it means paying more per month at the outset.

Weekend lawn mowing interferes with owner's quiet time

I bought a house in a subdivision with the expectation of being able to sit out on my patio on the weekends and enjoy nature. But I have found, to my disappointment, that the weekends are the time when my neighbors cut the grass. Therefore I can not enjoy the tranquility that I had expected. What can I do about this situation?

The most obvious response I would recommend is to contact your neighbors and ask their consideration as to the times when they choose to cut their grass. Point out to them that you are only able to enjoy your patio area on the weekends and if their is any way that they can accommodate your needs, it would be greatly appreciated. You might also



condo queries

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check your deed restrictions regarding cutting of grass or the making of unreasonable noise at unreasonable hours or days.

You may also wish to consider proposing an amendment to the by-laws and restrictions for consideration by the homeowners' board of directors. You may also wish to consult with the municipality to

determine whether there are any ordinances involved that may protect your rights as a homeowner under these circumstances, but only after you have made reasonable efforts to resolve the matter amicably with your neighbors or through the homeowners association.

Can you tell me what the law is in Michigan regarding whether a hotel guest is liable for fire damage to the hotel premises caused by his negligence?

The law is that a tenant is not normally liable to its lessor or the lessor's insurer for negligently causing fire damage absent an express and unequivocal agreement to the contrary.

The courts have reasoned that a tenant could reasonably expect that his or her rental payments will be used to cover the lessor's ordinary and necessary expenses, including fire insurance premiums. Whether the persons causing the fire is a tenant or a guest, the courts seem to indicate that it is reasonable to expect that the payment would be used to cover the innkeeper's expenses of maintaining the facilities, including fire insurance. Such insurance would cover the losses sustained through negligence even though the negligent act causing the fire might be subject to criminal penalties. A surprising result.

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2 state cities in top 10

(AP) — Jackson, Mich., was rated the fourth most affordable U.S. housing market in the fourth quarter of 1991, according to the National Association of Home Builders.

Here are the top 10 markets:

1. Elkhart-Goshen, Ind.
2. Kansas City, Mo.

3. Mansfield, Ohio
4. Jackson, Mich.
5. Peoria, Ill.
6. Lincoln, Neb.
7. Rockford, Ill.
8. Amarillo, Texas
9. Saginaw-Bay City, Mich.
10. Omaha, Neb.

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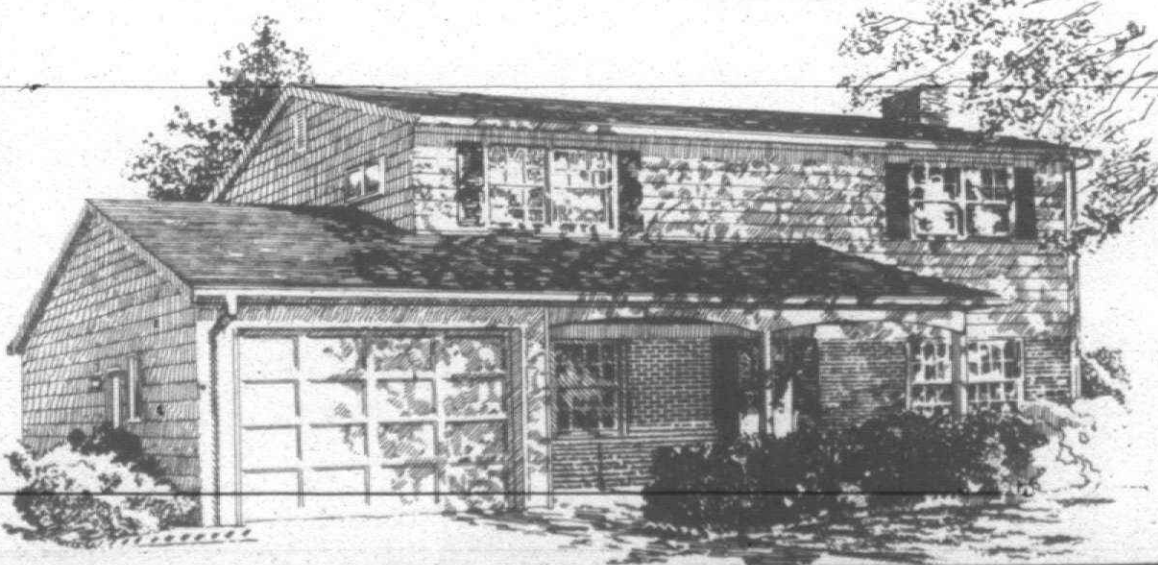
Purchasing a home is the best way to build a solid financial foundation. A home not only provides you with warmth and comfort, it also serves as a secure investment.

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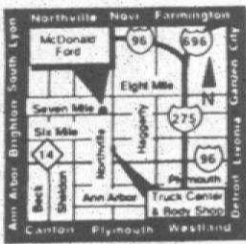
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Builders sharpen focus on customer choice in houses

By Gerald Frawley
staff writer

Even the most experienced of businessman can't know everything about his customers' wants and needs.

Or to put it in another way: Give the people what they want and they'll beat a path to your door; try to give them what they don't want and they won't even know your name.

Builders have learned this lesson the hard way. In the past, they might have built homes they thought were good examples of everything a target audience could possibly want, but once the home was built he found few takers.

Builders commonly say their customers are more sophisticated today than in the past — the problem for them is finding out what these more sophisticated customers want.

Some work by trial and error and gut feelings. Some use projects that were successful in the past and modify them slightly using sale follow-up questionnaires and surveys.

Some builders use focus groups.

DEEN HYDE, marketing director with Pulte Home Corp. in Birmingham, said the building company has been using focus groups for years and they have gone a long way toward helping them design their homes.

Focus groups have been helpful to Pulte — one of the nation's largest home builders — in a number of ways, from evaluating advertising, gauging customer perception and evaluating products, Hyde said.

For the home builder, the most valuable use of focus groups is in helping them evaluate products.

"The problem with homes is people buy them before ever using them."

Because of that, problems that may be inherent in the design are not immediately evident to either the builder, the architect or the potential buyer.

For example, one of the houses Pulte sells in several of its developments, started out with a much smaller kitchen. "But what people told us is they needed more room. People gravitate to the kitchen."

Builders have long been told that kitchens are gathering points and that has become increasingly evident through the focus group.

"The breakfast nook is no longer sufficient."

KITCHENS TODAY are larger, have fireplaces, space for couches, island bars that people can eat around, television nooks, and built-in desks.

Focus groups also have been telling Pulte to return to the formal living room and dining room.

"They may never use them, but they want them."

Some younger families are still interested in the great room concept, she said, but many more want that room that is used infrequently and kept clean: "Someplace to take the insurance man or a salesman away from the mess."

Placement of master bed and bathroom suites, upstairs versus downstairs laundry, two-story entry foyers, built-in shelves, art and plant areas — these and many other features are put into production because people demand them, she said.

"When people are home buying, they go to a lot of different sources," Hyde said. "A good builder respects these sources."

"We try to take those features in the expensive homes, the mansions, and — where possible — incorporate them into the less expensive homes," she said. "That gives the homes value to people."

Hyde also said that one of the more popular features these days is the back stairway — a feature that is driven by the plethora of television sitcom families.

"On television sets, it's a practical matter — it's a way to get the actors on and off the set, but people really like it. Everyone uses the back staircase, and that leaves the front staircase nice for visitors."

STILL, MANY ideas will still be builder-driven, she said. Non-builders can't always see how a concept will look in real life, or how an art rendering translates into a real room.

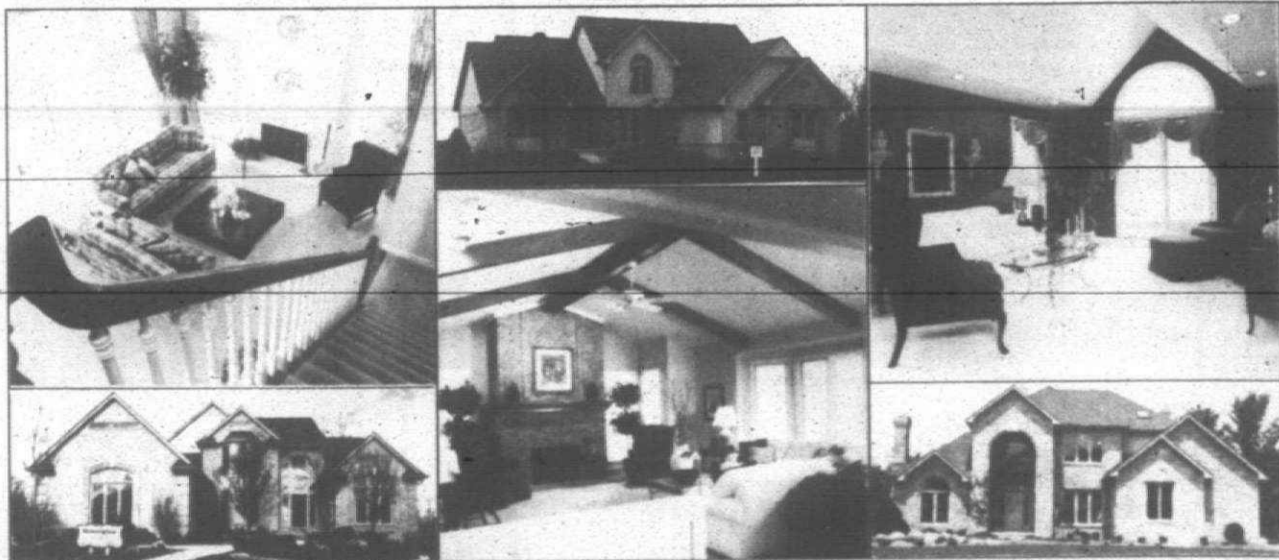
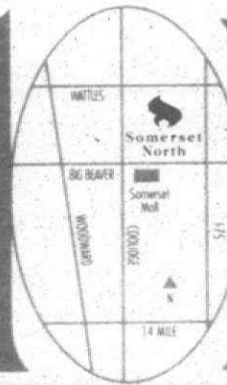
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Builders glean likes, dislikes from focus groups

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 "That can really make a difference when it comes to how people use the basement."

'What do you think about...?'

By Gerald Frawley
 staff writer

Although the process can change depending on what results the builder is seeking, focus groups involve getting a group of people together who evaluate house plans, the builder is proposing for production, Pulse Home Corp. marketing director Deen Hyde said.

"After the architect designs the house, we walk them through each room (on the drawings)," she said. Borrowing from its own experiences, the focus group then makes suggestions for change or points out

likes and dislikes about the plan, she said.

Typically, the builder then takes the focus group report, evaluates the suggestions and comments, and then incorporates them into the house plan.

Then he builds a prototype, she said. Once completed, the builder invites the focus group back to view the house and make additional suggestions.

Those suggestions are then incorporated into the final design that is then put into production.

Building a prototype that people may or may not like may seem like

an expensive proposition, she said, but that's not necessarily the case. "We actually save money in the long run," Hyde said.

Building a home based on the perceptions, wants and needs of actual home buyers will result in a home that sells. "Otherwise, we'd get a house that a committee of builders like, but maybe no one else."

"There's nothing worse than investing a lot of time and money into something that no one likes," Hyde said. "If we build four or five of them and no one buys them, then we'd have a problem."

"The people loved it," she said. They wanted to use it as a sitting area or a computer room — so now we include that as an option."

JOHN BRAND, executive vice president of The Brand Consulting Group, said just about any type of business can use the information culled from focus groups to improve their business.

"The key, the objective of any focus group is to understand 'why,'" Brand said. "Why they like something, why they hate something, why they buy here, why they buy there."

Each type of company will have a different "why" they need answered, Brand said. The type of people in the focus group will change depending on what the company is trying to determine.

"There's a saying: if the client wants to market something to people exclusively with square belly buttons, well, we'll find them," he said.

In the case of the builder, that why could be one of two things: why a house isn't (or is) selling, or why a sales program doesn't work (or works).

"Sometimes you can see these things without the focus groups," he said. "It's not unusual to see a manager say, 'We know that' when he

looks at the report. But if you know that, why weren't you doing something about it?"

The focus group does exactly what it says — it helps company managers focus on what is important. "Sometimes, managers get caught up in things that are important to the company, but they lose sight of things that are important to the customer."

"People don't always know why they do the things they do," he said. Focus groups are helpful tools in problem solving for several reasons, but perhaps the greatest reason is that they produce ideas that might not come to light otherwise.

ELLEN WHITEFIELD, marketing director for the Selective Group in Farmington Hills, said focus groups have been an integral part of the company's marketing strategy almost since the company began.

"We use them typically in two ways," she said. "In pre-marketing, we want to know if the plan we intend to provide is appropriate for that community."

"After the sale, we want to know did we do what we planned to do," she said. "We might do a focus group after (a project is completed) if a community isn't taking off."

Because communities are different, a home in one community may not sell well in another, she said.

"A builder may also use focus groups to help determine why a particular sales program worked or didn't work," she said. "Why is it they came to visit a particular model? Did they like the ad? Was it informative? Was it not informative enough and they needed more information?"

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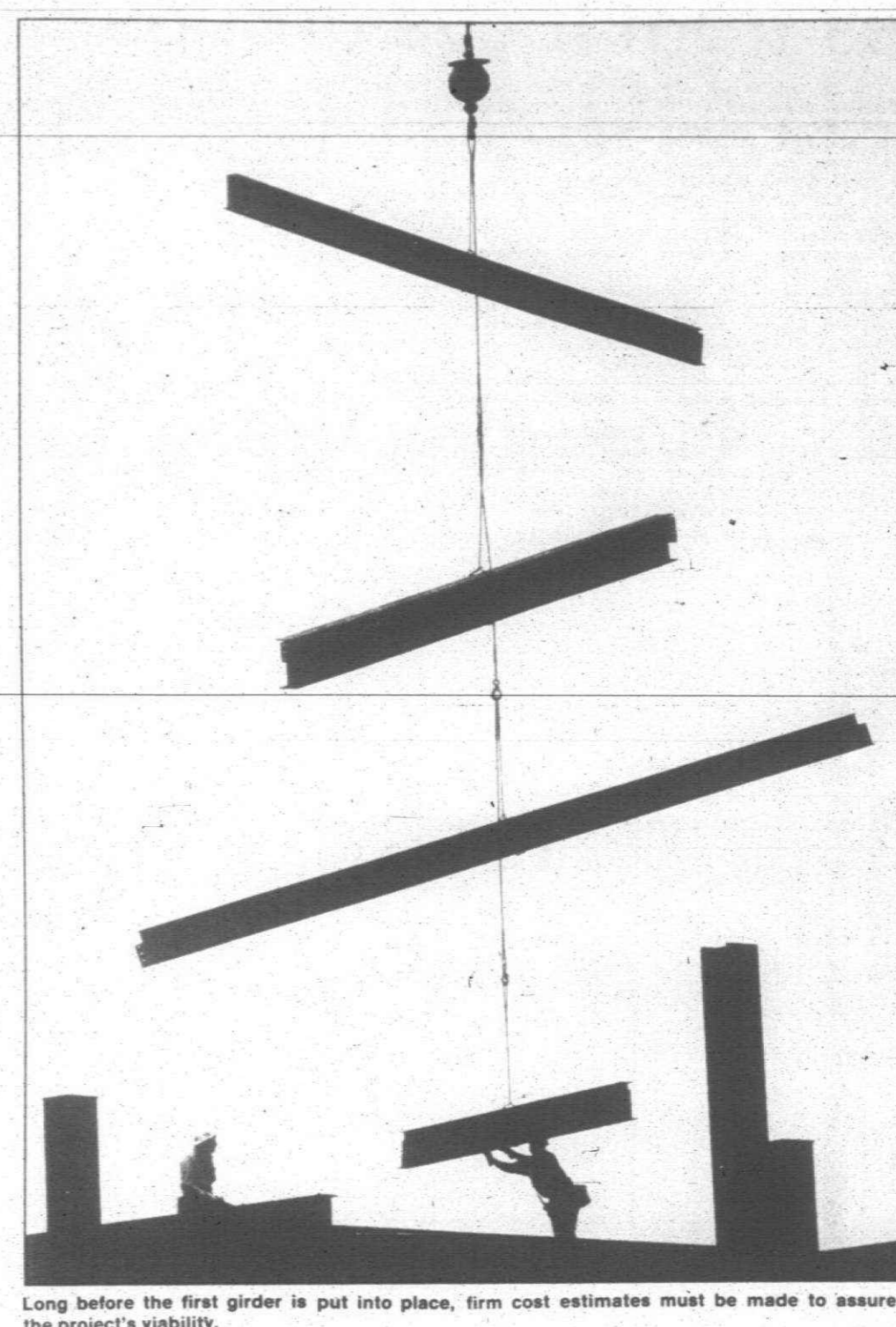
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Builder's earliest hurdle: getting a handle on cost

By Gerald Frawley
 staff writer

Sometimes constructing a building costs more than anticipated.

When that happens, people lose big time. Cost overruns can mean either financial hardships, or in a worst case scenario, a project goes uncompleted.

Paul Holt, chairman of Construction Cost Consultants Inc. in Southfield, said after 40 years in the construction business he has witnessed numerous projects where a construction project was severely under-estimated.

"There are 30 or so steps to building something — the first is find an architect, the second is get a cost estimate — that's before starting construction or preparation."

Holt said he has seen numerous occasions where an owner spends thousands of dollars for drawings and specifications for projects that were never built because bids came in higher than the owner could afford or wanted to pay.

It occurred to Holt and his partner, James R. Holt, that a construction cost estimating service that takes an extremely complex task and does it quickly and accurately could be a potentially lucrative business.

"We know through years of doing this what (construction) costs were," he said. "I guess the reason I can do it is after all those years in construction (is) you learn to read between the lines."

NOT EVERYONE needs a construction cost estimator. Contractors and subcontractors generally do their own estimates when they bid for a job.

Holt's customers, he said, are the architects who need a price to give their clients, people who are building their own houses, business owners who are considering an addition and sometimes subcontractors.

"What it all boils down to, though, is you do it so the owner knows what he's getting into."

Construction estimates also prove useful as a management tool, so the building owner knows how close he is to budget — to control overruns

close estimate — usually plus or minus 5 percent.

"It's really not that difficult if you have the experience," he said. Someone with experience can look at the engineering specifications and architectural drawings and see how many windows there are and make a pretty good estimate of the final cost.

For actual construction, a more detailed construction estimate should be used to plan out the project, can be brought to the bank to help obtain a loan, or can be used to determine if a project should be accomplished.

A commercial building of roughly 1 million square feet would take approximately two weeks to estimate. The average house would take one or two days. Cost for the service varies depending on the project.

Construction Cost Consultants can also work as a project manager for a construction project.

THOMAS W. KURMAS, president of Thomas W. Kurmas & Associates in Bloomfield Hills, said he's been using Construction Cost Consultants for more than a year to do preliminary budgets.

"One of the most critical areas for any project is the budget," Kurmas said. The big advantage of going to a service like Construction Cost Consultants is that someone in the building industry can give better estimates based on current prices.

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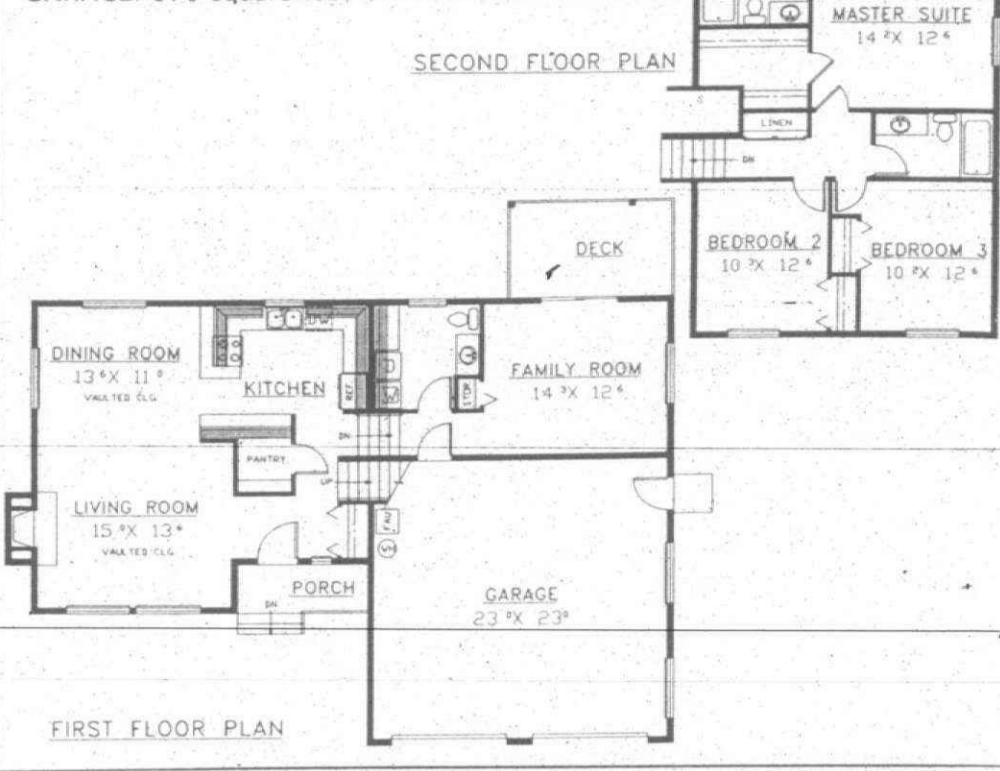
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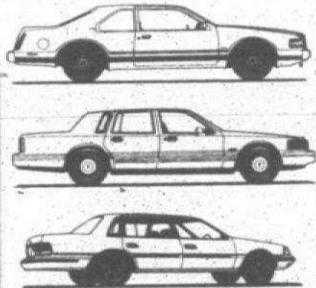
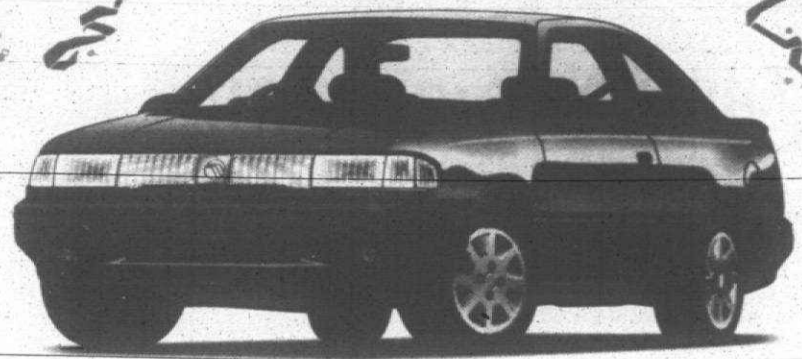
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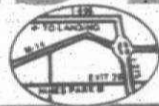
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