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Absenteeism soars in local classrooms

By Doug Funke
staff writer

If one or more of your children have missed school during the last week or so due to illness, take heart mom. You aren't alone.

A spot check Monday of several buildings in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools revealed that student absenteeism is way above normal.

At Lowell Junior High, 163 students were sick last Friday and 135 were reported ill by a parent or guardian Monday. Additionally, about 25 students were sent home Monday after they had arrived at school, said Cindy Grover, an office aide.

Normally, about 50 Lowell students are absent in any given day.

Bird Elementary has averaged 100

to 125 daily absences since last Tuesday, said Barbara Shobe, a secretary at the school. Twenty to 40 is more commonplace at the 700-student building, she said.

At Field Elementary, which houses 813 students, 102 were out last Friday and 88 Monday, said Barbara Blacklock, a secretary. Even 50 daily absences would be considered high there, she added.

AT THE Centennial Educational Park, 418 students out of about 3,700 at Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton high schools were reported sick before noon Monday and 494 last Friday, said Ethylene Hazelwood, an area coordinator.

Absenteeism was less last Friday than earlier in the week but noticeably

higher than usual, she said.

Teacher illness is also up, but not nearly as much as student sickness.

Fifty-four of the district's 800 teachers called in sick Monday, 55 last Friday and 48 last Thursday, said Richard Egli, administrative assistant for community relations.

Normally, about 20 fail to report due to illness on an average school day, he said.

Twenty-three bus drivers missed work last Thursday, Egli said, but all students in the district who are transported to school were picked up that day.

"We had some subs and some drivers, bless their hearts, doubled up and did yeoman's duty. They are a devoted and dedicated group. Some people might not recognize what bus drivers

go through."

BOTH Influenza A and Influenza B have been reported in Michigan this winter, said Keith Tait, an epidemiologist with the Wayne County Health Department.

Influenza B, which seems to hit children harder and is less susceptible to treatment, is more prevalent, he added.

Influenza symptoms — fever, chills, headache, runny nose, cough and muscle ache — are often similar to those found in bacteria-induced illnesses such as strep throat and respiratory infections.

Treatments, though, differ.

"If people call and say they have a sore throat and fever, we recommend they see their physician," Tait said.

In either instance, children shouldn't

be given aspirin for fever due to its possible link with Reye's Syndrome, he added.

Influenza has a short incubation period, Tait said, usually striking within 24 hours and almost always within three days. It often takes a week to recover.

PERSONS susceptible to the illness — especially the elderly and those with chronic respiratory problems — should consider receiving a vaccination in early fall to lessen their chances of being felled.

Influenza isn't necessarily more prevalent in the metropolitan area this year even though it may seem so due to the large number of children out of school, Tait said.

While some schools have closed due to high absenteeism among students

and staff, the Plymouth-Canton schools have managed to stay open.

School administrators don't have a magic number when reached that they decide to shut down temporarily, Egli said. Every effort is made to keep the educational process going.

"I think we would look carefully at 25 percent or more," he said. "You're forced to make a value judgment."

"It's a little like wind chill," Egli continued. "We have a policy that a principal takes a hard look and decides whether it's appropriate for children to be outside. The point is, it's a judgment that can be different at different buildings."

Parents are warned by school officials and health professionals to make sure their children are fully recovered before returning to school.

Music literacy is goal of popular band leader

By Penny Wright
special writer

FLASHBACKS — Plymouth Centennial Educational Park (PCEP) Marching Band's 1985 Competition Season:

Washington, Mich., Sept. 21

A dejected CEP band encircles director James Griffith in a darkened school yard to find out why their 1984 championship band has just lost its first competition of the 1985 season. The director says with hard work they'll win at season's end.

Cincinnati, Oct. 12

After placing second in three earlier meets, the 175-member band in two-phase competition with out-of-state bands wins the Grand Championship at the Tropicana Music Bowl. Jubilant band members and families march off the field to awaiting buses.

Plymouth, Oct. 26

The spirited, yellow and black uniformed CEP band steam-rolls over all competitors to become state champions. Band members set their sights for the national band competition in Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Nov. 16

Unable to advance to the finals after first-day competition, the band begins the overnight bus ride home. Band members call the trip a learning experience.

Plymouth, Nov. 19

Band staff, families and musicians give director Griffith a long, emotion-filled ovation at the annual awards banquet.

The flashbacks tell part of the story.

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A music room filled with more than a hundred trophies and citations tells more. James R. Griffith, musical director for the Centennial Educational Park, heads one of the most acclaimed high school musical programs in the state.

When asked about the honors, Griffith says: "My goal is music literacy. When students graduate from here, they should be able to read and communicate musically. Students should be learning skills they can draw upon through life."

During his 29-year tenure with the Plymouth-Canton school system, the director has pursued his goal with tenacity — sometimes evoking criticism, mostly winning praise. Griffith's readiness to abandon convention and move in new musical directions has been a key factor in achieving success.

The 175-member PCEP Marching Band, the most visible element of the high school music program, showcases his taste for the unconventional. Besides playing at all home football games on Friday evenings, the marching band follows an intense schedule of weekend competitions throughout the fall.

According to Griffith, most traditional marching bands exist to provide live entertainment for athletic events — to entertain the crowd at football games. "Our main goal is not to provide live entertainment — that only comes if the main goal of music education has been achieved."

Griffith emphasized that while playing at football games is manageable in time and effort, he is forced to turn

down many other playing requests (which sometimes brings criticism) to achieve his goals.

"Everyone wants to perform in their own contests. Our band students work hard in order to perform their program before a crowd on a Saturday night which has come to see them, not to see people throw a football around."

Griffith continued: "The kids feel good that the stands are filled with people who have paid money to see them perform. We are not distracting from the athletic program. We have something for ourselves and it is good for our kids to have that opportunity."

SEATED IN his office after school, Griffith recalled the spring of 1957 when he first became band director while still a senior at the University of Michigan.

"We had one all-purpose band then. The band was a marching band during the fall and, after football season ended, it was the concert band."

Griffith noted the music education program really grew after two bands were formed. The move led to the existing combination of a sophisticated music program during the school day and a competitive marching band activity after school.

"At the time, having two bands was considered unusual and still is in certain parts of the country."

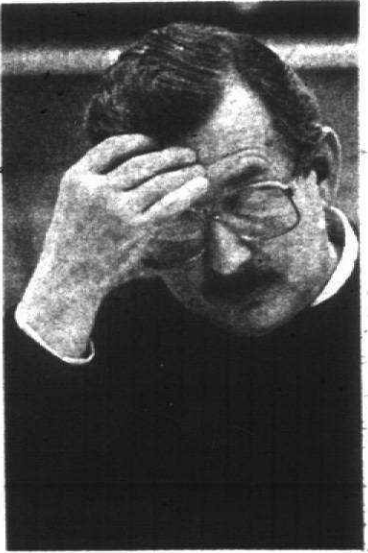
Griffith compared his band to an athletic team. "Times have changed. Musician stereotypes have changed. Our marching band students put forth many hours of after-school practice requiring a lot of mental as well as physical effort."

The teacher attributes much of his success with students to his early training with world famous U-M professor



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

For James Griffith, teaching music is much more than a job — it's a life calling.



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Fisher's father-in-law tells of marital problems

By Diane Gale
staff writer

A woman who answered a newspaper companion ad and dated Charles Ray Fisher, accused of killing his wife by wrapping duct tape around her head, was expected to testify at his

first degree murder trial yesterday.

Marguerite Mary Orsz is the last witness Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Doug Baker is expected to call to testify in Judge Claudia House-Morcom's courtroom. When the prosecutor rests defense attorney Daniel Burruss will call witnesses.

THE TRIAL began in early December and has been lengthened by numerous motions to suppress evidence, such as letters written by Fisher and the victim's diary, offered by the prosecutor.

In her ruling to disallow the evidence, Judge House-Morcom cited circuit and district court rulings that the

prosecutor's office incorrectly suppressed this evidence.

The victim's father, Manuel Mercado, a key witness for the prosecutor, completed his testimony Monday. He cited a long history of marital problems between his daughter, Ella Maria Mercado-Fisher, and the defendant.

Mercado-Fisher was unconscious July 15, 1984, in the couple's Thornwood home in Canton and suffered severe lack of oxygen to the brain. She died five days later when her family decided to remove her from a life support system.

Fisher maintains the couple was

robbed and the intruders were responsible for the attack.

Mercado testified Fisher was obsessed with worry — thinking his wife was having an affair with her cousin, Javier Hortato, whom she planned to marry.

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Morey found guilty in 2nd sex case

By Diane Gale
staff writer

Darrell P. Morey has been found guilty in the second of five criminal sexual assault charges on the I-275 bike path in Canton and Van Buren townships.

A jury took less than two hours to deliberate before announcing their verdict Tuesday morning in Wayne Circuit Judge Sharon Tevis Finch's courtroom. Morey will be sentenced by Finch at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12. He remains in Wayne County Jail in lieu of a \$500,000 cash bond.

Morey was charged with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct (CSC) involving penetration in the attack of a 22-year-old Belleville woman who

identified Morey in court. She said Morey attacked her May 13, 1985, near the I-275 bike path in Van Buren Township.

RESPONDING TO questions from his attorney, Seymour Berger, Morey testified he was trying to help the woman by chasing the man he thought made the attack.

Morey said he held a local preacher's license with the Detroit First Church of the Nazarene and was headed toward the Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary in Allen Park before the attack. He was leaving I-275 to buy a can of pop when he spotted the woman who seemed to be in trouble, Morey testified.

A jury was expected to be selected

Wednesday in the third case in which Morey is charged with assault with intent to commit CSC in the first degree.

Canton Police allege Morey knocked a Canton woman off her bicycle and pushed her into a ditch. He grabbed, choked and punched her but the woman resisted and got away, said Canton Police Lt. Alex Wilson.

MOREY WAS arrested May 22, 1985, by Canton Police.

The arrest culminated a yearlong investigation of attacks on seven women between June and August 1984. All of the victims were jogging or riding bicycles on the path.

A 23-year-old Flat Rock man was found guilty of one count of assault and

battery in connection with the incidents.

Canton Police were led to Morey after he was arrested for assault and battery of a woman May 13 on the bike path in Van Buren Township.

While he was out on bond for the Canton cases, Morey was charged with an additional sexual assault in Van Buren Township.

In November 1985 Morey was found guilty of sexually assaulting a Canton woman and was sentenced by Judge Finch to eight to 16 years in prison.

Each of the five cases Morey is charged with will be tried separately.

Formerly of Canton Township, Morey is married and the father of two. He is on leave of absence from Service Master Corp.

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Ficano announces candidacy for Wayne executive post



Robert Ficano

By Teri Banas
staff writer

Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano, an attorney and former deputy county clerk, is the second Lionvian to enter the race for the Wayne County Executive post. Livonia Mayor Edward McNamara announced his candidacy last December.

Ficano was to announce his candidacy for county executive at a press conference today in his downtown Detroit administrative office.

COUNTY CLERK James Killeen, recognized as one of the most powerful Democrats in county government, said he is ready to offer Ficano any advice or help on fund raising. Killeen brought Ficano along in the county hierarchy when he appointed him deputy clerk in 1981.

He has a good number of people committed to raising money for him, and I have pledged to him that I'll talk to my friends about it," said Killeen this week.

Though hesitant to confirm his intentions in previous months, Ficano has spoken confidently for months about a run for the executive's spot, now held by Edward McNamara.

Lucas is eyeing a bid for the governor's office and has scheduled an announcement on Lincoln's Birthday (Wednesday).

Ficano, 33, said he could offer the executive's job a "unique blend of aggressiveness and experience" as he referred to heading up the "third largest budget in Michigan" as county sheriff. In that capacity, he operates a \$47 million budget and oversees 1,300 employees across five labor unions. He also noted that under his leadership he has operated a balanced budget, while previously the budget ran over by \$20 million in 12 years.

"WE CAN MAKE it better than that, countywide," he pledged.

Ficano also pointed to successes in bringing down the cost of housing prisoners (from \$95 to \$65 per day per prisoner) and other cost savings in the institution of a pre-trial program, which reduced deputies' overtime costs.

"We had a great start in the county but unfortunately it has started to drift, and we've now started to mortgage our future. There are a lot of costly lawsuits. Everything is done on a contingency basis."

He says he could bring to the job a cooperation now lacking.

He said important campaign themes will be the need for jobs and economic development, both of which won't be possible without an attack on crime.

Ficano declined to say who he has received financial commitments from other than saying "we believe we will be competitive" in raising the anticipated \$300,000-\$400,000 necessary. As of the start of the year, there was \$25,000 raised, he said.

UNION SUPPORT, particularly from the 874-member deputy's union, Local 502, an AFL-CIO affiliate, is a plus for any candidate. Though local president Don Cox said he would look at the field of candidates first before pledging support, he nonetheless spoke well of the union's relationship with Ficano.

"I'd be more than pleased with a Ficano candidacy. I'd be excited," Cox said this week. "From the names I've heard he's the only one who knows how to handle a budget within the problems of Wayne County. He's a young man with bright ideas."

As for whether the AFL-CIO, of which Ficano is a member, would offer strong financial backing, Killeen played down the significance. He said the AFL-CIO, which is more

interested in winning legislative seats over an executive post, is less likely to have large sums of money available for a county race. But he did say the union does offer "a lot of manpower" to a campaign.

"I think he'll have strong labor support," Killeen said.

Others said to be interested in a bid for the county seat include county commission chairman John Hertel from Harper Woods, on the county's east side, Detroit commissioner Sam Turner, a 14-year commission veteran, and assistant county executive Frank Wilkerson, another Detroit. Turner and Hertel say they will make statements on the subject later in March.

UNLIKE FICANO and McNamara, who will hold onto their offices in an election try, Turner and Hertel face

losing their commission seats if they wage campaigns for executive and lose.

Ficano, recently named one of the Michigan Jaycees' 10 most outstanding young people, was graduated from Livonia's Stevenson High School in 1970. He received a law degree from the University of Detroit Law School in 1977 with honors, and worked as a private attorney and an assistant city attorney for Westland. He then served as Killeen's deputy clerk for two years before he was appointed sheriff by a three-man panel in a bitter fight with county executive Lucas in 1983. Lucas tried unsuccessfully to place his former undersheriff, Loren Pittman, in that position, instead.

Before his appointment as sheriff Ficano waged two unsuccessful tries for a state house seat.

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Carpet cleaner makes good on invention

By Dennis Coffman
staff writer

Daryl Freeman's truck-mounted, steam-expansion, positive-displacement, heavy-duty carpet cleaner is proof that necessity is the mother of invention.

Freeman, a Canton resident, had been cleaning carpets for six years but was dissatisfied with the amount of time it took for a carpet to dry after it had been washed with the steam cleaner he was using at the time.

The carpet cleaning machine wasn't cheap, at \$11,000, but Freeman thought he could build a better one himself.

He scrounged up the parts and for \$9,000 put together his fast-drying cleaner, which occupies the entire cargo area of his van.

"The machine dries carpets pretty fast," said Freeman. "It just takes four hours, though a little longer in humid weather."

He said he wanted to make it simple and make it last. He used a bigger engine and blower so that more of the chemicals, combined with near-boiling water, could be suctioned back. With less water left on the cleaned carpet, drying time is faster.

"THE LARGER blower is the reason

it dries faster," said Freeman.

Freeman has been cleaning carpets while continuing his job as an electrician with Hydra-Matic Division of General Motors, Ypsilanti.

Though he has cleaned commercial carpeting, he prefers residential jobs. "For commercial, you must be in the business full time. My primary objective is residential. It's more satisfying," said Freeman.

Carpet cleaning is a seasonal business. Cleaning companies are busy until Christmas, then slow down until spring.

SOME USE portable units that are plugged into the customer's electrical outlet, while others use truck-mounted units.

The truck-mounted machines have their own gasoline engines, which are started with an onboard battery.

Water is brought to 180-200 degrees Fahrenheit in a hot water heater tank, mixed with cleaning chemicals, and then pumped through a flexible hose to a suction nozzle inside the house.

The water is forced into the carpet, soaks the carpet, and then is suctioned back into the nozzle and travels back through the hose into a dirty water

holding tank in the truck.

Freeman said he uses hot water and a mild detergent that leaves no residue on the carpet.

THOUGH MANY carpet cleaning companies advertise "steam" cleaning, the water is usually not brought to the boiling point.

As is the case with other small businesses, Freeman is facing increased regulation and increased liability insurance costs.

But he said his insurance costs, though increasing, still are manageable. Carpet cleaners mainly insure themselves against breakage of valuable household furnishings.

But they also are coming under tighter environmental controls, as they attempt to "dispose" of wastewater. Freeman said he has developed a filter that should handle the problem in his case.

His wife, Kathy, is a teacher at Central Middle School. The couple is among the increasing number of couples who, between them, hold two, three or even four jobs.

But in Freeman's case, his carpet cleaning company (Cosmic Steam Carpet Clean) is still a labor of love. "I made a better carpet cleaning machine for my customers."



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Contract dispute settled

Miesel Sysco warehouse and driver employees, Teamster's Local 337, struck the company Monday over a wage package dispute on a three-year contract that expired Saturday at midnight. They settled Monday afternoon without reported disturbances. "The last two years

everybody made concessions and now the Big Three are starting to get more," said Tom Vickers, union member. Jerry Ahmet, also a union member, said Monday morning the strikers were willing to picket for "as long as it takes." The employees settled for increased wages,

"but no different from what we originally offered," said Roger Miesel, president of the food service distributing company. There were, however, changes in references to vacation time, he added. The last time the workers struck was in 1979.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Daryl Freeman demonstrates a carpet cleaner he invented to make his life at work easier.

obituaries

CARL J. GROLLMUS

Funeral services for Mr. Grollmus, 85, of Plymouth Township were held recently in St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. The Rev. William Pettit will officiate with arrangements made by Schrader Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made in the form of Mass offerings.

Mr. Grollmus, who died Jan. 10 in Westland, was born Aug. 22 in Detroit and moved to Plymouth from Detroit in 1973. Mr. Grollmus retired from Michigan Bell Telephone Co. in 1965 after 43 years. He was a member of St. Kenneth Church and the Telephone Pioneers of America.

Survivors include: wife, Eugenia, daughter, Virginia Beasley of Northville, son, Ronald of Livonia, brother, Edward of Detroit, sister, Agnes DeSlover of Woodhaven, Mich.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

ROLAND E. HOHISEL

Funeral services for Mr. Hohisel, 79, of Plymouth were held recently in Fort Street Presbyterian Church with burial at Woodlawn Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Dr. Robert H. Criley with arrangements made by Charles R. Step Funeral Home.

Mr. Hohisel, who died Jan. 28 in St. Mary Hospital, was a mechanical engineer. He was past president and for more than 20 years a charter member of Ban-Joe's of Michigan, a member for five to six years of the 5th Michigan Regiment, and was a consultant for George L. Nankervis Company. Survivors include: daughter, Laura Biddinger; sons, Neil and Lee; four sisters, 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

GEORGE W. HAKE

Funeral services for Mr. Hake, 81, of Plymouth were held recently in Schrader Funeral Home with burial at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. Officiating was the Rev. John Grenfell. Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church.

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THURSDAY (Feb. 8)
5 p.m. Cinematique — John Martin and Ace Hunter review the classic movies to be shown on Family Home Theater: "A Star Is Born," "It's In The Bag," and "Swing Hi, Swing Lo."
5:30 p.m. Economic Club of Detroit — Casper Weinberger, Secretary of Defense, speaks about the new defense budget and the Shuttle explosion.
6:30 p.m. Investor News — Jim Lanzi and Brian Davis discuss investments.
7 p.m. Beyond the Moon — Host Mike Best talks about Sagittarius Part II of "The Universe" film.
7:30 p.m. Canton C-C Meeting — The 14th annual Canton Chamber of Commerce Meeting. Installation of officers followed by speech by Ann D'Arcy on "Personalities & Temperament." Entertainment by CEP Swing Ensemble.
8:30 p.m. Isbister Talent Show.
9:30 p.m. Single Touch — Singles on the move with J.P. McCarthy and co-host.

FRIDAY (Feb. 9)
5 p.m. Plymouth BPW Presents — Harriett Alpen with a slide presentation on "What's Wrong With Wrinkles."
6 p.m. Hollywood Hotline — The latest movies are reviewed by in-house movie critics.
6:30 p.m. Omnicon Videotunes — A variety of music videos from local artists. Call in and request your favorite video-tunes at 459-7391.
7 p.m. The Oasis — A new show featuring Sir Lanka, Nightfall & Madhatter. The Oasis helps you get a new job plus a look at some cute little baby elephants. Finally, an editorial with Ernie.
7:30 p.m. Issues in Depth — Controversial issues are discussed with host Ron Karling.
8:30 p.m. WSDP Special — A program tracing the history of WSDP, the student radio station at Centennial Educational Park (CEP), and its involvement in the Plymouth-Canton community.
9 p.m. Wizard of Oz — The play to be presented by Plymouth AAUW is highlighted.
9:30 p.m. Klazz Act Breakers — Breaking dancing.

SATURDAY (Feb. 8)
(Saturday's programming on Omni-8 same as Friday's schedule).

CHANNEL 15

THURSDAY (Feb. 8)
Noon Baseball Memorabilia — Presented by Canton Public Library. Host Mike Leahy.
1 p.m. Canton Update — Sandy Preblich, host of the Sandy Show, and Canton Supervisor James Poole discuss social, political and legal issues as they relate to Canton and its residents.
1:30 p.m. Northern Michigan Elk.
2:30 p.m. Replay of Live Call-In With America — can Legion.
3:30 p.m. Variety Showcase.

FRIDAY (Feb. 9)
4:30 p.m. Youth View — Interview of audio/visual artist Sam Smith and music from Sheila Walsh and Phil Keaggy.
5 p.m. Hamtramck Rotary.
5:30 p.m. Psychic Sciences — A discussion of the psychic phenomenon. Ellie's guest is Bob Thibodeau.
6 p.m. St. Florian Close Up.
6:30 p.m. Hamtramck Basketball.
8 p.m. Quiz Bowl.
8:30 p.m. Game of Week — Plymouth Canton High vs. Plymouth Salem High in boys basketball.

FRIDAY (Feb. 9)
Noon American Atheist News Forum — A program challenging religious viewpoints.
12:30 p.m. Lifestyles — Talk show hosted by Diane Martina.
1 p.m. Issues for a Nuclear Age — Deals with nuclear arms race.
1:30 p.m. Wayne County: A New Perspective — A report on activities in Wayne County.
2 p.m. Health Talks — Hospital medical show covering general interest topics.
2:30 p.m. TNT True Adventure Trails — Uncle Ernie spins his own brand of patriotism and religion accompanied by home movies.
3 p.m. Divine Plan — A continuing religious series.
3:30 p.m. This is the Life — Presentations on modern-day problems and how to deal with them from the Lutheran Church.
4 p.m. Yugoslavia Variety Hour — Ethnic music and dancing.
5 p.m. On Our Own — A program by Handicapp Media Inc. explaining and exploring every day life from the viewpoint of handicapped persons.
5:30 p.m. Baseball Memorabilia.
6:30 p.m. Hamtramck Basketball.
8 p.m. Wizard of Oz.
8:30 p.m. Community Upbeat — A program that highlights many of the activities in Plymouth, Canton and Northville.
9 p.m. Off the Wall — Seldom seen music videos hosted by Ron Moore. A mixture of videos and short comedic sketches examining modern problems and philosophies.
9:30 p.m. Family Living — A series by Lutheran TV.

SATURDAY (Feb. 8)
Noon IRS Tax Forms — 1040EZ, 1040A, 1040, Schedules A & B are discussed.
1:30 p.m. IRS: Why Us the Larkins? — On the rationality of taxation.
2 p.m. IRS: The American Way.
2:30 p.m. IRS: Money Talks.
3 p.m. Jeffrey Bruce: About Face — The makeup artist for Kelly & Co. talks about make up tricks.
4 p.m. Northern Michigan Elk.
5 p.m. The Klazz Act Breakers.
5:30 p.m. Isbister Talent Show.
6:30 p.m. Canton C-C Meeting.
7:30 p.m. WSDP Special.
8:30 p.m. Off the Wall.
9 p.m. Kiefer-Lee Live — Northville High School students present their own brand of humor and talk show entertainment.

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C'ville to Schoolcraft: Why permanent tax hike?

Schoolcraft College President Richard McDowell is seeking to soothe Clarenceville School District trustees, whose feathers are ruffled by the college's property tax increase request.

College district voters will be asked March 24 to approve a permanent half-mill, general purpose increase.

"We're not saying Schoolcraft doesn't need a millage. But 28 percent? And permanently?" said Clarenceville trustee Barry Sherman at last week's college board meeting.

McDowell agreed to visit the Clarenceville board and detail uses of the new funds. Other kindergarten-

through-12 districts in Schoolcraft's boundaries are Garden City, Livonia, Northville and Plymouth-Canton.

HERE ARE questions raised by Sherman and Clarenceville treasurer Michael Manore and the college's answers.

Q. The college is asking a half-mill (50 cents per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation). It already has 1.77 mills. Why a 28 percent increase?

A. It amounts to only about 9 percent of the general fund budget. Schoolcraft gets one-third of its funds from state aid, one-third from property taxes and

one-third from student tuition and fees. It would raise \$175,000 toward an \$18 million budget.

"We have one of the highest tuition rates in the state for a community college," said college board chairperson Michael Burley. "We have to take into consideration the competitive situation."

Q. Why a permanent increase? Clarenceville asked a five-year maintenance millage.

A. "There's a lot of things we haven't done for a lot of years," said Burley. "Historically, we've been on 1.77

mills since 1966," said trustee Paul Kadish. "We've been scrimping and saving. Granted, there have been SEV (property valuation) increases, but costs have risen faster."

"In the 1960s," said trustee Harry Greenleaf, "our typical student was younger and was a transfer (taking academic subjects and going on to a bachelor's degree at a four-year college). Now they're in career training."

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Q. Why general purpose millage? Couldn't it have been broken down into operating and capital?

A. "We didn't earmark it because of the length," said Burley. "In five years we may have to focus our concern someplace else."

Greenleaf said the board for a decade had tried to allocate money for major maintenance, but every year the list gets longer, and the items get more critical.

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Garden City Center, equipment, repairs of 20-year-old buildings, operating and faculty upgrading (re-training instructors for new courses). College officials consider it difficult if not impossible to categorize them for separate millages.

Trustees also wanted to ask for a simple, round figure that couldn't be misunderstood by the public. As trustee Rosina Raymone once remarked, a request for 0.7 mill easily can be misread as a request for seven mills rather than seven-tenths of a mill.

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Area bus system to survive, director says

By Sue McDonald
staff writer

The fate of the Nankin Transit Commission (NTC) may be tied in closely with what the state legislature decides to do with the problem-plagued Southeast Michigan Transit Authority (SEMTA). But whatever the verdict, NTC will still be around, promised director Charles Hunter.

NTC provides dial-a-ride transportation services for riders in Westland, Garden City, Canton Township, Wayne and Inkster.

Senate Bill 363, if it becomes law, would mean the end of SEMTA, which oversees transportation needs for a seven-county area, and the formation of smaller transit systems. It also could mean direct funding from the state for NTC, according to Hunter, who is maintaining a wait-and-see attitude.

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Public transit, including NTC, said Hunter, could very well feel the effect of the federal budget tightening.

NTC receives \$622,000 from the state and federal governments through SEMTA to finance its five-day a week operation. The remaining \$150,000 is generated through fares and contractual services. The fare is \$1.50, but most riders rarely travel far enough on the buses to pay that amount. The average is 75 cents.

Federal budget cuts in 1983 took their toll on NTC. Its 19-bus fleet was trimmed to 10, business was cut by 50 percent and 13 full-time part-time employees were laid off. With the help of \$75,000 from its five member communities last year, NTC was able to retrieve two buses from storage. Hunter wrote the two into NTC's 1986 budget and much to his surprise, garnered SEMTA's approval.

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shape than what we have on the roads now."

The buses' age and winter weather also have created another problem for Hunter — breakdowns — which, he says, "is almost to the point of being a plague." The January thaw and the "cannibalizing" (or use of parts for other bus repairs) of two buses of engines and transmissions have helped reduce the problem, Hunter said.

As for a new home, its location has been left up to Hunter and his staff by the commission, made up of representatives of the member communities, that oversees NTC.

Hunter would like to find a place large enough to accommodate the offices, store the buses and have a garage where maintenance could be done in house. He said that NTC may have to make do with temporary facilities "for the next few years until things quiet down in Lansing."

Hunter would like to see NTC "in control of its own fate," possibly as a separate transit system, but admits that its success as such would require a larger service area than its current five communities.

"WE'D NEED more area and more buses," he explained. "There's all kinds of growth potential in this area we could take advantage of. In fact, this area probably has the largest senior population in the state."

The small bus service isn't NTC's only business. It also administers a \$30,000 a year grant for the city of Westland, which finances cab service for residents in low income areas.

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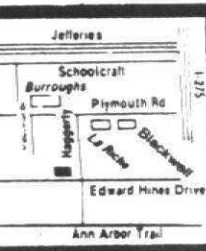
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AFRICAN ART EXHIBIT

Thursday, Feb. 6 — In recognition of Black History Month, "African and Afro-American Art" will be exhibited Feb. 6-18 in the Madonna College Exhibit Gallery adjacent to the library. Featuring artists such as Scott Hayden, Woodruff and Bearden, displayed items will include mahogany sculptures, lithographs, bronzes, batiks, and much more. Open to the public free of charge, the display can be viewed until 10 p.m. weekdays and from 1-4 p.m. weekends.

TEEN SKI TRIP

Friday, Feb. 7 — Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a teen ski trip to Alpine Valley. All transportation and supervision is provided by the recreation staff. The charge is \$15 without your own equipment or \$8 with your own equipment. All fees must be paid upon registration. Space is limited. The trip will leave the Canton Administration Building at 5 p.m. and return about 12:15 a.m. Register in person at Canton Parks and Recreation at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. For information, call 397-1000 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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Friday, Feb. 7 — The Michigan Ly-

Typewriter, radar detectors removed

A Royal electric typewriter valued at \$250 and a Bell radar detector worth \$225 were reported stolen last weekend from a car at the Bradbury Condominiums on Newport in Plymouth. A vent window had been smashed, police reports indicated. An Escort radar detector valued at \$400 was reported stolen from a car at Vic Tanny on Ann Arbor Road. A rock which had been thrown through a window also damaged the steering column. A white and orange Simplicity model snowblower valued at \$219 was reported stolen from a garage on Mayville.

Restaurateur finds upbeat spot

By W.W. Edgar staff writer

For seven years Greg Goodman, who was raised in Waterford, has been looking for an outstanding place to open an up-to-date restaurant. He found it when the owners of Emma's restaurant on Pennington Avenue in Plymouth decided to sell. He immediately made a deal to take over the location, renovate the interior and open what he calls the most outstanding restaurant in the city. Sitting among his working tools the other afternoon, Goodman revealed plans which call for an opening of the new place today (Monday). "I have been watching Plymouth grow and now that it is rated one of the most outstanding small cities in the state, I hope to give it an outstanding restaurant which will cater to the many shoppers who are helping make Plymouth an outstanding city," he said. "I plan to serve excellent food at moderate prices. And there also will be a bar for serving wine and light drinks with the meals." He has been watching shoppers and said he's aiming is directing his services to these women who are helping to make a success of the business district. "You will have to go a long way to find a nicer and more up-to-date shopping area than Plymouth." AFTER PATRONIZING business places downtown, added Goodman, "shoppers are entitled to a good meal to moderate prices and that is what I am planning to serve them when we open up for business." He not only is preparing for fine lunches, but will have fine dinners too. Emma had been popular for quite a time and now Goodman hopes his restaurant on Pennington will be just as popular. Most of his attention in catering to women will be focused on the shoppers who are downtown late in the morning

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CHILDREN'S VALENTINE PARTY

Saturday, Feb. 8 — Canton Parks and Recreation is planning its Children's Valentine Party for the youngsters of Canton. The party for children 3-12 will be 10-11 a.m. in the Canton Recreation Center, Michigan Avenue at Sheldon. The party will feature cartoon movies, magic, games, prizes and refreshments. For reservations, call 397-1000 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

PLYMOUTH LIBRARY BOARD

Monday, Feb. 10 — The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regular monthly meeting beginning 7:30 p.m. in Dunning-Hough Library. Open to the public.

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Monday, Feb. 10 — The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at St. John Seminary, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For an appointment to donate blood call Bradley Fortino at 451-0709.

TOASTMASTERS SPEECH CONTEST

Tuesday, Feb. 11 — The Oral Majority Toastmasters Club's annual speech contest begins at 6 p.m. in its regular meeting room at Denny's restaurant at 39950 Ann Arbor Road, east of I-75 in Plymouth. The public may attend. For more information and reservations, call Phyllis Sullivan at 455-1635.

CEP PARENT COFFEE

Thursday, Feb. 13 — The Parent Coffee at Plymouth Centennial Educational Park (CEP) will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room of Plymouth Canton High School, Canton Center Road just south of J. Participating will be principals Bill Brown and Tom Tattan and area coordinator Ethel Hazelwood. Parents of CEP students may attend.

CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLINIC

Saturday, Feb. 15 — Canton Parks and Recreation Department is offering another popular cross country ski clinic for all ages at Maybury State Park, 8 Mile west of Beck, beginning at 9 a.m. The charge of \$11 per person includes skis, boots, poles and instructor or \$9 per person if you supply your own equipment. A spot must be reserved at least two days prior to the clinic. For reservations call 397-1000 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

YVW AUXILIARY

Tuesday, Feb. 18 — State Rep. Gerald Law will be a guest speaker at the meeting of the Mayflower Lt. Gamble Ladies Auxiliary 6695 Veterans of Foreign Wars beginning at about 9 p.m. in the YVW Hall on Mill just south of Ann Arbor Road. Open to public.

'MOTHER GOOSE'

Friday, Feb. 22 — Children's Ballet Theater will present "Mother Goose" at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Plymouth Salem High School, Joy just west of Canton Center Road. Tickets, \$3 for adults and \$2 for children, will be sold at the door the night of the performance. Group rates available. Call 278-3254 or 278-4469.

YVW FUND-RAISER

Monday, Feb. 24 — The Plymouth Community Family YMCA will hold a Tupperware sale as a fund-raiser from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for two weeks, Feb. 24 through March 7, in the YMCA office at 1424 Union, Plymouth. The sale is a fund-raiser for boys and girls in the YMCA Guide programs to donate money to Camp Ojibwa to care for the animals that they shelter.

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Army Reserve Pvt. Ferguson, son of Susan R. McGhee of Landonia and Charles P. Ferguson of Plymouth, has completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. He is a 1985 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School, Wayne.

JON P. LAROU

Army Pvt. Larou, son of Gerald R. LaRou of Lolly Road, Plymouth, has completed one station unit training at the Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga. He is a 1985 graduate of Bowsher High School, Toledo.

DOUGLAS G. ELDRIDGE

Army Pvt. Eldridge, son of Sharon

military news

GERARD A. HOFFMAN

Army Spec. 4 Hoffman, son of Maria and Adrian Hoffman of Willow Creek Drive, Canton, has been awarded the expert infantryman badge while serving with the 3rd Infantry at Fort Meyer, Va. He is a 1982 graduate of Bishop Borgess High, Redford.

STEVEN B. HORTON

Horton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Smith B. Horton of Plymouth Township, has been promoted to captain in the Army. Captain Horton is assigned to the Army Security Agency Field Station in Sinop, Turkey. He is a 1978 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1982 graduate of the Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

KATHY L. PECK

Air Force Airman 1st Class Peck, daughter of John J. Peck of Erin and sister of Sharon A. Primeau of Rismen, both of Plymouth, has graduated from the Air Force law enforcement specialist course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. She earned an associate degree in 1983 from Schoeller Community College, Livonia.

EDWARD M. KOLB

Army Pvt. Kolb, son of Josephine and John Kolb of Maple, Plymouth, has completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. He is a 1985 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

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JAMES A. LAWRENCE

Pvt. Lawrence, son of Thomas A. and Patricia A. Lawrence of Adams, Plymouth, has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. He is a 1982 Salem High School graduate.

ANDREW E. CLARK

Airman Clark, son of Maria D. Clark of Lilley Road, Plymouth, has graduated from the Air Force aircraft pneu-

matic systems mechanic course at Chanute Air Force Base, Ill. He is a 1985 Canton High School graduate.

WAYNE J. BADOUR

Badour, son of Jerry Badour of Cherry Hill Road, Canton, has been promoted to the rank of senior airman in the Air Force. He is a 1980 graduate of West High School, Garden City.

ERIC R. FELDT JR.

Spec. 4 Feldt, son of Dolores Hissong of Trails Court, Canton, has received the Army Achievement Medal at Fort Bragg, N.C. He is a 1983 Salem High School graduate.

TRACY L. AMBROSE

Pvt. Ambrose, daughter of Pat Moe of Junction, Plymouth, and of Edward J. Ambrose of Walled Lake, has completed a flight operations coordinator course at Fort Rucker, Ala. She is a 1983 Fernside High School graduate.

BRIAN D. READ

Pvt. Read, son of Gisa and Harold Read of Roseland, Canton, has completed the tactical satellite/microwave systems operator course at the Army Signal School, Fort Gordon, Ga. He is a 1985 Salem High School graduate.

MICHELLE E. WARE

Army Reserve Pvt. Ware, daughter of Sandra J. and Joseph L. Ware of Honey Lane, Canton, has completed basic training at Fort Dix, N.J. She is a 1985 graduate of Hamilton Township High School, Lockbourne, Ohio.

GREG MILLEVILLE

Milleville, son of Anne and James Milleville of Plymouth, has enlisted in the Navy Delayed Entry Program. He will attend basic training at the Naval Training Center, Chicago. He is a 1984 Salem High School graduate.

VICKI L. MONK

Monk, daughter of Ruby and Roy Monk of Fairview Drive, Canton, has graduated from the Air Force communications operations specialist course at Goodfield Air Force Base, Texas. The 1984 Canton High School graduate will serve with the 691st Electronic Security Squadron, West Germany.

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1,000 boats are on display at Cobo Hall

By Lem Mease
outdoors writer

More than 1,000 new model recreation boats will be on display through the Sunday in Cobo Hall, on Jefferson Avenue overlooking Detroit's riverfront.

The \$42 million exhibit will range from paddleboats to cabin cruisers.

The event is the 28th annual Detroit Boat and Fishing Show. Some 132,000 attended last year and bought 2,400 boats.

Sponsor is the Livonia-based Michigan Boating Industries Association.

Hours are 4-10 p.m. weekdays and noon to 7 p.m. the final Sunday.

Tickets are \$5 general admission and

outdoors

\$2.50 for children and senior citizens (age 62 and up).

Besides shopping, attendees can take

in seminars in room 2043 across from the main exhibit hall.

Presentations will start at 4:30 p.m. and run continu-

ously until closing time through Friday. Each is about 45 minutes long. The schedule:

Today—Lanny Virden, producer of "The Outdoorsman Show" on television, with experts discussing muskie, steelhead and walleye fishing, electronics and downriggers.

Friday—Representatives of sailboat manufacturers.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources will have a public display of state record fish, including three world records: cobb, brown trout and burbot.

Race boat drivers also will make appearances.

Judging will be held in conjunction with the annual Outdoorama '86 show at the Michigan State Fairgrounds. Some 140 entries are expected. Judging will be Feb. 22, with trout-salmon judging at 10 a.m. and waterfowl at 2 p.m.

Top 10 finalists will be on display from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Feb. 22 and noon to 6 p.m. Feb. 23 in the Fairgrounds' Michigan Mart Building. There is no entry fee.

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FEB. 10 is the deadline for artists to mail their paintings to the state Department of Natural Resources' competitions for the annual waterfowl stamp and trout-salmon stamp.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

THURSDAY (Feb. 6)

4:05 p.m. . . . This Day In History.

5:05 p.m. . . . Family Health.

6:10 p.m. . . . Chamber Chatter. Host—Tani Secunda.

FRIDAY (Feb. 7)

4:05 p.m. . . . This Day In History.

5:05 p.m. . . . Family Health.

6:10 p.m. . . . CEP Sports Weekly. Host—Dan Johnston.

7:30 p.m. . . . Basketball Game of the Week—Churchill at Canton.

MONDAY (Feb. 10)

7:30 a.m. to noon . . . Adult contemporary music.

4:05 p.m. . . . This Day In History.

5:05 p.m. . . . Family Health—Reducing the risk of heart disease.

TUESDAY (Feb. 11)

4:05 p.m. . . . This Day In History.

5:05 p.m. . . . Family Health—Premenstrual syndrome.

6 p.m. . . . News File at Six—Noelle Torrance with news, sports and weather.

6:10 p.m. . . . Family Report—Run-away youth.

WEDNESDAY (Feb. 12)

5:05 p.m. . . . Family Health—The

cause and treatment of influenza.

6:10 p.m. . . . Community Focus—Noelle Torrance hosts.

THURSDAY (Feb. 13)

2:15 to 4 p.m. . . . Studio 50—Host Rachel Ramey.

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Ford, Pursell split on poll closing bill

Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll-call votes during the week ending Jan. 31.

HOUSE

POLL CLOSING — By a vote of 204 for and 171 against, the House passed and sent to the Senate a bill requiring the 48 contiguous states to close their polls simultaneously in presidential election years.

Beginning in 1988, polls every fourth November are to close at 9 p.m. in the east, 8 p.m. local time in the central zone, and 7 p.m. local time in the Pacific and Mountain zones. During presidential election years only, daylight-saving time in the Pacific zone would be extended two weeks to include Election Day, thus making the simultaneous closings mathematically possible.

The purpose of uniform poll-closing is to minimize the perceived effect of network news projections on voter turnout in states where voting has not yet ended.

Sponsors say that with all polls closing at once in the 48 states, calls of winners and losers based on early voting patterns stand no chance of discouraging turnout in western areas of the country.

Supporter William Thomas, R-Calif., called the bill a constitutional and "very modest attempt to deal with this advancing technology" of network news-gathering, such as exit polling.

Opponent Bill Frenzel, R-Minn., said the bill invaded states' rights to address an overstated problem, and that it was "social tinkering with the most precious right of the American people — the election franchise."

Members voting yes favored uniform nationwide poll-closing in November of presidential election years.

Roll Call Report

Voting yes: Dennis Hertel, D-Harper Woods, William Ford, D-Taylor, Sander Levin, D-Southfield.
Voting no: Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

THE MENTALLY ILL — The House passed, 290 for and 84 against, a bill creating a new categorical grant program under which states would be virtually required to set up agencies to advocate the rights of the mentally ill, at a cost of \$33 million over three years. The bill (HR 4055), which was sent to the Senate, also expands federal programs in behalf of victims of Alzheimer's disease and their families.

In much the way that mentally retarded persons now enjoy protections set by federal statute, the mentally ill could see their legal clout strengthened by this bill. The advocacy groups could sue in behalf of recently released as well as institutionalized patients, and they would be required to operate independently of existing mental health agencies.

Sponsor Stewart McKinney, R-Conn., said the bill "establishes a long-overdue advocacy system to prevent the abuse and neglect of the mentally ill." Opponent William Dannemeyer, R-Calif., said "apparently in the eyes of the proponents of this legislation, an annual deficit of \$200 billion is not high enough, a national debt of \$1.6 trillion is not big enough to deter them."

Members voting yes wanted to set up a new federal program for the mentally ill.

Voting yes: Pursell, Hertel, William Ford, Levin, Broomfield.

SENATE

CONRAIL — By a vote of 53 for and 39 against, the Senate tabled (killed) an amendment clearing the way for the government to sell Conrail to a group led by the Morgan Stanley & Co. investment house.

Under the \$1.4 billion Morgan Stanley offer, Conrail was to be continued

as its own entity rather than as part of a merged railroad.

The apparent removal of Morgan Stanley from the picture greatly increased chances that Norfolk Southern Corp. will succeed in its bid to acquire the government-owned rail freight service for \$1.2 billion. A bill approving the sale to the Norfolk Southern railroad (S 638) was heard for final passage.

John Danforth, R-Mo., who voted to table the amendment, said the Morgan Stanley group had no interest in running a successful railroad, that it only wanted "to bleed Conrail of cash" and that Conrail has to be merged to survive.

Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said selling

Conrail to Morgan Stanley would bring more money to the U.S. Treasury and avoid "the very serious anti-trust problems" posed by the merger of Conrail and Norfolk Southern.

Most senators voting no wanted Conrail sold to the Morgan Stanley investment group.

Voting no: Carl Levin, Donald Riegle

nature

Staying warm tough for all

By Timothy Nowicki
special writer

KEEPING WARM during winter can be a full-time activity.

In our house, we keep the heat turned down and wear sweaters. Outdoors we bundle up in boots and down coats. Quite a contrast to our summer wardrobe.

Animals that remain active during Michigan winters change their wardrobes, too. Birds, for instance, grow extra feathers. Mammals grow thick coats of fine, dense fur.

Some animals, like man, shiver in an effort to warm themselves. Shivering muscles help generate heat in the body. Shivering also uses precious energy that animals must conserve during hard times.

Cold temperatures can be demanding on the energy reserves of an animal. In order to help conserve as much energy as possible, some animals huddle together in groups during cold nights.

Remember the winter watching a tufted titmouse, with a very bent tail, at our feeder. This was a bird that probably spent the night in a small hollow tree cavity, huddled next to two or three other titmice. Small birds like chickadees and creepers lose more heat than larger birds and thus huddle to conserve heat.

IN DECEMBER, I recall flushing some tree sparrows from their roost in a fallow field. They had been resting under the tufts of grasses and old corn stalks in an effort to protect themselves from bitter winds.

Animals have learned to adapt to their environment. They will take advantage of anything that will help keep them warm.

Mice often enter homes during the winter, and starlings will perch on the edge of a chimney to take advantage of the warm exhaust air.

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Move to evict state police from airport on hold

By Tim Richard
staff writer

Wayne County commissioners say they have two weapons to keep County Executive William Lucas from evicting a State Police detail from the terminal of Metropolitan Airport.

"It is not in our best interest to move. We offered to pay rent," Col. Gerald Hough, State Police director, told a County Commission panel last week.

Lucas failed to attend the meeting or to send anyone who could answer commissioners' questions about why he wants to evict the State Police's four-man detail.

HERE'S WHAT the commission could do to stop the eviction, beginning at today's session:

• It can pass Chairman John Hertel's proposed ordinance which holds that a police presence is "a clearly necessary measure to deter international terrorism and narcotics trafficking." The ordinance directs Lucas to negotiate office space for the State Police detail by March 1.

• It can put the brakes on Lucas' proposals for a bond issue for major improvements at Metro, one of the nation's busiest big-city airports, according to Commissioner Milton Mack of Wayne.

"We can't force the executive to negotiate, bargain, obey the ordinance and act in good faith," Mack said. "But the executive is pressing us on airport development. However, there's going to have to be some cooperation by the county executive. If he chooses to ignore the ordinance, he can expect an

appropriate reaction."

THREE TIMES last week, commissioners asked Lucas' staff members who attended the committee meeting whether Lucas or any of his department heads could tell them why he wanted to evict the State Police. They also wanted to know why his plan to move them to a building a mile away was a better idea.

A secretary said she didn't know where either Lucas or public services chief James Meyers was, complaining that the executive's office had received the committee's agenda only an hour earlier.

Board Chairman Hertel, of Harper Woods, scoffed at that. "Mr. Lucas is very aware of the entire situation," said Hertel, who is expected to seek the executive spot this year.

Commissioners charged that Lucas, at work on the eviction plan for almost 11 months, never consulted or informed them about it. They learned about it from daily newspapers.

Commissioner Kay Beard of Inkster said she didn't know of it until Westland Police Chief William Reichlin called her. "It's been a source of great embarrassment to me," said Beard.

Commissioner Mary Dumas of Livonia introduced William Crayk, Livonia police chief and spokesman for the Wayne County Police Chiefs' Association, to protest the eviction.

COL. HOUGH said his State Police detail had been stationed for 25 years near the Northwest Orient Airlines desk in the airport terminal.

The detail investigates an average of 200 major complaints a year, he said,

and makes 36-40 arrests. Many are crimes of fraud involving the transportation industry — fake credit cards used in the purchase of airline tickets and the rental of cars.

A second major purpose is to keep an eye on narcotics dealers who use the airport, Hough said.

The Metro detail last fall followed accused killer Ronald L. Bailey through the airport, found what flight he was taking to Florida and was able to inform Florida authorities, Hough said. Bailey, of Livonia, was arrested in Florida on a charge of kidnapping and murdering Shawn Moore of Brighton late last year.

A third use of the State Police detail, Hough said, is to work with the Secret Service in protecting visiting dignitaries.

A fourth task is to provide intelligence in case of disaster or a terrorist act.

HOUGH SAID he was "surprised" last March when Lucas' office said it wanted his detail evicted.

He said the State Police had been offered space in a nearby hotel, but that the plan wasn't acceptable.

The eviction notice was to take effect Friday. At that point, Hough said, "We are in the process of packing our bags."

But Hertel advised Hough to "put things on hold."

The State Police's options are either to 1) depart or 2) show cause in 34th District Court (Taylor) why they shouldn't be evicted.

Hertel said Lucas' staff actually is embarrassed by the flap it caused and that "they want this to go away."

Lawmaker known for volume of work finished

By Tim Richard
staff writer

With nine strokes of Gov. James J. Blanchard's pen, state Sen. Rudy Nichols became one of the most successful members of the Legislature in getting bills passed.

Blanchard recently signed a package of bills to toughen child support collection procedures.

Nichols, a freshman Republican from Waterford whose district includes greater Rochester, worked on a bipartisan team with Rep. Debbie Stabenow, a Democrat from Lansing, to win passage in both houses. But because Senate versions of the bills were adopted, Nichols' name goes on them.

It illustrates one of the quirks of Michigan legislative politics, where only one bill in a hundred ever becomes law.

BLANCHARD'S news office even gave credit to Nichols as prime sponsor of the package.

"Michigan continues to be one of the most successful states in the nation in its effort to collect child support," said Blanchard. The bills and their provisions:

• SB 224 amends the Friend of the Court Act to specify FOC responsibility

in enforcing support orders and to provide for reporting of information to governmental and consumer reporting agencies.

• SB 227 creates the Office of Child Support, replacing the Office of Central Registry for the Location of Absent Parents. The office is to develop a statewide information system and administer the enforcement of an order of income.

• SB 228 amends the Support and Visitation Enforcement Act to allow a court to require a bond or impose a lien to secure payment of child support orders.

• SB 441 provides for the "interception" by the state Department of Treasury of tax refunds to be used to pay taxpayers' liabilities.

• SB 442, 443, 445 and 446 amend three acts — Family Support, Divorce and Child Custody — to require that orders entered under them be enforceable as provided in the Support and Visitation Enforcement Act.

• SB 444 creates the "Interstate Income Withholding Act," providing a mechanism for the withholding of income in other states.

That gave Nichols a nine bills passed out of 29 introduced, one of the best in the Legislature.

BUT LEGISLATORS, though they frequently seek publicity on bills they have introduced, are quick to point out that numbers don't tell the story.

Lansing's two most-powerful lawmakers — Senate Majority Leader John Engler, R-Mt. Pleasant, and House Speaker Gary Owen, D-Ypsilanti — rarely introduce legislation. Engler has introduced one bill; Owen, zero.

Being a member of a minority party hurts. Sen. Jack Faxon, a legislative veteran of 21 years, is a Democrat in a House run by Republicans. The Farmington Hills senator, whose district includes Southfield, is battling zero for 34.

Sometimes members of one party will steal provisions of Sen. A's bill and tack it onto Rep. B's bill. The measure may pass, but Sen. A doesn't get credit.

Sen. R. Robert Geake, R-Northville, whose district includes Livonia, Plymouth and Canton, said Democrats in the House did this to his voter registration bill.

LEADERS OF the appropriations

committees seem to have high batting averages, until one realizes that the Legislature must pass appropriations bills every year.

So Sens. Harry Gast, R-St. Joseph, the chairman, and James DeSena, D-Wyandotte, the vice chairman, have 3-for-5 and 9-for-31 records of bill passage, respectively.

Rep. Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, D-Detroit, has 18 stars behind her name. But they are all technical amendments to existing laws to delete references to the now-defunct Detroit House of Correction. Under the Michigan Constitution, a bill may address only one subject, so it took 18 bills to do the job.

Junior members of the Legislature rarely get bills passed and are well advised to concentrate on what is euphemistically known as "constituent service." Translation: Do odd jobs for the folks back home so you can get re-elected, earn seniority and become effective.

Rep. Maxine Berman, D-Southfield — zero for 17. The second-term member's district includes Lathrup Village.

Rep. W.V. (Sandy) Brotherton, R-Farmington — zero for 14. The five-

term member's district includes the villages of Southfield Township.

Rep. Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion — zero for seven. The third-term member's district includes Oakland Township.

Rep. Gregory Gruse, R-Madison Heights — zero for six. The freshman's district includes southern Troy.

Rep. David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield — one for 15. It requires mailing initial notice of assessment in workers' comp claims.

Rep. Judith Miller, R-Birmingham — one for three. It provides benefits for former governors not covered by present retirement laws. Her bill to make the honeybee the state insect received much publicity but not passage.

Rep. Gordon Sparks, R-Troy — one for six. It requires a mandatory suspension of the driver's license for forging a license. His district includes greater Rochester.

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GREEK LANGUAGE LESSONS

If you are interested in learning the Greek language, lessons are being offered at the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church at 38851 W. 5 Mile in Plymouth. Lessons will be 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call 426-1131 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

MACHINIST TRAINING

The Focus HOPE Machinist Training Institute has more than 100 openings available immediately for qualified residents of Wayne County who are unemployed or have low family income. The slots must be filled by March 31. The institute offers free training in precision machining and metalwork, leading to a career as a machinist.

More than 90 percent of the institute's graduates are placed in jobs. The eight-month pre-employment course includes shop theory, shop math, blueprint reading, inspection processes, communication skills and experience on lathes, grinders, mills, and other machine tools. Machinists are skilled workers who can turn a block of metal into a precisely engineered part according to blueprint specifications. They set up and operate machine tools to make metal products at required dimensions. The training is sponsored and funded by Focus HOPE, Detroit, Wayne County Private Industry Corporation (PIC), Wayne County Department of Social Services, and the Governor's Office for Job Training. For more information, call Focus HOPE at 883-7440 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

WANTED: CLERICAL VOLUNTEERS

The Senior Nutrition Program ("Meals On Wheels") needs clerical volunteers at its main office at 15495 Sheldon at 5 Mile, Northville Township. The program's need for clerical help has created a backlog in servicing senior nutrition needs in the community. The program provides homebound senior citizens with home-delivered hot meals plus hot meals to sites in Plymouth and Canton. If interested, contact Office Manager Diane Barrett at 453-2525.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Turning Point, a non-profit community service of Growth Works Inc., 271 S. Main, Plymouth, is conducting volunteer recruitment and training to prepare volunteers for Crisis Phone intervention and phone line counseling. The training covers communication, empathy listening, building and bonding relationships, brokerage skills, crisis intervention, depression management, loss and grief, alcohol and substance abuse, and problem-solving methods. Training is open to any interested person, no previous experience is necessary. After the initial training program it is required that volunteers make at least a six-month commitment to three nights per month. For further information and a training schedule, contact Sue Davis at 455-4902 from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday.

FREE PRESCHOOL

Are you the parent of a 3- or 4-year-old? Are you in a low-income bracket? Are you a foster parent or do you have a handicapped child? If you can enroll proof of any of the above, you still have time to enroll for this excellent free program designed for the family. Plymouth-Canton Head Start needs 3-year-olds and your child may qualify for this free preschool experience. For information, call 451-6656.

CARDIO-FITNESS AEROBICS

An eight-week aerobics class is being offered 9:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays at the Salvation Army Plymouth Community Center, 9451 Main south of Ann Arbor Road. Baby-sitting is available at \$1 per child per hour. For information, call 453-5454.

AEROBIC FITNESS

Dance and exercise to music is offered at St. John's Episcopal Church on Sheldon Road in Plymouth. Morning and evening classes are available for beginner through advanced levels. Weekday morning child care available. The six-week sessions run continuously. For schedule and additional information, call 348-1280.

MEN'S OPEN HOUSE

The gym at the Plymouth Salvation Army Community Center will be open 7-10 p.m. for an informal pickup game of basketball on a first-come basis. Fees are \$1 per night for members, \$1.50 for non-members.

TEEN 3 ON 3 BASKETBALL

A teen 3-on-3 boys basketball league is being sponsored by the Salvation Army Community Center, Main just south of Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. The league will run through March with games 4-7 p.m. Wednesdays. Ages are 13-18 (or high school only). For more information, call Jeff Beucham at 453-5464.

CANTON TOPS

Canton TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) No. 1236 meets each Thursday at Faith Community Church on Warren Road just west of Canton Center Road. Weigh-in is at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting 7-8 p.m. The group is open to teens, men and women. Open enrollment is taking place. Call 455-2656 or 459-5212 evenings.

ISHINYU KARATE

Ishinyu Karate classes are 8 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays at the Canton Recreation Center on Michigan Avenue at Sheldon for people ages 9-50. Fee is \$35 per person for 10 weeks. Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring karate lessons for all levels. Sam Santilli, 5th-degree black belt, will instruct all ages. Register at the recreation center in person before classes on Wednesday or Thursday. Registration is continuous. For more information, call 397-1060 Ext. 212 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

AFTER-SCHOOL RECREATION

A daily recreational opportunity is being offered for elementary and high school students at the Plymouth Salvation Army Community Center, Main Street just south of Ann Arbor Road. Open

every weekday 3 to 5:30 p.m. is the center's gym for basketball, floor hockey, gymnastics and a game room which includes foosball tables, pool tables, weights, a Ping-Pong table, and bumper pool. Arts and crafts also available. Free.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 1539

Plymouth-Canton Boy Scout Troop 1539 meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first, second and fourth Thursdays of each month in Fiegel Elementary School, Joy and I-275. For information, call Don Cimino at 455-5378 or Doug Taylor at 455-1891.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Canton Care Council, an affiliate of the Ann Arbor-based Community Councils Association, is seeking volunteers interested in enhancing the quality of life for nursing home residents. Volunteers serve on the council, which meets once a month to plan social, service or educational activities for residents at Canton Care Center. The time commitment is three to six hours per month. For more information, contact Kathy Belisle at 981-2382.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Preprimary special education services for children 6 and younger are available through Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. If you have a child who may be mentally or emotionally impaired, have a physical or visual disability, or a hearing or speech impairment or learning disability, call the Infant and Preschool Special Education Program at Farrand Elementary School, 451-6610, for information.

OPEN SKATING

The winter open skating schedule at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, is as follows: Mondays, 1 to 2:45 p.m. and 7-8 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:40 a.m., 1-2:50 p.m. and 3:50-5:20 p.m.; Wednesdays, 1-2:50 p.m.; Fridays, 8:30-10:40 a.m. and 1-2:45 p.m.; and Sundays, 2-3:20 p.m. and 3:30-4:50 p.m. Fees are \$1.25 for adults, \$1 for children and skate rental is 50 cents. For further information, contact the recreation department at 455-6620.

GENEALOGY INSTRUCTION

Is there a skeleton in your closet? Would you like to find out? Join Canton Seniors 12:30 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays at the Canton Recreation Center and get help tracing your family tree. A genealogy instructor will give individual attention and assistance. Also included are field trips and informational speakers. The class is free and high school credit may be earned. For information, call the Canton Seniors at 387-1000, Ext. 278.

PARENT/CHILD GUIDE PROGRAMS

If you like camping, canoeing, making crafts, and learning about American Indians, you will like the Y Indian Guide programs. The charge of \$30 includes a family membership in the Plymouth Community Family YMCA. The programs include Indian Guides, fathers and sons, ages 5 and older; Indian Maidens, mothers and daughters, ages 5 and older; Indian Princess, fathers and daughters, ages 5 and older; Indian Braves, mothers and sons, ages 5 and older. Interested parents may come to the YMCA office at 248 S. Union, Plymouth, to sign up between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For information, call 453-2904.

CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Canton Historical Society at 7:30 p.m. meets the second Thursday of each month in the Canton Historical Society Museum on Canton Center Road at Proctor.

MINOR HOME REPAIRS

The Conference of Western Wayne Minor Home Repair Program has been funded through Senior Alliance Inc. for fiscal year 1985. The program assists homeowners 60 and older with minor home repair tasks. For information, call 525-8690.

YMCA LEADERS CLUB

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is sponsoring a YMCA Leaders Club to help youth function as leaders or assistants. Many activities will be scheduled this year such as camps, community projects, fund-raising projects, trips. Needed are youth who want to expand their knowledge of YMCA and have fun youth. For information, call 453-2904.

RAINBOW CHILD CARE

The Friendly Rainbow Child Care & Learning Center is accepting registration fall sessions. Classes are available for children ages 2 1/2 to 12. The center, 42290 Five Mile at Bradner in Plymouth, provides child care, preschool experiences, drop-in and after-school programs. Experiences are varied according to age and ability. For information, call Markita Gottschalk or Janet Mason at 420-0495 and 420-0489.

SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S CO-OP

Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery now is accepting applications for the 1985-86 school year. Classes meet on Monday and Thursday mornings for 3-year-olds, on Tuesday and Friday mornings for 4-year-olds. For information, call Diane Klemmer at 453-1054 or Ann Gignac at 464-0344.

SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Out-Wayne County Human Services Inc. provides hot, nutritious meals five days a week to persons 60 years of age and older in both Plymouth and Canton. Reservations must be made 24 hours in advance at the following sites:

Plymouth: Tonquish Manor, 1160 Sheridan. Site Manager is Mary Bengtsson, 453-9703.
Canton: Canton Township Recreation Center, Michigan Avenue at Sheldon. Site Manager Madeleine Carpenter, 397-1000, ext. 278.

Home-delivered meals are provided to eligible senior citizens who are homebound and unable to attend the nutrition site. Volunteers to deliver the homebound meals also are needed for both sites. For home-delivery information call 453-2525.

HELPING ADULTS READ

Plymouth-Canton Community Education can help adults read. For more information about Adult Basic Education, call 451-6555 or 451-6660. Open enrollment. Students can begin classes at any time.

NEW HORIZONS

New Horizons, a sharing exchange for mothers, will meet the second and fourth Fridays of each month 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Faith Moravian Community Church, 46001 Warren west of Canton Center Road. For information, call Mary at 455-8221.

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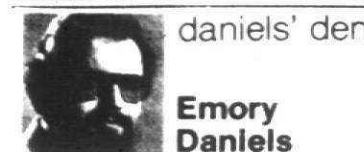
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Town's journalist is now private citizen

SELDOM DO I write about the departure of a journalist from the staff of the Canton and Plymouth Observer. But the standard of "self-dom" allows a little more freedom than "never."

Journalists have come and gone since I first arrived here as community editor in June 1975. Some have been transferred to other newspapers, within the Observer & Eccentric organization and others have found jobs elsewhere. It's a good occasion for a party, but not especially for a newspaper column because the departure is "inside news."

Who in the community-at-large really cares if an editor, reporter or photographer leaves the staff for another position? News sources do, and other people who deal with this newspaper on a regular basis do but life goes on unaffected for the vast majority of our 80,000-plus readers in Plymouth-Canton.



daniels' den
Emory Daniels

plexus of a newspaper operation. A copy editor by title, she edited the writings of others, wrote headlines, dummied pages, rewrote copy and wrote columns of her own. In those days, she was the person responsible for copy dealing with home improvement, gardening and cooking. She seemed to be responsible for a great many things, a fate reserved for copy desk people.

Ellie was in the middle of the newsroom when our newspaper switched from "hot-type" to offset, from eight-column to six-column, from once-a-week to twice-a-week, from typewriters to computers. In short, she was a pro.

Over the years I became well-acquainted with Ellie because she was one of those key persons who "knew" a lot of things about almost everything in our operation. If the bosses weren't available, which they often weren't, Ellie was the one to call for an answer.

When I was asked to come to Plymouth as editor in 1975, the one item I talked to then executive editor John Reddy about was having Ellie come to Plymouth to work with me. Ellie had put in enough years on the central desk as a generalist that she wanted to "come home" and specialize in covering her hometown. I knew that and wanted her knowledge, insight and grasp of the community on my side.

AS SOON AS it could be arranged, then, Ellie was reassigned to the Plymouth-Canton news staff.

At that time we were putting together a local sports section and a suburban life section for Plymouth and Canton. Ellie was named to that job and established the first suburban life section for these two newspapers.

The section in today's paper has Ellie's professional signature upon it. She created it, molded and revised it, and fine-tuned it until it became a section that readers understood, appreciated and anticipated.

In the process, she also became an unofficial "assistant editor," advising when asked (sometimes when not) and always being there as a valuable resource to an editor who relied on her judgment and insight. Long before coming here, she had become a friend.

Today the office is a lot different without Ellie's presence. For the time being, I'm pretending she's on vacation but eventually the finality of her retirement will sink into all of us.

Not only will the journalists here miss Ellie but the community will miss her presence as a news person. She will, of course, make valuable contributions as a private citizen but her twice-weekly presence on newsprint will create a vacuum now that she's retired. Her successor will do very well, and will add improvements of her own to the section and paper. Many will come to appreciate Julie Brown, too — both as a warm, caring person and as a journalist. But we all know The View From 489 S. Main will forever be different.

Good luck, Ellie! Keep in touch.

A time of danger

WHAT A century we have had! This is the first thought that came to The Stroller's mind when he read of the recent tragedy in which our space shuttle exploded with seven people aboard, including the first teacher to take the gamble of flying into space.

As we watched television for several hours and then heard the various tributes being paid — and even saw the president in tears — he recalled several of the shocks he has had since childhood.

First there was the thrill of having a grandfather who fought in the Civil War. His name is engraved on the soldiers' monument back home.

Then we had the Spanish-American War when Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders charged up San Juan Hill in Cuba.

This was followed by a world war, which took the most popular student in our class.

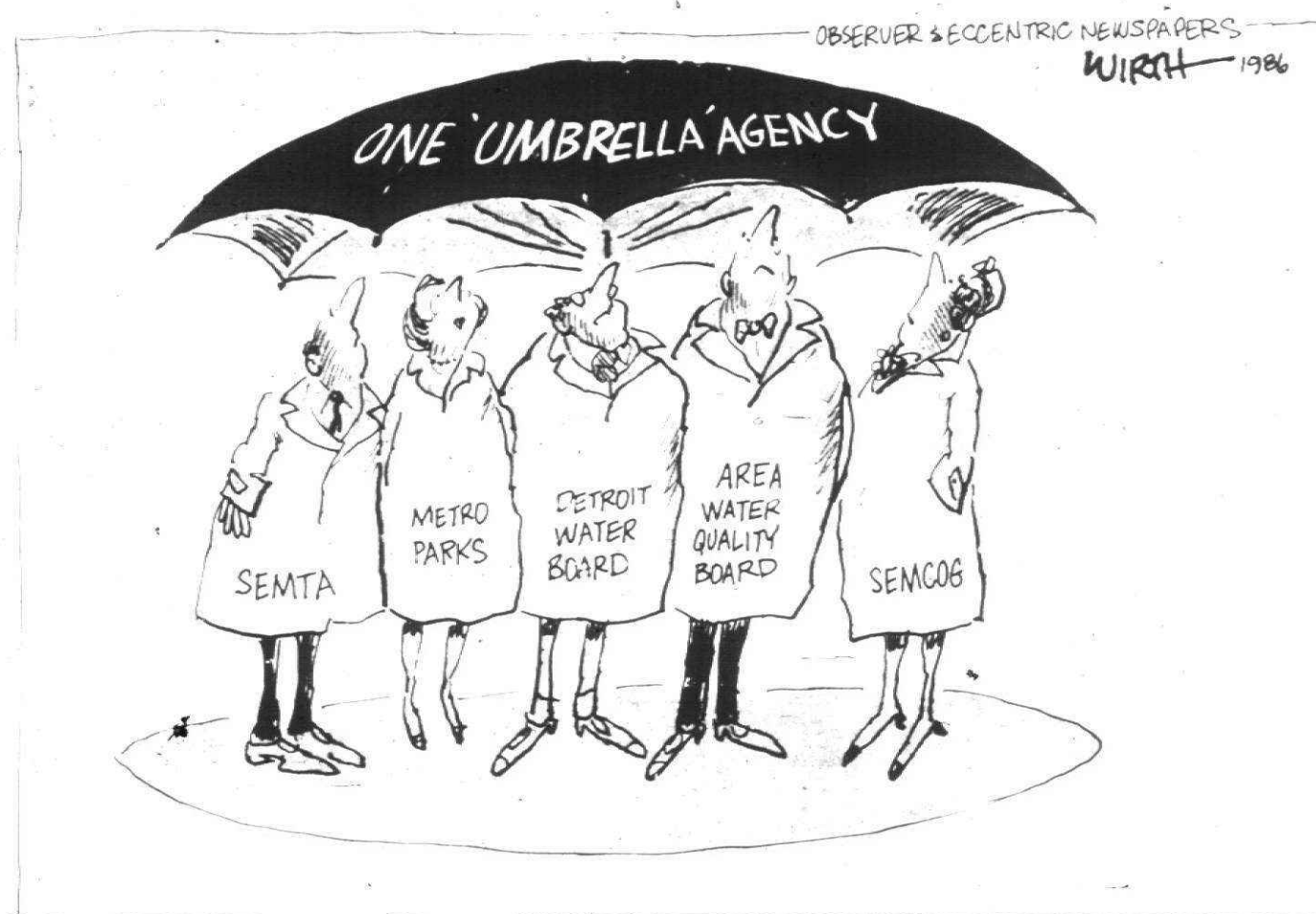


the stroller
W.W. Edgar

THEN CAME the tragedy of Pearl Harbor in 1941. The Stroller never will forget the sight of the battleship Arizona, with its superstructure sticking out of the water. The guide on our special trips was one of the divers who had gone down to try to help. He told of the 2,200 boys who cried out for help but couldn't escape.

Tears came to the eyes of our guide when he was asked why so many were lost. He explained that one of the Japanese bombs went down the stack of the ship and eliminated any chance of anyone below decks getting out.

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New life for regionalism

EVERYONE WHO has ever devoted much attention to the problem has come to the identical conclusion.

Joining the lengthy parade is the Hudson Institute, an Indianapolis-based think tank, which recently wrote a report for the state Senate entitled "Michigan Beyond 2000."

In its concluding chapters on major cities in the next century, the Hudson Institute authors say:

"Finally, Detroit and its neighbors should consider further regionalization of governmental functions in instances where this promises economies of scale such as those realized by the Detroit area's water system."

YOU'VE HEARD that refrain before: In the 1970s a couple of state task forces recommended as much. Metropolitan Fund and its offspring, Regional Citizens, mulled over the situation in the mid-1970s and came to the same conclusion.

The idea deserves another hearing. The Michigan Legislature has been wrestling with a pair of bills on the governance of regional agencies — the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA) and the Detroit Water Board.

Essentially, our lawmakers are taking a piecemeal approach. The SEMTA bill, au-



Tim Richard

thored by Sen. Richard Fessler, R-West Bloomfield, would place the transit agency under some variation of the "Big Four" — the mayor of Detroit, the Wayne and Oakland county executives and the Macomb county chairman. The water board reform would give suburban customers of the Detroit Water and Sewerage System some board voices in setting rates.

THE REGIONALIST idea is comprehensive. The idea is to place all the single-purpose operating agencies under one "umbrella" agency, perhaps a jazzed-up Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

SEMTA (or its successor) would appoint the governing boards of all operating agencies. Goodness knows, there are enough of them.

1) SEMTA — the seven-county transit board with four members picked by the



Bob Wisler

ters little to the campaign that Blanchard is not quite the managerial whiz that the image builders would like him to appear. In the world of campaigns and elections facts are not facts at all, they are only the material that can be used or discarded in weaving the tapestry of a political campaign.

IT MATTERED little in the first Blanchard campaign for governor that a governor can really do very little to create jobs. The Blanchard campaign pounded again and again on the theme of jobs, jobs, jobs. Of course, in the election year of 1982 this was familiar refrain as the country struggled to get out of a recession.

Blanchard is now riding a crest and he is an example, perhaps, of a man being in the right place at the right time. Voters have forgotten the jobs theme, have even largely forgotten the 38 percent tax increase which the governor successfully pushed the Legislature into passing.

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mayor of Detroit, four by the Wayne County executive, three by various means from Oakland County, two by the Macomb County board, and two by other means.

2) The Detroit Water Board — six Detroit residents and six lame suburbanites, all picked by the mayor of Detroit and all subject to instant discharge the moment they displease the mayor.

3) Area Water Quality Board — a sprawling child of SEMCOG whose membership is picked by a kaleidoscope of agencies and interests.

4) Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority — a five-county agency, which runs the 14 metroparks, but not necessarily in coordination with other regional agencies. County boards and the governor pick the eight HCMA directors.

According to regionalist thinking, the umbrella agency would appoint the members of all these regional boards. The umbrella agency would set the personnel policies and review the budgets and long-range plans of the individual agencies.

At last count, there were something like 400 units of government in the seven-county region. But there are certain big, regional jobs that can be done only by big, regional agencies.

Regional governments exist. It's time we brought them under one umbrella.

have picked as being campaign issues are weak in comparison to the power of being an incumbent officeholder in relatively good times.

THE LAST time in Michigan that an incumbent governor was turned out of office was when George Romney beat John Swainson in 1962. It was also an era when governors ran for two-year terms and did not have time to enjoy the power of incumbency before embarking on a re-election campaign and an era when television did not play a major role in politics.

Some people like to credit Blanchard's press secretary Rick Cole with being the mastermind behind Blanchard's favorable image. While Cole's talents are helpful, Blanchard was on his way to such an image before Cole was even called into service.

That's because in this day and age, the public's perception of a governor is shaped primarily by television newscasts.

Anybody who looks good while the camera is on him, or her, for that seven-second quote and can sound like a leader becomes a leader. The leader's policies are clearly secondary to the image.

This is at least partially explains why poll after poll shows that the American public loves having Ronald Reagan as president while finding fault with the policies his administration promulgates. It also helps explain why people are talking about Blanchard's bandwagon.

There's many ways to to tell if it's time for spring

By Carolyn DeMarco

I NEVER REALLY understood the schtick about Punxsutawney Phil, his shadow and six more weeks of winter.

If the Pennsylvania groundhog sees his shadow, it's supposed to mean six more weeks of winter. The rodent reportedly saw his shadow on Feb. 2.

Six weeks as opposed to what? Over-night spring? An infinity of winter?

And what do Pennsylvanians know about winter, anyway? How many Great Lakes do they have blowing cold air down their necks? One little, bitty corner of

Lake Erie. Big deal.

It takes a true Michigander (Michigan-der), surrounded by THE BIG ONES — Superior, Michigan, Huron and Erie — to understand the meaning of winter survival.

Who the heck needs a groundhog to tell us it's time for spring? The signs are obvious.

YOU KNOW it's time for spring when: Small animals begin using your snow boots as salt licks.

Your home is so charged with static electricity that your panty hose stick to

the ceiling.

The inner thighs of your favorite wool stacks have gone beyond pilling and into threadbare.

Your car window ice scraper needs retreading.

You've read the February Reader's Digest cover to cover.

You retrieve the Burpee's seed catalog from your mailbox and find the pages frozen together.

Your heating bill approaches the gross national product. Your local pharmacy has a sale on moisturizing lotion, by the gallon.

Even Disney World looks good to you.

BY THE TIME your harried travel agent "gets back to you on the price," you've already been home for weeks.

You come in from a day at work snarling about the unswept driveway and icy roads and your oldest yells, "Attila the Hun is home."

You know it's time for spring when cab-in fever drives you to writing articles like these.



The groundhog hibernates, checks his shadow Feb. 2, and if he sees it, according to legend, we're in for six more weeks of winter.

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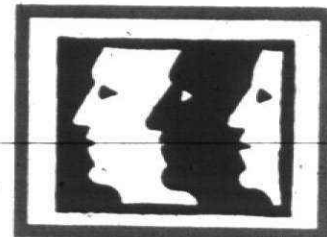


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All in the stepfamily

Planning can make marriage better 2nd time around

By Richard Lech
Staff writer

THINGS CAN get pretty complicated for stepfamilies. Stepkids, for instance, end up with four or more different sets of grandparents. That can really lead to problems around the holidays.

"I know one kid who ate four Christmas dinners and got sick, and got mad about it," therapist Richard Bennett said. "It became a miserable pleasing party instead of a Christmas of joy."

Keeping everybody's name straight in a stepfamily also can be difficult. It's not unusual for a husband to accidentally call his second wife by his first wife's name, or for a wife to use her first husband's name when she meant to say that of husband No. 2.

"It's something normal, you don't have to get all bent out of shape about it," Bennett's wife, Patricia Work Bennett said.

"It happens in 100 percent of remarriages. It doesn't mean your spouse is dreaming about his ex-wife or her ex-husband."

"The only place I'd have real anxiety about it is in the wedding ceremony itself," Richard Bennett added with a smile.

THE BENNETTS, who hail from Gary, Ind., have earned national recognition as experts on single parents and stepfamilies. They conducted a remarriage workshop last weekend at the Plymouth Hilton for local Parents Without Partners (PWP) chapters. In a separate interview, they discussed how to simplify some of the complications to make a stepfamily work.

Richard Bennett, a marriage and family therapist with more than 20 years of experience of working with stepfamilies, is a consultant to the PWP international board. Patricia Work Bennett is the editor of "Stepfamilies and Beyond," which the Bennetts describe as "America's first independent newsletter about remarriage."

And yes, this is the second marriage for both.

Marriage can be more satisfying the second time around, if the couple works at it, the Bennetts said. Richard Bennett has found that in the first marriage people often marry the idea of marriage — having someone to look after them and having kids — rather than each other.

"In a remarriage, the only way you're going to make it is to marry each other," he said.

THE BENNETTS, however, strongly advise against marrying the first person you fall in love with following a divorce or the death of the spouse. Richard Bennett refers to such marriages as "ports in the storm" rather than the "home port" of a stable relationship.

"I can remember the first woman I dated following my divorce," Richard Bennett said. "I was so thankful someone would really date me. But oh, boy, if I would have married her..."

The first six months following a divorce or death are particularly critical, he said. Feeling lonely and lost, an individual can think he or she must have somebody else to be a whole person again.

"But a person is still whole following a divorce," he said. "Divorce hasn't taken anything from him. When I can recognize that and be proud about that, I'm ready for remarriage. If I marry to get something back, I've lost it."

THE TYPICAL stepfamily is nothing like the stereotype offered by the old TV series "The Brady Bunch," the Bennetts said. In that situation comedy, a widowed dad with three sons marries a widowed mom with three daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Brady are both "conveniently widowed" and need not be concerned with the problems of child support, visiting rights and the other painful complications stemming from divorce that affect many stepfamilies, Patricia Bennett pointed out.

"Stepfamilies also have got a much wilder mix of kids than the Brady Bunch," Richard Bennett said. "And they're not all living together."

The Bennetts themselves have four kids — two his, one hers and one theirs.

WHILE MOST stepfamilies don't fit the sugary sweet Brady Bunch image, a stepfamily can be a very positive situation nonetheless, the Bennetts said. All it takes is some honesty, trust and communication — as well as a realistic view of the new family.

"People entering into a second marriage enter with a lot of unrealistic expectations," Richard Bennett said. "They figure they are going to make this second family into the same type of family as a nuclear family — which it's not."

While the roles are pretty well defined in a nuclear family, it takes plenty of planning and discussion to get the roles right in a stepfamily, the Bennetts said.

Stepparents can't assume they're going to take over the roles of mom or dad for their stepkids. Legally, they may not be able to assume those roles. They may be barred from doing such things as signing emergency treatment forms at hospitals or having access to student records at school.

The children may not want a new mom or dad anyway.

"The stepkids may not expect me to act as a mother," Patricia Bennett said. "They may need me as a sounding board. If I come on as a mom, I may be rejected."

MANY STEPPARENTS go into remarriage with the thought that they are marrying the kids as well as their spouses. But Richard Bennett said stepparents should treat



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Stepfamily experts Richard and Patricia Bennett said marriage can be more satisfying the second time around, if the couple works at it in the right way.

potential stepkids as they would college roommates — someone they have to live with, but not necessarily like. "The point is, if I know her kid doesn't like me, we don't have to be best buddies, especially if we're not

living together," Richard Bennett said. "If we are living together, we can treat each other with respect. Many stepkids and stepparents don't like

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Stepfamilies grow in numbers in U.S.

STEPFAMILIES and Beyond, edited by Patricia Work Bennett, gathered the following statistics on stepfamilies from the U.S. Census Bureau and other statistical gathering sources:

- One-half of all children born in the 1970s will live with a divorced or widowed parent.
- Because 80 percent of divorced persons remarry, almost all of those children will become stepchildren before they reach adulthood.
- From 40 to 50 percent of all marriages today will end in divorce.
- Estimates show that 25 million adults are stepparents, and 15 million children live in stepfamilies.
- One out of five children is a stepchild today. That compares to one out of eight in 1976.
- Approximately 9,000 new stepfamilies are formed every week.

Stepfamilies and Beyond also compiled what it considers to be myths commonly believed about stepfamilies.

- Adults who remarry know what they are getting into before they ever remarry.
- Stepparents and stepchildren will love each other automatically if the remarrying husband and wife just love each other enough.
- Stepchildren have more emotional, behavioral and academic problems than children from the traditional nuclear family.
- It is easier to live in a stepfamily where children do not reside full time.
- To make a stepfamily whole, the stepparents should adopt the stepchildren.
- Stepchildren always resent and dislike their stepparents.
- The natural, non-custody parent should step aside so that the children can bond with the new stepparent.
- Stepfamilies develop into a closer-knit family if the first marriages ended in death rather than by divorce.

For more information on Stepfamilies and Beyond, write to Listening Inc., 8716 Pine Ave., Gary, Ind. 46403. Or call (219) 938-6962.

How families deal with stress

HAVE YOU EVER felt there is not enough time in the day? Do you worry about your kids when you're not at home? Or do you feel guilty about all that you don't do, yet know that you're "dancing as fast as you can?"

Irene Chesire, Ed.D., director of professional and public education, Sheppard Pratt Hospital, Baltimore, Md., asks working parents questions in a recent article in "PTA Today," the national PTA's magazine. Chesire mentions the changes in culture that have brought new sources of stress into the home, and offers guidelines to help working families with stress.

"Most parents today are out of the home, either by economic necessity, preference, or both," states Chesire. She notes the following government statistics — 68 percent of mothers of children between the ages of 6 and 17 were working in 1984, and the number of single-parent families, who of necessity generally work, has risen to 19 percent of all households.

CHESIRE BELIEVES that stress may come from many external sources, as well as from within ourselves, but that daily stress can be handled if we become aware of it and learn effective ways of dealing with it. The author suggests these guidelines to help manage stress.

- **Flexibility.** Be flexible in working hours, in transportation options, in child care arrangement,

in scheduling, and in family chores.

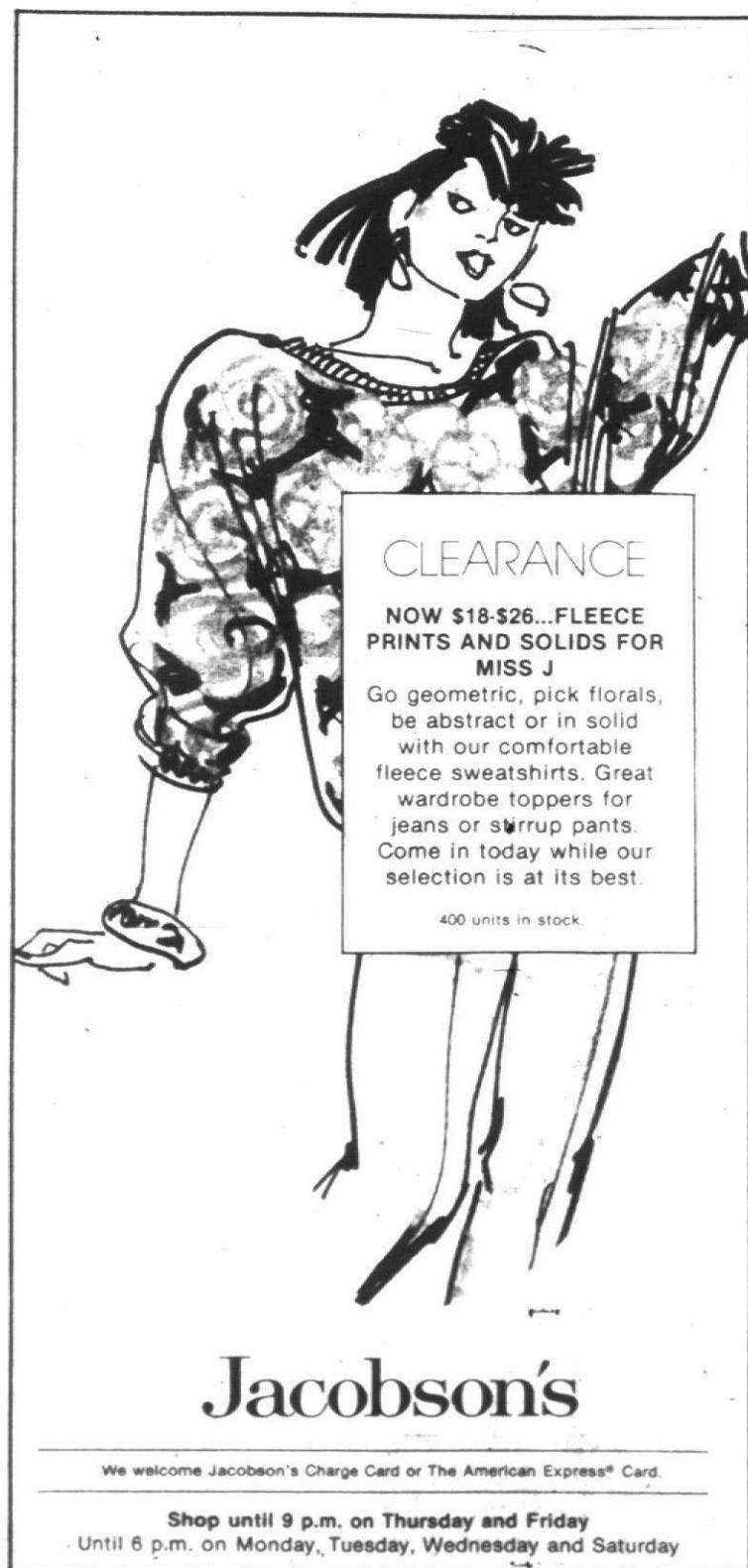
- **Recognition.** Recognize and understand that you're not necessarily "doing something wrong" if you feel pressure — that stress comes with the territory. Accept the reality that no matter how well you plan, you cannot control the unexpected. Expect the unexpected, and give yourself cushions of time and contingency plans.

- **Expectations.** Consider what you expect of yourself as a parent, partner, neighbor or employee. Be sure that expectations are on target.

- **Priorities.** Examine your priorities for the present. Identify which tasks are important, which are urgent and what are both. Also, make "hanging out" time a priority. Take time to putter around, have an incidental conversation, take a spur-of-the-moment walk, or daydream.

- **Guilt.** Guilt often comes from "shoulds," as in: "I should never lose my temper." "The kids should get along better," or "The house should be cleaner." Identify all the "shoulds" that rule your life, those that aren't yours and keep only your own. Recognize that a drive for "instant perfection" is yet another "should" to avoid.

Chesire advises parents to get to know children, let children feel important and cherished for their uniqueness, and teach them that humor helps keep things in perspective.



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● COMIC FABLE

The Spotlight Players will present "The Madwoman of Chaillot," Friday, Feb. 7, and Saturday, Feb. 8, at the John Glenn High School auditorium, Westland, at 8 p.m. The story revolves around an eccentric woman and her attempts to save her town from destruction by developers. For information, call 429-4971.

● PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The Plymouth Newcomers Club will hold a progressive dinner at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, for \$10 a couple. For information, call 420-2099.

● BAKE SALE

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Ladies Guild will hold a bake sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, in the Kroger store on Ford.

● COUPLES NIGHT OUT

The Canton Newcomers will hold a couples night out Saturday, Feb. 8. Under the Eagle in Hamtramck. For information, call 459-1797.

● FASCHING PARTY

German-American Club of Plymouth will have its Fasching party and dance at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Plymouth. Good German food and drink available, prizes for prizes. German Band, the Echors, from Ohio will provide music for dancing and singing. Admission is \$4.50. Call 425-944 or 459-4261 for reservations and information. Tickets are also available at the door.

● ROCKS, MINERALS

The Plymouth Rock and Mineral Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, in the Plymouth Cultural Center craft room. Dave Thomas will discuss an archeological dig in Michigan.

● DIVORCE SUPPORT

The Women's Divorce Support Group, Schoolcraft College, will hold a group discussion 8-10 p.m. in the Forum, Schoolcraft College, Tuesday, Feb. 11. The group is intended for women who are separated, divorced or contemplating divorce.

● SYMPHONY TEA

The Plymouth Symphony League will hold a prospective member tea at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12. For information, call 453-9223.

● PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS

The Plymouth Canton Parents Without Partners will hold an orientation

meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13. The general membership meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, in the Plymouth Hilton. For information, call 455-3551.

● HISTORICAL BUFS

The Plymouth Historical Society will hold a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, at 155 S. Main. Plymouth. Bruce Scott will show slides of "Erie Canal Revisited." For information, call 455-8940.

● WOMAN'S FARM, GARDEN GROUP

The Lake Pointe Village Branch of the National Farm and Garden Association will meet in the Farrand School library Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. Nancy Stone, will host the program "Don't Poison the One You Love." For information, call 453-3905.

● BOTANICAL GARDENS

The Huron Valley Rose Society will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, in the auditorium of the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. There will be a review of books worth reading on a winter's night, on the subject of roses. Consulting rosarians will answer questions. For information, call 994-1955.

● GANDHI

The Women's Resource Center of Schoolcraft College will present a luncheon with speaker Dr. Prantosh Nag from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Le-Gastronomie restaurant Friday, Feb. 14. The topic will be "Gandhi." Prantosh is professor of economics at

Schoolcraft College. For information, call 591-6400.

● PANCAKE SUPPER

The Spinnaker Singles will hold a pancake supper at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, in the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, for \$3. Reservations are required. Call 349-6474.

● HOME HEALTH CARE

Guest speaker Joan McInally of the American Cancer Society will discuss home health care during a meeting of the Plymouth Registered Nurses in Plymouth Township Hall, Ann Arbor Road and Lilley at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17. The meeting is open to the public.

● LANDSCAPING

The Trailwood Garden Club will present Tim Joy of Christianson's Nursery, who will speak on home landscaping at the club's "Husband's Night" at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17. For information, call 459-0216.

● REFUNDERS CLUB

The Refunders Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, in the Plymouth Grange Hall, 273 Union. Bring refund forms, proofs of purchase and deals to trade. New members are welcome.

● CERAMIC SEMINAR

Openings still are available in the 10-week ceramic seminar/class at the Salvation Army Center, 9451 S. Main. Plymouth. Fee is \$5 per week or \$20 at registration. Hours are 9:30-11:30 a.m.

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Families Anonymous, a self-help program for relatives and friends concerned with drug abuse or behavioral problems, will meet 8 p.m. Thursdays in St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren in Canton.

● CIVITAN ESSAY CONTEST

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Citizenship Essay Contest is in progress and will continue until deadline date of March 15. All high school students in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools area are eligible to compete. The topic is "Is There Too Much Sex and Violence in the Youth-Oriented Record and Video Cassette Market?" First prize, \$100; second, \$50; and third, \$25. Information available at Plymouth Canton and Salem high schools general offices, or call Joe Henshaw, contest chairman, 451-6321, or 453-7569.

● TAKE OFF POUNDS

TOPS Chapter 1236 meets every Thursday evening in Faith Community Church, 46001 Warren, Canton. Weight-in starts at 6:30 p.m., with a meeting following, 7-8 p.m. For information, call 981-0446.

● CIVIL AIR PATROL

U.S. Air Force Auxiliary Squadron 16-1 invites interested people to attend its weekly meetings, 6:30-10 p.m. Thursdays on the fourth floor of the main building, Willow Run Airport. Any U.S. citizen 13 years of age and older may become a volunteer. For information, call Robert Eizen, commander, 326-9673.

● ORANGES, GRAPEFRUIT SALE

Tree-ripened Florida oranges and grapefruit are available November through March, shipped by express truck from Indian River Groves. Orders are being taken by Plymouth Seventh Day Adventist Junior Academy volunteers. To order, call 981-1308, between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Pickup is at 5757 Lilley, near Ford.

● MOMS AND TOTS MORNING PLAY

A Morning Play Group for Moms and Tots sponsored by the Canton Newcomers will be on the fourth Friday of each month in members' homes. Sit back and relax over coffee with other mothers of infants and preschoolers while they play. For reservations and more information, call Linda, 981-0727.

● CANTON JAYCEES INVITE NEW MEMBERS

The Canton Jaycees encourages all men and women 18-35, who are interested in leadership training, personal growth and management skills, to attend the monthly general membership meetings. Group meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at the Roman Forum Restaurant, Ford Road. For more information, call Patti Kelly, 721-3959.

● VFW PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Mayflower Lt. Gamble Ladies Auxiliary Veterans of Foreign Wars will have a pancake breakfast the first Sunday of every month at the VFW Hall, 1426 S. Mill, just north of Ann Arbor Road. Menu includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, toast and French toast. Cost is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children 5 and under.

● ST. JOHN NEUMANN SENIORS

The 50-UP Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the church on Warren Road, west of Sheldon. New members may attend. For information, call Betty Gruchala, president.

● BROWNIES, JUNIOR GIRL SCOUTS

All Bird Elementary School girls in grades 1-3 are eligible to become Brownie Girl Scouts. Those in grades 4-6 can become Junior Girl Scouts. To get in on the fun, call Judi Clemens, 453-3615, for information.

● U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Canton Flotilla 11-11 meets the fourth Tuesday of the month in Room 2510, Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, just west of Canton Center. The comparatively new flotilla welcomes new members. Call Robert Kinsler, 455-2676, for information.

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● OPTIMISTS

Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Mondays of each month in the Miles Standish Room of the Mayflower Hotel. Plymouth and Canton residents may call 453-8547 for membership information.

● CHORUS COOKBOOK

Plymouth Community Chorus new cookbook, "All Our Best," is available at Plymouth Book World and from chorus members. Price is \$7.95.

● TOPS MEETING

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

● CANTON BPW

Canton Business and Professional Women meets the second Monday of each month at the Roman Forum Restaurant, Ford Road, cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30, and program at 7:30. Dinner charge is \$7.50 per person. Call Susan Pack, 455-0873, for information.

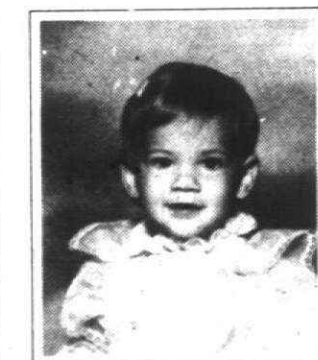
● SWEET ADELINES

Midwest Harmony Chapter of Sweet Adelines rehearses in the Senior Citizen Fire Station Center, 10800 Farmington Road, Livonia, just south of Plymouth Road. Women who like to sing four-part harmony may attend. For information, call Pat Daubennier of Canton, 981-4098, or Barbara Williams of Westland, 721-3861.

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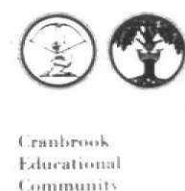


Jenni Long

Young career women sought

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For information, call Ceil Michalik, 420-2057.



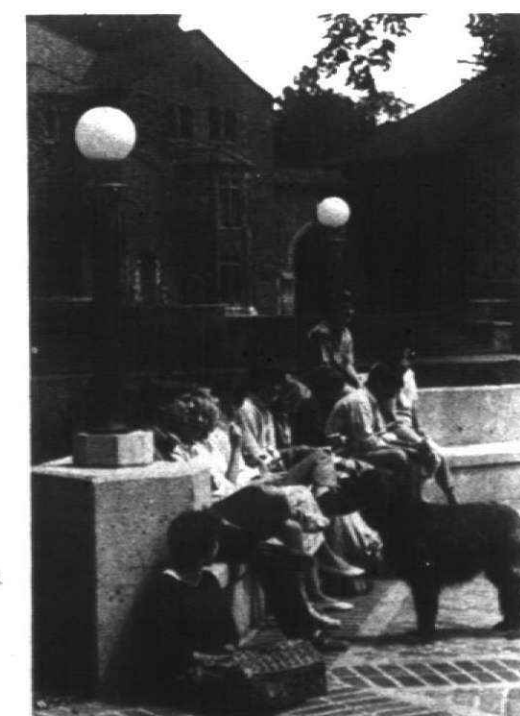
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Canton girl makes magazine semifinals

Jenni Long, 15, of Canton has been chosen as a semifinalist in Teen Magazine's 1986 Great Model Search, which is one of the nation's biggest annual hunts for new modeling talent.

Long's photo will appear in the March issue of Teen, as one of the 16 semifinalists in her region. She is the daughter of Gary and Kathleen Long and attends Plymouth Salem High School.

Long now is eligible for selection later this year as a contest super-semifinalist, the next step toward winning the competition.

Teen has a history of discovering

new talent. Cheryl Tiegs, Christina Ferrare, Cindy Harrell and Cheryl Ladd are a few of the top models who began their careers on the pages and cover of Teen.

This year's Great Model Search winner will appear on the cover of Teen and win a \$5,000 cash award from Maybelline, an appearance in a national modeling contract with the Gillette Co., a 1986 Mazda 323 hatchback, and a wardrobe from Ups 'N Downs Stores.

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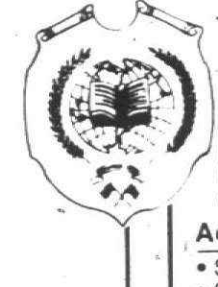
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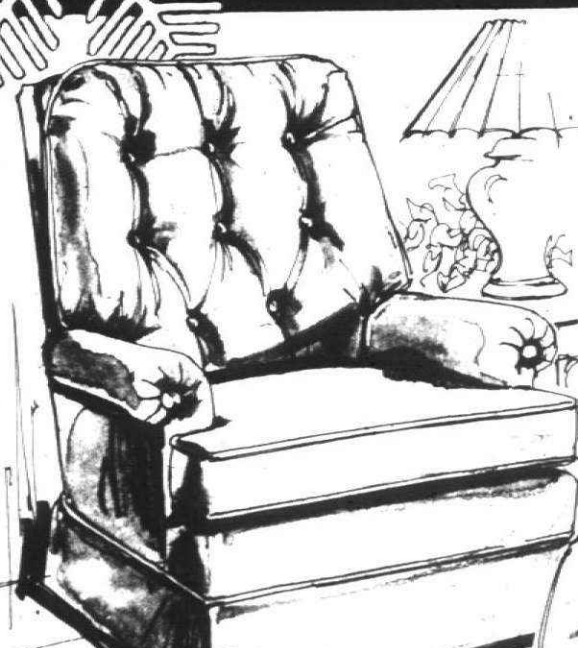
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9:30 A.M. "WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE PRAY"
Dr. Wesley Hustad

6:00 P.M. Sharing Service
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Church exhibit mirrors a friendship

By Marie McGee
staff writer

N EITHER of the two men could speak a word in the other's native language, but it did not deter them from becoming fast friends.

The two are Rev. David Strong, pastor of St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Livonia, and noted Czech painter Miroslav Rada. Their friendship began in 1968 when Strong was attending the Christian Peace Conference in Prague.

While at the conference, Strong asked permission to visit with some artist as a way of better understanding the Czech people. One of the artists he visited was Rada.

"ALTHOUGH WE never spoke except through a translator, I felt a kinship with him," Strong explained.

The two corresponded and after the invasion by the Russians in August of that year, Strong said he was determined to bring Rada's art and the artist himself to the U.S.

That chance friendship is the basis of a special exhibit of Rada's work that will take place at St. Matthew's Church in Livonia 7-9 p.m. Feb. 15-17. The church is on Six Mile Road, east of Merriman. It is open to the public.

Rada lives in Prague where he paints and illustrates books published by the Czech government. His life, according to Strong, is specially difficult because "he has stood for spiritual and human values in his work."

"Because of his spiritual values, he finds it practically impossible to show his work in his own native country," Strong said.

ON ONE OCCASION, Strong noted, Rada was given permission to exhibit

a series of drawings based upon the subject of "the process of the human opening."

"The first evening drew over 250 persons to the exhibition," said Strong. "The next day the authorities closed the show to the public. Only personal friends of the artist were permitted."

Two of the drawings from that exhibit will be shown along with 40 other paintings. Two of the paintings are titled "Altar." Commenting on this theme, the artist says, "Altar is a place where you can merge religion with real life and lay down all of your deep emotions of suffering and joy."

He said that wherever we make such a commitment of our life, this is an altar.

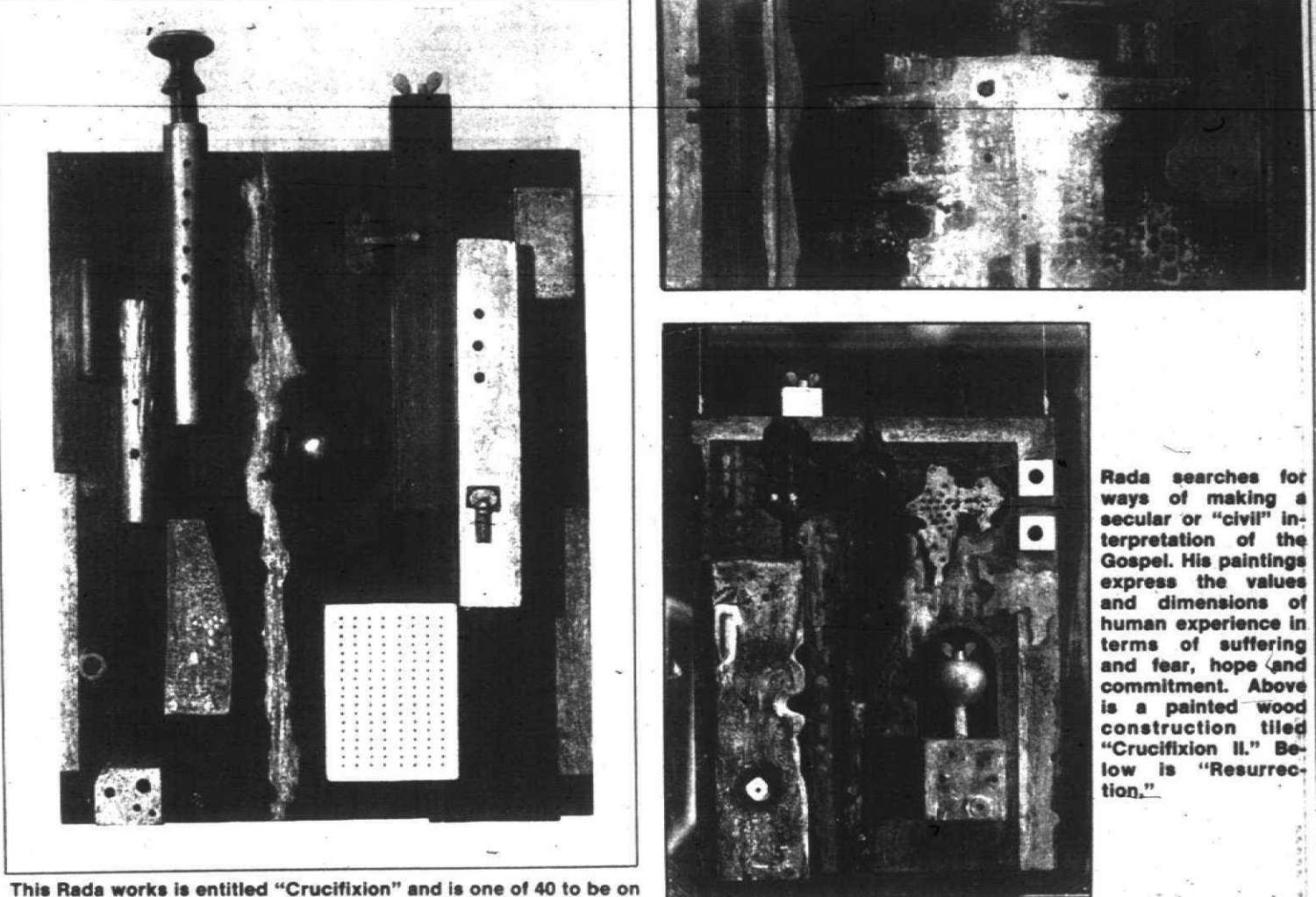
HIS ART EXPRESSES many dimensions of human experience in terms of suffering, fear, hope and commitment. He believes there is no such thing as "religious" art, Strong said. "Rada believes that one cannot separate the sacred and the secular."

Part of the exhibition is a collection of drawings done by publications of the United Methodist Church designed for children. Among the drawings is one of the Good Samaritan with Coca Cola and Esso signs in the background.

"Humor as well as spiritual values are apparent in his work," said Strong.

The upcoming exhibition is the second one held of his work in the U.S. The first one was in 1969 when he exhibited in New York, Cranbrook and Wayne State University.

Because he not allowed to exhibit in his own country, he is painting for churches and exhibitions in West Germany. He is an elder in the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren.



This Rada work is entitled "Crucifixion" and is one of 40 to be on display at St. Matthew Church in Livonia.

Rada searches for ways of making a secular or "civil" interpretation of the Gospel. His paintings express the values and dimensions of human experience in terms of suffering and fear, hope and commitment. Above is a painted wood construction titled "Crucifixion II." Below is "Resurrection."

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church bulletin

● **ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN**
The Rev. Winfred F. Koelpin retired from his ministry at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Livonia on Jan. 31, after serving with the church for nearly 30 years. The congregation will honor him and his wife, Ruth, in a special appreciation service at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, at the church, 17810 Farmington, The Rev. Robert Mueller, president of the Michigan District of the Wisconsin Synod, will be the speaker, and the Rev. Karl Otto, president of the Martin Luther Homes in Michigan, will be the liturgist. Immediately following the service will be an informal reception for members and friends.

● **FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST**
The Graceways will perform gospel music at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at The First Free Will Baptist Church, 41233 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, Mich. and dessert will be served at 4 p.m.

● **FIRST METHODIST OF GARDEN CITY**
Dr. David Bond will perform an organ concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, at First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman, between Ford and Warren, Garden City. Bond is the organist/chorale director at First Methodist in Garden City. In 1973, he was honored as a first-place winner in the Central Lutheran International Competition and the American Guild of Organists Midwest Regional Competition. Donation for the concert is \$4 for adults, \$2 for students and senior citizens. A reception for Bond will follow the concert. For more information, call the church office at 421-8628.

● **WARD PRESBYTERIAN**
"Missions: God's Heart for the World" is the theme of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church's 17th annual world missions conference. The conference will be from Sunday, Feb. 9, to Sunday, Feb. 16. The speakers will include Charles W. Colson, a former Watergate conspirator who became a born-again Christian.

● **ST. MATTHEW METHODIST**
St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Livonia will have an Ash Wednesday service at 7 p.m. Feb. 12. The church will have its Lenten service on Wednesday evenings beginning Feb. 13. Potluck dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., followed by the program, 7:15-8 p.m. This year's theme will be "A Personal Witness." The church is at 30908 W. Six Mile.

Challenger's fall puts life in focus

Rev. Lloyd Buss

THE PEOPLE of God did not lose a spacecraft, but they suffered defeat and death, and the Deuteronomic principle was born in those events. Victories were due to virtues, and defeats were caused by sin.

It has never been easy for us to talk about death and dying. We want to live, and we do not want to talk about dying. But in our living there is dying, and through the ages, an accommodation of death has been composed.

The Bible introduces the subject of death in the third chapter of the first book, and it remains a primary subject. By the fifth book, the book of Deuteronomy, we have a developed concept of death and dying that might be misleading.

Early American preachers translated this into material terms. In the long run, they said, it is only to one of morality that wealth comes.

her family were marked for death by Ethiopia's new Marxist government. She heads Project Mercy in cooperation with World Vision in helping to provide emergency relief for the famine and drought victims of Ethiopia and Somalia.

David Bryant, missions specialist with Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, and at all Sunday services. Bryant is a member of the National Committee on Prayer and has been involved in developing "concerts of prayer" around the United States and the world.

For more information on the conference, call the missions office at 422-1150.

● **BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH**
Berean Baptist Church in Livonia will present a musical concert "Melodies from the Heart" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8. Paul Beckler & Friends will be the guest performers. Beckler teaches music at the Calvary Baptist Academy in Canton. A dessert after-dinner will follow the concert. The cost is \$2.50; children under 12 will be admitted free. The church is at 38303 Eight Mile, between Newburgh and I-275.

● **ST. PAUL PRESBYTERIAN**
An imposition of ashes service will be at 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 8850 Newburgh, Livonia. Lenten services will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Feb. 20.

St. Paul Presbyterian Church in Livonia will have an Ash Wednesday communion service on Feb. 12. The service will begin with a soup-kitchen dinner at 6:30 p.m. The church will have a Lenten program on Wednesdays throughout Lent. The theme will be "People (Like You) Who Walked With Christ." The program will start with a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m., followed by the program at 7:30 p.m. This year's theme will be "A Personal Witness." The church is at 30908 W. Six Mile.

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mediate and forthright. Carefully and efficiently, we composed ourselves into such order that we could console and comfort one another. And we began an investigation to determine what had failed.

We may never learn what happened, and even if we do, will it answer the questions we raise about death and dying? If we find the flaw in the spacecraft, will it solve the riddle of dying in the midst of living? What if, in the final sense, we learn that the flaw is not in the machine, but in ourselves -- that we are always destined to dying and death?

Our dilemma is a real one. Do we assert the Deuteronomic principle that causes us to search for the righteousness of our cause and continue forward with courage and conviction?

Or do we assert the finitude of our being, our mortality and know that the flaws of life are not just in the things we do, but in the beings we are?

There is a land and a narrow in the land. Our spacecraft Challenger has been destroyed and its crew killed. We mourn their death. We think about our own.

Our response to the disaster was im-

clubs in action

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● AMERICAN BACKGAMMON CLUB

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

● AMERICAN LEGION

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

● CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Canton Historical Society meets the second Thursday of each month at the museum, Canton Center at Proctor, Canton. Museum hours are 1-3 p.m. Tuesday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday. For information about the society or the museum call Dorothy West, 495-0744.

● VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FISH of Plymouth/Canton, an organization serving residents, is seeking volunteers. Opportunities to serve include transportation, typing, baby-sitting and telephone calling. Call 453-1110 for information.

● FRIENDS OF MATTHAEI BOTANICAL GARDENS LOBBY SALE

Friends will have their monthly lobby sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 1 and 2, at the gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro, Ann Arbor. Plants, linen towels, botanical serving trays, wooden containers, gift wrap, wooden and hand-painted birds, pottery, ceramic pomanders, gardens T-shirts, tote bags and much more will be offered for sale. February lobby exhibit will be Versatile Wood, with examples of state woods and woods from all over the world as well as their uses. Outdoor trail walks and lobby exhibit are free, or conservatory is adults, \$1; senior citizens, 75 cents; and children, 50 cents. Garden grounds are open from 8 a.m. to sunset.

● AMERICAN LEGION

Passage-Gayde Post of the American Legion will meet at noon Sunday, Feb. 2, at 173 N. Main Street. For information, call the post hotline, 453-9494, or the post adjutant, 495-1633.

● ART CLUB

The Three Cities Art Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, in the Plymouth Township Hall meeting room, 42350 Ann Arbor Road at Lilley. There will be a made-for-TV film by Nita Engle, watercolorist featured in American Artist magazine. For information, call 455-4995.

● TAG CLASS

An eight-week TAG class will be offered by the Plymouth-Canton TAG Department and Schoolcraft College beginning Monday, Feb. 3. It takes place at 2:45 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. The class teaches values, beliefs and attitudes and provides information about careers. For information, call 451-6581.

● GUILD SPEAKER

Joan Garside, from the Schoolcraft

College Women's Resource Center, will speak on "Women in the '80s" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, in the parish hall of St. John Neumann's Church. It is sponsored by the parish women's guild. For information, call 981-4421.

● BARBERSHOP SING

There will be a special program to acquaint Plymouth-Canton-area women with the barbershop chorus at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, in the Livonia Fire Station Senior Center, Farmington Road at Plymouth Road. The Midwest Harmony chapter of the Sweet Adelines Inc. is the sponsor. A great singing voice is not required. The only requirement is the ability to hold a musical line against others singing a different one. Voices in all ranges are needed. For information, call 981-5708.

● LIONS CLUB

The Lions Club of Plymouth will hold its annual Charter Anniversary Ladies' Night Party at Schoolcraft College 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6.

● WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club of Plymouth will

meet at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, in First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. Vera Sullivan of the Wayne County Extension Service master gardener program will be the guest speaker on the topic, "Loving Care for Your House Plants." For information, call 455-0074.

● WOMEN'S GUILD

The St. Kenneth's Women's Guild will present a guest speaker discussing "Protection," at noon Tuesday, Feb. 11, in the church center. For information, call 420-0378.

● LAMAZE

The Plymouth Childbirth Education Association will offer a Lamaze orientation class at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17, in the Newburg Methodist Church, Livonia. The feature film, "Saturday's Children," will be shown. There is a \$1 fee. For information, call 459-7477.

● WIZARD OF OZ

The American Association of University Women will present "The Wizard of Oz" at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 26, 27 and 28, and at 10 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. March 1 in the Plymouth Salem High School auditorium. Admission is \$1.50.

What's a CEP?

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools has the only educational park in the state of Michigan. The Centennial Educational Park (CEP) is a 305-acre site which is the home of two four-year comprehensive high

schools — Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton high schools.

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● SHRINE CIRCUS TICKETS

The Metropolitan Society for Crippled Children and Adults, a non-profit organization serving the handicapped since 1938, is again sponsoring a day at the circus for the disabled. This year the society will provide 2,000 free admission tickets to the physically disabled, their families and senior citizens for the opening day matinee performance at noon Friday, March 14, at the Michigan State Fair Coliseum. To apply for tickets write: Metropolitan Society for Crippled Children and Adults, 287 N. Avenue, Mount Clemens, Mich. 48043. Phone: 465-5522.

● EUROPEAN ART TRIP

Art students at Plymouth Salem High School in connection with Cultural Heritage Alliance are planning a trip to Paris and Rome at Easter and are seeking additional students to travel with them. The trip is a 10-day tour leaving March 27 and returning April 5 with emphasis on the art and architecture of France and Italy. Scheduled places to visit include Paris for three days, Versailles, Nice on the French Riviera, Pisa, Florence (birthplace of the Renaissance) and Rome. The charge of \$979 per person includes airfare, hotels, two meals each day, museum fees and bus fares in Europe. For information, contact Kris Darby at 453-2281 or the Salem art department at 451-6242.

● TOUGH LOVE

Tough Love, a self-help group for parents troubled by teenage behavior, meets at 7 p.m. Mondays in the Faith Community Church on Warren at Canton Center Road in Canton.

● FREE COUNSELING

The guidance and counseling program of Eastern Michigan University is offering personal and career counseling at no cost for individuals. The counseling lab is staffed by advanced graduate students who are completing master's degrees in guidance and counseling and are supervised by the counselor education faculty. Appointments are available 5:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays or 9 to 11:30 a.m. Saturdays. For appointments, call 487-3270 or 487-3455.

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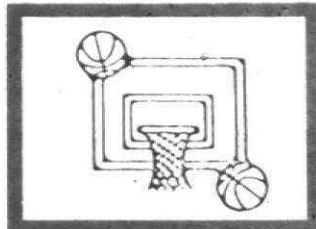
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Sports



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Athlete's education may be sacrificed

SCHOLARSHIPS, the lifeblood of college sports, are ruining some pretty good kids. Recruiters pound on a high school star's door, filling his head with often farfetched dreams and waving a scholarship in his face. The kid swallows the bait, and another potential victim is born.

The recruiters know. They're as good as any used car salesman when it comes to making a pitch. College alumni and administration pressure them mercilessly to succeed, often at any cost.

So these coaches and recruiters prey upon a kid's vulnerability — his childhood heroes. "He could be the next Larry Bird," a coach will tell the press after landing a prized recruit — an 18-year-old who's naive enough to believe such talk.

Lost in all this is what is truly being offered — a free education. And that's not right.

Those often misused and misguided athletes you see running up and down a basketball court on national TV aren't strangers, either. They're hometown boys, all possessed by the same obsession, to become a hero in the mold of Larry Bird or Magic Johnson. You probably know some of them.

I do.

FUNNY THING IS, most of their idols don't want to be. Kansas City outfielder Willie Wilson put it best when he said he never asked to be anyone's hero. He uttered that infamous remark after his cocaine conviction.

Nor should they be. Really, what does Bird have to offer the world except an extraordinary ability to play a game?

And yet he, and countless other sports figures, are the role-models for today's youth, whether they like it or not.

Their success is the reason we have Bob Wasczenski and Mike Whites and Dave Blackmers and Doug Clelands and a whole slew of others in college sports.

Wasczenski attended Plymouth Canton, switched to Farmington Harrison, took a football scholarship at Michigan State, then transferred to Toledo. When last we spoke, he mentioned a possible baseball shot with the Chicago Cubs.

Blackmer, the placekicker from Harrison, went to Wisconsin, then MSU, and is now at Central Michigan. Cleland was a standout swimmer from Rochester Adams who was attracted by University of Tennessee's bigtime reputation. He dropped out early in his first semester and is now at Oakland University.

Mike White graduated from Plymouth Salem and decided to play basketball at Schoolcraft College. Which is all he did at SC — play basketball. White's poor grades sidelined him by the start of his second semester.

The list is endless: high school stars who, for varying reasons, shifted their careers once in college. But as different as their reasons may be for changing gears, one element is common to all.

THAT IS THEIR emphasis on athletics. In each of the aforementioned cases, the subjects either made their choice of colleges or switched schools for primarily athletic reasons. Which is wrong.

The blame for this ultimately falls on the coach who recruits them. He's the one accused of planting the seeds that sprout into dreams of grandeur. That's unfair.

He may nurture those previously planted seeds to satisfy outside forces pressuring him to produce a winning team, but his responsibility ends there.

Even if coaches level with athletes, tell them how remote their chances at athletic stardom are, it remains an uphill battle. They are trying to destroy the American Dream, the sturdily entrenched belief that anything's possible. The Dream persists even in junior colleges.

"During the '70s," recalled Oakland Community College basketball coach Tom McPhillips, "every player who came here wanted to play pro. We tell them. We give them the percentage of players who make the pros every year."

"We constantly hit them with the idea that it's OK to have that goal, but get an education to fall back on."

Education is the sacrificial lamb. Too many athletes consider academics second when making their choice of schools, or when they decide to change schools.

"IN THE BACK of their minds, they feel there's a possibility, even though it is a long shot," said Schoolcraft basketball coach Rocky Watkins. "I tell a kid he has to prepare for a life after basketball. The CBA (Continental Basketball Association, a semipro league) is no way to waste your time."

"They have dreams of going to Europe, where the pros will see how great they are. I tell them they're wasting their lives."

Most of his players, Watkins said, respect his frankness and listen. Their goals are more modest, to jump from JC ball to Division I or II.

But those already playing at the NCAA's top division are closely attuned to the stardom that could lie ahead. A high school senior being recruited by University of Michigan won't listen to a recruiter who tells him his chances to play pro are slim and none. That isn't what he wants to hear.

And as fine an academic institution as U-M is, that won't be the major reason most athletes choose to become Wolverines.

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BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Tyrone Reeves played a huge role, both offensively and defensively, in Canton's victory against Farmington Tuesday night.

Chiefs stay the course

By Larry O'Connor
staff writer

Both Plymouth Canton and Farmington had their own state-of-the-season addresses to give Tuesday.

And the Chiefs report a moderate upswing in their basketball season as they downed the visiting Falcons, 71-64, in Western Lakes action. For Farmington, it's a recession.

The Falcons, 4-7 WLAA and 6-8 overall, have lost their last five games while Canton has posted a 7-2 mark since Christmas. The Chiefs started out the season 0-5.

Canton coach Tom Niemi said it's been a team effort which has the rejuvenated Chiefs. Farmington coach Rich Roy said it's a lack of one which has his team on the skids.

EVIDENCE PRESENTED at Tuesday's game brings validity to both statements. Canton swarmed defensively and stung Farmington for 25 turnovers. Three players for the Chiefs checked in with double-figures scoring with others contributing some fine defense.

The key, according to Niemi, was making the Falcons play the Chiefs' type of game.

"We forced them to make some long passes," Niemi said. "Farmington was a lot bigger than us. We had to make them play on the full length of the court."

Another part of the Chiefs' strategy was keeping Bruce Kratt in line by making him shoot from the line. The Falcons' 6-1 guard still tossed in a game-high 28 points, but 14 of those came on free throws.

Kyle Mutz fired in 20 points for Farmington. But from there, things fell off dramatically. The next highest scorer was Steve Howell, who netted 10 points.

Tony Racka, who's shooting for \$1

basketball

million on Tuesday at the CBA All-Star game in Tampa, Fla., had only four points. The Falcons' sharp-shooting guard was held scoreless in the first half.

"WE'VE GOT to get more scoring from more than just two kids (Kratt and Mutz)," said Roy. "Two guys can't carry the load."

Farmington has also been depleted by illness of late. Both Mark Stevens and Craig Petersmark have been out. Petersmark, whose presence was missed under the boards, saw limited action Tuesday.

But added Roy: "Those are not excuses. (Canton) just outplayed us."

And that was done thanks to some fine outside shooting by Canton guard Joel Mies and Tyrone Reeves' drives to the basket. Mies led all Canton scorers with 21 points while Reeves sent in 19.

In the second half, Reeves was unstoppable as he scored 11 points. The 5-10 guard didn't miss a field goal in the span, hitting five-of-five attempts before fouling out.

Mies was seven-of-17 from the floor.

"(MIES) HAS BEEN an excellent floor leader this season," said Niemi.

Dan Olszewski, with 10 points, was Canton's other scorer in double figures.

For most of the game, the Chiefs maintained control. That was due in part to some fine shooting. Canton was 31-of-56 for 55 percent from the floor.

"When we did miss, they fouled us," noted Niemi.

From the line, the Chiefs were 19-of-24. Mies was seven-of-10 on free throws.

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close-up report: middle school sports



To compete or not to compete?

Administrators throughout Observerland have long discussed that question as it pertains to middle school and junior high athletics. The Plymouth-Canton Community School District has experienced both sides of the issue. Others, like Livonia, prefer not to have their prehigh schoolers participate in competitive sports. The effects of that have been felt strongly by the high schools. Observer sports writer Brad Emmons takes a detailed look at athletics beneath the high school level. See Page 3C.

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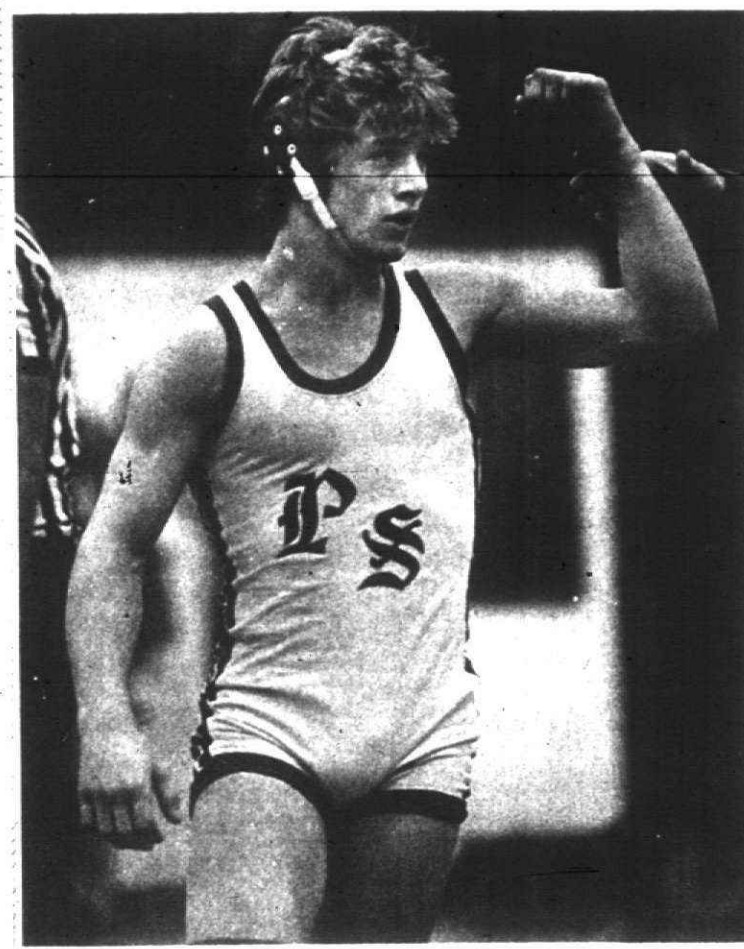
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WLAA foes grapple to bust up Rocks



Dave Dameron will be looking to keep his win streak and Salem's title streak alive at the Western Lakes conference meet Saturday.

Salem wins at Milford

The Plymouth Salem wrestling team geared up for Saturday's Western Lakes conference meet by claiming a share of the top prize at the eight-team Milford Lakeland Invitational Saturday.

The Rocks and host Lakeland shared the title with 174.5 points each. Walled Lake Western placed third.

Five Rocks won weight-class championships. Dennis Dameron won at 112, brother Dave won at 126, pinning all three of his opponents. Kevin Freeman won at 132, Jamie Woodchuck won at 185 and heavyweight Richard Johnson won scoring three pins in the process.

Kirk Rantz (138) placed second, Tim Ott (119) placed third and both Todd Bourlier (98), Fred Calma (105) and Bryan Wheelie (145) placed fourth. It was Salem's fourth tournament win this season.

LAST THURSDAY, The Rocks closed out their Western Lakes dual meet season with a 36-32 win against Westland John Glenn, despite missing five starters.

The Rocks were a perfect 8-0 in league competition. The key to the win for Salem was Bryan Wheelie surprising 9-9 tie with Glenn's Dan Schimansky at 145. Schimansky was 25-2 coming into the match.

The Rocks got pins from Dennis Dameron (119), Dave Dameron (126), Chris Rye (155) and Woodchuck (185).

Winning on points were Bourlier (98) and Rantz (138). The win clinched the Lakes Division title for Salem.

By Chris McCoskey
staff writer

Being labeled "the favorite" can be most unsettling to a team.

Few rock the favorite. Everybody loves the underdog. If the favored team wins, well, they were supposed to — no big deal. If the favored team loses, it's headline news.

In reality, the favorite never completely wins. Meet the Plymouth Salem wrestling team.

The Rocks are a perfect 8-0 in Western Lakes dual meet competition and champs of the Lakes Division. They have won four tournaments this season. They are two-time defending Western Lakes champions.

The Rocks will be favored to win their third straight league meet Saturday at Westland John Glenn.

"HOLD ON a minute before you go naming us the favorites," Salem coach Ron Krueger said. "There are three weight classes where we're not scoring points. There were years where we won by two and three points, and that's with us scoring at every weight. Now we're not getting points in three weight classes, that'll be a killer."

But the consensus among league coaches has Salem clearly tagged with the "favorite" label.

"Plymouth Salem will be tough to beat," Livonia Churchill coach Mike Abdo said. "But if the kids who've been winning for us all year come through, we could shake things up a little."

The truth is there are several teams that could shake things up. Walled Lake Western, Walled Lake Central, Churchill, Westland John Glenn and Farmington, just to name a few.

"You have to consider teams like Churchill and Farmington and North

wrestling

Farmington, Glenn coach Tom Buckalew said. "They've got some strong kids that'll throw a monkey wrench into this thing. That's why this kind of meet gets interesting. Salem will have to have some third, fourths and fifths. They can't put everyone into the finals."

SAID KRUEGER: "We will have to work very hard. When you are the favorite, everyone is out to get you. They even gun for you at the seeding meeting. I remember (Plymouth Canton coach) Rick Menoch saying last year that he lost the meet at the seeding meeting. That's what could happen to us this year."

It is likely that Salem will go into the meet carrying four No. 1 seeds: Todd Bourlier (98 pounds), Kevin Freeman (132), Dennis Dameron (112) and Dave Dameron (126). How wrestlers are seeded determines meet pairings.

Still, there are few clear-cut favorites in any of the weight classes. Dave Dameron, unbeaten and ranked No. 1 in the state, has not been seriously challenged in the league at 126. Farmington's Dan Parillo, also state-ranked, is expected to win at 198.

All other weight classes are up for grabs. At 98, Bourlier and Walled Lake Central's Larry Segny are the top two contestants.

AT 105, Western's Dave Zehnder will have to outlast challenges from Farmington Harrison's Cliff Alcantara and Livonia Stevenson's Dave Wojciechowski.

Dennis Dameron will have his hands full with Kevin Foust of Western and Dave Dunford of Canton at 112. Salem's Freeman will be tested by Glenn's Glen Cennari, Western's Chris Kraft and Churchill's Jeff Rothley at 132.

Kirk Rantz of Salem, Mike Ilacqua of Western, Pat Pruitt of Central, Paul Cook of North Farmington and Jay Pollard of Canton are in the running for the crown at 138.

A similar logjam exists at 145. Glenn's Dan Schimansky is slightly favored over Paul Colone (Western), Darrell Tharnish (Farmington), Bryan Wheelie (Salem), Dave Christian (Central) and Scott Morocco (Churchill).

Ken Kehoe of Northville, Brian Clemens of Farmington and Chris Rye of Salem are expected to battle for the title at 155.

AT 167, Pat Dugas of Harrison, Chris Pryjowski of Central, Mark Kropp of Glenn, John Economidis of Stevenson, Lem Young of Salem and Dave Zenas of Churchill are serious contenders.

Jamie Woodchuck of Salem, Bill Blair of Western, Tom Farr of Central, John Augustin of Farmington, Brian Haack of North Farmington and Pat McFadden of Harrison will battle at 185.

Finally, there's a four-way skirmish at heavyweight between Bill Critcher (Farmington), Chris Zimmerman (Glenn), Gordy Johnstone (Central) and Richard Johnson (Salem).

When 11 of 13 weight classes are so wide open and competitive, perhaps it's unfair to select one team as the favorite. Maybe it would be best just to show up at Glenn Saturday and enjoy the action. Wrestling begins at 11 a.m.

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Close-up report: middle school sports

Should they compete?

Most Observerland administrators agree that middle school sports enhance education

By Brad Emmons
staff writer

How do area public school districts stack up against each other when it comes to providing interscholastic sports for middle school and junior high school students?

Philosophies and implementation vary, but six of seven Observerland school district administrators recently contacted said that competitive team programs are an integral part of the educational process.

The only district which differs strongly in philosophy is Livonia, which believes in a non-competitive intramural format.

Another district, Wayne-Westland, was forced to eliminate JV sports for seventh and eighth graders earlier this year because of budget cuts.

Garden City, South Redford, Farmington and Plymouth-Canton schools all offer a wide variety of sports for seventh and eighth graders, as well as ninth graders. Redford Union's Hilbert Junior High, meanwhile, had its seventh and eighth grade programs restored after a 10-year absence. Ninth graders in the RU schools, as well as Livonia's ninth graders, participate at the high school level.

"WE DID RUN an intramural program for a couple of years and it served its purpose," said RU schools athletic director Bob Atkins, "but it was the district's desire to have an interscholastic program when the money was available."

RU offers sports for girls in volleyball, basketball and track, along with boys basketball, wrestling and track.

"So far I'm satisfied," Atkins said. "The benefits have been immediate and the atmosphere (at Hilbert) is different."

"This is a new experience for these kids. They're re-establishing attitudes and habits, as well as skills. There are sacrifices to be made. Kids are being taught to make a commitment. It's good. In junior high you have to have a program."

Dan Snee, executive director of student services in Wayne-Westland, says it's now up to the individual high schools to provide intramural (non-competitive) programs in his district.

"THE WHOLE THING was totally a money matter," Snee said. "We like to pride ourselves on a top-notch athletic program. We never had to make cuts in athletics. It's the first time in memory. It was real hard to take and it affected a lot of kids."

Because of budget problems, implementation of a varsity soccer program at the Westland John Glenn High School has been scrapped for the coming year, according to Snee.

John Lenders, junior high athletic director for the Garden City Schools since 1968, administrators of sports for grades seven through nine. He noticed a drastic change when his district was forced to eliminate programs back in the late 1970s.

"We did have intramurals even when we dropped sports for a couple of years," Lenders said. "But when we got it back (interscholastic sports) we had stronger discipline and better behaved kids."

"It's better when you have things to do. Kids need to have an outlet."

'Any time you can provide competition at the middle school level you've got to benefit... any time extracurricular programs can become part of the learning process, and as long as it's a learning experience, it's a positive part of the whole educational process.'

— Paul Cummings
CEP athletic director

PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOLS also went through a period without competitive sports, but its interscholastic program has been restored to include boys and girls softball, swimming, track, volleyball, basketball and boys football.

"Any time you can provide competition at the middle school level you've got to benefit," Plymouth-Canton Schools AD Paul Cummings said. "You have to remember I'm talking as a sports person, but any time extracurricular programs can become part of the learning process, and as long as it's a learning experience, it's a positive part of the whole educational process."

Cummings said he is also part of a junior high committee which constantly reviews and evaluates interscholastic sports. Unlike Garden City and RU, Plymouth-Canton teams play strictly within their own district.

"We're always looking at ways to upgrade our program," Cummings said.

FARMINGTON offers what athletic director Ron Holland terms a "unique program" in boys and girls basketball for its middle school students (grades six through eight).

"The first five weeks are strictly intramural," Holland explained. "And the next five weeks we pick kids and sign them up for teams."

"We have four middle schools and they play each other twice. We have a rule in basketball that everybody on the team must play in the first half."

"I think the benefit of this is exposing kids to a large number of sports," Holland said. "And we let the sixth graders to compete within a five-week period. We're giving them exposure and opportunity."

Holland said the program is successful at all four of his middle schools.

"Last year we had 311 participants at Dunkel (Middle School) out of an enrollment of 564," Holland said. "And at Power we had over 70 percent participate. But, of course, we may have counted those kids who played in more than one sport."

South Redford offers such sports as girls soccer.

Jim McAlpin, assistant principal at Pierce Junior High (grades 7-9), oversees other programs in basketball, track, football, softball, volleyball, wrestling and swimming.

"We've always had a program because it's part of our overall structure," McAlpin said.

LIVONIA'S SITUATION is also unique in that its philosophy differs radically from the six other school districts surveyed.

The Livonia Public Schools dropped interscholastic sports six years ago when the ninth graders were moved to the high schools.

District policy dictates that students in grades seven and eight participate in "unit activities" once or twice a week after school. The activities are supervised by teachers during a 10-week period.

A popular winter activity is floor hockey. In the fall, students play coed volleyball. Other future activities include basketball and cross country.

Carol Samples, director of secondary education in Livonia, says intramurals are part of the "purist" middle school (grades seven and eight) philosophy.

"We have a series of courses (units) so our students can get a taste of those courses," she explained, "so then they can choose later on whether they want to specialize."

"We want to use this as a transition from elementary school. Competitive sports is based on a different configuration (grades seven to nine). The middle school philosophy is a strong intramural program."

SAMPLES ALSO SAID that "everybody can play" under an intramural format.

"We want them to have a self-contained classroom," she said. "It's a time for exploration. Our academic program is geared that way."

Samples said that competitive interscholastic sports is not in the immediate plans.

"There's a certain element out there that has mentioned that it (competitive sports) should be brought back," she said. "I hope it would not (come back), but that's my own personal feeling."

Samples also said that if Livonia was to resurrect an interscholastic sports program, hiring qualified coaches would be a problem.

"Yes, it's very difficult to find coaches because our day (for middle schoolers) ends at 2:10 (p.m.)," Atkins said. "It's tough to find outside people and that's the position we're in."

"But we've been extremely fortunate to get some of our staff people to coach."

"CUMMINGS AGREED that finding qualified coaches for his junior high program could be a problem in the future.

"This year we didn't have a problem," Cummings said. "All of our coaches are in-house except one, but it'll get like the high schools in the future where there is a high percentage of non-teachers coaching unless they start hiring younger people to teach."

"It's very difficult to find coaches, but we've been pretty good," said Holland. "Most of our teachers are in the building except in football and track."

Despite potential hazards that stand in the way, Atkins, the RU athletic director, says that middle school or junior high athletics are essential.

"You look at the athletic programs that are sound year-in and year-out," he said. "In the long-range it's going to benefit the high schools."

Highland Park nips S'craft

A valiant second-half comeback against one of the Eastern Conference co-leaders was wasted as Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team fell to Highland Park Community College 91-86 Tuesday at HPCC.

The Ocelots, 2-8 in the conference and 44-11 overall, led 46-45 at the half but fell behind by 18 points with nine minutes left when coach Rocky Watkins called timeout. Watkins inserted Dwight Pooler and Ron Leach into the lineup and switched to a man-to-man, full-court press defense.

The move paid off as HPCC began turning the ball over. Pooler had five steals over the next seven minutes as SC fought back to take a one-point lead with 1:18 remaining.

But Ron Dingman hit a short jumper to put HPCC back in front and an Ocelot miss gave the ball back to HPCC. SC pressured on the inbound pass, but Antoine Williamson got the ball and went the length of the court for a layup to put HPCC ahead by three.

SC's final chances to get back into the game were lost when Pooler and Harold Martin both missed the first shot in one-and-one free throw attempts in the final minute.

Larry Goss scored 15 of his game-high 21 points in the second half for HPCC (22-5 overall, 9-1 in the conference). Williamson had 18, Greg Hall 17, Cazwell Williams 14 and Dingman 11.

Martin and Don Edwards scored 14 each for HPCC.

AAU mat tourney

The defending champion U.S. Marine Corps team is returning for the 27th annual Michigan Wrestling Club's Olympic Freestyle Invitational tournament Sunday at Schoolcraft College.

Also vying for the team crown is the 10-man New York Athletic Club, the 1984 champions, and a full Army team from Fort Hood, Texas.

The Hawkeye (Iowa) and Wildcat wrestling clubs also will be making appearances. A contingent from Canadian Olympic Team and wrestlers from several Michigan colleges and club will also participate.

Wrestling begins at 10:30 a.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for student.

The weigh-in is scheduled 8-10 a.m. Weight classifications (three pound allowance) include 105.5, 114.5, 125.5, 136.5, 149.5, 165, 180.5, 198, 200 and heavyweight.

All wrestlers must be 17 years or older. The entry fee is \$8 if wrestlers present a USA Wrestling card (\$10).

For more information, call Dean Rockwell at 341-6360 (business) or 485-1442 (residence).

Huff's return sparks Salem in gym victory

For the first time since early in the season, the Plymouth Salem gymnastics team is at full strength.

Jackie Huff returned to all-around duty Tuesday night and helped the Rocks to a 125.35-108.4 non-league win at Ann Arbor Huron.

Huff won balance beam with a 8.45.

placed second on floor exercise (8.4), second on uneven parallel bars (7.9) and second on vault (7.75). Her 32.5 all-around score was the team's best. Beth Raffall, who has been a valiant performer for the team throughout Huff's absence, won vault (8.55) and floor (8.45). She placed second on beam (8.05) and third on bars (7.3).

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Durbin gym meet born out of boredom

By Larry O'Connor
staff writer

Out of twiddling thumbs and impatient sighs, the Durbin Gymnastics Meet was born.

Two many times, Bloomfield Hills' Renee Durbin would be at her daughters' gymnastics meets, which were supposed to be over at 2 p.m. but would drag on until sometimes after 6 p.m. At one Saturday meet, afternoon turned evening in the bleachers, and something clicked in Durbin's mind.

"We used to go to gymnastics meets on a regular basis," said Durbin, whose

two daughters are no longer competing. "They didn't start on time and they didn't finish on time. They were very disorganized. We thought we could put on a good meet that started on time and ended on time."

According to meet host, Steve Whitlock of Steve Whitlock's School of Gymnastics in Bloomfield Hills, preparation and planning add up to a smooth-running event.

"It's sort of a challenge to run it more efficiently than the year before," said Whitlock.

day and Saturday at Whitlock's school and at Ferndale High School. In its ninth year, the meet has grown from 18 teams participating in its inaugural outing in 1977 to 550 teams from around the country this year.

THE COMPETITIVENESS generated with that many teams enhances the Durbin's reputation as one of the top meets around. Durbin Co. Realtor, headed by Renee and husband Mel, is the meet's only sponsor.

At first, it was just the Durbins working on the meet, which took six weeks to organize. This year, work

started in October with an array of people to help put the annual February meet together.

The Durbin showed a profit after only its first outing — an unusual occurrence for gymnastics meets. The money raised helps support the Acronauts, a group of young gymnasts who compete around the country.

Durbin estimates more than \$40,000 has been raised for the Acronauts over the past nine years.

Whitlock is the head coach of the outfit.

Whitlock's school, as in the past, is the host for this year's Durbin. The competitive nature of The Durbin is something Whitlock can relate to.

THE ILLINOIS native was a stand-out at Southern Illinois University, which won NCAA national championships in three of his four years there (1963-67). The experience, he later found out, would have an indirect impact on the way he would teach the sport.

"It's changed pretty much since I came out of competing and into teaching."

But his instruction, which even includes instruction for 2-year-olds, is geared more to the physical-educational aspects of gymnastics.

Whitlock said, "I thought every-

one wanted to be a national competitor. When I got into teaching, I found that only a few people have that type of desire."

Whitlock still caters to those with the yearning to be competitive. Four of his pupils, including West Bloomfield's Heidi Brady, compete in the elite division that includes performing internationally.

Whitlock said, "I thought every-

Spikers edged

Plymouth Canton has not won a match in the Western Lakes this season, but the team gave Northville a major scare Monday night.

Northville held off Canton for a 6-15, 16-14, 15-8 win.

Led by the power hitting of Diana Knickerbocker and Stephanie Knowlton and the serving of Danielle Dickinson, Canton blasted to a 15-6 win in game one.

In game two, the Chiefs fell behind 8-14. They rallied to tie the score at 14, before bowing out. The Chiefs are 0-5 in the league, 1-10 overall.

NORTH FARMINGTON'S Erin Ellis wasn't a very gracious host to her former teammates Monday night.

The North Farmington sophomore helped her volleyball team defeat visiting Farmington 15-12, 15-13. Ellis transferred to North Farmington last year.

Both Ellis and fellow sophomore Carrie Lee set the ball up perfectly for hitters Kris McMinn and Sandy Spahn.

McMinn had a superb match both in the front row and back row.

The win improves North's record to 10-9, 3-5 in the Western Lakes.

Engineers win

The Redford-based Hennessey Engineers held off the St. Clair Shores Falcons 3-4 Sunday in a North American Junior Hockey League game in St. Clair Shores.

It was Hennessey's sixth win in its last seven meetings against the first-place Falcons, who now lead the Engineers by just two points.

Paul Mitter, Tom Madden, Mike Miller, Joe Monick and Colin Lancaster all scored goals for Hennessey, now 17-11-4 in North American play.

Goalie Mike Williams, who rebounded from a shaky start, held the Falcons scoreless in the final period.

Hennessey tonight faces the O'Leary Hawks. Game time is 8 p.m. at Redford. The Engineers face the Buffalo Junior Sabres Friday in another home game.

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• SALEM GIRLS SOCCER

Any Plymouth Salem High School girl (grades 9-12) interested in trying out for the girls soccer team should attend a meeting at 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, in room 2703 at Salem.

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The following are the standings for the Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association through Feb. 1:

BOYS AAA		Spurs	11-1
		Bucks	7-5
		Pistons	6-6
		Chiefs	0-12
BOYS A (Final)		Results	Spurs 56, Jazz 46
			Bucks 72, Pistons 58
			Bucks 58
GIRLS B (Final)		Results	Spurs 44, Bucks 37
			c-Birds 44, c-Dolphins 37
			Magis 44, Wings 37
			Blues 44, Wings 37
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National		Results	Spurs 44, Bucks 37
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Friday, Feb. 7

Schoolcraft (women) at Flint Mkt. TBA

Saturday, Feb. 8

Schoolcraft (men) at Oakland CC, 6 p.m.

Prep Basketball

Friday, Feb. 7

Liv. Church at Ply. Canton, 7:30 p.m.

Liv. Franklin at W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.

Ply. Salem at Liv. Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.

Wild. John Glenn at N. Farmington, 7:30 p.m.

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Wayne Memorial at Belleville, 7:30 p.m.

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Cherry Hill at Red. Thurston, 7:30 p.m.

Calumetville at Luther East, 7:30 p.m.

Brother Rice at Bishop Borgess, 7:30 p.m.

Catholic Cent. at Warren DelaSalle, 7:30 p.m.

St. Agatha at A.A. Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

Luckett Christian at Red Temple, 7:30 p.m.

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OCC climbs a mountain

By C.J. Rieck
Staff writer

Coaches spend a large portion of their professional lives searching for the right formula for success. Even if they have talent good enough to challenge for a league championship, what course can be plotted to be certain they attain it?

Tom McPhillips faced such a question prior to the start of Oakland Community College's men's basketball season. The decisions he made can be called many things — fortunate, intelligent, adept. But whatever they're labeled, it's certain they've been successful.

OCC has climbed from Eastern Conference cellar-dweller two years ago to the top of the standings and a No. 18 NJCAA ranking. The Raiders are 15-1 overall and 8-1 in the league going into last night's game at Delta CC, a half-game behind Highland Park CC.

It's been a remarkable turnaround, one directly linked to McPhillips' return as coach.

AFTER A LONG stint as OCC coach, McPhillips returned after the 1980-81 season. His assistant, Leonard Cole, took over. The program nosedived during Cole's three seasons at the helm, and McPhillips agreed to return last season.

The Raiders struggled early in McPhillips' second tenure, but slowly turned it around and that established the foundation for this season's optimism.

"The second time around last year, we beat a lot of teams we had lost to earlier," said McPhillips. "I thought we could be very good (this season), just because freshmen become sophomores. And we had a nucleus of good players returning."

Among those returnees are 6-foot-6 center Pat Gardner and 6-4 forward Willie Jones, who currently lead the Raiders in scoring. Rod Thompson returns at point guard and Gary Holt was added to fill a hole at off guard. Forward Darrell Darling is another returnee.

But proven talent doesn't guarantee a conference championship, McPhillips realized. So he convinced

college sports

administration officials to allow him to hire a qualified assistant coach, which brought Plymouth Salem coach Fred Thomann to OCC.

"He's made a tremendous difference," said McPhillips of Thomann, a longtime friend. "He and I have established a great working relationship. His primary responsibility was the development of our man-to-man defense. But at this point in the season, when we're making switches in our offenses and defenses, we talk it over on the bench before making our decisions."

WHATEVER DECISIONS they've made, the Raiders have excelled. Their only loss came against HPC, the defending conference champions.

What's made the turnaround more impressive is that McPhillips has accomplished it without the budget other conference schools enjoy. OCC does not offer athletic scholarships, like Schoolcraft College, HPC and many other conference schools.

OCC also cannot afford the type of preseason schedule McPhillips believes necessary to establish a strong program. The Raiders have played 16

games this year compared with SC's 24 and HPC's 27.

"The budget isn't an issue as far as I'm concerned," said McPhillips, "because I knew what it was when I took the position. Hopefully, this (season's success) will change it. We've never had the scholarships available to other JCs."

ALL OF WHICH makes one wonder how OCC could succeed. For one, McPhillips was forced to go with his top eight players throughout the pre-conference season because he "didn't have time to experiment" with lineups.

That move worked well. LeSean Haygood, a Plymouth Salem grad, Joe Liggins and Matt Lund are first off the bench. And despite lacking the game experience of its conference foes, OCC has won and survived without serious injuries.

"Everybody's improved and accepted their roles," said McPhillips. "This team realizes we don't have a giant in the middle, so we've got to play hard every night."

"They've shown me a lot of character, especially the way they came back to win two on the road after that tough loss to Highland Park. That's what makes this team special."

Five conference games remain for OCC, including a road test at HPC. Those will decide just how special this season will be for the Raiders.

Raiders up mark to 15-1

Will Jones and Pat Gardner combined for 51 points and Joe Liggins came off the bench to contribute 13 to lift Oakland Community College to a 93-79 win at Alpena Community College Saturday.

Jones scored 26 and Gardner added 25 to pace the Raiders, who improved their overall record to 15-1 and their Eastern Conference mark to 8-1. They remained tied for first with Highland Park CC.

OCC was without point guard Rod Thompson, out with an ankle sprain. Gary Holt moved from off guard to the point and performed superbly, collecting 14 points and 14 assists. Matt Lund also contributed three points, four rebounds and two blocked shots, all in the second half.

OCC hosts Schoolcraft College at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Up-down Rocks ripped by N'ville

Continued from Page 1

Farmington, which didn't miss many shots in the early going mainly because shots weren't there to take, finished the game 18-47 for 38 percent. The Falcons did, however, take a 30-22 edge on the boards. Mutt pulled down a team-high 14 rebounds. The next highest rebounder for Farmington had three.

IT WAS A foul-filled contest, especially down the stretch when five players fouled out. Canton was whistled for 26 personal fouls. Farmington 22.

The turnover edges definitely went to Farmington with 25.

"They were just too quick for us," said Roy. "I don't why. We shouldn't have had any problem handling their defense. I put it on their speed."

Canton is 6-5 in the WLA and 7-7 overall.

NORTHVILLE 71, SALEM 60: Plymouth Salem proved once again Tuesday night that basketball games are not won with just two players.

Paul Makara scored 22 and Mike Hale another 20 for the Rocks but the efforts were wasted.

"The 11-point spread is deceiving," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "It was a 20-point game until the end. We've been playing real inconsistently. We're not getting all five players together at one time."

Mike Hilfinger led Northville with 23 points and Don Norton added 18.

The Mustangs are 9-2 in the Western Lakes, 10-3 overall.

Salem falls to 6-5 in the league, 7-7 overall.

HARRISON 75, STEVENSON 59: Farmington Harrison kept its record perfect Tuesday night thanks to some

rugged defense and a balanced scoring attack.

Ken George spearheaded both phases with 21 points, six assists and seven steals. Rod Sarcevic scored 17 points and pulled down 16 rebounds. Will Lund added 15 points and Billy Otto scored 13.

The win makes Harrison 11-0 in the Western Lakes and 13-0 overall.

Chip Finneman led Stevenson (2-9, 3-10) with 16 points.

The Hawks led by one, 34-33, at half but put the Spartans away with a 21-11 third quarter. George scored 10 of the 21 points.

The Hawks will travel to Western Division rival Northville Friday in a key game.

N. FARMINGTON 65, FRANKLIN: All 12 North Farmington Raiders contributed to this Western Lakes win Tuesday.

Paul Wahman led North with 15 points. Rick Anderson chipped in 13 points and 14 rebounds.

Dave James led Livonia Franklin with 18 points. Kerpel added 10.

It was the second straight win for the Raiders and lifts their Western Lakes mark to 5-6. The team is 7-6 on the season.

Franklin remains winless, 0-11 in the league, 0-12 overall.

JOHN GLENN 85, W.L. WESTERN 72: All the Rockets were firing Tuesday night, as were most of the Warriors.

In the end, Westland John Glenn had more firepower, outscoring Walled Lake Western 30-24 in the final quarter to pull away.

"We shot 55 percent from the floor, and they shot even better than that," said Rocket coach Gordie Davis.

Business

Barry Jensen editor/591-2300

Thursday, February 6, 1986 O&E

You can save a lot by prepaying your mortgage

In this column we have discussed many novel ways of saving money. However, we have never discussed the use of prepayment of mortgage as a way of saving money.

No matter what type of mortgage you have, you will need an amortization schedule in order to keep track of your prepayments. This computer print-out simply lists the interest and principal components of each monthly payment, along with the balance remaining after each payment has been made.

THE FIRST and last five payments for a \$30,000, 20-year mortgage with a fixed interest rate of 14 percent are shown in the accompanying table. You will notice that while each monthly payment (except the last) remains constant at \$373.06 (interest — principal \$373.06), each successive interest payment gets slightly smaller while its affiliated principal payment increases by that same small amount.

business briefs

GRAND OPENING

Baker Street Interiors Ltd. in Livonia is holding its grand opening this month. The design studio has moved into a larger building, having done business for the last eight years as Ryan's Spring Crest Draperies. If you match the judge's decision on the 70 works displayed, you can win dinner for two. The new studio is at 16320 Middlebelt. The telephone number is 421-6900.

DIRECT MAIL LETTERS: A workshop, "Writing an Effective Direct Mail Letter," will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, in Livonia. The workshop is priced at \$175. For more information, call Roger Oppari of Oppari & Co., 288-1260.

CHILDREN'S DENTISTRY: Pediatric Dental Care has opened in Livonia. It is one of the few pediatric dental offices strictly for children and adolescents. The office is at 31560 Schoolcraft. The telephone number is 425-0600. It is owned by Drs. Harvey Beaver, Gary A. Stern, Michael W. O'Riordan.

SMALL BUSINESSES: A free workshop on how to start or run a small business will be offered 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, in Dearborn. For reservation or information, call 542-4220. The workshop is sponsored by Small Business Management Schools and Wayne State University.

TAX, FINANCIAL PLANNING: Tax planning and financial planning awareness will be examined by a CPA in a free program 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, in Dearborn. For more information, call 626-1600, Ext. 41.

SMALL BUSINESSES: "How to Start and Run Your Own Business" seminar will be offered from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Novi Hilton. The registration fee is \$35. For more information, call 1-665-0635. The seminar is sponsored by the Business Enterprise Institute Inc.

INNOVATION COURSE: "Innovation and Creativity" course will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, in Detroit. The course fee is \$375. For more information, call 577-4449. The course is sponsored by the Wayne State University management center.

BUSINESS CRIME PREVENTION: A civic crime prevention activity for business owners, management, public safety, and security professionals will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 26 and 27, in Dearborn. Registration fee for both days is \$85. Registration deadline is Sunday, Feb. 9. For more information, call Robert Hogue, 295-7300. The seminar is sponsored by the prevention section of the Detroit Police Department and the American Society for Industrial Security, Detroit chapter.

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Sid Mittra

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IF THE example shown in this table were your mortgage, you would be expected to mail a \$373.06 check to your bank every month for 20 years. You could not mail less, or skip any payments without risking a foreclosure. But you could pay extra. Making extra principal payments — prepayments — in the amounts shown on the amortization schedule under the principal

column will save you the corresponding interest payments. While prepayments can begin any time during the life of your loan, not just its inception or during the early years, for illustrative purposes let's assume that you are about to mail in your first mortgage payment.

IN THIS example, you would owe \$373.06. If you add \$23.33 to that amount (principal payment No. 2, and mail a check to your bank for \$396.39 (\$373.06 + \$23.33), instead of the \$373.06 which is due, you will save interest payment No. 2, \$349.73. You need pay that \$349.73. Next month when you mail in your check for \$373.06, your bank will credit it as payment No. 3, since payment No. 2 will have already been credited.

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However, check with your lender before beginning prepayments. And if you have a old low-interest loan, you may be ahead to invest the money, rather than pay off a 5% mortgage early.

Tax, investment and financial planning seminar sponsored by Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Coordinated Financial Planning Inc., 7-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, at the Kingsley Inn on Woodward in Bloomfield Hills. Free, but registration is required.

EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP: 6:30-10 p.m. Thursdays, March 6, 13, and 20 at MSU Management Center in Troy. \$39 workshop. Registration is necessary.

Call Elise at 643-8888 for registration and further information.

Sid Mittra is director of certificate program in personal finance at Oakland University and president of Coordinated Financial Planning Inc. in Troy.

partial amortization schedule

loan amount: \$30,000
interest rate: 14%
term: 20 years
monthly payment: \$373.06

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2	--	349.73	--	23.33	--	29,953.61
3	--	349.46	--	23.60	--	29,930.01
4	--	349.18	--	23.88	--	29,906.13
5	--	348.90	--	24.16	--	29,881.97
236	--	20.97	--	352.09	--	1,444.95
237	--	16.86	--	356.20	--	1,086.74
238	--	12.70	--	360.36	--	728.38
239	--	8.50	--	364.56	--	363.82
240	--	4.24	--	368.82	--	0

Wayne remains among area's unbeaten

By Brad Emons
Staff writer

Wayne Memorial coach Chuck Henry and his players have a good memory.

It was just last year when Henry took his undefeated basketball team, riding a 14-game winning streak, into Ann Arbor Huron. But the Zebras left somewhat bewildered, losing 77-55.

On Tuesday night, Wayne avenged that defeat with a 66-64 homecourt victory to remain unbeaten in 13 games.

But by no means was it an easy victory for Henry, who was left a bit frazzled by Huron's late comeback.

"We didn't play the second half like a team that's 13-0," Henry said. "But the positive point is that we beat a team that beat us last year."

"The emotion was in our favor. Last year we came in ranked No. 4 in the state and they were No. 10. It was the same thing only in reverse this year."

"Last year they were laying for us, and it was never a game. This year our kids had a burning desire to win."

HENRY'S SMALL FRIES, whose tallest starter is 6-feet-3, never looked better, especially in the first quarter when they opened up a 19-10 advantage.

The Zebras maintained that lead into intermission, 34-24, but Henry detected that something was wrong.

"Usually we talk about playing well, but before this game we talked about winning," Henry said. "And we came out emotionally charged. But during halftime I sensed they were fatigued."

Huron, using a pressure, full-court defense, pulled within six at the end of the third quarter, but Wayne repelled the challenge, going back up 57-44 with 3:21 left in the game on a layup by Gary Hankerson off an in-bounds play.

But Huron came back, making steals in the Zebras' backcourt. Henry, so disgusted by the turn of events, benched four of his five starters in favor of some seldom-used reserves.

A BASKET BY Huron's Terrance Thompson with just 21 seconds remaining cut the lead to 65-62, but a pair of free throws by Spence Williams four seconds later sealed the game for Wayne.

"Sure, I let the emotions get to me," Henry said. "But I remember how poorly we played last year."

As soon as I got in to school this morning, I was watching last year's film."

Mark Robinson, the 6-3 junior forward, led Wayne with 22 points (15 in the first half), 12 rebounds and five assists. Rod Sommons contributed 17 points and Williams, the point-guard, had 14 points and five assists. Forward Marshall Claiborne added eight rebounds.

Huron, which slipped to 7-6 overall, got 16 points from Thompson, and 14 each from Lauren Yuhazs and John Noone.

"The first quarter is the story," veteran Huron coach Harold Simons said. "They got many penetration moves to the basket, and we compounded that by only shooting 33 percent."

"WE'RE THE TYPE of club that needs to get off quickly. Although Simons said last year's Wayne team was stronger and more physical, he's still impressed with this year's Zebras.

"This club is obviously quicker," he said. "And you can't beat guys hitting jumpers like they did."



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

At a regular meeting of the City Commission to be held in the Commission Chambers of City Hall on Monday, February 17, 1986, at 7:30 P.M., a public hearing will be held to discuss the following:

1986 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

All interested persons are invited to attend this meeting and will be given an opportunity to participate in the discussion. At the close of the public hearing, all comments and suggestions of those citizens participating will be considered by the City Commission prior to rendering its decision.

GORDON G. LIMBURG, CMC City Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE THE SENIOR ALLIANCE, INC.

Notice is hereby given that The Senior Alliance, Inc., requests proposals from interested agencies, organizations, and other qualified entities to provide home delivered meal services for persons aged 60 years and older in western and southern Wayne County, during the period from May 1, 1986 to September 30, 1986.

To become eligible for bidding and to receive bid specifications, an entity must submit a Letter of Intent that addresses the applicant's intention to submit a proposal for home delivered meal service.

For acceptance, the Letter of Intent must arrive at the following address no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 7, 1986.

The Senior Alliance, Inc. 3850 Second Street, Suite 160 Wayne, Michigan 48184

Bid specifications will be available for pick up at the above address Friday, February 14, 1986. Call 732-2830 for further information.

NOTICE - 1986 BOARD OF REVIEW SESSION CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

The Board of Review for the City of Plymouth will meet in the City Commission Chambers of the Municipal Building at 201 S. Main Street on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 1986 FROM 12:00 NOON TO 6:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 1986 FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

The Board of Review is held on an annual basis, the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March, in compliance with MI State Law. The meetings provide an opportunity for taxpayers to present protests or suggestions relative to assessed values on local property.

A WRITTEN PETITION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CITY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE BY FEBRUARY 28, 1986. Petition forms can be obtained at the Office of the City Assessor located on the first floor of the Municipal Building. The Board of Review meetings will be held by "APPOINTMENT ONLY" after a written petition is submitted. Appointments will be scheduled February 18 thru February 28, 1986.

Any PLYMOUTH RESIDENT (or his/her agent) must make a personal appearance before the Board of Review. For NON-RESIDENTS who own property located in Plymouth, a written petition will be considered.

The City of Plymouth is anticipating that local assessments will be at the State Equalized Valuation and the TENTATIVE FACTOR to be 1.00.

GORDON G. LIMBURG, City Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH F.R.S. BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: On Tuesday, February 11, 1986, during the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees a further public hearing will be held on establishing the budget for Entitlement Period No. 17. The Board held such a public hearing on January 28. Suggestions from the public and Board members were heard. About \$113,264 is to be budgeted in total.

The Board meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The public has the right to provide oral and written comments at that time on the entire budget and ask questions concerning the responsibility of the Revenue Sharing Budget to the General Fund Budget. Comments of senior citizens are asked for in particular.

A copy of the Township's General Fund Budget is available for perusal in the Clerk's office at the above address at any time between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Suggested uses to date of FY-17 have included Senior Activities \$5,300; First Step \$5,000; Safety Town \$1,200; Site for Firestation No. 3 \$4,000; Emergency Preparedness \$9,730; Equipment for the Township Hall \$6,540; Correction of the heating system \$16,230; and \$20,000 for Growth Works for an employment agency.

Actual uses reports of the Federal Revenue Sharing Funds of last year will be available at the time the complete Township audit for the year is available.

ESTHER HULISING, Clerk

Travel



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Thursday, February 6, 1986 O&E

Big Apple enjoyed in small, delicious bites

SATURDAY in New York City the business that brought me here is over, and I have a full day to explore The City with my friend and fellow writer Julie Candler of Birmingham, and my son and daughter-in-law, Eric and Pui Jones, New York artists and filmmakers.

Julie and I have been here for two days, taking small bites of the Big Apple. Between interviews and appointments she discovered a small restaurant called Audrone's on 46th St.

I had lunch among the rich and famous at the Russian Tea Room. Now we are on our way to an afternoon at South Street Seaport and an evening at the theater.

When I travel to New York on business, I often come home with brief, disconnected images of the tourist life of the city, vignettes experienced between and after the business events of the day.

THE CITY, as New Yorkers call it, is too big to explore on any one trip, so I take it one bite at a time, usually nibbling away at the few blocks around my hotel.

I have written about enjoying small tastes of the city from different hotels where I have stayed: the Lexington Ave. area where the Halloran House and the Waldorf-Astoria stand among several other business hotels; the 42nd St. area around the Grand Hyatt and Grand Central Station; the Berkshire Place on West 52nd near Rockefeller Center; the American St. James; among the rank of hotels across the street from the Metropolitan Museum of Art on 81 St.

This time I am based at the Essex House, one of five ritzy hotels along the southern side of Central Park. The Essex House was one of the first grand hotels of New York City, built the same year as the Empire State Building. It was purchased in 1965 by Nikko International, a hotel chain owned by Japan Air Lines.

WEST FIFTY-NINTH ST. It is a sunny winter Saturday so New Yorkers and tourists are all over the streets, shopping in the elegant stores south and west of Central Park. The well-known shops stretch from 34th to 59th along Fifth Avenue. Lord and Taylor, Bonwit Teller, Saks Fifth Avenue, FAO Schwarz, Tiffany's.

Places like Tiffany's are as much a sightseeing attraction as a fine place to shop. don't be afraid to go in and explore the bargain counter on the third floor. Walk around in Gucci's — even Gucci's has sales.

We were on our way down Central Park South, which is on 59th St. to Bloomingdale's, at 59th and Lexington. It took us a long time, because it was so much fun to loiter along the way.

The hotel canopies were as fine a row as the Essex House, Ritz-Carlton, St. Moritz-on-the-Park, the Park Lane, the Plaza. The Barbizon was closed and desolate, its furniture being carried out by gleeful auction shoppers, but the rest were all wearing smartly uniformed doormen.

The horse-drawn cabs that we have seen in so many movies were parked around the southwest corner of Central Park at 59th and Fifth. We had time to photograph the drivers in their top hats and to enjoy the children gathered around the horses.

From there it was the bargain counters at Bloomingdale's and a subway ride to South Street Seaport. My son's instructions were specific. Get off at the Fulton St. exit and walk down Fulton to the sea.

SOUTH STREET SEAPORT is an enclave of low-rise historic buildings on the East River, just south of the Brooklyn Bridge. It is the last vestige of the 19th century port that made New York a world center of commerce. The Seaport District is on the National Register of Historic Places.

We sauntered down Fulton St. on our way to the sea, looking at tiny cafes, fudge shops, stores that will someday be boutiques, interesting passageways angling away on either side, and old cobbled streets that disappear around corners.



Writer Julie Candler in front of the Fulton Market, a wonderland of food market stalls and eating places.

The Seaport itself includes a Museum Block with 14 structures being restored for both museum and office space; the Schermerhorn Row Block, rehabilitated 19th century warehouses being restored for shops and commercial space; Fulton Market, a wonderland of food market stalls and eating places; the new pier 17 Pavilion, a three-story glass and steel shopping mall sitting on the pier; and the tall-masted sailing ship that draws big crowds every day to the pier itself.

The brick sidewalk outside Fulton Market is the centerpiece of everyday street life: jugglers, actors, food sellers, musicians and other crowd-pleasers. A one-hour multi-media show called the Seaport Experience is available for a fee; it's an interesting if overlong media view of the area's history.

Most people through the Fulton Market building, buying fresh bread, seafood, cheese and other delicacies in the main floor market or choosing from several dozen ethnic eating stalls on the upper floors. The Fulton fish market goes full swing in the building space next door.

THE FULTON Market was a good place to buy a little cheese and some pate to go with the late afternoon drink and rest back at the Essex House.

Problems we never dream of in the Detroit suburbs are major problems in The City. It costs about \$25 to park a car for the evening in a hotel like this. The \$16 sign across the street started looking like a bargain after ten runs around the block and no parking meters.

We took a taxi to the theater — "I'm Not Rappaport" was a thrilling theater performance in the Booth Theater on

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Entertainment

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'City Lights' opens dazzling nightspot



Donni Donlan does a Phyllis Diller comedy routine in "City Lights," the revue produced and directed by entertainer Joey Van at One Lafayette in Pontiac.

By Ethel Simmons
staff writer

THOSE CITY LIGHTS are shining in Pontiac — lighting up the stage of a new entertainment complex called One Lafayette. Named after the street address where it is located, One Lafayette is a dream come true for developer Garry Craig of Rochester. He bought the building from the Masons a year ago December and by last December had renovated the fourth-floor Crystal Ballroom and opened a nightclub revue, "City Lights."

By mid-January the 325-seat ballroom was sold out for the first time on a Saturday night, and Craig is looking forward to getting bigger crowds for all the shows, presented at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays and 9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays.

Special January low prices have been raised to \$8.50 for Wednesdays-Thursdays and \$10.50 Fridays-Saturdays. Craig thinks the show, described as a Las Vegas-style revue, is one everybody will think is well worth the money.

"I've seen it every night for the last month. I laugh and cry every night," he said.

ONLY DRINKS, cheese trays and munchies are served in the room at present, hors d'oeuvres will come later, and eventually there will be a second-floor dining room and a fifth-floor gourmet restaurant where showgoers may have a meal first.

On nights when there's a big crowd, the 2½-hour revue is followed by dancing to live music or records on stage. A permanent ballroom for dancing is planned for the second floor.

Asked how much a couple might spend for an evening at One Lafayette, Craig speculated, "You could have dinner, show and dancing for \$30-\$100 per person once the whole complex is done."

The most striking element of the new entertainment complex (which is in phase one of four phases of proposed development) is the beauty of the original interior, and particularly the Crystal Ballroom. Entering the old Masonic Temple, built in 1929, you find yourself in a spacious, high-ceilinged lobby. An elevator to the left of a small staircase on the first

landing takes you to the fourth-floor ballroom.

Craig chose the color scheme and decor for the Crystal Ballroom, attractively done in mauve and several shades of gray. Square tables are grouped into seating arrangements of two, four and more for larger groups.

"I COULD HAVE got another 100 tables in here," he said explaining why the room appears serene, without the anticipated crammed look of many nightclubs. Besides the large main floor, the rectangular room has tiered seating and brass railings. On a recent Saturday night, there were tables for two along both sides on a second level and seating for a large group in the balcony that runs across the back on the third level.

Six lavish crystal chandeliers hang from the ceiling throughout the ballroom. They are not originals but, "They give it that '20s or '30s look — what this room would have had," Craig said.

The new stage is at the far end of the room and, best of all, "There's not a bad seat in the house," he said. Describing the charm of the Crystal Ballroom, Craig declared, "It's as beautiful as the Fisher Theatre, but it has the intimacy."

To put together the new revue, the developer called on the talents of entertainer Joey Van, a former area resident.

"He used to live in Birmingham. He just came back from California and is looking for a home in Birmingham," Craig said.

"I've had the idea for 10 years," he said, about his concept for the entertainment complex. "I followed Joey Van for 20 years. I guess you could call me a Joey Van groupie. Joey is one of the best comedians/impressionists we've ever had in the Detroit area."

CRAIG SAID he was at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, returning from a trip to the Bahamas, when he ran into Van.

"It was a quirk of fate."

Craig and his wife had seen a lookalike revue Van organized at Mr. F's in Sterling Heights and thought he would be the man to arrange shows for One Lafayette.

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- SPECIAL CONCERTS**
The Count Basic Orchestra will appear in concert Monday, Feb. 10, at Jamie's on 7th in Livonia. The orchestra features two Carsons, Basic's hand-picked pianist, and Freddie Green, who has been with the band 49 years. Trumpeter Bud Jones, a Detroit native and Basic alum, leads the band. "An Evening with Maynard Ferguson" is featured Monday, March 3. Trumpeter Ferguson is known from his band dates with Stan Kenton to his movie music "Theme from Rocky." For more information, call 477-9977.
- 'THE MIKADO'**
The Michigan Lyric Opera production of Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Mikado" will be presented at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 7-8, 14-15, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16, at the restored Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville. The fully staged and costumed production features professional singers accompanied by a full orchestra. Bartone Frank Hill of Birmingham will be featured as Pooch-Bah. Tickets are \$8 in advance for charge card orders call 349-0869. 349-8110. Tickets are \$9 at the door; the box office opens one hour before the show.
- COMEDY CROSSING**
The Ron Codenn Show will open the second month of the new Comedy Crossing at the Red Cedars in Southfield on Friday, Feb. 7, running through March 1. Codenn follows music-and-comedy-man Bob Posch, who officially opened the club early last month and worked each weekend in January. Comic MC Mark Sweetman continues to open each of the 8 and 11 p.m. shows Friday-Saturday. Cover charge is \$5. For reservations call 353-3798.
- 'THE FOREIGNER'**
Comedian-actor Arte Johnson will star in the comedy "The Foreigner," opening a five-week run Friday, Feb. 28, at the Birmingham Theatre. The play will run through Sunday, March 30. The original production of "The Foreigner" by the late Larry Shue won two Outer Critics Circle Awards and is beginning its third year in New York City. Arte Johnson won an Emmy Award as one of the stars of "Laugh In." He has appeared on stage in musical and comedy hits and in films. On television, he has played in more segments of "Loveboat" than any other male actor. Tickets are available at the Birmingham Theatre box office, phone 644-3533, and at Ticket World outlets.
- SONGS, GUITAR**
Judy Goldstein, folksinger and guitarist, will sing favorite tunes in Yiddish, Hebrew, Russian and English in a program designed for young and old at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield. Tickets are \$3 for members, \$4 for nonmembers.
- SHOWCASE PRODUCTION**
Detroit Actors Collective will present its showcase production "All of the Monkeys" at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 21-22, and Thursday-Friday, Feb. 27-28, at the First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham. "All of the Monkeys" is an original play by professional Birmingham actress Janet Radcliff. Tickets at \$6 are available by calling 642-4838.
- BARBERSHOP CHORUS**
The Clinton Valley Barbershoppers will harmonize in a free concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, at Great Oaks Mall in Rochester.
- WILL-O-WAY SHOWS**
Neil Simon's comedy "The Gingerbread Lady" will be presented at 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday through March 8 at Will-O-Way Theatre in Birmingham. "The Gingerbread Lady" is an original play by professional Birmingham actress Janet Radcliff. Tickets at \$6 are available by calling 642-4838.
- BEHIND SCENES**
Oakland University senior David John Ackerman of Birmingham isn't among cast members of "Wayside Motor Inn," but he has a big part in

Lifeless acting slows 'Picnic'

By Gay Ziegler
special writer

The Plymouth Theatre Guild's misnamed ticket for its production of "Picnic" did not bode well. I feared by midway through the evening, I decided that either the playwright was William Ringer or the name change was by court order. This is not drama at its apex.

Much of the acting is stylized and lifeless. The passion seems empty, the anger trumped up. Even bad productions — and this one is more up-good than bad — are sometimes saved by a sense of shared enthusiasm and pleasure emanating from the cast. But if it is there, it isn't clearly evident.

Despite rather substantial flaws, the production does manage to produce of ten enough.

Pat Gresock is alarmingly grating as an overbearing mother who tries to orchestrate her children's lives in the hope that theirs will be better than hers. She doesn't miss a trick — and she gains our sympathy at the end.

As an old-maid schoolteacher, Donna Eno conveys her inner agony well. As

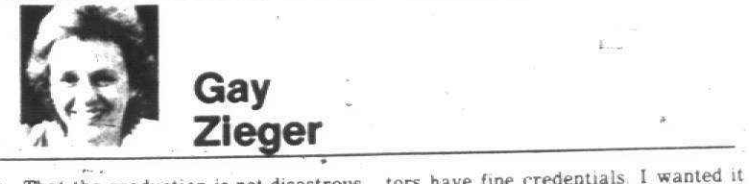
her reluctant intended bridegroom, Mike Gresock is plain good. His resignation to his fate affects his face, his stance, his tone of voice.

ROSEANN ROSSI SEEMS to try too hard for the Kim Novak kind of cold beauty and superficiality, but she understands what motivates the young girl.

As the rogue who wins her heart, Bob Polkowski senses the fun in his character, perhaps because he has to assume so many silly poses. Perhaps as a Mike Farrell B.J. Honeycutt look-alike, he's used to sharing the humor of it all.

Belinda Biggs, as a spinster with an invalid mother, is under the misconception that her exaggerated stooping signifies age, when really a look, a sound, a gesture can do just as well. But her moments of pleasure seem genuine and she's easily likeable.

Holly Hissong, as the brainy, less stunning sister, gives the production the hint of spark and animation that is otherwise sadly lacking. And Robert Corzine is very much the wealthy, mannered college boy.



Gay Ziegler

Dinner theater offers comedy

"Heaven Can Wait," a comedy-fantasy by Harry Segall, will be presented in dinner-theater format by Jimmy Launce Productions of Farmington Hills at 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday in the Club at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn.

Performances will continue through May 24. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Cocktails (optional) are at 8:30 p.m. Show and dinner at 9:30 p.m. is \$29.50 per person, show and dinner at 8:30 p.m. is \$21 and show only is \$9.50.

The play is based on two motion pictures — "Here Comes Mr. Jordan" and "Heaven Can Wait." The story is about Joe Pendleton, a prize fighter who has been whisked off to the hereafter too soon and returns to earth in another body.

Revue 'City Lights' opens at One Lafayette

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Van, as well as Craig, was interviewed by the Observer & Eccentric just before showtime of the revue on a recent Saturday night. Van said he derived the "City Lights" name "from a wonderful Charlie Chaplin movie. I just love the title. It has nothing to do with the movie."

In the show many performers are dressed in costumes, wigs and makeup to resemble the stars whose hit songs they sing, but Van said "City Lights" is not a look-alike revue. He calls the people who appear in the show "actors who do impressions."

Among cast members offering vocal impressions are Jane Shaffmaster, doing Cher, one of the Blues Brothers, and Liza Minelli; Alana Cooper, with Diana Ross, Patti LaBelle and Aretha Franklin; David Robins, with Johnny Mathis; Nat King Cole, Lou Rawls and Cab Calloway; and Michael Kaufman, with Sonny, Professor Harold Hill, a Blues Brother and Charlie Chaplin.

Van also does some impressions at the end of the first act, varying these according to his and the audience's mood. Michael Jackson, George Burns, Sylvester Stallone, Richard Burton and Marlon Brando are some of the celebrities he is likely to come up with.

IN THE SHOW, Van relies more on comedy techniques to inject a bit of humor into his impressions. The other performers, although dressed like the stars, do their impressions straight.

Producer-director Van hopes eventually not to be a part of the show but to have his spot filled by a different comic. More laughs in "City Lights" are provided by Donni Donlon, who does a lengthy Phyllis Diller routine wearing the comedienne's familiar platinum fright-wig and zany costume.

Other aspects of the show include magic by Scorpio and Fantasy, presenting an illusion based on the old routine of saving a woman in half, and many more tricks. In addition, the revue includes a chorus of five Suzie Siegle Dancers (one of whom is Leigh Kain, daughter of Birmingham's mayor pro tem, Gary Kain).

Also appearing in "City Lights" is John Prosser of Bloomfield Hills, manager of marketing and promotion for One Lafayette. He appears as Darth Vader and the Frankenstein Monster in a tribute to monster movies.

"This is a repertory company," Van noted.

More production numbers include a 40s segment with the Andrews Sisters, and more contemporary music in a Motown Revue. Van wants to keep the show ever-changing and plans to add numbers from the musicals "West Side Story" and "Dream Girl."

"EVERYTHING YOU see is built for the show," Van said, gesturing toward the stage. He said the stage was specially built for a tap number in the revue.

Van's inspiration for "City Lights" was an earlier Las Vegas Revue he put together that ran for two winter seasons in Palm Springs, then moved to Chicago's Drury Lane Theatre for two years.

Besides the revue in the ballroom, One Lafayette also will have entertainment in a second-floor theater now being restored. Elizabethan banquets and medieval feasts, big band sounds and special attractions will be highlighted.

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Among the 20-plus songs and dances in "Vaudeville or Bust" are "Alexander's Ragtime Band," "Everybody's Doing It Now," "Simple Melody," "They Didn't Believe Me," "Light of the Silvery Moon," "Over There" and "Oh, How I Wish I Were in Michigan."

to take the audience back and set the tone of the show, True Grist borrowed the Old Homer Opera House curtain. Made by the American Scenic Co. of St. Louis in 1928, the opera curtain is filled with advertising of a bygone era including Cortright Milling, builders of the home of True Grist.

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Performers can't make hit out of dull comedy

Performances of the Garden City Civic Theatre production of "Bleacher Bums" by Joe Mantegna, continue at 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Feb. 7-9, at O'Leary Performing Arts Center in Garden City. For ticket information, call 525-9258.

By Bill Bowles
special writer

The best thing about "Bleacher Bums" an offbeat baseball comedy currently being performed at the Garden City Civic Theatre, is that it doesn't go into extra innings. Despite the play's inherent flaws, the able cast manages to bring some life to the evening.

This dry-witted, ensemble-written piece falls somewhere between farce and comic schtick but is ultimately too bleached out to be classified as either one.

What we get is the impulsive harranguing and fulminations of a motley collection of Chicago Cubs fans whose interest in baseball is fueled more by a series of petty wagers than any specific loyalty to the club.

The characters are placed on a spartan set consisting of one section of sun-drenched bleachers. From this stationery vantage point, we watch the simulation of a nine-inning game between the Cubs and the St. Louis Cardinals as seen through the strained responses of 10 diehard Cubs fans.

Decker (Bob Denial) is a successful businessman whose blind loyalty to the Cubs causes him to lose his money by betting with his heart instead of his head. The man he loses to, Marvin (Daniel Taylor), is the lone dissenter in the group.

Marvin, not surprisingly, wins consistently by betting indiscriminately against the sorry Cubs. Taylor's furtive

sharklike persona is an effective foil to the blind loyalty of the other bleacher bums.

RICHIE (TOM DOWNEY), is a post-adolescent slob whose poor hygienic habits never reach their intended humorous effect. Zig (Lewis Sequin) is the most developed character. He is an aging, cigar-chomping, histrionic walrus of a man who defends any attack on his loyal Cubbies with knee-jerk fanaticism.

Amid the turmoil in the faded bleachers comes a few bright spots. Marc F. Holland is hilarious as a hypercharged heckler who easily steals the play's funniest scene.

Inspired by a bet, the Heckler accepts a challenge to make a St. Louis outfielder "climb the wall." This is bleacher-bum argot for verbally agitating a player to the point of making him climb the ivy-colored Wrigley

Field wall in pursuit of the heckler.

The Heckler successfully slanders the outfielder's wife, mother and mistress. Finally, informed by what he said he read in a baseball gossip magazine, he suggests that the poor outfielder is the victim of a particular type of venereal disease, which he indicates by leading the bleacher crowd to strike their hands together in rhythmic unison.

The outfielder finally does climb the wall and another bet is won and lost in the bleachers.

Serving to thread this play together is the resonant offstage voice of Lynn Walker, whose introductions of the batters adds an authentic touch to the stark ambience.

Walker provided a chuckle when playing a momentary role as a security guard in search of the mischievous Heckler. He strutted his full-figured, limp-wristed body on stage in an amus-

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ingly effeminate manner.

"Bleacher Bums," originally performed by the Organic Theater of Chicago in 1977, tried to play on the sympathies of native Chicagoans, whose beloved team remained without a pennant for 30 years. Chicago audiences probably found this play cute at the time, but its empty plot and one-dimensional characters didn't survive the trip to metropolitan Detroit.

THE PREMISE of a comedy which occurs in the bleachers of a major-league ballpark is promising enough, but "Bleacher Bums" is so empty of

substance that when a character goes for a beer in the fifth inning, I wanted to go along with him.

The fault with "Bleacher Bums" lies not with the cast or crew who perform ably under the competent direction of Joseph Guest, but with the play itself. Maybe someone should write a similar comedy about the 1969 or 1984 Detroit Tigers to see if a winning ball team will translate into a funnier play.

One of the characters in "Bleacher Bums" ponders, "All's fair in love and baseball." In this case, I'll take my chances with love, but for the baseball in "Bleacher Bums," I'll take a rain check.

Spotlight Players succeeds with challenging drama

Performances of the Spotlight Players production of "Madwoman of Chaillot" by Jean Giraudoux will be presented at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday at the John Glenn High School Auditorium in Westland. For ticket information, call 729-6453.

By Michael R. Rotheaar
special writer

How bold it is for a community theater group to attempt a production of Jean Giraudoux's absurdist comedy "The Madwoman of Chaillot." And Spotlight Players of Westland has

brought it off with considerable skill and substantial style.

The theater of the absurd, which had the height of its popularity in the 1960s, demands a great deal of the audience. It must pay very close attention to get the wit embedded in lengthy speeches.

It must accept characters for what they appear to be, even though there's no development for much of a plot to help out. Finally, it must accept simplistic ideas and unmotivated action. Although many in the opening night audience weren't up to the challenge, most could at least appreciate the broader comic moments in this play.

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The large cast of "Madwoman" was energetic. Although several of the smaller roles were not well performed, the principal roles featured some outstanding actors.

Gertrude Crippen in the lead and title role of Countess Aurelia, is the kind of mature, well-trained classical actress too seldom seen in community theater. Her cadence and articulation are delightful, and though she frequent-

ly seemed forgetful of her place in the script she captured the attention and the admiration of all.

TOBIN ALAN HISSONG was very controlled and gave lovely internal variety to his extremely long speeches. He clearly had mastered the character of the Ragpicker and was able to take charge of the stage when appropriate. Other fine performances were given

by Isabel Barret as the legal-minded Mme. Josephine, Jackie Galaska as the Sewer-man, Linda Kalnierz as the Street Singer, Russ Holderness as Pierre and Mary Jo Cobello as Irma. The audience also seemed to enjoy Jacque Guernsey and Ginie Tadlock as auxiliary madwomen.

Visually the production was delightful. In particular the costumes deserve praise. They were colorful, intricate and helped tell the story.

The stage set was very well-constructed, in particular the second-act set, which featured interesting levels and angles and a good deal of detailed attention to props. Lighting was even

and suitable. Sound effects and music were nicely done, although they could have been cued in more subtly.

The only major technical flaw was in makeup. It was applied so heavily and poorly on a third of the characters that it was extremely distracting.

"Madwoman of Chaillot" consists of a nonsensical plot which, in the typical manner of French nihilism, maintains that the world is about to destroy itself by making money its god and that decent people should arise and overthrow the tyranny of business and commerce. The point is made with humor, and many people will enjoy the effectiveness of this production. A good effort.

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Hugh Gallagher

"Rear Window" (1954) 8 p.m. Saturday on Ch. 50. Originally 112 minutes. TV time slot: 150 minutes.

This is top-drawer Alfred Hitchcock. A simple plot becomes the basis for a not-so-simple look at voyeurism, murder and courage. James Stewart plays a man confined to his apartment who takes up innocent spying on his neighbors with binoculars, until innocence turns sinister when he sees a murder.

Hitchcock handles the confined perspective in such a way that the audience becomes as tense as Stewart. Able support comes by Ellen Burstyn from Grace Kelly, Thelma Ritter and a very unfriendly Raymond Burr make this most seeing.

Rating: \$3.80.

"The Exorcist" (1973), 11:30 p.m. Saturday on Ch. 50. Originally 121 minutes. TV time slot: 120 minutes.

There are some who think this gruesome ditty is a great film. It has some wonderfully bizarre special effects, a surprisingly intelligent performance by Ellen Burstyn and a brutally guttural vocal from Mercedes McCambridge that is probably edited for television. But this is a rip-off. Its thrill quotient is small compared to the

simple-minded treatment it gives to serious theological questions. That might not matter, except that the filmmakers seem to take these questions seriously and then junk them for horror. In very real ways this film is an insult to Catholics. It is, however, considerably better than its sequel, which may be one of the worst films of all time.

Rating: \$2.

"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" (1975), 8 p.m. Monday on Ch. 50. Originally 133 minutes. TV time slot: 150 minutes.

An outstanding film gives one of the finest performances ever as a man determined to be free and to set others free as well, even if they don't want to be. Nicholson's manic personality has never been served so well. Louise Fletcher is equal to the task of stand-

ing for the forces of restraint as the hard-edged nurse. Director Milos Forman has altered the perspective of Kesey's novel but stayed true to its meaning. This is powerful stuff, brilliantly performed in every way.

Rating: \$3.80.

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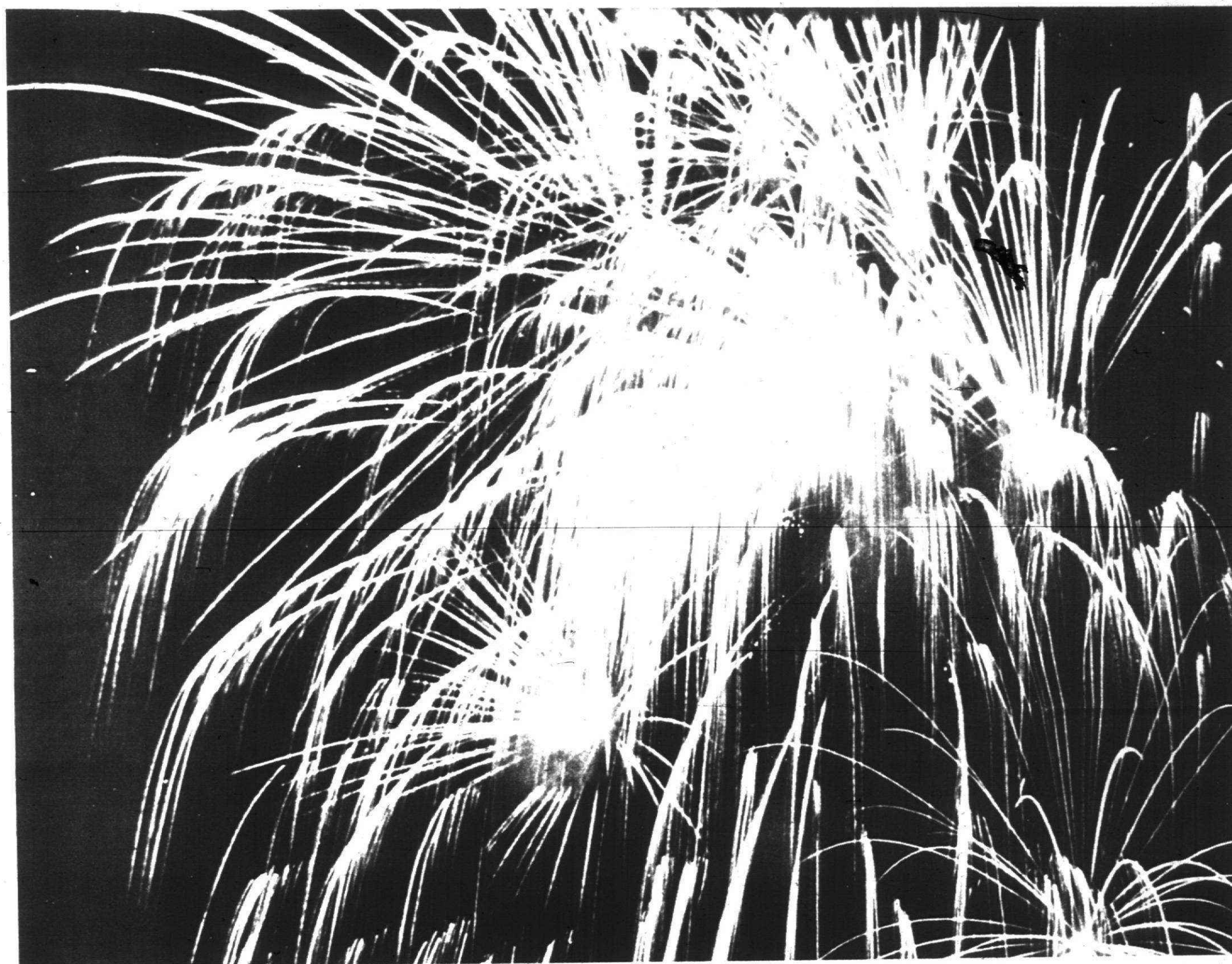
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Beatrice Wood has been doing the charming figurative drawings on plates since the beginning of her career as a ceramic artist. The small figures on the urn hark back to her travels to and fascination with India and Japan. She was invited to both countries to travel, research and teach.

At 93, potter's going strong

By Corinne Abatt
staff writer

BEATRICE WOOD, AT 93, an important American potter, living and working in California, gambles every time she puts one of her luster glazed pieces into the kiln.

In that respect, her work echoes her life. She discarded the safe, conventional road early in life, to take the rough, bumpy, exciting one into unknown areas.

An exhibition of Wood's luster glaze ceramics is at Susanne Hilberry Gallery of Birmingham through Feb. 22. Hilberry had shelves installed in the smaller middle gallery and the room painted a gray green so these works could be attractively displayed.

AND THE space does, indeed, allow for quiet contemplation of the works which seem more closely related to ancient art than modern with surfaces that have bubbled and burst to reveal an often, iridescent inner core. Wood's forms are classic in line, suggesting some of the great works of the ancient Oriental and Mediterranean world.

She works in a variety of colors in luster, from subtle gray greens and golds to brilliant reds.

In her autobiographical book, "I Shock Myself," available at the gallery in both paperback and hard cover, Wood maintains that she isn't a chemist, that she produces her wonderful glazes and surface effects through experimentation and unpredictable reduction firing.

That's where the gamble, even with careful record keeping, comes in. The outcome is always a surprise — sometimes a good one, often as not, a disappointment.

Detroiters may know that Mary Chase Stratton, founder of Pewabic Pottery, worked many years to perfect an iridescent glaze, and did succeed. But she took the formula with her when she died.

Wood's book includes relatively little about her art, much more about her life and loves. And since several of these were world famous artists of the Dada school, Wood's love life has historical significance. And she's not at all reluctant to talk about it.

DAUGHTER OF a family in the Social Register, Wood rebelled early on against being wrapped in her mother's "cellophane protection."

Born in San Francisco, March 3, 1893, as a young woman she had training in the visual and performing arts in New York and Paris. By 19, she had chosen the life of a bohemian artist in Paris. When World War I began she returned to the United States and worked for several years as an actress.

The friendships and relationships when she formed during these years with Henri Pierre Roche, Marcel Duchamp, the great art collectors, Louise and Walter Arensberg, Francis Picabia and many others shaped her life and ultimately her career as a potter.

Her work as an artist began in earnest in 1940 when she studied with Glen Lukens at University of Southern California and continued her study with Gertrud and Otto Natzler, outstanding Austrian potters who emigrated to California.

The late Peggy deSalle, owner of the Little Gallery of Birmingham had pottery by the Natzlers which is now in the collection of Cranbrook Academy of Art Museum.

Wood's pottery attracted attention and she moved her studio to Ojai, Calif., in 1948 where she continues to work.

Lifetime work Woman writes pottery dictionary

By Carmine Brooks
special writer

When the S.S. Estonia docked at Ellis Island in October 1907, on board were a family from Prussia, Poland — Frank Grover, 28, his wife, Helena, 22, and their first-born, Jenny, four months old.

The parents of Jenny Derwich of Franklin were Polish gentry who traveled first class on the ship to America with a maid to look after the baby.

Grover had served in the Kaiser's army from 1902 to 1906 and during those years could not get a visa to travel. But, he said to his wife, "There is going to be a war. We must get out of here."

After Jenny was born and her father became a reservist, they decided to make the trip to America, settling in Detroit on Dubois Street.

Jenny B. Derwich sat on a bench in the Village Barn in Franklin Village, where she has been a resident for 30 years, remembering her parents. Mixed in with these memories was the story of how she came to write a reference book on American pottery and porcelain.

Holding a ceramic cherub sitting on a translucent shell, she patiently explained the piece was special because it was a re-issue limited edition of the first piece of American balleek produced in 1887 by Walter Scott Lenox.

LENOX was the 19th century founder of Lenox China Co. of Trenton, N.J., an internationally known producer of porcelain art and bone china.

In 1974, due to requests from connoisseurs of American ceramics, the Lenox Co. re-issued the balleek "Cherub on the Shell" and each one is numbered for collectors, Derwich said.

The story of Walter Scott Lenox is written in the "Dictionary Guide to United States Pottery and Porcelain" by Jenny B. Derwich and Dr. Mary Latos. It is the first book of its kind to be published since the turn of the century.

"Prior to this book, the only other reference book on the subject was 'Pottery and Porcelain in the United States' by Edwin Atlee Barber published in 1902," said Derwich, who first saw Barber's book in the Detroit Public Library in 1933.

"I can recall my first experience in purchasing Lenox china," she said. "It was a cream colored cup and saucer decorated with a bluejay by artist J. Nosek. It was so beautiful! I had never heard of Nosek and I wanted to learn something about Lenox."

"Mama used to buy Michigan Kresge," she continued. "I went to the library and there was only one book on United States pottery and porcelain."

She was told by the librarian that the book was available for reference only and that she could not take it home. She made four trips to the library to read the book and take notes.

At home, she told her parents, "Lenox was the master potter for the USA, like Josiah Wedgwood was for England."

With those words once uttered, Jenny Derwich went on to become a researcher, writer, lecturer and collector of American made ceramics.

THUS BEGAN her "great adventure" — her search for knowledge of 19th and 20th century pottery and porcelain made in the United States. It was to become a lifelong study.

As now, in 1933 at age 26, she was eager to learn. She began to keep a card file on each United States pottery and porcelain producer she could find. She married and in 1949 took a temporary job as a typist at the Karnut Products Co. in Ferndale.

She became executive secretary and office manager of that firm, but her research continued. When she retired in 1972 she and her husband traveled coast to coast looking for potteries and gathering their histories. Her file held hundreds of cards.

Derwich has been secretary of the Mid-States Ceramic Study Group that has met in Greenfield Village since 1966. She said her friends in the group kept saying, "Jenny, you have so much knowledge, why don't you put it in print?"

A friend, Dr. Mary Latos of Birmingham (now retired and living in Florida), was also a member. She said, "Jenny, I will help you and pay half the expenses."

"Between the two of us, we did it," said Derwich. Their book, published in 1984, Jenstan Research in U.S. Pottery and Porcelain, P.O. Box 674, Franklin, 48025, or from the Henry



After many years of research with American potters and potteries, Jenny Derwich, 79, (pictured above) with Mary Latos,

published "Dictionary Guide to United States Pottery and Porcelain" in 1984. She writes on tea, coffee and chocolate pots.

Ford and Cranbrook Museums and the Detroit Institute of Arts. It is available from Walden Books.

The book is a result of more than 500 interviews. It took Derwich one year to get her manuscript into a word processor.

"I could only use the machine one day a week at Ambrose Associates in Ferndale. I started at 8:30 and worked until six. I just loved it. You hit a key here and erase a word, and punch a key there and out comes your story."

A friend at Harlo Press in Highland Park looked at her manuscript and said it had merit. "You have written documented information in a narrative style," he told her.

The "Dictionary" contains 276 pages with 96 color photographs by Bob Thomas studio of Ferndale. More than 40 Michigan potteries and ceramic artists are among the many listed. It includes prestigious potters, long-lived companies, some no longer in existence, and some so current they have not heretofore been recorded. There is bibliography for further reading.

THE AUTHORS appeal to collectors to join their "great adventure."

On page 116 it is written, "Who was Hermon? Where was the studio located? Judging from the examples we have, they were created by a very talented artist. We hope somewhere in these United States someone has the answers and will help us catalog these lovely pieces of art for posterity."

On page 267 are color photographs of Her-

mon's ceramics — a polka dot bottle with a Black Eyed Susan in the neck, a naked child on a horse.

Now at 79 years of age, Derwich continues her research and lectures.

"I am not an expert. We are all amateurs. There is always something we don't know. We don't live long enough to be professionals," she said.

She is presently writing ceramic business histories for "The Glaze" magazine, published in Birmingham, Ala. A forthcoming will contain her article on Cordelia China of Dalton, Ohio.

"The late Edwin Atlee Barber tried to dispel prejudices the American public had against buying ceramics made in the USA. They thought a foreign label was more of a status symbol than one that reads 'Made in the USA,' but our young generation is more appreciative of their heritage," she writes.

She has just received an order from The Students Book Shop, Stoke-on-Trent, Shelton, England.

Derwich said, God granting her time, she would like to publish some small books on tea and coffee pots — and chocolate pots. "Once upon a time almost every family had a chocolate pot with five or six cups and saucers," she said.

It is apparent she wants to continue to share her knowledge and lifelong enjoyment of pottery and porcelain.

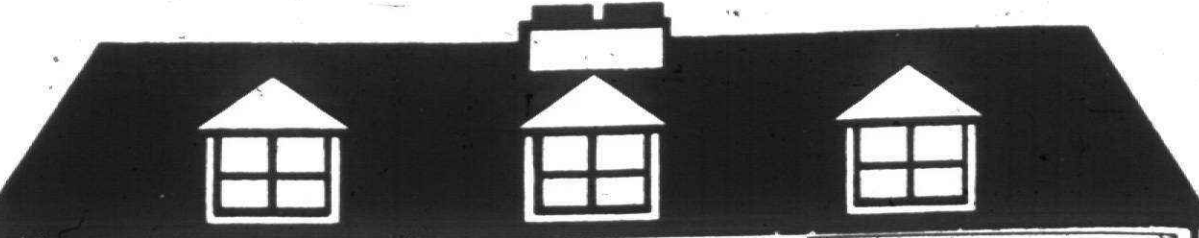


The cream-colored Lenox cup and saucer with the bluejay by artist J. Nosek was Derwich's introduction to fine china. The balleek "Cherub on the Shell" is special to Derwich because it was re-issued in limited edition in 1974. The original was the first piece of balleek produced by Walter Scott Lenox in 1887.

Staff photos by
Gary Caskey

exhibitions

- **SUMMIT PLACE**
Thursday, Feb. 6 — "Art Visions '86" is the 24th annual Oakland County art show through Sunday, Feb. 16. Glen Michaels, sculptor, is the judge. The show is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.
- **THE COMMUNITY HOUSE**
Paintings by Margaret Kelleher are on display throughout the building for the month. She is a painter as well as artist and has a studio in Farmington. Open during regular hours, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham.
- **FARMINGTON HILLS LIBRARY**
Ellen M. Foley has a one-woman show in the Quiet Room during the month, 12 Mile, east of Farmington. Open during regular hours, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham.
- **FARMINGTON LIBRARY**
Paintings by Edie Joppich are on display during February, State and Liberty, Farmington.
- **U-M DEARBORN LIBRARY**
New acrylics on canvas by Peter Gilchrist Gooch and works of art given by Dr. and Mrs. Gary Burstein and Dr. and Mrs. Michael Rubin of West Bloomfield. These include works by Miro, Congrad, Picasso and glass by Bertil and Ulrica Vallgren, Lipofsky and Littleton. Hours are 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 6 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Evergreen between Ford and Michigan, Dearborn.
- **PONTIAC ART CENTER**
"Black Women: Achievements Against the Odds" is a set of 20 posters from the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition. Also, in a tribute to Black History Month, there are photographs and paintings by Bill Sanders, Harold Allen and Yolanda Sharpe on display. Also on display in the Clevary Gallery are paintings by Lillian Drake Ayer, 1856-1930, who painted local scenes and landscapes. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 47 Williams, Pontiac.
- **CADE GALLERY**
"The Artist as Jeweler" and "The Artist as Woodworker" continues through Feb. 19. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 214 W. Sixth, Royal Oak.
- **ROBERT L. KIDD ASSOCIATES GALLERY**
Group show includes works by Jun Kaneko, Joseph Raffaele, Otto Duecker, Morris Graves and Harry Bertola. Continues through the month. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., 107 Townsend, Birmingham.
- **HABATAT GALLERIES**
Works in glass by Klaus Moje, Damian Priour and Jack Schmidt are on display. Reception to meet the artists 8 p.m. Saturday. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, until 9 p.m. Friday, 2823 Southfield, Lathrup Village.
- **CRANBROOK ACADEMY OF ART MUSIC-UM**
"Update Detroit Artists," is more than 60 works by 18 emerging artists from the metropolitan area selected by Roy Slade, director. Slade said his intention was to show the diversity of works in the area. Museum hours are 1-5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Admission charge, 500 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills.
- **FEIGENSON GALLERY**
Oil paintings and drawings by Ed Fraga continue through March 8. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 743 Beaubien, Detroit.
- **MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY**
"Paint by Mr. Amos Ferguson," an exhibit of 49 paintings by native Bahamian Amos Ferguson continues through March 9. Gallery hours are 1-3 p.m. Monday-Friday, 2-6:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 7 p.m. through the first admission during the after performances, Oakland University, Rochester.
- **XOCHIPILI GALLERY**
Group exhibition continues through Feb. 22. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 568 N. Woodward, Birmingham.
- **DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS**
Contemporary textiles by Mollie Fletcher continue in the Sales and Rental Gallery through Feb. 23. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, Farmington Road, Farmington Hills.
- **NORGRAPHIC GALLERY**
Mecanorma Letterhead exhibition of winners of the competition are on display through March, 2935 Northwestern, Southfield. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, until 8 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.
- **TOWN CENTER GALLERY**
New works by Tobiasse plus works by gallery regulars Agam, Maxwell Schurer, Natkin, Tamayo and Ruzzi. Hours are 11:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 3000 Town Center, Suite 55, Southfield.
- **COUNTY GALLERIA**
Mixed media works by Detroit Society of Women Painters & Sculptors continues through Feb. 27. The exhibit is on both floors of the Executive Office Building, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac. Open during regular business hours, Monday-Friday.
- **JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER**
Paper-cut sculpture and paintings by Lee Bleifeld will be on display through Feb. 9 at 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield.
- **SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY**
Show of works by Beatrice Wood, international master of luster ceramics. Continues through Feb. 22. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham.
- **MARYGROVE COLLEGE GALLERY**
Works by Sister Edith Kenny, Edie Joppich, Charmaine Kaptur and Johanna Bielecki are on display through Feb. 7 as a part of the continuing series of art exhibits, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit.
- **PHYLLIS KRAUSE GALLERY**
Among the art objects on display are 12th Century Khmer hands, antique ivory "doctor's lady," eagle dancer Kachina doll, masks from Japan and Burma, wood carvings from Naga, the Philippines, New Guinea, China and Korea. As well there's tribal jewelry, puppets from Burma and Thailand, Hmong stichery, kilim saddle bags, framed paper cutouts and stencils. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 29 W. Lawrence, Pontiac.
- **EXPRESSIONS GALLERY**
Prints and drawings by Kim Bauer and Therese Laatsch, continues through Feb. 8. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 269 North Main, Charlestown Square, Plymouth.
- **DETROIT FOCUS GALLERY**
"Constructors," a mixed media event, was juried by Sam Gilliam, leading American artist. Continues through Feb. 8. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 743 Beaubien, Detroit.



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