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## The Canton Connection

### FRANKLIN PALMER

Homeowners Association will host its general membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7, in the art room of Field Elementary School. Refreshments will be provided at the annual event, and the guest speaker will be James Poole, Canton Township supervisor.

### THE

**SOUTHEASTERN** Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross is seeking donations for African famine relief. It takes only \$4 per month, or \$48 per year, to keep one starving African alive, according to the Red Cross. Individuals interested in making contributions should make checks payable to the American Red Cross, earmarked "African Relief." Donations should be mailed to: Executive Office, Southeastern Michigan Chapter, American Red Cross, P.O. Box 351, Detroit 48232.

### SMALL BUSINESSES

In Wayne County may apply for U.S. Small Business Administration Economic Injury Disaster Loans. The Secretary of Agriculture determined that farmers could apply for Farmers Home Administration emergency loans because of adverse conditions last spring and summer. Small businesses were affected by the decline in farm income, said Raymond L. Harshman, the SBA's Michigan District Director. EIDL loans allow businesses to meet current obligations and operating expenses. For additional information, contact the nearest SBA office, or the SBA Disaster Assistance Office, 75 Spring St., SW, Atlanta, Ga. 30303, 1 (800) 554-3455.

**PRIVATE** David A. Duda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Duda of Canton Township, has been assigned as a recruiter aide to the Army Recruiting Station at 595 Forest in Plymouth. Duda, a 1984 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School, will serve a 45-day assignment and then will leave for permanent duty at Fort Ord, Calif.

**ROBERT** Joseph Aichele, 16, received minor injuries when his car struck a utility pole at 12:10 a.m. Tuesday.

**SEVERAL LOCAL** members of the armed services have been promoted recently. Douglas C. Lucas Jr., son of Douglas C. and Darlene B. Lucas of Canton, was promoted to specialist fourth class. Lucas is an artillery fire-support specialist at Fort Bragg, N.C., and a 1980 graduate of Patrick Henry High School in Roanoke, Va. Stephen S. Johnston, son of Wanda P. Johnston of Canton, has been promoted to specialist fourth class. Johnston, a 1983 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School, is an Army broadcast journalist at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

**IF YOU DIDN'T** find that calendar you needed under your Christmas tree, help is available. The Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter, has produced a calendar to supplement its fund-raising efforts. The calendar, "In Celebration of Michigan Artists," includes the work of 12 artists chosen by a panel of educators. "In Celebration of Michigan Artists" is on sale at bookstores, museums and galleries for \$9.95, or send \$11.95 to cover shipping and handling to the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter, Village Plaza Suite 805, 23400 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, 48124.

## Downtown development Schedule sets pace for future expansion

By Diane Gale  
staff writer

Now that the Canton Board of Trustees has given the go-ahead, the development in the downtown district is moving closer to reality.

Township officials warn the projects and their timetables are tentative. "Each of the individual projects will have to be separately approved by the Downtown Development Authority and township boards," according to Dave Nicholson, township director of economic growth development.

"And then they have to go through the procedure of getting estimates of costs, going through design and going out for contractors for each individual project awarded, and some of the projects may take more than one contractor," Nicholson said.

DDA, a 10-member board of directors, was formed to initiate and oversee the developing growth in the district spanning 85 acres of land located along both sides of Ford Road between Sheldon and the Morton-Taylor Road right of way.

The township board approved the project Dec. 18. "We're very optimistic, because we received a good response from the board," said Ronald D'Avanzo, DDA chairperson.

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT** in the district, amounting to an estimated \$6 million, is as follows:

- 1986: An "access boulevard" is to be constructed. The municipal water main, sanitary sewer and storm sewer are to be installed within the boulevard right of way. Also, a five-acre parcel of land to be used for public purposes will be bought. Estimated cost is \$2 million, and the project will take about two years to complete.
- 1987: A traffic light is to be installed at the Ford/Oakview intersection. Installation — to require six to 12 months — has been scheduled to coincide with the completion of Michigan Department of Transportation's Ford

Road Improvements. The estimated cost is \$30,000.

• 1988: A new main library, to include an access drive, parking lot and plaza paving. The estimated cost is \$225,000 and building is slated to be complete within three years.

• 1989: A pedestrian/bicycle overpass is to be purchased and installed on Ford Road in the vicinity of the Cinema 6 and Grand Central Station projects. The estimated cost is \$90,000, with building scheduled to take 12 to 18 months.

• 1990: Buffering elements — like mounding, plantings and screenings — are to be installed adjacent to the northline of the DDA district. This project also includes a lighted pedestrian/bicycle pathway. The estimated cost is \$244,598. Building should take about two years.

• 1992: A municipal auditorium/theater is to be built, and will include a parking lot and installation of a westerly access drive. The estimated cost is \$1.8 million. Building will require up to three years.

• 1993: The unfinished elements of the plaza will be completed within 18 months at an estimated \$142,000 cost.

• 1996: The last of the three public buildings to be erected. Suggestions for this site include a mini-police station, post office, chamber of commerce office and other office functions. The cost for this building is estimated at \$666,000. Construction would take about three years.

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## Fresh start: Residents reach high in hopes for New Year

By Gary M. Cates  
staff writer

Each New Year's Day resolutions and wishes are made for the coming days. Some will be fulfilled, some soon are forgotten, but all are made with the hope for a better life.

On the last day of the year, the Observer set out to discover what some residents had in mind for the new year. Several approached at the New Towne Plaza in Canton and outside the Plymouth post office shared their wishes.

"Good news" is what Bobbie Plagens of Canton hopes the new year will bring.

"More people working, less troubles overseas and everywhere," she said, offering a simple wish for 1985 — "peace and happiness."

"I hope for a better year than last year, and I had a pretty good year last year," said James Crandall of Canton.

Crandall also hopes for "more people to go back to work that are unemployed now."

**PHYLLIS PRATT** of Plymouth Township turned her attention to the international situation.

"Peace in other countries. I can't stand it the way it is. I don't like all the fighting," she said.

Dave Stone of outstate Michigan and his friend Frank Fsadni of Canton each had only one wish. Stone for "more jobs" and Fsadni for "lower taxes."

"I hope the new year will bring continued economic growth, happiness for everyone and a lower Treasury bill rate because I have a variable rate house mortgage tied to the T-bill rate," said a man who asked not to be identified.

"How about another Detroit Tigers World Series victory and good health and prosperity?" said Lee Grulke of Canton. Undoubtedly, Sparky Anderson and the rest of his 1984 world champion baseball team would agree with Grulke.

"For the economic growth in Plymouth to go in an upswing. Its already started in that direction," said Phyllis Redfern of Canton.

Richard Sullivan of Plymouth had to stop and think about the question. He said he couldn't help recalling a little girl's Christmas wish he read in the paper.

"She wanted everyone to be loved and cared for and I guess that would be my wish too," he said.

"**HEALTH AND happiness,**" said Phyllis McKenzie of Plymouth. But that wasn't everything.

"World peace, and grandchildren for everyone who's old enough to have them," she said.

U.S. Congressman Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, was home for the holidays.

"Peace, freedom, and a balanced budget" are Pursell's hopes for the new year.

"Be sure to get the freedom in there," he said.

Betty Weideman was stopped outside the post office on her last day as a Plymouth resident. She moved to South Carolina.

"Because we're moving, I hope for non-slippery roads and a community as nice as Plymouth," she said.

The last person approached was Cheryl Eberwein, editor of the Plymouth-Canton Community Crier. What was her wish?

"To scoop the Observer every week of the year," she said.

Only time will tell.



James Crandall



Frank Fsadni

## Medical device offers link to help

By Julie Brown  
special writer

For elderly or handicapped people who live alone, help may be just a call away.

Insta-Call Systems, like other medical alert systems, links subscribers to response centers. The centers have medical data, names and telephone numbers for nearby relatives and neighbors to send help promptly.

"Older people who live alone, they're a little nervous about that," said Robert Jones, president of Insta-Call. "It relieves the stress, and that's probably one of the biggest problems with elderly people. It gives them a little more independence."

"They're fairly ambulatory — in fairly good shape — so they get one of these. An average person might only have an emergency once a year."

**THE SYSTEM** consists of a

transmitter, which can be placed within the home, worn around the neck, or attached to a belt. The transmitter is linked to a unit in the home that receives the transmission signal when the button is pushed. That signal then alerts a receiver, at a hospital or emergency response center. A smoke detector can be added to the system.

Jones, who has an office at 41727 Joy Road in Canton Township, sells the systems to area hospitals. Henry Ford Hospital uses Insta-Call, as do several other area hospitals. Subscribers pay \$12 to \$15 a month for the service.

"We sell units (to individuals) over in Canada, but we don't sell them here yet," he said.

**THE TECHNOLOGY** for the systems has been around for 10 years, Jones said. He began to develop his system several years ago while working as an administrator at a Florida nursing home he owned with two others.

"You'd walk through every day, and you'd see all these problems. But, actually, we had a few who probably didn't need to be in there."

After Jones and his partners sold the nursing home, he moved to the Detroit area, continuing to work on what is now the Insta-Call systems.

"I've just been working with it, trying to get it going."

"Cost is the key. The equipment is basically the same." Insta-Call costs about half of what other systems do, Jones said. Hospitals pay \$280 for each Insta-Call system.

"**IT'S LIKE** computers. Generally, they (emergency notification systems) all do the same thing. I guess you could say we have the Ford, rather than the Cadillac. But they all do the same thing."

Jones was born in Royal Oak, grew up in Toronto and lives in Dearborn. His background is in architecture, and

he built houses in Windsor for eight years. His business partner, Dan Moffatt, has a background in nursing homes.

The company want to make the system available to handicapped people, in addition to elderly people. Jones is working with Gerald T. Harris, state and national chairman of the National Legislative Council for the Handicapped.

"Through him, we'll set up a program to distribute the product in which handicapped people will benefit as well."

Jones, who received this year's Life Saving Award from the National Legislative Council for the Handicapped, intends to employ physically handicapped workers in the United States. Some handicapped Canadian workers manufacture and distribute the systems across the border.

"It's interesting," Jones said of his current line of work. "I enjoy it."

## Retiring judge plans to keep busy schedule

By Dennis Coffman  
staff writer

For 35th District Court Judge Dumbear Davis, it was more than just the end of the old year and the beginning of the new year this week.

Davis officially ended his long career in the Plymouth court at midnight, Jan. 1.

But Davis will continue working, voluntarily, as a visiting judge with the court.

"I want to carry my weight," Davis

said Monday, as he completed his final day on the 35th District Court bench.

"I don't want to sit around in a rocking chair."

A state law prohibiting judges to run for election after the age of 70 forced Davis not to seek re-election in November. Former Northville Township Supervisor John MacDonald was elected to the seat in a hotly contested race with former Canton Supervisor Robert Greenstein.

Davis also will serve on the Wayne County Circuit Court out-county branch

in the old Elise Hospital complex at 3100 Henry Ruff Road.

"It's fairly common for federal judges to continue serving after retirement," said Davis. "At least half of them continue to sit as U.S. judges by assignment."

Davis said there was no reason why a judge could not continue to sit on the bench, as long as the judge is in good health.

"I'm still mentally alert," he said. "I wanted to do something."

**DAVIS' NEW, "retired" schedule** be-

gan Wednesday, with a visit to the out-county Circuit Court. He returns to the 35th District Court Monday, where he'll preside over a civil jury trial through Jan. 11.

He will be in Plymouth Jan. 15, then back to the Circuit Court Jan. 16.

Davis is scheduled to devote two weeks of his time in February. All of his work will be done at no cost to the taxpayers.

In addition to serving as visiting, or senior, judge for the 35th District

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## obituaries

**CHARLES F. DENNIS**  
 Funeral services for Charles F. Dennis, 75, of Plymouth were held recently. Burial was in East Jordan, Mich.

Mr. Dennis, who died Dec. 19 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, was employed as a custodian in the Plymouth-Canton school district until his retirement in 1975. He moved to the Plymouth community in 1954 from East Jordan. He was interested in sports and officiated independent games, as well as working summers at Meadowbrook Country Club.  
 Survivors include: his wife, Edith; daughter, Pat Mathes of Northville; son, David of Plymouth; three grandsons, one great grandson; two brothers and three sisters.

**ROBERT CARTER JR.**  
 Funeral services for Robert Carter Jr., 61, of Milford were held recently at the Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Thomas Pals officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery in Highland.

Mr. Carter, who died Dec. 24 in Pontiac, was retired from the Ford Motor Co. He was a member of the Plymouth Rock Lodge 47, a life member of VFW Post 914 in Highland, and the American Legion Post 216 in Milford. He lived most of his life in Plymouth.  
 Survivors include: his wife, Martha; daughter, Shirley Ann Green of Westland; sons, Robert of Garden City and Randall Lynn of Mt. Clemens; father, R. E. Carter of Kentucky; sisters, Bobbie Redden, Norma Helm and Jo Ann Bowle of Kentucky; brother, Jack of Kentucky; and six grandchildren.

**CARRIE A. SCHUCK**  
 Funeral services for Carrie A. Schuck, 63, of Milford were held recently at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. Arrangements were made by the Schrader Funeral Home.  
 Mrs. Schuck, who died Dec. 26 in Commerce Township, was a former resident of Plymouth and previously worked at Avery's Bakery in Livonia. She was a volunteer for the Plymouth Community Service for senior citizens.  
 Survivors include: daughter, Patricia Pitera of Milford; sons, William of Costa Rica and Wayne of Illinois; sisters, Doris Polgar of Lincoln Park and Lenora Swaffar of Troy; brothers, Elmer Goll of Flat Rock, Forest Goll of Ann Arbor and Albert Goll of Blissfield; and five grandchildren.

**ANNA RUEHR MASTERS**  
 Funeral services for Anna Ruehr Masters, 90, of Illinois were held recently at the Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.  
 Mrs. Masters, who died Dec. 27 in Illinois, was a resident of Plymouth from 1944 to 1956. Since that time she resided with her son in Illinois. She is the widow of Adolf B. Ruehr, who operated Heide's Greenhouses along with his brother Reinhold.  
 Survivors include: daughter, Margaret Perkins of Detroit; son, Hans Ruehr of Illinois; sisters, Martha Blaetter of Austria; brothers, Hans Zimmerman of Utica and Karl Zimmerman of Brighton; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**ROBERT SANDERSON**  
 Funeral services for Robert Sanderson, 56, of Bear Lake, Mich. were held recently at the Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Timothy Hogan officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

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 7:30 p.m. . . . Chef Bui-Carb — Chef Bui-Carb shows how to cook spaghetti and how to open a can of spaghetti sauce.  
 8 p.m. . . . The Food Chain — Linda Rhodes, coordinator of the health professional program of the Dairy Council of Michigan, discusses nutritional services of the council.  
 8:30 p.m. . . . Plymouth & Belleville BPW Presents — Christmas specials. Plymouth BPW's guest is the

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# Schoolcraft doubles Garden City outreach

By Tim Richard staff writer

**S**CHOOLCRAFT College will double its space in Garden City when the winter semester starts Jan. 4.

The community college is vacating its former quarters in the old Harrison School for a new, more convenient location. It's the Radcliff Junior high building, two blocks south of Ford Road and close to the I-275 freeway (see map).

The center serving the Garden City area has outgrown the Harrison site, which it has occupied since 1976," said Thad E. Diebel, dean of college centers, whose office will be located there. "The larger building will provide additional classrooms, lab/shop facilities and numerous other advantages."

For the time being, Garden City School District will continue to operate a junior high program in about one-third of the Radcliff building. In time, the college will take over the entire facility.

The school district is selling the Harrison building to Detroit Osteopathic Hospital.

"IN SQUARE footage, we're doubling in size in Garden City," said Noreen Thomas, who administered 49 contracts in supervising the move. "Each classroom is larger than at Harrison. At Harrison we had one classroom/lab for climate systems (heating, refrigeration and sheet metal). At Radcliff we have three distinct class areas. We can expand the climate systems program."

"Scheduling will be much easier here," she said in a recent tour of the 24 classrooms which the college will occupy in the winter semester. Once Schoolcraft takes over the entire building, it will have 36 teaching stations. "We'll have more programs and more sections. In fall of 1985, we're looking at increasing the size of sections. We'll bring in a lot of student services."

The "student services" label covers such work as counseling, admissions, computerized registration, book store, job placement and student activities, she said.

Besides climate systems, Radcliff will house medical records technology, a data processing lab, a typing lab (for both medical records and secretarial programs) and liberal arts courses.

Schoolcraft is acquiring the Radcliff building and 10 acres for \$525,000 under a lease-purchase agreement, according to David Heinzman, director of college relations.

THOMAS WAS college bursar until taking the three-months special assignment to supervise the Garden City move. When she returned to the main campus in Livonia, she was promoted to director of purchasing.

Once a high school business management and accounting teacher, Thomas earned a bachelor of science degree from Deemen College. She joined the Schoolcraft staff five years ago.

The administration of President Richard McDowell has sought to move up women in managerial posts. For her part, Thomas wanted to "branch out in administration."

The Garden City assignment was a natural one for her because "I just moved into a new house in Farmington Hills. I just related what I learned here."

"WE WERE" fortunate the building was structurally sound," Thomas said. Nevertheless, the move will require about \$150,000 worth of renovations over two budget years for college use. Major items:

• Nearly \$52,000 for asphalt for 125 more parking spaces. Total capacity is 440 cars. (College students generally commute by car.)

• \$14,000 for painting classrooms, lavatories, library, labs and entrance.

• \$24,000 for such maintenance items as recoring locks, replacing exterior doors, installing handicap entrances to two lavatories, replacing bathroom fixtures, installing new water fountains.

• Varying amounts for 123 new panes of glass, Formica counter tops, electrical work, some landscaping, bulletin boards, some furniture, freight and cartage.



Noreen Thomas, now director of purchasing, coordinated the move into the Radcliff Center. She shows off the 7,000-volume library, which houses criminal justice and medical records technology publications as well as traditional unabridged dictionaries.

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Radcliff was built in 1960. The dedication plaque contains the name of W. Kenneth Lindner, then administrative superintendent for Garden City school district and now Schoolcraft's vice president for business — and Thomas' boss.

THERE ARE other reasons besides better space for Schoolcraft's move. President McDowell, whose motto is "outreach," is interested in attracting

more students. Whereas the Harrison building was called the "Garden City Center," the new home will bear the geographically more neutral title of "Radcliff Center."

"We will invite community groups to use it," McDowell recently told trustees. "We're using it as a public relations tool."

## Registration continues at Schoolcraft

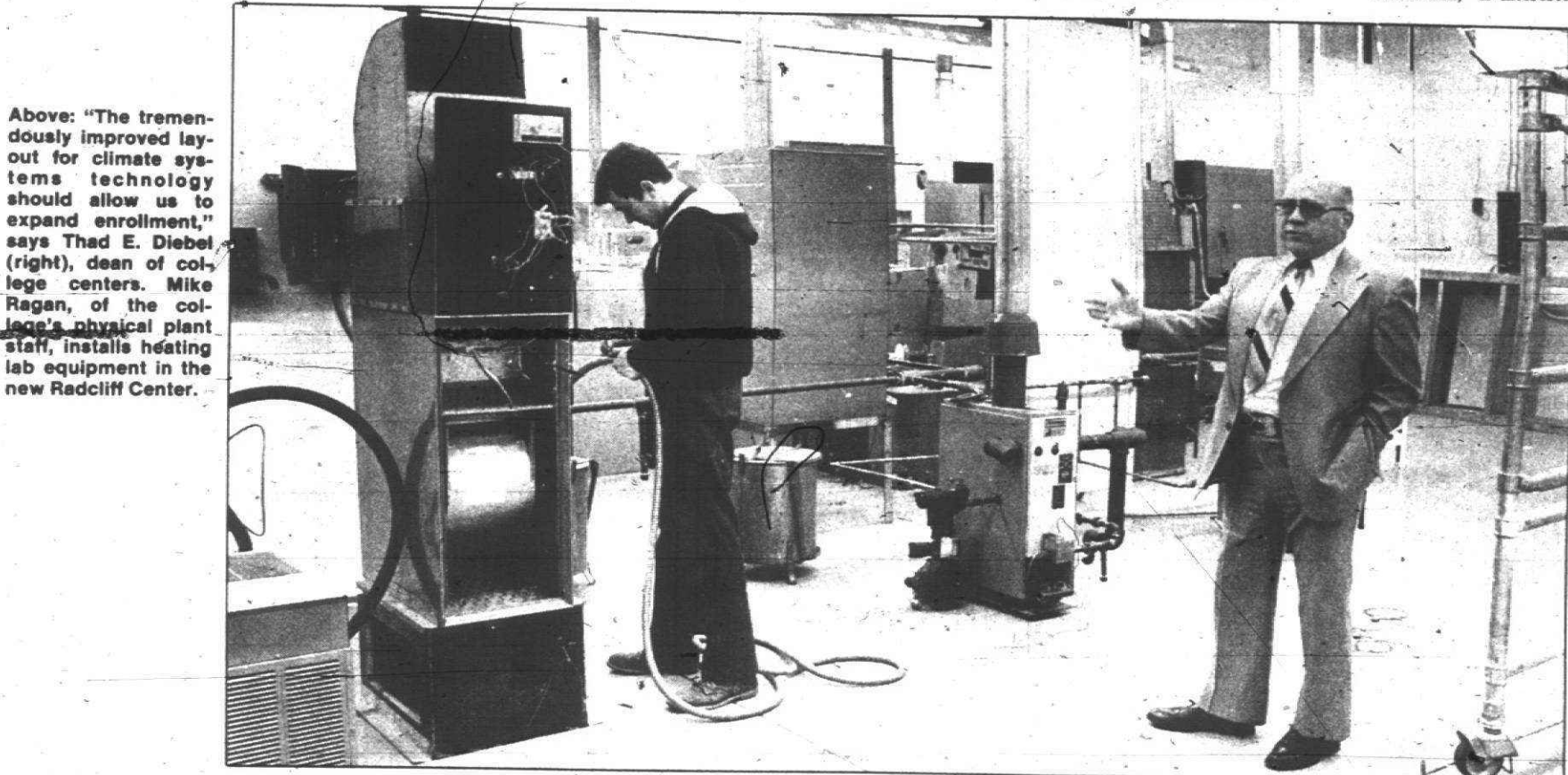
**A**LTHOUGH CLASSES begin Friday, Schoolcraft College will accept late registrations through Jan. 11 for the winter semester. Registration is by appointment, which may be made from the student services office on campus in Livonia and in the Radcliff Center in Garden City. General information is available from the admissions office at 591-6400, Ext. 340.

Hours for late registration and schedule adjustments are 9-7 daily and until 4 p.m. Fridays.

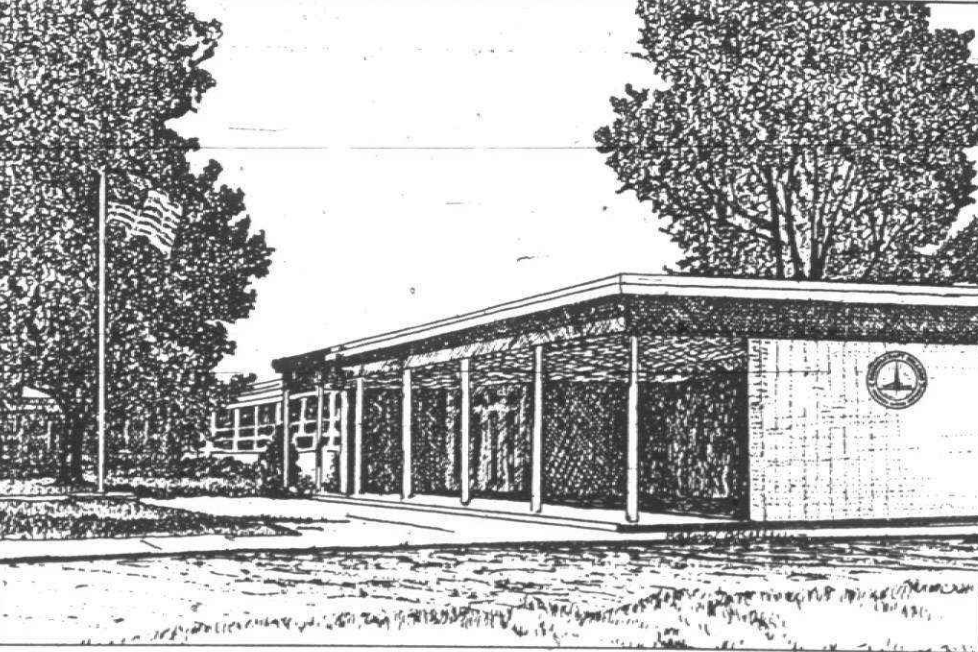
Schoolcraft offers winter classes in four locations — its Livonia campus, the Radcliff Center, Plymouth-Canton High School and Northville High School.

Nine new classes this semester are: computerized accounting, database microcomputer, organic and biochemistry, chemistry anatomy and physiology, botany, Jewish ages and ideas, medical laboratory orientation, and first aid.

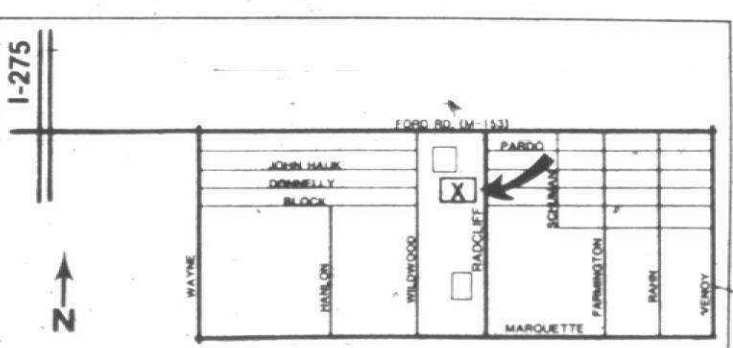
Staff photos by Dan Dean



Above: "The tremendously improved layout for climate systems technology should allow us to expand enrollment," says Thad E. Diebel (right), dean of college centers. Mike Regan, of the college's physical plant staff, installs heating lab equipment in the new Radcliff Center.



This sketch of Schoolcraft's Radcliff Center graces college brochures. It was drawn by Ralph Kelley, English instructor emeritus, who taught many classes in Garden City until his retirement earlier in 1984.



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# Sharing food, fellowship Holiday spirit thrived in Canton this Christmas

By Diane Galt  
staff writer

Holiday cheer had a special meaning for some Canton Township residents this year.

N. Ball and Frank Chakrabarty opened their hearts and the doors to their banquet room, Ball Hall on Geddes Road, to anyone who wanted to share the Christmas with others.

Even though the hall didn't fill to capacity, those who attended said they definitely felt the holiday spirit in attendance.

Bali and Chakrabarty's initial intentions were to provide a free meal to the needy and lonely. However, the offer snowballed into an invitation to those who wanted to share the holidays with others.

Alice Drayton and her family found themselves on the receiving end, when their first thoughts were to give to others by donating their time.

"When I saw in the paper that they were doing this, I called to say we would help by serving, but they said just to come," Drayton said.

"We wanted to meet someone who would do something like this," she said. "And, they (the Balls and Chakrabarty) sat down and we talked. We met some other very nice people too."

DRAYTON'S DAUGHTER, Carol, added to the festivities by playing a guitar and singing Christmas songs. Her father, Norman, chimed in with a rendition of "The Day Santa Claus Missed Christmas."

"We really did have a good time," Alice Drayton said. "It was a warm and friendly feeling."

About 50 people — including three Dion Nursing Home residents who were driven to and from the party compliments of the host — participated in the open house. The event was complete with all the trimmings of a full holiday dinner of turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, tossed salad, bread rolls and ice cream. Bali mixed traditional

customs with modern ones by video recording guests.

"Even though the number of people was small, we had a great time," said Bali referring to the hall's 280 person capacity.

Chakrabarty's wife, Joan, was the head cook, and my wife (Sarah) made

a lot of Indian delicacies," Bali said. The extra food was given to the officers working in the Canton Police station, and the Goodfellow's took a couple of plates to people who didn't want to leave their houses," he said.

A Christmas party wouldn't be the same without presents, so Santa's Can-

ton-based helpers distributed gifts of socks, mittens and scarfs "to keep everyone warm," Bali said. Bali's son, Aravin, donned the red suit and white beard to add a touch of authenticity.

ALTHOUGH THE HOSTS hoped to fill the room, they say the party was a

success — so much so that they will hold another dinner next year.

"Some people are too proud to come out, and I don't want them to think they're getting a hand-out or anything like that," Bali said. "We wanted to make it a family-like atmosphere."

Another charitable event was held at the hall New Year's Eve — a Lions Club-sponsored dinner party. A "good portion" of the proceeds from the dinner, which included an open bar and dancing for \$45 per couple and \$25 per person, will be given to the Lions Club, Bali said.

## Retirement means little relaxation for judge

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Court, Davis will also perform the duties of a magistrate.

As magistrate, he will be able to marry couples — something he has always enjoyed and something he hated to give up for retirement, he said.

As visiting judge, Davis will hear cases in the absence of either District Court Judge John MacDonald or James

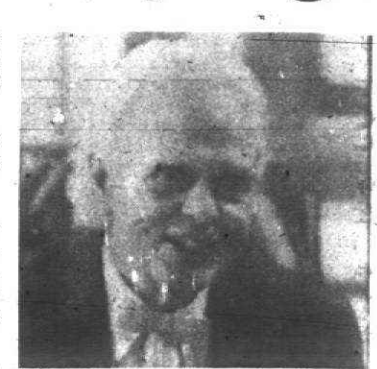
Garber, for reasons of illness or vacations. "By having an in-house visiting

judge, we will not lose 40-50 cases over a year," said Garber. "We lose that many cases, due to the absence of judges."

In doing so, the 35th District Court hopes to avoid a backlog on the court docket.

Davis' timing was excellent. A new state law went into effect Jan. 1, allowing the 35th District to have two magistrates, one of them Davis. Court Administrator George Willard also serves as a magistrate.

As a visiting judge, Davis will hear small claims cases, in addition to his other duties, in the 35th District Court.



Judge Dunbar Davis  
BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

## '64 Cody graduates sought for reunion

A committee of 1964 Detroit Frank Cody High School graduates is seeking to contact other graduates to plan a class reunion.

Dee Bashor at 981-4486 and 451-6660 or Billie Pepper at 482-8181.

Although a final date for a reunion has yet to be set, a tentative September 1985 date is contemplated.

Those interested should call either

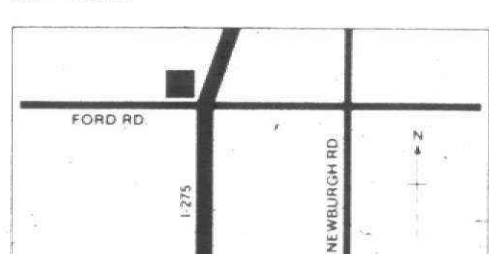
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## crime watch

ROBBERS stole a \$700 AM-FM radio cassette from a 1984 silver Cadillac parked in the 41000 block of Ford Road Dec. 29. Thieves did at least \$100 worth of damage to the Cadillac by smashing out the window on the driver's side.

TWO TELEVISIONS were taken from Walter's Home Appliances on Michigan Avenue Dec. 29. When Canton Township police officers arrived at the scene, they found the loading door to the building had been driven into and forced open. They also found the empty carton of a 19-inch RCA color television set valued at \$400, and the paperwork for a black and white portable TV worth \$100.

A 31-YEAR-OLD Canton woman was arrested Dec. 28 for allegedly stealing two coats worth \$56, a radio worth \$45 and a cassette player worth \$100 from Meijer Thrifty Acres on Ford Road.

A 1985 brown Cadillac parked in the 43000 block of Harsdale Dec. 28. The driver said the set of four wheel covers is worth \$400.

A LOAD OF GOLD was taken from a Bedford home Dec. 28. The stolen items were on a dresser in the victim's bedroom. The homeowner said her daughter had friends in and out of the house the night she missed the jewelry. According to the police report, stolen items include a 14-carat gold wedding ring worth \$150, a 22-inch, 14-carat gold rope chain worth \$365, an 18-inch, 14-carat gold chain worth \$200 and a 16-inch, serpentine 14-carat gold chain worth \$100.

A HIGH DOLLAR FIGURE is connected with a robbery from an office building on Van Born. Approximately \$5,500 worth of computer equipment along with four blank checks disappeared from the building between 7 p.m. Dec. 27 and 6:20 a.m. Dec. 28.

When the company's foreman arrived for work Dec. 27, he noticed an east door of the building was open. He also saw an inside door to the office open and a computer missing.

The last person at the scene prior to the robbery was the company's co-owner, who said he left the premises about 5 p.m. on Dec. 27, according to the Canton Township police report. The co-owner said when he left all the doors in the shop area were closed and locked with dead bolts.

There were no signs of forced entry, according to reports. Once inside the building, subjects forced open a service window from the shop area to the office area, police said. They also pried open a desk to remove the four blank checks.

A FIRE HYDRANT was stolen from Fair Oaks and Longfellow. The fire hydrant was found missing Dec. 27 and the bottom plate of the device was damaged. The hydrant is worth at least \$350.

A HONEYTREE Apartments resident said she went to the basement to start her laundry when her apartment unit was robbed. She told Canton Township police she left the door of her apartment unlocked. Upon returning, she found the door open and her purse and jewelry box with \$350 worth of gold missing.

A SOUTHGATE man reported \$900 worth of goods, including a radar detector, dictaphone and sport coat, stolen from his four-door 1984 Buick LaSabre Dec. 26. The car had been parked on the 5700 block of Sheldon between 5:30-6 p.m.

## So you've got rolls to prove the good times rolled?

By Julie Brown  
special writer

Resolving to lose weight is a typical way to start the new year. As with many other things, however, there's a right way and a wrong way to take off the pounds.

Try to cut down on the portions, and "on the sweets," advised Jennie Yun, registered dietitian at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. "And try to increase the activity level, too."

A diet should be based on the four food groups — milk and milk products

(two daily servings for adults), meat and meat substitutes (two servings), fruits and vegetables (four servings), and grain products (four servings), and a limited use of those things will keep the calories down," said Yun, whose colleague, Carla Boyes, works part-time at Oakwood Hospital Canton Center.

Bear exercise also contributes to weight loss.

"It would be easier if they do some kind of physical activity," Yun said.

Running at 5.5 mph, for example, allows a person to burn up 150 calories — the equivalent of a glazed doughnut in 14 minutes. A person needs to burn up 3,500 calories in order to lose one pound; that same amount consumed over the body's needs will result in a one-pound weight gain.

The holiday season can be a difficult one in which to lose weight. Holiday goodies often are tough to resist.

"I think at this time of year, that's when you do most of the baking," Yun said. Increased alcohol consumption

during the holidays can also put on the pounds.

Crash diets, however, are not the way to deal with excess weight. Women should consume at least 1,000 calories per day, while men need a minimum of 1,200.

"The body will become deficient in some of the minerals and vitamins," Yun said. Crash diets also don't acquire the good eating habits needed to keep weight off.

"It's better to lose slowly, and to learn to make the right choice," she said.

## Development scheduled

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1997-2000: The final stage of the program provides funds for a variety of projects such as maintenance, additional landscaping, street furniture, and other furnishings such as a reflecting pool and sculptures. The estimated cost of this program is \$31,000 and building should span about 48 months.

Approximately 5 percent of available project money is available for program administration to assure adequate program coordination, as well as

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## HOLIDAY SKATING

The regular open skating schedule at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, will switch to the following holiday hours through Sunday, Jan. 6: Thursday, Jan. 3, 12:50-2:50 p.m., 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.; Friday, Jan. 4, 8:30 to 10:40 a.m., 10:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., 1-2 p.m.; Sunday, Jan. 6, 2 to 3:30 p.m., 3:30 to 5 p.m. The charge is \$1.25 for adults, \$1 for children, and 50 cents for skate rental. One-hour sessions are 75 cents for all.

If you have any questions call Plymouth Recreation Department at 455-6620.

## MADONNA SIGNUP

Thursday, Jan. 3 — Registration for winter-term classes at Madonna College, Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia, will be from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 3-4 at the college. Classes begin Jan. 7. For information, call 591-5053 during business hours.

## LEARN TO SKI

Monday, Jan. 7 — The Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department, in cooperation with Riverview Highlands, is sponsoring a "Learn to Ski" program. The charge of \$31 includes four lessons, four lift tickets, and four sets of rental equipment. Two sessions of two weeks duration will be offered, the first beginning the week of Jan. 7 and

the second the week of Jan. 21. Lessons will be split into two age groups: 15 and younger, 16 and older. Riverview Highlands is about 45 minutes from the Plymouth area and is at 18015 Sibley Plymouth in Riverview. For further information, call the recreation department at 455-6620.

## DYNAMIC AEROBICS

Monday, Jan. 7 — The Women's Association of the First United Presbyterian Church of Plymouth is sponsoring a 10-week Dynamic Aerobics Session starting Jan. 7 and continuing through March 14. Cost is \$30 for 20 classes or \$18 for 10 classes. Classes will meet 6-7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the church, at Main and Church. Baby-sitting is available. For more information or to register, call 459-9485.

## DANCE SLIMNASTICS

Monday, Jan. 7 — Dance Slimnastics Ltd., a fitness club, will offer residents the chance to shape up for winter in an eight-week series of aerobic dance and toning classes scheduled to begin the week of Jan. 7. Classes will begin at 10 a.m. Monday/Wednesday and Tues-

day/Thursday at Dance Unlimited, and at 7 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday or at 10 a.m. on Saturdays at Red Bell Nursery. For further information, call Janice at 420-2893 or Denise at 525-1941.

## CARIBBEAN CRUISE

Tuesday, Jan. 8 — The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a 13-day/12-night trip to southern Florida, including a three-day Caribbean cruise. The trip departs Jan. 8 and the charge is \$699 based on double occupancy. Tour includes bus transportation, four nights hotel accommodations to and from Florida, two nights hotel accommodations in Orlando, three days and nights aboard a Caribbean cruise ship, one full day at Nassau, Bahamas, three days at the Hollywood Beach Hilton Hotel. For information, call the Recreation Department at 455-6620.

## S'CRRAFT LATE SIGNUP

Friday, Jan. 11 — Although classes begin on Jan. 4, Schoolcraft College will accept late registrations for the winter semester through Jan. 11. Reg-

istration is by appointment which may be obtained from student services on campus and the Radcliff Center in Garden City. The hours for late registration or schedule adjustments are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily and until 4 p.m. Friday. The college is offering winter classes on its main campus in Livonia, at its new Radcliff Center, and at Plymouth Canton and Northville high schools.

## HANSEL & GRETEL

Sunday, Jan. 13 — "Hansel and Gretel" will be presented by Crossroads Productions at 3 p.m. in the Activities Center of Madonna College, Schoolcraft at Levan in Livonia. Tickets are \$2 for adults, \$1 for students, senior citizens, and children younger than age 12. School and youth groups welcome. For information call 591-5056.

## FUND ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, Jan. 15 — The annual meeting of the Plymouth Community Fund-United Way will begin at 8 p.m. in the Commission Chambers upstairs of Plymouth City Hall. Four board members, four officers, hear reports from the president, secretary, and

treasurer, and conduct any other business which may come before the board. The public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

## MUSICIANS OF BREMEN

Saturday, Jan. 19 — "The Musicians of Bremen," performed by the Michigan Opera Theater, will be presented at 8:30 p.m. in Kresge Hall at Madonna College, 1-96 and Levan in Livonia. Suitable for children and adults. Sign language interpreting for hearing impaired; accessible to handicapped. Admission is \$1 for adults, 50 cents for children younger than 12. For information, call 591-5124.

## LIBRARY STORYTIME

Tuesday, Jan. 22 — The Dunning-Hough Public Library in Plymouth will hold a toddler and a preschool storytime beginning at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 22 through Feb. 26. Registration will be held in person at 10 a.m. or by telephone at 10:30 p.m. on Jan. 16.

# Patterson argues to limit judges, prosecutors

By Tim Richard  
staff writer

He calls it "a modest plan." But Oakland County Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson's new program for criminal justice reform contains two bombshells aimed at two politically potent groups who are in a position to fight him.

Patterson's plan is to limit sharply the discretion of 1) county prosecutors and 2) judges in trying and sentencing defendants.

"Prosecutors should be required to routinely charge felons who have prior convictions as 'career criminals' whenever possible," writes Patterson in a 31-page essay issued in December.

"Because of the demonstrated leniency of the courts when sentencing habitual felons, the legislature should create severe mandatory penalties for career criminals when convicted under a formal 'career criminal prosecution'."

PROSECUTORS are jealous of their authority to charge defendants as they see fit.

One could see this when the legislature debated a county home-rule bill and when the Wayne County Charter Commission wrote the first such charter in Michigan.

Prosecutors insist on being separately elected, not appointed by a county executive (the way the U.S. president appoints an attorney general). Prosecutors argue that by answering to the voters, they can free themselves from pressures of a higher-up to show leniency to politically potent defendants.

The same argument surfaced in 1982 when the Michigan Legislature debated tougher drunk driving laws. While Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) argued for prison terms for third-offense drunk drivers, prosecutors in effect argued they should be free to charge a drinking driver with "first offense" as many times as they deemed proper.

DITTO WITH circuit judges. A major battle — won by the judges — during the 1984 session of the legislature was over the extent to which judges should be required by law to impose stiff sentences.

The judges won. The bill died in committee, and the Michigan Supreme Court imposed sentencing "guidelines" for the judges.

Patterson's "modest" proposal attacks the judiciary head-on.

"Such guidelines should be the responsibility of the legislature. The attempt by the Supreme Court to usurp that authority is clearly objectionable on that basis."

"There is no quarrel that an uncomfortable disparity in sentencing exists, but I suggest the remedy for correcting that abuse is mandatory sentencing for all crimes. Certainly the state must adopt mandatory sentencing for violent crimes, especially those involving career criminals."

PATTERSON'S plan contains 10 chapters of sometimes complex recommendations. All stem from a single starting point — the lack of swift, sure, harsh punishment for those who commit crimes, particularly crimes of violence.

"Of the more than 600,000 major felonies reported (in 1980), only 68,056 were solved or 'cleared by arrests.' In that same year, a mere 4,067 people went to prison."

"The alarming bottom line: Only .06 percent of the felons who committed more than one-half million major felonies in Michigan were put behind bars," he says.

Starting his fourth four-year term this week, Patterson frequently has found himself at odds with the criminal justice establishment over his sentencing, prison-building and capital punishment proposals.

Here is an outline of Patterson's proposals:

CAREER CRIMINALS — About 15 percent of hard-core criminals commit 70-80 percent of crimes. Prosecutors and judges "underutilize" the law for special prosecution of career criminals.

Prosecutors should be required to charge felons with prior convictions as "career criminals" whenever possible. These cases should be docketed for accelerated trial — 45 days instead of the permissible six months. Penalties should be mandatory, not left to judicial discretion.

SENTENCING — The legislature should mandate

## analysis

penalties. Victims of crime should be allowed to speak in open court regarding sentencing of the convicted person who injured them.

Michigan felons convicted of multiple crimes currently serve their prison terms concurrently — that is, all at the same time. Patterson argues for making sentences consecutive because "Once a person has committed one breaking and entering, he might as well commit 100 because he can only serve one prison term."

PAROLE REFORM — He would abolish the State Parole Board, which exercises no judgment but simply calculates prison populations and eligible release dates.

He would abolish "the dangerous charade of halfway houses," which would be unnecessary if there were no "time off for good behavior." Patterson argues that halfway houses are poorly supervised anyway.

Under his system, every convict would serve his full term and could not be given "disciplinary credits" for good behavior, as currently permitted. On the contrary, he would set up a system of additional prison time for bad behavior.

Parole hearings, now open only to the prisoner, would be open to prosecutors, police and even victims of crime before a prisoner could be released on parole.

BAIL BONDS — In the metropolitan area, 25-35 percent of crimes are committed by persons already out of jail on bail bond and awaiting court disposition of their earlier cases.

Court rules for setting of bond should consider "protection of the public," a factor not currently considered. Judges should be allowed to deny bond not only in murder cases but also in "career criminal" cases awaiting "accelerated trial."

JUVENILES — Half of all persons arrested for major crimes are younger than 20. Patterson would lower the juvenile age in Michigan from the current 14 to 16.

He would abolish the law that forces juvenile courts to relinquish control over the youth once he reaches age 19. "There should be provisions made to retain jurisdiction, including incarceration, until the court is satisfied that the public will be protected upon his release."

School children should be required by law to spend at least two years in a character-building program, such as scouting. Schools would monitor their participation.

PRISON SPACE — Under present law, the governor must top 90 days off prisoners' sentences when state prisons become overcrowded. Patterson argues that, since the law has been invoked nine times, some prisoners have had as much as nine times 90, or 810 days, cut from their sentences.

He would provide more prison space without raising taxes by converting existing buildings. As sites, he pointed to 1) the former Kinross air base in the Upper Peninsula, 2) the Wayne County Eloise property in Westland and 3) the Clinton Valley Hospital near Pontiac.

He also would allow "double bunking" of prisoners.

INSANITY PLEAS — A defendant after conviction, a second trial would be held to determine if the convicted person should be placed in a mental hospital, imprisoned or put on probation.



Oakland Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson: "The alarming bottom line: Only .06 percent of the felons who committed more than one-half million major felonies in Michigan were put behind bars."

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7 p.m. — Plymouth Youth Symphony.

7:30 p.m. — Salvation Army Reports.

8 p.m. — Phyllis Christmas Calamity — A Christmas play.

9 p.m. — Sweet Adelines — All your favorite Christmas Carols from the Area Sweet Adelines.

**SATURDAY (Jan. 5)**

6 p.m. — Omnicon Game of the Week — Women's varsity basketball playoffs, Plymouth Senior High vs. Livonia Stevenson followed by Omnicon Sports Special featuring West Middle vs. Pioneer Middle in volleyball.

8 p.m. — Phyllis Christmas Calamity.

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1 p.m. — Canton Update — Jim Poole brings you up-to-date on Canton activities.

1:30 p.m. — Salvation Army Reports.

2 p.m. — Shopper Comparison — Learn to shop wisely by checking out prices from four area stores.

2:30 p.m. — Come Craft With Me — Host Kay Micallef demonstrates various crafting techniques.

3 p.m. — Live Call-In (a replay).

4 p.m. — JA Project Business Economics — Conclusion of lesson on the differences between socialist, communistic, and capitalist economic systems.

5 p.m. — Youth View — "Witness," a Christian band from Ann Arbor, is featured.

5:30 p.m. — Cosmos Quiz.

6 p.m. — Psychic Sciences — Guest is Par-Lowe, astronomer.

6:30 p.m. — Hamtramck News in Review.

7 p.m. — Gallimore Christmas Carols — Third- and fourth-graders at Gallimore sing Christmas songs and do skits.

7:30 p.m. — S.O.S. From Santa — Carol-Sweets fifth-grade class at Gallimore performs a Christmas play.

8 p.m. — Omnicon Game of the Week.

**FRIDAY (Jan. 4)**

1 p.m. — Bits-N-Pieces — Lots of Christmas bits to brighten your holiday.

1:30 p.m. — Decorating Kellogg Park and Canton Snow — Watch Kellogg Park in Plymouth being decorated and then see who the lucky recipient of "A Guaranteed White Christmas" is from the Canton Parks & Recreation Department.

2 p.m. — Bits-N-Pieces.

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# Technology changing the nature of work

National Geographic Society feature

"And what do you do?" may still be the favorite question at 21st-century cocktail parties, but the answers will add up to something new.

Most Americans will be working in information-related fields, futurists say. Hardly anyone will work in factories, and even fewer on farms. There will be more doctors than there are today, and because of the older population, more paramedics and geriatric social workers. The number of restaurateurs and travel agents will increase to help us fill our expanding leisure time.

The cocktail party may include a genetic-engineering specialist or a robot technician. And sometime next century, we may travel in social circles with a space-flight attendant or a space pharmacist.

But telephone operators, postal clerks, meter readers and aircraft structure assemblers may be hard to find. New technologies could make many of their jobs unnecessary.

THE VIEW of the 21st century remains a bit murky in 1984. But technological breakthroughs occurring today — especially the development of industrial robots, telecommunications, and biotechnology — guarantee that the worker of 2000 and beyond will face a choice of occupations different from today's.

There will still be doctors, lawyers and merchants, but automation will send the bank teller, the supermarket checkout clerk, the metal worker and the machinist the way of the elevator operator, the milkman and the bowling pinsetter.

A bulletin board of job openings might contain these descriptions:

• Biomedical engineer — Makes bionic arms, legs, hands and feet, as well as instruments to let the blind see and the deaf hear.

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• Hazardous waste technician — Monitors, collects, transports and disposes of hazardous wastes.

• High-skilled paramedic — Under the eye of a portable TV camera, performs emergency procedures on accident victims, supervised by doctors watching monitors at a hospital.

WHATEVER we do, we'll probably do less of it. "In the last 100 years, we cut our number of working hours in half, and I think we'll do that again in half the time," said John Naisbitt, author of the book "Megatrends." But few workers will hold one job for life; changing technologies will force a series of career changes and mid-career training sabbaticals.

W. Clyde Helms of Occupational Forecasting Inc. in Fairfax, Va., is convinced that Americans are not ready for the jobs of the future. "The future doesn't begin at 12:01 a.m. Jan. 1, 2000; it's happening today," he asserts. "The youths entering school today are the work force of the 21st century."

Technology has led in the evolution of the typical American worker, from farmer to factory laborer to information specialist. Today more than half of all Americans work in creating, processing, and disseminating information — as programmers, teachers, secretaries, accountants, insurance people, engineers, librarians, television and newspaper reporters — and the percentage is increasing.

When Ronald Reagan was born in 1911, almost a third of Americans worked on farms. Now barely one in 30 works the land, and most analysts expect even fewer farmers in the 21st century.

MANUFACTURING is shrinking, too. In 1980, 28 percent of the work force was in manufacturing. The percentage is expected to drop, possibly to only 3 percent by 2030, says S. Norman Feingold, president of National Career and Counseling Services in Washington.

Increasing numbers of blue-collar workers are in service jobs rather than manufacturing. Already, far more people work for McDonald's, for example, than for U.S. Steel.

The computer is the heart and brain of our information-based society. Of the five fastest-growing occupations listed by the U.S. Department of Labor, four are in the computer field. More computers undoubtedly will mean more computer security experts, people who try to protect computer systems from outside meddlers.

Computers will continue to evolve, changing people's jobs as they go. The all-electronic office will rewrite some job descriptions. Alvin Toffler points out in his book "The Third Wave." Typing, the central function of today's secretary, will become obsolete, he says, with the advent of dictation equipment that will convert spoken words into writing.

THE ROLE of lawyers may shift, says Charles Craver, a law professor at the University of Illinois. "With a home computer, you'll write a will without help from a lawyer — you'll just fill out a questionnaire and send it to your lawyer electronically," he says.

Craver, whose specialty is labor law, says the drain of industry to foreign sites will continue as long as U.S. wages remain so much higher than those of developing countries. Mending fences with China, he says, could sap American jobs. "If China allows outside companies unlimited access to its one billion people, I shudder to think how many manufacturing jobs we could lose."

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The American assembly-line worker in 2000 may be a robot, and eventually the traditional assembly line may disappear completely. Robots and related forms of automation are already here; most analysts believe there will be several hundred thousand robots at work by 2000.

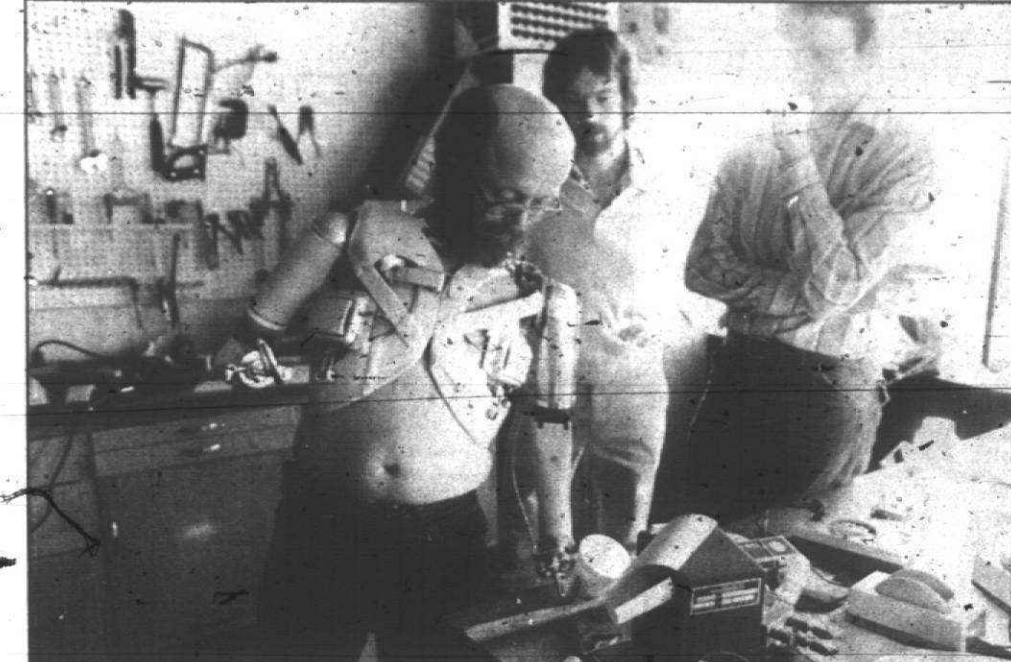
THESE "steel-collar" workers inevitably will displace many blue-collar — especially autoworkers, metal workers, and machinists — but they also will eliminate some drudgery and dangerous work. This type of automation will create future jobs such as robot technicians, who will program, install or maintain industrial robots.

Automation also may open doors for women. Few factory jobs will require brawn; instead, the worker will sit at a keyboard punching out programs that control robots.

The technology might even boost overall industry employment. During the Industrial Revolution, for example, the introduction of the Hargreaves jenny allowed one worker to produce as much as 200 spinners had. Yet employment in the British textile industry tripled, because productivity meant large price reductions and increased demand.

IBM Corporation, which has been making robots for three years, is planning for the day when computers, robots and other automation merge to guide a product from design through manufacture. But the idea depends on highly skilled technicians, who are in short supply. To prepare for the future, IBM is financing a \$50-million automation training program at engineering colleges.

The telecommunications industry also is multi-



plying faster than skilled technicians.

Among the job fields that promise more demand for specialists is biotechnology, including genetic engineering, says Nelson Schneider, a financial analyst specializing in biotechnology for the brokerage firm of E.F. Hutton & Co. Microbiologists and molecular biologists will be needed for the new wave of drugs, and biochemical engineers will be sought for the specialty chemicals industry, he says.

Even farmers will need help from biologists if ideas such as nonpathogenic pesticides bear fruit. "I think there will be some great jobs for scientists in agriculture," Schneider says.

The victim of a powerline accident learns how to use electronic arms activated by motion sensors and electrical signals from the skin. This worker will learn a new job. At the same time the demand for skilled technicians who can make replacements for damaged body parts is on the increase.

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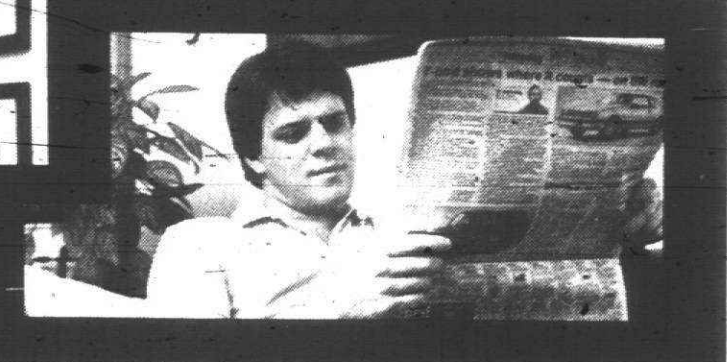
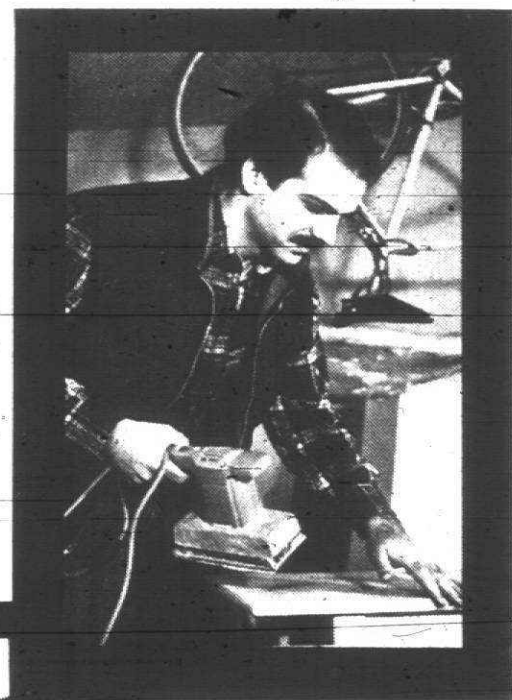
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## Blanchard vetoes Geake's voter bill

Gov. James J. Blanchard has vetoed a legislative bill to eliminate Michigan's so-called "two-tier" system of voter registration and allow local clerks to purge their files after five years.

"It upset me very much," said state Sen. R. Robert Geake, R-Northville, the bill's sponsor. "The bill had bipartisan support of leaders in both the House and Senate and was endorsed in concept by Secretary of State Richard Austin."

Geake, whose district covers Plymouth, Canton, Livonia and Redford, was particularly chagrined that the state League of Women Voters first supported the bill, then wrote to Blanchard asking it be vetoed.

Blanchard's veto message charged the bill would "impose a more rigorous standard of voting frequency upon citizens" without encouraging greater voter participation.

**'The governor is playing senseless partisan politics in opposition to good public policy.'**  
—Rep. Robert Geake

THE BILL, suggested to Geake by Plymouth Township Clerk Esther Hulsing, would have:  
• Allowed names of inactive voters to be purged after five years. Current law allows clerks to place the names of registered voters who have been inactive for four years in an "inactive" file and hold them for six more years — the "two-tier" system which clerks found burdensome.

• Required the clerks to send written notification to the inactive voter's last known address. The voter then could either write to or call the clerk asking for reinstatement.

BLANCHARD SAID, "It is equally as important to initiate a comprehensive approach to facilitating voter registration as it is to implement administrative efficiencies."

The Democratic governor pointed to Secretary of State Austin's proposals for increasing voter participation, apparently unaware that Austin had publicly endorsed the major terms of Geake's bill.

"The governor is playing senseless partisan politics in opposition to good public policy," Geake said in a statement. "The governor has denied clerks the ability to maintain valid voter registration lists."

He said he would reintroduce the bill when the Legislature reconvenes in January.

## GE expands Troy center for robotics

General Electric Corp. is expanding the scope in its Robotics and Vision Application Center in Troy. GE will make it the focal point for a wide variety of industrial automation products and services for the automotive industry.

The center will be renamed the General Electric Automation Center to reflect its expanded role. "This action is being taken in response to the automotive industry's increasing demand for the integration of automation products," said M.S. Richardson, vice president and general manager of GE's Factory Automation Products Division, which is headquartered in Charlottesville, Va.

SOME 30 GE manufacturing automation sales and application professionals will move from their Southfield location to the GE Automation Center in January. The Troy facility already has a staff of about 25.

More application engineering specialists will be added as GE steps up its effort to capture a larger share of the automation market in the Midwest, a company spokesman said.

"As we win a larger share of the market, we will add engineering specialists. But I don't know those numbers right now," said Dan Hrisak of GE's news office.

GE's Automation Center will include products and services from the following components: General Purpose Control Department, Bloomington, Ill.; Automation Control Department, Charlottesville, Va.; Speed Variator Products Operation, Erie, Pa.; Robotics & Vision Systems Department, Orlando, Fla.; Calma Milpas, Calif.; Coherent General, Palo Alto, Calif.; and Industrial Automation Systems Department, Charlottesville, Va.

Hrisak said the Troy facility would be something of a showplace for customers as lasers and exotic products are moved in.

"General Electric is dedicated to being a leader in automation, both as a supplier and as a user," said Richardson. "Coupled with the GE Plastics Application Development Center in Southfield, General Electric has clearly demonstrated its long-term commitment to helping the automotive industry modernize."

THE FACILITY, at 558 Oliver, was opened in November 1982. Until now it has provided applications engineering and training primarily to customers of GE robotics and intelligent vision systems.

The center has robots for welding, spraying, and material handling applications which can be demonstrated in a working environment, as well as factory vision systems which can guide a robot arm or be used for stand-alone test and inspection.

Other automation products include GE programmable controllers, and Calma computer-aided design systems.

Additional automation products which will be showcased at the center in the near future include robotic cell controllers, lasers, computerized numerical controls, map-compatible factory communications networks, A- and D-to-D drive systems, motor starters and controllers, and solid-state sensors.

The GE Automation Center will also provide factory automation systems planning and design, and leasing services and operator training for customers.

## Researchers develop drugs for blood clots

Scientists at a biotechnology company recently founded by a group of Oakland University researchers are developing new drugs for the treatment of life-threatening blood clots.

Denis Callewaert, an OU biochemist and a partner in Proteins International, said the drugs may improve the chances of survival of patients suffering from several ailments. Among them are heart attack, pulmonary embolism (clots in the lung) and deep-vein thrombosis.

Callewaert said research on one new drug has been added by a \$50,000 small business innovation research grant from the National Institutes of Health.

RESULTS SO far are promising and have led to a number of patent applications, Callewaert said. The firm has applied for a phase two grant of \$500,000 to perform further laboratory research and development work.

Clinical tests on human patients are still "down the road," he added.

Proteins International was founded in 1983 by Callewaert and Robert Stern, also a member of the OU chemistry department. Cynthia Sevilla and Norma Mable, part-time research associates at OU, are limited partners.

The OU chemists participate in company research part time. The firm also employs one of the university's biochemistry graduates full time. It is located in a Rochester industrial and research complex.

## U-M has local classes

Many off-campus credit courses will be offered in Dearborn, Detroit and Royal Oak this winter by the University of Michigan. Classes begin the week of Jan. 7.

Thirty-five courses are slated for the U-M-Dearborn campus. These include offerings from the School of Social Work, as well as courses in business administration, computer and information science, industrial and systems engineering, education, mathematics, microcomputers for teachers, psychology, sociology, library science, a bilingual administration program and child development associate programs.

In Detroit, a social work course in primary associations, families, groups and special roles will be taught at the Rackham Educational Memorial Building.

In Royal Oak, an education course in applied group dynamics will be taught at the Springwood Center.

A complete listing of the courses and a registration form are available from the U-M Extension Service, 200 Hill, Ann Arbor, 48109-3397, or by calling 764-5310 weekdays during business hours.

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## Our economy County execs' message: 'Open for business'

TODAY'S EDITORIAL page is devoted in large part to county government's role in economic redevelopment — a role that deserves everyone's recognition.

We invited Executives Daniel T. Murphy of Oakland County and William Lucas of Wayne County to write about their efforts to keep current business and attract new investment. Not surprisingly, these two very different men with different backgrounds write about the same problems, the same solutions, even the same events. It's heartwarming.

Their guest columns contain several of the same messages.

NO LONGER is county government the musty preserve of the courthouse and its recordkeepers. Once considered a throwback to the medieval era, counties are emerging as a positive force for change.

In part, this is due to the wisdom of voters in adopting a county executive form of government (Oakland) and a home-rule charter with executive (Wayne). Not all the good that has happened is due entirely to the executives, despite anyone's boasts.

Business is welcome in metropolitan Detroit, they emphasize. No longer does the "hate-the-boss" mentality of the 1930s set the tone of local government. No longer is "corporation" a dirty word.

Government and most citizens realize that federal government stimulation of consumer demand is insufficient to stir a region from the economic doldrums. Supply-side economics — the positive word of investors — is official policy today in Oakland and Wayne counties.

## This newspaper plays a vital role

I THINK the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers play an important role in your life, and I want to tell you why.

Week in and week out, you can expect — and you have a right to expect — that this newspaper will tell you about things going on right around you.

Credibility is high, mostly because the events and people we write about are events and people with which, and with whom, you are likely to have personal involvement and contact.

The places we write about you likely have visited, seen or passed by.

Our reporters, editors and photographers spend their workday week crisscrossing your community. You may be involved in one, two or several activities. Our staff must be aware of and understand all facets of your community. There is no pretense to rival the expertise anyone may develop in his special field of interest, but our staffers do a pretty good job of relaying that expertise to you.

WE DON'T shy away from controversy, nor do we seek it.

This newspaper is not filled with grief. That is not because grief is nowhere to be found in your community. Rather, it's because the overwhelming percentage of happenings are good and decent in character.

It is not our business to bring you regular accounts of tragedy and mayhem from distant corners of the world. We don't disparage those who do, but that isn't our business.

Our business is to tell you what's happening where you live. Sometimes we do it well. Sometimes we're disappointed because we'd like to have done it better.

YOUR INTERESTS fall into several general categories:

You are in many respects a socio-political being. You have a need for information that feeds your needs as citizen and social being. You want to know about the government you pay to provide basic services. You care about your safety, and you want to know if danger is present. If it is, you want to know what you can do about it.

This newspaper is your most authoritative source for such information. Your in-

challenged by other states and other nations. We are in the Big Time.

Murphy and Lucas have attitudes of respect and cooperation toward neighboring entities. Hurray and three cheers for that! They tell us in so many words that county A isn't out to steal business from county B or community C. It's all right, they tell us, if a neighboring entity gets a new industrial plant and our entity doesn't — just as long as the plant doesn't land in another state.

Without hurting anyone's feelings, they imply that local government doesn't always have the resources or expertise to go it alone in economic development. So they stress that county government is willing to lend a hand to local efforts. There are some programs to teach business people how to be better managers and financiers. There are other programs to teach potential workers new skills.

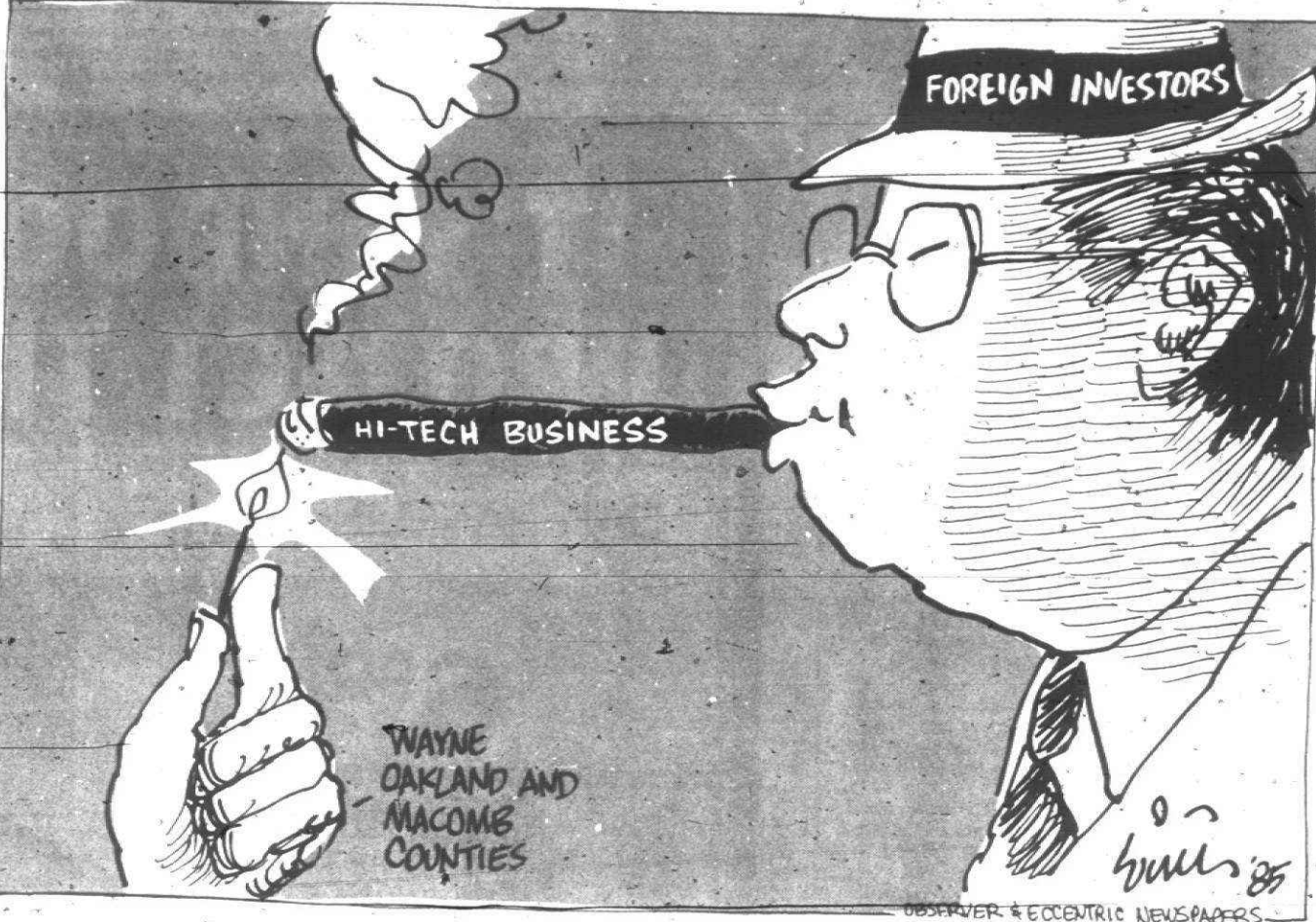
IT IS SAFE, at last, to declare this region's old anti-business climate dead.

Our region learned the harsh lessons that we could not remain prosperous through 1) dependence on heavy manufacturing and 2) constant hassling of manufacturers with union demands, governmental regulations and just plain disrespect. Indeed, those attitudes helped throw us into a profound economic decline. We have learned from adversity to appreciate all honest paychecks.

By becoming a region that could host a national political convention, a Super Bowl and a World Series, we absorbed the attitude that mass hospitality, by every man, woman and child, can bring long-term benefits.

County governments are capitalizing on their new executive tools and the public's new attitudes to resurrect our economy. It's good news, and we delight in reporting it.

## Target: foreign investors



By William Lucas  
Wayne County executive

I PREDICT solid economic progress for Wayne County and the entire metro Detroit area in 1985 due to a number of aggressive steps being taken to stimulate economic development.

Wayne County has very attractive resources, with great potential for economic growth, not the least of which is a highly skilled and motivated work force.

I have been with Oakland County Executive Daniel Murphy, Detroit Mayor Coleman Young and Macomb County Board Chairman Patrick Johnson to develop, among other things, a logical and sensible economic development plan for the entire region.

One major goal is to attract investment from overseas, particularly the Far East. Such investments stimulate our economy and produce jobs. On our next foreign trade mission to Japan, we will be calling directly on Mazda suppliers, encouraging them to locate subsidiaries in our area, nearer to the new Flat Rock Mazda plant.

BEYOND THAT, our major economic

development initiatives include applying for a community growth alliance (CGA) designation for all of Wayne County exclusive of Detroit and the Downriver communities.

Three CGA components are: 1) area development, including financial packaging, business attraction and retention; 2) a Small Business Assistance Center, with direct management assistance; and 3) a government procurement assistance program.

Wayne County's Overall Economic Development Plan (OEDP) flourished until an executive branch was established in 1983, when the county's proposal finally qualified. Monitored by a 35-member board, 1985's OEDP will be updated to assure the procurement of federal funds.

Wayne County's Economic Development Corporation (EDC) will continue to increase its range of financial and technical assistance programs to businesses seeking to expand, relocate or remain here. Committed to working more cooperatively with local officials and county government, EDC will continue and expand its most successful initiatives.

The EDC's auto suppliers assistance program aims at assisting area auto suppliers adjust to changes in the auto industry. I am particularly interested in achieving a smooth Mazda introduction;

thus, Mazda suppliers will be specifically targeted.

Crime prevention workshops for small businesses, for which we have had many requests, are also in the planning stages.

Our Private Industry Council (PIC) continues to develop innovative training programs for unemployed workers, utilizing cable television as an information source. PIC relies heavily on business input in these targeted training programs.

FINALLY, THE county is in the process of applying for the federal Economic Development Administration's revolving loan fund for small businesses.

We have already received preliminary approval for \$800,000 to \$1 million worth of assistance. The local match for this loan fund comes from Community Development Block Grant money.

We will also continue our important endeavor to advertise this region's attractiveness to foreign investors and welcome the interest they have shown. Last November the three county leaders hosted an appreciation dinner for foreign investors — 200 firms in the tri-county area.

With careful planning, an eye to diversification, realistic governmental assistance and positive relations to foreign and domestic investors, I look forward to great economic progress and prosperity in 1985.

## What helps one helps all

By Daniel T. Murphy  
Oakland County executive

WE IN Oakland County are being recognized in international markets as a boom area, a place which boasts a high quality of life and offers a business climate attractive to highly technical industries.

Certainly we struggle with the image problem of our central city. But more and more during my travels and from listening to members of my Economic Development Group staff, I learn that we can offer what the people want.

Although our Economic Development Group staff has been in place only five short months, they have made tremendous strides. Example: the Oakland Technology Park, the group's first major project.

In a close working relationship with Oakland University, Oakland Community College, local officials and private developers, we've been able to designate a highly desirable area with close proximity to freeways that is perfect for a campus-like high-tech office center. So far:

• Comerica has built a beautiful building.

• Electronics Data Systems (EDS) is building.

• Chrysler Corp. plans to move thousands of employees to a new tech center.

• Schostack Brothers is building a large office center.

• GMF Robotics has selected a site.

In Southfield, meanwhile, Nipponenso Co., a leading Japanese automotive component manufacturer, plans to build a \$25 million research and development center. In Troy, Ameritech Publishing has located its 200-person headquarters. Hundreds of snuff jobs will be created because of this influx.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT must extend beyond Oakland County boundaries into our neighbors' yards. What is good for southeast Michigan is good for Oakland.

We do not compete with our neighbors, but rather work together so these firms stay in the area and don't move to other states.

About six months ago, I began having regular meetings with Wayne County Executive William Lucas and Chairman Patrick Johnson of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners. We discussed issues which affect all of us.

Recently we sponsored a dinner honoring foreign firms which do business in metropolitan Detroit. Soon Johnson will host a seminar to help small- and medium-sized local businesses develop export markets.

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## Mother's advice stood test of time

NOW THAT Father Time has left the starting blocks for his 12-month run along life's highway in which he must battle ice and snow, the blistering sun and the chilly autumn evenings, he has left behind a younger generation that is puzzled.

With the economy still at a low tide in Michigan and a half-million still out of work, they see anything but a bright future.

"Even if we decided to go to school," one of them confided the other afternoon, "the price of tuition is too high unless you are an athlete who can command a scholarship for his ability on the football field, the baseball diamond, the tennis court or the swimming pool."

"So what is there for us?"

"Things sure don't look bright, regardless of the education and other abilities we might have."

It was an honest confession of a troubled mind. It came from a young fellow who was willing to try, but the path ahead looked rocky.

AS HE SPOKE, The Stroller recalled the days of his youth, when much the same kind of problem faced him. Maybe it was even worse.

He was a freshman in high school and had been there only three months when his father passed away and left his mother a widow with five children. The Stroller's oldest.

One afternoon, Mother gathered us all in the living room of our quiet little home to talk to us. And her words never have been forgotten.

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"You know with your father gone, we have problems — and some difficult ones. I want you to realize that you can't have what other children have. But there can yet be a lot of joy in your life."

"I don't want you to be jealous of anyone. Don't look over the fence, but make the most of what you've got. Be kind to all people. I want you all to learn some sort of trade. And when you pick out the work you want, try to be the best of the lot."

SHE HESITATED here a moment, then said in a very serious tone:

"Remember, what you have in your head no one can steal from you. And if you do those things, life may be kind to you. Remember at all times, be on the lookout for Lady Luck. She can be of great help when you seem to be in trouble."

"Then when you get a little older and start dating and enjoying life, I'd advise you to make your morning as long as you can. Your

afternoon will be long enough.

"Take this advice for you mother, who will help you fight. Don't ever become jealous of anyone for what they have or what they are doing. You just do the best you can."

She is long gone now, but when she looks down she can see that we all followed her advice. Some of us were a bit luckier than the others, but we drew some smiles from Lady Luck. All of us — every one of the five — made good in his or her undertakings.

Nope of us ever was jealous, but we fought hard to give things the best we had. And never a day went by that we didn't recall the afternoon she gave us the advice she asked us to follow through life.

THAT WAS the same advice The Stroller gave this young fellow who seemed to think the future was dark, and that he would have trouble.

The Stroller's four sisters have joined Mother in their final resting places, but each fared well. The oldest worked her way through the University of Chicago, another became head nurse in the state of Pennsylvania, another did a great job of keeping the home fires burning, and the fourth did fine until she was passed on. Mother's talk had sunk in. We never looked over the neighbor's fence.

Possibly our young friend, too, will be in the right place at the right time as he tries to follow her advice.

It was a great lesson.

## Chipmunks do their late shopping

By Timothy Nowicki  
special writer

The warm, record-breaking temperatures we had the other week made it pleasant for shoppers. It seems warm temperatures increase activity in all living creatures.

I know wild animals around the area were also actively searching for last-minute food supplies.

Birds were not as active at our birdfeeder as they were when the temperature was colder. They were searching for some of the insects I saw flying around.

ANOTHER ANIMAL active in that warm weather was the eastern chipmunk, one of two species of chipmunk found in Michigan.

The least chipmunk is similar to the eastern, but the least is found only in the upper peninsula. Normally, chipmunks are sleeping in underground burrows that they made during the summer. From November to March, chipmunks spend most of their time in their underground tunnels and nests. Some nests may be as deep as three feet.

Chipmunks do not hibernate like 13-lined ground squirrels, which remain in a very inactive state all winter. Chipmunks awaken periodically during the winter and feed on grasses, fruits and nuts stored in their nests.

It's interesting that the scientific name of the eastern chipmunk is *Tamias striatus* — *tamias* is Greek for "steward" or "one who stores and takes care of provisions."

THE CHIPMUNKS I saw the other day were filling their cheek pouches with last minute stores of food for the winter. Animals that do not store enough food may have to venture out onto the snow in January or February — putting themselves in a vulnerable position for attack by a predator.

Warm days will help extend those stores, which should help them through the winter. Then, in late March, we'll again see the streaking stripes of the chipmunk as he dashes from tree trunk to tree trunk in his search for succulent spring flowers and grasses on which to feed.



The eastern chipmunk was active recently during the warm weather trying to add to his winter store. From November to March, the chipmunks spend most of their time in underground burrows they built during the summer and fall. They mostly sleep and wake periodically to eat from their store of grasses, fruits and nuts. The warm weather enabled a few to dash out to add to their store. This can be dangerous since predators are also active and there is not enough foliage to hide the small animals.

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# Workers' comp costs are down

Businesses in Michigan have saved a half-billion dollars in the past two years on workers' compensation insurance, according to a University of Michigan authority.

The savings were due to reforms of the law and open competition in the writing of workers comp insurance, according to law Professor Theodore J. St. Antoine.

"It is entirely too soon to seek major legislative amendments affecting the substantive rights of employers or employees under Michigan's Workers' Disability Compensation Act," St. Antoine said in a report to Gov. James J. Blanchard.

But major administrative changes are necessary for the workers' compensation appeals process, he said. The Appeals Board hears contested workers' compensation cases. The board had a backlog of nearly 7,000 cases in November compared with 2,000 cases in 1976.

THESE FINDINGS appear in a report by St. Antoine, former dean of the U-M law school, who conducted the study at Blanchard's request.

It was presented to the Governor's Cabinet Council on Jobs and Economic Development.

The 86-page study compares Michigan's workers' compensation standards and procedures to those of other industrial states to determine whether Michigan's coverage is competitive.

**'As of 1984, employers in Michigan were paying about 4 percent less than the national average figure for workers' compensation insurance.'**

—Theodore J. St. Antoine

Current costs of workers' compensation insurance are probably down 30 percent from what they would have been during the past two years in the absence of open competition insurance, according to St. Antoine.

Michigan insurers now are able to vary rates among customers without approval of the state insurance commissioner. In addition, before open competition became effective in January 1983, insurers were required to use rates established by the National Council of Compensation Insurance.

"AS OF 1984," St. Antoine estimated, "employers in Michigan were paying about 4 percent less than the national average figure for workers' compensation insurance."

In 1978 Michigan costs were 33.1 percent above the national average.

Open competition is a major reason for Michigan's improved standing since 1978 relative to six other Great Lakes states. While the average yearly net cost of workers' compensation insurance

in Michigan is about 18 percent higher than other Great Lakes states, that percentage is a dramatic contrast to the situation in 1978, St. Antoine said.

In that year, the most recent for which comprehensive data are available, Michigan's net cost was 53 percent above the seven-state average. At \$227.24 per worker, the net cost of insurance premiums in Michigan was the highest of all the Great Lakes states, St. Antoine said.

However, the average benefit per Michigan worker was \$230.21 in 1978, the second highest after Minnesota.

"The high costs of workers' compensation insurance in Michigan as of 1978 compared to other Great Lakes states appear largely to be explained by the high benefits received by Michigan workers compared to benefits in these other states," said St. Antoine.

In 1984, Michigan workers could receive a maximum of \$334 per week in benefits, an amount that ranks third behind maximum benefits in Illinois and Ohio.

MICHIGAN MUST try to disengage itself from its "fixation" on the workers' compensation costs of Indiana, "despite that state's unfortunate geographical proximity," he said.

Since the maximum weekly benefit for total disability in Indiana was \$156 as of Jan. 1, 1984, "the most an injured worker could receive in that state was below the poverty level for a family of four," he explained.

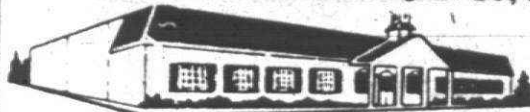
Among the law's modifications were changes in the basic benefit formula that reduced 1983 and 1984 benefit costs by about 6.2 percent, a savings for insured employers of about \$32 million and \$30 million respectively.

Other changes in the statutes included elimination of fringe benefits from the calculation of an employee's average weekly wage. St. Antoine believes that 1980 and 1981 amendments to the workers' compensation law have benefited both the business community and workers.

While he would not recommend any more substantial cuts in employee benefits now, neither would he suggest restoring the benefits eliminated in 1980 and 1981, "until we have a far better notion of their exact economic impact on both employer and employee."

HE RECOMMENDED major changes in the workers' compensation appeals process, calling the current backlog of 7,000 cases "intolerable."

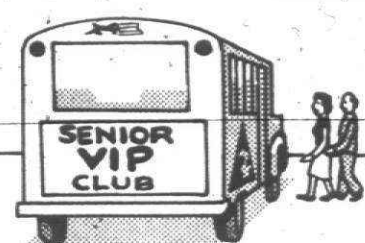
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## 2 professors working on a 'Hal' computer

The student paused at the computer keyboard, then typed, "I gave the red, rosy apple to my teacher."

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A computer that will understand English commands and have a human-like awareness of its own sensory, motor and reasoning capacities is the goal of a new software system being developed by two Oakland University professors.

Troy resident Peter Binkert, linguistics, and Christian Wagner, engineering, say the use of the computer to analyze (parse) English sentences is not new.

Their program differs from most current research by relating the meaning of words to the capacities of computer hardware — for example, to a robot's ability to see and manipulate an object.

ONE KEY to the design is a new grammar developed by Binkert, a simplified grammar with no transformations in syntax.

This allows the computer to describe a word in relation to every other word in a sentence and to provide an unambiguous interpretation of that word. Binkert is author of the book "Generative Grammar Without Transformations" just published by Mouton. The book describes how the grammar, called residential grammar, simplifies and is more accurate than theories first advanced by linguistic great Noam Chomsky in 1955.

If Binkert and Wagner are successful, the student in the above illustration would describe what an apple is. In any future inquiries, the computer would know what an apple is and identify its proper use no matter where it appeared in a sentence.

THE RESEARCHERS have applied to the National Science Foundation for a grant to support their research. The new system would include a mainframe computer, robotic manipulator and a vision system.

The software package will include the non-transformational grammar parser already developed by Binkert and semantic and pragmatic analyzers.

They say the robotic system will be able to respond to natural language sentences with genuine comprehension in terms of its own hardware capabilities.

BINKERT HAS been parsing English sentences with his non-transformation grammar for about a year with great success. He began work on the new grammar after he encountered continuing problems in a course in syntax.

He was using a text that depended upon traditional theory and said the book raised more problems than it did answers. It became clear, he said, that the entire concept was in error.

Binkert and Wagner say that despite all the efforts to develop a fifth generation of computers, the need for computer systems that are both intelligent and easy to use is still virtually unmet.

What is needed, they say, "is a computer system that is more than just a user — friendly interface between a human user and more traditional software functions. What is needed is a computer system with human structure for intelligence and adaption to its environment."

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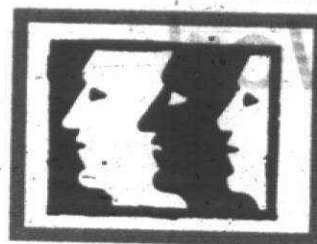
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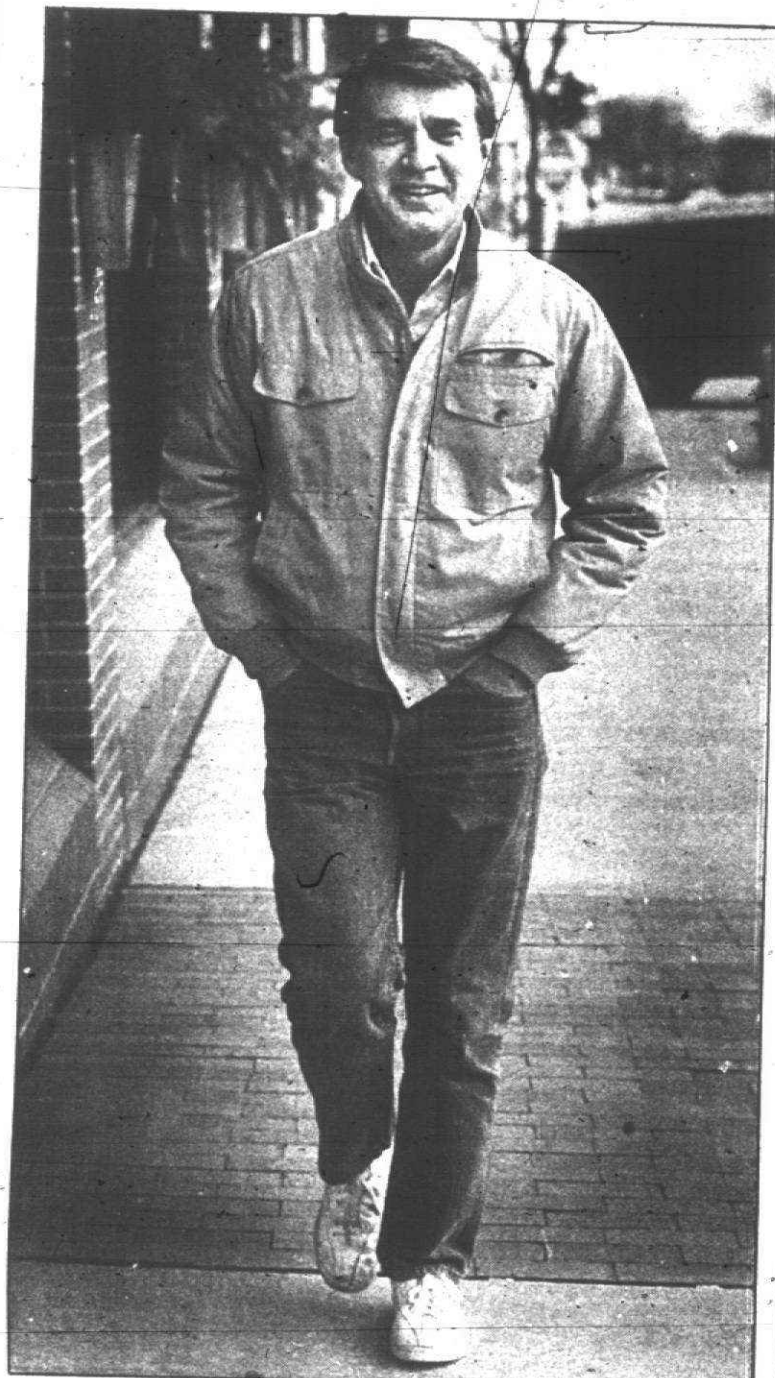
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JERRY ZOLYNSKI

Television personality Dennis Wholey celebrated four years as a recovering alcoholic on Christmas eve.

## Best gift of all was to himself

By Ellen E. Mason  
special writer

**J**OY IS A good word to focus on when describing my life today," says public television personality Dennis Wholey, who celebrated four years as a non-drinking alcoholic on Christmas Eve.

"That's the best Christmas present I ever gave myself," said the host of PBS' LateNight America.

But Wholey is not celebrating his milestone quietly and privately. Instead, he has just completed a nationwide tour promoting his new book about alcoholism, "The Courage to Change" (Houghton Mifflin Co., \$15.95).

Wholey decided to go public with his alcoholism, he says, because there are so few books that discuss the disease in non-medical, non-technical terms, and there are virtually no books that describe the personal impact of the problem on an estimated 20 million alcoholics in America today. The problem, says Wholey, affects one-third the population.

IN HIS BOOK, Wholey, who lives in Southfield, interviews celebrities such as Sid Caesar, Doc Severinsen, Grace Slick and Don Newcombe, all alcoholics. He also interviewed the families of alcoholics.

Wholey defines an alcoholic as someone with a "genetic predisposition to drink — an accident waiting to happen. The alcoholic cannot predict how much he or she will drink, how long he or she will spend drinking or cannot predict their behavior afterward," says Wholey.

Wholey says that when he was drinking, he would only drink from Friday afternoon until Sunday night and would remain sober and work during the week. In looking back at his life as a

drinking alcoholic, he recalls the period as "a time when I should have been happy. I had a career, and surface things were going well.

"BUT THOSE LAST couple of years, it was an emotional bottoming out," Wholey says. "I was bruised and battered. I had no self-esteem, no self-worth and I was afraid I was never going to be happy.

"I had been in therapy 20 years with the best psychologists and psychiatrists. I thought, you change, you get better, you get happy.

"But things weren't getting better. I had a feeling my life wasn't working. I was banging my head against the wall."

Wholey went to the then-manager of Channel 56, Jack Caldwell, in mid-December 1980 and told Caldwell he was quitting television.

"I JUST WANTED to quit," Wholey says flatly. It's the only explanation he gives for his action.

Caldwell asked Wholey if alcohol was the problem.

"I told him 'no.' And I didn't think it was," Wholey said. "I don't know why he asked me that. It's just fortunate for me that I called Father Vaughn Quinn, the director of Sacred Heart's Alcohol Rehabilitation Program. I had interviewed him for my show and he put it all together.

"He listened to my story for three hours: the story about my sense of isolation and depression and thoughts of suicide. He said to me, 'The problem in your life is alcohol.' It was a big surprise to me.

By Sherry Kahan  
special writer

**L**ONG BEFORE the Betty Ford Clinic in California, there was Brighton Hospital.

Set up in 1953 with three patients in a farmhouse west of Brighton, it was the only facility in Michigan at that time to treat alcoholism. In fact, it was one of only three institutions of this kind in the nation.

Some of its methods have been adopted by facilities that came later. For example, its family education program, pioneered by Stephanie Abbott of Franklin, was the first in Michigan.

The hospital has expanded its original mission somewhat because of a growing number of dual diagnoses, both alcoholism and drugs. The past few years have seen a great increase in the use of more than one drug by the same person.

While the hospital is in Livingston County, the majority of its patients come from Wayne and Oakland counties. Its occupancy rate is 99 percent.

**BRIGHTON HOSPITAL** was founded by Harry Henderson, a member of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. He raised money for his project by placing canisters in bars all over the state. They carried the message, "Skip a drink for a drunk." Bartenders encouraged their customers to drop in their coins.

Now, that hospital has added a 19,000-square-foot wing. It has a kitchen, dining room, meeting, social and exercise rooms for patients and an expanded laboratory. Its new library is named in honor of former Wayne County Circuit Judge Benjamin Burdick of Birmingham, a loyal supporter of the hospital. He is a founding trustee and served many years as a hospital officer.

**ALTHOUGH NO** beds were added, the addition includes 32 patient beds moved from the facility's older section, which is scheduled for renovation.

Architect of the wing was Louis G. Redstone Associates of Livonia. It was built by A.Z. Shmina and Sons, also of Livonia.

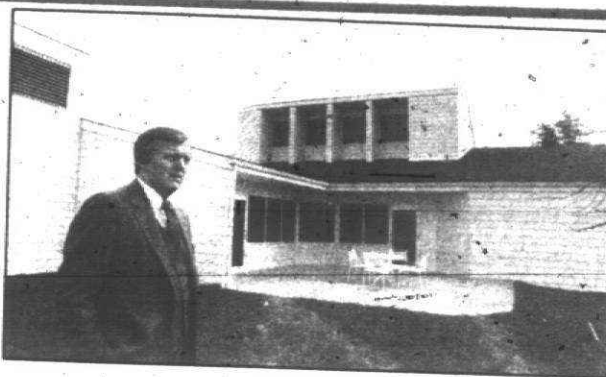
The rooms are pleasant, some offering a view of the small lake on the 69-acre property. It is easy to overlook the seriousness of their purpose.

Within these rooms, sobriety starts — or it doesn't. This is where patients get in touch with their families, themselves and others — or they don't.

This is where they respond to motivation and fellowship and yank back their self-esteem — or they don't.

*'Some of them come in deathly ill. Those who come in as volunteers are in pretty bad shape. They waited too long and are in a medical crisis. We administer emergency drugs to restore the heart rate and bring down the blood pressure. It is similar to a diabetic crisis.'*

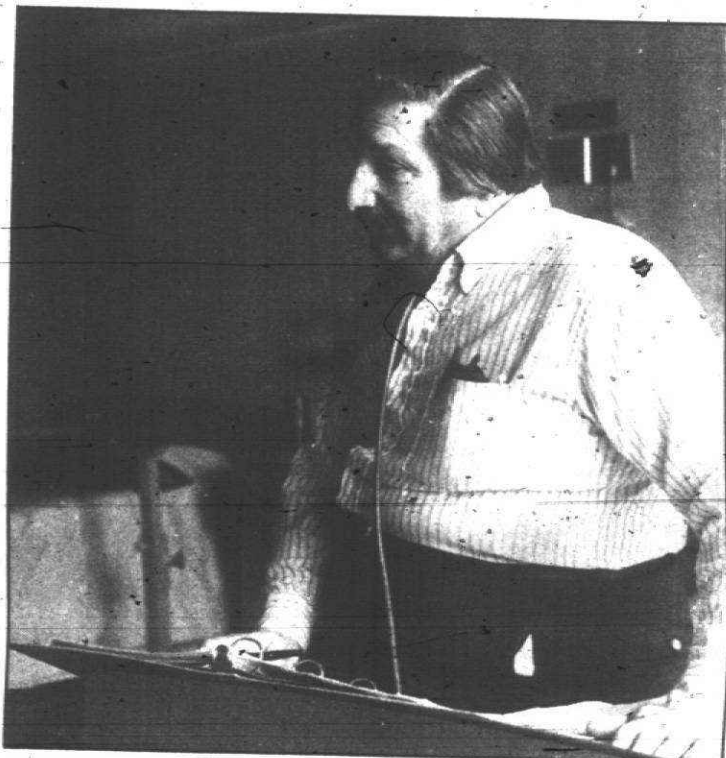
— Dr. Russell Smith  
Brighton Hospital medical director



Brighton's executive director Ivan Harner stands in front of the new wing of the hospital, designed and built by Livonia firms.

## Brighton-ing the way

### Expansion boosts program for alcoholics



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Dr. Russell Smith

"SOMETIMES, TOXIC brain will last many weeks," he said. "Post withdrawal depression can last for months.

"The patient might also have alcohol hepatitis, alcohol liver disease and alcohol heart disease. Diet is important all through this. The person who drinks a lot can't make use of the food he eats. So we try to alter his diet and lifestyle."

Ayers is one of those involved in the alteration. In this effort, the family becomes involved. Many of them need help, too.

"During rehabilitation, each member of the family has one individual interview," Ayers said. "The family gets very sick of the alcoholic and of living around a person who is very disturbing.

"At first, family members are angry because they feel so much pain. Alcoholism brings more pain than you can believe.

"A FAMILY may express it in anger, but underneath is pain. They have to get it out by talking, by sharing it. That changes things immediately."

She urged women alcoholics to find aid early. Too many of them hold back until they are totally helpless. Ayers, herself, is a recovering alcoholic.

"Don't wait until you're almost dead before you come in. It is more acceptable for men to get treatment. But it's still the dark ages for women.

"They have to be a model wife and mother. They feel far more guilt than the men."

Ayers' day is made when one of her patients, male or female, smiles.

"IF YOU can get them to laugh a little, it means they are starting to heal. A little later, some begin to hear birds outside the hospital and take walks around the lake." Nature helps people recover, Ayers believes.

"It helps them to get out of themselves and learn to have fun while not drinking."

Also playing a role are group therapy, individual counseling, peer counseling, educational lectures and the fellowship of dining, playing cards and exercising together.

Ayers' day is made when, after the tough first two weeks of rehabilitation, newcomers suddenly become old timers, and counsel the new arrivals

on an informal basis.

"It's a beautiful to see."

**CHILDREN REACT** strongly to an alcoholic adult, said Brian Duguay, associate director of outpatient counseling services. "Children of an alcoholic act in a number of ways.

"A hero child will sometimes assume responsibilities that the alcoholic used to take care of, like mowing lawns, washing the car and looking after the kids. They never really have a childhood. Their self-esteem becomes wrapped up in taking care of others. So they neglect themselves."

Another child might act in unsocial ways because he finds that if his behavior is normal, nobody notices him, Duguay said. The child may do negative things to get attention, such as breaking windows, smoking pot, getting poor grades and acting defiant.

The child of an alcoholic might say, "I don't belong."

"THEY FEEL the alcoholism was their fault. During the drinking, they have a great deal of fear. But they have tremendous loyalty to the family."

"They believe that if they talked to a school counselor about this, they would be letting the family down."

During the third week of rehabilitation, the patients are urged to involve themselves in Alcoholics Anonymous, and their families in Alanon. Outpatient care continues as needed.

All these steps are taken to give the recovering alcoholic support to maintain sobriety.

Out-patient care also is available at the hospital to those who don't need the in-patient program. Introduction to Recovery is a new service designed to help those whose drinking has begun to interfere with their day-to-day functioning.

IT IS a 12-week outpatient group therapy program that helps chemically dependent people learn about the disease, its effects and its treatment. For information on this service, call the hospital outpatient department at 227-6143.

A free community education program focusing on aiding family members to understand alcohol and chemical dependency is held at the hospital at 5 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month. Call 227-1211, Ext. 376 for further details.



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Brian Duguay and Ellen Ayres are part of the Brighton treatment team.

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# clubs in action

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## EATING DISORDERS SELF-HELP GROUP

Group meets Wednesdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Gabriel Richard Center, 5001 Evergreen, Dearborn. There is no charge. For information, call Margaret Flannery, 593-5430, or Nancy Swanborg, 271-6000.

## BEGINNING STRING CLASS

Class taught by Janita Hauk meets 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays in Plymouth Salem High School Orchestra Room, Joy Road west of Canton Center. Classes are sponsored by Plymouth Youth Symphony.

## ROMP MEETINGS

Recovery of Male Potency meetings are at 7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in Conference Room 2, Annapolis Hospital. Confidentiality assured. To register, call 467-4570.

## PCAC-ART RENTAL GALLERY

Arts Council's art rental gallery on the second floor of Dunning Hough Library has reopened. It is staffed during library hours every Wednesday.

## CANTON COAST GUARD AUXILIARY FLOTILLA

Flotilla 11-11, chartered in May, invites new members to attend its meetings at 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Canton Fire Department Station, Cherry Hill at Canton Center. Anyone wishing information about the organization may call Eugene Olson, commander, 455-6527.

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Members of the Tonquish Creek Federation Indian programs sponsored by the Plymouth Community Y are selling

"SPREE" entertainment books. Cost is \$7. Call the Y office, 453-2904, for information.

## CAVALIER FENCING CLUB

Club meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays. Call Bruce Davis, 455-6418, for details.

## PANCAKE BREAKFASTS

The Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Ladies Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will serve pancake breakfasts the first Sunday of each month at the Post home, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. Menu includes pancakes, sausages, eggs, french toast, milk, orange juice and coffee. Cost is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children 5 and under. Breakfast is served from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Call 459-6700 for information.

## TOPS MEETING

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Central Middle School, Main Street at Church, Plymouth. Ideas on weight reduction are discussed. For information, call 453-4756 or 455-1583.

## CANTON BPW

Canton Business and Professional Women meet the second Monday of each month at the Romah Forum Restaurant on Ford Road, cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30, and program at 7:30. Dinner charge is \$7.50 per person. Call Noel Bittinger, 459-6000 or 981-1067, for information.

## ST. JOHN NEUMANN SENIORS

St. John Neumann Modern Mature Adult Club (MMAC) meets at the church, Warren west of Sheldon, Canton Township, at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month and at 1 p.m. the third Thursday. New members, couples or singles are welcome. For information, call Betty Gruchala, president, 459-4091.

## TOUGH LOVE

Self-help program for parents troubled by teen-age behavior meets at 7 p.m. each Monday in a new location, Faith Community Church, Warren Road near Canton Center.

## HEART ASSOCIATION NEEDS VOLUNTEER NURSES

The American Heart Association of Michigan needs volunteer nurses for its free blood-pressure detection clinics between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. the first and third Mondays of each month. The clinics are in the Whitman Center, 32235 W. Chicago, Livonia, between Farmington and Merriman. Counseling on diet and medication is provided. Volunteers are asked to call 425-2333 Monday-Friday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. For American Heart Association information, call 557-9500.

## MOVING AHEAD WISER

Newly widowed people meet Thursdays at Newman House, 17300 Haggerty, Livonia. Group is sponsored by the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College. For information, call 591-6400, Ext. 430.

## CREDITORS

Creditors older persons' club sponsored by the Community Federal Credit Union, meets Tuesdays at the Elks Lodge, 41700 E. Ann Arbor Road. Lunch is at 11 a.m. with cards and crafts at noon. Activities include picnics, dinners, parties and trips. Membership is \$2 a year and is open to people 55 and older who are members of the credit union. For more information, call Kay Dreyer, 453-1200.

## SWEET ADELINES

Midwest Harmony Chapter of Sweet Adelines sings at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Community Room of Kirk of Our Savior,

Westland, Cherry Hill between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Women who like to sing four-part harmony are invited to attend. For information, call Barbara Williams, 721-3861.

## NEW BEGINNINGS

New Beginnings, a group for adults and children who have lost a loved one through death, meets 7:30-9 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month in St. John's Episcopal Church, Sheldon Road south of Ann Arbor Trail. Registration is not necessary, and sessions are free. For information, call Terry Sweeney, 842-4853 or 453-0190.

## MAYFLOWER-LT. GAMBLE POST VFW

Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post 6695, Veterans of Foreign Wars, meets at 8 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the post home, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. New members are welcome. For information, call the post, 459-6700.

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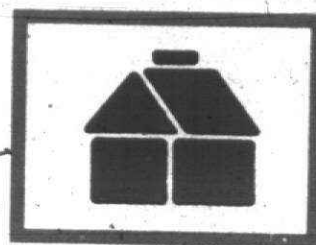
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## exhibitions

## LIVONIA CITY HALL

Thursday, Jan. 3 — A showing of the Scarab Club 71st annual Gold Medal Exhibition will continue through Jan. 11. The Gold Medal show is a juried display of paintings and sculpture by Scarab members. It includes paintings by Livonia residents Eileen Bibby and Elbert Weber, who was awarded second prize. Arthur Parquette of Livonia had two paintings in the Scarab show.

## LIVONIA MALL

Thursday, Jan. 3 — Oxford Art Galleries will hold a fine art exhibit through Jan. 13. The display will feature a variety of more than 200 works by renowned artists, including abstracts, wildlife, boating scenes, landscapes, seascapes, original oils and posters. Prices start at \$10. Livonia Mall is at Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads.

## INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DETROIT

Sunday, Jan. 6 — A special opening reception for an Arab American photo exhibit by Millard Berry will be held 2-4 p.m. in the Institute American Room. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served. Call 871-6600 for reservations by Friday, Jan. 4. The exhibit will be featured at the Institute in January. Funded by the Michigan Council for the Arts and the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS) with support from the International Institute, the exhibit of 40 framed photographs taken over a seven-year period tells the story of Arab Americans in Wayne County.

## VAAL CLASSES

Monday, Jan. 21 — Winter classes begin, offered by the Visual Arts Association of Livonia. Day, evening and Saturday classes and workshops will be available in drawing, watercolor, oil, mixed media and printing. For a winter schedule, call Shirley Glenn at 422-5645 or Ann Keeton at 255-3088.

## PIERCE STREET GALLERY

Saturday, Jan. 5 — Photographs by Lisette Model and Steven Lewis will be on display through Feb. 16. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 217 Pierce, Birmingham.

## DETROIT FOCUS GALLERY

Wednesday, Jan. 9 — Review committee selections feature works by Robert Solson, Pieter Favier, Louise Glass and Connie Samaras. Reception 5:30-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11. Regular hours are noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 743 Beaubien, Detroit.

## CANTOR/LEMBERG GALLERY

Prints by Frank Stella include new ones from the "Had Gadya" portfolio as well as rare trial proofs from previous editions. Included will be recent acquisitions by Richard Estes, Jim Dine, Julian Schnabel, Joseph Raphael and Jennifer Bartlett. Continues through January. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 538 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

## GALLERY BIRMINGHAM

New works by Alvar, Erte and Frank Gallo are being shown along with Dali, Niemman and Appel and a selection of Michigan artists including Marilyn Derwenskus, Susan Thomas and Ed Chesney. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, until 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2232 S. Woodward, Birmingham.

## HILL GALLERY

New acquisitions in American folk art features works by Eddie Arning, Bill Traylor, Charles Loeff, carousel carver, and a selection of carvings from the "Possum Trot" collection by Cal and Ruby Black, anonymous weathervanes and folk sculpture as well as new works by contemporary artists, Mark di Suvero, Heide Fasnacht, Katherine Porter, Joseph Wesner, Michael Hall, Margaret Wharton, Jay Wholley, Alice Aycock, Marianne Sikas, Richard Milani, Ron Leax and Robert Mangold. 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 163 Townsend, Birmingham.

## PARK WEST GALLERIES

"Movement in Blue Space" is a major retrospective by Yacov Agam, who fathered the kinetic art movement and is an international figure in the contemporary art world. Continues through January. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, until 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, 29466 Northwestern, Southfield.

## ROBERT L. KIDD ASSOCIATES

"New Realism," survey of contemporary realism features works by 64 artists in various media. Continues through Jan. 28. Gallery talk on "New American Realism" by Hope Farmer at 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12. No charge. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, until 5 p.m. Thursday.

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## Atget photos touch inner longings

By Ira Lax  
special writer

The Albert and Peggy de Salle Gallery of Photography at the Detroit Institute of Arts presents now through Jan. 13 "The Work of Atget: The Ancient Regime."

This is the third of four installments being brought to Detroit with support from Spring Industries Inc., and organized by the Museum of Modern Art, New York.

I so look forward to seeing these exhibits of the great French photographer Eugene Atget (1857-1927) that I imagine them being titled "A Walk With Atget."

As I wandered among the 120 photographs of the great aristocratic French gardens of Versailles, Saint Cloud and Sceaux, it was as if I was walking with someone who knew their secret essences.

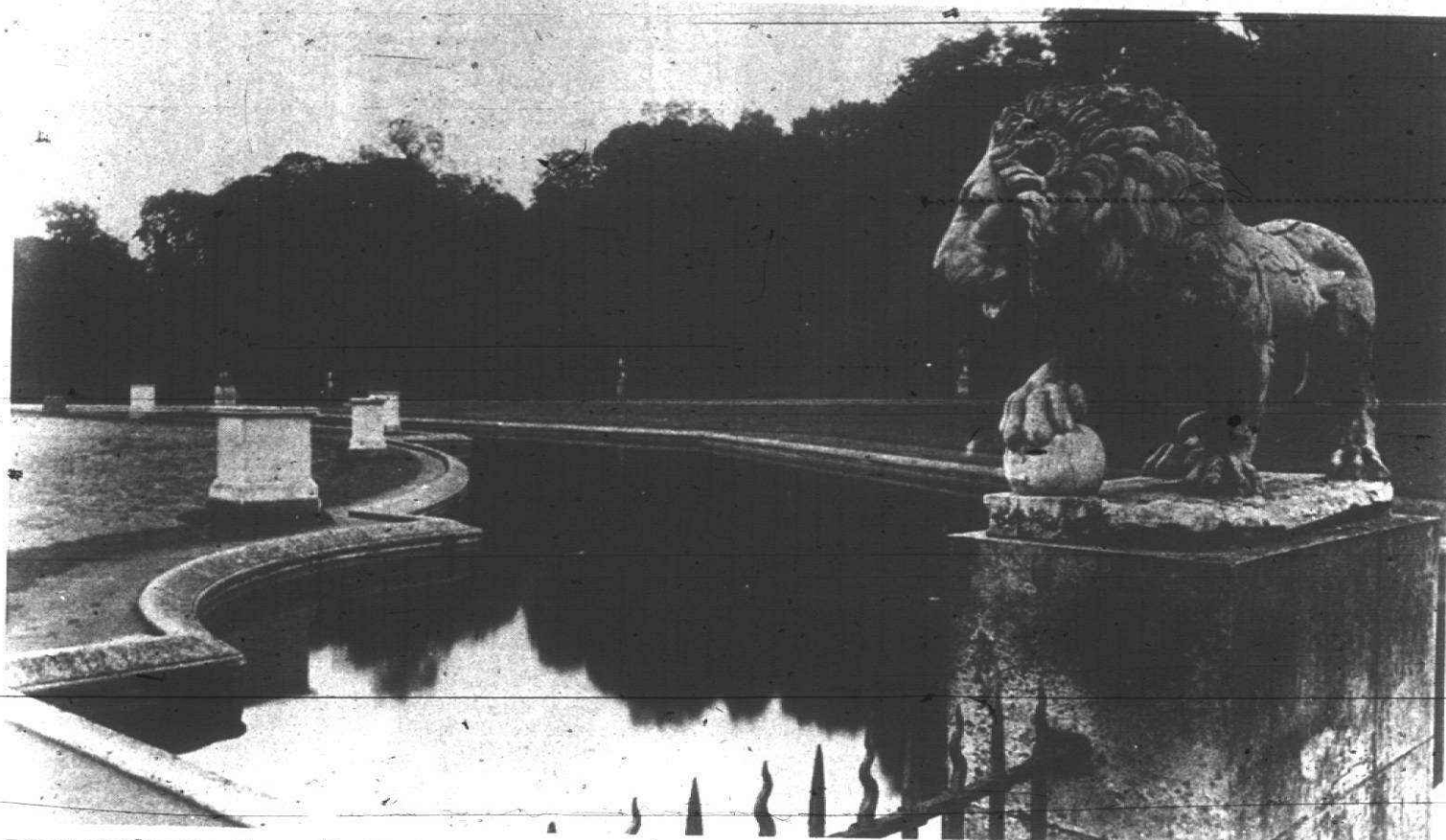
JOHN SZARKOWSKI noted that Atget takes tangential and fragmentary aspects.

The basic elements are palaces, pavilions, reflecting pools, statues, vast lawns and the surrounding woods. The prints are sepiatone with flat, foggy skies.

With these particulars Atget gives us forms, lines, light and reflections, creating his own ineffable world.

Steps leading to a pavilion no longer used are covered with vines and twigs from seasons of wind-blown trees; the statue of a lion overlooks a lonely reflecting pool.

Atget made these images during two periods. The compositions from the early period (1904-05) are very formal and well balanced. Those taken in the



French photographer Eugene Atget took this photograph at Saint-Cloud in 1922, five years before he died.

1920s, however, are wonderfully angled and more playfully and openly perceived. This may reflect the success

Atget had attained late in his life. The later, more organic images represent forms we respond to from deep

inside that touch ancient human longings for unity. Even today when many of us desire

to be shocked and shaken by art, these quiet, unified expressions are worth our serious attention.

## Yuppie profile doesn't tell whole story

NEWSWEEK HAS declared the year just past as the year of the Yuppie. The young urban professionals are profiled in the newsmagazine's cover story.

Michael Doonesbury and his wife are pictured on the cover in their dressed-for-success clothes. Cartoonist Gary Trudeau took a year's hiatus and returned with his once activist characters moving to the new beat of the times — grappling with the pains of bloated financial success.

Gary Hart ran a political campaign aimed at this new breed, the baby-boomers come to power. But their vote, and almost everybody else's, went in the end to Ronald (no tax) Reagan.

The Newsweek article is superficial piffle, a series of short takes on the Me-Generation. But it suggests something about a society mired in materialism.

There is a suggestion here that these are people without values beyond ac-



Hugh Gallagher

quisition and consumption. One woman says she could live "comfortably" on \$200,000 a year if she didn't have children. Another couple admits to giving up their former '60s ideals because they couldn't afford them.

THESE ARE people into their careers, making the big bucks, climbing the corporate ladder and... What else? There is little suggestion that any of these people think about other people. Even the married couples seem more married to each other's paychecks and "lifestyles" than to each other.

Newsweek makes no critical evalua-

tion of this. It merely says this is how it is, make of it what you will.

Some will see this as just fine. The world needs more consumers, right, keep the old economy rolling. We all depend on those rich young people for our own lesser paychecks. A little selfishness never hurt anyone.

But this seems to be a case of newsmagazine revisionism. In the '60s the same Newsweek and its partner in crime Time pictured a nation of dedicated, radical, peace-loving, anti-racist, naive but dedicated college students out to save the world from wanton materialism. Those articles got a lot of chuckles at campuses all over the

country. There were radicals, there were peace marchers, there were draft dodgers. But most college students just went to college, took courses aimed at getting a job and got a job. Most joined the anti-war movement because they didn't want to get killed in a war they heard wasn't all the government claimed it to be. Selfish self preservation but understandable and more on target than any idea of altruism that observers thought they saw.

Now we are told these dedicated young radicals have in their late 20s to late 30s learned the American way, forsaken any taint of Marxism and joined the true revolution — the consumer revolution. These formerly selfless young people are now totally self-centered. What a remarkable turnabout.

HOGWASH! NO doubt there are

people who perfectly fit the Newsweek-Time scenario or "The Big Chill" scenario. Jerry Rubin did give up love beads for a briefcase (as anyone could see he would). But most of these people never committed themselves to any cause but themselves and never had anything to reject. Others (a small minority) remain as dedicated to radical change as ever, riding as well they can the shifts of American political life.

It's so easy to build these generalizations and then go find someone to fill in the stereotype. But it tells us nothing about the true makeup of American life. It's awful sociology and not very good journalism either.

I'm of that generation and never felt I fit into any of those neat categories, when I was in college or now. And I doubt anyone else would want to claim membership in this weird tribe that Newsweek calls the Yuppies.

## Estleman's novel packed with intrigue

By Pearl Ahnen  
special writer

"Sugartown," Loren D. Estleman, Houghton Mifflin \$13.95

"Sugartown," by Loren D. Estleman, of Whitmore Lake, is a fast-paced book that continues the adventures of Amos Walker, private eye.

Estleman has written other Amos Walker mysteries, all set in Detroit. "Sugartown" is the echo of Detroit and the reader will recognize the truth in the author's broad canvas of the city. The details of life in Detroit are in the book, though they are arranged so that they tell a story of intrigue.

As the novel opens, Amos Walker is hired by a very old woman who speaks with a Polish accent. She wants him to find her grandson, Michael, who has been missing for 19 years. The grandson disappeared shortly after his father, mother and sister were found dead in their home.

According to the police report the father killed his wife and daughter, while Michael was in school. After the two murders, the father killed himself. But that's not the whole story.

THE INTRIGUE begins when a Russian author, exiled and famous, hires Walker. The novelist believes that someone is trying to suppress his next book by killing him.

In the meantime, the Russian is in



Loren Estleman

own life in jeopardy when he suddenly Detroit, hiding out in the Westin Hotel. Walker, the private eye, finds his realizes that there is a strange relationship between the two cases.

The novel is fleshed out with Estleman's frank critiques of the strategies and tactics employed by private investigators. If Walker doesn't know all the hangouts, bars, loan sharks, informers and ex-cops in Detroit and Hamtramck, he knows the ones that count.

There is a fine mixture of street people and straight people in the novel. This is Estleman's fifth in the

Amos Walker series and it's as painstakingly researched as the others. The author divides his time between writing mysteries and westerns. Both genres are marked by close attention to detail.

Estleman deftly turns Detroit street life into an asset. What is omitted is heard all the more loudly for its absence and the emotional impact of the novel is the greater.

Above all, the book is about the frustrations and contradictions in what outwardly appears to be a healthy and well-knit family that eventually proves to be sinister and deadly.

Although the case of the three killings was officially resolved and closed by the Detroit Police 19 years ago, still lingering is the dark question raised about the family when Walker is hired to find the missing grandson.

THERE ARE plenty of confrontations and interviews with Walker over drinks — surprisingly, the drink is sometimes milk — as he seeks out clues from ex-cops, weird characters and the obligatory pretty woman, a nurse who is a companion to the old woman.

Why the title "Sugartown?" Early in the mystery the author explains that Detroit was known as Sugartown

**Loren Estleman will be autographing copies of "Sugartown," 5-7 p.m. Thursday at Birmingham Bookstore, 263 Pierce, Birmingham. This is the newest mystery featuring the hard-boiled detective, Amos Walker. Among the others are "Angel Eyes," "The Midnight Man" and "The Glass Highway."**

long before Motown was the vogue. The name was pinned on the city by the laborers who came to Detroit seeking the promise of work and high wages.

As Walker gets caught in the grip of intrigue and burrows deeper into the motives and loyalties of his clients, it is clear that author Estleman wandered the streets, bars and shadows in order to bring alive both Detroit and Hamtramck.

The book ends with an extraordinary solution told in such a matter-of-fact manner that the reader is all the more shocked by it. It's a tense, gripping story, one that keeps the

reader guessing until the last paragraph.

Estleman has written 16 novels. The young and prolific author published his first book, "Oklahoma Punk," in 1976 when he was 24 years old. He is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and a veteran police-beat journalist.

Several of his mysteries have been honored as Best Mysteries of the Year by the New York Times Book Review. His western, "Aces & Eight," won the 1981 Golden Spur Award of the Western Writers of America. He has been nominated for two Shamus awards, offered by the Private Eye Writers of America.



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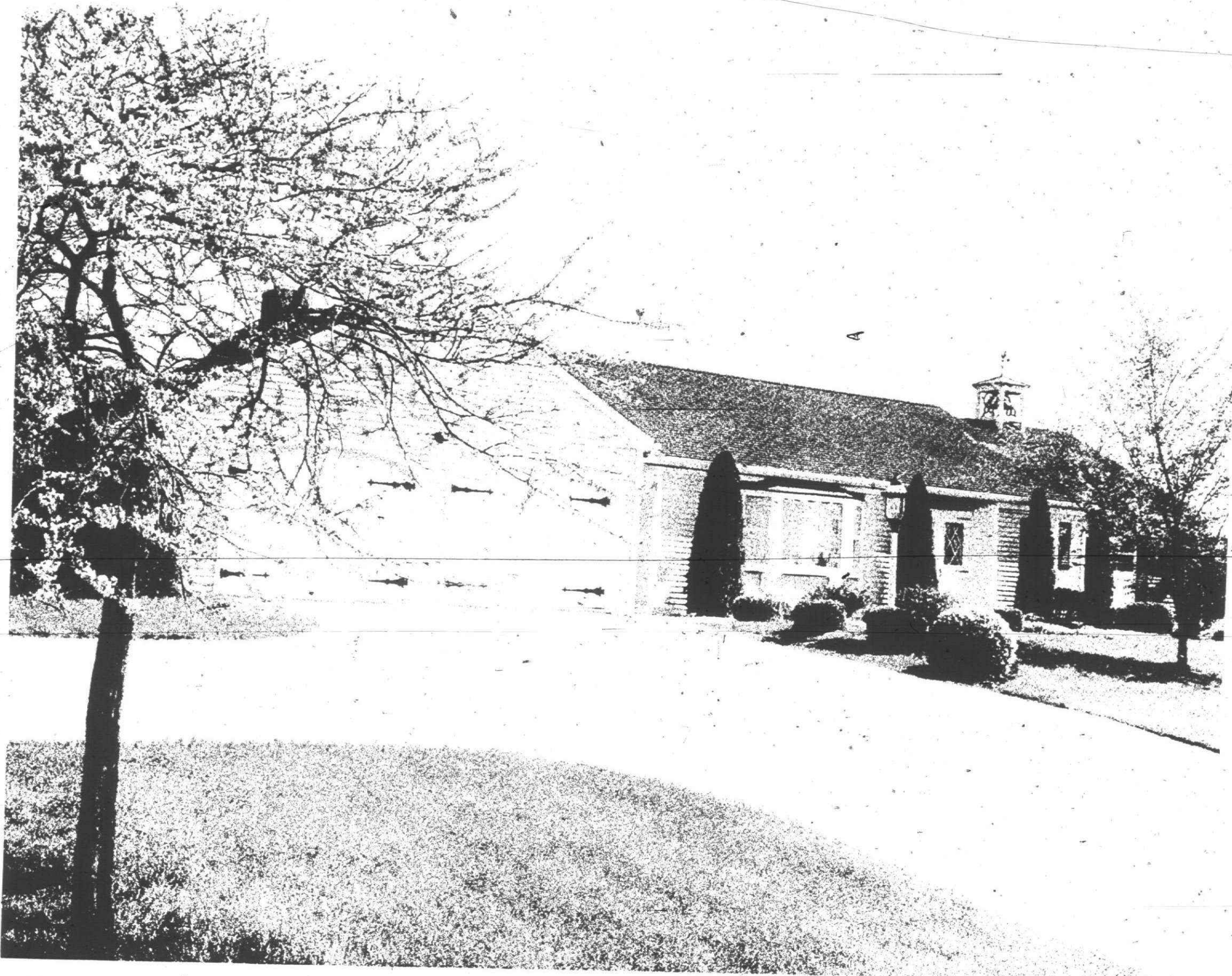
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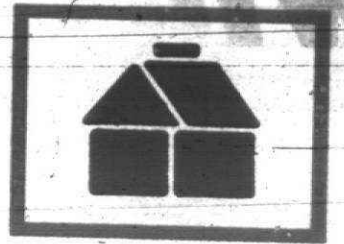
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Thursday, Jan. 3 — A showing of the Scarab Club 71st Annual Gold Medal Exhibition will continue through Jan. 11. The Gold Medal show is a juried display of paintings and sculpture by Scarab members. It includes paintings by Livonia residents Eileen Bibby and Elbert Weber, who was awarded second prize. Arthur Parquette of Livonia had two paintings in the Scarab show.

● **LIVONIA MALL**  
Thursday, Jan. 3 — Oxford Art Galleries will hold a fine art exhibit through Jan. 13. The display will feature a variety of more than 200 works by renowned artists, including abstracts, wildlife, boating scenes, landscapes, seascapes, original oils and posters. Prices start at \$10. Livonia Mall is at Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads.

● **INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DETROIT**  
Sunday, Jan. 4 — A special opening reception for an Arab American photo exhibit by Millard Berry will be held 2-4 p.m. in the Institute American Room. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served. Call 871-9800 for reservations by Friday, Jan. 4. The exhibit will be featured at the Institute in January. Funded by the Michigan Council for the Arts and the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS) with support from the International Institute, the exhibit of 40 framed photographs taken over a seven-year period tells the story of Arab Americans in Wayne County.

● **VAAL CLASSES**  
Monday, Jan. 21 — Winter classes begin, offered by the Visual Arts Association of Livonia. Day, evening and Saturday classes and workshops will be available in drawing, watercolor, oil, mixed media and printing. For a winter schedule, call Shirley Glenn at 422-5645 or Ann Keeton at 255-3088.

● **PIERCE STREET GALLERY**  
Saturday, Jan. 5 — Photographs by Lisette Model and Steven Lewis will be on display through Feb. 16. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 217 Pierce, Birmingham.

● **DETROIT FOCUS GALLERY**  
Wednesday, Jan. 9 — Review committee selections feature works by Robert Solsen, Pieter Favier, Louise Glass and Connie Samaras. Reception 5:30-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11. Regular hours are noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 743 Beaubien, Detroit.

● **CANTOR/LEMBERG GALLERY**  
Prints by Frank Stella include new ones from the "Had Gadya" portfolio as well as rare trial proofs from previous editions. Included will be recent acquisitions by Richard Estes, Jim Dine, Julian Schnabel, Joseph Rappaport and Jennifer Bartlett. Continues through January. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 538 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

● **GALLERY BIRMINGHAM**  
New works by Alvar, Erte and Frank Gallo are being shown along with Dali, Niernman and Appel and a selection of Michigan artists including Marilyn Derwenskus, Susan Thomas and Ed Chesney. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, until 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2232 S. Woodward, Birmingham.

● **HILL GALLERY**  
New acquisitions in American folk art features works by Eddie Arning, Bill Traylor, Charles Loeff, carousel carver, and a selection of carvings from the "Possum Trot" collection by Cal and Ruby Black, anonymous weathervanes and folk sculpture as well as new works by contemporary artists, Mark di Suvero, Heide Pasanacht, Katherine Porter, Joseph Wessner, Michael Hall, Margaret Wharton, Jay Wholley, Alice Aycock, Marianne Sikas, Richard Milani, Ron Leax and Robert Mangold. 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 163 Townsend, Birmingham.

● **PARK WEST GALLERIES**  
"Movement in Blue Space" is a major retrospective by Yaacov Agam, who fathered the kinetic art movement and is an international figure in the contemporary art world. Continues through January. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, until 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, 29469 Northwestern, Southfield.

● **ROBERT L. KIDD ASSOCIATES**  
"New Realism," survey of contemporary realism features works by 64 artists in various media. Continues through Jan. 26. Gallery talk on "New American Realism" by Hope Palmer at 9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13. No charge. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, until 8 p.m. Thursday.

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## Atget photos touch inner longings

By Ira Lax  
special writer

The Albert and Peggy de Salle Gallery of Photography at the Detroit Institute of Arts presents now through Jan. 13 "The Work of Atget: The Ancient Regime."

This is the third of four installments being brought to Detroit with support from Spring Industries Inc., and organized by the Museum of Modern Art, New York.

I so look forward to seeing these exhibits of the great French photographer Eugene Atget (1857-1927) that I imagine them being titled "A Walk With Atget."

As I wandered among the 120 photographs of the great aristocratic French gardens of Versailles, Saint Cloud and Sceaux, it was as if I was walking with someone who knew their secret essences.

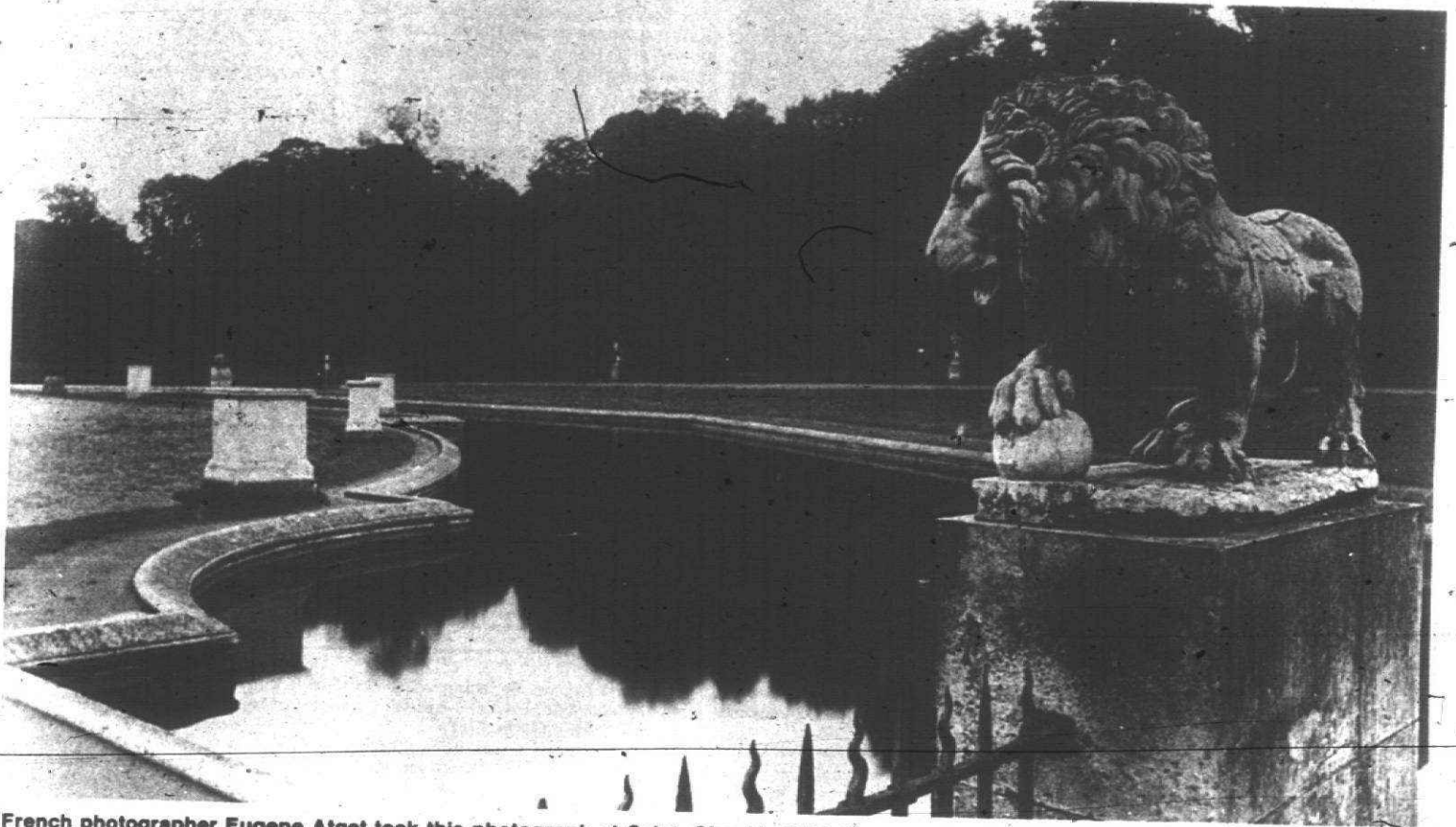
JOHN SZARKOWSKI noted that Atget takes tangential and fragmentary aspects.

The basic elements are palaces, pavilions, reflecting pools, statues, vast lawns and the surrounding woods. The prints are sepia toned with flat, foggy skies.

With these particulars Atget gives us forms, lines, light and reflections, creating his own ineffable world.

Steps leading to a pavilion no longer used are covered with vines and twigs from seasons of wind blown trees; the statue of a lion overlooks a lonely reflecting pool.

Atget made these images during two periods. The compositions from the early period (1904-05) are very formal and well balanced. Those taken in the



French photographer Eugene Atget took this photograph at Saint-Cloud in 1922, five years before he died.

1920s, however, are wonderfully angled and more playfully and openly perceived. This may reflect the success

Atget had attained late in his life.

The later, more organic images represent forms we respond to from deep

inside that touch ancient human longings for unity.

Even today when many of us desire

to be shocked and shaken by art, these quiet, unified expressions are worth our serious attention.

## Yuppie profile doesn't tell whole story

NEWSWEEK HAS declared the year just past as the year of the Yuppie. The young urban professionals are profiled in the newsmagazine's cover story.

Michael Doonebury and his wife are pictured on the cover in their dressed-for-success clothes. Cartoonist Gary Trudeau took a year's hiatus and returned with his once activist characters moving to the new beat of the times — grappling with the pains of bloated financial success.

Gary Hart ran a political campaign aimed at this new breed, the baby-boomers come to power. But their vote, and almost everybody else's, went in the end to Ronald (no tax) Reagan.

The Newswweek article is superficial piffle, a series of short takes on the Me-Generation. But it suggests something about a society mired in materialism.

There is a suggestion here that these are people without values beyond ac-



Hugh Gallagher

quisition and consumption. One woman says she could live "comfortably" on \$200,000 a year if she didn't have children. Another couple admits to giving up their former '60s ideals because they couldn't afford them.

THESE ARE people into their careers, making the big bucks, climbing the corporate ladder and... What else? There is little suggestion that any of these people think about other people. Even the married couples seem more married to each other's paychecks and "lifestyles" than to each other.

Newswweek makes no critical evalua-

tion of this. It merely says this is how it is, make of it what you will.

Some will see this as just fine. The world needs more consumers, right, keep the old economy rolling. We all depend on those rich young people for our own lesser paychecks. A little selfishness never hurt anyone.

But this seems to be a case of newsmagazine revisionism. In the '60s the same Newswweek and its partner in crime Time pictured a nation of dedicated, radical, peace-loving, anti-racist, naive but dedicated college students out to save the world from wanton materialism. Those articles got a lot of chuckles at campuses all over the

country. There were radicals, there were peace marchers, there were draft dodgers. But most college students just went to college, took courses aimed at getting a job and got a job. Most joined the anti-war movement because they didn't want to get killed in a war they heard wasn't all the government claimed it to be. Selfish self preservation but understandable and more on target than any idea of altruism that observers thought they saw.

Now we are told these dedicated young radicals have in their late 20s to late 30s learned the American way, forsaken any taint of Marxism and joined the true revolution — the consumer revolution. These formerly selfless young people are now totally self-centered. What a remarkable turnabout.

HOGWASH! NO doubt there are

people who perfectly fit the Newswweek-Time scenario or "The Big Chill" scenario. Jerry Rubin did give up love beads for a briefcase (as anyone could see he would). But most of these people never committed themselves to any cause but themselves and never had anything to reject. Others (a small minority) remain as dedicated to radical change as ever, riding as well they can the shifts of American political life.

It's so easy to build these generalizations and then go find someone to fill in the stereotype. But it tells us nothing about the true makeup of American life. It's awful sociology and not very good journalism either.

I'm of that generation and never felt I fit into any of those neat categories, when I was in college or now. And I doubt anyone else would want to claim membership in this weird tribe that Newswweek calls the Yuppies.

## Estleman's novel packed with intrigue

By Pearl Ahnen  
special writer

"Sugartown," Loren D. Estleman, Houghton Mifflin \$13.95

"Sugartown," by Loren D. Estleman, of Whitmore Lake, is a fast-paced book that continues the adventures of Amos Walker, private eye.

Estleman has written other Amos Walker mysteries, all set in Detroit. "Sugartown" is the echo of Detroit and the reader will recognize the truth in the author's broad canvas of the city. The details of life in Detroit are in the book, though they are arranged so that they tell a story of intrigue.

As the novel opens, Amos Walker is hired by a very old woman who speaks with a Polish accent. She wants him to find her grandson, Michael, who has been missing for 19 years. The grandson disappeared shortly after his father, mother and sister were found dead in their home.

According to the police report the father killed his wife and daughter, while Michael was in school. After the two murders, the father killed himself. But that's not the whole story.

THE INTRIGUE begins when a Russian author, exiled and famous, hires Walker. The novelist believes that someone is trying to suppress his next book by killing him.

In the meantime, the Russian is in



Loren Estleman

own life in jeopardy when he suddenly Detroit, hiding out in the Westin Hotel. Walker, the private eye, finds his realizes that there is a strange relationship between the two cases.

The novel is fleshed out with Estleman's frank critiques of the strategies and tactics employed by private investigators. If Walker doesn't know all the hangouts, bars, loan sharks, informers and ex-cops in Detroit and Hamtramck, he knows the ones that count.

There is a fine mixture of street people and straight people in the novel. This is Estleman's fifth in the

Amos Walker series and it's as painstakingly researched as the others. The author divides his time between writing mysteries and westerns. Both genres are marked by close attention to detail.

Estleman deftly turns Detroit street life into an asset. What is omitted is heard all the more loudly for its absence and the emotional impact of the novel is the greater.

Above all, the book is about the frustrations and contradictions in what outwardly appears to be a healthy and well-knit family that eventually proves to be sinister and deadly.

Although the case of the three killings was officially resolved and closed by the Detroit Police 19 years ago, still lingering is the dark question raised about the family when Walker is hired to find the missing grandson.

THERE ARE plenty of confrontations and interviews by Walker over drinks — surprisingly, the drink is sometimes milk — as he seeks out clues from ex-cops, weird characters and the obligatory pretty woman, a nurse who is companion to the old woman.

Why the title "Sugartown?" Early in the mystery the author explains that Detroit was known as Sugartown

**Loren Estleman will be autographing copies of "Sugartown," 5-7 p.m. Thursday at Birmingham Bookstore, 263 Pierce, Birmingham. This is the newest mystery featuring the hard-boiled detective, Amos Walker. Among the others are "Angel Eyes," "The Midnight Man" and "The Glass Highway."**

long before Motown was the vogue. The name was pinned on the city by the laborers who came to Detroit seeking the promise of work and high wages.

As Walker gets caught in the grip of intrigue and burrows deeper into the motives and loyalties of his clients, it is clear that author Estleman wandered the streets, bars and shadows in order to bring alive both Detroit and Hamtramck.

The book ends with an extraordinary solution told in such a matter-of-fact manner that the reader is all the more shocked by it. It's a tense, gripping story, one that keeps the

reader guessing until the last paragraph.

Estleman has written 16 novels. The young and prolific author published his first book, "Oklahoma Punk," in 1976 when he was 24 years old. He is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and a veteran police-beat journalist.

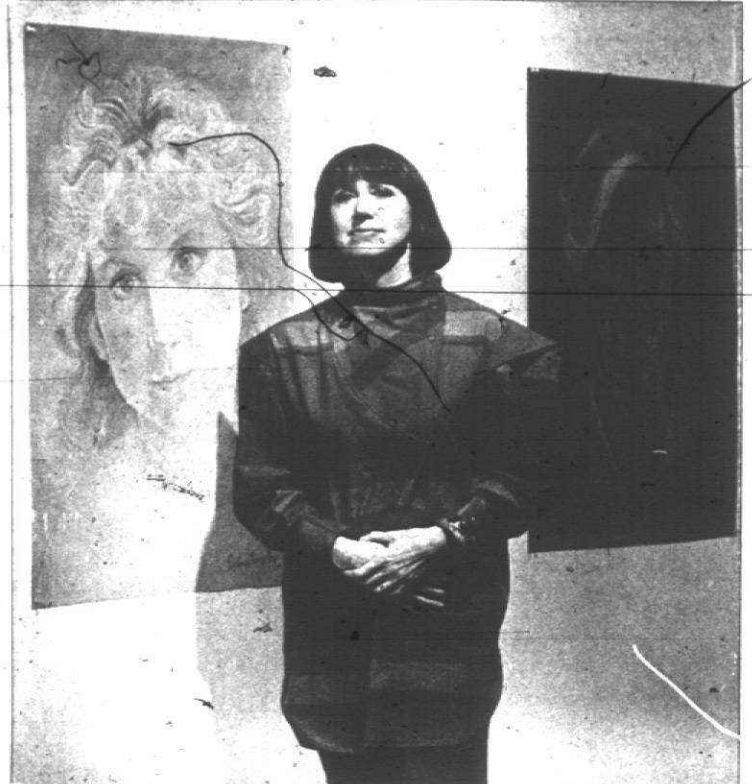
Several of his mysteries have been honored as Best Mysteries of the Year by the New York Times Book Review. His western, "Aces & Eight," won the 1981 Golden Spur Award of the Western Writers of America. He has been nominated for two Shamus awards, offered by the Private Eye Writers of America.



# New life brings changed art

By Corlaine Abett  
Staff Writer

Barbara Terry Roy's one-artist exhibition at Birmingham Unitarian



Barbara Terry Roy is shown above with two of the pastel portraits she will have in her upcoming show. The one at left is her daughter, Lisa Boucher, the other is Karen Bolen. At left is the last portrait she did of Earl Reckenbelle before he died.

Church this month epitomizes a not-uncommon story among creative women. Although a graduate of Center for Creative Studies, her art languished while she married and raised a family.

During the pain of a divorce, art became a way to express her feelings. Through intricately executed pen and ink drawings, she expressed a multitude of pen-up feelings — a valuable therapeutic experience which she can now put into perspective.

With a second, happy marriage, her work changed dramatically from dreamlike figures in tight situations to larger and life, pastel portraits full of color and freedom. Earl Reckenbelle, her former father-in-law, who came to her ArtSpace studio in the old winery in Farmington on Grand River and posed for her who made the difference.

"I wanted to work only from life and he'd get up early and come and pose for me day after day."

In a sense, the many portraits she did of him are a story in themselves. From the first to the most recent, done in the fall just before he died, there is an obvious progression in size, amount of color and depth of perception.

"I am just now getting the idea that I want to use it. Now she reveals in the space and the good light. She wants to build a platform where her subjects can sit for more and better perspectives, and she plans to move from pastel to oil and work even larger than she is now."

The one oil portrait in the show marks the direction she is taking. The portrait is the last exhibit at Birmingham Unitarian Church are 30 by 40 inches and 20 by 24, but she doesn't feel com-

fortable with the smaller size any longer. "I work fast," she said, "but sometimes, not fast enough. There is so much in me that wants to come out. I've kept so much in for so long."

Her husband, Tom Roy, whom she describes as a "talented graphic artist," owns a Birmingham-based company and shares her love of art.

Birmingham Unitarian Church, Lone Pine at Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, is open 1-5 p.m. each Sunday.



This is the last portrait Roy did of Earl Reckenbelle before he died.

Staff photos by Randy Borst

## exhibitions

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and Friday and 1-5 p.m. Sundays in December, 107 Townsend, Birmingham.

● **HABATAT GALLERIES**

"Evolution/Revolution" features six separate exhibits in Habatat and Venture Galleries with artists Stephen Hodder, Dick Hess, William Morris, Karla Trunkley, Paul Seide and William Dexter. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, until 9 p.m. Friday, 2835 Southfield, Lathrup Village.

● **XOCHIPILLI GALLERY**

New work by Stephen Hansen, continues at the gallery through Jan. 4. It's the Michigan scold who creates sometimes almost lifelike figures that make us laugh at ourselves as well as

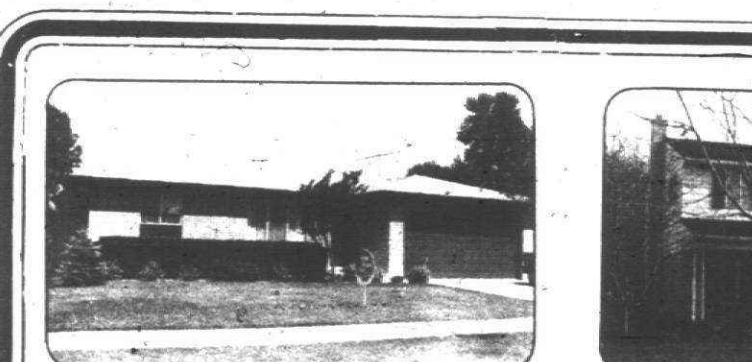
at the art. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 568 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

● **PRINT GALLERY**

Hand-printed canvas collages by Jo Rosen and original prints by Will Moses, American folk artist, are on display through February. Linestone sculpture by Howard Kagen is at the gallery through January. Kagen, musician and educator, was inspired by Miro. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, until 9 p.m. Thursday, 29203 Northwestern, Southfield.

● **RUBINER GALLERY**

Works by Carol Aronson, Ernestine Ruben, Glen Michaels, Deborah Sudran continue through Jan. 5. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 29203 Northwestern, Southfield.



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Close up portrait is of the artist's daughter, Kristi Reckenbelle. The colors are brilliant and the work is larger than life.

## Musica announces January program

Continuing with the theme, "Excursions in Music," Birmingham Musica will present "88 Plus 8" at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10 at The Community House of Birmingham.

Featured will be three piano ensembles and the Musica Madrigal Singers.

Jean Elms and Alice Watch will play the allegro, andante and allegretto movements of the Concerto for Two Pianos in D Major by Mozart.

Janette Engelhardt and Sandra Drew will play Variations on a Theme by Haydn by Brahms and Martha Walton and Diodwyn Stephenson have chosen the Barcarolle from the First Suite by Rachmaninoff and the Polka from Schwanau from the "Bagpipers" by Weinberger for their selections.

The program by Birmingham Musica-Madrigal Singers, directed by Hazel Lawrence, will include, "To Shorten Winter's Sadness," Weekless; "With Drooping Wings," Ye Cupids Come; "Purcell-Geer," As Fair as Morn; "Wilby Ebert," Though My Carriage Be but Carriage; "Weillies-Hall," Adieu, Sweet America; "Wilby-Davis," and "Let All Who Sing Be Merry," Vecchi-Malin.

Singers are Mary Irvine, Cheryl Krul, Gretchen Lyon, Marilyn Brown, Marilyn Schroeder, Ellie Wexler and Pat Mills with Mary Johnson, recorder. Working on the program are Karen Mitchell, chairman, Mary Hoppel, Mary Jo Liero, Ruth Shamburg, and Lorretta Fernandez.

Guests are welcome. Those interested in membership may call Charlotte Ruppel, membership chairman, 642-7940 or Pat Mills, president, 1-656-0666.

**Travel seminar set**  
"How to Travel Alone" is the title of a workshop for mature people to be offered by SPACE, a service of the National Council of Jewish Women at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20.

The workshop will take place at the SPACE office, 30233 Southfield Road, Southfield. Registration can be accomplished by calling Aida at 258-8606. A \$4 donation is asked.

Silva Stewart will lead the discussion on how individuals can maximize their enjoyment when traveling alone. She will also discuss pitfalls to watch for, the advantages and disadvantages of

ours, and how to travel on a limited budget. Other information will help travelers plan their own itineraries and be informed on the different types of tours available plus the differences in business and personal travel.

Silva's workshop will include practical considerations such as visas, passports, insurance, medical considerations, and when and how to make your bookings and packing. An experienced travel consultant, she has extensive experience in domestic and international travel planning.



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