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Twenty-Five Cents

20-60-year prison term for Federico

By Arlene Funke
staff writer

Convicted drug dealer Dolores Federico, 26, has been sentenced to 20-60 years in prison for her part in a botched armed robbery which resulted in the death of the intended victim.

Federico, of Canton, recently was convicted of assault with intent to commit armed robbery against Jess Brown, 27, of Ann Arbor. Brown died of a gunshot wound to the head.

The incident occurred on Lotz Road in Canton last October.

SENTENCING CAME Tuesday by Judge Thomas Foley, who presided over Federico's week-long trial

She's a 'danger,' says judge

in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Foley described Federico, a former Plymouth resident, as a "long-term danger to the community." Federico also was sentenced to two years' imprisonment for conviction of using a firearm in commission of a felony.

Under Michigan law, she will have to serve at least 22 years on the two convictions, Foley said. Her attorney has up to 60 days in which to appeal the sentence.

Foley said testimony indicated Federico was a big-time drug dealer

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— Judge Thomas Foley
Wayne County circuit court

in the Plymouth-Canton area. The judge said he based the sentence on Federico's lifestyle and Brown's death.

TESTIMONY INDICATED Federico took over her husband's wholesale drug practice after he went to prison.

"It was a \$10,000-\$70,000-a-week wholesale practice in the Plymouth-Canton area," Foley said.

"When you go in with a loaded revolver, anything can happen — and did," Foley added.

Federico currently is serving a two-year sentence in a federal prison on an unrelated drug charge, Foley said. Imprisonment on the

firearms and assault charges will be at the Huron Valley Women's Correctional Facility near Ypsilanti.

The jury earlier acquitted Federico of second-degree murder and felony-murder charges. Felony murder is defined as a killing which occurs during a felonious act.

According to testimony, Federico formulated the robbery plan with Ricki Sparks, 31, and George McCue, 25, both of Canton.

Federico testified she met with the men to sell them drugs but became frightened they would rob her. She said she grabbed McCue's gun and during a scuffle with McCue and Sparks, the gun went off, killing Brown.

McCue already has been sentenced to 4½-15 years imprisonment



Dolores Federico

ment on a similar assault with intent to rob charge. Sparks is to be sentenced Friday, Sept. 2, on the same charge.

Auto accident takes lives of 2 Plymouth area youths

By M.B. Dillon Ward
staff writer

Families and friends yesterday mourned the loss of a 21-year-old Plymouth Township man and a 24-year-old Plymouth woman who died from injuries suffered in a car accident early Sunday.

Jeffrey S. Primeau of Canton Center Road and Cheryl Ann Baker of Palmer Street were killed when Primeau's car went off a rural road in Canton Township and crashed into a tree.

A memorial service for Baker, an assistant manager of the Plymouth Holly's By Golly restaurant, was



Jon Kabel

held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dearborn.

Services for Primeau, a senior at Eastern Michigan University, were conducted at the Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Jon Kabel, 20, of McClumpha Road, Plymouth Township, suffered multiple injuries in the accident. He was being treated at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor for a fractured skull, broken forearm, dislocated wrist and numerous cuts.

ACCORDING TO police, the three were returning home from a friend's party in Ypsilanti. Primeau was driving north on Ridge Road about 3:35 a.m. when his Buick LeSabre veered off the road along a curve about 200 feet south of Ford Road. The car crossed Fellows Creek, struck a tree on the north bank and spun on an angle. The car caught fire and landed on its side, police said.

Primeau was pinned behind the steering wheel. He was declared dead at the scene.

Baker and Kabel were thrown from the car. Baker was taken to Wayne County General Hospital where she died at 7:30 a.m. Sunday.

Baker had accepted a ride home from her friend Jeff because she was unable to find her car keys, Kabel said Monday. She left her car at the party and had planned to return for it the following day.

Police have several theories on

why Primeau's car left the road, but their efforts are being hampered because of the severe damage to the car, said Canton Lt. Larry Stewart. No mechanical defects have been discovered, he added.

Everything "happened so fast it really hasn't hit me," Kabel said Monday from his hospital room.

"All I remember is Jeff losing control of his mom's car and us going down a ravine. I remember seeing a big oak tree, but I don't remember hitting it."

"I'm just glad to be alive. I'm going to take full advantage of it."

"I'm going to be much more careful when I'm behind the wheel. You don't know when or how it's going to happen."

BAKER, WHO was a friend of Primeau, was a personable, attractive woman who planned to "move ahead" in her career with Holly's, Kabel said.

Primeau and Kabel graduated from Plymouth Salem High School in 1980. They became friends as elementary school students when they played bantam league hockey together. Primeau also pitched for Plymouth Salem's baseball team.

Primeau was in EMU's business school and was employed part time at an Ann Arbor shoe store as part of a school co-op program.

"Jeff will be greatly missed," said his boss at the Briarwood Mall store, Ron Spada.

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Cheryl Baker



Jeffrey Primeau

Millage rate lower

Tax break ahead

Residents of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will get a tax break this year — thanks to summer tax collections.

The school board Monday night established the tax rate for 1983-84 at 37 mills or \$37 per \$1,000 state equalized valuation (SEV).

That levy is the lowest in eight years, and is one-half mill (50 cents per \$1,000 SEV) lower than the current school millage rate.

The change is a half-mill reduction in the district's debt levy and is a direct result of the summer tax levy this June, according to Ray Hoedel, assistant superintendent for business.

Without collecting half the school tax in June the district would have had to borrow millions of dollars to meet its obligations during the year.

The millage reduction is quite an accomplishment, said Hoedel, because the district's total tax base actually declined this year because of reappraisals in Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

"Our total SEV was reduced this year by some \$37 million which resulted in a loss of \$1.3 million in local property tax revenue," said Hoedel.

"We normally would not be able to reduce the levy when our SEV drops but we can this year because of summer tax collection."

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increase in operating millage since 1979.

For the owner of a \$60,000 home assessed at \$30,000 taxes for 1983-84 will be \$15 less. If a \$60,000 home was reappraised at \$55,000 then the saving would be about \$107 including the lower value and the lower rate.

Over the past five years, Hoedel added, the district has lowered the total levy by almost two mills.

Hoben said it would be nice to have the money to spend that would have been generated by the half-mill but by state law the debt levy must be lowered as the district's total debts decrease.

The district's debt levy was 6.19 mills in 1976 and now will be 0.87 mills.

'Samaritan' caught in charity fray

By Gary M. Cates
and Arlene Funke
staff writers

A Canton man is disillusioned but determined to continue his fight to help a Lincoln Park mother obtain a costly liver transplant.

Until a few days ago, 33-year-old Carl Goodney, an insurance agent, was Michigan's executive director for United St. Jude Foundation of America, a Florida-based charity. He was deeply involved in raising more than \$90,000 to help Judy Tazelaar, critically ill with a rare liver disorder.

Last Friday, Attorney General Frank Kelley sued to halt the charity's fund-raising efforts until a necessary license is obtained from the state and an investigation is made of the foundation.

Goodney said he was surprised to learn the United St. Jude Foundation of America (no relation to the Danny Thomas-sponsored St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis) is being investigated for possible fraudulent activities.

"I'm in the process of severing all ties with the foundation," Goodney said. "I was caught right in the middle. I want to continue to help Judy, and I want to clear my name. Of course, it's going to have to be on an individual basis."

OFFICIALS of the Ft. Lauderdale foundation couldn't be reached for comment. Their telephone was disconnected.

Goodney became Michigan director for the charity in late May or early June, after responding to a newspaper advertisement.

"I've been in the insurance business for eight or nine years," Goodney said. "I have considerable spare time. I met with the Florida people. It looked like a chance to make productive use of my spare time and help worthwhile causes."

The attorney general in Florida and the Better Business Bureau in Ft. Lauderdale had no negative reports on the foundation, and "there was no reason not to believe they were on the up and up," Goodney said.

Goodney invested \$15,000 for canisters intended to be placed in restaurants, stores and other businesses. Under the plan, he could keep 25 percent of the canister proceeds.

Other fund-raising plans could be millionaire



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

A disillusioned Carl Goodney vows to continue fighting for a Lincoln Park mother who must raise \$100,000 for a liver transplant she desperately needs.

parties and bingo games, with Goodney selecting the recipient of the proceeds.

Goodney rented an office in the Heritage Place complex on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth after foundation officials told him he must have a public office to receive funds and conduct business. He has used the address only to receive mail.

TAZELAAR'S PLIGHT has been widely publicized recently. The 43-year-old mother of four suffers from a rare liver disorder called primary biliary cirrhosis. Six years ago, doctors told her she had five years to live.

The disease has caused jaundice and rash, and Tazelaar's weight has dropped below 105 pounds. Her bones are so brittle both her legs were broken when she tripped and fell last June.

Tazelaar has spoken with foundation officials in Florida and has met with Goodney, who recently raised about \$3,200 in donations for her through a newspaper ad.

Some \$2,000 of the money already has been turned over to Tazelaar, and the rest will be given to her this week, Goodney said. At least \$7,000 was raised earlier.

"It is not our intention to block those funds from going to Ms. Tazelaar," said Mark Goldman, assistant attorney general. "She will receive everything that was collected for her."

"I desperately need this operation," Tazelaar said. "After all this happened, I was so upset. Then I got myself together, and I'm just going to keep on hoping that something can be done. I can't give up hope."

Tazelaar believes both she and Goodney were "conned" by people who would make money from illness and suffering.

If a compatible donor can be found, and if Tazelaar can raise the needed funds, surgery will be done at Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh. Tazelaar must raise \$90,000 for the hospital deposit plus a \$10,000 deposit for doctors' fees.

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Man faces sex charge

A 25-year-old Ypsilanti man pleaded not guilty to charges of criminal sexual conduct at his arraignment before Wayne District Court Judge John C. Siler last week.

The man, Bryan Cote, is charged with criminal sexual conduct in the first and third degree. Bond was set at \$100,000. Preliminary examination on the charges will be Monday.

According to Canton police Lt. Larry Stewart, officers were called to the Maple Lawn Motel on Michigan Avenue near I-275 about 3 a.m. Friday on a noise complaint.

Police found a man trying to get inside the locked door of a motel unit. He said he had gone outside to make a phone call.

Allegedly the man and two girls, ages 11 and 13, had gone swimming together, then went to the motel, where sexual acts took place.

Both criminal sexual conduct charges carry maximum life imprisonment sentences upon conviction.

Judith Stone gets West job

Judith Stone has been appointed assistant principal at West Middle School. She replaces Jim Brown who retired at the end of the last school year after a long career with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

The appointment was confirmed Monday night by the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education. The board still must hire a principal for Lowell Middle School to replace Dr. Gary Faber who recently resigned to become principal of West Bloomfield High School.

Norm Kee, assistant superintendent for employee relations, said some 96 outside candidates and 20 internal candidates applied for the job as assistant principal at West.

THE FIELD was narrowed to 16 and after further interviews down to four. Stone, an English teacher at Pioneer last year and a Canton resident, was recommended as the final candidate by the screening committee.

Serving on the screening committee were Kee, Dr. John Telford, Maureen Murphy, Bob Smith and Superintendent John M. Hoben.

Stone, who has taught at the middle school level for 12 years, has a bachelor's and master's degree from University of Michigan and has completed 65 graduate hours in educational administration and supervision at U-M. She has participated in the administrative intern program of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

She has served on the TAG advisory committee, on the computer curriculum committee and is in charge of the computer day camp program this summer.

She has served as president of the American Association of University Women here, is a member of the Plymouth Symphony League, the Plymouth Community Arts Council and of Geneva Presbyterian Church.

obituaries

JAMES E. LATTURE

Funeral services for Mr. Latture, 76, of Harding, Plymouth, were held recently in the Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth with Sandy Burr officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Mr. Latture, who died Aug. 17 in Ann Arbor, was born in Duluth, Minn., and moved to Plymouth in 1930 from Ypsilanti. He was a government teacher and debate coach for Plymouth High School for 26 years. He graduated from Eastern Michigan University and earned a master's degree from University of Michigan. In 1957, after retiring from teaching, he started the Latture Teacher's Club and of the Michigan Education Association.

Survivors include wife, Eugene; daughter, Wilma Bass of Jackson; brother, Hubert Latture of Duluth; and by three grandchildren.

JEFFREY S. PRIMEAU

Funeral services for Mr. Primeau, 21, of Canton Center Road, Plymouth Township, were held recently in Schrader Funeral Home with burial at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Thomas H. Cook. Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

Mr. Primeau, who died Aug. 21 in Canton Township, was a fulltime student at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. He had worked part-time as a shoe salesman at Bakers Shoe Store at Briarwood Mall in Ann Arbor. He was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

Survivors include: parents, Margaret and James Primeau of Plymouth Township; sister, Julia of Plymouth; brothers, Michael and Mark of Plymouth; and grandparents, Isabel and John Primeau of Mt. Clemens.

SIDNEY WRIGHT

Funeral services for Mr. Wright, 85, of Newport Dr., Plymouth, were held recently in Fred Wood Funeral Home with burial at Oakland Hills, Novi. Officiating was the Rev. Roy C. Forsyth.

Mr. Wright, who died Aug. 7 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia, was a repairman for Detroit Edison. Survivors include wife, Evelyn; and a daughter, Deanna Wright.

GERALDINE K. OLDS

Funeral services for Mrs. Olds, 61 of Plymouth Road, Plymouth, were held recently in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth with burial in Durango, Colo. Arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

Mrs. Olds, who died Aug. 18 in Plymouth, was born in Durango, Colo., and had moved to Plymouth from Durango in 1948. She was a secretary with the Ford Motor Co. for 27 years, retiring in 1980. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

Survivors include: daughter, Diana Blackford of Pinckney; son, Duane of Pontiac; sisters, Helen Pickens of Carlsbad, N.M., Erna Lemmon of Redlands, Calif., and Nona Jean Bacon of Richland, Wash.; brothers, William Dieckman of Ft. Meyers, Fla., and John Dieckman of Sausalito, Calif.; and two grandchildren.

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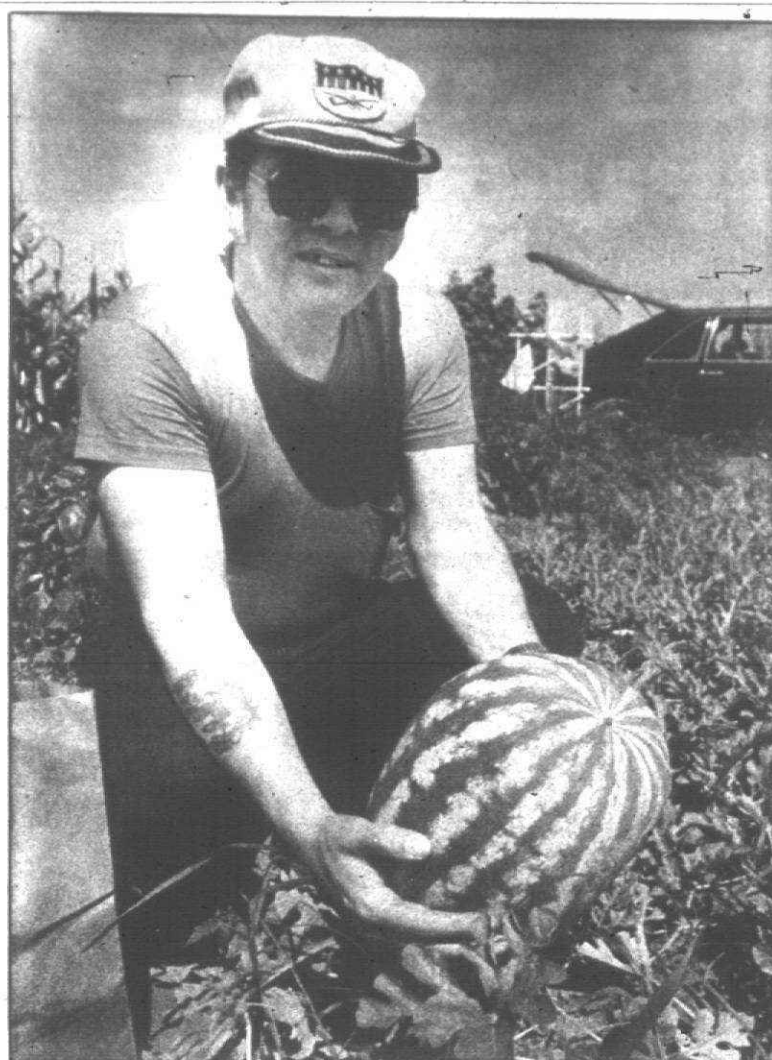
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Bonnie Mackey takes a break from hoeing in her garden plot.

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The corn may not be as high as an elephant's eye, but there sure is plenty of it in Canton's township-sponsored garden plot at Lilley and Warren roads. Each spring, residents plant their

seeds for cucumbers, green peppers, sweet corn, tomatoes and the prolific zucchini squash. These part-time farmers prune and snip weeds. They fret about lack of rain, trade growing tips and complain about veggie thieves who raid the fields.

By late summer, the crops are at their finest, and the hard work pays off in a bountiful harvest. The corn is sweet and the tomatoes red and juicy. Watermelons are succulent. Dig in. The eating can't be beat right now.

Staff photos by Bill Bresler



George Orr gingerly steps through his tomato patch in search of ripe tomatoes.



A maze of corn can be lots of fun. Just ask Jessica Mackey, 5, (front) and sister Jennifer, 8. Mom just told them to get out of the corn — come on, Mom!



neighbors on cable

Suzanne Skubick, community affairs and program director for Omnicom, announces that the programming facilities and operations will be shut down all this week.

The public in order to conduct some much-needed maintenance work, she said, and to allow for some in-house refresher training courses for the programming staff and interns.

The shutdown means that there will be no airing of community and access programs on Channel 15 nor will Family Home Theater and community shows air on Channel 8.

Viewers are urged to tune in the following week, beginning 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 29, when the regular schedule will resume. The department will be open for business at 10 a.m. on Aug. 29.

CHANNEL 11

(Shows are repeated: Tuesdays at 4 p.m., Wednesdays at 7 p.m.)

MONDAY (Aug. 29)
7 p.m. — Dr. Andrew Watson from University of Michigan Law School discusses the "insanity plea" recorded during Law Week at Plymouth Centennial Educational Park (CEP).

MONDAY (SEPT. 5)
7 p.m. — Russell McPeak, a parole officer from the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice, discusses his responsibilities and duties with high school students. Recorded during

Law Week, 1983, at CEP.

CHANNEL 13

MONDAY-FRIDAY

Noon-2 p.m. — Community Business Network — local business format

5-7 p.m. — Community Business Network — local business format

7-7:10 p.m. — Newsline-13 — live local news and sports

8:30-9:30 p.m. — Sports and finance (Associated Press) — Seven days a week

Editor's note: Cable 13 now is broadcasting programming 24 hours per day, Monday-Friday. "Metro-13" is an hour-long show that is seen each hour not listed above. The program is segmented by minutes, according to the following schedule:

Metro-13

1-1 minute — Metro-13 hourly lineup
2-18 minutes — Comparison shopper service
19-28 — Classified ads
29-30 — Movie guide — Plymouth, Northville, Farmington
31-40 — Deals on Wheels
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Library tells success story

By Ariene Funk
staff writer

While nearby public libraries fall on hard economic times, Canton's library is starting its fourth year with a solid financial base and ambitious plans.

Book-lovers waited in line to enter when the Canton library opened its doors in October 1980. Located on the third floor of Township Hall, the Canton library now has the sixth highest circulation for the Wayne Oakland Library Federation, which includes most suburban libraries.

The collection has tripled in number to about 60,000 volumes, said head librarian Deborah O'Connor. And because Canton residents pay a separate library tax, there is no competition with fire, police or recreation for funding as in other communities.

BUT LIBRARY officials aren't complacently enjoying their success. Right now, they're completing an in-depth needs study which will set the course for future services.

"I think it isn't good to rest on your laurels," said O'Connor, a confident woman who has served in various librarian roles for 16 years. "We're going to release our long-range plan on our birthday in October. We're not doing it because we have problems (but) because we're settling in and looking to the future."

Using an American Public Library Association manual library staffers are studying circulation figures, library usage by age and other factors to assist in planning.

Eighty-five percent of the patrons are Canton residents, and 9 percent live in Plymouth, O'Connor said. Several months ago, there was talk about applying for a grant to build a separate library. The proposal will be taken up at a later date.

Most popular features are non-fiction, light reference manuals and leisure books. The library contains a foreign language section, and a large-print collection for people with sight problems soon will be ready. Children's story-time sessions are popular and fill quickly.

PROBLEMS TO overcome are a lack of quiet study areas and expanding the collection, O'Connor said. Several months ago, there was talk about applying for a grant to build a separate library. The proposal will be taken up at a later date.

"There is a high satisfaction level (but) people want more books — reference and adult books," O'Connor said. "We need a quiet study area. With so many kids and the open space, it isn't quiet. I think we're comfortable with the space, but there isn't room for expansion."

Upcoming plans for this fall include a teddy-bear tea party for kids, an ethnic holiday festival in December, a resume-writing workshop and other special events for various age groups.

A six-member library board, elected on a partisan ballot every four years, sets policy and oversees operations. Currently, the board is equally divided among men and women, Republicans and Democrats.



Librarian Deborah O'Connor

The staff includes nine full-time employees and 12 part-timers, and "the library runs like private industry," with merit raises, goal-setting and regular evaluations, O'Connor said.

THE SEPARATE FINANCING system is a buffer against cut-backs common in other communities funded by the municipal tax system, according to O'Connor.

In hard economic times, library services often are the first to be cut, a fate which recently befell the Detroit and Wayne-Westland libraries.

"And realistically, it should be," according to O'Connor. "You protect your life and your limb (preserving police or fire services first)."

Before the Canton library opened, residents approved a one-mill levy in perpetuity for library services. That millage will yield about \$515,000 in tax revenues this year, O'Connor said. State library grants, fees and fines bring in \$107,000 more.

The library board borrowed \$210,000 annually during the first two years to purchase books and supplies. That debt has been retired, O'Connor said.

"I feel Canton is in an enviable position because we don't have to compete for money," O'Connor said.

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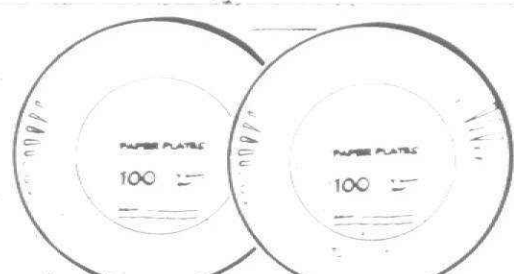
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Man caught in charity fray

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Goodney plans to contact service clubs in Tazelaar's downriver area in hopes of raising more money. A tax-deductible charity fund has been set up, and people who want to donate should send their checks to the Judy Tazelaar Liver Fund, P.O. Box 5366, Lincoln Park 48146. Tazelaar said she will acknowledge donations.

THE INVESTIGATION is focused on United St. Jude Foundation's failure to obtain a license as a non-profit charity in order to place collection canisters in stores, restaurants and other locations.

The attorney general's office is seeking disclosure of information to make sure organizers inform

the public they are not affiliated with the well-known St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., founded by entertainer Danny Thomas. Reportedly, the Florida-based charity uses canisters with similar coloring and logos.

A Sept. 21 hearing is scheduled on charges which include soliciting funds without a license, use of unregistered personnel and possible fraud in soliciting funds. The attorney general's office last Friday filed a lawsuit against the group in Ingham County Circuit Court and ordered the group's funds be frozen and that they cease fund-raising activities.

If a license is granted, it will be a conditional one, Goldman said.

Man arraigned on rape charge

A Belleville man allegedly involved in the Aug. 14 rape of a Plymouth woman was arraigned in 35th District Court Tuesday.

Sheldon Bleyle, 26, 6036 Vernon, was arrested by Plymouth police Tuesday in Battle Creek, after his attorney notified police of his whereabouts.

Judge James Garber entered an innocent plea for Bleyle on charges of third-degree criminal sexual conduct and arson of a dwelling. Bleyle is being held in the Wayne County Jail in lieu of \$15,000 bond.

According to Police Commander Ralph White, the suspect was an acquaintance of the woman, and had been harassing her for several weeks before the alleged assault.

Third-degree criminal sexual conduct carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison upon conviction, while the arson charge carries a maximum penalty of 20 years.

A Sept. 1 preliminary examination is scheduled to review the evidence in the case, before Garber decides whether to bind the matter over to circuit court for trial.

THE CHARGES stem from an incident in which a 23-year-old Amelia Street woman was reportedly raped three times, before she escaped from her apartment to call police.

When she returned to her apartment with police, the apartment was on fire. The blaze resulted in an estimated \$15,000 in damages.

Man sentenced

A Canton man was sentenced to 1-5 years in prison after he pleaded guilty to a charge of attempted criminal sexual conduct in the second degree.

Vern Francis Stitt, 33, of Pierce Court was sentenced Friday by Judge John Dillon.

Police said Stitt undressed before two neighbor girls and coaxed them to touch him. Both girls are about 7 years old.

The incidents took place in Stitt's apartment during 1981-82, but recently came to light, police said.

Accident claims 2 lives

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"He was a very good salesperson, excellent on the sales floor and with customers. He was very outgoing. Everyone here liked him. Jeff was very much a valued employee."

With Primeau's help, Kabel recently was hired by the same store and was to begin work there Monday.

BAKER, A 1982 graduate of Central Michigan University and a Dearborn native, was well re-

spected at the Holly's by Golly restaurant.

Manager Bob Krypel described Baker as "a very nice person."

"Cheryl was with us over a year and had a lot of friends here."

Primeau is survived by his parents, James and Margaret, a sister Julia, brothers Michael and Mark and grandparents John and Isabel Primeau.

Baker's parents, who live out-of-state, ask that donations be sent to the University Hospital burn center in Ann Arbor.

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Secretaries ask for good faith

To the editor:
An open letter to the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education.
It is the understanding of the Plymouth-Canton Association of Educational Office Personnel (PCAEO) negotiating team that the proposed changes to our contract were denied by the Board of Education at its regular meeting on June 27, 1983.
We also understand that the main ob-

jection to the contract changes was the request for binding arbitration. The contract agreement signed by Walter Bartnick and Loretta Olson (chairperson of the negotiation team at that time) states that the wording for our contract relating to arbitration would be the same as the transportation department.

The transportation contract states clearly that "the decision of the arbitrator shall be final, conclusive and binding upon the employer, the employees and the association." When the members of our association voted to accept this past contract binding arbitration was included as had been

agreed to by the negotiating team and administration.

Upon receiving our final copy of the contract it was noted shortly after the section dealing with arbitration was not as it had been agreed upon. It was the decision of our membership to allow the wording to exist until the next negotiations as we felt the administration would realize the error and bargaining in good faith, would have the error corrected.

Unfortunately this was not true. When presented with this fact during the current negotiations Mr. Bartnick has informed us that the binding arbitration section of our contract was omitted and would not be corrected.

His only reply was that we needed no explanation as to how the error occurred.

The members of our negotiating team feel that our request for binding arbitration, which exists in other contracts within our school district, is valid and should be acted upon. Bargaining in good faith seems to be the issue in this matter. We hope the Board of Education and the public feel the same.

Rita Ringer
Corlis Mueller
Barbara King
Sally Belding
Marie Lienhard
PCAEO-P.

Skate-a-thon raised \$8,000

To the editor:
On behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Association and Riverside Arena, I would like to thank you, the merchants, and the people of the Plymouth community for their support. The 1983 Riverside Skate-a-thon was held June 29,

1983, and raised more than \$8,000. Area merchants donated more than \$1,200 to aid the fight against neuro-muscular disease.
Your cooperation and support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association and Riverside Arena is greatly appreciated. Your help is their hope.

Victoria Varga
Program coordinator
Greater Detroit-North

Y Travelers plan trips

The Y Travelers of the Plymouth Community Family YMCA is planning another trip out west and a cruise to the Caribbean.

The Y Travelers-Crediteer Golden West Trip will be Oct. 5-12 and will feature flying to San Francisco and then taking a bus to San Diego.

The Y Travelers-Crediteer Caribbean Cruise will be a seven-day getaway from Feb. 5-12, 1984.

The cruise will be aboard Royal Caribbean Cruise Line on the "Song of America." More information can be obtained by calling the YMCA at 453-2904.

On the Golden West 10-day trip, persons will check into the Cathedral Hill hotel in San Francisco on Oct. 3, take a night tour of the city and have a dinner in Chinatown. The next day, a guided tour of the city will be taken, including a Bay Cruise.

The following day, the group will travel to the Paul Masson Champagne Cellars for a tour and wine tasting, and then to Monterey for lunch at Hyatt DelMonte. After seeing Cannery Row, the group will stop in Carmel and re-

turn to Monterey for dinner and over night in Casa Munras Hotel.

ON OCT. 6, the group will tour the Hearst Castle in San Simeon and on Oct. 7 stop in a Danish community, Solvang, and then to Santa Barbara to visit and mission and for lunch at a marina. Friday night will be spent at the Ambassador Hotel in L.A.

Saturday will be spent touring Universal Studios with Sunday featuring a trip south via the coastal beach resort towns with stops at Dana Point and San Juan Capistrano.

After spending the night at the Hanaile Hotel, the group Monday will visit Balboa Park, the San Diego Zoo, lunch at the Lawrence Welk Country Club, then a trip through the Santa Rosa mountains.

Tuesday, Oct. 11, will feature a tour of Palm Springs, a drive through the Colorado Desert via San Geronimo Pass to the Redlands, and then a return trip to L.A.

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Sheriff details accomplishments

Ficano: a 4-month-old badge and lawmen's respect

By Tim Richard
staff writer

Robert A. Ficano walked into the office of Wayne County sheriff last April with two distinct handicaps: At 30, he had never worn a badge, and a sour economy had placed fiscal handcuffs on law enforcement.

But the Livonia lawyer has turned the handicaps into tools in his first four months. Every other word he uses is "negotiate" or "cooperate" with other police agencies.

"I can't go up to one of these suburban police chiefs who has been around 20 years and tell him what to do," said the new sheriff. "I have to show him that he gains and I gain if we cooperate."

"The cooperation has been great," smiled Ficano during a 90-minute interview in his office recently. He listed control of overtime, a marine patrol, a Hines Park patrol, drug enforcement, drunk driving and a jail pickup program as areas where progress has been made despite the county's massive \$140 million deficit.

THE FEELING about cooperation is mutual. Says Carl Berry, former city of Plymouth police chief and now township chief:

"For the first time, we have a sheriff who offers assistance whenever it is needed. I can't ask for any more out of the guy."

"Before any changes are made, he tries to glean as much information as possible about the effect the change will have on local communities," said Berry.

Michael Manog, chief in Redford Township, said:

"I'm encouraged by his eagerness to assist local law enforcement agencies to help us with some of the problems we face."

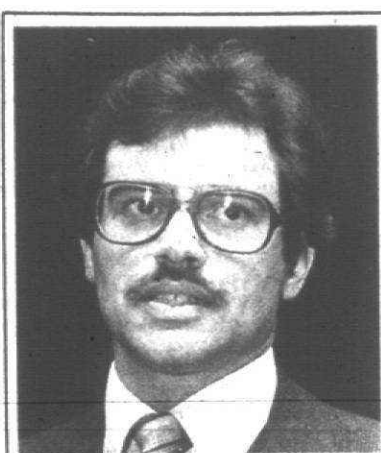
"As president of the Wayne County Association of Chiefs of Police, I'm impressed that he attends our meetings, and he comes with the intent to help us. His overall performance is very good to this point."

Livonia chief Robert Turner said: "We have much better cooperation. Livonia always thought it was the responsibility of the sheriff's department to transport prisoners to and from the county jail. Under Ficano, there's better efforts to pick up and deliver prisoners."

FICANO WAS an area Democratic leader, a three-time unsuccessful candidate for legislative office and chief Wayne County deputy clerk before

being appointed sheriff by a three-man panel consisting of county clerk James Killean, chief probate judge Joseph Pernick and county prosecutor William Cahalan.

Former sheriff William Lucas, now county executive, tried to appoint his undersheriff, Loren Pittman, to the job. Clerk Killean and the other members of the panel contended that under the law the panel, not Lucas, had appointing authority. The panel appointed Fi-



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projected \$700,000. Shifts were balanced so that sick calls could be better accommodated. Previously, deputies had been present at every phase of court proceedings, automatically picking up four hours overtime for each appearance. Ficano felt it wasn't necessary because most cases are plea-bargained. Now deputies appear only when they are to testify.

• The marine patrol has been re-instituted. Ficano argues that since the state funds snowmobile patrols for rural counties, it should also add marine patrols in a county with one of Michigan's longest shoreline. "Blanchard is listening," the sheriff said.

• A "marina watch" program, similar to a neighborhood watch in residential areas, has been started to combat boat thefts "without a penny from the budget," he said. Dipping into his officeholders' expense account, Ficano took downriver police chiefs to lunch and set up this cooperative program. "We acted as an umbrella to bring them all together," he said.

• No county money was available to set up a mounted patrol in Hines Park, so a "Sheriff's Hunt Club" was organized to raise \$35,000 in private donations. The money goes to buy and care for horses. Detroit trained the deputies at no charge.

• With federal grants drying up, Ficano set up a drug enforcement task force with the Wayne County Police Chiefs Association. The Federal Drug Enforcement Agency supplies "buy" money ("it's just printed money to them," Ficano said). Local police provide personnel, and the county supplies cars, radios and facilities. The DEA has agreed to waive its right to confiscate property seized in the commission of drug-related crimes in favor of local authorities.

Redford's Manog said, "We are the only Wayne County police department that is cooperating with Ficano's drug enforcement program. It is a super program, and we have made significant progress in apprehending major drug dealers and confiscating large amounts of narcotics."

• With the Sheriff's Department

acting again as an umbrella, law enforcement agencies will set up drunk driving programs beginning Oct. 1 similar to Oakland County's highly successful program. Ficano got a change in the state funding formula that benefits Wayne County.

• A Sheriff's Department van will pick up prisoners from local lockups to transport to the county jail. Says Redford's Manog: "I think it is a good program because it goes a long way in freeing up our officers to do the work of investigating crimes rather than serving as bus drivers." Ficano calls it only a minor amount of extra work for his department.

WITH LUCAS'S departure, Ficano has been able to bring in a few new faces.

On becoming county executive, Lucas took along jail administrator Frank Wilkerson, an employee relations specialist, a budget analyst and his personal secretary.

But the executive froze hiring, and Ficano has been unable to replace the senior inspector (Novak's old job) and the personnel relations person.

How has he been getting along with Lucas?

"As well as can be expected," Ficano replied. "We have the same goal: maximum law enforcement, bringing the department under control financially."

FICANO GOT a lot of chuckles when he terminated the legal services of Dennis Nystrom, the Oakland County Republican lawyer who represented Sheriff Lucas in the unsuccessful effort to halt the termination of the road patrol. Nystrom has submitted a bill for \$268,000, which the County Commission so far has refused to pay.

Nystrom now works as Lucas's chief of staff. Ficano dropped Nystrom as a lawyer for the department because, he told Nystrom, "a serious conflict of interest may exist if you should continue to represent the Sheriff's Department against your new employer." The announcement was made not by Lucas or Ficano but by a County Commission publicist who got a copy of the letter.

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The Plymouth Chapter of the Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society is sponsoring a mid-week group ride every Wednesday evening during August. Riders leave at 6:30 p.m. from the northwest corner of the Meijer Thrifty Acres parking lot. Rides are about 20 miles in length. Non-members are welcome.

BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, Aug. 27 — The Plymouth Jaycees are sponsoring a blood drive in conjunction with the American Red Cross 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 730 Penman, across from Kellogg Park. For more information, contact project chairman Gregg Adelman at 349-8508.

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Saturday, Aug. 27 — The Fr. Victor J. Renaud Council 3292 of the Knights of Columbus will hold its sixth annual flea market and hot dog roast 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the council grounds at 150 Fair at Mill, one block south of Ann Arbor Trail. Profits will go to Muscular Dystrophy. For information about both space, call Vic Gustafson, chairman, at 455-4189.

CB RADIO CHECK

Sunday, Aug. 28 — The Plymouth Area Citizens' Team (PACT) will conduct a citizen's band radio check, which includes an antenna and modulation check, from 2-5 p.m. at Allen Elementary School on Hagerty Road between Ann Arbor Road and Ann Arbor Trail. All CBers are urged to take advantage of this radio check. A \$2 donation will be accepted.

RAPE PREVENTION

Monday, Aug. 29 — A rape prevention class will be 7-9 p.m. at Oakwood Hospital Center and Warren roads. Discussed will be "How to Say No To A Rapist and Survive." A movie on self defense, facts, figures, questions and answers will be offered by the crime prevention unit of the Canton Police Department. The session was organized by Joan Petroske of Oakwood Canton Center.

Jazzathon is Friday

A "Jazzathon" for Muscular Dystrophy will be held tomorrow at the 7-Eleven parking lot in Plymouth. A number of jazz and pop music bands will perform from noon until dark at the 7-Eleven store, 1307 S. Main in Plymouth.

Donations will be put into a fish-bowl in the parking lot with proceeds used to buy crutches, wheelchairs and equipment for people who suffer from M.D. Chuck E. Cheese will be appearing at 2 p.m. with Yogi Bear and

has several afternoon openings for 4-year-olds for classes beginning in September. Plymouth Children's Nursery does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin. For information, call the membership chairman, Jeanne Murray at 459-4556, or Beverly Frelich at 961-0144.

TINY TOTS CO-OP

Tiny Tots Co-op Nursery has openings for 3- and 4-year-old children for two-a-week, two-hour sessions beginning in September. The classes of this licensed, non-profit preschool meet in the new Salvation Army building on Main south of Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. For information, call the Salvation Army at 453-5444.

SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S CO-OP

Suburban Children's Cooperative Nursery, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, has openings available for 3-year-olds in morning and afternoon classes and for 4-year-olds for afternoon classes. For more information, call Linda Jenner at 455-0953.

PRESCHOOL SIGNUP

Registration is being accepted for the fall sessions of preschool at Creative Day Nursery School, 501 W. Main, Northville. For information, call 348-3910 or 397-3955.

SUMMER OPEN SKATING

Beat the summer heat by ice skating in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Following are the open ice skating hours for the summer (through Aug. 27):

Monday, 8-10 p.m.; Tuesday, 6 to 7:20 p.m.; Thursday, 5 to 6:10 p.m.; Friday, 8-10 p.m.; Saturday, 1-3 p.m. The cost for all skating sessions is \$1 and 50 cents for skate rentals if needed.

PLYMOUTH FAMILY SERVICE

Plymouth Family Service, 880 Wing, Plymouth, is open 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The agency also is open 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays, and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. For more information or for an appointment, call 453-0890.

ANOREXIA SUPPORT GROUP

An Anorexia Nervosa/Bulimia and Associated Disorders Support Group meets Mondays 7:30-9:30 p.m. in Classroom 101.

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Bankers deny state is short of 'venture capital'

By Tim Richard
staff writer

State bankers are cool to Gov. James J. Blanchard's proposal for a "Michigan Strategic Fund," aimed at aiding fledgling firms and diversifying the economy. But women and black business leaders see the state fund as a way to remove the banking industry's blinders.

"Financial institutions are part of the problem, not part of the solution," said Jeanne Paluzzi, who heads her own marketing consultant agency in Livonia.

Speaking for the Michigan chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners, Paluzzi related to a Senate committee Monday stories told by fellow NAWBO members about their difficulties in dealing with banks. In one tale an outraged woman said:

"The commercial loan officer just put my expensively — and CPA-prepared — package in a drawer and said he wouldn't look at it until I brought in my husband. He didn't even ask if I were married."

Banks turn down a lot of profitable (black) business," said Walter M. McMurtry Jr. of the Southeast Michigan Business Development Center, noting that the Blanchard proposal wouldn't help retail firms, where black entrepreneurs are concentrated.

THE SENATE Corporations and Economic Development Committee this week held hearings in Detroit and Monroe on a major portion of Blanchard's economic recovery program — the complex set of eight bills setting up a fund to guarantee bank loans to developing businesses which show promise of creating new jobs.

Bankers testified there are plenty of lendable funds available in the state, but non-Michigan loans are more attractive because of the high costs of doing business here.

Committee Chairman John Kelly, D-Detroit, repeatedly asked bankers why, when they admitted there was "a glut" of investible funds, small businesses in his eastside

Jeanne Paluzzi
banks "part of problem"

district were having such a tough time getting loans.

ECONOMIST Carroll B. Foster of the University of Michigan-Dearborn answered that bankers turn down loans where there is high risk and weak management, adding:

"You are judging them to be credit-worthy, senator. Why were they not deemed credit-worthy by their financial institutions? Why are they deemed credit-worthy by you? The financial community thinks they're a bad, dangerous loan."

"Who, on the average, can do a better job of picking winners and losers? If (Michigan) banks are forced to make questionable loans, I can put my money in a bank in Billings, Mont."

"It's not that there aren't enough funds. It's that there aren't enough good places to go," said Foster.

He said the \$54 million fund might turn out to be "worse than useless" because it would be "a politically-administered slush fund."

"WE HAVE significant excess liquidity that we'd like to invest," said Paul Tobias of Comerica, representing the Michigan Bankers Association.

"Our role is to allocate funds to firms that will be successful. We try to make each and every loan, but we cannot. Money is a resource that will go to the best return, and right now that's out of the state."

Sen. Nick Smith, a Republican farmer from Hillsdale County, expressed fear that "as we move away from community banking, holding companies will send money to Texas for a half-percent more interest."

Replied Tobias: "We see ourselves as a member of every community where we do business." He said his holding company has developed small business, energy, agriculture and high-risk groups as well as a venture capital subsidiary.

"CAPITAL IS mobile," said Patrick Anderson, economist with Manufacturers National Bank. "It moves across state and international borders. The idea we can trap capital is ludicrous."

"It costs too much to do business here," said Anderson, citing Michigan's single business tax and workers compensation rates.

He said that if banks are required to allocate 5 percent of their funds to venture capital, the money isn't available to businesses which are good credit risks.

Referring to the nine-member board which would govern the Michigan Strategic Fund, Anderson said, "If these nine are better at picking winners and losers, they should start their own bank."

"This fund won't make \$1 more available. It won't lower costs. It is political gimmickry."

BANKING'S NEGATIVE view was bad news for state Treasurer Robert Bowman, who said the private sector was needed "to scrutinize the deals" presented to the nine-member board administering the fund.

At least five of the nine must come from private business with no more than four from government, Bowman said, adding,

"No deal can move with 100 percent state financing. But we don't specify whether the private sector share is to be 10 percent or 50 percent."

"We're involving the financial institutions," he said. "Banks will be the ones requesting the loan. We expect banks to bring us the proposals."

In general, the purpose of the fund is to bring proposals to a state board which don't quite qualify for bank loans without state help in the form of loan guarantees.

BOWMAN, A NEW YORK investment banker before joining the Blanchard Administration, likened the fund to a series of

"windows" where a prospective entrepreneur could take his proposals. The four windows would be:

• A product development center.
• A loan insurance fund, with the state guaranteeing portions of loans or bond issues.

• A local government center, where the state would guarantee the bonds of local governments which are "product specific" — for example, roads for a particular industry.

• A minority venture capital fund.

Sen. Doug Cruce, R-Troy, asked whether changes in the single business tax would be tied to the Michigan Strategic Fund.

'It's not that there aren't enough funds. It's that there aren't enough good places to go.'

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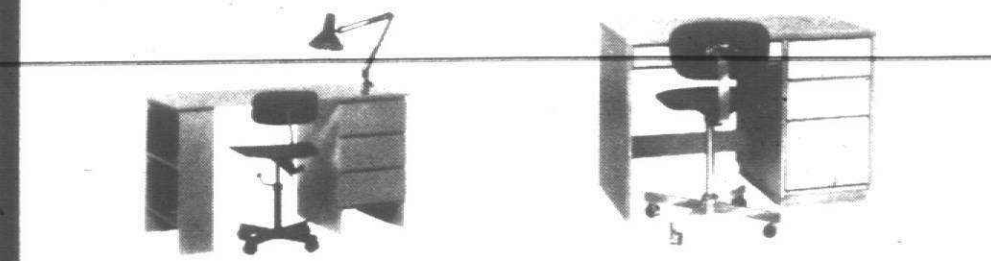
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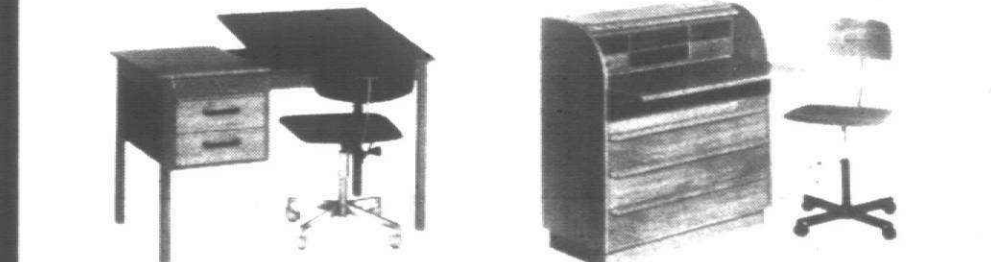
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While the blood-letting continues, the Canton Township Public Library is thriving. Its small tribute to those involved in its organization and administration that Canton is among the leading Wayne County libraries in hours of operation, staff size, circulation and revenue.

In less than four years, it has tripled its collection to 60,000 titles. Its circulation is surpassed by only five libraries in the Wayne-Oakland Library Federation.

FUTURE SUCCESS appears to be practically under warranty.

Canton residents pay a separate library tax—unlike taxpayers in other communities where libraries must compete with fire, police and recreation departments for funding. This year, the township library is receiving more than \$600,000 in local tax revenue, state grants, user fees and fines.

Not one to bask in past achievements, Canton head librarian Deborah O'Connor runs the library much like a business. And she plans ahead.

O'Connor recognizes the library's need to acquire more reference and adult books, and establish quiet

study areas—and is doing something about it. Canton's seven full-time librarians study circulation figures and readership patterns, enabling them to satisfy borrowers' needs.

Next month, a computerized checkout system will be installed at the Canton library, freeing up employees. Extra time will enable staffers to expand an already established community services program.

REGULARLY, CANTONITES enjoy free movies; talks on topics ranging from astrology to biofeedback; resume-writing workshops; story hours; and critique sessions for budding writers.

They're usually well-informed about upcoming events, thanks to the strong emphasis placed on public relations by the library staff. (The Observer can attest to that.)

Minds, we've heard, are a terrible thing to waste. During the summer months and in periods of high unemployment, libraries are of greater importance than ever. For many who are denied a quality education, libraries represent the lifeline to a chance at success.

The library was Abraham Lincoln's university. By reading borrowed books, he educated himself and became one of this country's most highly regarded presidents.

That a wealth of knowledge and information similarly can be had by each Canton resident at a nominal cost is something this community can be proud of.

from our readers

He cooked so he could teach

To the editor:

Students passing through Plymouth High School in the '30s and '40s sat at the knee of an unusually high percentage of excellent teachers. Near the top of the list is James Latture.

During much of his teaching career, Jim Latture was a summertime chef. He was a great cook and for many years local establishments vied with northern Michigan resorts to have his services for the summer.

In response to the comment, you must really like to cook, he invariably replied, "I hate cooking but I make enough money in the summer so I can afford to teach. It's teaching I love."

STATE LAW mandated every high school student be exposed to the intricacies of American government before being awarded a diploma. For years Mr. Latture was charged with that responsibility. The most gifted, dedicated teacher can't guarantee every fact he presents will take root in every student but Latture had an impressive success rate.

Invariably, some other memories from those government classes linger. Remember when Big Jim would notice the tell-tale slump of a sleeper in the back row? Can't you just see him now, sonorous voice never changing cadence, moving purposefully across the front of the room to position the big, round, brown waste basket on the desk. Recall the suppressed giggles as we quickly looked around searching for the unwary napper, waiting to have the victim in view when it happened. See the conspiratorial grin just before his straight-arm sweep sent the basket crashing to the floor. Even the victim laughed once the shock had worn off but he stayed awake in class after that.

A SECOND universal memory is a lesson in philosophy. Former students, groan now! Yes, I mean that fly who found its way into the cold meat section at the butcher shop and feasted unobserved. The satiated fly announcing its satisfaction with a characteristic contented droning buzz, attracted the shop owner who promptly swatted it into oblivion. Moral: If you're full of bologna, keep your mouth shut. If you flunked government, you had to hear it twice. Don't be misled. I report the fun and frivolity because the profound lessons were too numerous and too important to treat lightly. Students were lucky to have been in his classes.

The luckiest ones of all were those chosen to debate on the teams coached by Jim Latture. He was the very best. The record is evidence. All teams treasure their coach, but in a Love-the-Coach contest, I know Jim's kids would win.

Jackie Troutman
Plymouth

oral quarrel

THIS WEEK'S Oral Quarrel question is: "What questions would you like to see asked in Oral Quarrel?"

You have until 2 p.m. Friday to call 459-2704 and give us your 30-second response. Look in Monday's paper for your answer and those of your neighbors.

Old devil interest rates will decline—eventually

FOR SALE signs are popping up on suburban front lawns faster than dandelions in spring.

Take a drive through a subdivision on a Sunday afternoon. Numerous "open house" signs beckon the passing motorist.

Homeowners, discouraged by three years of a sluggish economy, are looking to make a move. They are showing their faith in the economy in a concrete way by trying to swap their houses for larger houses.

As a result, the housing business has been booming. For the first six months of 1983 the Western Wayne Oakland Board of Realtors reports a 64.6-percent sales gain over 1982.

BUT IN THE past few weeks, home sales have slowed from a June peak. In July the real estate board reported sales of 995 homes, which was a 31.5-percent increase over July 1982 but nearly a 20-percent drop from June 1983.

What happened?

It's that old tyrant—high interest rates. During the past three years, mortgage rates on conventional loans hit a peak of 17-plus percent. May that bottomed out at 12.5 percent. Currently, the mortgage rate on a conventional loan is up to about 14.5 percent.

Economists estimate that the 2 percent increase in mortgage interest rates will eliminate about 900,000 potential buyers on an annual basis. A 2 percent hike means that sales of existing homes will drop by 550,000 units and new homes by 320,000.

Thomas A. Duke Jr., president of Metro Multiple Listing Service, puts it another way.

"Someone buying a home with a \$50,000, 30-year mortgage will discover 1 percent interest is nearly equivalent annually to an added month's payment of principal and interest," he said. "It pushes housing costs up about \$500 a year and increases total payout over the life of the mortgage by nearly \$15,000."

Slides show the seaway is shrinking

SHOW ANY student a map of the Great Lakes region and ask him or her how it was discovered. Chances are the student will draw a direct line down the St. Lawrence River, through Lake Ontario to Lake Erie, then north to lakes Huron, Michigan and Superior.

Not so. The upper St. Lawrence River was a series of difficult rapids. Niagara Falls, between Erie and Huron, was impassable for sailing ships. The French explorers actually paddled up the Ottawa River and emerged into Lake Huron's Georgian Bay first.

Niagara Falls barred navigation for three centuries until the Canadians built the Welland Canal around it in 1829. The St. Lawrence wasn't conquered until the 1950s when the International locks of the St. Lawrence Seaway opened America's industrial and agricultural heartland to world commerce.

THAT DOORWAY is in danger of closing in the 1980s and '90s, warns U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth.

The reason: When the St. Lawrence locks were built, most ships were in the 200-to-300-foot class. The St. Lawrence locks are 860 feet long, as are the Welland locks. They can handle a ship of 730 feet in length.

But many modern ships are 1,000 feet long, Pursell points out. They can be accommodated by the Poe locks at Sault Ste. Marie, which is 1,200 feet long, but not by the shorter Welland Canal and international locks.

Writing about shipping is difficult because numbers dance around on paper. The best way to grasp



Nick Sharkey

Multiply his figures by two to estimate the effect of the 2 percent interest rate hike since May.

SINCE NO ONE seems to like higher interest rates, why do we have them when it appears that the economy is turning around?

The problem is that the Federal Reserve Board (Fed) believes the economy may be picking up too quickly. It is the Fed's job to regulate the nation's banks so that a delicate balance is maintained. The economy should grow (employment) but not grow too fast (inflation). When the Fed wants to put the brakes on the economy, it raises interest rates to its member banks.

Many economists believe that the greatest source of high interest rates is a large federal deficit. The deficit is at about \$200 billion per year now.

Realtors locally have launched a campaign to encourage a limit on federal spending. This, they reason, will mean lower interest rates. Lower rates mean more people will buy houses.

IT IS DOUBTFUL the Realtors will be successful. The most conservative administration in Washington, D.C. in 20 years has only increased the federal deficit.

Not to worry. Economists for Citibank maintain that we are only going through a "summer stumble." Mortgage rates are expected to ease to about 13 percent in the fourth quarter of this year and to average about 12 percent in 1984.

If that's true, there will be some changes in the old subdivision come spring. Be ready to greet an influx of new neighbors.



Tim Richard

the situation is to see Pursell's 18½-minute slide presentation.

The 2nd District congressman is making the rounds of Michigan with it now, during the congressional lull. Our newspaper office had first crack at it, and we can promise you a fascinating lesson in political economy, as well as some stunning pictures.

Chambers of commerce, service clubs, Leagues of Women Voters, Business and Professional Women—any group with an interest in whether this region prospers or degenerates to a waist-high economy can arrange a showing by calling Pursell's district office in Plymouth at 455-8830.

WHAT PURSELL is pushing is modernization of the Seaway estimated at \$1.1 billion. If the numbers seem big, consider it's only half the cost of the SEMTA program and would serve agricultural and mining states as far west as Montana. Canada's portion would run even more because it has more international locks and the Welland Canal.

The goal is to make the International Seaway and Welland Canal locks 1,000 feet long and to construct a two-way system on the International Seaway.

THE COST may be higher if we fail to modernize the seaway. If shippers must use smaller craft, then the ocean-going behemoths must be loaded/unloaded at Montreal. If our International Seaway locks are only one-way, then ships get stacked up on the St. Lawrence like cars on the Lodge at 5 p.m. That worsens our competitive situation compared to the Mississippi River.

If you're looked at our balance of payments lately, you know it's terrible. Consider that two-thirds of the seaway tonnage is exports, and you can see how vital a modern seaway is, not only to our heartland but to the economic health of the entire nation.

Women in top ranks of athletes

WHEN THE names of the greatest all-around athletes of this century are discussed, the name of Jim Thorpe, the great Fox and Sac Indian, is usually the first one mentioned.

Thorpe stamped his name indelibly in the record books by winning the Olympic decathlon with record-breaking times and distances. And even today, he is considered by many as one of the greatest of all football players.

But when one praises Thorpe, the name of another great athlete often is overlooked—and unjustly, because she was one of the best of all-around women athletes.

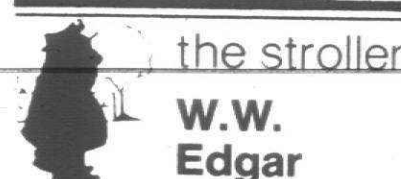
MENTION BABE Didrickson Zaharias today and few of this generation will recognize it. But just as Zaharias top the women.

In fact, she went one better than Thorpe. She moved from track and field events to the nation's golf courses and there established herself as one of the best women golfers of her time.

Sports leaders in the early '30s even figured she should be allowed to compete in the tournaments that had been men's exclusive competitions.

Many critics, including Grantland Rice, the famed sports writer of that day, once challenged male golfers to let her compete. His plea on her behalf was ignored. So she stands alone as one of the greatest of all women athletes.

ALONG ABOUT the same time, Glenna Collet Vare, a member of Philadelphia society, was among the top women golfers, and she ruled the



the stroller
W.W. Edgar

ranks when others tried valiantly to conquer her. In checking over the great women athletes of our time, Marion Ladewig of Grand Rapids must rank near the top of the list.

Starting as a softball pitcher, she was introduced to bowling by Bill Morrissey, then owner of the largest bowling center in western Michigan. He guided her to ranking as the greatest woman bowler who ever lived.

Ladewig dominated the all-star competition for 12 years and was thought to be unbeatable until the '50s began to take their toll.

She still competes in some top events and always is considered the all-time Queen of the Lanes.

She won every honor open to women in bowling, and today she is part owner of the bowling center in her home town.

WITH SUCH athletes as Babe Zaharias and Marion Ladewig, women have played a great role in sports during the past decades. Each year they take a stronger hold on the fields that once were almost exclusively held by men.

Fortunately, Detroit and Michigan are developing women in sports, especially in bowling.

Among them is Mary Mohacski, the former teacher who has been named Detroit bowling queen for the seventh time. She also will represent the United States in the world tournament next month in Venezuela. She will follow in the footsteps of Elvira Toepfer, who also was a seven-time queen.

So, men, step aside. Women are taking a stronger hold in the world of athletics each year.

To learn about high tech, separate myths, truths

Not often do you get to take a test in August. Test taking at this time of year is akin to sipping iced tea in January, or hot pea soup in July.

Relax. The purpose of this little test is to measure your HTA (High Technology Awareness).

In recent years, a lot of misconceptions have arisen along with the high technology hype. In an effort to combat the myths and folklore surrounding high technology, I offer this simple test.

Listed below are eight statements which relate to high technology in some way. Get a pen and take a few minutes to find out your HTA.

The directions are simple. Enter a T (True) or F (False) for each of the following statements. Don't look at the answers until you are finished.

THE QUESTIONS:

1. High technology industries are located only in the Silicon Valley in California.
2. The U.S. Department of Labor estimates a 7 percent increase of employment in high technology industries nationwide.
3. Nevada had a 104 percent increase in high technology jobs between 1975-79.
4. Robotics and factory automation are being utilized only by the automobile industry.
5. Computer-aided design (CAD) will soon displace most of the nation's 300,000 drafters and designers.
6. Seventy-five percent of all jobs by 1985 will involve computers in some way.
7. Biotechnology will affect society in the next 20 years in the same way microelectronics has affected the last 20 years.
8. Lasers are currently being used for welding metals, retreating retinas in the human eye, and range-finding for military targets.



high tech
Ronald R. Watcke

THERE, NOW, that wasn't so bad. Let's see how you did.

1. False. I'm sure you got this one. The first question on any test is always easy. High technology has become synonymous with California and the Silicon Valley. However, clusters of high technology industries also exist along Route 128 on the outskirts of Boston, and within the Research Triangle in North Carolina.

Possibilities for biotechnology are limitless, from curing cancer and slowing down the aging process to creating super races of plants, animals and humans.

2. True. Even though high technology employment opportunities are projected to increase between 30 and 90 percent through 1990, the overall increase in high technology jobs will be less than 8 percent of the nation's total increase.

3. True. Nevada only had 3,600 people employed in high technology industries in 1979. This accounted for only 1 percent of the total workforce.

4. False. The use of robots in the automobile industry has received the most attention for obvious reasons. Steel, textile, and packaging industries also use robots and automation, though the impact has not been as dramatic.

5. False. Computer-aided design has taken hold in the auto industry, and eventually all suppliers will be affected. There is some displacement occurring among drafters and designers. However, companies are retraining drafters to work on CRTs with keyboards and light pens.

6. True. This statement was made by John Naisbitt in his recent bestseller "Megatrends." Most would agree with Naisbitt and can verify his prediction by noting how computers have affected their own jobs.

7. True. Beyond a doubt, biotechnology is the technology of the future. Noteworthy advancements have occurred continuously since the first successful gene splicing in 1974. Possibilities for this new technology are limitless, from curing cancer and slowing down the aging process to creating super races of plants, animals and humans.

8. True. Lasers have a wide variety of applica-

tions. The laser has power, precision and adjustability. Combined with long silicon glass tubes, laser beams become part of another technology called fiber optics. In this context the laser lights transmits a communications signal which is used by the Bell system.

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Madonna has course for counselors

Because people who interview and counsel clients with drug or alcohol problems will require licenses after Sept. 1, Madonna College in Livonia has initiated two courses to prepare them for the examination.

Theory of Chemical Addiction will meet from 7-10 p.m. starting Thursday, Sept. 8. The course is recommended for probation officers, teachers, nurses and social workers.

"The license required by the state of Michigan Office of Substance Abuse Services requires that anyone who in any way interviews clients about substance abuse must be licensed," said Dionne Thornberry, director of Madonna's social work program.

The written, three-hour exam for licensure will be offered every three months. Three levels of licensure will eventually be required. Madonna will offer subsequent classes to meet the requirements of the additional levels.

The initial course will utilize lessons and a manual developed by the state Office of Substance Abuse Services. An advanced class including counseling and alternatives will be offered beginning in January.

Compounding the need for such training is Michigan's "drunk driving" law which requires that all drunk drivers pass through the criminal justice system. Anyone who discusses their problem with them will need to be licensed.

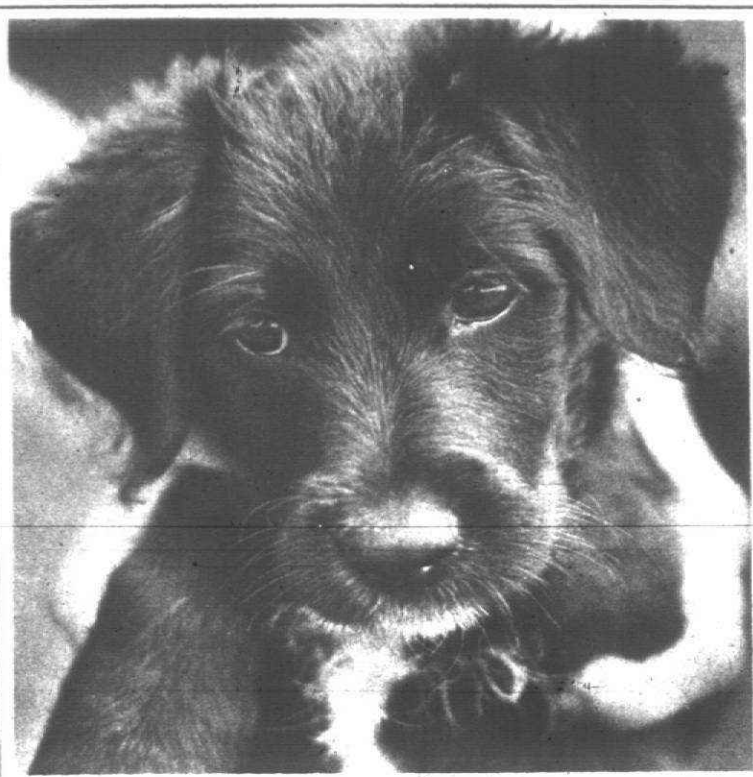
Schoolcraft sets registration for fall continuing ed

Walk-in registration for Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education and Community Services classes is scheduled for Sept. 7 and 8 in the registration center of the Student Affairs Building on campus at 18600 Haggerty, Livonia.

Registration begins at 3 p.m. and lasts until 7 p.m. both days.

All residents of Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville and Plymouth-Canton school districts should have received the 1983 fall schedule of CE/CS classes by mail. Anyone who has not should call the college at 591-6400, Ext. 410.

Among new classes this fall are Sign Language and Beginning Conversational Japanese. Also new are harness racing, cardiovascular health, coping with home health emergencies, aerobic rhythms, gerontology and several self-help courses.



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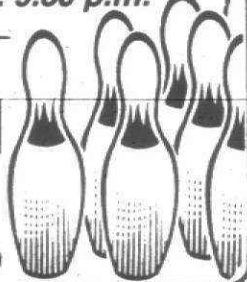
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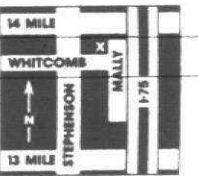
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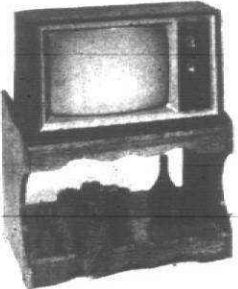
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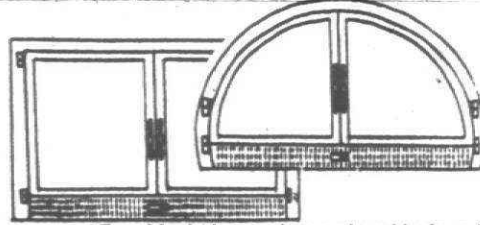


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A NOTE from Stavanger, Norway, gives an update on the travels of Beverly Hoisington. Bev is first vice president of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce but her Scandinavian trip does not concern the C-C. She is interested in catfish farming and feeding.

She plans to attend the Norwegian Fish Farmers Conference in Trondheim, where, she says, "We will display the Akuamarina system for feeding salmon and rainbow trout in cages in the sea."

She added, "Our newest invention, the catfish feeder is designed and we are testing the pellets." Bev's itinerary includes a tour of five of farms that are using the system. By now, she will have met His Royal Highness, the Crown Prince of Norway, who visited their feeding system on the island of Hitra.

She was headquartered in the SAS-Royal Atlantic Hotel in Stavanger. Before she heads for home, the oil platform which she can see from the hotel window, will be turned over to the city of Stavanger. This is the platform which collapsed, killing 36 people.

And Beverly also is doing a little PR work for Plymouth. She met a fish importer from South Africa who said, "In Africa, we do not eat catfish, we cut them up for bait." Of course, she told him about the 2,200 catfish dinners served by the Plymouth Chamber during the hot air balloon festival in July. I guess Plymouth, Mich., U.S.A. didn't ring any bells with the South African. Beverly had to explain its location in the Midwest.

A BROKEN vacuum cleaner belt initiated a search for Austin Vacuum & Sewing Center, which was missing from its old stand on the corner of Mill and Liberty. A broken vacuum cleaner belt can become a crisis when your big old collie is in the midst of her shedding season.

It was a relief to find Austin Vacuum just a block and a half away on Starkweather. Judy Thayer's Salon International now occupies Austin's former quarters. Judy and Linda Anderson, a hair stylist in the salon, were in high spirits over a birthday surprise they had planned for Linda's mother.

Linda's birthday present for her mother was going to be a new hair style. Linda's mother is Montana Susanna Cook. When Linda's dad, Douglas, and her sister, Janet, heard of her plans, they decided to add a manicure, a pedicure, a facial and makeup to the hairdo.

Judy and Linda were anticipating Montana Susanna's reaction when she came in for her shampoo and set and got "the works."

AND SPEAKING of beauty salons, Jim and Janet West are enlarging their Cutting Quarters on Harvey Street, between Ann Arbor Trail and Penniman. With the extra space upstairs, they will expand to a full service salon — permanents, coloring and manicures — as well as their haircuts and blow dries.

They are in the house-converted-to-office where Dr. Herbolt's dental offices used to be.

LIGHTNING BUG, Charlene and Tom Bowling's 6-month-old Persian, brought home a first-place ribbon from last weekend's cat show at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn. Lightning Bug is a red and white bi-color — and he's a beauty.

He won a best of show kitten ribbon in a Chicago show. The rosette and ribbon are bigger than he is.

The show of champions and household pets was put on by Mid-Michigan Cat Fanciers Inc. and attracted entries from all over the country.

DECISION MAKING in the Nuclear World is a new course being offered this fall by the Continuing Education Department of Schoolcraft College. A credit course, it will meet from 7-9 p.m. Mondays for eight weeks, beginning Sept. 21. Johanna Fechter of Plymouth will teach the course designed to increase awareness of the complex and potentially devastating consequences of decisions made in the nuclear age. A variety of viewpoints will be considered.

Persons wishing more information or to register may call the Office of Continuing Education at 591-6400, Ext. 410. Schoolcraft College is located on Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia.

We made it!

Maryanna Kivell and Sue Warmbier (right) reflect the general feeling of members of the Plymouth Community Chorus. They — finally — have their trailer to store and transport their risers to performances. It has been a long wait and a lot of work. They even have a place to park it, at Christensen's Plant Center on Ann Arbor Road.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Teen-age refugees need foster parents

They can't be adopted, because there is some chance that a parent may be alive — someplace. The answer for these teen-age Indochinese refugees is foster parents. The Lutheran Social Services of Michigan is searching for homes for these youngsters through its Refugee Foster Care program.

Sara Vandemark, a social worker and a representative of Lutheran Social Services, is seeking foster homes in the Wayne County area. Vandemark, a former employee of Growth Works in Plymouth, is a Canton Township resident.

She said, "The young people in our program come mostly from Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. The majority are Vietnamese boys between the ages of 14 and 17."

She added that they are survivors. Many escaped from Vietnam on small boats crowded full of people with very little food or water. They have been attacked by pirates and many have seen friends and family die at sea. They arrived at one of the many refugee camps in Thailand, Hong Kong, Malaysia or Indonesia, and lived there for up

to two years with very little shelter, food, or medical assistance.

Temporary care is provided under the auspices of the United Nations and the government of the host country.

INTERVIEWING and processing for youths destined for the United States is done by the U.S. State Department and certain U.S. voluntary agencies.

When a foster home is available, a request is sent to the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service in New York. Sometimes it takes two to three months for the refugee to arrive at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, where they are met by a person who speaks their native tongue.

They are taken to a reception center on Detroit's east side where they are prepared for the concept of placement in a foster home. Custody notification to the court, thorough medical examinations, procurement of a Social Security number and processing of a Medicaid application are dealt with at the reception center.

They also receive an initial clothing allowance, go on a shopping expedition,

and receive tutoring in English. The program works closely with the Michigan Department of Social Services, through which foster care payments and clothing allowances are provided. The Lutheran Social Services sometimes helps bears the cost of dental and optometric care, special tutoring or psychological consultation.

VANDEMARK explained the foster care program is a temporary arrangement. It is not for parents who have strong need for a youngster to become a permanent member of the family.

Foster parents receive a daily rate for room and board, plus a semiannual clothing allowance.

Foster parenting can be an enriching experience for families interested in Indochinese culture and learning about other ways of life. Families must be open-minded about religious differences.

Many of the youngsters are Buddhist or Confucian. Even the Catholic Vietnamese hold beliefs different from their American counterparts. The young people's religious views must be

respected and they must be given an opportunity to practice their own religious traditions. They may share their foster family's church and church-related events, but they cannot be expected to attend services.

Foster families must be adaptable and flexible. The young refugees must do an enormous amount of changing and their foster family cannot expect them to interact in the same manner as their own children.

"THEY USUALLY care a great deal about education and learning English is their first priority," said Vandemark. She added that many have false preconceptions about the wealth and ease of life in America.

"They are curious about the United States, but are filled with very high expectations of American life, some of which may not be realistic."

First step in becoming a foster care family is to contact a foster care case worker from the agency. Sara Vandemark can be reached at 981-1581 or

579-0333. She can answer questions and set up an appointment for a licensing interview.

Families need to be licensed for foster care. This requires filling out various forms, including medical exams, references and application forms. It also involves at least two visits from a foster care worker to see if the home meets the state requirements and if the family seems suited for this kind of foster care.

The whole process takes about one month.

Lutheran Social Services of Michigan is the only agency in the Detroit area which handles foster care for Indochinese unaccompanied minors. The agency's resettlement program for refugees dates back to World War II. The Indochinese program began after the fall of Saigon and Phnom Penh in 1975. Since 1979, efforts have been intensified to provide resettlement opportunities for some of the half-million teenagers who have fled Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam.

Gerontology workshop set

A gerontology workshop on the care and service alternatives for the aging will meet Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 30-31, at Madonna College. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. until noon Wednesday.

A fee of \$6 includes materials and lunch. For more details call the college at 591-5094.

New service finds lost pets

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Ex-Newcomers plan season

Members of the Plymouth Ex-Newcomers Board are looking ahead to a full season. They are Joan Postell (standing left), recording secretary; Shirley Brown, president; Joan Marsh (seated left), interest group chair; Marge Le Blond, corresponding secretary; and Fab Snage, vice president. Dori Mefford is treasurer. First meeting of the new season will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, in West Middle School. Members will choose their special interest groups and hear Al Wood, handwriting expert.

Canton chatter
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Golf tourney honors Keith Simons

Each year Kroger sponsors a golf tournament called the Kroger Golf Golf. But this year, the tournament was named after Canton resident and Kroger employee, Keith Simons. This, however, was a memorial tribute, as Keith died during the tournament last year.

Although the renaming of this tournament to honor one of our own is reason enough to write this story, as they say "the story does not end here."

Keith, Keith's widow, has a lifelong friend named Eunice Brulte, married to Chuck Brulte. Here is where the story picks up. Chuck and Eunice traveled here from Redington Shores, Fla. so Chuck could play in Keith's place in the tournament named in his honor.

Chuck did pretty well too. Oh, he didn't win, but he had a near miss at a hole-in-one. For those of you who follow golf, he was playing at Fox Hills Country Club on North Territorial in Plymouth. He was in the second hole on the fifth hole, using an eight iron. He took a 140-yard shot, but overshot the hole by six inches as the ball rolled right over the cup, just circling the rim to tease a little, and passing it by. Chuck has known the thrill of a hole-in-one, but not since 1982. If you ask me, that's a pretty terrific record because, you see — Chuck doesn't.

This is why I thought you should hear about this year's Kroger Golf Golf, henceforth to be known as the Keith Simons Memorial Tournament. For the record, Chuck finished with a 74 with handicap, while Scott Meili won the overall with a 76 actual. Mike Dobis took a 72 handicap. The women's division saw Judy McNair take first with a 92 actual as Shirley Keys finished up with a 74 handicap. Jayne Finkle, who works at our very own Kroger store on Ford and Sheldon, got an honorable 76 handicap.

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He hopes, naturally, to help others, who did not have that early sight, those through his memory.

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Driving in darkness has additional rules

Night driving can be stressful, but that condition can be eased with some care. The Automotive Information Council (AIC) has compiled some tips pertaining to the car and to the driver.

It suggests that a driver sit in the car for a minute or two before starting to permit the eyes to adjust to darkness.

Don't look at the lights of on-coming cars, a practice that will change the focus of the eyes. Instead, look to the right of the lane marker or at the shoulder markings.

Don't wear colored glasses to avoid headlight glare. They reduce needed detail in night vision.

ON A LONG trip, keep alert by moving the eyes, arms and legs and take occasional rest stops to reduce eye and body fatigue.

Watch your speed. Don't "over-drive" the distance you can see.

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- P-C PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS**
Plymouth-Canton Chapter of Parents Without Partners will meet at 8:30 p.m. Friday, at Local 900 on Michigan Avenue east of I-275. It will be a general meeting. All single parents are invited to attend. For information, call 455-7587.
- LA LECHE LEAGUE**
Plymouth-Canton La Leche League will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, at 44636 Oregon Trail, west of Sheldon and north of Joy. All women and babies welcome. Discussion topic will be "Nutrition and Weaning." For support or more breast-feeding information, call Laura, 459-6585, or Gloria, 464-9714.
- VFW PARKING LOT SALE**
Mayflower Lt. Gamble Post 6695 Veterans of Foreign Wars will have its 10th annual ox roast and family fun day 1-5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 5 on the council grounds, 150 Fair St., Plymouth. Donation is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Price includes generous portion of beef, ear of corn, cole slaw, potato chips, roll and butter, coffee or pop. Games for children will go on throughout the day. Adult refreshments will be available. The roast is open to the public. For more information, call Skip, 453-9724.
- SYMPOHMY LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP TEA**
All women in the Plymouth, Canton and surrounding communities interested in membership in the Plymouth Symphony League are invited to attend a membership tea at either 10 a.m. or 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 15. Please call Laura, 453-3284, for more information.
- PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP SENIORS BRUNCH**
The Plymouth Township Senior Citizens Club is planning a brunch for its members at 1 p.m. Friday, The regular Friday meeting begins at noon. Brunch will be at the Friendship Station, 42375 Schoolcraft Road, at Brainerd, Plymouth Township. For information, call Eugene or Carolyn Sund, 420-0614.
- COUPLES BOWLING**
Plymouth Newcomers and Ex-Newcomers couples bowling leagues are combining and will start the season at 3:45 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, at Plaza Lanes, Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. League will bowl every other Sunday. Current, former or new members of either club are welcome. For information, call 455-0137.
- K-C OX ROAST**
Fr. Victor J. Renaud Knights of Columbus Council of Plymouth will have its 10th annual ox roast and family fun day 1-5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 5 on the council grounds, 150 Fair St., Plymouth. Donation is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Price includes generous portion of beef, ear of corn, cole slaw, potato chips, roll and butter, coffee or pop. Games for children will go on throughout the day. Adult refreshments will be available. The roast is open to the public. For more information, call Skip, 453-9724.
- COMMUNITY CHORUS**
The Plymouth Community Chorus is accepting new members at the first rehearsal of the new season to be held on Tuesday, Sept. 13, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Tuesday from September through May in East Middle School at 1042 Mill (Lilley). Men and women welcome. Women must audition with Director Michael Gross.
- Y SINGLES SHAPE-UP WEEKEND**
Plymouth Family Y Travelers will meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Northville Road, Northville. Social meeting is the third Tuesday of each month.



Gift to center

Virginia Byrd of Plymouth demonstrates the new blender which she presented recently to the Child Care Facility of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. Emily McKenty (left), director of the facility, accepts the gift. Byrd gives hours of time as a volunteer worker at the hospital.

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SPIN group is for singles

By Sherry Kahan staff writer

Helping people like widowed persons, displaced homemakers, women re-entering academic life and women in need of a boost in self-confidence has been the mission over the years of the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College.

Now it is going to bat for yet another group.

This fall attention will be focused on the single parent. Chief focus will be Virginia Kennedy, co-ordinator of a program call SPIN (Single Parent Involvement Network).

Orientation sessions about the program will be 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Aug. 23, and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6.

SPIN is funded by a grant from the Michigan Department of Education. That means that eligible persons can get total financial aid for tuition and child care.

"A lot of women come into the center with needs as a single parent," said Kennedy, who has a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Eastern Michigan University. "They could be a woman married 15 years and now a single parent. They are having difficulties parenting alone, with disciplining their children, with making decisions alone."

For information on these classes and seminars, call the Women's Resource Center at 591-6400, Ext. 430.

TO BE ELIGIBLE for tuition assistance under SPIN, a participant must be a single parent and a resident of Wayne County. He or she must also have two or more of the following characteristics: poor health and nutrition; dependent on social services to meet basic needs; poor educational preparation and background; or membership in an ethnic group which has been the subject of discrimination.

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Plymouth Garden Club looks ahead

Nancy Swartzwelter, new president of the Plymouth branch, Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, entertained board members recently at her Plymouth Township home. Programs and activities for the 1983-84 season were discussed at the morning

meeting. Janet Repp, first vice president; Barbara Brewer, vice president; Sarah Chance, corresponding secretary; and JoAnn Harrell, vice president, took a stroll through the Swartzwelter garden with their hostess (right).

clubs in action

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WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY

Self-help group for alcoholic women meets at 1 p.m. Tuesdays in Newman House, Schoolcraft College campus, Haggerty, Livonia. A hotline, 427-9460, is in operation 24 hours a day.

CANTON KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Canton meets 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays (except after a holiday) in Denny's Restaurant, Ann Arbor Road east of I-275. New members are welcome. For information, call James Ryan, 459-9300.

AMERICAN BACKGAMMON CLUB

Club members meet Wednesday evenings in the back room of the Box Bar, 777 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Tournament registration is at 7:15 p.m. and tournament play at 7:30. Advance strategy, as well as help for new players, is available for early arrivals. For information, call Scottie Flora, 453-7356.

AMERICAN LEGION

The Passage-Gayde Post of the American Legion meets at 1 p.m. the first Sunday of each month in the Veterans Memorial Building, 173 N. Main, Plymouth. New members are welcome. Call Don Hartley at 459-2914 for information.

SPINNAKERS

Spinners, the single adult friendship group sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Northville and First United Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, meets the second Saturday of each month in either of the churches.

For information, call 349-0911 or 453-6464, weekdays.

CANTON WOMAN'S GROUP

Mothers from the Canton area are invited to meet 9:30-11:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Faith Community Moravian Church, 4601 Warren, Canton. Child care is provided, \$1 per child. Sponsored by the YWCA, the club provides mothers a chance to participate in community projects, recreation and networking.

MOONDUSTERS

Moondusters, a 40-and-older singles dance group, meets at 9 p.m. Saturdays at the Activities Center, Farmington, Road and Five Mile, Livonia. Admission is \$3.50. Live bands and free refreshments, but there is a dress code for men and women.

MOTOR CITY TOASTMASTERS

The Motor City Toastmasters Club of Plymouth meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Mayflower Hotel. Purpose of the club is better communication. For information, call Sherrill Corey, 484-0950. Guests are welcome.

CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Canton Historical Society meets the second Thursday of each month at the museum, Canton Center at Proctor, Canton. Museum hours are 1-3 p.m. Tuesday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday. For information about the society or the museum, call Dorothy West, 485-0744.

new voices

Thomas and Renee Hoeg of Canton Township announce the birth of their son, Thomas Michael, July 18 in Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn. They have an older son, Richard.

Robert and Sheryl Jarlock of Franciscan Court, Canton Township, announce the birth of their daughter, Julie Ann, Aug. 8 in Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn. They have two older sons, Jason, 7, and Jonathan, 2.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Louis Condeff of Pompano Beach, Fla., and Marie Horton of Bridgeport.

Tim and Karen Voss of Tamarack Drive, Canton announce the birth of their son, David Westmoreland Voss, Aug. 3. They have an older son, James, 17 months.

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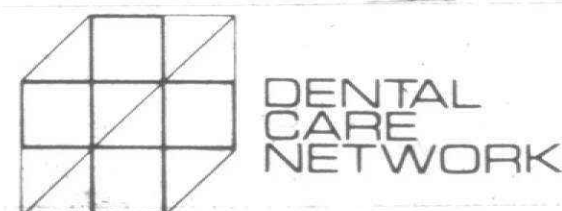
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class reunions

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• **FARMINGTON**
 Anyone interested in getting on the mailing list for the Farmington High School class of 1964 reunion scheduled for summer 1984 may call Greg Wilson, 422-5968; Rod Brown, 491-1616; or Pam (Esser) Kahn, 879-1043. Addresses and phone number information for any and all class members would be appreciated.

• Farmington High School class of 1958 will hold its 25th reunion Oct. 8. For more information, contact Pat Barber, 476-3087.

• **UTICA EISENHOWER**
 Utica Eisenhower class of 1978 will hold a reunion Oct. 1 at Club Orchard, 31 Mile and Van Dyke roads in Romeo. Contact Mark or Judy Campbell, 781-9833.

• **FORDSON**
 Fordson High School classes 1930-39 will hold a reunion Oct. 1 at Camaron Hall, 5841 Telegraph at Van Born roads, Taylor. Cost is \$18. Checks should be made out to Fordson High 45th Reunion, in care of Ron Corpolino, 1149 N. Drexel, Dearborn 48128. Please include name, address, phone and year and a stamped, self-addressed envelope. The class of 1938 is the sponsor.

• **ROCHESTER**
 Rochester High School class of 1928 will hold its 55th year reunion at the Rochester Elks Club, 600 East University Drive, on Sept. 10. Reservations should be made no later than Aug. 31. Mail checks for \$16 per person to Thelma G. Spencer, 2309 Walton Blvd., Apt. 12, Rochester 48063.

• **DEARBORN**
 Dearborn High School class of 1973 will hold a 10-year reunion Sept. 24 at Bonnie Brook Golf Club. Cost if \$27.50. Respond by Sept. 9. For further information, call Joanne McGuire, 873-5529; Patti Beers Peters 478-4749; or Jane Milewski, 981-1813.

• **ST. BENEDICT**
 St. Benedict High School, Highland Park, will hold a 50th reunion of the classes of the '30s on Sept. 24 at Mercy College Center in Detroit. Price is \$25 per person. For more information, call Carl Heffernan, 689-6641; Nicholas Willner, 348-1879; or Shirley Mapes Wurtsmith, 548-8769.

• **ANNAPOLIS**
 The Annapolis High School class of 1973 will hold a 10-year reunion on Nov. 5 at Thomas Epicurean Hall in Trenton, Call Diane (Perkins) Camilleri, 455-1058 or Cindy (Pyzik) Miesmer, 563-8983.

• **BLOOMFIELD**
 The Bloomfield (Anderson) High School class of 1963 will hold a 20-year reunion on Sept. 23-25 in Bloomfield Hills. For more information, call 646-3030.

• **JOHN GLENN**
 People interested in working on the organization of a class reunion for the Westland John Glenn High School class of 1974 are asked to contact Becky Lefler Brown at 728-8349.

• **LADYWOOD**
 Ladywood High School class of 1973 will hold a reunion on Sept. 10 at the Plymouth Hilton at 8 p.m. For reservations or more information, call Nancy Brennaman at 591-3967.

• **CLARENCEVILLE**
 The Clarenceville High School class of 1973 will hold a reunion Saturday, Sept. 17. Class members not contacted should call Leslie Flack Getts at 522-5528 for more information.

• **STEVENSON**
 The Livonia Stevenson High School class of 1973 will hold a 10-year reunion Saturday, Nov. 26, at the Livonia Holiday. For more information, call Donna Spala Roemer at 255-4818 or Luci Banker at 529-9438.

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Purdy is joyful at ordination

By Sherry Kahn
 staff writer

"It was a wonderful, very exciting day," declared Cheryl Virginia Beck Purdy.

She was still thinking about last Sunday when she was ordained as a minister at Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia, and installed as its assistant pastor.

It had been partly a family affair with her sister Rosemary and her brother-in-law Steve Hoelter playing the organ. Another sister, Lisa Beck, wrote the words to an ordination hymn, and a third sister Jeannine Beck made her stole, banner and chasuble.

"We made our own choir which we called the Beck family choir," in which other family members sang. Her husband Ronald, who teaches at Detroit Urban Lutheran School, was crucifer, and her two children, Luke, 13, and Christa, 10, were candlebearers.

The Rev. Paul Jaster and the Rev. Martin Selts, pastors at Faith Lutheran where Purdy recently completed an internship, presented her to the congregation and opened the service. Bishop Harold Hecht ordained her. Preaching was her seminary teacher, the Rev. Mary Knopka, instructor at Christ Seminary-Seminex in St. Louis.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Bible school drama

Seen above are members of the Christ Community Church's vacation Bible school acting out Christ's healing of the lepers. Sessions were held in a tent in Canton, Below, the Rev. Harvey Heneveld, pastor of the church, takes the part of Christ. He holds the arms of Kevin Morey, who plays a leper being healed by Christ.

church bulletin

• **WARD PRESBYTERIAN**
 A youth multi-media presentation will be highlighted at 7 p.m. Sunday in Ward Presbyterian Church, Six Mile and Farmington, Livonia. The entire service will have a youth emphasis, and show many aspects of Ward's youth ministry. Ward youth will recap recent outreach activities.

Reports on the 10-day bicycle trip around the state will be given. The youth will also tell of a recent mission trip and work project to Mendocino, Miss.

The Rev. Kent Fischel of Discipleship Inc. of Fort Wayne, Ind., will bring the message, "A Dynamic Love Relationship."

• **IMMACULATA**
 The 1963 graduating class of Immaculate High School is planning a 20-year reunion Sept. 10 at Coventry Park Condo clubhouse. Classmates are asked to call Betty Ganion Zielinski, 363-2137.

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• **MEMORIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST**
 George Pickens, a 1980 graduate of the Kentucky Christian College, will speak at the 6:30 Sunday service at Memorial Church of Christ, 53475 Five Mile, Livonia. He will present plans for the work of missionary recruits in Ivory Coast, West Africa.

• **CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**
 Musical artist Chico Holiday will present a concert at 6:30 p.m. Sunday in Christian Community Church, 41355 Six Mile, Northville. An entertainer, Holiday has written a book called "Holiday in Hell," a portrayal of lives in the midst of the miraculous transformation.

• **RIVERSIDE PARK CHURCH OF GOD**
 Homecoming weekend will take place from Aug. 26-28 in Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. The Rev. Randal Rohr, a pastor from Flint, will be guest speaker.

• **LIVONIA BAPTIST**
 "The Music Machine," featuring the Livonia Baptist Puppeteers, will be presented at 7 p.m. Sunday in Livonia Baptist Church, 32940 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Using puppets such as Elmer.

• **WARRENWOODS WESLEYAN**
 The final showing of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" will be held at 9:45 a.m. Sunday at Warrenwoods Wesleyan Church, 6615 Venoy, Westland. An Emmy award film, it is part of the "Chronicles of Narnia" by C.S. Lewis.

There will be a special appearance by Puppets, For Heaven's Sake.

• **ST. SABINA CATHOLIC**
 The annual Rainbow Festival will be held Aug. 26-28 in St. Sabina Catholic Church, 25605 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. It will include Polish dinners on Friday, roast beef dinners on Saturday and roasted chicken dinners on Sunday.

In the big tent there will be games, live music and dancing, arts and crafts and kiddie rides. Hours are 6-10 p.m. Friday, noon to 10 p.m. Saturday, and 1-9 p.m. Sunday.

• **FAITH LUTHERAN**
 A blood drive will be held from 3-9 p.m. Monday, Aug. 29 in Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia. To make an appointment call the church at 421-7249.

A love offering will be asked.

Science not answer in brave new world

moral perspectives

Rabbi Irwin Groner

Biological science has, in our time, increasingly widened the gap between technological advance and moral response.

Molecular biologists have almost completed a workable synthetic human gene. We are on the threshold of being able to create human beings as we choose in a process called cloning. We already have the medical capacity to prolong human life beyond its natural limits.

But these enormous increases in human power over birth, life and death are not being met by a concomitant development of moral judgment.

CONSIDER SOME of the questions we face.

What is the value of human life? Who is to decide when it shall stop? Should a life be terminated when it shall stop? Should a life be terminated when the pain is too great? Are some lives worth more than others?

Should a new life be ended before birth because it is an inconvenience to the mother? Should scientists artificial-

ly create life in the laboratory and acquire control?

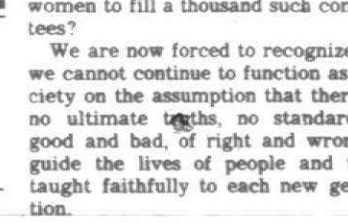
The questions multiply. Some of them offend traditional sensibilities. Many of them pose problems that have never been dealt with before except, perhaps, in theory.

As new discoveries broaden the range of choices available to us in both the generation and termination of life, we recognize that we are uncomfortable about having these decisions made on a case-by-case basis.

OBSERVERS of medical practice have noted how difficult are the questions that confront the physician attending a patient in the last stages of terminal illness.

Some critics of the medical profession assert that doctors are simply not trained to judge on questions of ethical or humane values. They have suggested that laws should be enacted to remove life-or-death decisions from the purview of the physician, and appoint to that responsibility either an ombudsman or a committee of moral philosophers.

But does this suggestion offer a meaningful alternative? Can any of us name three living moral philosophers so widely respected for their intelligence and integrity that they would be generally acceptable as even one committee on moral decisions. When would we find enough wise men and



women to fill a thousand such committees?

We are now forced to recognize that we cannot continue to function as a society on the assumption that there are no ultimate truths, no standards of good and bad, of right and wrong, to guide the lives of people and to be taught faithfully to each new generation.

RELIGION is challenged today, to reinterpret its moral tradition, and to articulate a code of values for our time. In this supreme effort, we require the moral and sensitivity needed to formulate an ethical code for the modern world. These guidelines could provide responsible answers for the new questions about birth, life and death.

We must begin the demanding and urgent task of defining a system of values which will enable us to distinguish right from wrong, the better from the worst, the worthy from the unworthy.

Science alone cannot answer the questions it raises.

D&B

Layoff helped career change

By W.W. Edgar
staff writer

Seated in the cool, quiet comfort of his office in the 35th District Court building, George Wiland, the court administrator, got to discussing the unusual twists and turns life takes as the years move on.

"When I went to work at Ternstedt after leaving high school, I never thought I would wind up with years of service in the courtrooms of the county. But that's where I spent most of my 47 years and still am dedicated to court work."

Each day, he sees and hears all kinds of cases, and there are few cases alike. So, he has what he called a most interesting position. And the manner in which he reached his present status is even more interesting.

HE HAS BEEN in the 35th District Court for three years. Prior to that, he spent 13 years in Records Court in Detroit. He also served with the Wayne County Pension Board for 10 years.

After recounting these phases of his work days, he smiled as he told of the various moves.

When he left high school he went to work at Ternstedt in the factory. Then, after the Korean War, there was a great layoff. Finding himself out of work, he turned to the draft board and spent some time in the military.

His years in service changed his entire outlook on life. When he returned to Ternstedt, he soon felt that factory work was no place for him.

"I WANTED NO part of the factories any more," he smiled "and right here things changed, and I found myself in court work."

"I took a civil service examination for courtroom work. Upon passing, I was hired. I was put to work on the pension board."

"At about that time, there was a great change in the makeup of the courts. Many of the judges were retiring."

"The Old Guard was moving on, and at one time, 10 judges were to be replaced. At last I saw there was a chance to get the courtroom work I desired."

HE ENTERED politics by campaigning for some of his friends. After several setbacks, he teamed up with Bob DeMascio. This time, luck changed and his man won a judge's seat. What's more, Wiland was rewarded with the position as clerk of the court.

This started him on the court work he long desired and remained there until retirement came.

"I then heard of the openings in the 35th District Court and applied for the position. I came out to Plymouth and met with Judges Dunbar Davis and James Garber."

"They hired me, and that's how I got here, and I never have been more satisfied."

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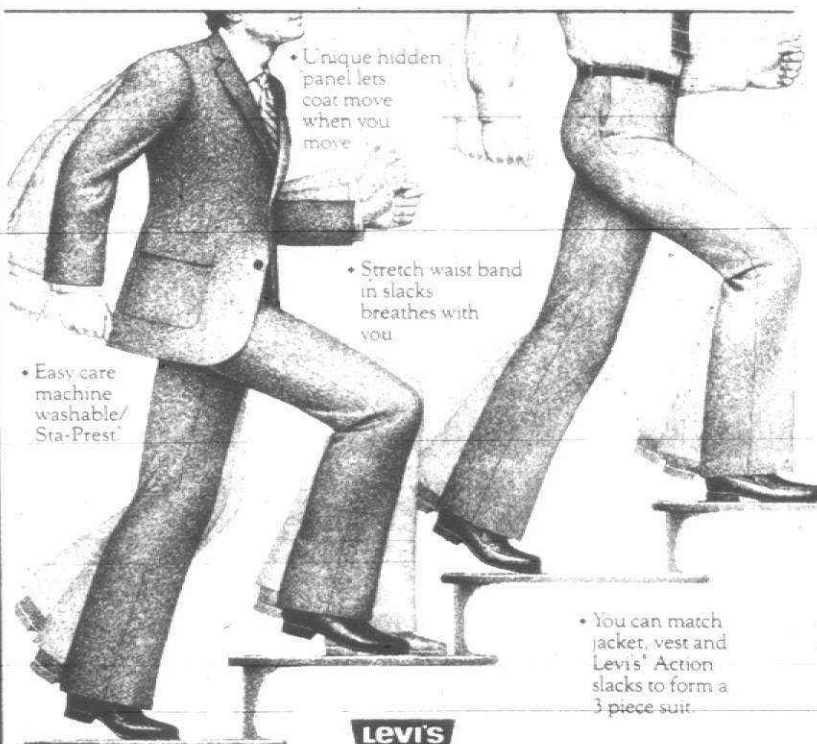
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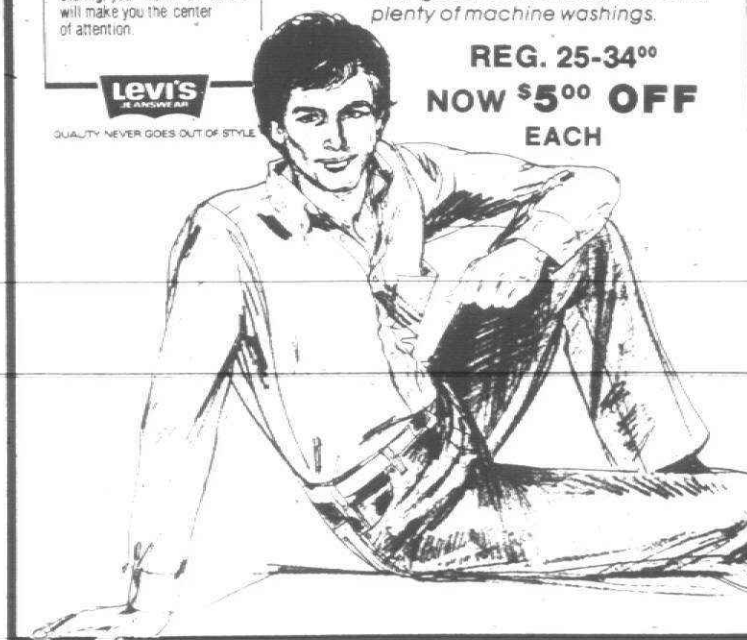
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C.J. Risak

Champ falters, but regains touch in time

THE GAUNTLET — or maybe it was a golf glove — had been dropped. It lay there, blocking Ann Lauer's path to victory.

And she never even saw it. Worse yet, she never even considered that it could be there.

"I had no idea what her score was," said Lauer, who held off Geryl Repasky's challenge to win the Observer & Eccentric Women's Golf Classic yesterday at Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf Course.

Lauer thought herself to be the underdog. She was keeping an eye on Kathryn Heriford, the Farmington Hills woman who won the title two years ago, never figuring what Repasky might do.

"I BEAT (Heriford) by five strokes on the front nine," Lauer said. "I was playing smart, but I kept telling myself to keep going."

"I didn't even think about (Repasky) until we looked at our scorecards after we finished."

Maybe it was best Lauer never knew. She bucked the odds throughout the 18-hole tourney — and won.

Besides violating the first rule of tournament golf — know your enemy — Lauer, a 19-year-old June graduate of Birmingham Groves and a greenskeeper at Birmingham Country Club:

- never played the course beforehand — yesterday's round was her first-ever at Whispering Willows;
- drove her ball into the woods on No. 2;
- lost a ball when her drive rolled into the water at No. 9;
- hit her third shot into the bunker at No. 16, then, after blasting out, three-putted;
- hit another bunker at the par-three, 136-yard No. 17 and bogeyed, letting her lead slip to one stroke.

NONE OF WHICH really mattered. Because when it counted, Lauer was on target.

The final hole proved it. Repasky figured she trailed by two strokes at the time. Actually, the margin was just one.

Repasky went off the tee first, hitting a solid drive 185 yards into the middle of the fairway. Heriford went off next, slicing her drive slightly right and short of Repasky's effort.

Up stepped Lauer. The collar could have tightened, after all, her lead had been cut two strokes in two holes.

It didn't. Her drive rolled 10 yards past Repasky's, and she followed that with a six-iron that landed 10 feet from the cup.

Despite the mounting pressure, Lauer controlled the collar.

"I DIDN'T want to seem rude, but I didn't even talk to those guys," Lauer said of her playing partners, Repasky and Heriford. "I said to myself, 'You're in your own world.' I just played my own game."

Her "own game" included a clutch 10-foot putt at 15 that "went in the side door," by her description. The ball rolled to the edge of the cup, hovered for a moment, then fell in.

"I just looked up and said, 'Someone's watching over me.'"

PERHAPS. But whoever was watching certainly didn't help Repasky much.

The Livonia Ladywood star, who will start her freshman year at Bowling Green State tomorrow on a partial golf scholarship, fell back by two strokes after nine holes, then turned it on over the back nine to card a 39.

Still, golf ball-shaped demons are bound to haunt Repasky's dreams.

A wayward four-foot putt at No. 16 that would have tied the score was Repasky's only gaffe over the last few holes. It was a miss that nightmares are made of.

"That," Repasky agreed, "and her putt at 15." Repasky's effort should have consoled her, but frustration burned its way into her memory. Her second-place finish was not a new experience for her — it was the third time in as many years she took home the runners-up trophy.

"It's like kissing your sister," she said. Next summer's plans include a mini-tour through Florida, but the always-game Repasky vowed to return for the O&E tourney.

"I'll always come back," she swore. "I have to win this thing."

LAUER, TOO, said she would return next year to defend her title. She departed for Mt. Pleasant and Central Michigan today, starting her freshman year at a school that has no varsity girls' golf team. The youngest of five children and the only girl, Lauer has more than proved her athletic ability.

"She's got four older brothers and she can beat them all," said an obviously proud mother, Phyllis Lauer. "They all say to her, 'Ann, come out in the back yard with me and show me what I'm doing wrong.'"

Forget what's wrong. Just tell us what you're doing that's so right.

Lauer wins battle for O&E golf crown

By C.J. Risak
staff writer

The young lions were hungriest yesterday, scratching and clawing their way through the final holes of this year's version of the Observer & Eccentric Women's Golf Classic at Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf Course.

A pair of 19-year-olds, Ann Lauer and Geryl Repasky, battled down the stretch for an elusive title that at times seemed within both their grasps. In the end, the lead Lauer built during the first nine holes was enough to frustrate Repasky by a single stroke.

A June graduate from Birmingham Groves and a two-time golfing All-Stater, Lauer finished with an 81. Repasky, who graduated from Livonia Ladywood in June, scored an 82.

LAUER CARDED a 41 on the front nine to Repasky's 43 and eventually built her lead to three strokes with three holes to play. But Repasky kept challenging, pulling to within one after Lauer hit sand on 16 and 17, with No. 18 still to play.

Lauer withstood Repasky's charge, however, hitting a perfect drive on 18, then lifting a 6-iron to within 10 feet of the cup. She two-putted from there for a par and the victory, as Repasky's 25-foot birdie effort from the front of the green came up short.



Geryl Repasky's addition summed up her O&E fortunes: a third straight second-place finish.

"I don't know . . . I'm just not too strong on my trap shots right now," the champion said of her problems on 16 and 17. "I was saying to myself, 'Just keep on going.'"

Lauer followed her own advice expertly on 18. "I hit my drive low, and it just ran," she said of her tee shot on the last hole. That proved to be a pivotal shot, setting up her 6-iron and, eventually, her par.

ALL OF WHICH added to Repasky's frustration in O&E tourney play. She has now finished second for three straight years. Yesterday, the turning point for the Livonia native came at 16, when she missed a chance to make up two strokes.

Lauer bunkered her third shot on 16 and, after blasting out of the trap, three-putted for a double-bogey. Repasky, meanwhile, chipped from the edge of the green to within four feet of the cup and a par.

"I read it to break left to right," Repasky recalled afterwards. "But I turned my putter just before I hit it."

The miss was costly. Lauer was in the bunker again on the par-3 17th and carded a four. Repasky parred the hole, but her charge ended one stroke short.

Finishing third in the championship flight was Mary Gilbertson of Livonia with an 84. Elizabeth Heintz of Birmingham had an 89, with past champion Kathryn Heriford of Farmington Hills and Julie Sproul of Livonia each scoring 90. Gilbertson was awarded low net honors with a 70.

IN FIRST FLIGHT, Betty Delano of Plymouth, a senior at Eastern Michigan University, captured low gross with an 86. Cindy Tomasino of Birmingham was second (88), with Fran Foley of Livonia third (93). Low net winner was Carol Larsen of Livonia with a 64, followed by Joyce Mitchell of Bloomfield Hills (69).

Second flight low gross victor was Ava Szudejko of Livonia with a 94. Barb Williams of Canton was second (98), and Anna Levin of Southfield was third (100). Diane Luoto of Livonia carded a 63 to take the low net title, with Deborah Teichman of Canton runner-up (65).

Forty-eight women entered the 18-hole tourney.



Staff photos by ART EMANUELE

Ann Lauer was in and out of trouble throughout the tournament, but by day's

end it was her round that was best, making her the reigning O&E women's champ.

Running on Crim race Saturday

Steve Kenyon, Greg Meyer, Herb Lindsay, Nick Rose, Kirk Pfeffer, Dave Hinz: the list reads like a who's who among world-class runners. The list is a who's who of world-class runners.

Those runners and some 4,000 more will be in Flint this weekend to compete in the seventh annual Bobby D. Crim 10-Mile Road Race. The race will get underway at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27.

The top runners from the United States, Canada, New Zealand, England and Ireland will compete in the event which has become the largest single-day fund-raising event in the nation held on behalf of Special Olympics.

The race will also feature the best women distance runners in the world. Seven of the nine fastest women distance runners in 1982, listed by Running Times magazine, will compete at the Crim. Among those include Joan Benoit, fresh from the Pan-Am Games, Laurie Binder, Karen Blackford, Nancy Conz, Lisa Larsen, Julie Isphording, and Marge Rosasco.

IN THE SIX previous years, the race has garnered more than \$470,000 for Special Olympics. The race has grown from a 750-member field in 1977 to the 4,000-member plus field that will compete this year. It is now recognized as one of the premier running events in the country.

In addition to some of the best distance runners in the world, the race features many local runners. Here is the list of registered competitors from the Observer area as of Aug. 15:

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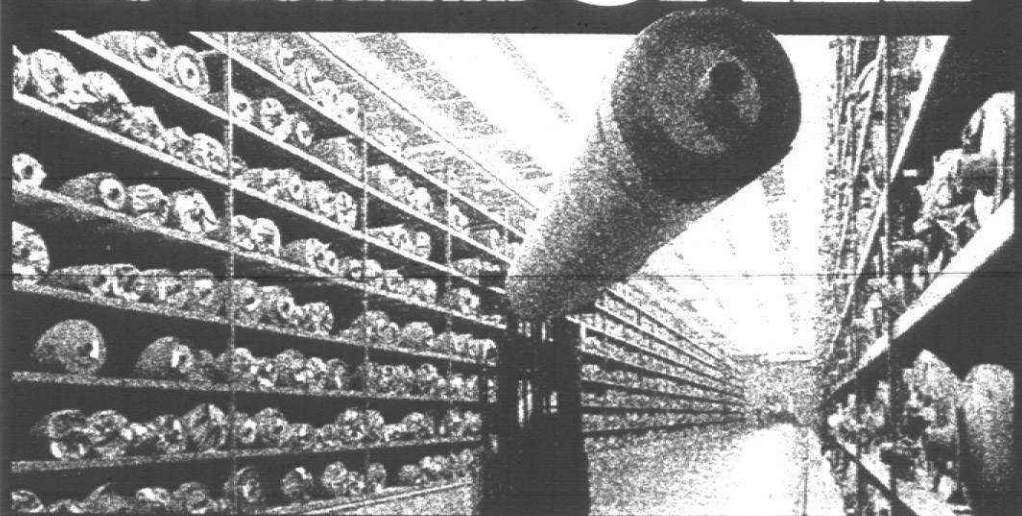
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THERE ARE SOME DISADVANTAGES associated with SRPs as well.

- Money from this plan is extremely difficult to withdraw before you leave the company. In contrast, you can always withdraw your IRA fund if you pay the penalty and taxes.
- In SRPs, your investment options are fewer than those available for IRAs.

Since payments from the company pension plan after retirement are usually based on that employee's salary in the last few years and since the SRP reduces your salary, you may receive lower pension payments on earnings.

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after salary reductions. You should therefore examine the SRP carefully before participating in it.

SEMINAR: The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and I will conduct our next financial planning seminar 8-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, at the Michigan State University Management Education Center, Troy. Subjects may include: Budget analysis, children's education, tax shelters, stocks and bond investments, wills and trusts, financial independence, inflation problems, interest rates, mutual funds, and estate planning. The seminar is free, but registration is required. For more details, call 643-8888.

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business briefs

• DEVELOPMENT

Livonia officials are anticipating preliminary site plans for the development of a 50-acre site in Laurel Park, a commercial complex at Six Mile and I-275. The project will be developed by Jacobson's Department Stores and Amlea Inc. of Toronto.

• FASHION SHOW

The Livonia Mall will host a "Fall into Action with Back to School Fashion Show" at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27. The show is free.

• REDUCED STAFFING

"How to Operate Effectively With Reduced Staff," a seminar designed to help employers, will be sponsored by the Livonia Chamber Foundation as part of the Monday Morning Quarterback series 8-9:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 29, at the Livonia Chamber of Commerce 15401 Farmington Road. There is a \$5 charge. Anyone may attend. For information, call the Livonia chamber, 427-2122.

• SELECT AD AGENCY
North American Photo of Livonia chose R.J. Baker Advertising as its advertising and public relations agency.

• PEAK PERFORMANCE

"Coaching Your People to Peak Performance" will be the topic of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce Foundation Summer Tune-Up management/supervision workshop. The meeting will be 9-30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, at the Livonia Chamber of Commerce. Price is \$30. Reservations must be made a week in advance. For more information, call the Livonia chamber at 427-2122.

business people

Emerson J. Addison Jr. of Livonia has been promoted from associated to principal in the tax department at Plante & Moran, certified public accountants.

David Mueleman of Plymouth was elected president of the Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan's board of trustees. He also has been named chairman of the foundation's camp committee. Mueleman is a metallurgical engineer with National Steel of Livonia.

Timothy J. Schafer CPA of Livonia has joined Discount Tire Co. Inc. as director of accounting at the company's corporate offices in Ann Arbor. Before joining Discount Tire, Schafer was a manager at the Detroit office of Pannell Kerr Forster, a certified public accounting firm.

Lyle W. Ford of Wayne is being honored in recognition of 20 years of service with Prudential Insurance Co.'s Livonia district office.

Thomas J. Mulcahey of Livonia was named the Automobile Club of Michigan's Livonia claim center. Mulcahey joined the company in 1954 as an adjuster trainee.

Stephanie Anders of Westland has been appointed director of accounting



Addison

Ford

and reimbursement at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Anders' responsibilities include accounting and financial reporting, payroll, accounts payable, general cashier, cost reimbursement, and rate setting. Anders had been accounting and reimbursement specialist.

Wesley W. Rokash has been appointed manager of the Automobile Club of Michigan's Livonia claim center. Rokash joined the Auto Club in 1947 as a mailroom clerk.

Leonard A. Morris has been promoted to manager in the consulting practice of Arthur Andersen & Co.'s Chicago office. He is the son of Leonard and Bernice Morris of Plymouth.

Don't blindly follow broker's lead

About three years ago, on the advice of our broker in Palm Beach, we bought \$12,000 of Fluor Corp. because we were looking for a growth stock, and we were told that this particular stock had a very good growth record. However, about eight months after we bought Fluor, it took a nosedive and has been selling at about \$20 a share ever since. We bought at \$48.

So last July (1982), we went back to our broker and confirmed our own suspicions that Fluor would take years, if ever, to get back to the price we bought it, and we asked this same organization for another recommendation. This time they recommended A.T.T., and so we sold our Fluor for over \$6,000 loss and bought A.T.T. You probably know what this stock has done in growth in the last year, although our broker's best authorities on stock said it was the best and safest growth stock.

We request your advice as to whether we should sell our A.T.T. for probably another loss and reinvest in another growth stock? We are not rich, so this matter is very important to us.

It sounds as though you would like me to say that your broker didn't do a very good job in selecting a growth company for you, and I will. Fluor Corp. has had an excellent record.

Sales have increased at an excellent rate and earnings per share did well

through 1981. The company's earnings on invested capital did very well through 1980.

THE IMPORTANT THING to recognize about Fluor is that it is mostly in businesses that are very cyclical. It is almost certain to be adversely affected when business is bad, and it was. But let's talk a little bit about your attitude, because if you are going to be a successful investor, I believe you are going to have to be a little more realistic.

First, about brokers. It is important to recognize that a broker is primarily a salesman. He is likely to know more about the market than a novice investor, but he is not a security analyst, and it is not his job to tell you what to buy.

SOME BROKERS HAVE a lot of skill in selecting stocks and may have much backing from their firm's research department, but you only learn if they have that skill over a long period of experience in working with them. If you are going to be a successful investor, it is necessary that you put forth enough effort to learn yourself the basic checks to run on any potential investment.

Now let's talk about your move to A.T.T. This company is about to become a brand new company. It seems to have terrific potential.



today's investor

Thomas E. O'Hara

of the National Association of Investment Clubs

HOWEVER, WHETHER IT will make the most of that potential or whether its competitors will come out on top is yet to be proved.

What I really want to say is that it may well take the new A.T.T. as long to prove it is a growth company, as it may take for Fluor to see the country return to booming prosperity, and for that company to return to its former growth trend.

If you are lucky enough to get fast price movement in a stock, that is great, but in most cases, a price gain is most certain when you buy a good value that is currently underpriced, and wait for its value to be recognized by the market. You need some understanding of the company's business and a little patience.

A FINAL SUGGESTION. The next time you have \$12,000 to invest, don't put it all in one basket. I would divide that sum into four parts.

I am sending you a copy of Better

Investing's recent Model Portfolio. The kind of stocks covered there would make a good starting portfolio. But they also require patience.

Thomas E. O'Hara of Bloomfield Hills is chairman of the board of trustees of the National Association of Investment Clubs and editor of Better Investing magazine. O'Hara writes questions and comments but will answer them only through this column. Readers who send in questions on a general investment subject or on a corporation with broad investor interest and whose questions are used will receive a free one-year subscription to the investment magazine Better Investing. O'Hara will send a free copy of Better Investing magazine or information about investment clubs to any reader requesting it. Send 50 cents for postage and write Today's Investor, P.O. Box 220, Royal Oak 48068.

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upcoming things to do

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Ursula Walker and Buddy Budson, husband-and-wife team, continue from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 a.m. through Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Caucus Club, 150 W. Congress in the Penobscot Building, Detroit. Both began their careers at early ages, she at 11 and he at 15. Vocalist Walker has recorded with James Tatum and performed at local jazz functions. She appeared with George Benson at Detroit's Montreux Festival. Budson composes, arranges and conducts for big bands and specializes in jazz and pop keyboard work on commercials and recordings.
- **OPEN AUDITIONS**
Auditions for the Plymouth Theatre Guild's first full production "40 Carats" will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, and Thursday, Sept. 1, at Central Middle School, Main Street at Church, in Plymouth. Eleven parts are available for men and women of all ages. There are several openings for technical people, including a producer. For more information, call Robin Galick at 261-2875.
- **TV DOCUMENTARY**
"Two Hours to Freedom," a documentary about a Soviet Jewish family who emigrated from the Soviet Union after severe persecution and settled in the Detroit area, will be shown at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, on CBET-TV, Channel 9. The half-hour production was filmed last summer by Handelman Filmworks of Birmingham. Philip Handelman, who produced and directed "Two Hours to Freedom," previously was executive producer of "Medal of Honor Rag," telecast nationally on PBS' "American Playhouse."
- **AT ARCHIBALD'S**
Larry Nozoro is the attraction, opening Tuesday, Aug. 30, at Archibald's in Birmingham, where he will play through Oct. 1. Showtime will be 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Nozoro also will be featured at the Montreux-Detroit Jazz Festival, playing 9:30-10:30 p.m. Sept. 3 at the Pyramid in Hart Plaza and with the Mixed Bag and jazz saxophonist Stan Getz at 8 p.m. Sept. 4 at the Music Hall.
- **RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL**
Fantasy and merriment surround a 16th-century village celebration from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 27-28, at the Michigan Renaissance Festival in Clarkston. Festivities continue weekends through Sept. 24-25, including the three-day Labor Day weekend. The site has been expanded this year to include 30 new shops, new food areas, simultaneous chess (more than two people play at once) and a horse arena for quintaine competition — a Renaissance sport involving horseback riders spearing a ring held by a mechanical knight.
- **BIG BAND**
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Area musicians join jazz-festival lineup



James Tatum, Ron English, Jess Bonnier

It gives you greater exposure to people throughout the world. It's fascinating and amazing to find people flying in from various parts of the country to witness the festival.
— Art Tatum jazz star

WHEN THE MONTREUX-Detroit Kool Jazz Festival IV opens Wednesday for its six-day life, more than 100 Detroit-area musicians will be rubbing musical shoulders with the likes of Ella Fitzgerald, Count Basie, Stan Getz, Freddie Hubbard, Abbey Lincoln and Ramsey Lewis.

This year the festival will feature 98 concerts, two film showings, two clinics and more than 200 jazz musicians gathered in Detroit to entertain hundreds of thousands of jazz fans. That this music can be heard in a dozen different places around the city adds to the inviting extravaganza.

The uniqueness of the festival is highlighted by the fact that it has never neglected the homegrown jazz artist. Among local musicians performing for the crowds that will flock to the riverfront is mainstay Detroit jazz pianist Jess Bonnier. A fixture since the 1950s on the local jazz scene, Bonnier was pianist in the Jack Breakensha trio at the vibist's own club. She was a regular at the Vineyard, Charley's Crab, Top of the Pontch and Baker's Key Lounge.

SHE ALSO HAS been pianist-in-residence at the Detroit Institute of Arts' Sunday Afternoon Crystal Gallery for the last few years and for 27 months has been the regular pianist at the Summit in the Renaissance Center's Westin Hotel.

When Bonnier brings her trio to Hart Plaza for a concert on Wednesday, Sept. 3, she will be playing music intended to appeal to a wide audience.

"I think that's important," she said, "because when thousands of people come to a jazz festival, they're not all going to be jazz aficionados."

For her, though, the joys of a move-

Detroit music community for several years, said it's exposure which is most helpful to the local musician.

"IN TERMS OF sheer numbers," he said, "you could be playing for up to 10,000 people at one time. But even more important, it's the opportunity to have your music examined in a context where people are there to hear good music performed by major jazz figures. And they hear you, too."

No local jazz musician will be heard at the festival unless he is invited by the festival. Bonnier recalls what that was like for her.

"I remember the first year I wasn't asked and I found it painful," she said. "But I think it's important to include all of the fine Detroit jazz musicians who frequently get overlooked."

"I wouldn't be offended now if I weren't asked next year, if a lesser-known musician got a chance to play, because it's a lovely accolade being asked."

James Tatum, director of Detroit's Murray Wright High School Fine Arts Department, as well as a leading jazz pianist, will be participating for his fourth time in the festival. Well known for bringing together jazz and religious music, Tatum and his Trio Plus will perform highlights from his "The Contemporary Jazz Mass" on Sunday, Sept. 4, at Hart Plaza.

"THERE'S A BRIDGE between the

different aspects of spiritual music and the blues, particularly in the harmonic progressions of the chords," explained Tatum, who is a graduate of the University of Michigan's School of Music.

"We who listen to spiritual music in the minor key, there is a definite relation to the jazz character. Jazz expresses not only the happy mood but the suffering and agony as well. The minor key helps to bring out those expressions of feeling."

Bonnier said that in her hour set she will spotlight a new treatment of Duke Ellington's "A Train." "It will be in what we call a free Latin feel," she said, "and musically, because of what we do with the chords, it will be a totally new treatment of the classic."

Ron English, leading a new six-member group, will open Saturday night, Sept. 3, at the Music Hall for Freddie Hubbard. English has a few things up his musical sleeve, too.

"We've got guitar, violin, vibes, drums, bass and percussion," he said.

"Freddie Hubbard sometimes takes a

lot of flak for his creative and mood-setting dance rhythms," English said. "A lot of musicians have been subjected to that kind of criticism since the 1950s."

"However, as a concert artist, Freddie's thing has always been very broad and he touches all bases. He's a sterling improviser and I'm pleased to know we are opening for him. I think our music will also set a strong mood and still keep an emphasis on improvisation."

WHILE TO SOME people jazz and musical considerations are the most vital aspects of a jazz festival, Bonnier sees it a bit differently.

"It's possible — just possible — that people with their prejudices will bump into one another and start talking and maybe find out that they have something to talk to each other about. And maybe they will find out that they like each other more than they think," she said.

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PEWABIC POTTERY

Exhibition of ceramic sculpture in the new Pewabic Sculpture Garden, organized and installed by Tom Phardel, continues through the summer. It offers an opportunity to look at clay art in a new light and features works by several ceramic sculptors.

Indoors there's a variety of work by gallery artists including Dulin, Bolt and Sue Stephenson. Summer hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

"Black Folk Art in America: 1930-1980" continues through Oct. 2. There are more than 200 paintings, sculptures and drawings by this group of little-known 20th century artists. Free public tours daily at 1 p.m. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Free admission, 5200 Woodward, Detroit.

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET

"Six Artists from the Market's History" includes work by David Barr, John Glick, Louise Nobili, Jim Pallas, Hughie Lee-Smith and Carol Wald. In this final exhibition celebrating the market's 50th anniversary, market artistic director Mary Dennison has done the choosing. The market is in Harmony Park, downtown Detroit. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

FEIGENSON GALLERY

Works by five American folk artists will be displayed through Sept. 3. They are William Dawson, Elijah Pierce, Mose Toliver, Inez-Nathaniel-Walker and Joseph Yoakum. All are in the "Black Folk Art" exhibition running concurrently at Detroit Institute of Arts. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, but closed Saturdays in August, 310 Fisher Building, Detroit.

CRANBROOK ACADEMY OF ART MUSEUM

"Student Summer Show 1983" exhibits the best work by graduate art students from the academy. Also exhibited are 20 pieces by Carl Milles, Swedish sculptor who taught at Cranbrook, 1931-50. Hours are 1-5 p.m. daily except Monday and major holidays, 550 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills.

FARMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

"Odes a la Mode" by Trudi Blake, a local woman with a poetic turn of phrase, has framed many of her best for her first odes exhibition at the library through August. Included in this unusual presentation are letters from world figures such as Bess Truman, Phyllis Diller and Paul McCartney to whom the odesmaker paid tribute. Summer hours at the library, State and Liberty, are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

GALERIE DE BOICOURT

Contemporary Naives by Muriel Clayton will continue through Sept. 10. Clayton, formerly of this area, now lives in Tucson, Ariz., and her new acrylics show a strong southwestern influence. Clayton has had one-person shows in Southampton, Palm Beach, Nantucket, Greenwich, Toronto and Montreal and her work has been shown at the Fabian and Jay Johnson America's Folk Heritage Gallery in New York City. Reception to meet this popular artist 5-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23 and 5-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6. The gallery, 250 Martin, is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

FABERHOFF

Works by naturalist woodcarver Jack L. Clifford will be on display through December. He works mainly with hardwoods and does both relief and free-standing sculpture. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 112 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak.

CANTOR/LEMBERG GALLERY

Exhibit of works from Multiples, New York publisher of prints and multiples, includes works by Arschwager, Baselitz, Frankenthaler, LeWitt, Oldenburg, Paladino, Rothenberg, VanElk and Wesselman. There are examples of various printmaking media with strong emphasis on the woodcut. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 538 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

SIXTH STREET GALLERY

Selected works by gallery artists, paintings, prints and jewelry by Richard Robinson are on display through Sept. 24. Summer hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 214 W. Sixth, Royal Oak.

MAIN STREET PLACE GALLERY

New gallery in Royal Oak features the work of a variety of local artists along with a special show of art by Waldorf Institute faculty and students. Exhibit continues through September. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, 903 North Main, Royal Oak.

HALSTED GALLERY

"Michigan Photographers" is the name of the show which includes works by Amy Kahn, Martha Mardirosian, Joe Rulong, Bill Rauhauser, Larry Snider, Fae Heath Batten and Richard Shirk. Show continues through Sept. 17. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 560 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

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The Westland Wheelers think that joy can be found in a weekend bike ride. AT LEFT: Club president Bill Baker unloads his bike from his cartop carrier. Checking the route to be followed are (from left) Ann Tubinis, of Westland; her mother, Marilyn Tubinis; Baker; and Helen Kaiser of Livonia.

Happiness is a 20-mile bike ride

By Margaret Neubacher
staff writer

While many people are sleeping in on weekends or having their second cup of coffee with the Sunday paper, a happy group of bicyclists is well into its third or fourth hour of cycling.

The Westland Wheelers, a newly formed recreational bicycling club, regularly meets for 15- to 20-mile weekend rides. They do it "for the fun and health of it," according to charter member Marilyn Tubinis, who says she especially enjoys the club's dawn rides.

According to this enthusiast, in the early morning the world is quiet and cool, there's little traffic on the road and, if you're lucky, as Tubinis was on the last ride, you may see a couple of white egrets, an unusual heron-like bird with long, showy, drooping plumes.

THE WESTLAND Wheelers were formed in early June of this year by the Westland Parks and Recreation Department. A notice in a local paper to all bikers interested in forming a club drew approximately 27 people.

According to president Bill Baker, the

clubs and recreation department still guides the club, but "now they are letting us go in our own direction."

Baker has had a lot of experience with bikes. As a child he belonged to a bike club. He raced bikes as an adult and coached his son to a state bicycle racing championship.

He knows all about \$2,000 custom-made racing bikes, the pros and cons of wearing a helmet and how the Europeans teach the cyclists to fall off their bikes using gymnastic tumbling skills. But most likely little of his information would be of interest to the Westland Wheelers.

"We're different from most other clubs around the area," says Baker. "We're into slow touring and are more of a social bike club. We have become very open with each other and can easily talk about how we feel about things. The club has become a good social outlet for many members."

THE CLUB varies the weekend ride between Saturday and Sunday mornings. A recent trip they took to Maybury Park is an example of how their weekend touring goes.

Riders met at the Pac'n Save Parking lot at Five Mile and Newburgh roads at 7 a.m.

They headed out on Haggerty Road and leisurely pedaled their way towards Northville, cutting through some subdivisions and stopping, as often as they needed to, for a drink or a quick protein snack.

Once at the park, they visited the horse stables, then pedaled to the pond for a walk on the dock. On the way, they noticed a patch of wild blackberries and stopped to sample the fruit. They wound their way back home before noon. Total round trip: 20 miles.

"The beautiful thing about this club is that on our first rides of between five and 10 miles, some members thought they'd die," says Baker. "Now doing 20 to 25 miles is nothing for them."

Baker says he can get 20 miles out of anyone.

"There are three basic mistakes most beginners make," he says. "They set their seat too low, tires too flat and they try to pedal in the wrong gear."

RECENTLY several of the Westland Wheelers participated in "The Proving Ground Challenge," a 24-hour achievement ride held at Chrysler's Proving Grounds in Chelsea, Mich. The challenge is for riders to

set their own distance goal and try to reach it. Several Wheelers, who earlier this summer struggled with the shorter rides, set and reached goals of 25 and 50 miles.

"Anyone who wants to ride and have fun" will enjoy the Westland Wheelers, says Baker. He adds that interested riders who don't feel they can do the 20- to 25-mile weekend rides may want to begin with the shorter Wednesday evening rides.

These rides start at the Great Scott parking lot at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Merriman promptly at 7 p.m. They average between five and 10 miles. Club members stress the importance of bringing along liquid drinks and high protein snacks to maintain your energy level while riding.

The group plans on riding at least through October, as long as the weather holds up, according to one member.

Any and all new members are welcome. Dues are \$5 for youths ages 18 and under, \$10 for adults and \$15 for families. All members receive a discount on parts and service from the D&D Bike Shop in Westland, which sponsors the club. Interested bikers can call Baker at 595-1674 for more information.

Revenge is the point 'Take that,' quilter says to designer

Illinois quilter Virginia Piland took her needle and stabbed designer Ralph Lauren where it hurt — in the shirt.

The quilt which Piland made and named, "Tit for Tat," in response to Lauren who cut up valuable antique quilts to make his high-fashion designs, will be one of the many highlights of "World of Quilts" at Meadow Brook Hall, Sept. 8-25.

In her quilter's revenge, Piland made her two-color quilt from an aqua Ralph Lauren shirt and white feed sacks. Like quilters of old, Piland didn't waste a scrap of the Lauren material, even incorporating the collar, label and cuffs into her design.

Her most piercing stabs comes in the form of her comments about Lauren written on the quilt, preserving not only her wit, but her ire toward the designer.

"Tit for Tat," is the traditional name of the mirror-image pattern Piland used, so the quilt itself is a double entendre.

WRITTEN ALONG the four sides are: "It's tit for tat, Ralph Lauren (label). Take that! And that and that, and that and that!" "As you sew, so shall you rip, Ralph Lauren, don't rip up any more antique quilts." "Quilters are sew super, but Ralph Lauren, you are an old sew-and-sew." "Sew long, Ralph Lauren. It's been good to no-no you."

There are other messages in the quilt, but the one on the tie in the center says it all. "You have been found 'quilt-y.' You're sent-

tenced to a stretch on a quilting frame."

Mary Silber of Birmingham, quilt show coordinator, said that in addition to its unusual message, Piland's quilt is "beautifully made" and several others of hers are also in the show.

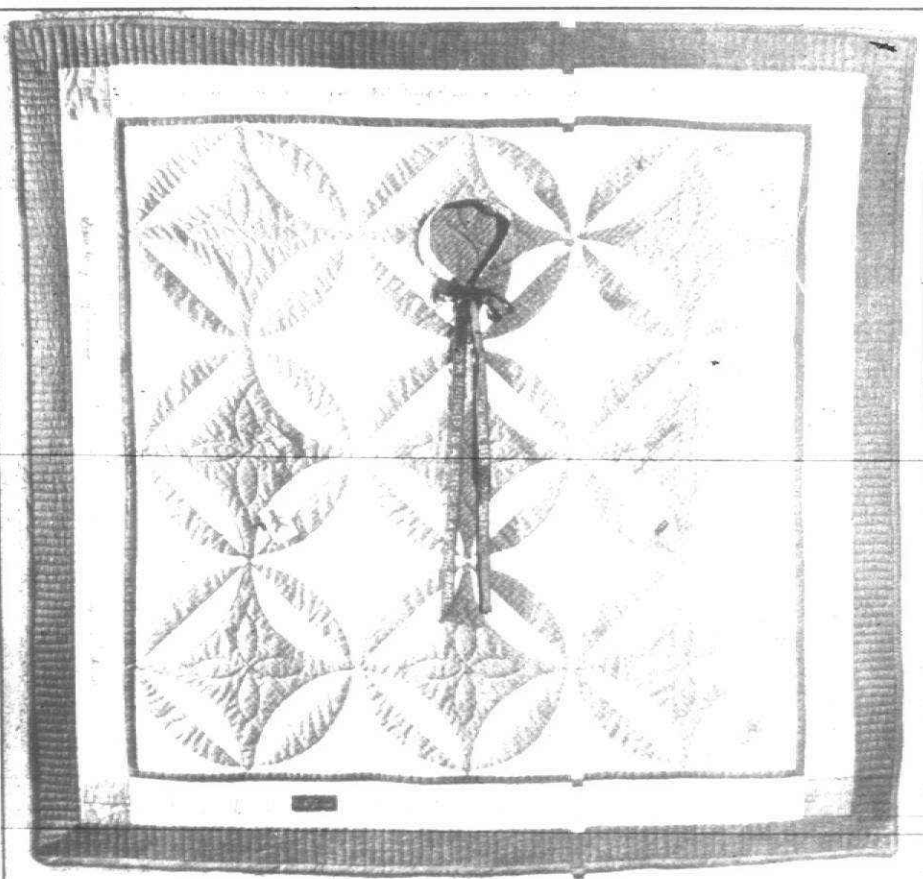
Silber said that because of the number in the show, close to 200, it will be difficult for visitors to enjoy the total scope of the exhibit. So, she and textile restorer, Lulu Cameron and those working with them, have arranged the exhibit into themes — message quilts and patriotic quilts, for instance.

Because Meadow Brook Hall qualifies as a museum, Marilyn Brooks, special projects chairwoman, was able to borrow outstanding quilts from all over the world as well as from fine American collections, both public and private.

ALL OF the doll and crib quilts will be displayed in Knole cottage, the mini-mansion playhouse given to Frances Dodge for her 12th birthday.

Silber said of the organizing of this show which has been in the works for more than a year, "This is the biggest team effort I've ever been involved with."

The show will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tour reservations are necessary and much of the time is already booked solid. For brochures and information, call Meadow Brook Hall, Oakland University, Rochester, 377-3140.



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Start watercolors with 'forgiving' subjects

This is another in a series of lessons on art by special columnist David Messing. He has taught for eight years and operates an art store, Art Store and More, 18774 Middlebelt, Livonia. Messing encourages questions and comments from readers. You may write him at his store or c/o Observer Newspapers, 23352 Farmington Road, Farmington MI 48024.



By David Messing
staff writer

Hopefully you were able, this week, to get your supplies together or buy whatever you needed to start watercolor. Remember that

the subject you choose has a lot to do with the success of your painting.

Choose a subject that can "forgive" a little. In other words, if you paint an apple or a barn a little bigger than the model, then nobody cares or even notices.

On the other hand if you are painting your spouse's portrait and his or her nose is a little bit big or a little to one side than you and your painting are in trouble.

Watercolor as a media is very unforgiving. Since you paint with transparent watercolors, the white of the paper is supposed to show through each color. This is why watercolor is hard to repair.

IF YOU try to lighten an area you mix white in a color and it becomes "creamy" and less transparent. The area you are trying to fix begins to look like a billboard saying "I didn't make a mistake here!"

Like my 4-year-old son Adam (bom). I was walking through the living room when out of

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the corner of my eye I saw he was digging out a tube of chapstick with a screw driver. Even though I hadn't even looked at him yet he yelled out, "It's O.K. Dad I'm not doin' nuffin."

And in your painting you will be the guilty one who points out all the little repairs you made.

While I am on the subject of repair, there are one or two alternatives to starting your painting over. Number one is if you paint with the Dr. Martin dyes that I mentioned last week, you can easily fix a mistake. And you do this with Dr. Martin's color remover.

Simply place a drop or two on the area and before your eyes the mistake goes away. Color remover comes in a cute little bottle and it costs about a dollar. But if you're not into

"cute" little bottles, just use chlorine bleach it works almost as well.

I AM SURE the next alternative many well-known water colorists and teachers do not know about. It is called an air eraser. An air eraser is like a miniature sand blaster. It runs off an air compressor and you can control a fine spray of particles which simply removes the color from the paper. An air eraser costs around \$60 and that is not too much a price if it can save a painting.

Let's say you decide to paint a mailbox on an old weather fence post. Sounds exciting doesn't it? Well you have to start somewhere. So first draw your picture in pencil. Use an H/2H/3H or 4H pencil because the "H" or hard pencils make a light gray line and are easy to erase later. "B" or soft pencils are blacker and muddy up your paper.

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